



updates

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Current situation-C19

- At present all data is on a downward trend
- The same is true of the Strep A outbreak
- 'Flu numbers evened out at the moment
- Current C129 vaccination offer comes to an end – end February 2023



What has been published?

- Initial response to the Independent Care Review final report
- This includes acceptance of all of the CMA final report recommendations and some consideration of the murders of Arthur and Starr.
- Initial two year plan with six initial “missions” :



The missions identified:

- Mission 1: By 2027, every care-experienced child and young person will feel they have strong, loving relationships in place.
- Mission 2: By 2027, we will see an increase of high-quality, stable and loving homes available for every child in care, local to where they are from.
- Mission 3: By 2027, we will strengthen and extend corporate parenting responsibilities towards children in care and care leavers across the public sector.

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The missions continued:

- Mission 4: By 2027, we will see an improvement in the education, employment and training outcomes of children in care and care leavers.
- Mission 5: By 2027, we will see an increase in the number of care leavers in safe, suitable accommodation and a reduction in care leaver homelessness.
- Mission 6: We will work closely with health partners to reduce the disparities in long-term mental and physical health outcomes and improve wellbeing for care-experienced people.



Response continued

- The strategy also includes the roll-out of a pilot scheme for two regional care co-operatives encompassing between 10 and 12 local authorities –in a bid to create “a more co-ordinated commissioning” model for both foster and residential care.
- The plan is to work with local authorities to co-design and co-create regional care co-operatives (RCCs) in two areas with a view to rolling out after testing and evaluating the best approach in conjunction with the sector. While RCCs will signal a radical shift in the care system, they will need to build on the measures laid out at a local and sector level in order to boost sufficiency and ensure children can be matched to homes more effectively.

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Response continued:

- Other:
 1. New CP practitioner lead for Local Authorities
 2. 500 child and SW apprenticeships
 3. Three consultations ongoing –all to close on 11.5.23
- DfE has launched a [consultation on proposals around the use of agency social workers by local authorities](#).
- The consultation will run alongside two others including one [seeking views plans to implement a new Children's Social Care National Framework and Dashboard](#) designed to “set out clear outcomes that should be achieved across all local authorities to improve the lives of children and families, raising the quality of practice across the country”.
- A third is being held [over views on the strategy as a whole](#).

Response continued:

- A new early help model for families, trialed across 12 local authorities and backed by £45m, will be evaluated over two years before being rolled-out more widely.
- A lot of the response is set against a two-year trial / pilot / roll out period.
- No change to presence of R44 and IRO.
- Any thoughts ?



Inspections

- Anything else you have picked up ?
- Chris

