

## **HEAD OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES**

### **The discharge of the following statutory duties on behalf of the statutory Director of Social Services:**

- i. To maintain the Child Protection Register.
- ii. To undertake assessments of the need for care and support, determine eligibility and make arrangements for meeting those assessed needs of children in accordance with the Council's statutory duties under the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014
- iii. To safeguard and promote the well-being of looked after children in accordance with Section 78 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014
- iv. To exercise the Council's functions under Part 6 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 to secure sufficient accommodation and maintenance for looked after children and to maintain and review care and support plans.
- v. To exercise the functions of the Council under Sections 120 and 121 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 in relation to children accommodated by health and education authorities or in residential care homes or mental nursing homes.
- vi. To inspect arrangements for the care of children accommodated in independent schools in accordance with Section 87 of the Children Act 1989.
- vii. To exercise the powers of the Council under Section 7 of the Children Act 1989 to report to the Court on the welfare of children in private proceedings.
- viii. To exercise any functions of the Council relating to Orders with respect to children in family proceedings under Part II of the Children Act 1989.
- ix. To exercise the powers of the Council under Section 16 of the Children Act 1989 to provide advice, assistance and befriending under the terms of a Family Assistance Order.
- x. To exercise the functions of the Council under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need including financial assistance within current budgetary limits.
- xi. To determine provision for the day-care of pre-school children and provision for out-of-school and holiday care and activities as appropriate in accordance with the duties and powers of the Council under Section 18 of the Children Act 1989.
- xii. To determine arrangements for the financial and other support of young people formerly looked after by the Council and by others under Section 24 of the Children Act 1989 within current budgetary limits.
- xiii. To determine the assessment scale in respect of financial contribution by a parent or young person to any service provided by the Council under Part III of the Children Act 1989 and part 6 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. .

- xiv. To vary or waive the charges for any service provided by the Council under Part III of the Children Act 1989 and part 6 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.
- xv. To exercise the functions of the Council in relation to the duty to make investigations as necessary to decide whether action should be taken to safeguard or promote the welfare of children in accordance with Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.
- xvi. To take such action as is necessary under Section 31 of the Children Act 1989 to bring a child or young person before a Court where there are grounds for bringing care proceedings.
- xvii. To present an application to a Court for the variation or discharge of any care order or supervision order in accordance with Section 39 of the Children Act 1989.
- xviii. To exercise responsibilities in respect of Section 36(8) of the Children Act 1989, relating to Education Supervision Orders.
- xix. To present an application to a Court for a Child Assessment Order, an Emergency Protection Order or a Recovery Order under Part V of the Children Act 1989.
- xx. To determine appropriate accommodation for children in need in pursuance of the Council's duty under Sections 20 to 23 of the Children Act 1989, including the provision of placements outside the City as necessary.
- xxi. To exercise the functions of the Council to undertake parental responsibility for children who are the subject of Care Orders and to make arrangements for reasonable contact with birth parents and others in accordance with Sections 33 and 34 of the Children Act 1989.
- xxii. To give consent to medical or surgical treatment for children who are subject of Care Orders or who are accommodated by the local authority.

To allow children the subject of a care order to reside at home in accordance with Section 22C of the Children Act 1989

- xxiii. To make contributions towards the maintenance of children placed with a person as a result of a Child Arrangements Order in accordance with paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989.
- xxiv. To determine payment of the legal expenses of applicants for a Child Arrangements Order or other Section 8 Orders under the Children Act 1989 in respect of children in care to the extent that the Legal Services Commission funding is not available .
- xxv. To change the names of children who are the subject of a care order in favour of the Council, subject to the requirements of Section 33 of the Children Act 1989.
- xxvi. To give consent to the marriage of a young person in care pursuant to Section 3 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by the Family Law Reform Act 1969.

- xxvii. To approve and sign applications for passports for children and young persons in the care of the Council.
- xxviii. To consent to children and young persons in the care of the Council travelling abroad.
- xxix. To determine the applications of children and young persons in the care of the Council who wish to join HM Forces.
- xxx. To exercise the powers of the Council under Section 125 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 in relation to the death of children looked after by local authorities.
- xxxi. To exercise the functions of the Council under Part VI of the Children Act 1989 in relation to the provision of accommodation for children in community homes.
- xxxii. To arrange loans to foster parents to provide accommodation for sibling groups by extending their present homes or to purchase larger homes, the amount of the outstanding loan to be reduced by way of a special allowance for as long as they care for foster children, subject to consultation with the Head of Finance.
- xxxiii. To vary foster care allowances, in line with budgets approved by the Council , and following consultation with the Head of Finance
- xxxiv. To sanction payment of the cost of the initial clothing and equipment required by children looked after by the Council who are placed in boarding schools and other establishments within current budgetary limits.
- xxxv. To approve applications to go on school expeditions, including expeditions abroad, of children looked after by the Council including expenditure on equipment and pocket money within current budgetary limits.
- xxxvi. To make payments to promote contact between parents, families and friends with children looked after by the Council in accordance with Section 96 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. .
- xxxvii. To assess the contributions to be paid towards board and lodging by working children, provided that the amount remaining for weekly personal allowance and clothing allowance should not be less than the amount currently approved under the payment of foster care allowances.
- xxxviii. To maintain a Panel of Guardians ad Litem in accordance with the Guardians ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) Regulations 1991.
- xxxix. To exercise the functions of the Council undertake Part VII of the Children Act 1989 in relation to the provision of accommodation by voluntary organisations.

- xl. To exercise the powers conferred on the Council under Part IX of the Children Act 1989 in respect of arrangements for the care of privately fostered children.
- xli. To make decisions to exempt persons from the usual fostering limit in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule 7 of the Children Act 1989.
- xlii. To grant applications for and impose conditions of registration of child minding the day-care for young children under Part XA of the Children Act 1989.
- xliii. To exercise the Council's adoption functions under the Adoption Act 1976 and the Adoption and Children Act 2002

### **As Head of Service**

To determine operational issues in relation to:

- Safeguarding Services including child protection and quality assurance, domestic abuse, child protection, and acting as the Local Authority Designated Officer
- Youth Offending Services
- Integrated Family Support Services including substance misuse, family support and crisis support;
- Mentoring, assessment and planning services
- Resources including residential, fostering and placement matching and support services
- Services to disabled children; and
- Services to looked after children and young people

### **General**

To determine matters relating to Human Resources, tenders, finance, land and buildings, operational plans and legal agreements relating to this service area and as contained in the general delegation of powers to all Heads of Service set out in Part 1 of this scheme of delegation