

P-06-1161 Routine collection and publication of data of how many babies/children return to their care experienced parents care at the end of a Parent and Child Placement, Correspondence – Director of Social Services at Vale of Glamorgan Council to Committee, 06.04.22

Here is our response:

- Whether your LA has specific services / offer for CLA or care leavers who become parents, and a description of that
 - Cwtch – care leavers and young parents with mental health issues (have to be involved with perinatal midwife) – put together hampers for when baby is born, clothing available as the child gets older, prams cots (practical stuff)
 - Elan midwives (previously had CLA midwife but not replaced)
 - Baby Basics – provides starter pack near due date, moses basket, nappies, clothing (gender specific if they know) baby toiletries
 - Families First parenting support
 - Referred to Advocacy as soon as confirmed pregnancy
 - Action for Children parenting support

- Brief case studies about positive outcomes for CLA / care leavers who became parent, and are those young people known to voices from care or an advocacy provider ?
 - 20yr old female, leading up to pregnancy concerning behaviours of self-harm, alcohol use, in a DV relationship and a chaotic lifestyle. Referred during pregnancy, PLO, no removal, placed in mother and baby foster placement voluntarily, completely placed the babies needs before her own and those of the babies' father, attended practical parenting sessions, maintained supported from her YPA and health visitor, successfully transitioned back to her own accommodation, no involvement from Children's Services with the baby, baby is now almost 2 – known to Advocacy
 - 19 yr old female, historical issues of drugs/alcohol and chaotic lifestyle. Pregnancy monitored, no referral for services made. Successfully parenting, child now almost 5 – known to Advocacy

- Any info about whether your LA uses parent-child placements ?
Yes use parent and child foster placements and parent and child residential placements

- Whether your LA has signed up to the Charter / or plans to do so
Yes

Kind Regards

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