

Budget Option 2018/19 – 2019/20

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference: CYPS 9

2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000
0	112	225

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Proposal Description

Sufficiency - Edge of Care Interventions

Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)

In 2017/18 enhanced 'Edge of Care' interventions within Early Help Services have been developed to support children and families where there is an immediate risk of family breakdown or to respond to families in crisis. This has ensured that the opportunity to intervene earlier when problems begin to emerge is enhanced by a robust continuum of evidence based practice across the children's workforce.

The 'Edge of Care' Team offers a range of services to support children to remain living safely with their immediate or extended families to give them the best chance to thrive without long-term reliance on services.

The Edge of Care Team is now established and will receive referrals in October 2017. Evidence of the team's impact will emerge in January 2018.

Family Group Conferencing (FGC) is an effective tool for identifying and engaging with wider family members at an early stage of concern about a child. This service seeks to maximise the number of children able to live safely with their extended family and therefore reduce the number of children coming into care and for those in care on a voluntary basis, return them home sooner. This service improves outcomes for the children and young people and reduces the financial pressure within the LAC budget.

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	<p>Performance to date suggests that this year the service will exceed its target and prevent 30+ children entering care.</p> <p>This proposal follows on from the success of the investment proposals in 2017/18. The longer term benefits are that children are diverted from becoming looked after children (LAC) with reduced spend on in-house and independent care provision.</p> <p>A stretch target of 15 children prevented from coming into care over and above the baseline targets for these initiatives will deliver savings of over £100k next year, i.e. 15 additional LAC prevented; at an additional saving of £15k (based on the cost of an in-house foster placement) per LAC prevented, spread pro-rata over the year.</p>
Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)	
Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)	Support will be required from Finance
Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)	0
Reduction in Head Count	0
Decision Maker: Either Cabinet, Commissioner or Officer/Management Action	Commissioner Bradwell