

Improving Outcomes for Children – Phase 3 (2018-21) Summary Work Programme

Workstream 1 – Safely Reducing The Numbers Of Children In Need Of Care	Workstream 2 – Providing And Commissioning A Flexible, Affordable And Sufficient Range Of High Quality Placements	Workstream 3 – Supporting Children Who Are Looked After To Have The Best Possible Journeys Through Care And Into Adulthood.
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support and enable national, regional and local approaches that will deliver improved preventative and early intervention activity with families to help reduce the need for children to enter care. 2. Strengthen arrangements for supporting kinship carers, including SGO arrangements. 3. Undertake research to identify the number of children who have parents with a learning disability and who no longer live at home and the reasons behind their change of status. 4. Examine approaches which can help avoid the use of court proceedings, encourage the use of measures other than care orders and promote consistent judicial practice. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve sufficiency, choice and quality of placements through better commissioning and regional working, to ensure the right placements for LAC in the right locations. 2. Implement the National Fostering Framework. 3. Further develop the ability of the National Adoption Service to meet the need for placements and develop a national model of adoption support. 4. Develop a co-ordinated approach to improving placement options and outcomes for children and young people in residential care and secure accommodation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Look at systems and approaches for ensuring improved educational attainment by children who are looked after. 2. Ensure that corporate parenting duties are extended and acknowledged across all public services so that children in care are provided with the best possible support. 3. Ensure a wide range of therapeutic support is available for emotional and behavioural problems experienced by children and young people on the edge of care and for those who have been adopted. 4. Examine the range of accommodation options which provide positive experiences for children and young people who are leaving care.