Family Services Transformation

Appendix 2.3 – Explanation of responsibilities in proposed structure

3 November 2014



Aims

Our aim: Right structures to deliver best outcomes for children and families with reduced resources

- £2.1m reduction in staffing costs
- Ensure sufficient social workers
- Better integrate social care and early intervention
- Ensure managers closer to frontline delivery
- Ensure staff have appropriate skills through good training and development support and the right IT systems



Key changes

Social care

- No Service Manager posts, but an increase in Heads of Service so fewer layers of management
- No reductions in frontline social workers so have sufficient capacity
- Strengthening quality assurance function
- Integrating specialist social work teams into delivery
- Creating more sustainable teams by increasing their size
- Creation of more deputy team managers

Early Intervention

Bringing together non-social work qualified staff from social care, safer families and IFF,
 (along with youth) into a new Youth and Family Support service to create an integrated offer

Cross cutting

- Transfer out of some business improvement staff to Education & Skills prior to development of new delivery model
- More emphasis on workforce and staff engagement led by Head of Libraries, Workforce and Community Engagement



Key changes

General themes

- Some changes in line management to better align with overall structure
- Some changes in responsibilities between teams to create smoother pathways for our customers
- Increase spans of control and reducing number of different teams so fewer levels of management
- A net reduction of around 28 posts.
- For many people there will be no or minimal change



1. Summary of Recommendations – Social Care

- De-layering of management
- More appropriate spans of control for team managers (supported by Deputy Team Managers)
- Create balanced teams of advanced social workers through to newly qualified social workers
- Over the next 2/3 years increased investment in posts for fostering service
- Frontline workforce requirements based on analysis of cohort of children and families to maintain a safe service
- Investment in quality to drive up practice standards
- Change of use of non-social work qualified workers (except for very specific tasks)



1. Proposed Responsibilities – Social Care

Assistant Director Social Care

Head of Intake and Assessment

Head of Intervention and Planning

Head of
Permanence,
Transitions and
Corporate Parenting

Head of Placements Head of

 Ensuring that decision-making and threshold analysis at the front door is timely, safe

and appropriate

- Ensuring the CAF system is high quality and risk being managed in the community or below Social Care thresholds is appropriate
- Ensuring high quality Social Care assessment and throughput

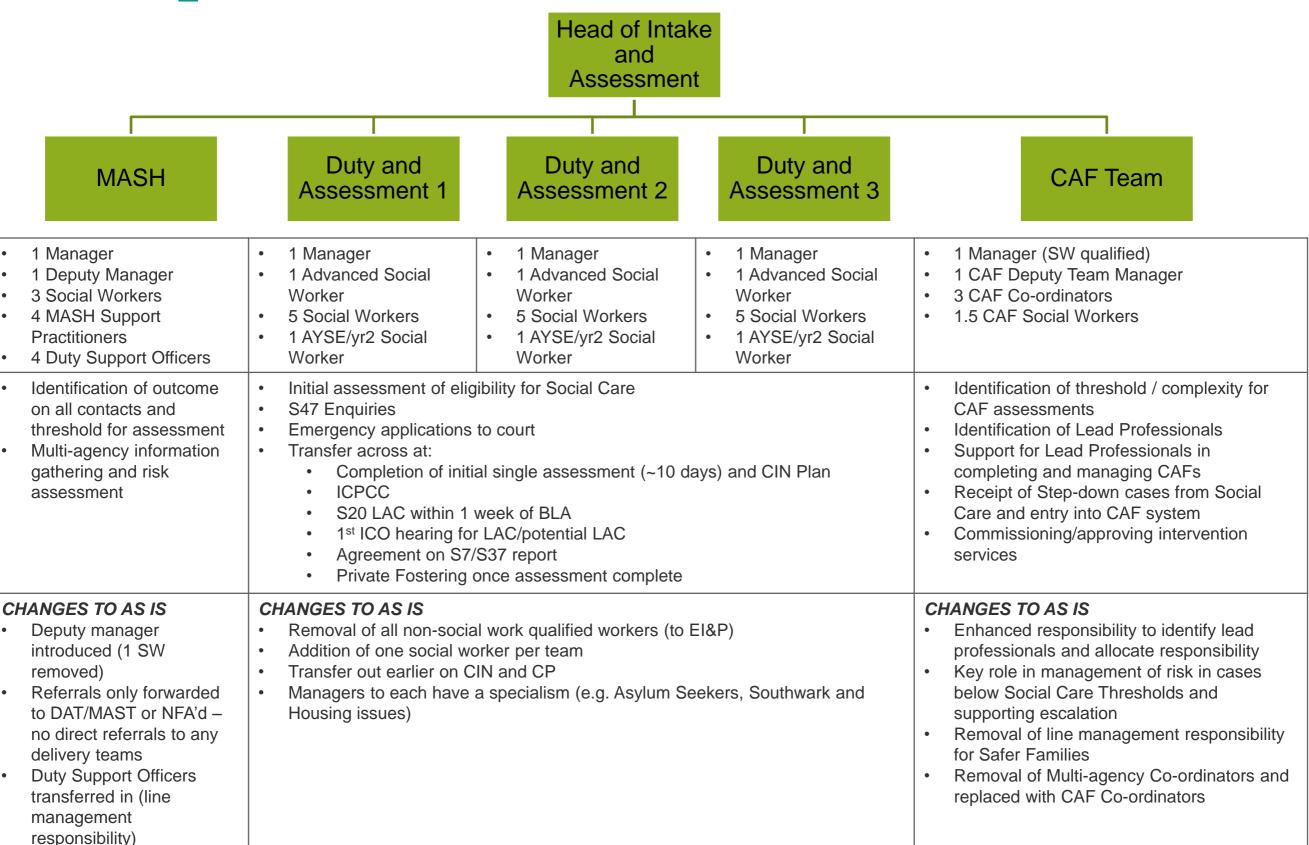
- Ensuring effective and timely assessment, planning and case and risk management
- Ensuring all children at risk of harm have a plan of permanence
- Ensuring the Council is an excellent Corporate Parent
- Ensuring effective transition to independence for care leavers
- Ensuring good outcomes for children in care and care leavers
- Ensuring the placements budgets (internal and external) are managed effectively
- Ensuring there is sufficiency of internal placements
- Ensuring internal placement provision is high quality, well supported and utilised
- Ensuring that external placements are properly commissioned and contracted

Head of Safeguarding and Quality

- Ensuring high quality practice across Family Services
- Responsibility for strategic planning of practice audit and ensuring delivery of recommendations
- Ensuring all statutory responsibilities surrounding case conferences and looked after reviews are fulfilled
- Ensuring statutory responsibility to investigate allegations is fulfilled
- Ensure effective running of SCB

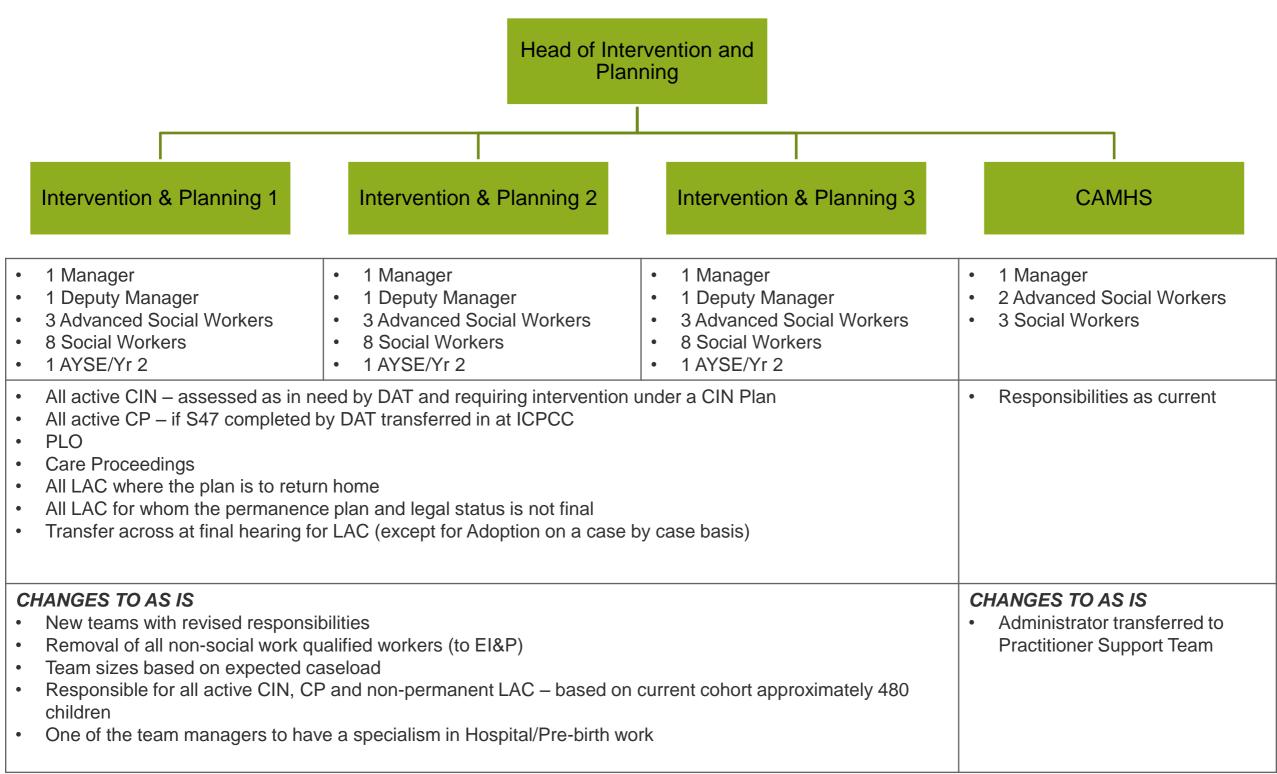


1. Proposed: Intake & Assessment



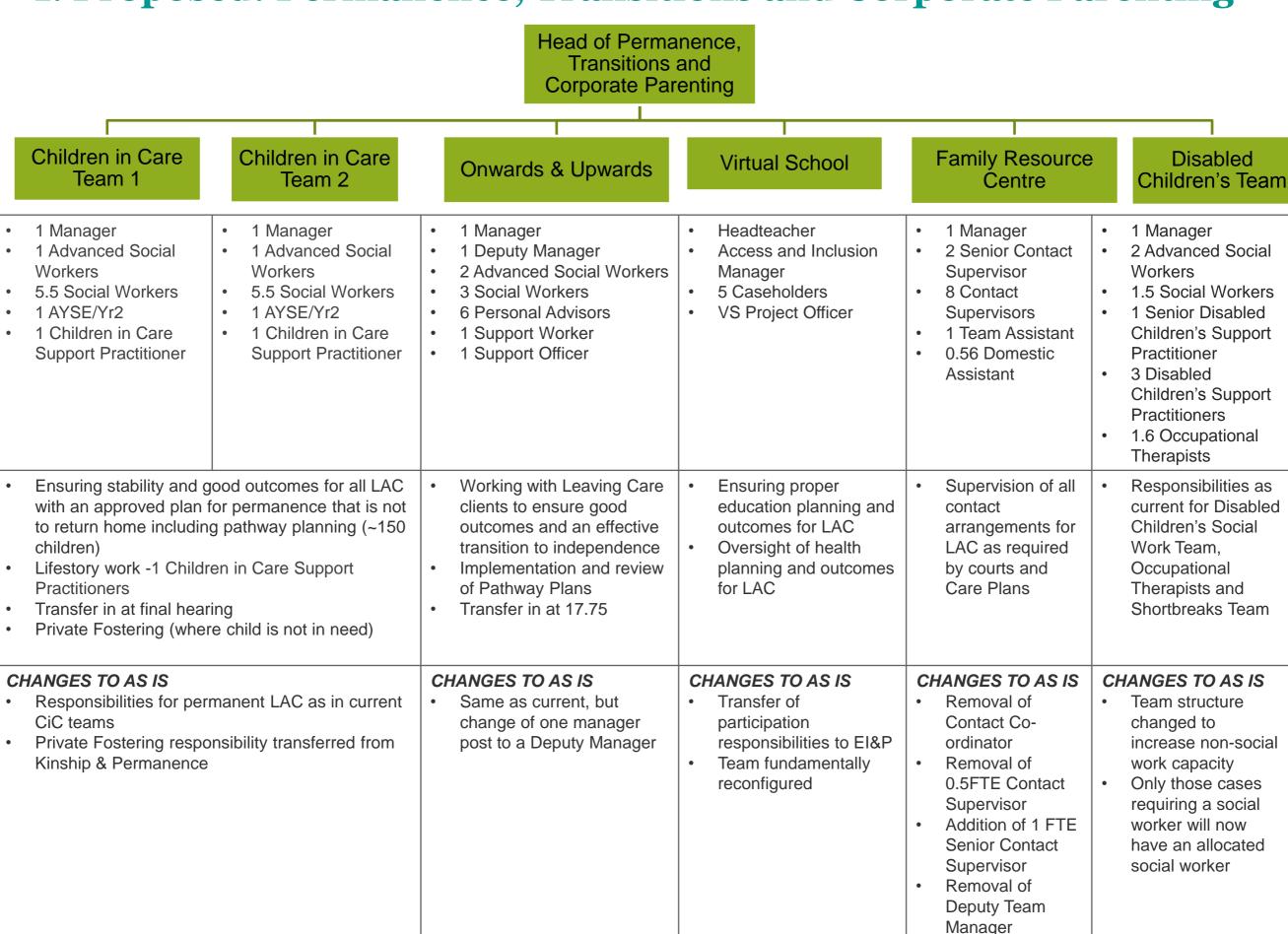


1. Proposed: Intervention & Planning





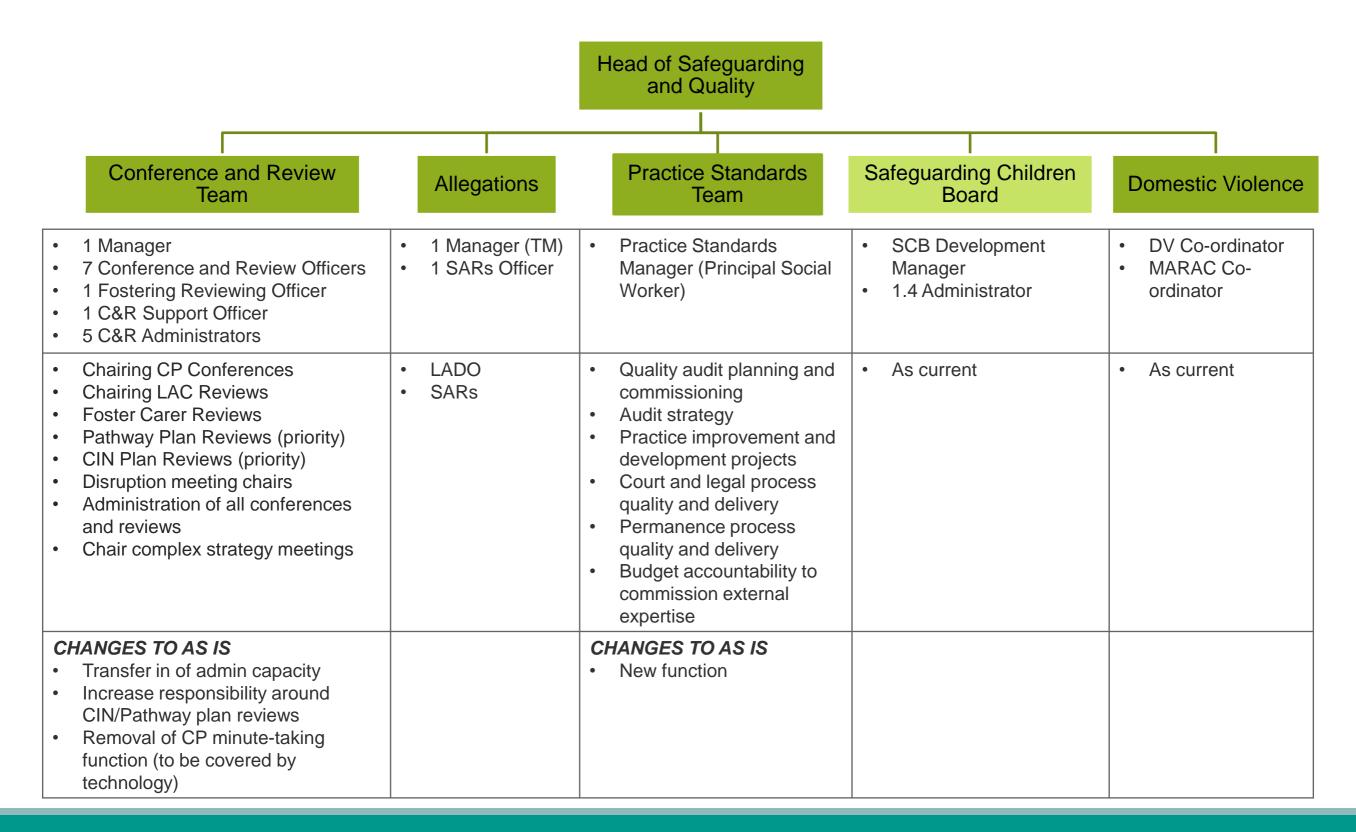
1. Proposed: Permanence, Transitions and Corporate Parenting



1. Proposed: Placements

Head of Placements Fostering Support Carer Recruitment Children's Homes **Adoption Team Placements Team** Team Team 1 Manager 1 Manager 1 Manager Out of scope 1 Manager 1 Deputy Team Manager 1 Deputy Team Manager 3 Placements Officers 1 Deputy Team 1 Advanced Social Worker 1 Advanced Social Manager 1 Information & Resources 2 Social Workers 4 Advanced Social Worker Officer 0.28 Foster Carer Peer 7 Social Workers Workers Support 6 Social Workers 1 Campaign Officer 1 Adoption Support 2 Recruitment Co-Practitioner ordinators 1 Panel Co-ordinator Recruitment of foster and Supporting and Assessment (stages 1 Identification of suitable Out of scope developing internal foster and 2) of prospective placements for LAC based on adoptive carers Assessment and approval carers (85 currently) **Adoptive Carers** the needs of LAC in line with Ensuring effective Support for approved of foster carers placements commissioning Oversight of Adoptive utilisation rates for **Adoptive Carers** strategy Family Finding and Brokering in-house fostering Carer assessment internal foster carers Interface and liaison with Supporting Kinship matching for children Commissioning and placed for adoption carers (21 currently) monitoring of contracts for consortium and long-term fostering external placements Assessment and approval of Kinship Carers Child finding for Market analysis approved adopters Post-adoption, SGO support and Review CHANGES TO AS IS Senior Placements Officer Addition of responsibility to Merger of responsibility No changes Removal of oversee adoptive carer for approved foster and responsibility to upgraded to Team Manager recruitment and approval kinship carers oversee adoptive carer Removal of responsibility for Addition of responsibility all non-placement type recruitment and for kinship carer approval activity e.g. Translation and assessment Assessments completed Interpretation both in-house and by **ISWs**

1. Proposed: Safeguarding and Quality





2. Summary of Recommendations – EIP (excluding SC&BI)

1. New Head of Service for Libraries, Workforce and Community Engagement

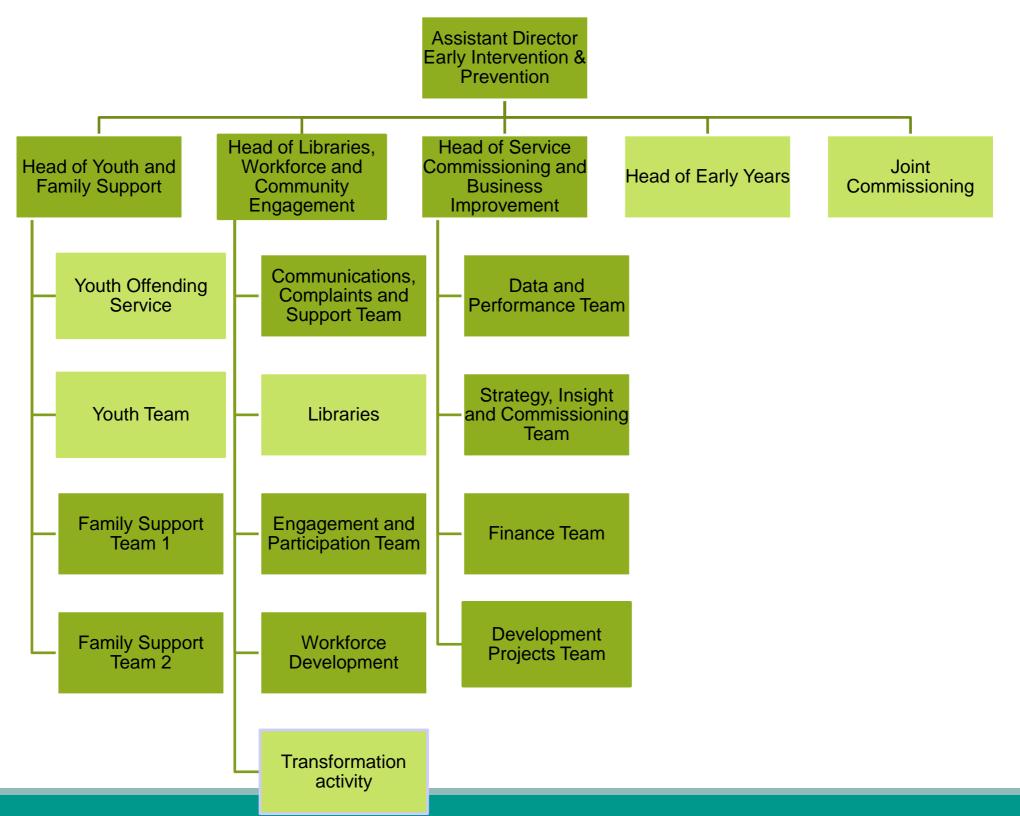
 Brings together workforce development, communications/complaints, business support and libraries

2. New Youth and Family Support Service

- Brings together youth and family support services under one Head of Service
- 'Family Support Teams': Brings together non-social work qualified workers from Social Care, Safer Families and IFF to create an integrated support offer to families
- Early Intervention focus, but will also provide interventions for Social Care and Youth Offending clients
- Model will make significant savings through reduction in posts



2. Proposed structure: EI&P



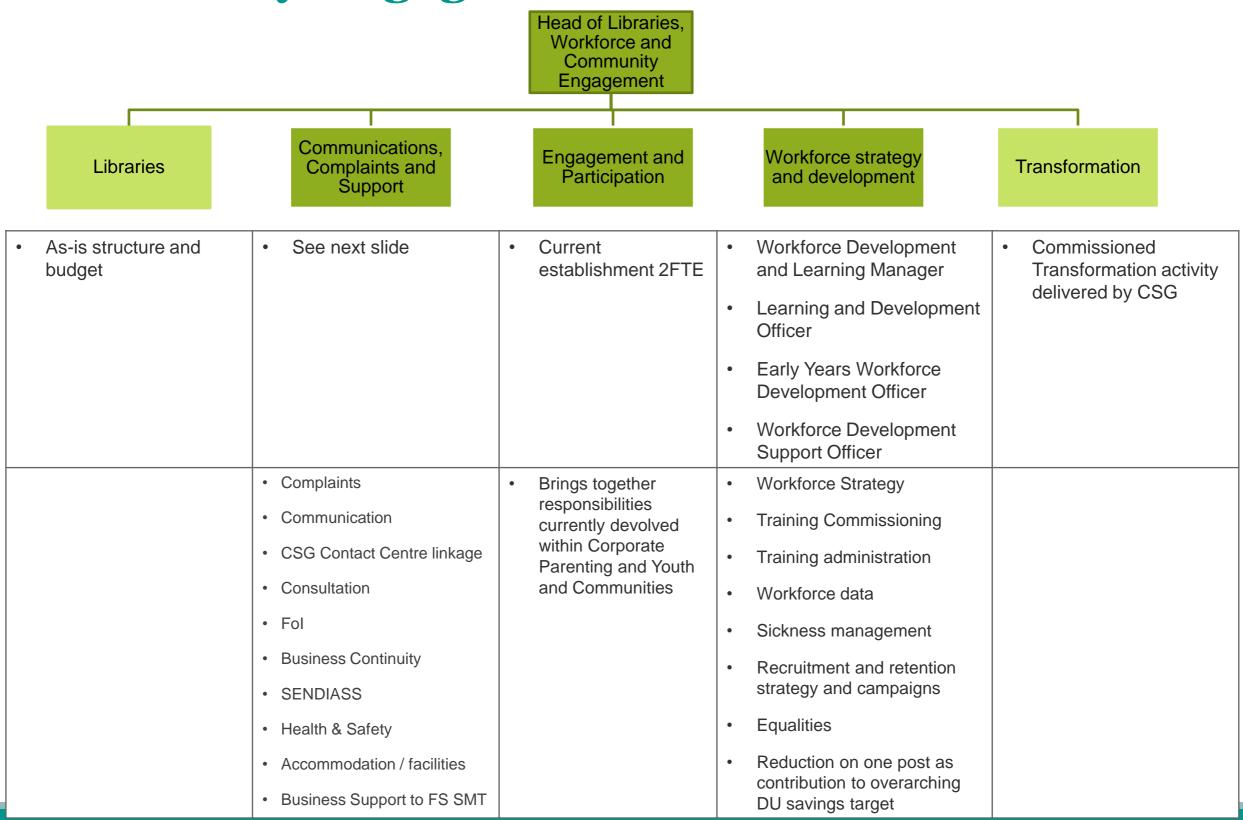


2. Proposed: EI&P – Youth and Family Support Service



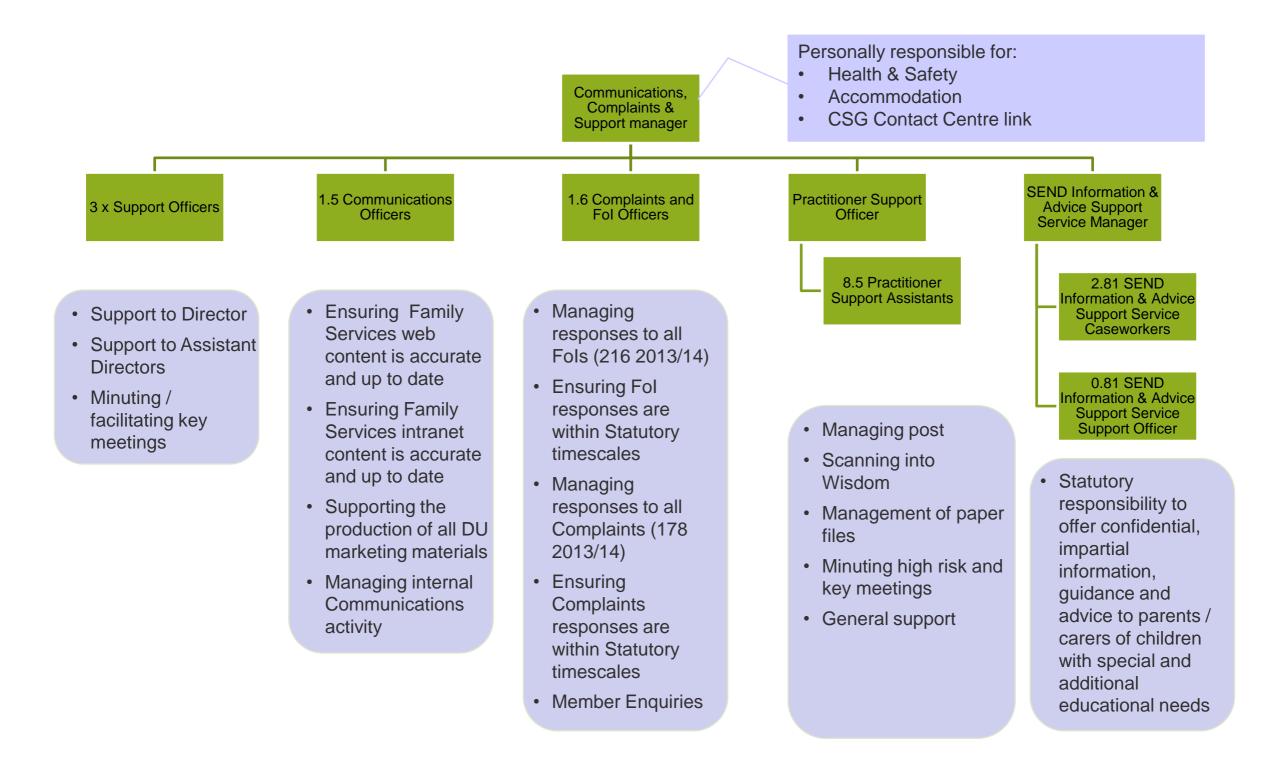


2. Proposed: EI&P Libraries, Workforce and Community Engagement





2. Proposed: Libraries, Workforce and Community Engagement – Communications, Complaints and Support Team





3. Summary of Recommendations – SC&BI

- Joining performance with data systems to help strengthen reporting on data, and realigning roles to support the new IS systems
- Bringing together the complimentary areas of strategy, insight and commissioning
- Developing specialisms across performance and strategy & insight so that Heads of Service have key 'go to' people
- Creating development projects team to focus on time-limited & specialist projects
- Taking on new responsibilities, and capacity, for finance support
- Moving communications, complaints and support to Head of Libraries, Workforce and Community Engagement so that communications and workforce development are better aligned
- Transferring Education and Skills functions across data and systems, finance, support, communications and strategy, to the E&S Delivery Unit

For some people there will be little or no change and for others it will be significant. We will be meeting with you to discuss the detail, including options and opportunities.



3. Proposed responsibilities: EIP SC&BI

Head of Service Commissioning and Business Improvement

Data and Performance team

- Systems Support
- Social Care data management
- Early Intervention data management
- Social Care performance information
- Early Intervention performance information
- Data Protection
- Records management
- Report writing

Strategy, Insight and Commissioning team

- Strategy
- Commissioning
- Contract Monitoring
- Deep-dive Analysis
- Business planning
- Business Management
- Agenda planning
- Co-ordination of corporate and service reporting
- · Audit planning
- Strategic Financial planning
- Risk

Finance team

- Budget monitoring support
- Transactional Finance
- Translation & Interpretation administration
- Leisure pass administration
- FGC administration
- · Asylum grant return
- EYVF Funding payments
- 2 year old Offer payments

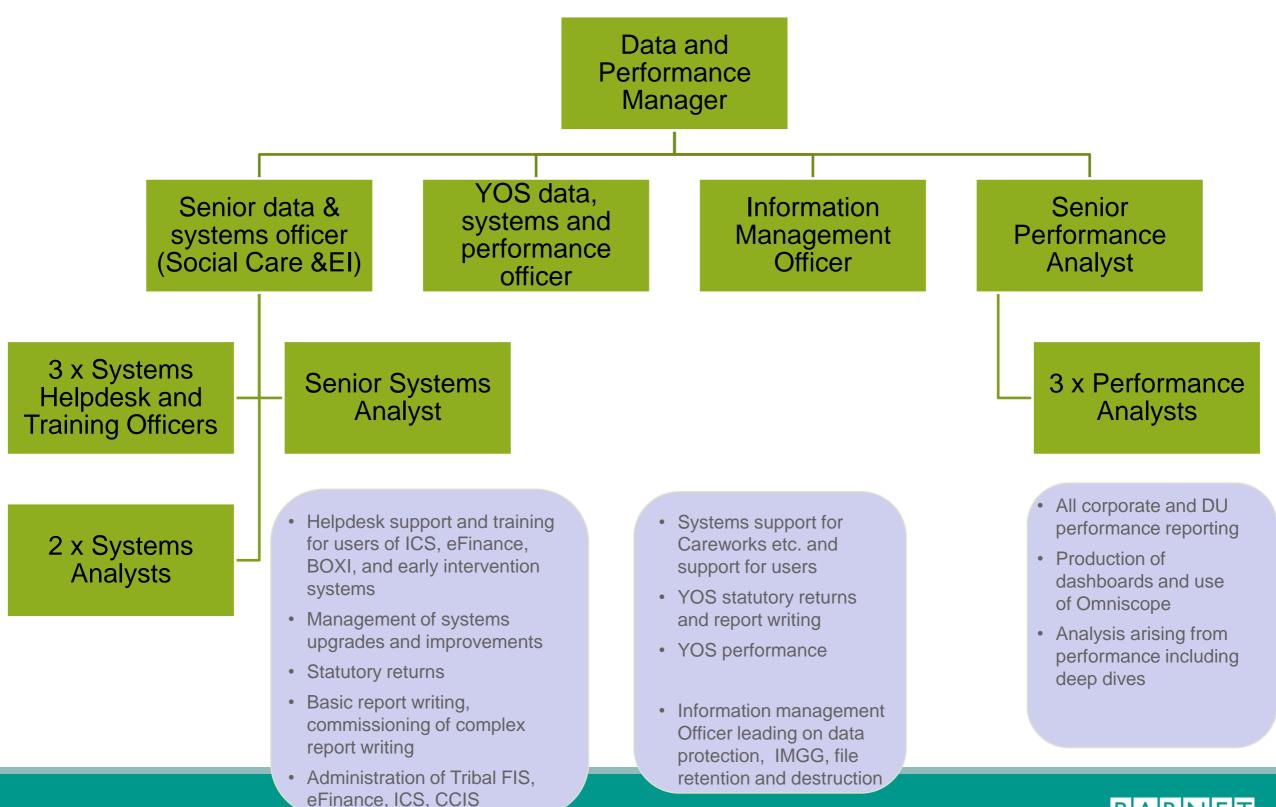
Development Projects team

- Specially commissioned projects. e,g.
- Troubled Families setup



3. Proposed: SC&BI - Data and Performance

High volume, specialist work to support effective use of systems and production of accurate performance reporting to support timely decision-making

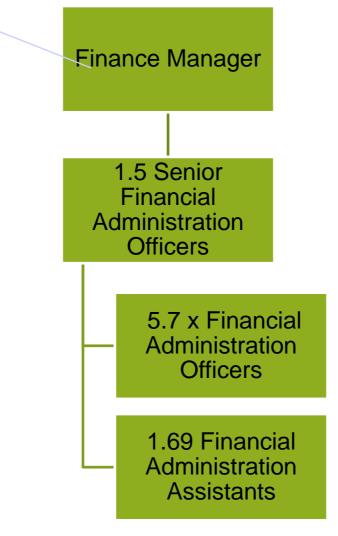


3. Proposed: SC&BI - Finance Team

Enabling effective management and control of volatile, high spend budgets and high risk payment processes. Supporting a high volume of transactional finance processes for 330 staff across 25 teams.

Responsible for:

- Oversight and trouble-shooting on Family Services budgets
- Lead liaison with CSG Finance for Family Services
- · Development of remediation plans



- Creation of Purchase Orders on Integra based on Commitment Forms raised by budget managers (approx 6000 transactions per year)
- Matching POs with invoices (approx 7000 transactions per year)
- Transferring invoices and other payments to Accounts Payable team
- Running the payment schedule.
- Processing of petty cash needs via instant issue prepaid cards, personalised cards and cash (approx 6000 transactions per year)
- Raising invoices for debtors (approx 650 per year)
- Administration of travel for practitioners and clients (1000 per year)
- Supporting managers in budget monitoring and management with an in depth understanding of funding sources and requirements etc
- · Training new staff in financial processes and supporting all staff
- Ensuring compliance with procurement rules when setting up new and using existing vendors
- Support for Closing
- · Administration of grants, interpretation and translation, ISAs, Family Group Conferencing
- · Responsibility for payments aspects of Early Years Vulnerable Funding and 2 Year Old offer

3. Proposed: SC&BI – Strategy, Insight & Commissioning Supporting the end-to-end Commissioning and Business Planning cycle

