

VIRTUAL SCHOOL UPDATE – VIRTUAL HEADS ANNUAL REPORT**Report of the Director of Education, Work & Skills****1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This is the Annual Report of the Virtual School Service demonstrating the educational achievements, school settings, attendance and needs of children in our care within education.

1.2 The full and detailed report is attached as an appendix.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 It has been a privilege to have been appointed full time permanent Headteacher of Stockport Virtual School since March 2023. We have expanded the team and the remit of the Virtual School within Stockport significantly by creating new positions and extending our duties to work with all children with a social worker and our Youth Justice Service. This report outlines some of the activity within Stockport Virtual School, with the data predominantly relating to the children in our care, care experienced and care leavers.

3. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**3.1 Impact of Stockport Virtual School 2022-2023**

- Post 16 EET (Education, Employment and Training) and further and higher education opportunities significantly increased
- No permanent exclusions from schools
- 98% completion of termly PEP (Personal Education Plan) meetings
- Maintained the numbers of children in care gaining level 4 in English and Maths within our whole cohort
- Successful Celebrating Success Event
- Attendance tracking of all cohorts within Virtual School with quality live attendance data from newly commissioned service
- 90% of Stockport Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking children and young people in our care are accessing education in a formal setting

3.2 Priorities for 2023-2024

- Work with Springboard to provide more grammar and independent school placements within Stockport and Greater Manchester
- New Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) caseworker role for children in our care
- Year 11 GCSE focus group
- Reduction of suspensions and increase of school attendance particularly at KS4 (Key Stage 4)
- Expansion of Celebrating Success events

- PEP Quality Assurance and attainment tracking
- Development of Supported Apprenticeship role

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Tim Bowman on telephone number Tel: 07977 661073 or alternatively email tim.bowman@stockport.gov.uk