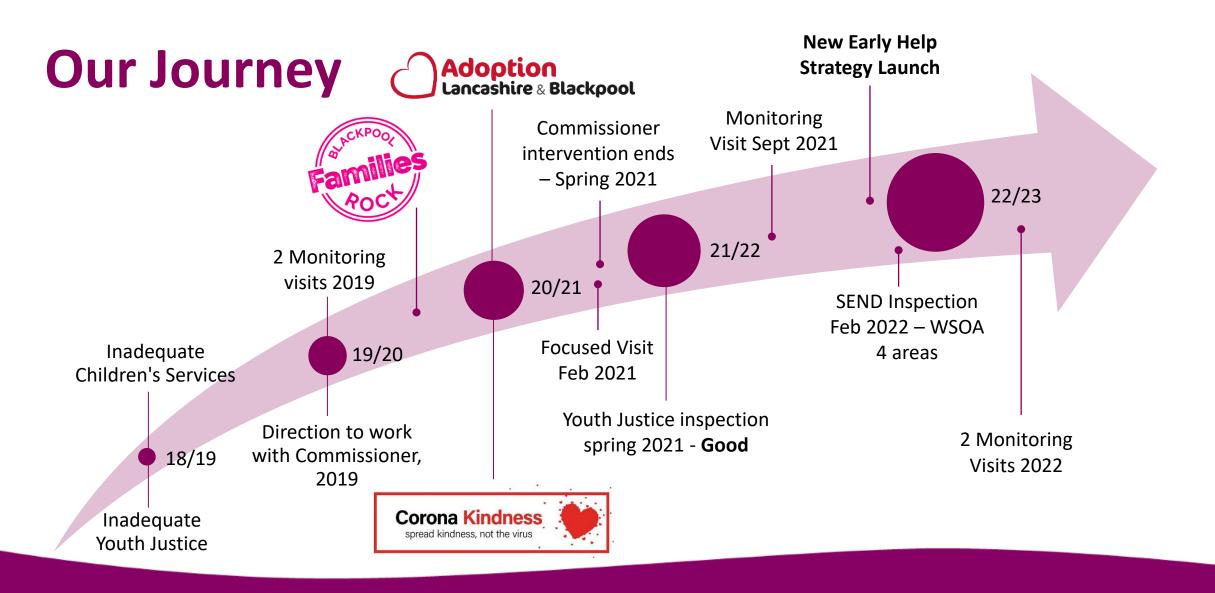
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Key headlines from ILACS report

What needs to improve?

The multi-agency response to children suffering domestic abuse or long-term neglect, and to those children with complex needs.

- Work with partners to strengthen their contribution to early help and neglect.
- Sufficient placements to meet children's assessed needs.
- The timeliness of meeting children's dental and emotional needs.

The practice model additionally requires strengthening to be able to respond effectively to issues such as domestic abuse and neglect.

We have a revised improvement plan that addresses all the issues and recommendations within the ILACS report.



Our Challenges Along the Way!

- Deprivation
- Health of the adult population
- The long-standing nature of inadequacy
- Instability in management and leadership
- Workforce-high agency cohort
- Volume of work
- History of statutory escalation
- "Blackpool Exceptionalism"-Culture Shift



Our Strengths

Our size-Small but Mighty! Strong corporate and political support Sense of Optimism and momentum-positive talk encourages positive talk **Capitalizing on our USP** Aspiration, achievement and opportunities – "Jobs in the Family Firm" Small, dynamic, receptive to change and learning from others Betterstart, Headstart, Opportunity Area, Levelling Up



Plans for the future-Getting to Good

Extending and further integrating the local multiagency Early help offer through the Family Hubs model

- Multi-agency partners co-located to deliver services Enhance and develop our Blackpool Families Rock
- Implementing Multi-agency teams on the lines of the Hertfordshire Family Safeguarding model to more effectively intervene with children and families.

Tailored services co-produced with local families targeting critical local issues, such as "Born into Care

Revised governance and accountability framework for the local partnership

 Need to respond to increasingly constrained resourcing, while retaining a focus on the non negotiables and working to reduce avoidable expenditure



Children and Families Partnership Plan

New Childrens and Families Partnership Plan currently being prepared Task and Finish Group lead by Head of Safeguarding and Strategic partnerships Consultation with families over summer Development Day 15 March 2023-over 85 attendees Draft plan-to Board in July Final Plan-September



Place Based Childrens safeguarding Arrangements

Current safeguarding arrangements- Pan- Lancs

Decision to move to Place Based Board in February 2023

Transitional period through until 4 September

Initial workshop in February 2023

Scoping out a new Business Unit-Joint with Adults and Community Safety-Join the Dots approach

Dynamic and Ambitious Business Unit to deliver improvements and drive change in key areas such as domestic abuse

Final touches 19 June to arrangements-to be agreed with partners



Transformation within Childrens Social care

Blackpool Families Rock-move from practice principals to definitive delivery model Multi disciplinary teams-Domestic abuse/mental health/substance misuse Head of Transformation appointed to lead work Over summer-Project team in Place Key Objectives-To bring Blackpool in line with comparator authorities To deliver an improved offer to families Workshop 11 July to scope out Build on co production-Operational workforce Group/Lived Experience



Questions and Thankyou!

