

# Corporate Parenting Service Update

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# Performance Scorecard

Children Looked After 187; Care Leavers 188 (end of Q1 2022/23)



Ref No	Indicator Description	Statistical Neighbour Average 2020/21	England average 2020/21	Harrow 2019-20	Harrow 2020-21	Harrow 2021-22	Harrow target 2022/23	Harrow actual Q1 2022-23
1	Rate of CLA per 10,000 children aged under 18	38.6	67.0	31.7	30.0	31.5		31.2
2	Timeliness of Reviews of Looked After Children	Not Published	Not Published	98.9	97.1	89.8	95%	93.8
3	% of CLA with 3 or more placements	10.0	9.0	13.5	10.0	13.8	Q1 - 2.5% Q2 - 5% Q3 - 7.5% Q4 - 10%	1.1
4	% of CLA looked after for 2.5+ years and in the same placement for 2 years	69.5	70.0	69.7	81.0	68.4	70%	76.5
5	% of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (19 - 21 year olds)	86.4	88.0	92.9	82.1	89.9	85%	96.3
6	% of Care Leavers not in education, employment or training (19 - 21 year olds)	37.5	41.0	29.1	40.0	27.6	35%	22.2
7	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Dental Checks (rolling year)	41.7	40.0	94.0	73.0	91.5	90%	89.3
8	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Health Checks (rolling year)	91.8	91.0	94.0	99.0	99.1	95%	93.8
9	% of children who ceased to be looked after who were adopted	5.5	10.0	3.1	4.3	3.8	N/A	3.7
10	% Children who ceased to be looked due to a Special Guardianship Order	Not Published	12.3	13.0	19.1	14.3	n/a	0.0
11	% of CLA placed more than 20 miles away from home (snapshot)	22.1	16.0	20.0	20.0	16.0	20%	20.9
12	% of all CLA (current and ceased) with at least 1 missing episode in year	12.9	10.0	12.8	9.0	8.8	Q1 - 3% Q2 - 6% Q3 - 9% Q4 - 12%	1.9

# CLA demographics and disproportionality Q1 22/23 snapshot

Ethnicity									
	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
White	24	27	lower -11%	25	27	lower -7%	75	73	higher 3%
Mixed	24	9	higher 167%	23	9	higher 156%	10	6	higher 67%
Asian	16	49	lower -67%	22	49	lower -55%	4	12	lower -67%
Black	12	9	higher 33%	15	9	higher 67%	7	6	higher 17%
Other	24	6	higher 300%	15	6	higher 150%	3	3	no dif 0%
Age									
	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Under 1	2	6	lower -66%	4	6	lower -33%	5	5	no dif 0%
1 to 4	13	24	lower -46%	15	24	lower -38%	14	22	lower -36%
5 to 9	12	29	lower -59%	13	29	lower -55%	19	29	lower -35%
10 to 15	23	31	lower 26%	43	31	higher 39%	39	34	higher 15%
16-plus	40	10	higher 300%	25	10	higher 150%	23	10	higher 130%
Gender									
	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Male	56	51	higher 10%	59	51	higher 16%	56	51	higher 9%
Female	44	49	lower -11%	41	49	lower -16%	44	49	lower -10%

- Competitive interviews
- Care experienced young person on interview panel
- New Active Participation Officer, Joy Bell, will lead on participation in Harrow from November 2022
- CIC awards for 2023 following a break during covid19
- CIC Council, youth led inspection

Commissioning Alliance launched accreditation scheme for 16+ placement provisions in 2020.

Ofsted will begin to regulate supported accommodation for 16 and 17 year old children in care and care leavers. From April 2023, Ofsted will start to register supported accommodation providers and begin to carry out inspections in April 2024.

We expect registration will be mandatory, and it will be unlawful to operate a supported accommodation service without being unregistered.

# Key Differences between Commissioning Alliance and Ofsted frameworks

	OFSTED	Commissioning Alliance
Inspection Frequency	3 yearly	Annually
Age range	16/17	16-25
Property Inspections	Only a limited sample of property visits.	Property Inspections undertaken. Scope/scale of inspection increasing with next iteration

## **1) A reduction in the number of services supporting 16/17-year-olds as a result of providers choosing not to apply to OFSTED**

The risk to local authorities is that if some providers supporting 16/17-year-olds decide not to apply to Ofsted (choosing perhaps to focus on supporting 18+), then local authorities will be unable to use them from October '23. This could potentially reduce the level of sufficiency for this cohort.

### **Actions**

The CA have been engaging with providers about registering for Ofsted, and will share a report in Nov 22 about potential loss of services by region and service characteristics.



## **2) Increase in weekly fees because of regulation**

It is assumed that Ofsted regulation will put increasing requirements on providers, which in turn will likely increase costs to local authorities.

**Action:** As more information about the inspections framework becomes available, we will work with providers to quantify the potential impact on weekly fees. CA's will support local authorities to forecast the impact on their respective budgets.

### **3) What if providers are not ready for regulation, resulting in suspension notices and/or inadequate ratings?**

There is a risk that placements are not sufficiently prepared for Ofsted, and that they fail the inspection. This will reduce the sufficiency of provision that local authorities are able/willing to use.

Inspections regime is not yet published, but likely to be some similarity in approaches between CA accreditation and Ofsted.

#### **Actions:**

CA will work with Providers to identify what areas they are most concerned about in terms of meeting Ofsted requirements, as well as working with regional commissioners to consider what support (if any) local authorities/ CA should provide

## **4) Difficulty in providers supporting mixed ages to achieve Ofsted minimum standards, could reduce sufficiency for 16/17-year-olds.**

Providers supporting mixed age groups (i.e., 16/17-year-olds as well as 18+) may struggle to meet the minimum inspection requirements.

This could lead to providers leaving the market or changing focus to 18+ only. The risk is that there is a reduction in sufficiency for the 16/17-year-old cohort.

**Actions:** CA will work to quantify the number of providers/beds that support mixed age groups. CA will share analysis with members, broken down by location, so members can understand the potential impact on sufficiency locally.

## **5) Uncertainty about the impact of Ofsted inspection on provision for DOLs, Step down from Secure, and high risk/solo placements for 16/17-year-olds**

As yet unknown as Framework has not be published.

**Action:** Further discussion and consultation with Ofsted and regional commissioners is required once more information about the Inspections Framework is published.

- Key Challenge: Placement sufficiency and rising cost of living impacting on foster carers, semi-independent placements and independent placements for children and care leavers.
- 6 care leavers began university in Sept 2022
- Successful recruitment to the Active Participation Youth Worker post
- Joint Working Protocol agreed with the DWP to improve joint working and reduce breaches for Care Leavers
- Work towards Joint Working Protocol with Probation to improve outcomes for Care Leavers