

Corporate Parenting Panel Agenda

Date: Tuesday 5 October 2021

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting - Online

Membership (Quorum 3)

Chair: Councillor Angella Murphy-Strachan

Labour Councillors: Maxine Henson
Kiran Ramchandani (VC)
Christine Robson

Conservative Councillors: Janet Mote
Lynda Seymour

Non-Voting Advisory Member: Valerie Griffin

Reserve Members:

Labour Reserve Members:

1. Sue Anderson
2. Simon Brown
3. Dean Gilligan
4. Rekha Shah

Conservative Reserve Members:

1. Chetna Halai

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Agenda publication date: Monday 27 September 2021

8. **Update and Performance for Corporate Parenting Service (Pages 5 - 20)**
9. **Virtual School Performance Update (Pages 21 - 30)**
10. **Update and Performance on Health for Children Looked After (Pages 31 - 48)**

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Corporate Parenting Service Update

October 2021

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- Performance and Disproportionality
- Care Leaver Local Offer
- Charter for Parents in and Leaving Care
- ● Fostering Report
- Corporate Parenting Strategy Update

Performance Scorecard

CLA 179; Care Leavers 187



Ref No	Indicator Description	Statistical Neighbour Average 2019/20	England average 2019/20	Harrow 2017-18	Harrow 2018-19	Harrow 2019-20	Harrow target 2021/22	Harrow actual Q1 2020-21	Harrow actual Q2 2020-21	Harrow actual Q3 2020-21	Harrow actual Q4 2020-21	Harrow actual Q1 2021-22
1	Rate of CLA per 10,000 children aged under 18	38.7	67.0	27.0	29.0	31.7		33.4	34.8	35.5	31.0	29.0
2	Timeliness of Reviews of Looked After Children	Not Published	Not Published	97.9	100.0	98.9	95%	98.4	98.4	98.0	94.4	97.1
3	% of CLA with 3 or more placements	11.2	11.0	13.0	10.7	13.5	Q1 - 2.5% Q2 - 5% Q3 - 7.5% Q4 - 10%	1.0	3.4	4.8	8.2	1.7
4	% of CLA looked after for 2.5+ years and in the same placement for 2 years	69.3	68.0	81.0	53.8	69.7	70%	78.1	86.2	87.1	77.8	73.7
5	% of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (19 - 21 year olds)	83.1	85.0	87.0	94.6	92.9	85%	46.3	88.1	88.0	87.4	82.1
6	% of Care Leavers not in education, employment or training (19 - 21 year olds)	32.4	39.0	24.0	31.5	29.1	35%	68.3	47.8	48.0	47.6	38.5
7	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Dental Checks (rolling year)	85.4	86.0	91.2	89.9	94.0	90%	74.5	75.5	49.6	68.9	85.7
8	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Health Checks (rolling year)	93.0	90.0	97.1	96.2	94.0	95%	91.5	93.4	93.3	96.2	95.8
9	% of children who ceased to be looked after who were adopted	9.9	11.7	7.0	5.3	3.1	Q1 - 2% Q2 - 4% Q3 - 6% Q4 - 8%	0.0	2.4	1.4	0.9	4.3
10	% Children who ceased to be looked due to a Special Guardianship Order	Not Published	13	14	6	13	13%	0	4.9	11.6	19.1	13.0
11	% of CLA placed more than 20 miles away from home (snapshot)	20.7	20.0	19.5	20.0	20.0	20%	23.7	23.9	21.8	23.0	22.0
12	% of all CLA (current and ceased) with at least 1 missing episode in year	13.5	11.0	11.0	11.8	12.8	Q1 - 3% Q2 - 6% Q3 - 9% Q4 - 12%	6.1	8.7	9.7	10.8	3.6

- Overall improvement (of 11%) in NEET performance in Q1 – **but this remains a priority.**
- Prospects are commissioned to support care leavers(16-19) back into EET and Xcite (18+)
- ∞ ● Additional support from Catch 22 “Future Pathways” to support young people into training and employment up to age of 24, and have partnerships with employers such as Wagamamas.

Placement 20+ miles from Harrow

Reason for placement	Number
CSE/CCE – safety needed outside of NW London	7
Placed with family / kinship carers / adopters	4
o Long-term matched placement with foster carers	10
Residential placement to meet education / disability needs	8
Placement breakdown with long term carers	1
Total	30

CLA demographics and disproportionality

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Ethnicity

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
White	33	27	higher 20%	25	27	lower -8%	74	74	no dif 0%
Mixed	22	9	higher 162%	14	9	higher 65%	10	6	higher 59%
Asian	15	49	lower -70%	23	49	lower -53%	4	12	lower -65%
Black	15	10	higher 57%	19	10	higher 94%	7	6	higher 21%
Other	15	1	higher 2721%	19	1	higher 3507%	4	0	higher 769%

Age

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Under 1	4	6	lower -33%	4	6	lower -33%	5	5	lower -3%
1 to 4	16	24	lower -34%	15	24	lower -38%	14	22	lower -37%
5 to 9	14	29	lower -52%	9	29	lower -69%	18	29	lower -39%
10 to 15	42	31	higher 34%	37	31	higher 19%	39	33	higher 18%
16-plus	25	10	higher 145%	35	10	higher 248%	24	10	higher 139%

Gender

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Male	56	51	higher 9%	66	51	higher 29%	56	51	higher 9%
Female	44	49	lower -10%	34	49	lower -30%	44	49	lower -10%

Now published on Harrow Council Website

Comparison of Local Offers across England is now online:

⇒ www.careleaveroffer.co.uk

Easier to access, clearer offer to young people

Council tax exemption for all care leavers until their 25th birthday.

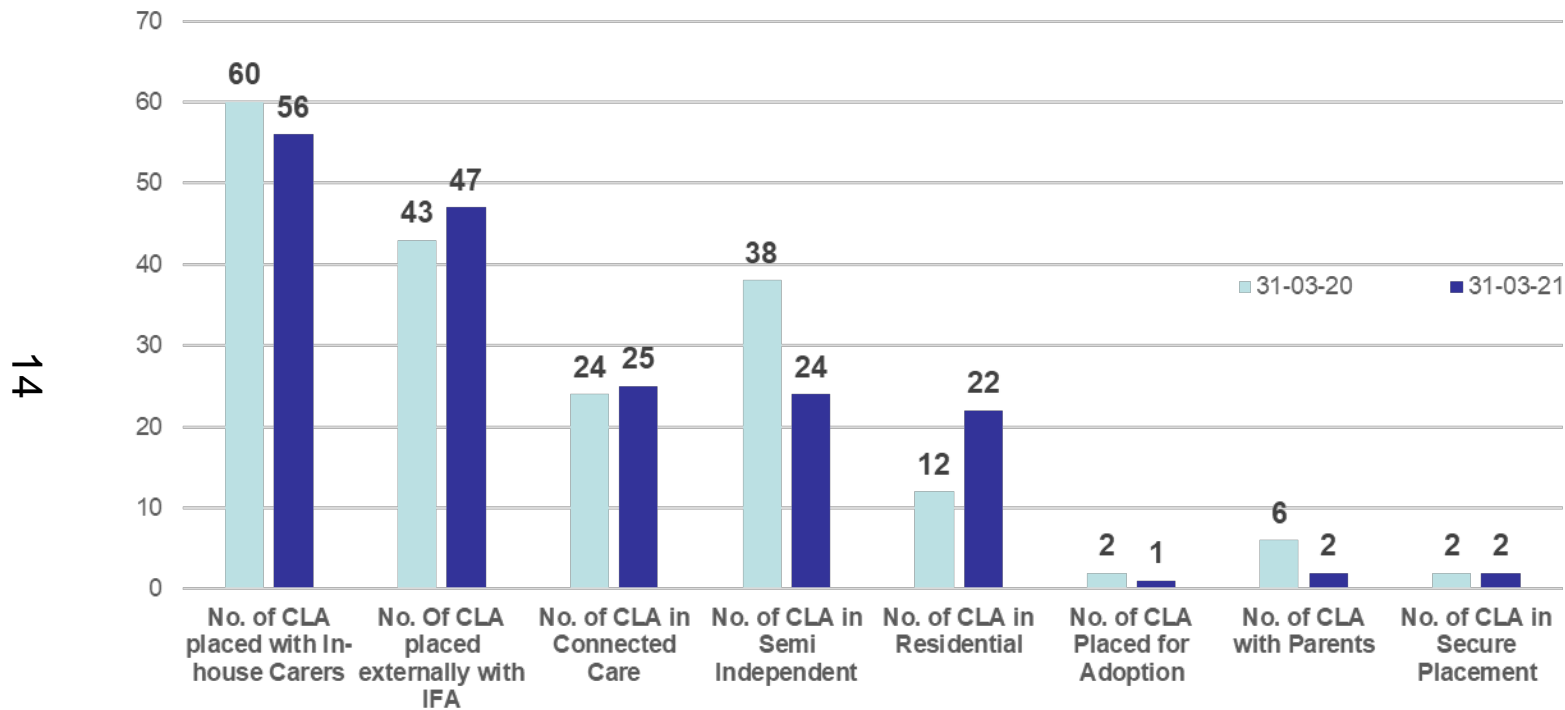
- We are one of the first Local Authorities in England to sign the **Charter for Parents in and leaving care**
- As corporate parents we are committed to supporting mothers and fathers who are in care, or in the process of leaving care.
- This charter was developed by Cardiff University with care-experienced parents and professionals who work for charities and local authorities. It sets out what we will do to challenge stigma and disadvantage.

Key challenges:

- During lockdown, usual methods of recruitment marketing were put on hold. The Harrow People Magazine was not published and no face to face events or information evenings could be held.
- 13 ● To continue raising awareness of the need for new Foster Carers in Harrow during the pandemic, leaflets were distributed to households in the borough. A Virtual Information Session was held and fostering promoted via Harrow Website and Facebook Page.
- The Department will be resuming the usual methods of active recruitment now that the Covid-19 restrictions have lifted by going into the community, holding events and targeting communities to raise the profile of fostering, particularly the Eastern European community.

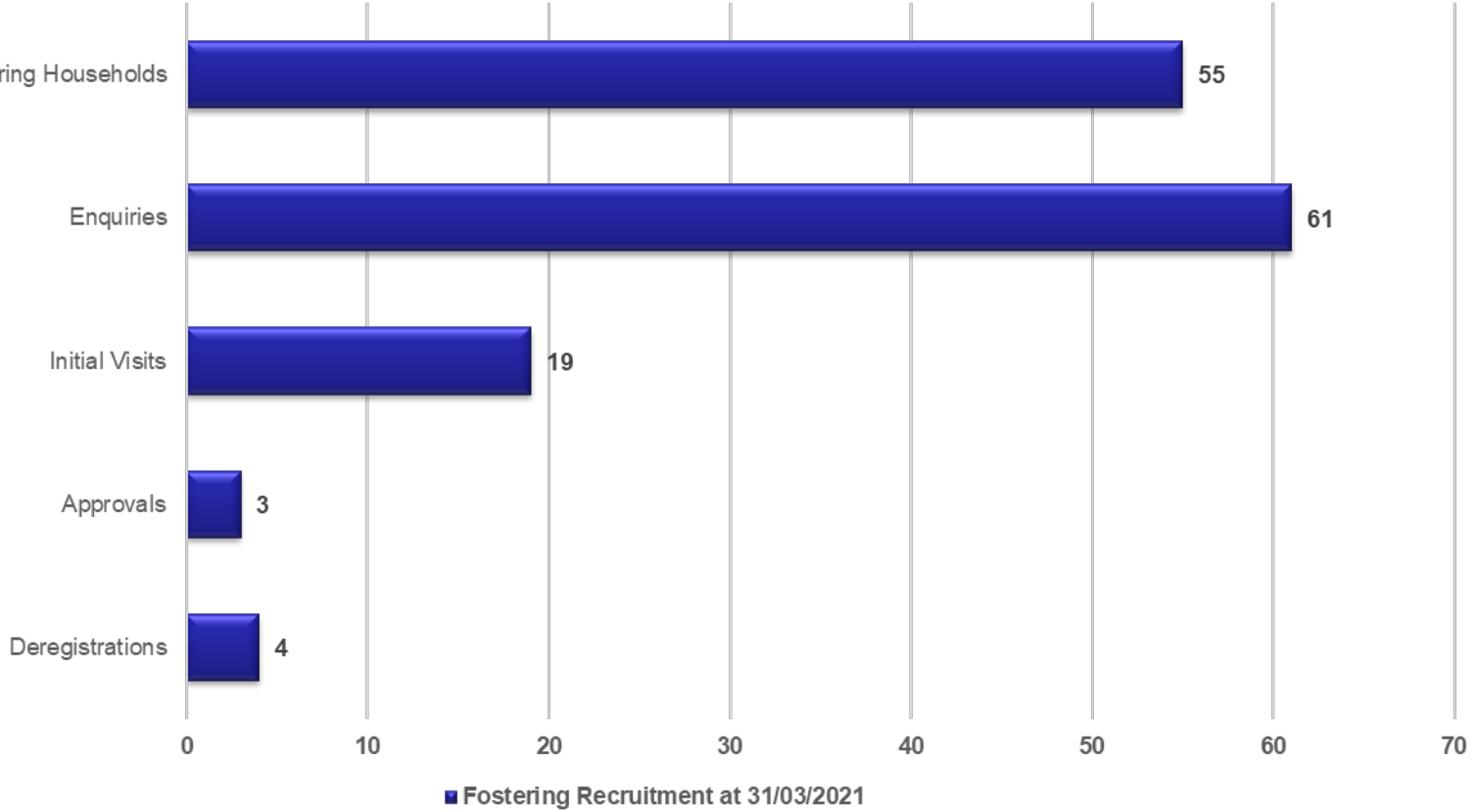
Type of placements for Children Looked After

CLA Placements At The End of 31/03/2020 And 31/03/2021



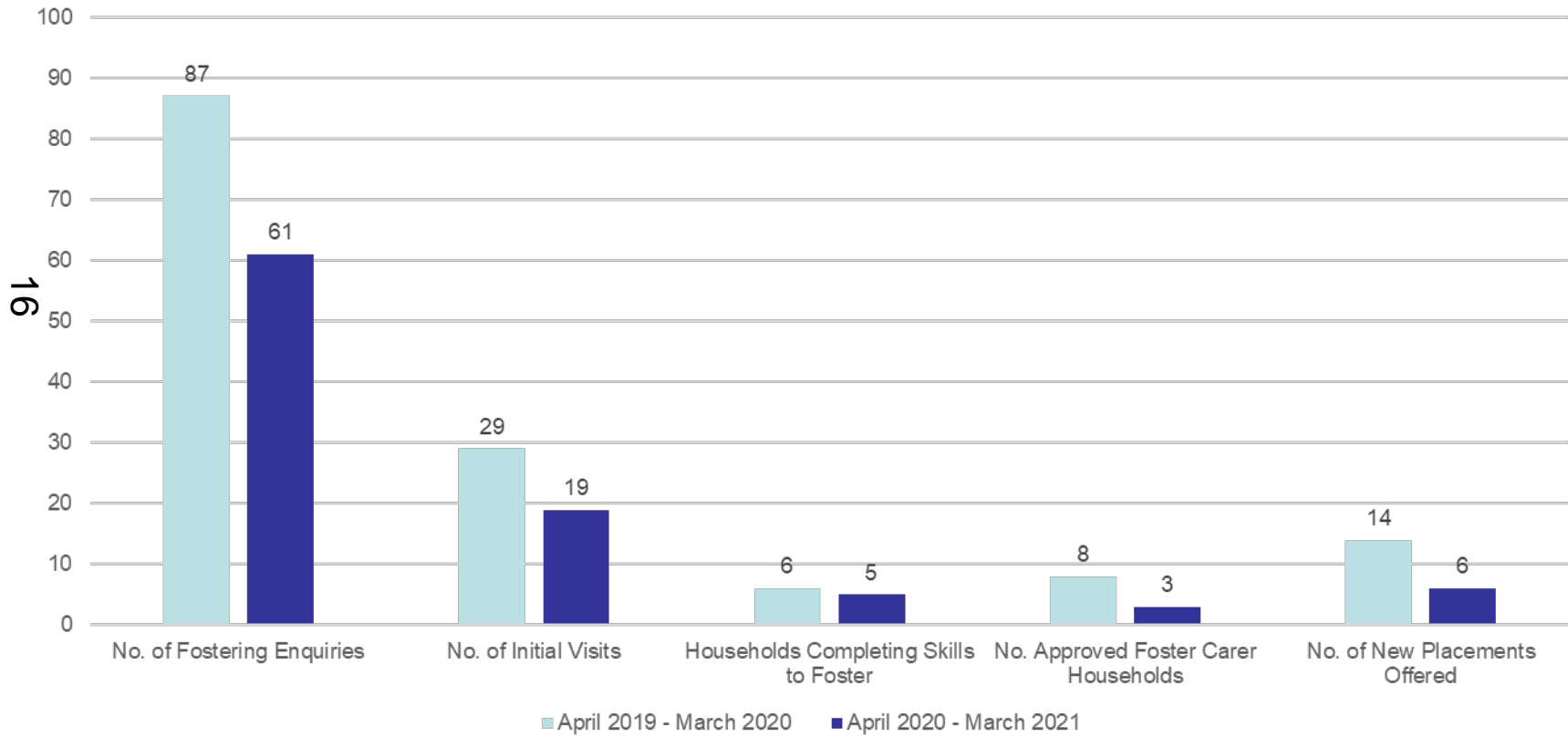
Fostering Recruitment April 2020 - March 2021

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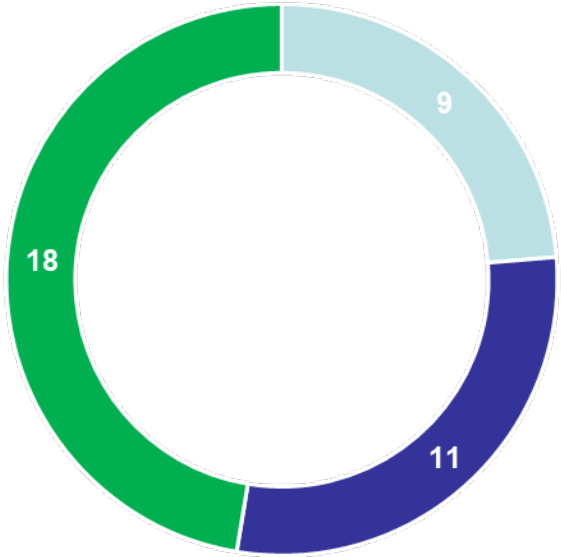


Fostering Recruitment Comparison

Fostering Year Comparison :
2019 - 2020 and 2020 - 2021



Connected Carers Information
Between April 2020 and March 2021



■ New Approvals ■ New Temporary Approvals ■ Special Guardianships Granted

- 10 new private fostering notifications (2020-2021).
- 6 of the notifications were assessed as not private fostering.
- 18 ● 4 new private fostering arrangements started during the year. At the end of March 2021 there were 6 active private fostering arrangements.

*Private fostering is the term used when **someone who is not a parent or a 'close relative'** (eg. great aunt, cousin, mum's friend or a neighbour) is looking after a child or young person under the age of 16 (under 18 if they are disabled) for 28 days or more in their own home.*

- West London Fostering Project – focussing on Marketing and Recruitment and supporting Carers.
- Increase fostering recruitment to meet the profiles of our looked after children. Reach out to Eastern European communities to increase pool of Carers from this area.
- Panel Handbook will be updated and revised
- Recruit a male white Fostering and Permanency Panel member within the Central List.
- Continue to develop a Men’s Carers support group.
- Hold quarterly support groups for Connected Persons and SGO Carers and link in with the local Schools.
- Continue with a programme of varied specialist training for all Carers, and further develop specialist training for Connected and SGO Carers.

- Currently being updated for 2022-2025 and will be shared at next CPP

- National Care Review – Case for Change

[case-for-change.pdf \(independent-review.uk\)](#)

Virtual School Headteacher's End of Academic Year Summary: 2020 -2021

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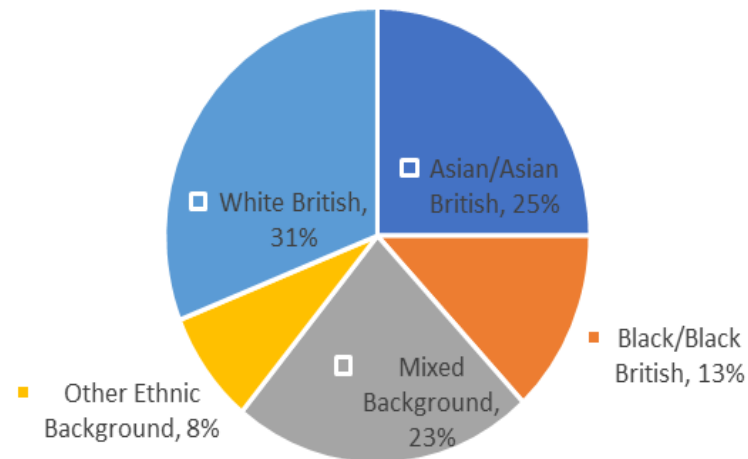
Overview



- PEP returns remain at 100%.
- 111 pupils of Statutory School Age (SSA) on roll. This is a slight drop in cohort numbers by 3 students since last year.
- 70% of students have been in care for 1 year or longer
- 50% of pupils are educated outside of Harrow
- 95% of students attend schools which are Ofsted rated as 'Good' or better.
- 23% of students have an EHCP.

The Population of Harrow Virtual School By Ethnicity: 2020-2021

The Population of Harrow Virtual School By Ethnicity 2020-2021



- Our largest groups are White (55%), closely followed by Asian (25%).
- There is an increase of 7% in the number of children from Mixed Backgrounds.
- Intervention Programmes: English Proficiency Programmes, 1:1 tuition, EAL Summer Camp are in place to support our most vulnerable groups.

School Attendance 2020-21



Across The Year

- 80% (84/105) of pupils had an 'X' mark (the mark given when children cannot attend school due to a COVID related matter). The 'X' mark is an authorised absence.
- 78% of eligible children attended school
- 8% of students had a suspension
- No child had a permanent exclusion

Summer Term(2021)

- 45% (47/105) had an 'X' mark
- 87% of eligible children attended school
- 23% had 100% attendance



EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Results

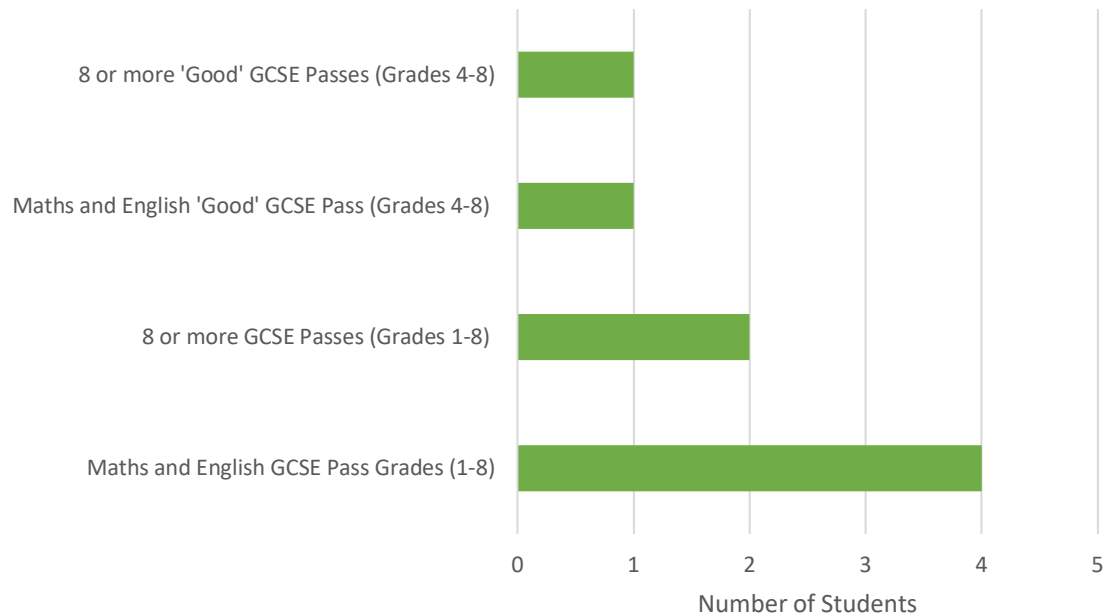
- Reception:
 - 60% (3/5) of pupils achieved 'good level of development' in Early Years' Assessments. The England average 48%.
- Key Stage 1:
 - 67% (2/3) of pupils achieved 'expected standards' in Writing, Reading and Maths. The England average: 52%-Reading, 49% Maths and 42% for Writing
- Key Stage 2:
 - 67% (2/3) of pupils achieved 'greater depth' in Reading. The England average is 12%.
 - 67% (2/3) of pupils achieved 'expected standards' in Writing. The England average is 50%.
 - 33% (1/3) of pupils achieved 'expected standards' in Maths. The England average is 51%.

Key Stage 4 Provisional Results



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Key Stage 4 GCSE Passes



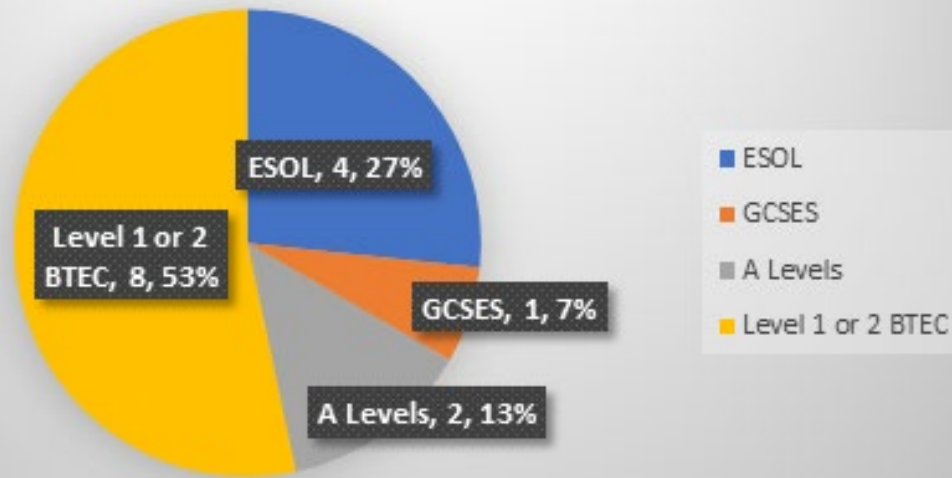
In the academic year 2020-21 there were 7 students in Year 11 in care for 12 months or longer.

- 30% (2/7) have an Educational, Health and Care Plan EHCP, 30% (2/7) have English as an Additional Language (EAL) and 40% (3/7) are known to the Youth Offending Team (YOT).
- One student received 11 GCSEs grades 4-8
- Four students achieved GCSE passes (1-8) in both English and Maths.

Year 11 Destinations (Current Year 12's)



Courses Undertaken By Year 12 Students 2021-22



- In July there were 20 students on roll.
- 75% (15/20) are in education, 25% (5/20) are NEET
- All students that are in education attend a FE College, Sixth Form or an alternative FE setting including apprenticeship providers.

Key Stage 5 – A Level Results and Destinations



Three students undertook A levels (or equivalent)

- 2 students obtained 3 A level passes;
- 1 student achieved a Level 3 BTEC

Destinations

- Student 1: Criminology at Greenwich University
- Student 2: Level 4 Art Course at West Herts College
- Student 3: Is taking a gap year to work and get experience before heading to university next academic year to study paediatric nursing

Priorities



- Catch-up interventions to support children who have fallen behind with their learning.
- To increase the number of children with good school attendance from 90% to 95% or higher.
- To increase the Attainment 8 Score (18) to be in line with or above the England Average (21).
- To review education packages for 'hard to reach' Key Stage 3 and Key 4 students.
- Black and Asian boys have been identified as a vulnerable group and represent 57% of the cohort with a suspension. Further interventions to be explored for all pupils at risk of receiving a suspension.

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REPORT FOR: Corporate Parenting Panel

Date of Meeting: 5th October 2021

Subject: Information Report – Harrow Children Looked After (CLA) Health Report

Key Decision: No

Responsible Officer: Claire Eves, Associate Director of Outer London Services

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools

Exempt: No

Decision subject to Call-in: No

Wards affected: None - This is an Information report

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: Corporate Parenting is requested to note the report

Reason for Recommendation: This report sets out the delivery of health services to Harrow's Children Looked After (CLA) during April - June 2021 in line with the national guidance. The report reviews the service and includes clinical work undertaken during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Section 2 – Report

Report for Corporate Parenting Panel – Harrow Children Looked After (CLA) Health Service October 2021

Initial Health Assessment (IHA) and Review Health Assessment (RHA) Activity

Month	Target for IHA 100% CNWL*	Target for RHA 100% CNWL*	Number seen in timescales	
April	100%	100%	100 % IHA	94% RHA
May	100%	100%	75 % IHA	89% RHA
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* excludes requests and consent not made available within 3 days for IHA's and within 3 months for RHA's, CLA who do not attend or refuse appointments given, CLA placed out of Harrow who depend upon another provider to offer an appointment.

Monitoring

Quarterly monitoring meetings with Harrow CCG and Harrow Council.
 Provision of data for Harrow Council end of year health returns (903).

Training

Specialist Nurse attended training with Kooth.
 Specialist Nurse attended CNWL CLA Virtual away day (20/04/21).
 Specialist Nurse attended the RCN CLA conference (26/04/21).
 Specialist Nurse attended Training with HeadsUp (05/05/21).
 Specialist Nurse attended training with Virtual Schools on the (18/05/21).
 Attended Safeguarding Supervision.

Meetings

The Harrow CLA health team continue to attend MASE monthly.
 The CLA health team have attended strategy meetings for complex and vulnerable young people.
 The CLA health team attended Child Protection Supervision.
 The CLA health team have met regularly with Harrow business support to carry out monitoring meetings.
 The CLA health team have attended team meetings in the CLA team (25/05/21) to raise staff awareness of the CLA health team and address any challenges arising.
 The CLA health team Quarterly meetings with Harrow CCG and Harrow Council continue.
 The CLA health team attend the monthly Mental Health Needs meeting CLA.

New Processes

Initial health assessments are being triaged in response to the Covid pandemic. Assessments are completed either face to face, virtual or telephone on a case by case basis. Review health assessment are being offered face to face appointments. However, if declined they are being completed either by telephone or virtual.

Case Study

The Specialist Nurse contacted Moorfield’s Eye Hospital regarding a 26 week old baby. Professionals and carer had raised a concern regarding vision problems. The baby was unable to be matched with prospective adoptive parents due to unknown health needs. Specialist Nurse for CLA made multiple telephone calls to Moorfield’s to obtain an appointment to prevent further delay. It was reported that the rising number of referrals to Moorfields had led to longer waiting times of at least 12 weeks, before a referral was likely to be triaged. It was unclear when this baby was likely to be seen. Specialist Nurse for CLA made multiple telephone calls to Moorfield’s to obtain an appointment to prevent further delay. It was reported that the rising number of referrals to Moorfields had led to longer waiting times of at least 12 weeks, before a referral was likely to be triaged. It was unclear when this baby was likely to be seen. The Specialist Nurse and Medical Advisor were able to provide clarification around why this referral should be expedited. This led to the baby being sent an appointment from Moorfield’s outreach at Northwick Park for early October 2021. The liaison and collaborative working between the CLA team and Moorfields Eye Hospital has enabled the possibility of identifying the health needs of this young baby early . Early identification is imperative in order to achieve positive outcomes for CLA children.

Christine Nichols, Named Nurse For Children Looked In Harrow. 27.09.21

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not applicable – for information only

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Date:

MANDATORY

Ward Councillors notified:

NO, this is an information report only

EqIA carried out:

NO

EqIA cleared by:

N/A information report only

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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 Named Nurse for Children Looked After in Harrow

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Background Papers: N/A

Christine Nichols, Named Nurse for CLA Harrow
 27/09/21

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Harrow Children Looked After Health Service

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Christine Nichols – Named Nurse for Children Looked
After Harrow

Key Performance Indicators for Harrow CLA

- Harrow CCG and Harrow Council set the following KPIs

Initial Health Assessments: –

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- To complete 100% of CLA Initial Health Assessments (IHAs) within 20 operational days/ 28 calendar days.

Review Health Assessments:-

- To complete 100% of CLA Review Health Assessments (RHAs) completed on time.

Exception Reporting

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- Young people who refuse
- DNAs or missing children
- Out of area
- Notifications from Harrow Council later than 3 months before the review date
- Late requests

These KPIs are taken from Statutory Guidance requirements.

Other Service Specification Requirements

The CLA team also assist the London Borough of Harrow to:

- Record and report dates of dental checks following health assessment
- To update immunisation status of each CLA following health assessment where possible
- GP Registration
- Record and report dates of Optician Checks

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KPI's for Harrow CLA April – June 2021

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Covid and The Voice of The Child

- **All Health Assessments are completed Face to Face, virtually or by telephone.**
- **A virtual health assessment offer started during the Pandemic.**
- **All children have been asked how they managed during the Pandemic and their views considered.**

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Training Attended by CLA Team

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- **Attended Safeguarding Supervision.**

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Meetings Attended

- **Monthly MASE meetings.**
- **Strategy Meetings.**
- **Child Protection Supervision.**
- **Monitoring Meetings.**
- **Team Meetings.**
- **Quarterly meetings with mental health services.**

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New Processes

- **Initial health assessments for infants under 1 month old are being carried out virtually and will include data from other health record sources. A further face to face health review is to be offered at 3 months of age rather than at 6 months of age.**

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Case Study

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Case Study Cont'd

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