



CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2008

6.00 PM

PANEL AGENDA (ADVISORY)

**COMMITTEE ROOM 3
HARROW CIVIC CENTRE**

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum 3)

Chairman: Councillor Janet Mote

Councillors:

**Mrs Myra Michael
Paul Osborn
Eric Silver**

**Mrs Margaret Davine
Mitzi Green**

Reserve Members:

1. Chris Mote
2. Mrs Vina Mithani
3. Julia Merison
4. Mark Versallion

1. B E Gate
2. Raj Ray

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HARROW COUNCIL

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AGENDA - PART I

1. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

To note the attendance at this meeting of any duly appointed Reserve Members.

Reserve Members may attend meetings:-

- (i) to take the place of an ordinary Member for whom they are a reserve;
- (ii) where the ordinary Member will be absent for the whole of the meeting; and
- (iii) the meeting notes at the start of the meeting at the item 'Reserves' that the Reserve Member is or will be attending as a reserve;
- (iv) if a Reserve Member whose intention to attend has been noted arrives after the commencement of the meeting, then that Reserve Member can only act as a Member from the start of the next item of business on the agenda after his/her arrival.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:

- (a) all Members of the Committee, Sub Committee, Panel or Forum;
- (b) all other Members present in any part of the room or chamber.

3. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

To consider whether any of the items listed on the agenda should be considered with the press and public excluded on the grounds that it is thought likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of confidential information in breach of an obligation of confidence or of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Enc. 4. **Minutes:** (Pages 1 - 2)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2007 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

5. **Public Questions:**

To receive questions (if any) from local residents or organisations under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

6. **Petitions:**
To receive petitions (if any) submitted by members of the public/Councillors under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 14 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

7. **Deputations:**
To receive deputations (if any) under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

Enc. 8. **INFORMATION REPORT – Harrow Position in relation to “ Care Matters-Time for Change” White Paper:** (Pages 3 - 10)
Information Report of the Corporate Director (Children’s Services).

Enc. 9. **INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance:** (Pages 11 - 28)
Information Report of the Corporate Director (Children’s Services).

10. **Any Other Urgent Business:**
Which cannot otherwise be dealt with.

AGENDA - PART II - Nil.

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CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

8 OCTOBER 2007

Chairman: * Councillor Janet Mote

Councillors: * Mrs Margaret Davine * Eric Silver
* Mitzi Green * Mark Versallion (4)
* Chris Mote (1)* Denotes Member present
(1) and (4) Denote category of Reserve Member**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL****PART II - MINUTES**11. **Attendance by Reserve Members:****RESOLVED:** To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Members:-Ordinary MemberReserve MemberCouncillor Mrs Myra Michael
Councillor Paul OsbornCouncillor Mark Versallion
Councillor Chris Mote12. **Declarations of Interest:****RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members in relation to the business transacted at this meeting.13. **Arrangement of Agenda:****RESOLVED:** That (1) in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following item be admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and grounds for urgency detailed below:-Agenda itemSpecial Circumstances / Grounds for Urgency11. Service Delivery
Arrangements for
Children Looked
After

This report was not available at the time the agenda was printed and circulated owing to officers' preparation for the Fostering Inspection. Members were asked to consider the report, as a matter of urgency, as it had been requested at the Panel meeting on 18 April 2007.

(2) all items be considered with the press and public present.

14. **Minutes:****RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2007 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.15. **Public Questions:****RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4E of the Constitution).16. **Petitions:****RESOLVED:** To note that no petitions were received at this meeting under the provisions of the Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 14 (Part 4E of the Constitution).17. **Deputations:****RESOLVED:** To note that no deputations were received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4E of the Constitution).

18. **Government White Paper, "Care Matters - Time for Change":**
The Panel received a report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, summarising the Government White Paper, "Care Matters – Time for Change". The officer reported on how Harrow was organising its response to the White Paper. She agreed to supply Members with copies of the response when it was ready. The officer also briefed Members on the work of the Children Looked After Life Chances Forum and answered questions from Members, who noted that Harrow had already adopted as standard practice many of the proposals set out in the White Paper.
- RESOLVED:** To note the scope of the White Paper and the changes and recommendations in terms of service delivery and the impact on Children Looked After.
19. **Activity and Performance Relating to Children Looked After and Children on the Child Protection Register:**
The Panel received an information report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, setting out key data relating to Children Looked After and Children on the Child Protection Register, as well as information on key performance indicators up to the end of August 2007. The officer answered questions from Members who noted, among other things, an increased level of good health of Children Looked After.
- RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.
20. **Service Delivery Arrangements for Children Looked After:**
The Panel received a report of the Corporate Director, Children's Services, setting out information on the service delivery arrangements in relation to Children Looked After. The officer reported that a dedicated team was in place and functioning, with the stability of placements as a focus. Issues raised by Members included delays in access to mental health services by Children Looked After, particularly children moving between boroughs. The officer reported that this was being resolved with the appointment of a dedicated therapist for Children Looked After.
- RESOLVED:** To (1) endorse current service developments;
(2) support the future development of these services.
- (Note: The meeting having commenced at 6.10 pm, closed at 7.25 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR JANET MOTE
Chairman



Committee:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	14th January 2008
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Harrow Position in relation to “ Care Matters- Time for Change” White Paper
Responsible Officer:	Paul Clark
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Janet Mote
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary

This report presents Harrow’s current position in relation to the government’s White Paper “Care Matters: Time for Change”, which was published on 21st June 2007, together with initial plans for implementation

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

. Background

1.1 What the White Paper proposes

This report will consider areas where there may be a cost implication.

- 1.2. £600m has been invested by Government in the Every Child Matters agenda to date, and over £300 million more will be invested over the next Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) cycle up to 2011 (£13.5m in

07/08; £88.9m in 08/09; £95.6m in 09/10; £106/6m in 10/11). The amount provided by Government will be dependent on the size of the CLA population

1.3. A Change Fund for each LA will also be made available to enable each area to deal with particular challenges that they face. This will be available from 2008 until 2011, this is equivalent to £33/£50/£67k for each local authority. At this point we don't know when the White Paper will become law, and the exact provisions. Therefore, the following considerations may change.

1.4. The White Paper is set out under seven headings as follows: -

2. Corporate Parenting.

2.1. Care Matters refers to Corporate Parenting needing to operate at both a day-to-day level in terms of the care provided by carers and Social Workers and at a higher strategic level. It places a clear legal responsibility on the Director of Children's Services and lead member for Children's Services for leading improvements in Corporate Parenting and identifies a number of actions that must be taken including developing "a pledge" for looked after children in their area. Government have made the following suggestions:

- A choice, made with their social worker, of high quality placements;
- 24/7 support from their social worker or an out of hours contact;
- A minimum entitlement to sport and leisure activities – for example, 4 hours a week;
- A chance to take part in volunteering;
- Twice yearly health assessments for under 5s and annual health assessments and twice yearly dental check ups for older children;
- An independent advocate;
- The choice of when to move on to enter adult life, up to the age of 18;
- The right to have their voice heard and influence the work of the local authority through participation in a 'Children in Care Council'.

2.2 Other entitlements, which local authorities might consider including in their pledge could be, for example, giving older CLA a savings account and supporting them financially to go to university.

2.3 The joint London Councils/ Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) response to *Care Matters* in January 2007 set out proposals to develop a core pan-London Pledge. Consultation is currently taking place. It is anticipated that the London Pledge be adopted by boroughs and other agencies in May 2008.

2.4. Harrow Position:

- We have started to develop a multi agency charter. This will be driven by the Life Chances Forum, which Gail Hancock now chairs and will also be informed by the pan London pledge.
- We need to consider how we can provide real choice in terms of placements. This will require early planning for children on the “verge of care” so that placements can be visited, compared etc. Further clarification from Government is required around how differences of opinion between what is offered and what the young person wants can be resolved. A cost element may be an issue.
- We have to consider how best we can deliver 24hr support to CLA and whether there is a cost element
- We do provide leisure and sport facilities at reduced costs and we subsidise such activities for CLA placed outside the Borough.
- In terms of volunteering the Participation Team have done a great deal to involve young people. We need to consider further how we can actively encourage YP in this area – which is about raising self-esteem and involvement in the local community.
- Our performance on health assessments and dental checks is currently on the Dark Green level (very good)
- We already have an advocacy service
- We track CLA through the review process and the Child Care Panel.
- We move YP on to semi and full independence by assessment and agreement with the YP.

3. Family and Parenting support

3.1. The White Paper sets out proposals, which aim to support families so that children can stay with their birth parents if that is in their best interest and to ensure that a placement within their wider family or friends is always considered. The White Paper will make a number of requirements including:

3.2. Family and friends are, as far as possible, considered in all cases and in the first instance as potential carers.

3.3. Local Authorities must have transparent policies in relation to the support offered to family and friends carers.

3.4. Children’s Services must continue to work with birth parents as part of effective care planning.

3.5. Family and Friend carers will be allowed to apply for a residence order if a child has lived with them for a continuous period of at least one year.

3.6 Guidance will highlight the need for ensuring that appropriate services are delivered for the child and family to support the return home when that is appropriate.

3.7 Harrow Position

- We are as far as possible following the suggested requirements – they highlight good practice principle
- We need to continue sharing assessments with parents and receiving their feedback

4. Care Placements

4.1 The White Paper sets out measures to ensure that all children experience stability and continuity in their placement with an ultimate goal of placements leading to permanency. The aim of the White Paper is to address this through improved commissioning, training, development and support for carers as a way of avoiding placement breakdown. The actions arising from this include: -

4.2 A statutory duty on Local Authorities to secure a sufficient and diverse provision of quality placements within their local area.

4.3 Piloting regional commissioning units to find individual appropriate placements for children particularly those with complex needs and disabilities.

4.4 Guidance to Local Authorities to help them manage local placement markets.

4.5 Guidance on the application of the Children Act 1989 for placing children in secure children's homes will be updated.

4.6 Social Work training to include modules on effective concurrent planning.

4.7 Local Authorities will be unable to place a child out of its area unless it is satisfied that such a placement is in the child's best interests.

4.8 Frequency of Social Work visits to be made more explicit.

4.9 Social Workers will be required to see the child alone and away from their carers.

4.10 Harrow Position:

- We have scoped the carers that we need to recruit following an analysis of CLA needs.
- We have reviewed the level of payments and other support packages for carers which are currently been considered by HFCA
- We have a multi agency complex needs panel that considers packages of care for CLA with complex needs
- We are members of the Pan London consortium for securing and commissioning placements
- The new Placement Manager will have a key role in gate keeping the use of IFA placements and in particular where they are placed. In addition, the Placement Manager and his team will have an important role in ensuring that the appropriateness of out of Borough placements are reviewed, in terms of the needs of the child and whether there is added value

5. Education

5.1 The White Paper proposes action to narrow the gap in terms of Looked after Children's educational attainment and the expectations include: -

5.2 Local Authorities providing high quality early years education.

5.3 Ensuring care planning decisions do not disrupt a child's education and that a looked after child is not required to move schools in years 10 and 11 other than in exceptional circumstances.

5.4 The role of the designated teacher in schools will be made statutory.

5.5 11 Local Authorities are piloting the creation of the post of a virtual school Head accountable to the Director of Children's Services.

5.6 There is a proposal to provide £500 per year for Looked after Children who are at risk of not reaching their expected standard of educational attainment.

5.7 There is to be an extension of opportunity in relation to individual tutoring and out of school activity for Looked after Children.

5.8 Harrow Position

- We have good educational provision in Harrow. We need to consider, in light of current EWO resources how we can ensure that we can influence the quality of education provided for CLA placed in other local authorities.
- We do not move YP in years 10 and 11 unless in exceptional circumstances. We do, however, need to consider how their progress is monitored at an early stage to maximize their efforts in gaining good GCSE results.
- Designated Teachers are responsible for all CLA, whether they are Harrow young people or not. It is not clear as yet whether further resources will be required
- Similarly we are waiting the outcome of the Virtual Head pilot scheme
- It is not clear how the additional resources - £500 per child and tutoring – will be funded

6. Health and Wellbeing

6.1 The White Paper acknowledges that health and wellbeing of a child underpins their ability to enjoy life and do well in school and adulthood. The actions required include: -

6.2 Exploring the use of a named health professional to improve coordination of health services.

6.3 Ensuring Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services provide targeted and dedicated services to Looked after Children.

6.4 Guidance to schools providing sex and relationship education for looked after children.

6.5 Ensuring pregnant teenagers and teenage parents who are looked after have a lead professional to coordinate support to them.

6.6 A duty on Local Authorities to ensure young people have access to positive leisure time activity which will be free of charge.

6.7 Harrow Position

- The introduction of the CLA nurse has greatly improved the health provision for our CLA cohort. However, further health resources are required to complement this service and to ensure that a named health professional is available for all CLA, including teenage mothers

- The role and provision by CAMHS is currently being reviewed to ensure that all CLA have a speedy and needs led service. There are plans to have CAMHS surgeries in Pinner Road
- The leisure requirements of our CLA cohort have been scoped. We need to establish how they can be financed

7. Transition to Adulthood.

7.1 This section sets out the support that should be available to young people to support the transition in to further or higher education, employment and independence. The actions expected include: -

7.2 A pilot allowing children and young people to stay with their foster carers up to the age of 21.

7.3 Establishing whether there is a demand for young people staying in children's homes beyond the age of 18.

7.4 Legislation to ensure young people are not moved from regulated to unregulated placements.

7.5 An approach which continues to support care leavers as long as they need it.

7.6 Extending the provision of personal advisors to every care leaver up to the age of 21 or 25 to those in further learning or training.

7.7 Harrow Position

- We currently allow YP to remain with carers up to 18 years and, occasionally, longer under supported lodgings. There may be cost implications if extended to 21 and will have a knock on effect on the availability of other placements
- Similarly, we move YP on a needs basis in relation to children homes
- We take great care in ensuring through our placement officer, contracts, and the Pan London Consortium that all placements are regulated
- Support is provided to all Care Leavers on a needs basis
- Harrow does not have personal advisers. We are the view that we are providing a better service by using Social Workers on this respect. We do currently provide support to all care leavers who are in higher education. However, there will be a resource and cost implication if this were to extend up to 25 years of age and to cover those in training.

8. The role of the practitioner

8.1 The White Paper states that the improvement of services for children and young people who are looked after will depend on having a highly skilled, valued, committed and stable workforce that delivers individualised support for children and young people. The actions proposed in this section include: -

8.2. Further funding to be made available in 2008/09 to increase investment to enable flexible working for Social Workers.

8.3. The establishment of a number of two year pilots across different Local Authorities to test the use of a Social Work practice model, including Social Work practices run by the voluntary and private sector.

8.4. Revised independent Reviewing Officer responsibilities to include a named IRO for every child being looked after, the IRO to spend time individually

with each child prior to a review and the requirement to hold a review before any “significant event” takes place for a looked after child.

8.5.Plans to extend the opportunity for looked after children to access an independent visitor.

8.6 Harrow Position

- We have successfully implemented the workforce strategy. We do offer some staff opportunities to work from home. However, we do need to explore further means by which we enable flexible working.
- We await the outcome of the Social Work practice model pilots, particularly in relation to issues of accountability, workforce issues and added value.
- Extending the role of the IRO is a welcome one although there will be a, as yet undefined cost and resource element if required to undertake additional tasks.

9. Initial plans to implement the White Paper proposals

9.1 An information report will be provided to Corporate Parenting in January 08 outlining the implications of the White Paper, “Care Matters”, Harrow’s current position, together with the possible budget pressures . The Children’s Bill will be added to the subsequent meeting in April 08

9.2 Senior Management have identified a total possible resource implication of approximately 376K. However it is anticipated that 150K will be found through savings

9.3 The multi agency Life Chances Forum which reports to Corporate Parenting have considered the implications from Care Matters and have identified key issues from a Health, Education and Social Care perspective to prioritise:

9.4 In terms of health this will be in relation to substance misuse, drugs and alcohol. In addition all CLA will complete a Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire which will help to identify whether there are emotional issues which may require CAMHS intervention

9.5 In terms of education this will be in relation to using the Personal Education Plans process to inform what support is required to improve educational achievement. In addition, all CLA of a school age will undertake a Pupil Attitude to School Survey (PASS) which Measures Young People’s Attitudes to Learning and Themselves as Learners. This will inform what support they will require.

9.6 In terms of Social Care this will be in relation to considering how to improve placement stability and choice as these are the most significant indices of positive outcomes for CLA

9.7 The CLA virtual team will work on the above priorities and report progress to the Life Chances Forum

9.8 Two multi agency panels, the Permanency Tracking Panel, and the Child Care Panel, chaired by Social Care, monitor child care processes to ensure that the key messages of the Children’s Bill and Care Matters are addressed in both care planning and outcomes

9.9 The Participation Team are pulling together the various charters and pledges to Children so that there is uniformity and consistency

Section 3 – Further Information

There will be a further update at the April panel, which will incorporate the proposals arising from the Children’s Bill.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None.



Committee:	Corporate Parenting
Date:	14 th January 2008
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
Responsible Officer:	Paul Clark
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Janet Mote
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	CLA & CPR Activity and Performance Report

1. Summary

This report sets out key data relating to Children Looked After and Children on the Child Protection Register, plus key performance indicators to the end of November 2007.

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2. Financial Implications

No significant financial implications.

3. Performance Issues

This report provides latest performance on statutory indicators for children's social care. The Panel may wish to provide direction following an analysis of current performance.

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14th January 2008

CLA & CPR Activity and Performance Report

To end of November 2007

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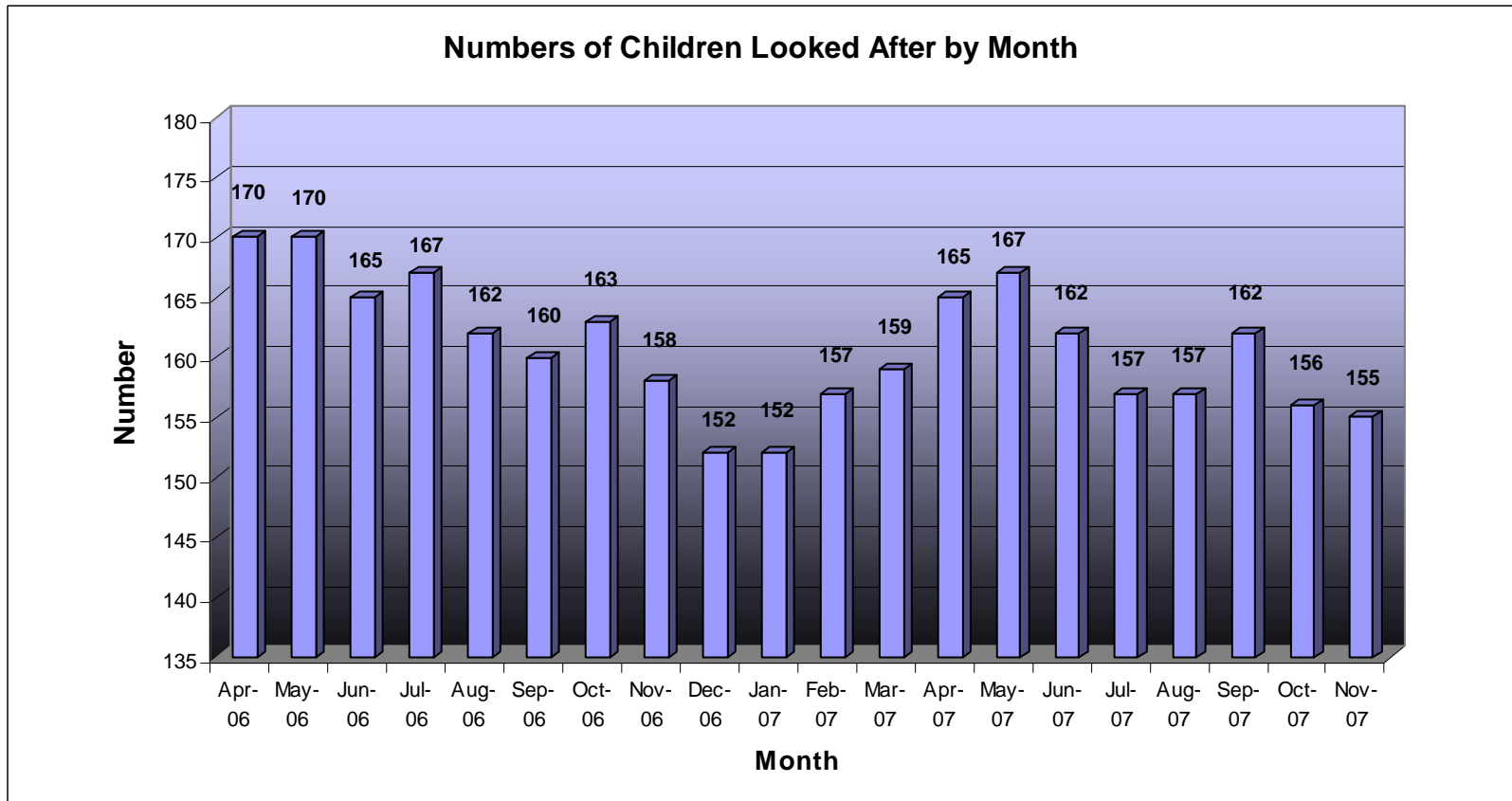
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1) Safety of Vulnerable Children (Children Looked After)

There were **155** children looked after in Harrow on 30th November 2007.

The bar chart below shows the number of children looked after by month from April 2006 to November 2007.

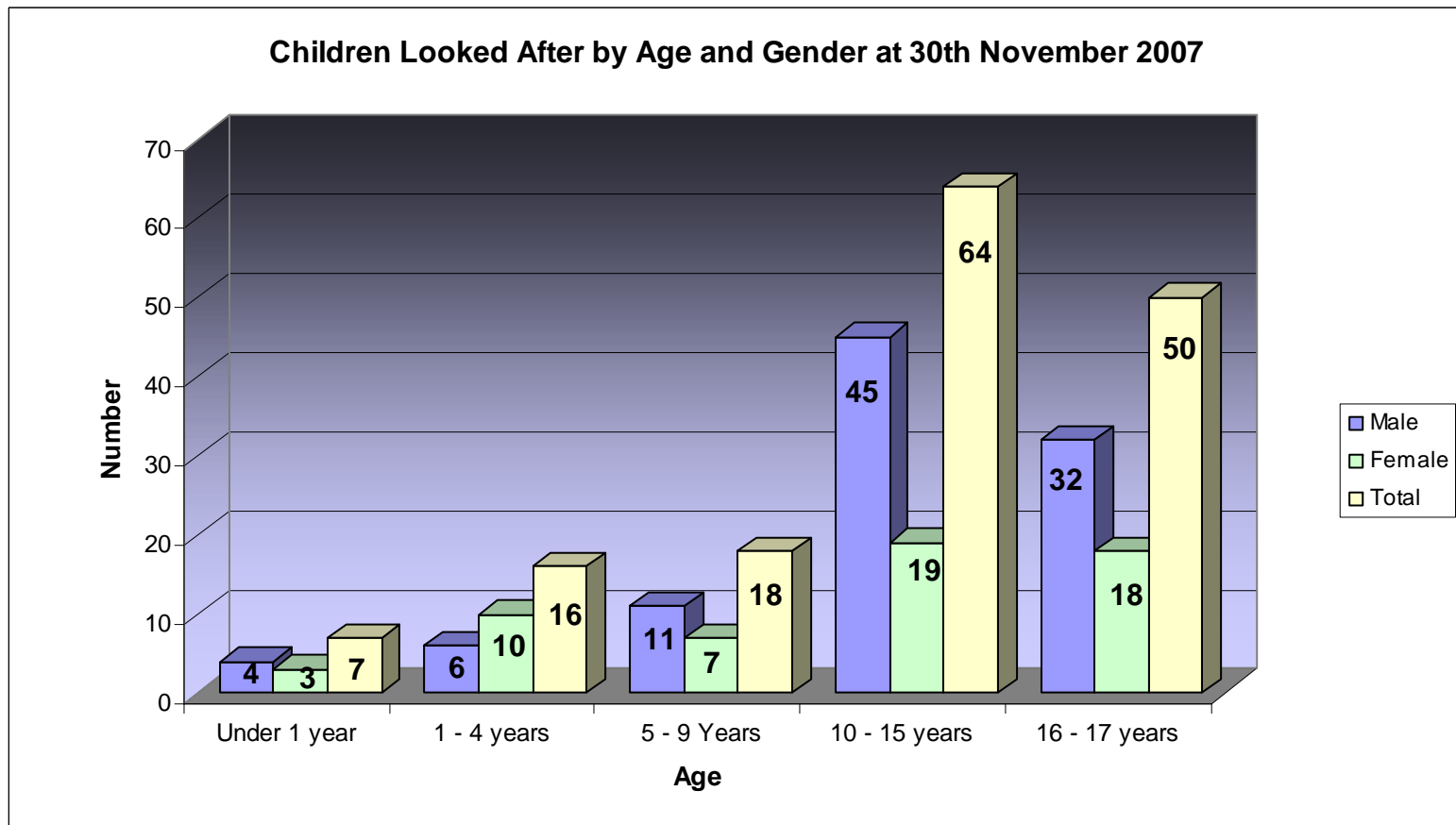
Month	No. of CLA
Apr-06	170
May-06	170
Jun-06	165
Jul-06	167
Aug-06	162
Sep-06	160
Oct-06	163
Nov-06	158
Dec-06	152
Jan-07	152
Feb-07	157
Mar-07	159
Apr-07	165
May-07	167
Jun-07	162
Jul-07	157
Aug-07	157
Sep-07	162
Oct-07	156
Nov-07	155



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2) CLA Age and Gender Breakdown for November 2007

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 year	4	3	7
1 - 4 years	6	10	16
5 - 9 Years	11	7	18
10 - 15 years	45	19	64
16 - 17 years	32	18	50
Total	98	57	155

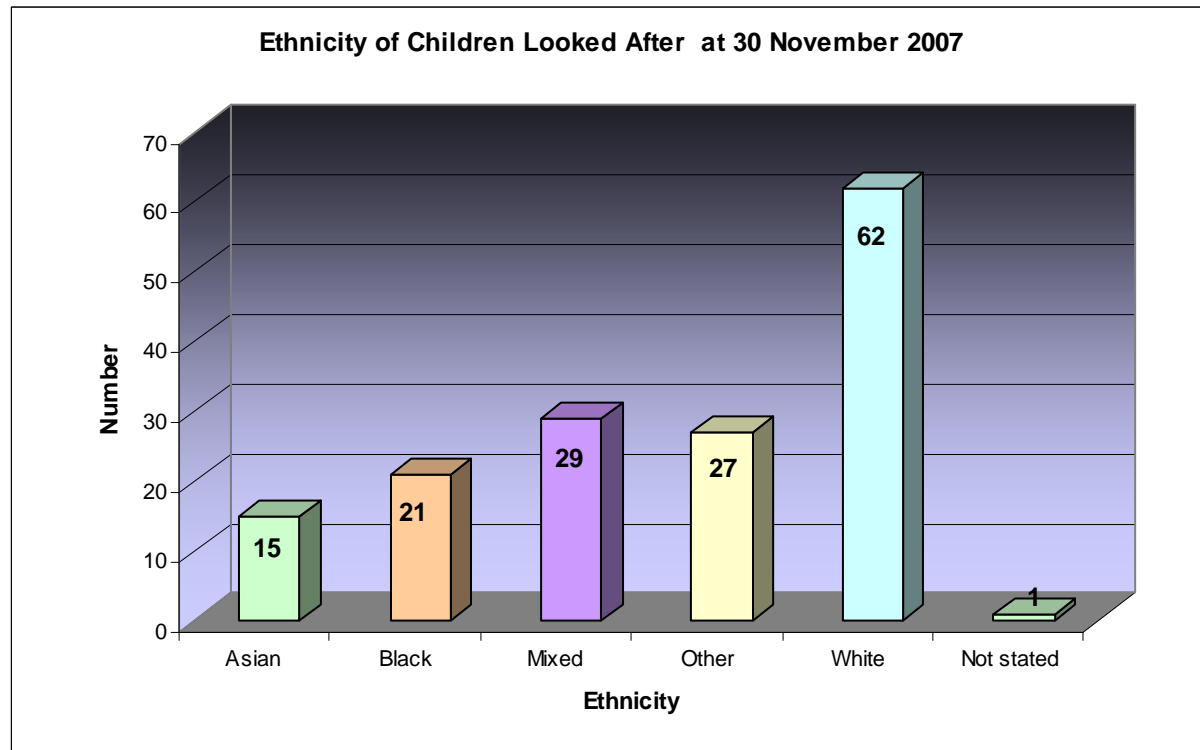


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3) CLA by Ethnicity

Below is the breakdown of the ethnicity of those children who were looked after on 30th November 2007.

Ethnicity	No. of CLA
Asian	15
Black	21
Mixed	29
Other	27
White	62
Not stated	1

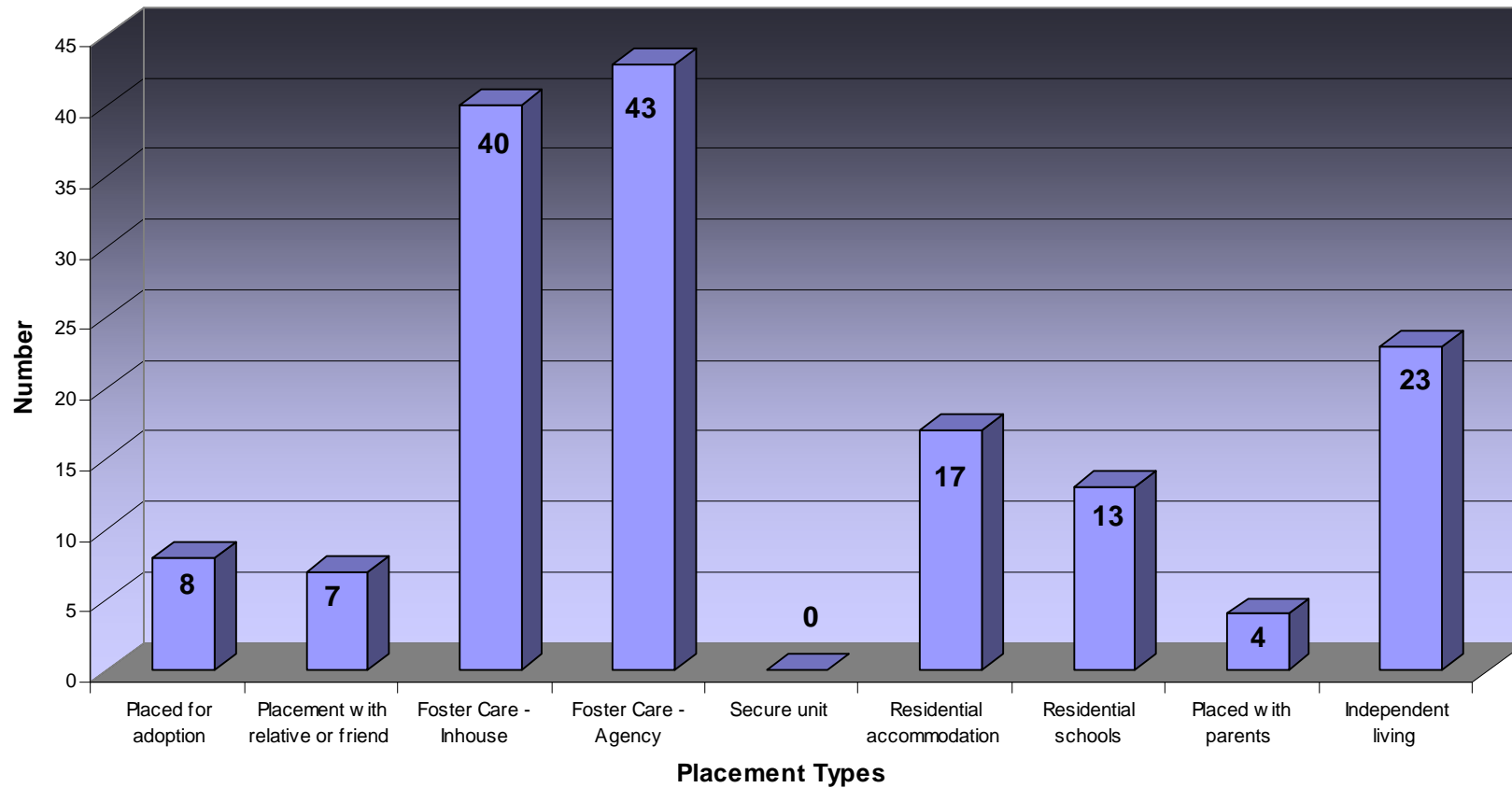


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4) CLA by Placement Type at 30th November 2007

Placement Type	No. of CLA
Placed for adoption	8
Placement with relative or friend	7
Foster Care - Inhouse	40
Foster Care - Agency	43
Secure unit	0
Residential accommodation	17
Residential schools	13
Placed with parents	4
Independent living	23

Placement Types for Children Looked After at 30th November 2007



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Children Looked After - Other Data as at 30th November 2007:

Number of Children Placed Out of Borough **57**

Breakdown Of types of Residential Placements:

304 Honeypot Lane: **5**

Other Childrens Homes: **9**

Supportive Residential placements (pre –independent living): **3**

Residential Schools: **13**

Social Work Allocation: 100%

Prediction for Adoptions: This year 6 children have had adoption or Guardianship orders granted. At present 8 children are in preadoptive placements, and atleast a further 5 in proceedings where the plan is for adoption.

CLA GCSE Results - 2007:

Attained atleast 1 A* - G: **46.15%**

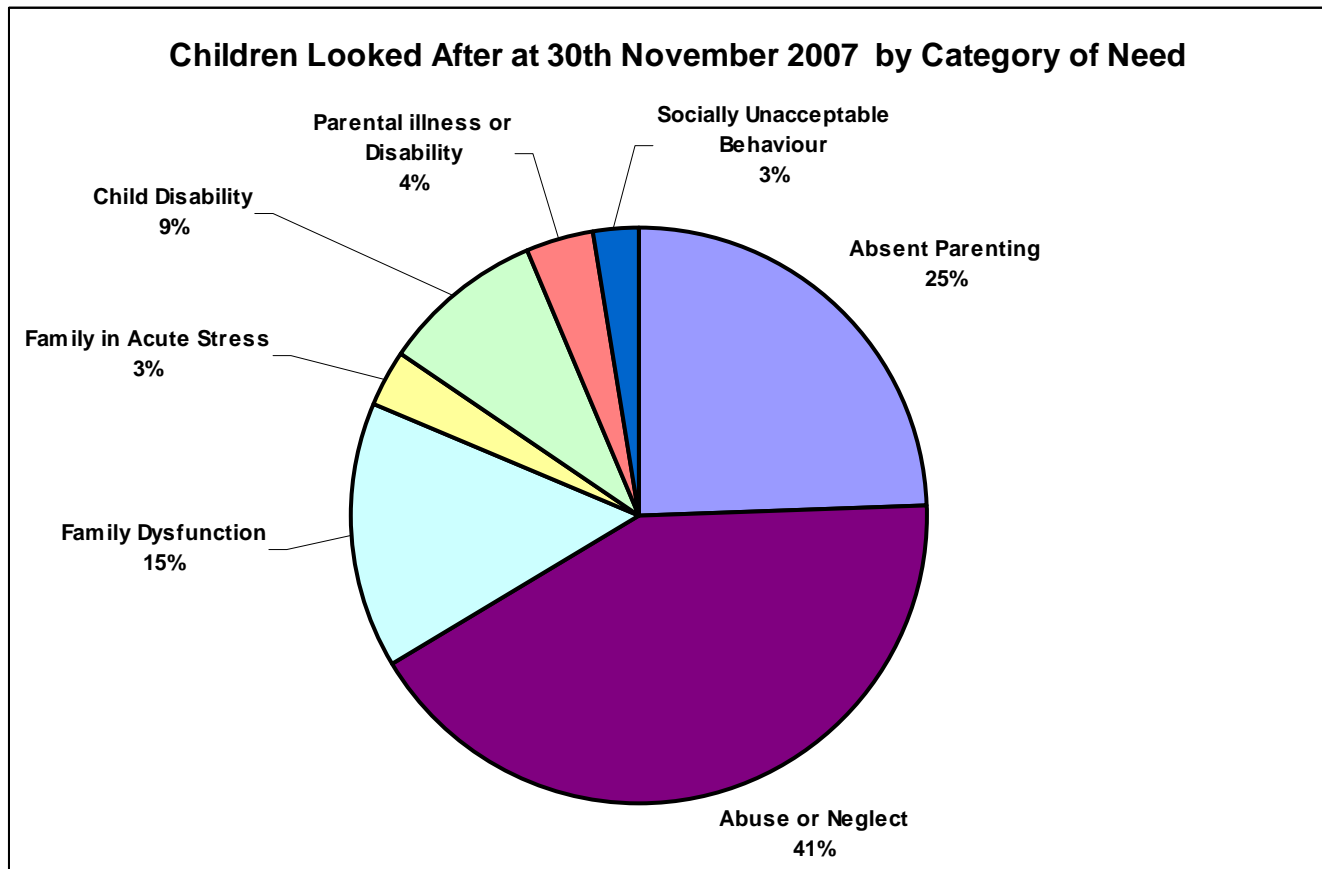
Attained 5 or more A* - G **43.15%**

Attained 5 or more A* -G **5.38%**

5) Breakdown of Category of Need

The breakdown of category of need recorded when a child becomes looked after.

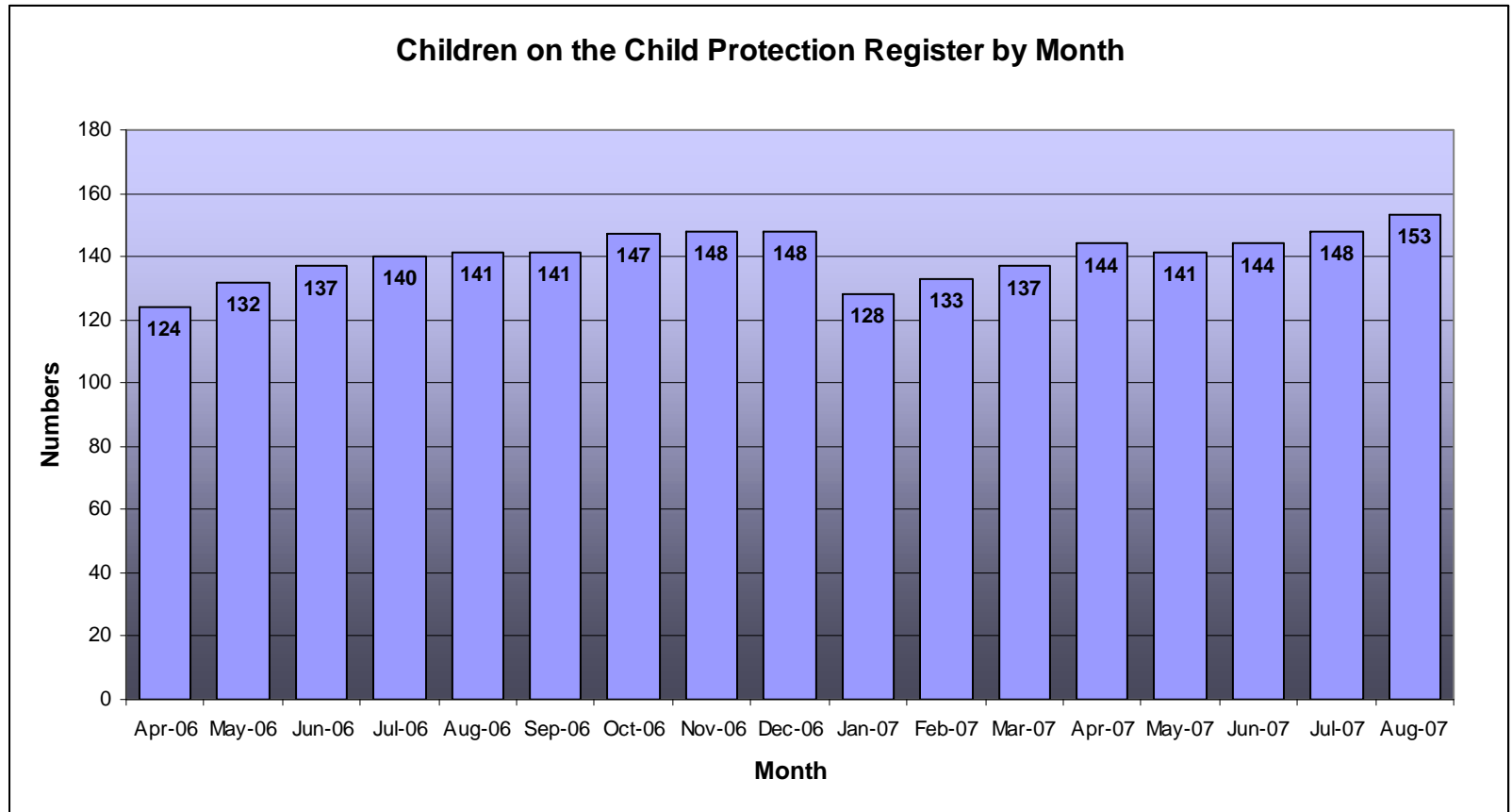
Category of Need	Number
Absent Parenting	38
Abuse or Neglect	65
Family Dysfunction	23
Family in Acute Stress	5
Child Disability	14
Parental illness or Disability	6
Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	4



6) CPR by month April 2006 to August 2007

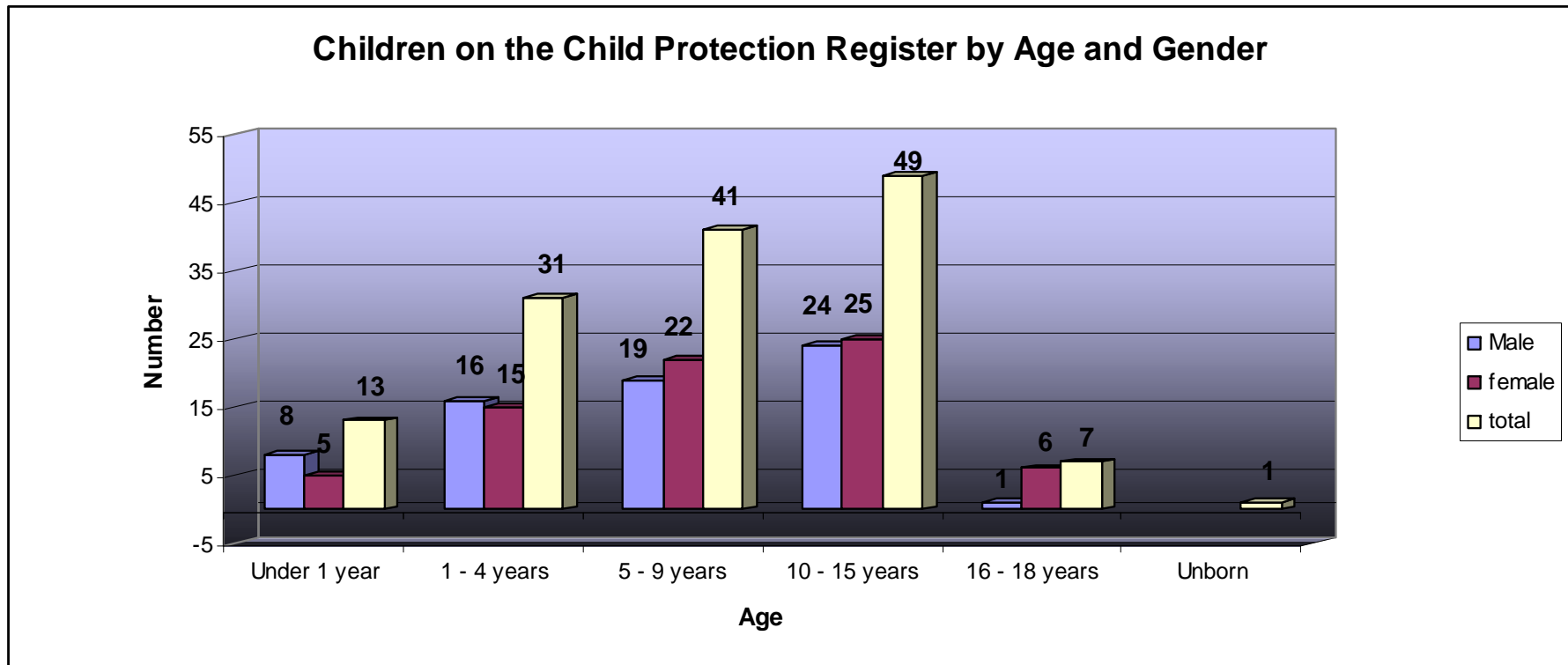
This table and chart shows the CPR figures for a year from April 2006 to August 2007

Month	CPR
Apr-06	124
May-06	132
Jun-06	137
Jul-06	140
Aug-06	141
Sep-06	141
Oct-06	147
Nov-06	148
Dec-06	148
Jan-07	128
Feb-07	133
Mar-07	137
Apr-07	144
May-07	141
Jun-07	144
Jul-07	148
Aug-07	153



7) CPR by Age and Gender

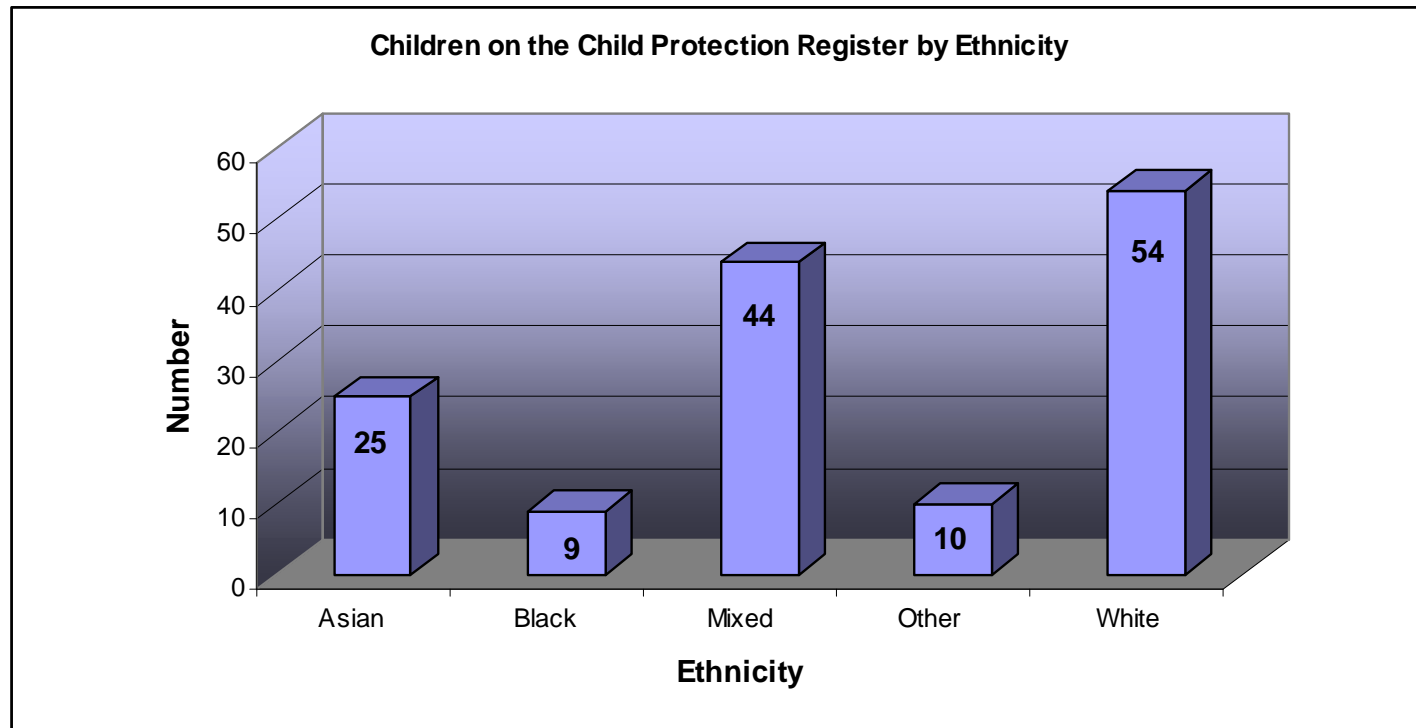
Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 year	8	5	13
1 - 4 years	16	15	31
5 - 9 years	19	22	41
10 - 15 years	24	25	49
16 - 18 years	1	6	7
Unborn			1
Total	68	73	142



7) CPR by Ethnicity

Breakdown of ethnicity of those children on the Child Protection Register as at 30th November 2007

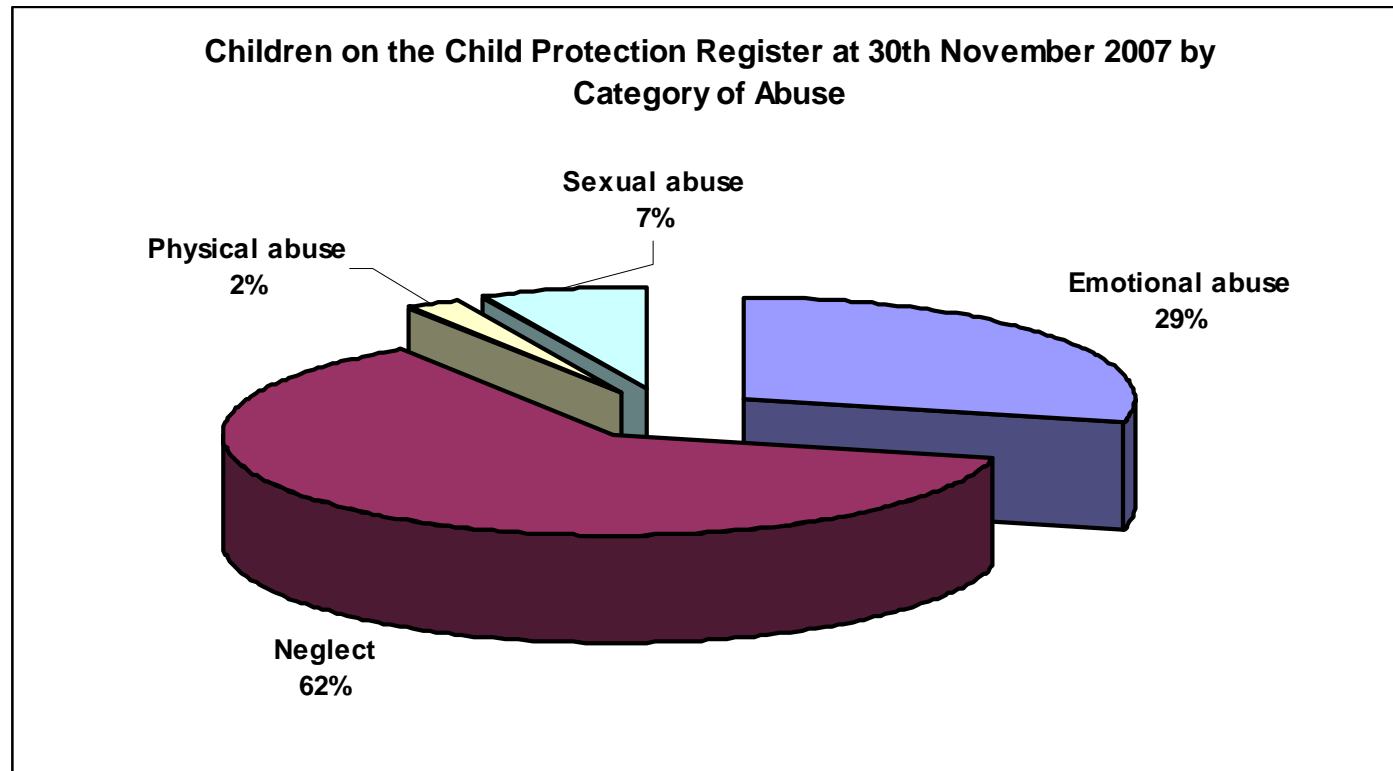
Ethnicity	Count
Asian	25
Black	9
Mixed	44
Other	10
White	54



9) CPR by Nature of Abuse

Breakdown of registration categories of those children on the Child Protection Register as at 30th November 2007

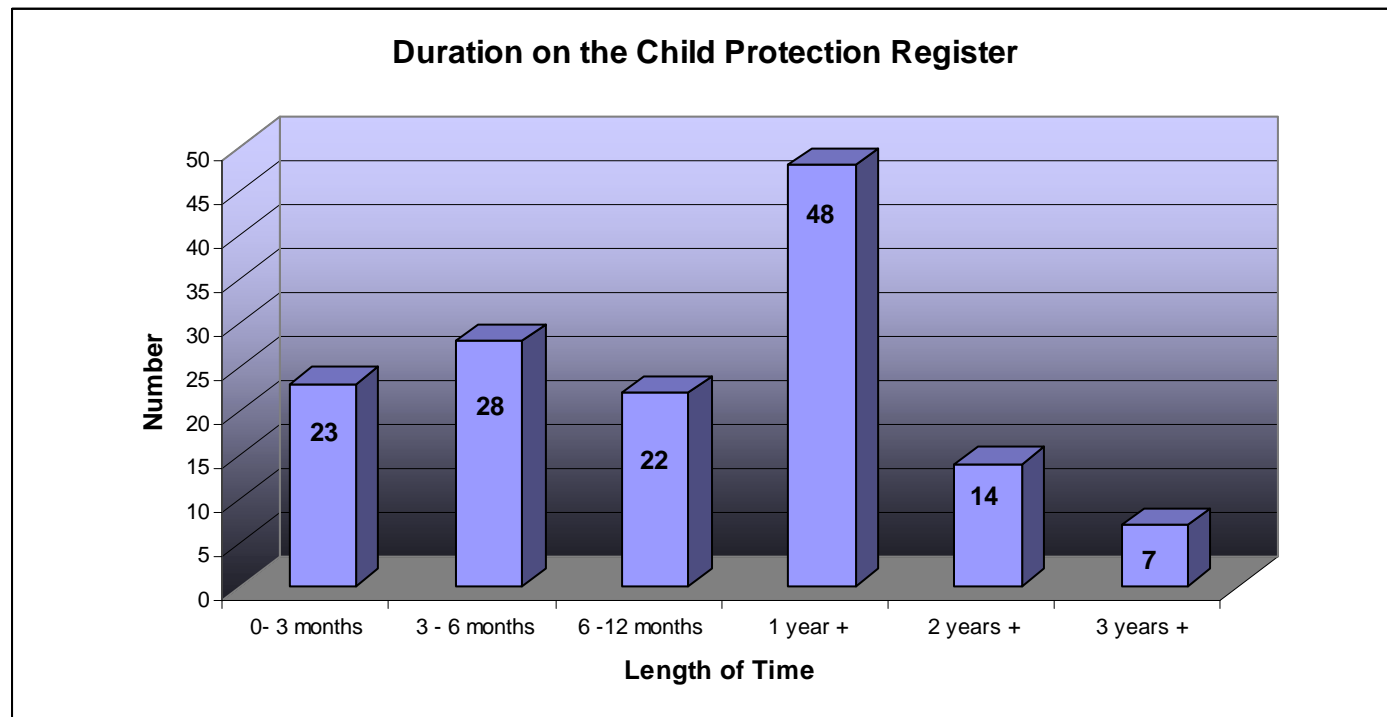
Registration Category	Count
Emotional abuse	41
Neglect	88
Physical abuse	3
Sexual abuse	10



10) Duration of Children on the Protection Register

This table shows the number of children on the child protection register by length of time since registration at 30th November 2007.

Registered	Number
0- 3 months	23
3 - 6 months	28
6 -12 months	22
1 year +	48
2 years +	14
3 years +	7



11) Overview of Key Performance Indicators

Domain	PAF	BVPI	Indicator	March 2007	November 2007	Comments
A. Being Healthy	C19		Health of children looked after - The average of the percentages of children looked after continuously for at least 12 months, and who had a dental check and a medical assessment during the previous 12 months.	88.00%	84.10%	Very good performance. The reporting year for this indicator is at the end of September. Our performance for 2007 -8 is 95%
B. Staying safe	A3		Re-registrations on the Child Protection Register - The percentage of children registered during the year on the Child Protection Register who had been previously registered.	10.62%	19.72%	The first quarter is poor due to 12 re-registrations out of 48 registrations. this was not a typical quarter with a number of sibling groups being re registered, subsequent quarters should not be as high leading to a Good or Acceptable outcome for the year-end.
	C24		Children looked after absent from school - The percentage of children who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months and were of school age, who missed a total of at least 25 days of schooling for any reason during the previous school year.	13.60%	4.54%	Performance is showing as good because this is the beginning of a new academic year.
	C20	162	Reviews of child protection cases (KT) - The percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed.	96.20%	99.15%	good performance
	C21		Duration on the Child Protection Register - The percentage of children deregistered from the Child Protection Register during the year who had been on the Register continuously for two years or more.	21.90%	7.58%	We have concentrated on ensuring families are not re-registered due to the fall off of multi-agency work when taken off the register. This has meant some families have been on the register longer – this is a safer position. Work is now in hand to reduce the number on the register.
	C23	163	Adoptions of children looked after (KT) - The number of looked after children adopted during the year as a percentage of the number of children looked after (excluding unaccompanied asylum seekers) who had been looked after for 6 months or more.	2.73%	5.76%	Year to Date we have 6 children adopted or Guardianship Orders granted. Delay is being reduced through the management of the Permanency Tracking Panel and the Partnership with Coram.
	C64		Timing of core assessments - The percentage of Core Assessments that were completed within 35 working days of their commencement.	60.30%	78.45%	Good performance
	C68		Timeliness of reviews of Children looked after - The percentage of children looked after cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed during the year.	93.3%	92.14%	Good performance
	A1	49	Stability of placements of children looked after (KT) - The percentage of children looked after with three or more placement moves in the year.	13.80%	5.16%	very good performance
	D78		Long term stability of CLA (2.5 years) - The percentage of children aged under 16 who had been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years, who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years, or are placed for adoption.	58.5%	66.7%	This i indicator is currently unbanded but we have made improvement
	B79		Children aged 10-15 in foster placements or placed for adoption - Of children aged at least 10 and under 16 looked after (excluding those placed with parents) the percentage who were in foster placements or placed for adoption.	63.9%	72.1%	This i indicator is currently unbanded but we have made improvement
D. Make a Positive Contibution	C18		Final warnings/reprimands and convictions of CLA - The percentage of children aged 10 or over who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months, who were given a final warning/reprimand or convicted during the year for an offence committed whilst they were looked after, expressed as a ratio of the percentage of all children aged 10 or over given a final warning/reprimand or convicted for an offence in the police force area.	2.8%		Up to date Information on performance is currently unavailable.
	C63		Participation of looked after children in reviews - The number of children and young people who communicated their views for each of their statutory reviews in the year as a percentage of the number of children and young people who were looked after during the year for more than four weeks.	90.10%	95.93%	V Good Performance

Guide to Key Performance Indicator bandings

Very Good
Good
Acceptable
Ask Questions
Investigate Urgently

CF/A1	Stability of placements of CLA	.	.	.	.	0<16.01	.	.	16.01<20	20<=100
CF/A3	Re-registrations on the CPR	0<3	3<6	6<8	8<10	10<15	15<17.21	17.21<20	20<24	24<=100
CF/B79	CLA - foster/placed for adoption NEW	unbanded for 2005-06								
CF/C18	Final warnings/reprimands and convictions of CLA	.	0<1	1<3	.	.	.	.	3+	.
CF/C19	Health of children looked after	0<50	50<60	60<70	70<80	80<=100	.	.	.	.
CF/C20	Reviews of child protection cases	0<92.5	92.5<95	95<97.5	97.5<100	100	.	.	.	.
CF/C21	Duration on the CPR	.	.	.	.	.	0<10	10<15	15<20	20<=100
CF/C23	Adoptions of children looked after	0<3	3<6	6<7	7<8	8<25	.	.	25<=100	.
CF/C24	Children looked after absent from school	.	.	.	.	0<5	5<10	10<15	15<20	20+
CF/C64	Timing of core assessments	0<60	60<70	70<75	75<80	80<=100	.	.	.	.
CF/C68	Timeliness of reviews for LAC	0<80	80<85	85<90	90<95	95<=100
CF/D78	Long term stability of CLA NEW	unbanded for 2005-06								

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