



CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2009

6.00 PM

PANEL AGENDA (ADVISORY)

**COMMITTEE ROOM 6,
HARROW CIVIC CENTRE**

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum 3)

Chairman: Councillor Janet Mote

Councillors:

Husain Akhtar	Mrs Margaret Davine
Miss Christine Bednell (VC)	Mitzi Green
Mrs Myra Michael	

Reserve Members:

1. Mrs Vina Mithani	1. B E Gate
2. Julia Merison	2. Raj Ray
3. John Nickolay	
4. Mark Versallion	

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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.

Enc. 3. **Minutes:** (Pages 1 - 6)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2009 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. **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).

5. **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).

6. **Deputations:**

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

Enc. 7. **INFORMATION REPORT - Activity & Performance:** (Pages 7 - 36)

Report of the Corporate Director of Children's Services.

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

AGENDA - PART II - Nil

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CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

14 JULY 2009

Chairman: * Councillor Janet Mote

Councillors: * Husain Akhtar * Mitzi Green
* Miss Christine Bednell * Mrs Myra Michael
Mrs Margaret Davine

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**PART II - MINUTES**79. **Appointment of Chairman:****RESOLVED:** To note that Councillor Janet Mote had been appointed Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Panel for the Municipal Year 2009/10.80. **Attendance by Reserve Members:****RESOLVED:** To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.81. **Declarations of Interest:****RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members present in relation to the business transacted at this meeting.82. **Appointment of Vice Chairman:****RESOLVED:** That Councillor Christine Bednell be appointed Vice Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Panel for the Municipal Year 2009/10.83. **Minutes:****RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2009 be taken as read and signed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

- Minute 77: That the spelling of "Corum" be amended to read "Coram".

84. **Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations:****RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were put, or petitions or deputations received at this meeting under the provisions of Advisory Panel and Consultative Forum procedure rules 16, 14 and 15 respectively.85. **INFORMATION REPORT - Activity and Performance:**

The Panel received an information report of the Corporate Director of Children's Services, which set out key data relating to Children Looked After (CLA) and Children with Child Protection Plans (CPP), including key performance indicators up to the end of May 2009.

An officer outlined the following key points and issues:

- Core assessment performance had improved and the Local Area Agreement (LAA) target for 2009/10 was being met. However, the data for June was expected to show a decline in performance due to unexpected staff absence as a result of illness and special leave;
- initial assessment performance had dropped and managers were taking immediate action to address the situation;
- the data indicated that the number of Looked After Children being placed outside of the borough had increased dramatically. Whilst the matter was being investigated, it was thought that the increase was mostly the result of new data that better identified placement addresses.

Following questions from members of the Panel, officers clarified the following:

- Following the Baby P incident, the Council was finding it increasingly difficult to recruit new social workers and that this was a nation-wide problem. However, the department was managing well and core assessments remained a non-negotiable priority for staff;
- as performance data was generally only concerned with key targets, the statistics often failed to highlight much of the positive work that went on behind the scenes;
- the Council had successfully reduced its reliance on temporary social workers and approximately 75% of staff were now permanent. The Council was also working with the West London Alliance to improve its recruitment techniques. At the request of the Chairman, officers agreed to provide a full breakdown of staffing numbers at the next meeting;
- the performance data indicated that children aged between 10 and 15 years were most likely to become Looked After. A detailed breakdown of this age bracket would be provided to the Panel at its next meeting to help Members better understand the contributing factors;
- the number of children in secure accommodation had increased from 1 to 3 and such fluctuations were to be expected. The cost of funding a child in secure accommodation was £3,000 to £4,000 per week, although the Council was only expected to pay one third of the sum if the child had been detained due to criminal activity;
- considerable work had been undertaken to improve the family support function of social services in order to reduce the number of children entering the care system. The Council had also run a number of "Strengthening Families" courses which had been well attended;
- officers would explore the possibility of producing data that considered how referral sources had changed over time, taking into account the loss of Health Visitors;
- the use and nature of Child Protection Plans (CPP) varied depending on a child's individual circumstances;
- in addition to Looked After Children and those with a CPP, there was a large group of children that had been identified as "Children in Need". Social Services were working increasingly closely with this group in order to prevent escalation.

Following a request by Members at the previous meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel for data detailing the number of Looked After Children missing 25 days or more of education, an officer tabled a document (Appendix 1) which outlined key information. Following questions from Members of the Panel, officers clarified that:

- Out of borough absence was to be tackled using the new Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who would be expected to liaise with the Personal Educational Plan (PEP) Coordinator to identify those at risk of absenteeism;
- the decision of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to record study leave as authorised absence had been strongly opposed by local authorities;
- for some children, school attendance was not the main concern, especially in cases when safeguarding was the priority;

- officers would look into the possibility of providing the Panel with data showing Looked After Children's attendance over a period of time to allow the Panel to monitor progress.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

86. **INFORMATION REPORT - Participation in the Pledge and the role of the Children in Care Council:**

The Panel received an information report of the Corporate Director of Children's Services which outlined the progress made towards developing a 'Children in Care Council', which would support the Corporate Parenting Panel in their deliberations, in line with the implementation of the London Pledge in Harrow.

The officer explained that, as discussed at the Panel's previous meeting, the Children in Care Council was being developed using members of the existing Young Voices Group. It was expected that the Children in Care Council would consist of approximately 5 children.

Following questions from the Panel, officers clarified that:

- It was expected that formal links between the Children in Care Council and the Corporate Parenting Panel would be maintained, initially, via a small 'steering group' of Councillors. These Councillors would work closely with the Children in Care Council and report back to the Corporate Parenting Panel on a regular basis;
- once the Children in Care Council had developed the necessary confidence and skills, it was hoped that the children could attend the Corporate Parenting Panel to raise issues that they considered to be important to Looked After Children in Harrow;
- it was important that the terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel be reviewed to ensure that the relationship between it and the Children in Care Council was formally established.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

87. **Chairman's Announcements:**

Young Voices Group

The Chairman informed the Panel that a number of Councillors had met with members of the Young Voices Group on 21 May in the Members Lounge. She stated that the meeting had been a great success and that she was pleased to see the children developing leadership skills. The Chairman thanked the officer that had organised the event.

CRB Checks

The Chairman informed the Panel that all Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel had now been CRB checked.

Member Training

The Chairman informed the Panel that a Corporate Parenting Training session had been run by the Member Development team on 22 June.

Scrutiny Review

The Chairman informed the Panel that she had been involved with a recent Scrutiny Review concerning the safeguarding of Children and the recent adoption inspection.

Tate Modern

The Chairman asked an officer to inform the Panel of the work the Council had been doing with Tate Modern in regards to Looked After Children. The officer explained that two Harrow Looked After Children had worked with an established artist to design and create a piece of art depicting urban life. The resulting piece was due to be exhibited at Tate Modern between 14 July and 6 August. Following this, the piece was due to be displayed in Harrow in the window display at Milton House.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 6.07 pm, closed at 7.26 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR JANET MOTE
Chairman

Appendix 1

**Officers in
attendance:**

Andreas Kyriacou

Senior Co-ordinator, Children
Looked After

David Harrington

Service Manager, Performance
Management

APPENDIX 2Additional Information on Children Looked After missing 25 days or more from education

The panel requested additional information on this performance indicator, as the 2008/09 target was not reached.

Key factors identified for this cohort:

- 14 CLA reported as missing 25 days or more.
- The CLA Education Welfare Officer is currently working with 9 of the above 14 young people.
- Of the 14 CLA, attendance ranges between 50.6% and 83.1%.
- The 14 CLA are in Years 8 to 11 (Secondary school age pupils).
- 2 of the 14 are disabled CLA who have missed school due to illness.
- 9 of the 14 are attending schools outside of Harrow.
- 2 of the 14 attend a PRU following permanent exclusions.
- 1 of the 14 is an Asylum seeking unaccompanied young person who has not been absent since starting school.
- 2 of the 14 are currently on study leave. **Note**, Study Leave is seen as an absence.

Management considerations

- Although the present performance needs to be improved it fares better than 3 years' ago. Since that time concerted effort has been made to reduce absenteeism by way of:
 - ❖ Monitoring attendance by Welfare Call.
 - ❖ The appointment of a CLA Education Welfare Officer (EWO).
 - ❖ The recent appointment of a Personal Education Plan (PEP) coordinator.
 - ❖ The appointment of the Virtual School Heads.
 - ❖ Increasing placement stability, which is a key indicator for improving educational achievement and attendance.
 - ❖ Likewise, finding placements, and in particular foster placements, within Harrow and the neighbouring Local Authorities.
 - ❖ The strategic pulling together of services and resources by the Life Chances Forum.
 - ❖ The continuing monitoring through the Child Care Panel.
- It is clear that more work needs to be done with, and for CLA placed out of the Borough, as 9 of the 14 young people fall within this cohort. This will be a key role for the PEP coordinator and CLA EWO.
- The PEP Coordinator will also have a key role in identifying, through the PEP review process, those CLA at risk of missing school and the support which is required
- Early recognition and response is key as the majority of this cohort have multi faceted issues which impact on each other

Andreas Kyriacou, on behalf of:
 Anna Tenconi, Principal Education Welfare Manager
 Gail Hancock, Head of Service, Safeguarding, Placements and Family Support
 14 July 2009



Committee:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	5 October 2009
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
Responsible Officer:	Corporate Director of Children’s Services - Paul Clark
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services - Councillor Christine Bednell
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	CLA & CPP Activity and Performance Report

1. Summary

This report sets out key data relating to Children Looked After (CLA) and Children with Child Protection Plans (CPP), plus key performance indicators for the end of August 2009.

Key Points:

- Core assessment performance has fallen below target. Initial assessment performance has steadily improved but remains below target. Robust management action is being taken to improve the situation.
- CLA missing 25+ days of school - Target of 10% already exceeded. New academic year began in September and further measures have been put in place to monitor this indicator.
- The number of children placed out of borough has increased significantly. A number of these placements are in neighbouring boroughs.
- Timeliness of CLA reviews is difficult to calculate due to the number of incomplete reviews. Performance for July was 100%.
- An analysis of CLA aged 10-15 is attached. 44% of CLA are aged

between 10 and 15. The majority of these children are male. The main presenting need for this age range at the time of coming into care is abuse or neglect, followed by child disability and absent parenting.

- An analysis for all children in need who received a service between 1 October 2008 and 31 March 2009 is attached. Action is being taken to improve the recording of ethnicity.

2. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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.

4. Contacts

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**CLA & CPP Activity
To end of August 2009**

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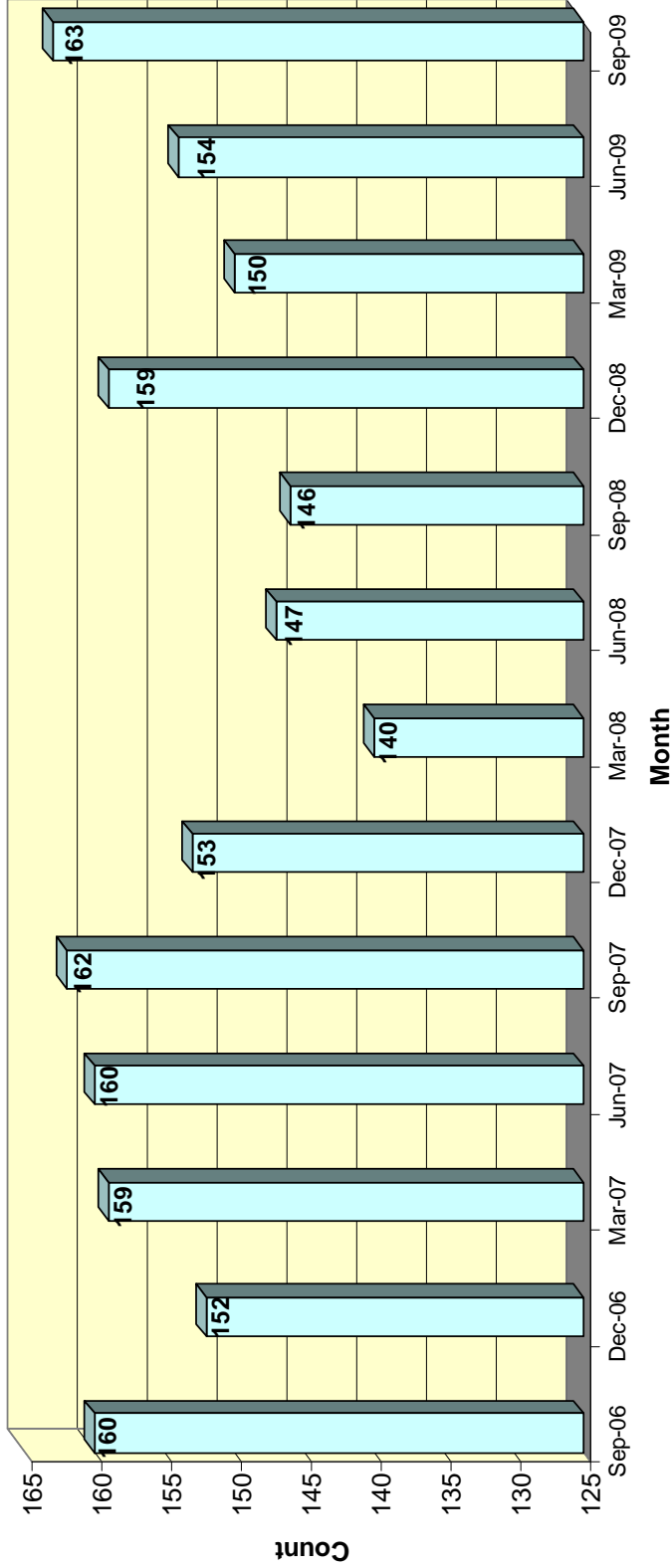
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1) Safety of Vulnerable Children (Children Looked After)

There were 163 children looked after in Harrow on 31st August 2009.

The bar chart below shows the number of children looked after by quarters from 2006.

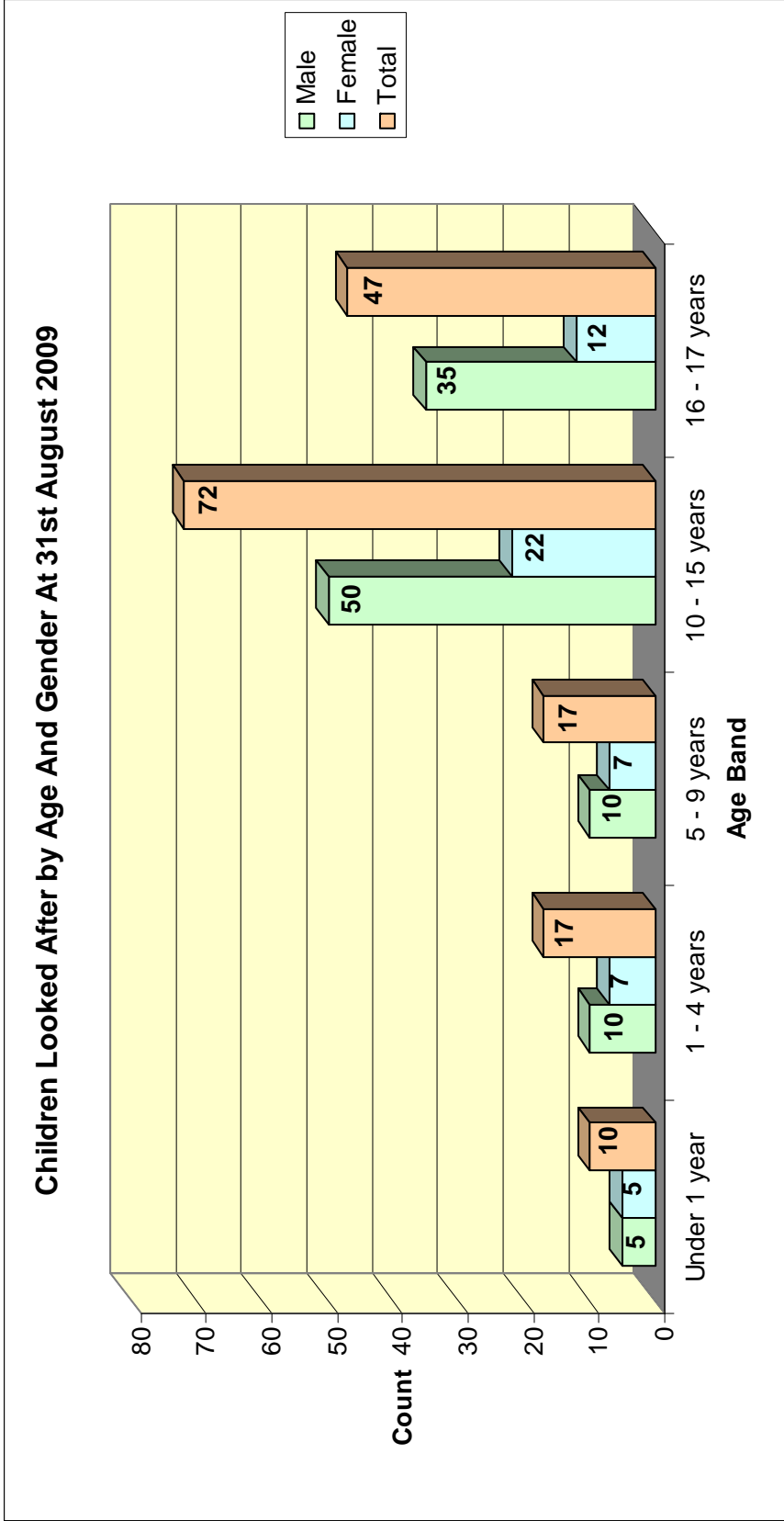
Number Of Children Looked After at Quarterly Intervals



Month	No. Of CLA
Sep-06	160
Dec-06	152
Mar-07	159
Jun-07	160
Sep-07	162
Dec-07	153
Mar-08	140
Jun-08	147
Sep-08	146
Dec-08	159
Mar-09	150
Jun-09	154
Sep-09	163

2) CLA Age and Gender Breakdown

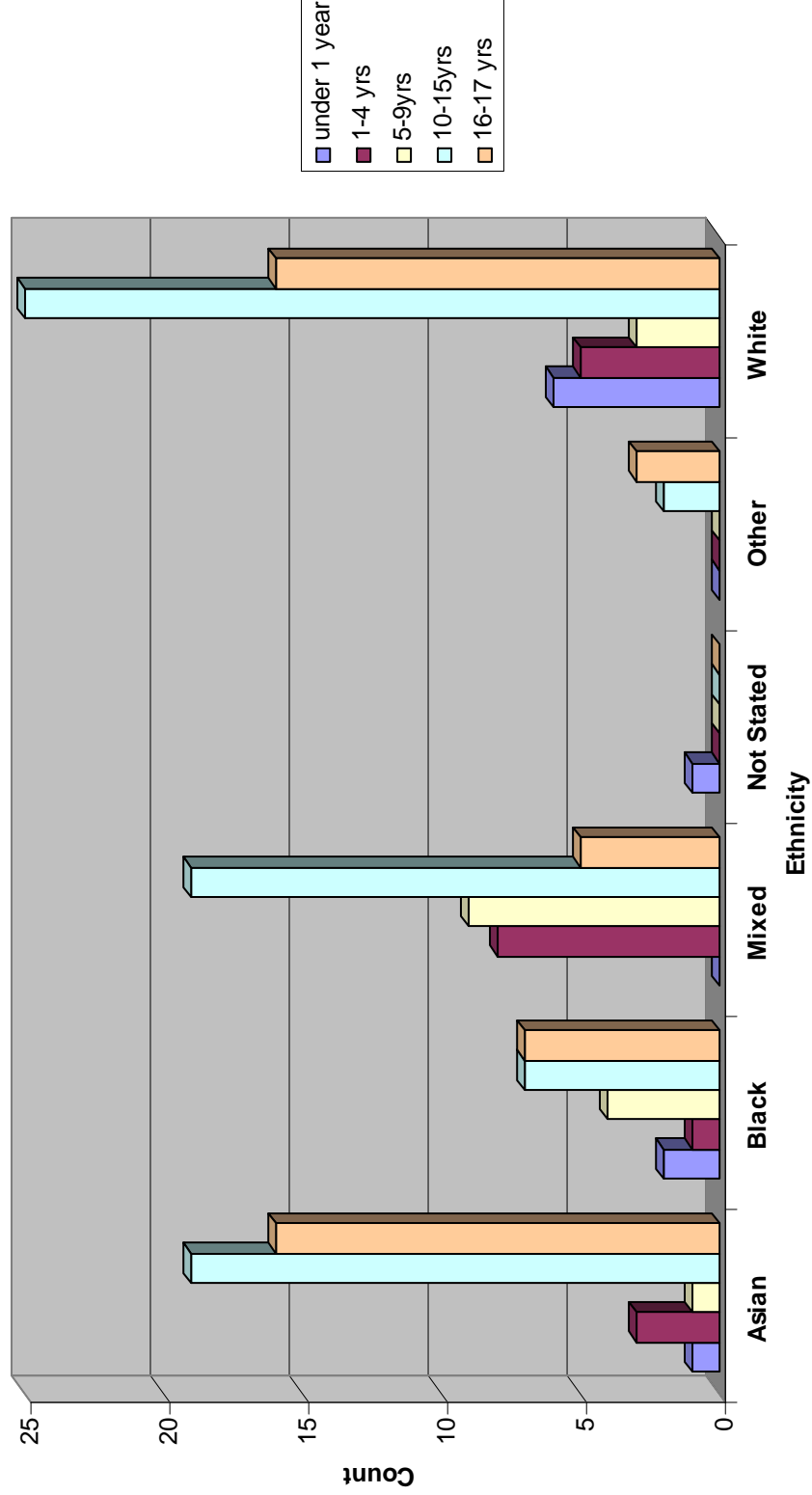
Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 year	5	5	10
1 - 4 years	10	7	17
5 - 9 years	10	7	17
10 - 15 years	50	22	72
16 - 17 years	35	12	47
Total	110	53	163



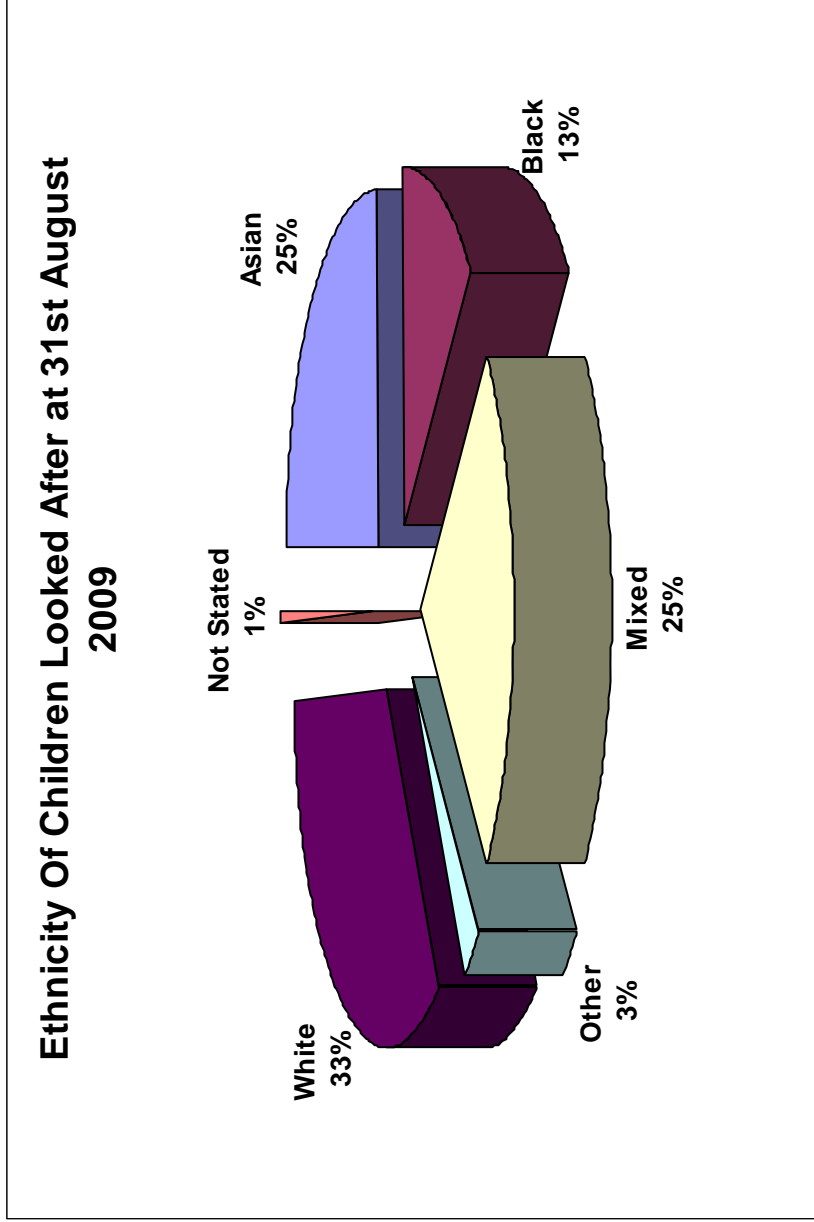
3) CLA Age and Ethnicity Breakdown

Ethnicity	under 1 year	1-4 yrs	5-9yrs	10-15yrs	16-17 yrs	Total
Asian	1	3	1	19	16	40
Black	2	1	4	7	7	21
Mixed	0	8	9	19	5	41
Not Stated	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	2	3	5
White	6	5	3	25	16	55
Total	10	17	17	72	47	163

Age Groups of CLA by Ethnicity at 31st August 2009



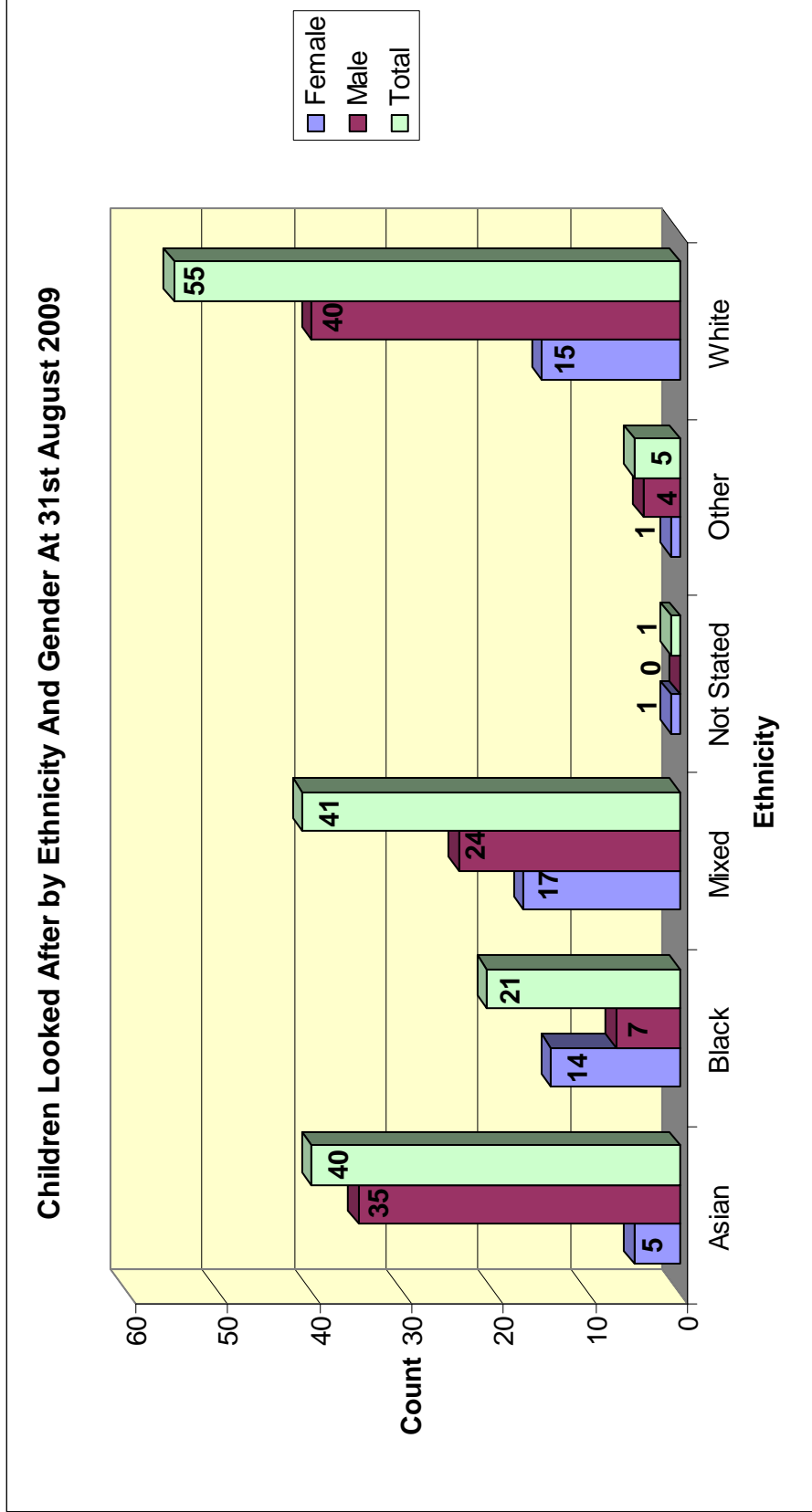
4) CLA by Ethnicity



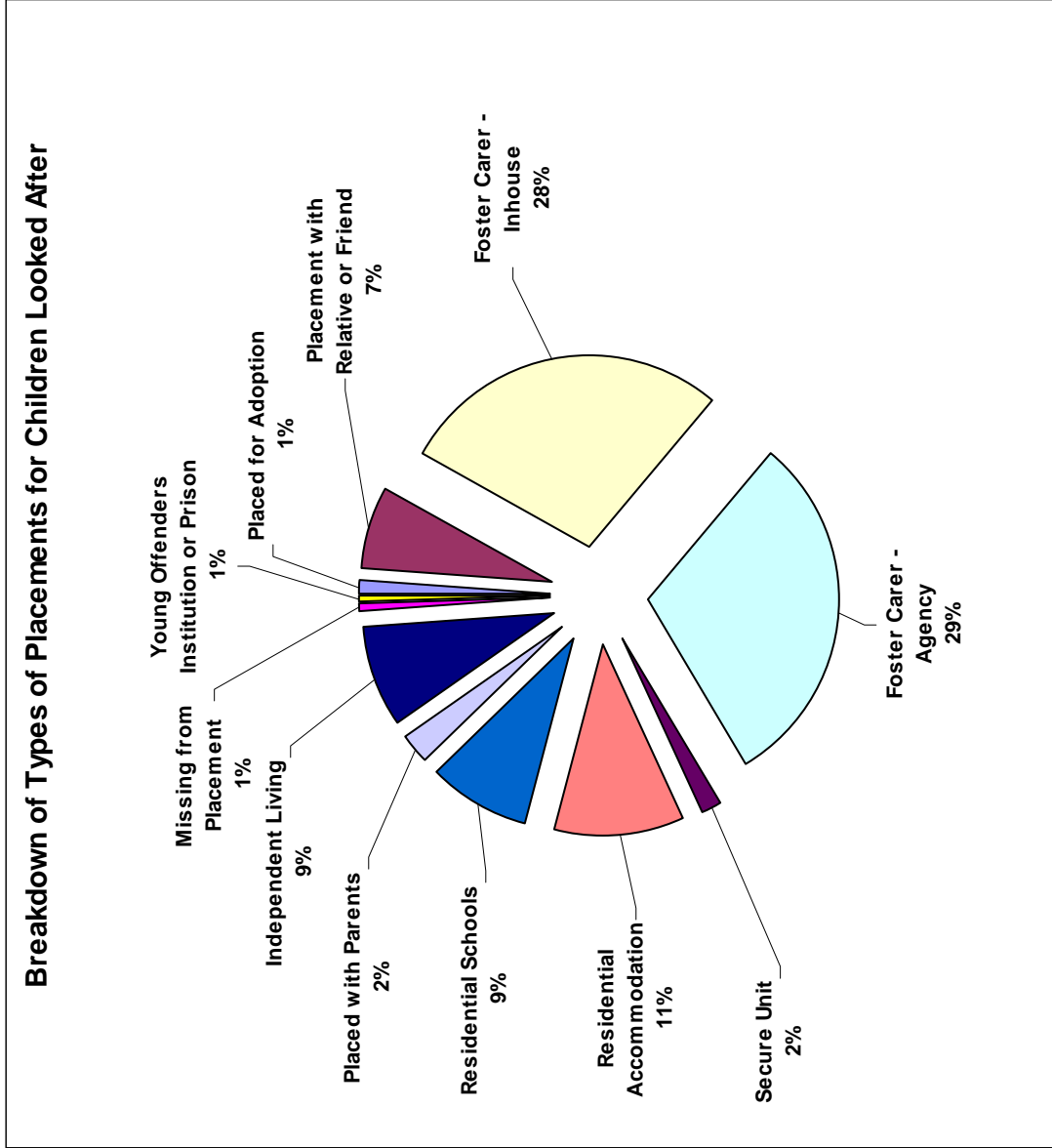
Ethnicity	No. Of CLA
Asian	40
Black	21
Mixed	41
Other	5
White	55
Not Stated	1
Total	163

5) CLA by Ethnicity & Gender

Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total
Asian	5	35	40
Black	14	7	21
Mixed	17	24	41
Not Stated	1	0	1
Other	1	4	5
White	15	40	55
Total	53	110	163



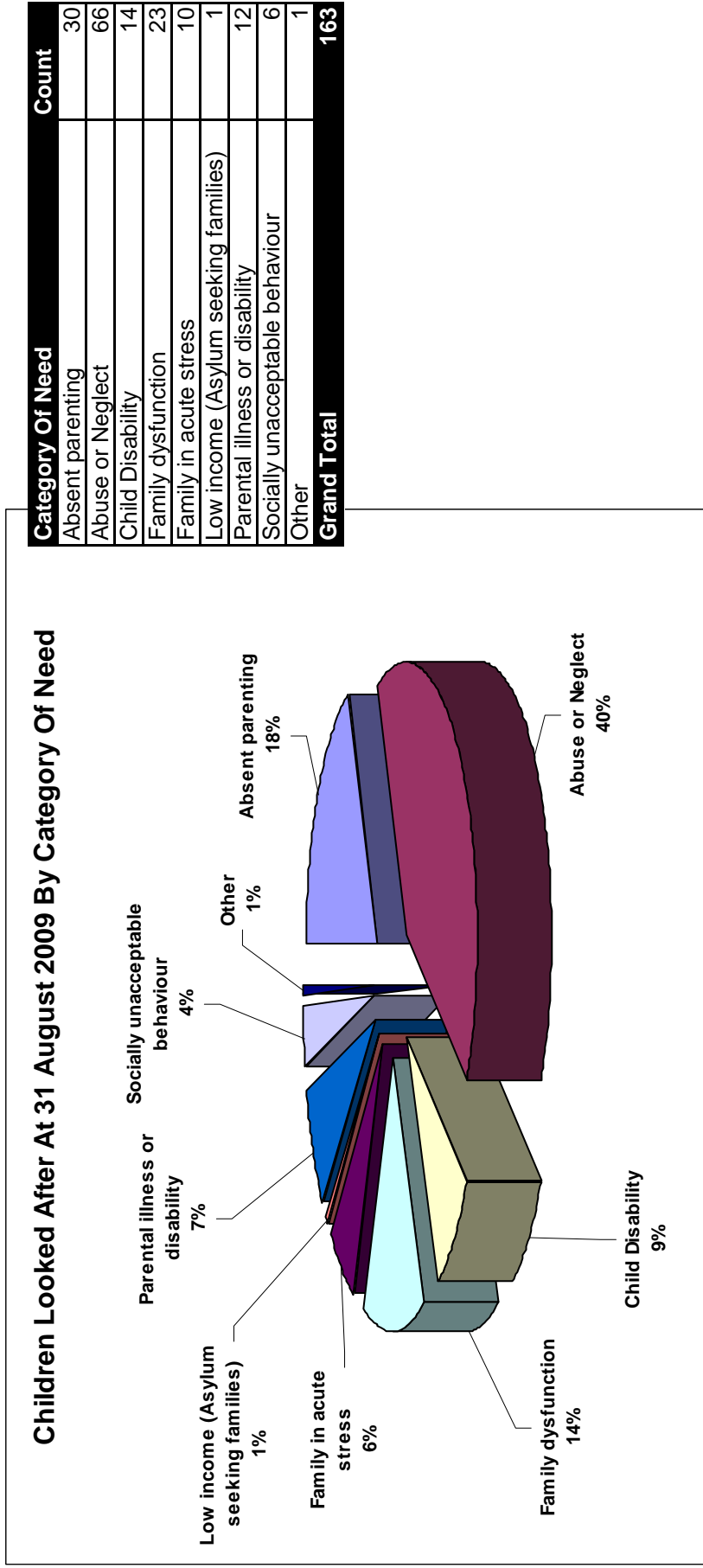
6) CLA by Placement Type



Category Of Need	Count
Placed for Adoption	2
Placement with Relative or Friend	11
Foster Carer - Inhouse	46
Foster Carer - Agency	49
Secure Unit	3
Residential Accommodation	18
Residential Schools	14
Placed with Parents	4
Independent Living	14
Missing from Placement	1
Young Offenders Institution or Prison	1
Grand Total	163

7) Breakdown of Category of Need Of CLA

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



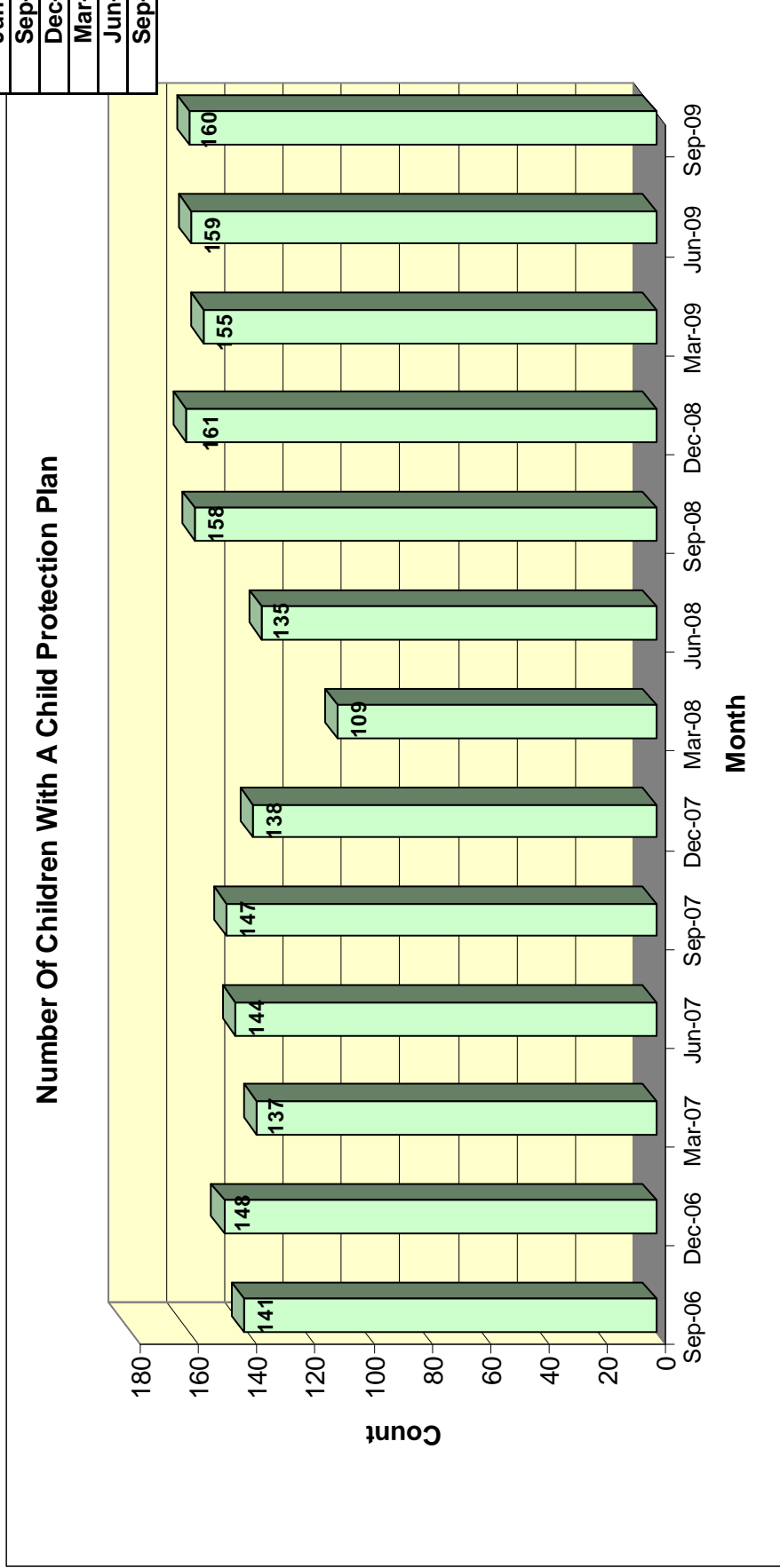
8) Children Looked After - Other Data as at 31 August 2009:

	31 st Aug. 2008	30 th Nov. 2008	28th Feb 2009	June 2009	September 2009
Number of Children Placed Out of Borough: Of those, who are placed more than 20 miles	55	59	64	83	85
				41	43
<u>Breakdown Of types of Residential Placements:</u>					
304 Honeypot Lane:	6	6	5	5	4
External Children's Homes:	9	6	9	9	11
Secure Unit:	0	3	1	3	3
Young Offender's Institution:					1
Other supportive residential placements (pre - independence, mother & baby etc):	4	3	1	1	4
Residential Schools:	12	11	12	14	14
Social Work Allocation:	100%	98.72%	100%	100%	98.8%
Adoptions & Special Guardianship Orders (our target for adoptions is 14)	3 adopted	6 adopted	20 for 2008-09	2 to date	3 to date
<u>CLA GCSE Results -</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>			
Attained at least 1 A* - G:	46.15%	66.7%			
Attained 5 or more A* - G:	43.15%	33.3%			
Attained 5 or more A* - C:	5.38%	11.1%			

**9) Safety of Vulnerable Children (Children Protection Plans)
CPP by Quarters since April 2006**

There are 160 children who have a child protection plan in Harrow on 31st August 2009.

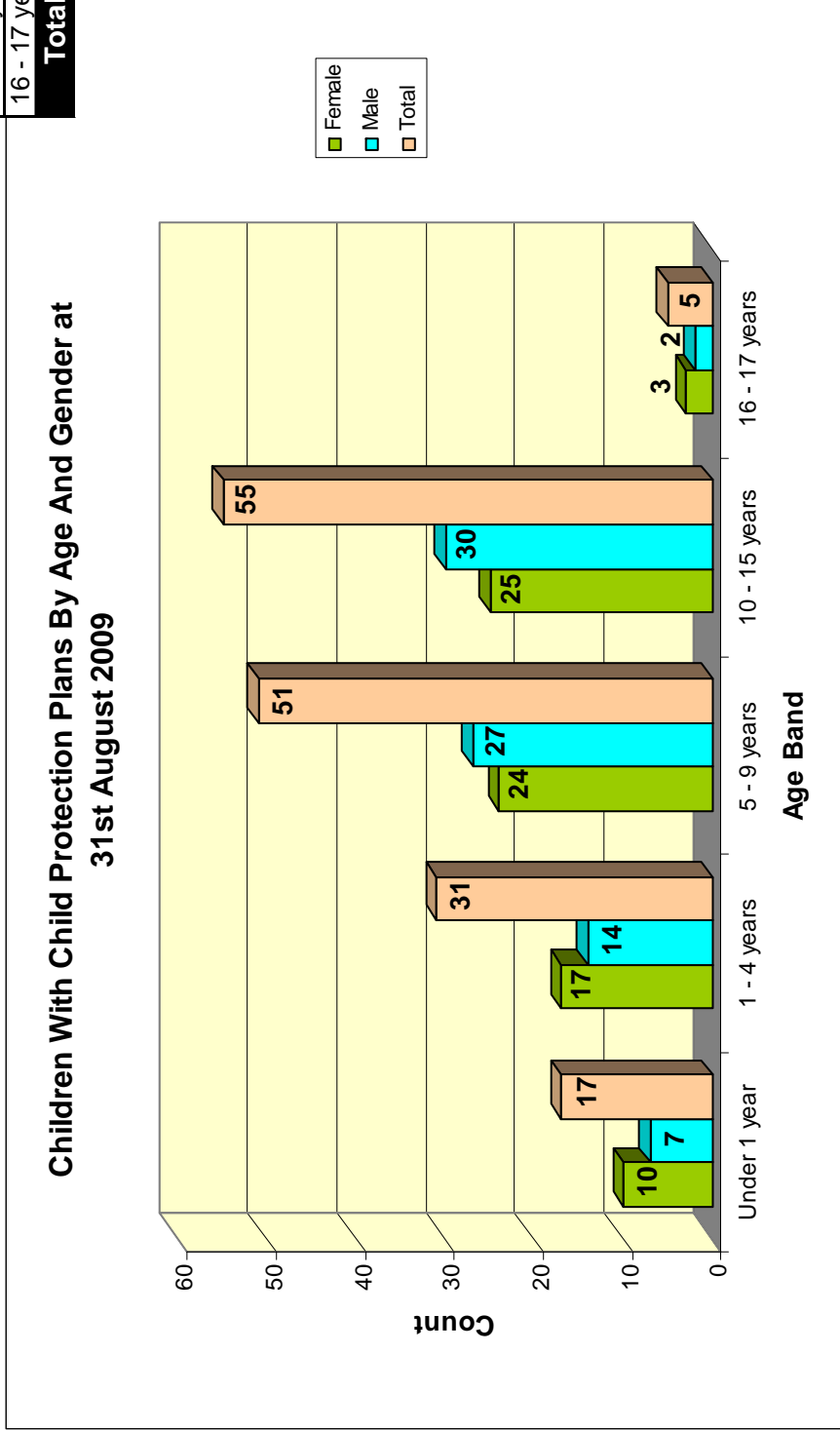
The bar chart below shows the number of children with Child Protection Plans by quarters since 2006



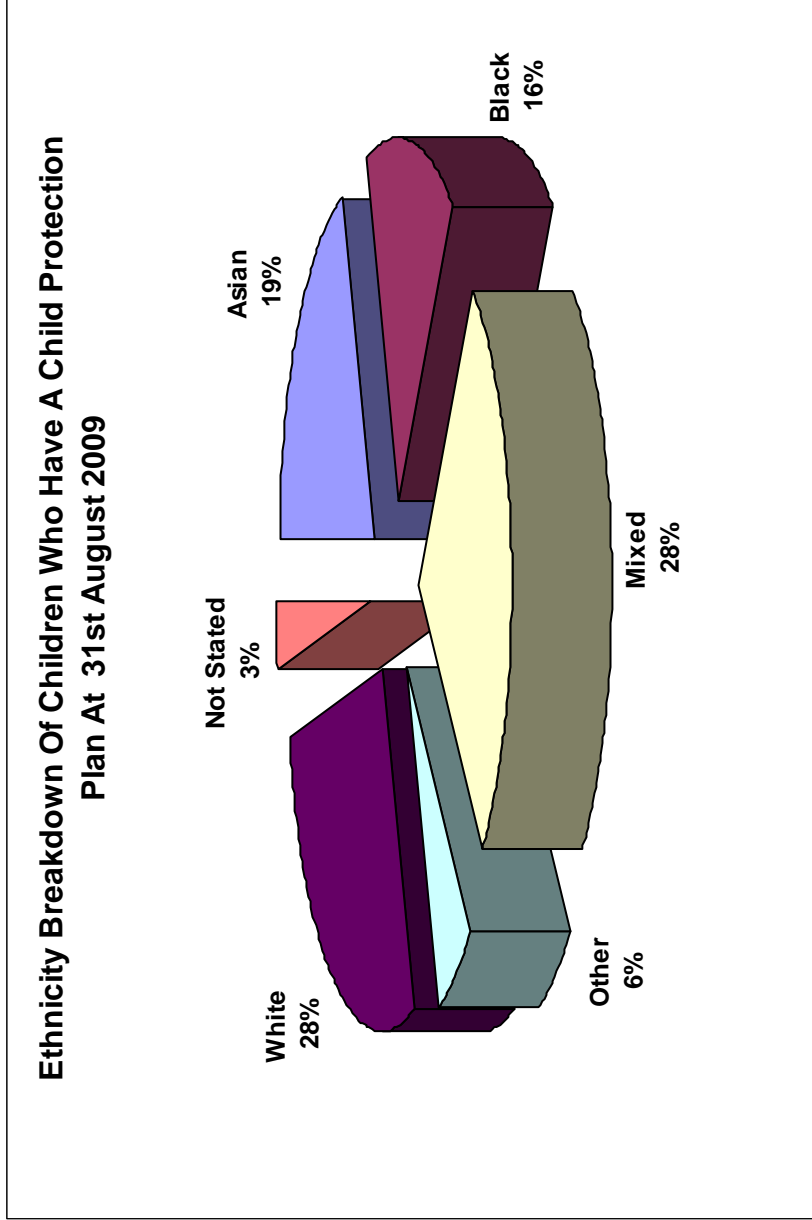
10) Children who have a CPP by Age and Gender

Of 160 children with a CPP on 31 August 2009, 1 is an unborn child with unknown gender

Age	Female	Male	Total
Under 1 year	10	7	17
1 - 4 years	17	14	31
5 - 9 years	24	27	51
10 - 15 years	25	30	55
16 - 17 years	3	2	5
Total	79	80	159

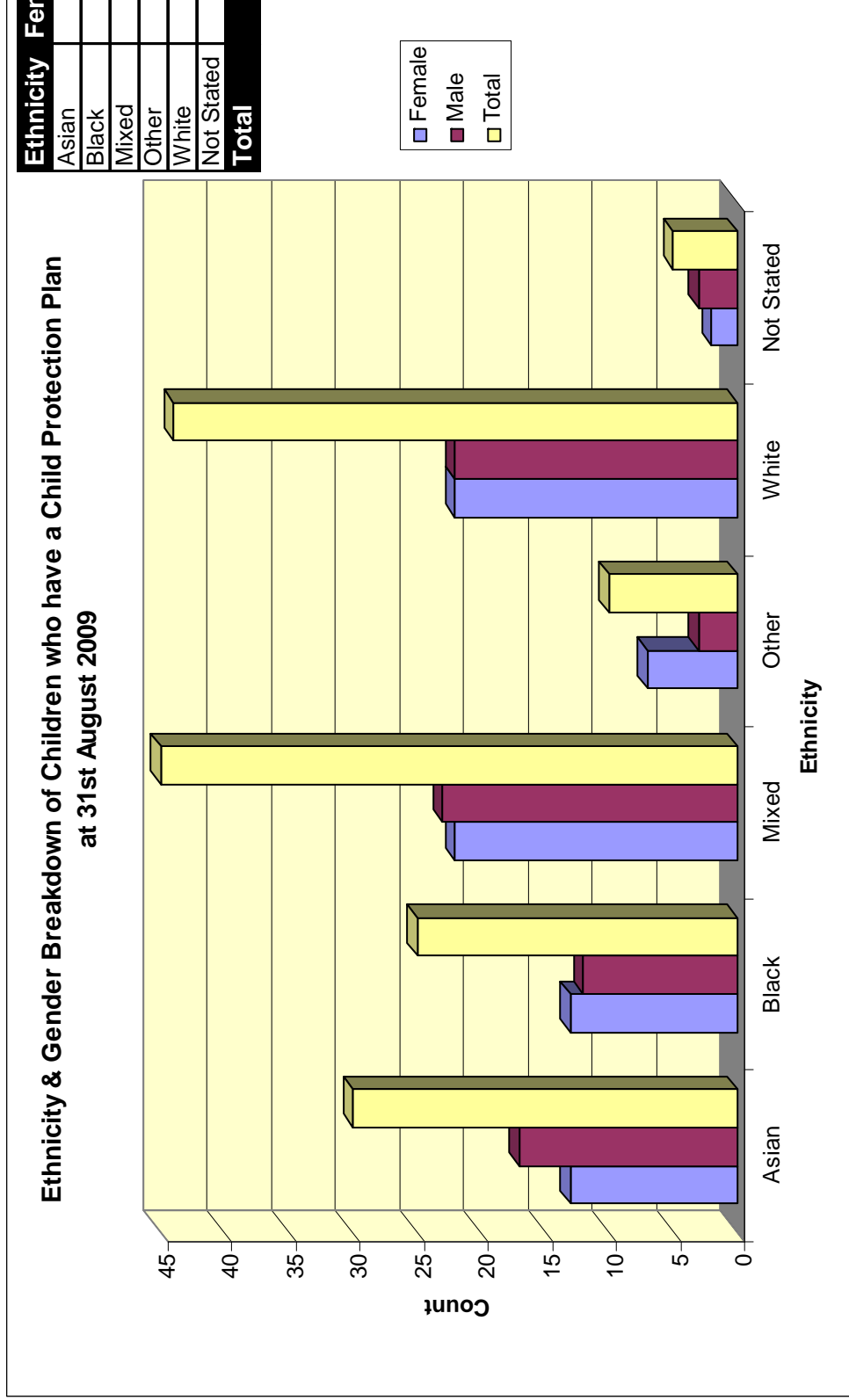


11) Ethnicity of Children with a Child Protection Plan

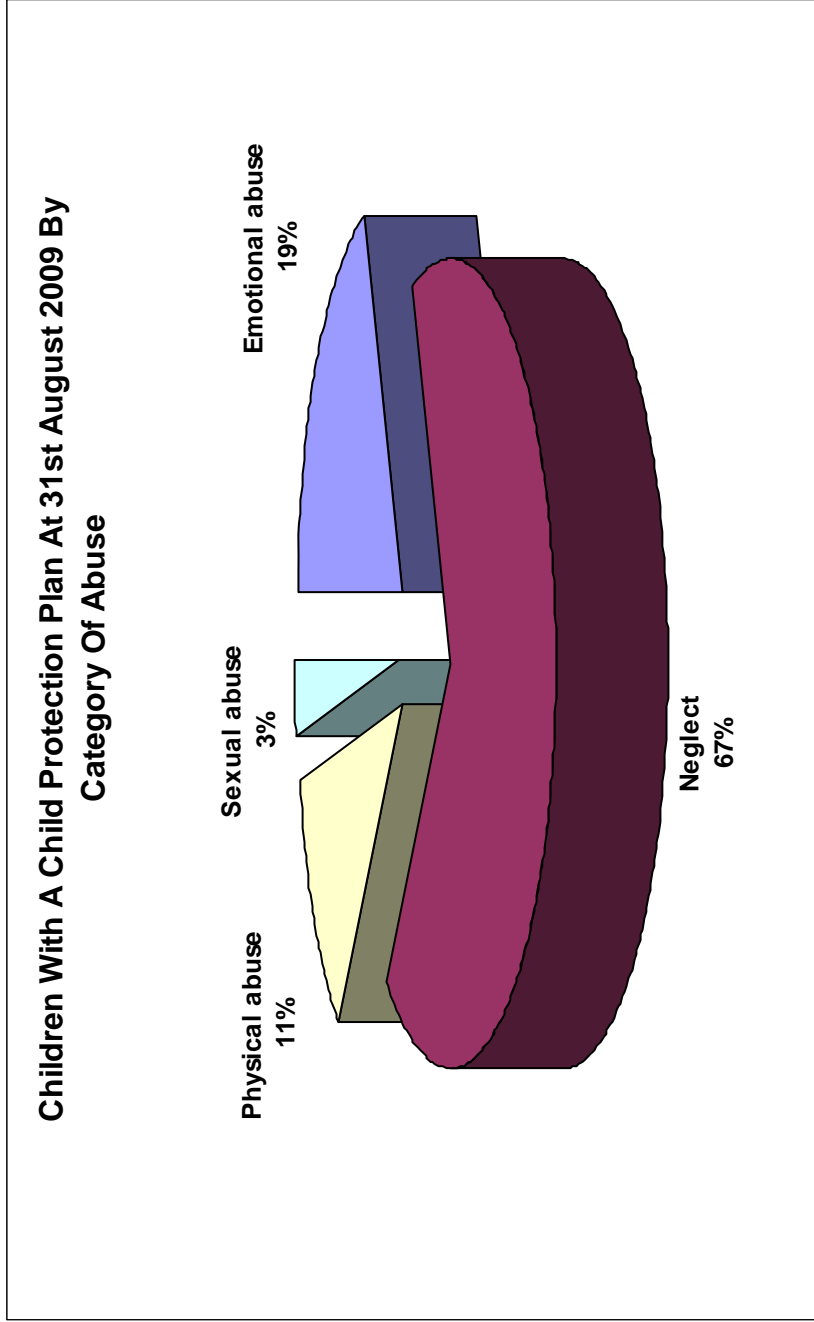


12) Ethnicity & Gender Breakdown of Children with a Child Protection Plan

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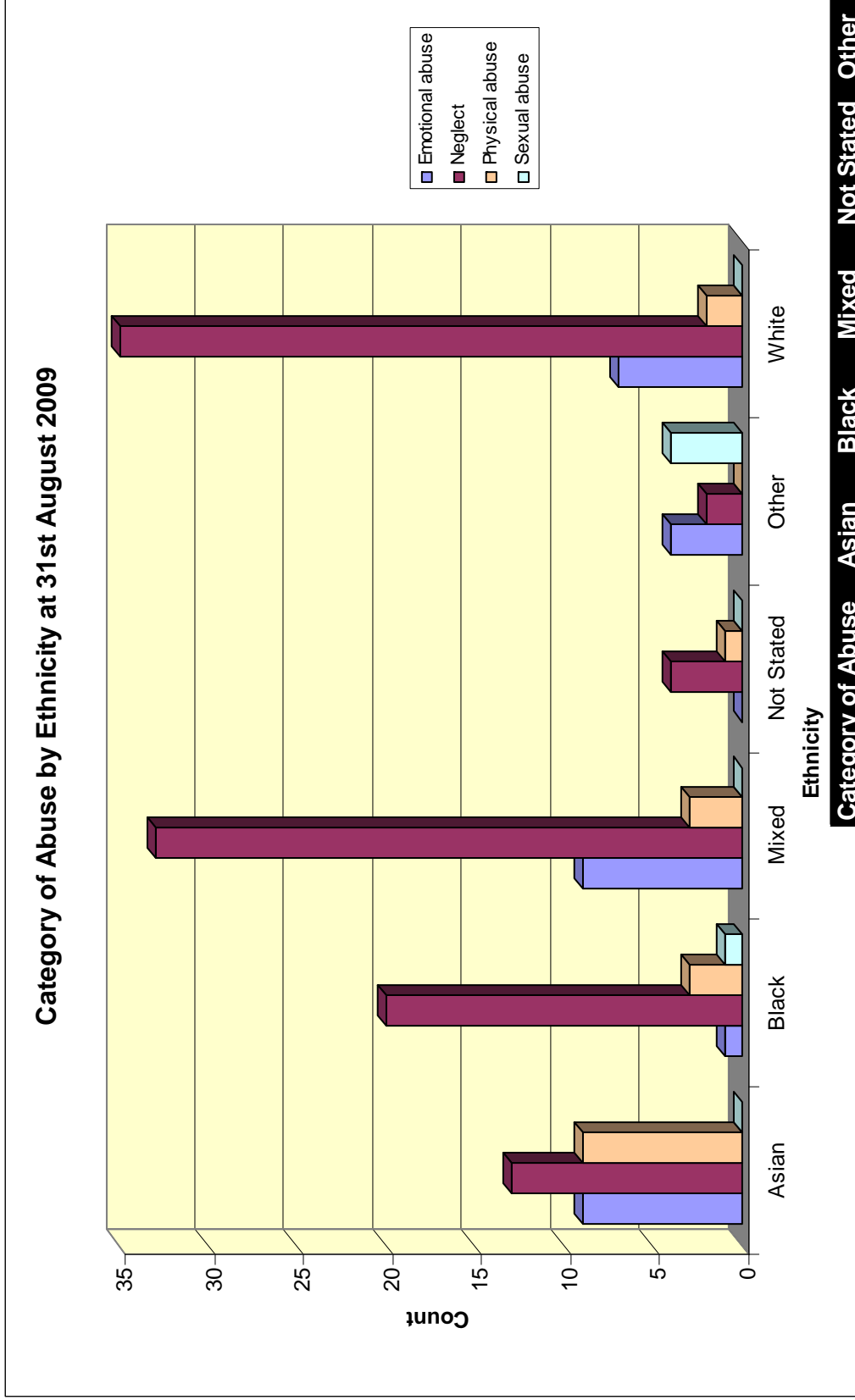


13) CPP by Category of Abuse



Category Of Abuse	Count
Emotional abuse	30
Neglect	107
Physical abuse	18
Sexual abuse	5
Grand Total	160

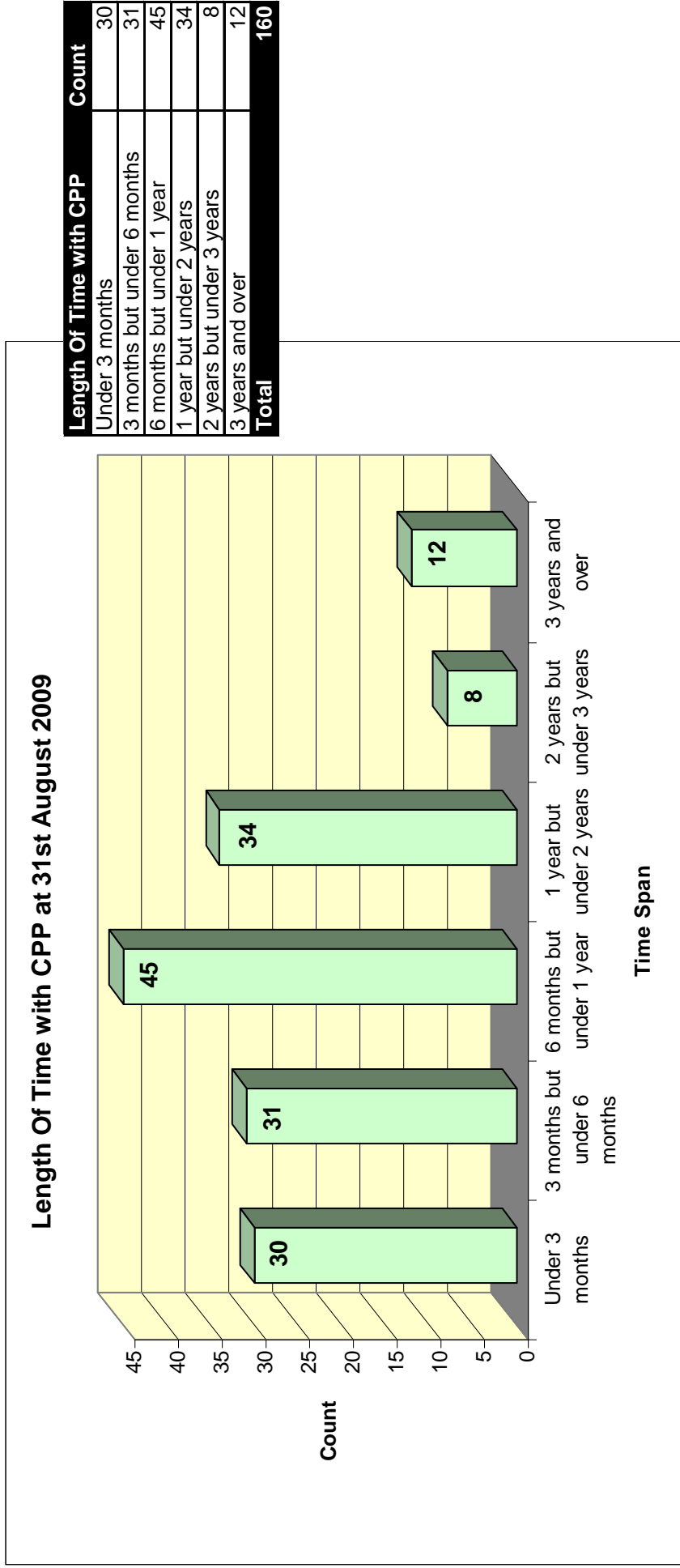
14) CPP Category of Abuse by Ethnicity Breakdown



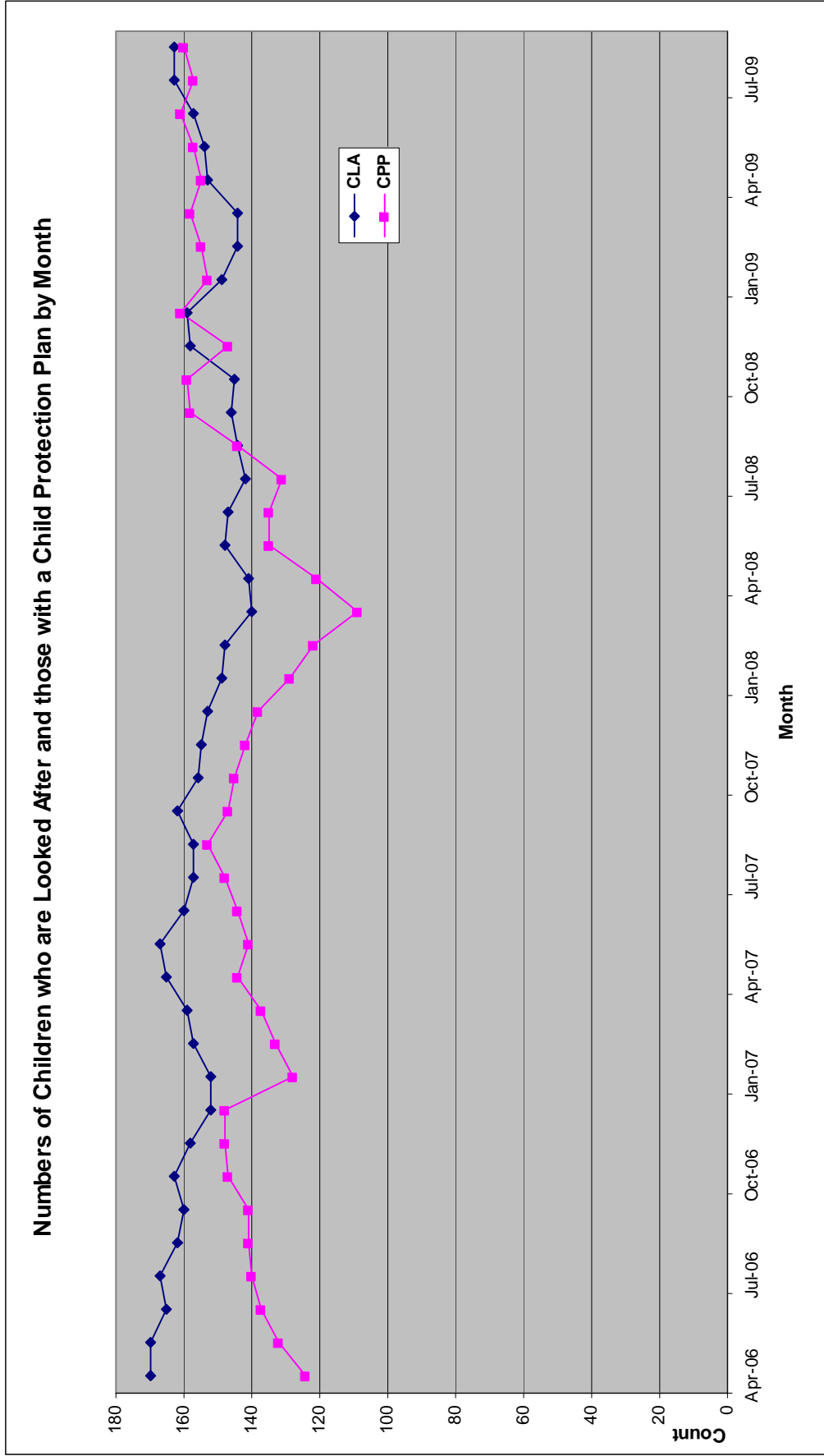
Category of Abuse	Asian	Black	Mixed	Not Stated	Other	White	Total
Emotional abuse	9	1	9	0	4	7	30
Neglect	13	20	33	4	2	35	107
Physical abuse	9	3	3	1	0	2	18
Sexual abuse	0	1	0	0	4	0	5
Total	31	25	45	5	10	44	160

15) Duration of Child Protection Plans

This graph shows the number of children with a child protection plan at 31 August 2009 and the length of time since plan was created.



**16) Numbers of Children Looked After & Children with Child Protection Plan
since April 2006**



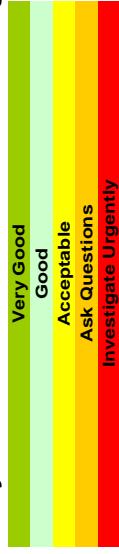
17) Key Performance Indicators for the end of August 2009

Domain	PAF	NI	Indicator	2007	2008	Stat neighbour comparator 2007/08 (latest available)	Year end performance	Target 2009/10	Performance at end of May 2009	Performance at end of August 2009
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%	95%	89%	96%	95%	85.9% snapshot	89.7% snapshot
			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.	11%	14%	12%	12.28%	12.5%	14.29% YTD	13.73% YTD
B. Staying safe	A3	65	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.	14%	14%	8.8%	13.51%	12%	16.86% YTD	17.28% YTD
	C24									
	C20	67	Reviews of child protection cases (KT) - The percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed.	96%	98%	99%	100%	100%	Available from Q1	100% YTD
	C21	64	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.	22%	13%	7.9%	7.9%	10%	0% YTD	4.26% YTD

Domain	PAF	NI	Indicator	2007	2008	Stat neighbour comparator 2007/08 (latest available)	Year end performance	Target 2009/10	Performance at end of May 2009	Performance at end of August 2009
B. Staying safe	C23		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.	3%	14%	7.9%	20.8%	14% annual	1% YTD (1.2% YTD target)	2.94% YTD (5.8% YTD target)
			Timeliness of initial assessments – The percentage of initial assessments carries out within 7 working days of referral	53%	87%	70%	80.8%	80%	64.66% YTD	75.30% YTD
	C64	60	Timing of core assessments - The percentage of Core Assessments that were completed within 35 working days of their commencement.	60%	77%	84%	76.41%	81%	81.57% YTD	76.04% YTD
		68	Referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment	71.2%	96.3%	52.3%	71.6%	55%	89.92% YTD	72.20% YTD
	C68	66	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%	90%	91%	98.6%	95%	Available from Q1	84.18% YTD
	A1	62	Stability of placements of children looked after (KT) - The percentage of children looked after with three or more placement moves in the year.	14%	10%	13%	9.5%	11%	1.3% YTD	1.23% YTD

Domain	PAF	NI	Indicator	2007	2008	Stat neighbour comparator 2007/08 (latest available)	Year end performance	Target 2009/10	Performance at end of May 2009	Performance at end of August 2009
	D78	63	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.	59%	58%	68%	65.9%	64%	74.36% snapshot	71.43% snapshot
	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.	64%	68%	82%	62.2%	75%	62% Snapshot	68% snapshot
D. Make a Positive Contribution	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.	3	tbc	1	Annual	tbc	Annual	Annual
	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%	97%	96%	91.4%	95%	Available from Q1	95.65% snapshot

Guide to Key Performance Indicator bandings



	0-3	3<6	6<8	8<10	10<15	15<17.21	17.21<20	20<24	24<=100	
CF/A1	Stability of placements of CLA				0<16.01			16.01<20	20<=100	
CF/A3	Re-registrations on the CPR	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	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	
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	
CF/C64	Timing of core assessments	0<60	60<70	70<75	75<80	80<=100		15<20	20+	
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								

Corporate Parenting

September 2009

A breakdown of the number of Children Looked After aged between 10 and 15 years, as at 31 August 2009, as requested at July's Corporate Parenting Panel.

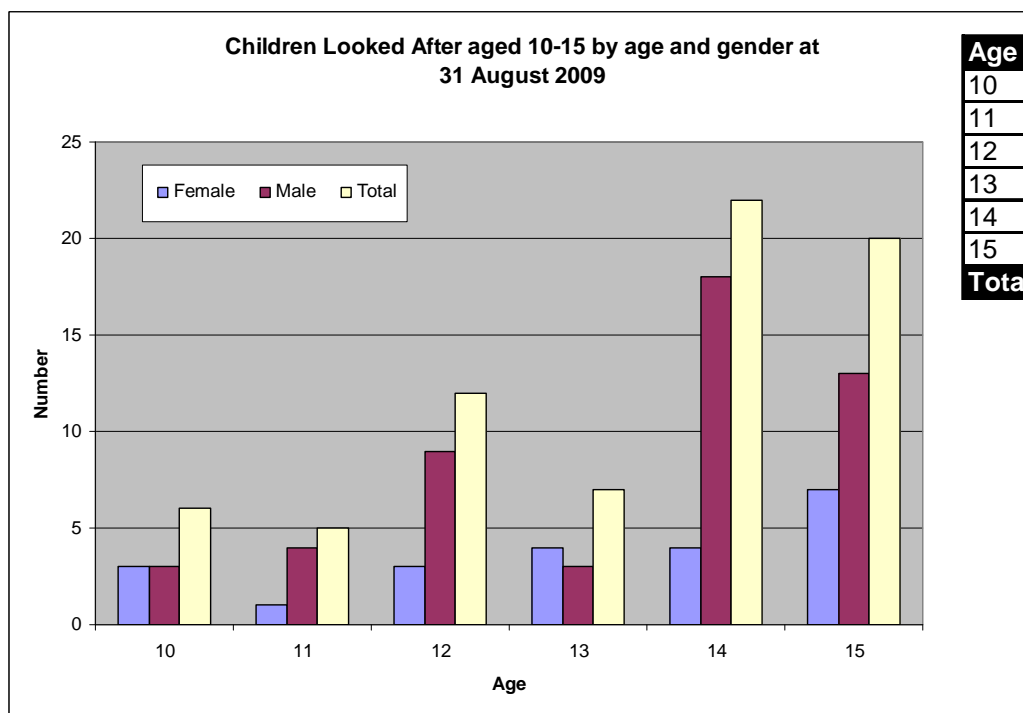
On the 31 August 2009, there were 163 children looked after, of which 72 were aged between 10 and 15 years. This represents 44% of the total children looked after on this date.

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 year	5	5	10
1 - 4 years	10	7	17
5 - 9 years	10	7	17
10 - 15 years	50	22	72
16 - 17 years	35	12	47
Total	110	53	163

Most of the children looked after in the 10-15 age group are aged 14 or 15, and the majority of these children are male. There is a total of 42 children aged 14-15, whereas there are 47 children aged 16-17 (both figures cover a 2 year range).

This means the majority of children looked after on 31 August 2009 were in aged between 14 and 17.

Four out of seven children looked after aged 13 are female – for all other age groups between 10 and 15, male children looked after outnumber female children looked after. However, it should be noted that these numbers are small.



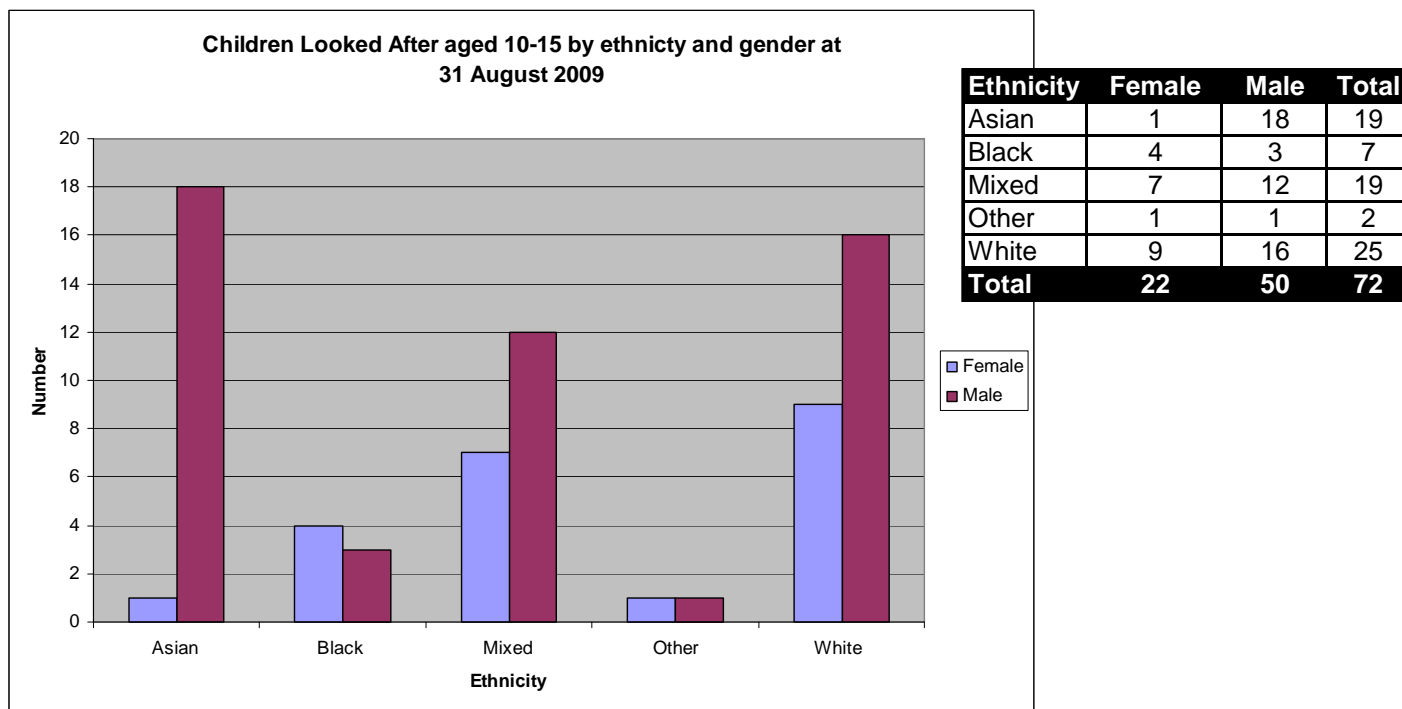
Age	Female	Male	Total
10	3	3	6
11	1	4	5
12	3	9	12
13	4	3	7
14	4	18	22
15	7	13	20
Total	22	50	72

There is a low proportion of children looked after aged between 10 and 15 with a black ethnicity; most children in this cohort are of Asian, Mixed or White ethnicity.

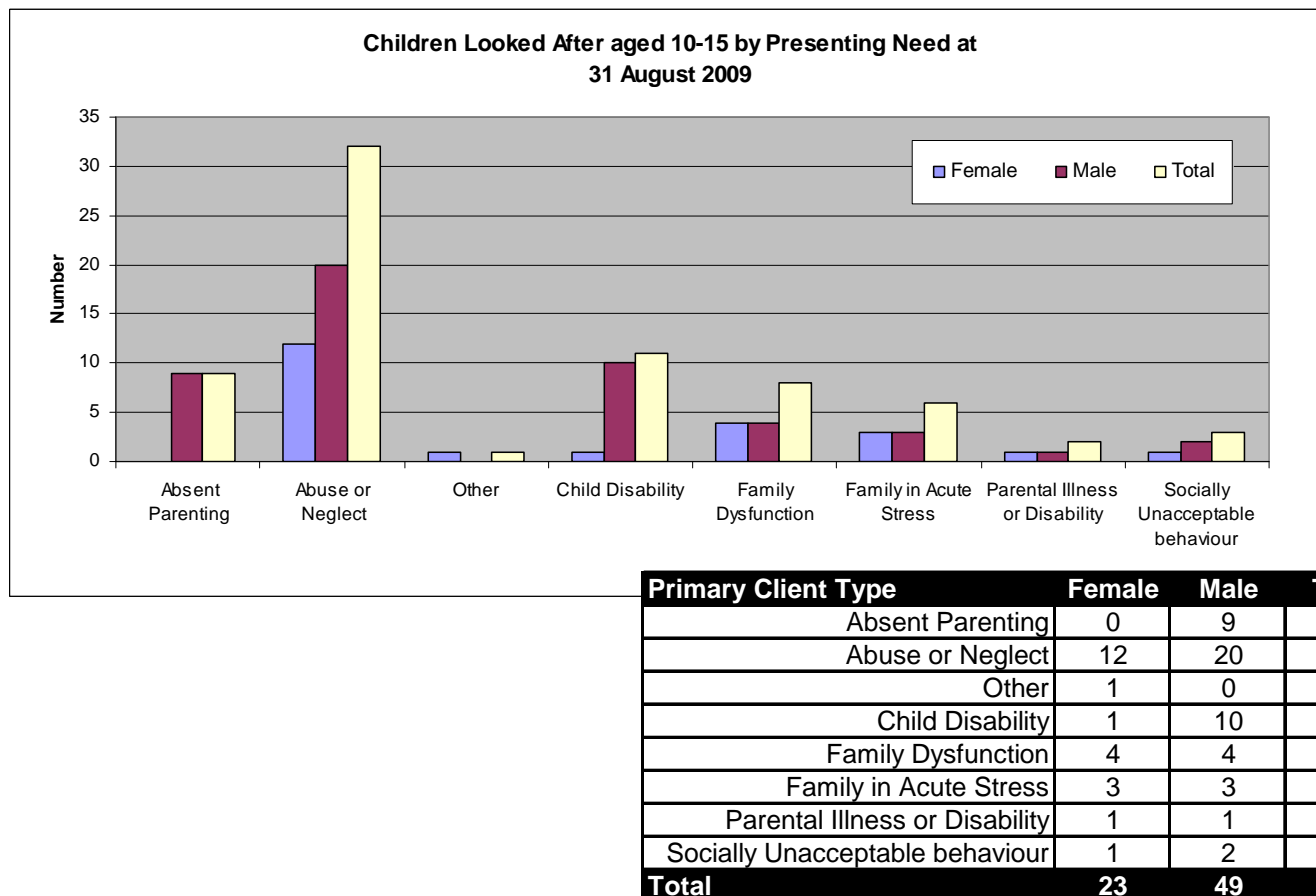
A very high proportion of the Asian children looked after aged 10 to 15 are male and unaccompanied asylum seekers.

Most of female children in the cohort are of mixed or white ethnicity.

The only group where the number of females is greater than the number of males is children with black ethnicity.



The majority of children in the cohort had a presenting need of abuse or neglect. A high proportion of children in the cohort have a presenting need of absent parenting or child disability, and all but one of the children in these categories are male (a presenting need of absent parenting usually means the child is an unaccompanied asylum seeker).



Summary Analysis of 2008/09 Children in Need Census

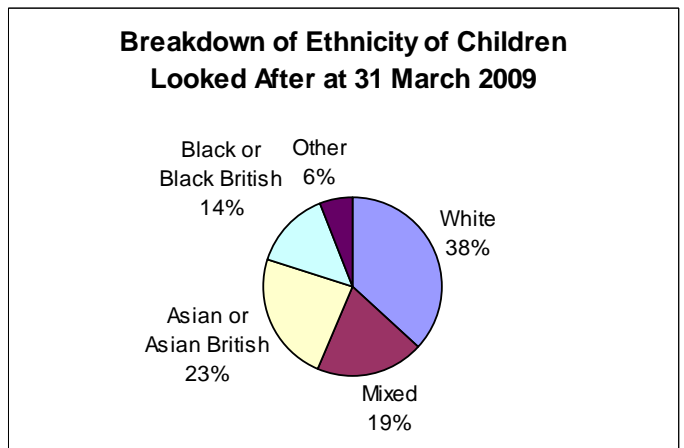
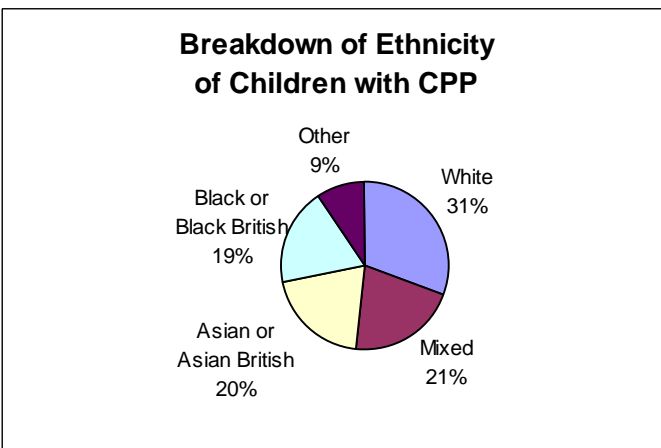
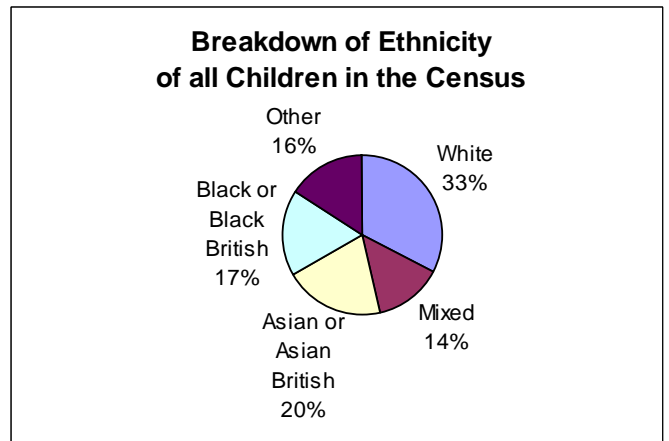
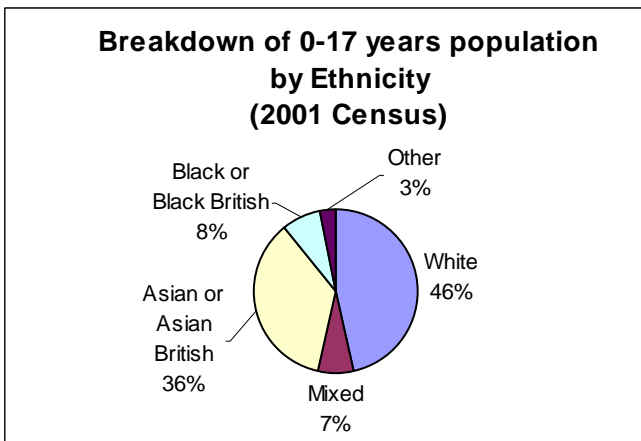
The first collection of the DCSF's new Children in Need (CIN) Census covers a six month period from 1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009.

Total Numbers

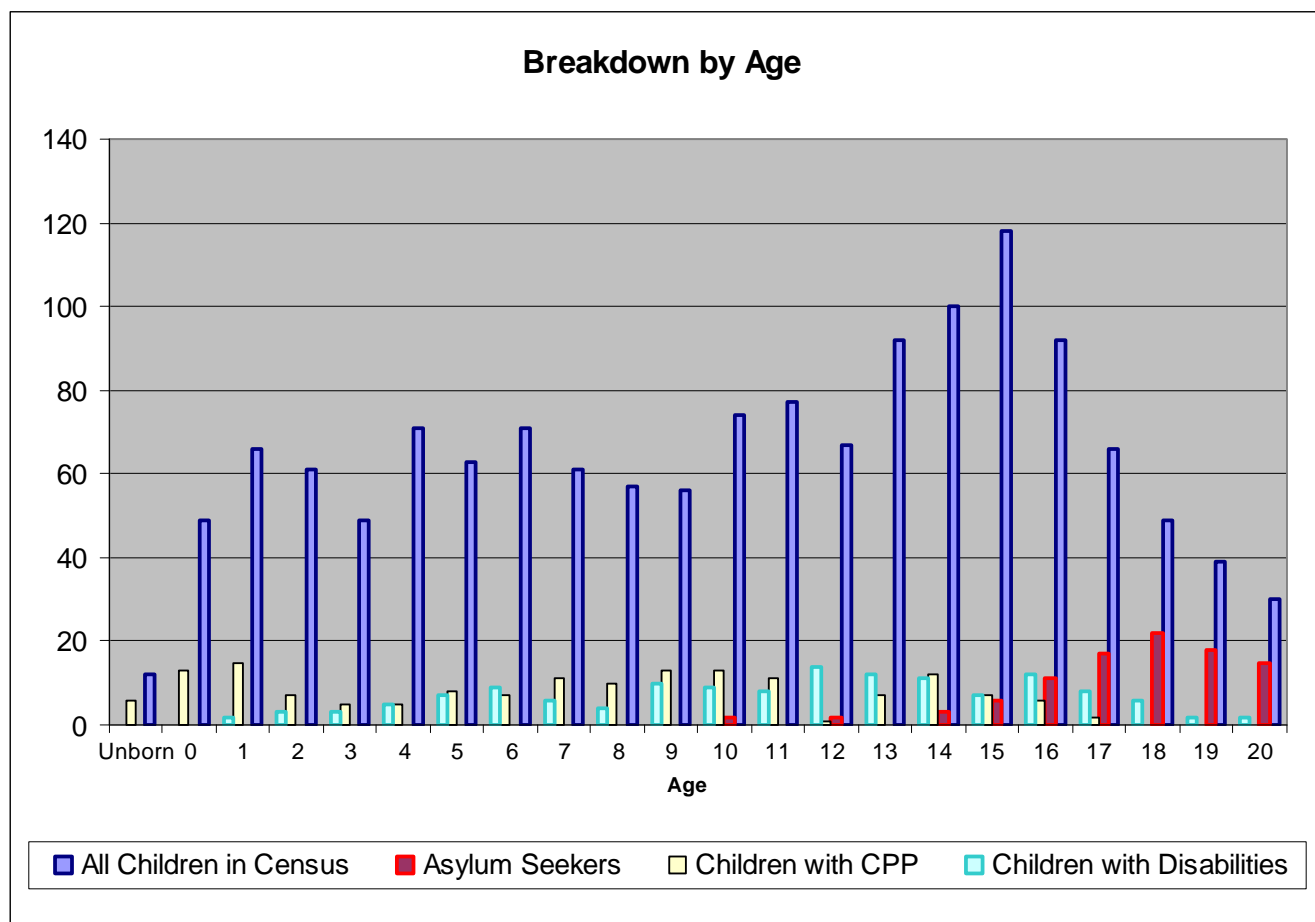
There were 1,420 children's records submitted in the 2008/09 CIN census. Of these:

- 55% are male (44% female, 1% indeterminate or unknown gender – including unborn children)
- 71% are of ethnic minority (defined as non White-British ethnicity). 9% of the children in the CIN Census did not have ethnicity recorded. Reports on children with missing ethnicity have been provided to social worker teams to improve this percentage towards a target of 5%.
- 7% are asylum seeking children (of which 83% are male)
- 11% were subject to Child Protection Plans at the end of the period (31 March 2009)
- 10% have a disability

Breakdown by Ethnicity



Breakdown by Age



Age	Unborn	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
All Children in Census	12	49	66	61	49	71	63	71	61	57	56	74	77	67	92	100	118	92	66	49	39	30	1420
Asylum Seekers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	6	11	17	22	18	15	96
Children with CPP	6	13	15	7	5	5	8	7	11	10	13	13	11	1	7	12	7	6	2	0	0	0	159
Children with Disabilities	0	0	2	3	3	5	7	9	6	4	10	9	8	14	12	11	7	12	8	6	2	2	140

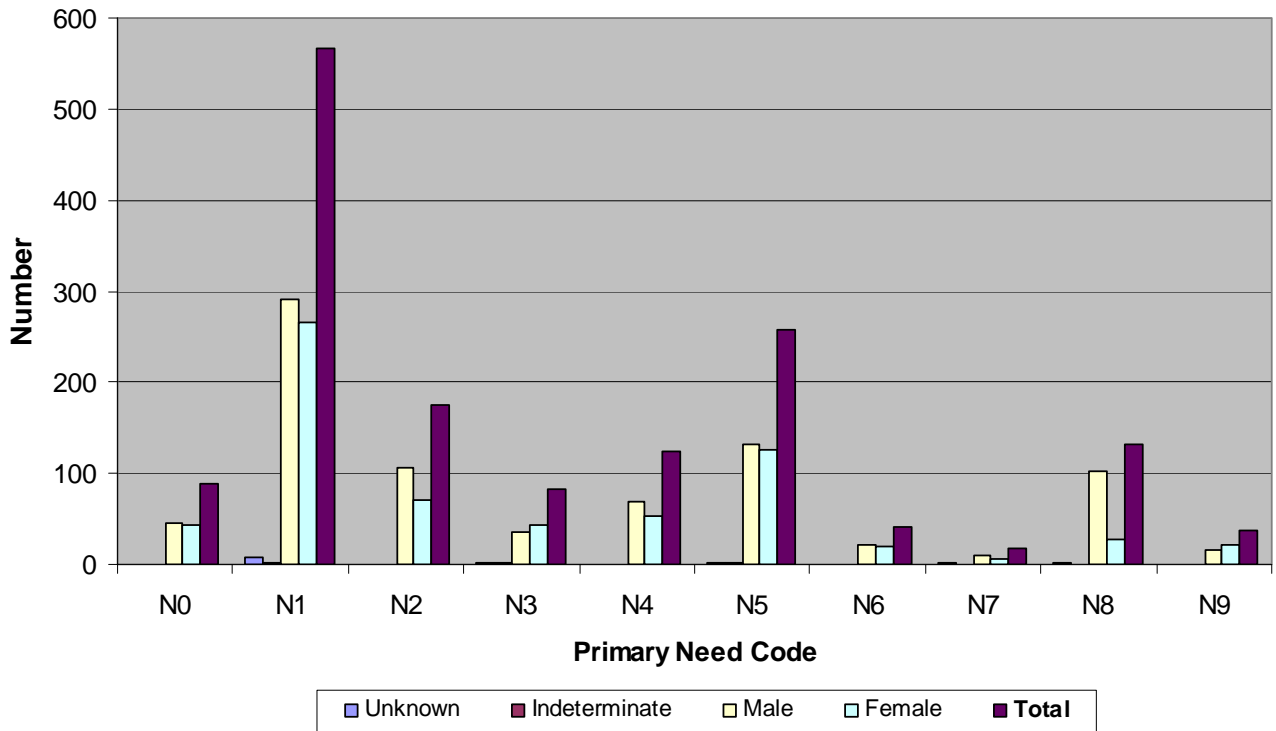
Primary Need Codes

The total number of referral episodes in the census is 1,519 (a child may have more than one referral episode in the collection period, and all episodes are counted). Each referral episode has an attached Primary Need Code, which indicates the main reason why a child started to receive services.

The Primary Need Codes used in the census are as follows:

Code	N0	N1	N2	N3	N4
Primary Need	Not stated	Abuse or Neglect	Child disability or illness	Parent disability or illness	Family in acute stress
Code	N5	N6	N7	N8	N9
Primary Need	Family dysfunction	Socially unacceptable behaviour	Low income	Absent parenting	Other cases

Breakdown of Primary Need Codes by Gender



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