

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE
PARENTING PANEL**

Date: 29 October 2012

Subject: INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance

Key Decision: No

Responsible Officer: Catherine Doran, Corporate Director of Children and Families

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Mitzi Green

Exempt: No

Decision subject to Call-in: No

Enclosures: CLA & CPP Activity and Performance Report

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out latest performance position and key data relating to Children Looked After (CLA) and Children with Child Protection Plans (CPP)

Section 2 – Report Issues

See attachment which shows performance and activity to end September 2012.

Key Points:

- There has been a major drop in performance in both initial and core assessments that is associated with staff changes in the 'front door' of the service and more accurate recording of timescale from referral to completion of assessment. The Divisional Director and Service Manager are taking action to fill social work posts but an improvement in performance cannot yet be reported. All safeguarding concerns are allocated as a priority in line with statutory timescales.
- An action plan is in place to improve numbers of care leavers in suitable accommodation and in education training and employment. This has resulted in major improvements from Q1 and Q2, but the target has not yet been reached and these indicators remain red.
- The indicator of ceased child protection plans that had lasted for more than 2 years is also red as in bottom quartile of comparator group. This indicator will continue to be affected by the ending of long term plans
- GCSE and Key Stage 2 results have been collected and analysed – a separate report on CLA educational achievement has been provided to the panel by the Virtual Head Teacher
- The panel asked for more detail on the breakdown of placements including secure – this is provided at section B4.
- The panel asked for an update on targets for foster placements and CLA placed for adoption. There is no specific target for the % of CLA in foster placements but the numbers have been increased further and the total is now 60%. The aspiration is to drive this up further towards the national average of over 70%. Number of CLA placed for adoption is currently 5 – no target is set for this. Numbers tend to be small and will vary significantly when the snapshot of placements is taken. Targets are in place for timeliness of adoptions (100%) and for % of relevant CLA adopted or who are subject to special guardianship (14%).

Options considered

Not applicable

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications

The Children's Services Risk Register is being updated to reflect the performance risks highlighted in this report.

Risk included on Directorate risk register? Yes

Separate risk register in place? No

Corporate Priorities

§ Supporting and protecting people who are most in need

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Emma Stabler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the*
Date: 17 October 2012		Chief Financial Officer

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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