Corporate Parenting Report

Sept. 2012

Children Looked After
Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan

(Activity to end of Sept 2012)

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Part A – Key Performance Indicators

Key Indicator Summary 2012/13

PI Ref	PI Description	England average 10/11	Best National 10/11	Best London 10/11	Harrow 10/11	Harrow 11/12	Target 12/13	Q1 12/13	Q2 12/13	Commentary
NI 59	Timeliness of Initial Assessments (% complete in 10 working days)	75.5	Oldham (98.3) N Lincolnshire (98.2) C Bedfordshire (98.1)	K&C (97.3) Islington (95.0) Camden (94.3)	85.5	71.4	85.0	53.6	52.1	122 of 234 IAs were completed in 10 working days
NI 60	Timeliness of Core Assessments (% complete in 35 working days)	78.1	NE Lincolnshire (98.8) Oldham (97.2) Lambeth (95.4)	Lambeth (95.4) Richmond (90.8) Enfield (89.6)	80.5	83.6	83.0	68.7	65.3	241 of 369 Core Assessments were completed on time
NI 61	Timeliness of CLA adoptions following agency decision (%)	74.0	Ealing (100) Herefordshire (100) Reading (100)	Ealing (100) Lewisham (84.6) Southwark (82.4)	83.3	100.0	80.0	-	100.	1 adoptions YTD (1 out of 1)
NI 62	CLA placement stability: number of moves (% with 2+ moves)	10.7	Cambridgeshire (1.3) NE Lincolnshire (3.4) Northumberland (4.5)	Barnet (6.3) H&F (6.4) Islington (7.5)	15.0	16.2	11.0	2.0	6.9	11 out of 158 CLA have had 2+ placement moves YTD
NI 63	CLA placement stability: length of placement (%)	68.6	Halton (87.0) Bournemouth (86.0) Kingston (84.6)	Kingston (84.6) Westminster (81.1) Wandsworth (77.3)	66.7	71.4	68.0	69.2	71.4	10 of 14 children looked after for 2.5 years have been in the same placement for 2 years
NI 64	Ceased CPP that lasted 2 or more years (%)	6.0	Rutland (0.0) Stoke-on-Trent (0.0) Wiltshire (0.0)	K&C (2.1) Lambeth (2.9) Islington (3.0)	17.2	18.1	12.0	11.6	9.9	7 of 71 children no longer subject to a CPP had CPP plan lasting 2 or more years

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NI 65	CPP for 2nd or subsequent time (%)	13.3	Liverpool (2.1) Bexley (2.1) Milton Keynes (2.4)	Bexley (2.1) Richmond (3.9) Waltham Forest (4.3)	8.8	14.2	10.0	10.0	10.6	7 out of 66 children with a new CPP previously had a CPP
NI 66	Timeliness of CLA reviews (%)	tbc	tbc	tbc	96.8	98.6	100.0	-	98.7	155 of 157 children reviewed have had all reviews taken place within timescale YTD
NI 67	Timeliness of CPP reviews (%)	97.1	68 LAs with 100%	16 London LAs with 100%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	All CPP clients have had CPP reviews within timescale
NI 147	% of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation	89.8	Ealing (100) Wandsworth (100) Havering (100)	Ealing (100) Wandsworth (100) Havering (100)	91.7	77.3	88.0	44.4	75.0	12 out of 16 former care leavers are in suitable accommodation (1 not recorded, 2 not in contact, 1 in custody)
NI 148	% of Care Leavers in education, employment or training	61.2	North Tyneside (88) Tower Hamlets (87) Knowsley (84)	Bexley (80) Richmond (80) Lambeth (79)	66.7	40.9	75.0	11.1	50.0	8 out of 16 former care leavers are in EET (1 not recorded, 2 not in contact)

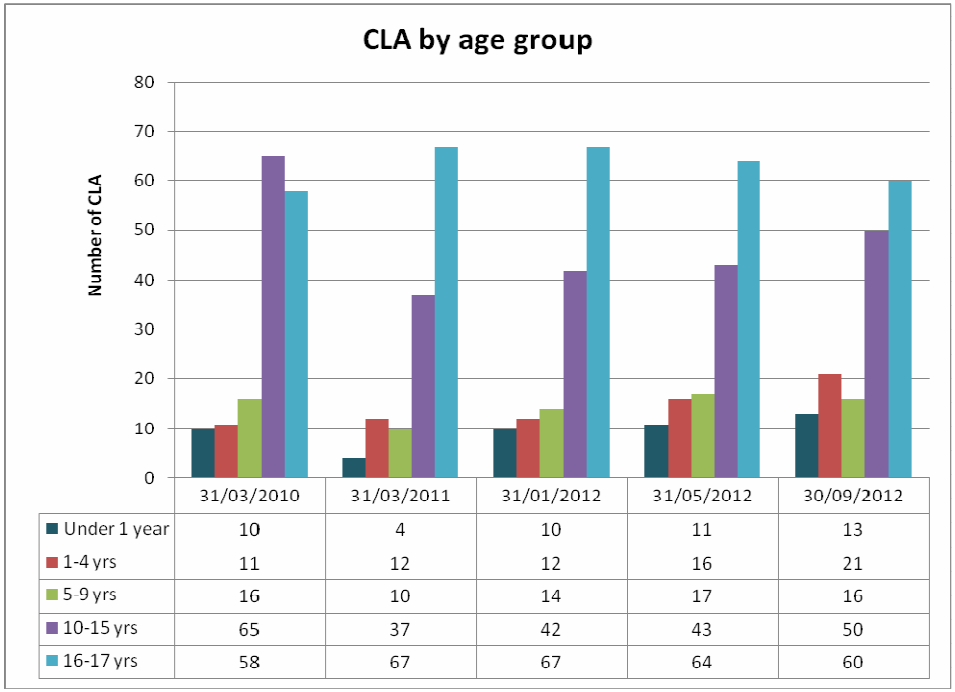
Dark Green represents top quartile (best 25%)
Light Green represents third quartile.
Amber represents the second quartile.
Red represents the bottom quartile (worst 25%)

RAG ratings are currently based on Local Authority scores for 2010/11

Part B: Children Looked After (CLA)

Harrow's numbers & rate of looked after children have historically been lower than England & statistical neighbours. At 30th Sept 2012 there are 152 Children looked after. Harrow has a higher proportion of males who are looked after and also a considerably higher proportion of 16-18 year olds in the care system

B1 - Age Group



	31/03/2010	31/03/2011	31/01/2012	31/05/2012	30/09/2012
Under 1 year	10	4	10	11	13
1-4 yrs	11	12	12	16	21
5-9 yrs	16	10	14	17	16
10-15 yrs	65	37	42	43	50
16-17 yrs	58	67	67	64	60

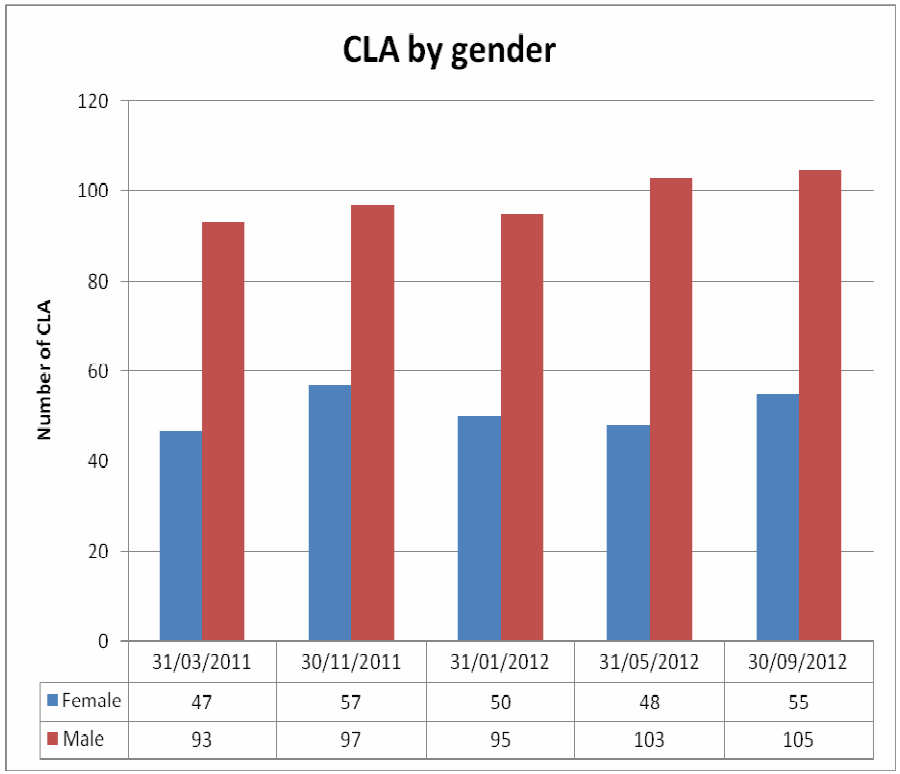
There is a slight decrease in 16-17 year olds and an increase in 10–15 year olds. 16-17 year olds remain the largest group.

We can see a 'bulge' moving through the years since 2009. Age group 10-15 years had dropped significantly as young people moved into the 16-18 age group and was in line with London and statistical neighbour average. With the recent increase we may see another bulge moving through. There is no single reason for the high numbers of older CLA.

Age 16 to 18 years has dropped slightly over the last year and we can expect it to drop further as more young people reach 18. The proportion is currently higher than England, London and statistical neighbour average.

Comparator Information for age of CLA at 31st March 2011 (Source: SSDA903)	**Age at 31 March 2011 (years)**				
	Under 1	**1 to 4**	**5 to 9**	**10 to 15**	**16 -18**
England	6	18	18	37	21
London	5	14	15	37	29
Statistical neighbours Average	4	16	16	36	30
Harrow	**3% (4)**	**9%(12)**	**7%(10)**	**34%(45)**	**48%(65)**

B2 - Gender



Harrow historically has a higher proportion of males who are looked after.

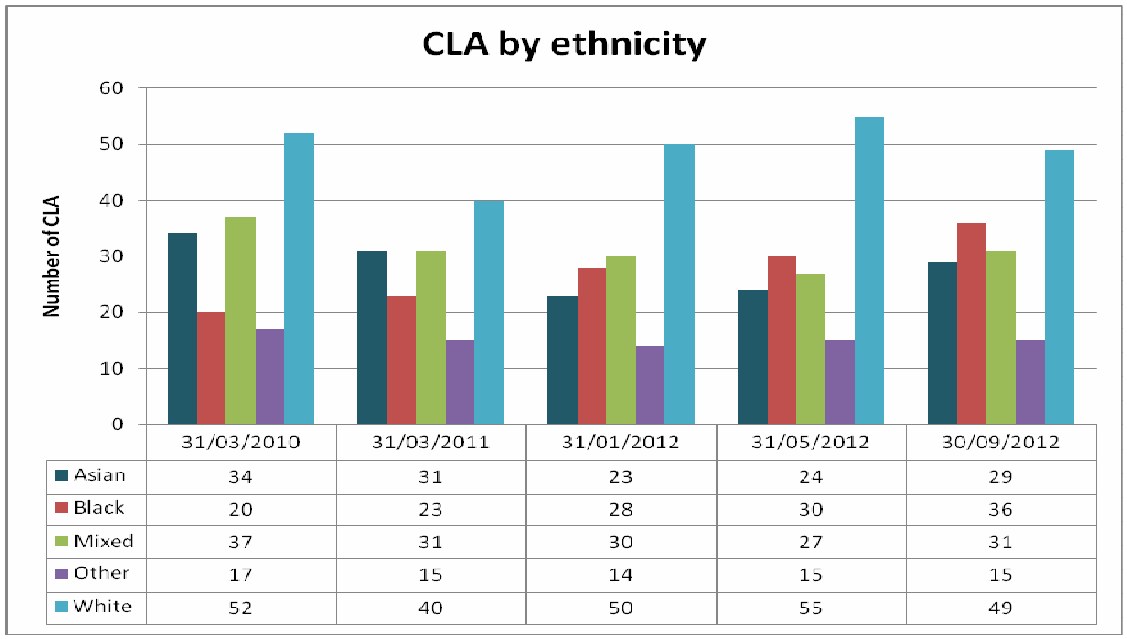
Comparator info CLA by gender 31.3.2011

Source: SSDA903

	Gender	
	Male	**Female**
England	**56**	44
London	57	43
Statistical neighbours Average	59	41
Harrow	**67%(95)**	**33%(45)**

B3 - Ethnicity

Harrow CLA ethnicity over time



	31/03/2010	31/03/2011	31/01/2012	31/05/2012	30/09/2012
Asian	34	31	23	24	29
Black	20	23	28	30	36
Mixed	37	31	30	27	31
Other	17	15	14	15	15
White	52	40	50	55	49

As would be expected of Harrow's diverse population, the representation of BME groups is considerably higher than England and the statistical neighbour average. The numbers of CLA from BME groups has risen further
Numbers are relatively small, so there can be significant changes relating to a small number of sibling groups e.g. drop in 'white' CLA at 31.3.2011

The number of CLA in the 'mixed' category remains much higher than the statistical neighbour average and the England average.

Comparator Information on Ethnicity % 31.03.2011
Source: SSDA903

	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other Ethnic Groups
Harrow	**29**	**21**	**22**	**17**	**11**
Statistical Neighbour	45	14	16	24	5
England	77	9	5	7	2

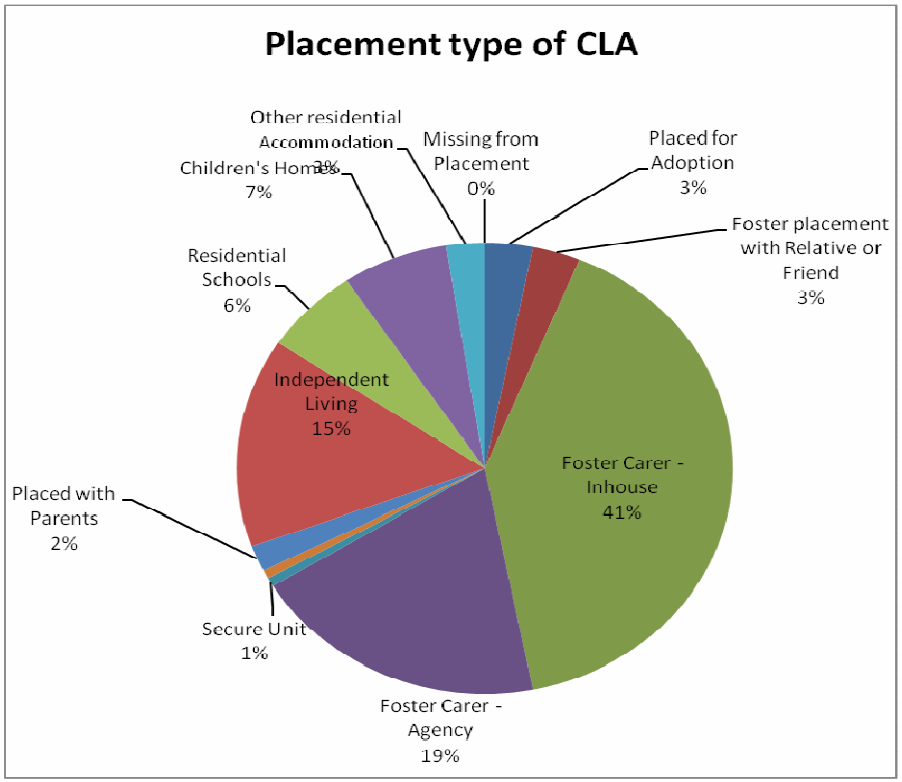
B 4 - Placements

Harrow has a lower proportion of children in foster placements and slightly higher proportion of children in residential schools.

Harrow Placement Numbers	Sep-11	Sep-12	Change
Placed for Adoption	0	5	5
Foster placement with Relative or Friend	8	5	-3
Foster Carer – In-house	58	65	7
Foster Carer - Agency	23	31	8
Secure Unit	2	1	-1
Young Offenders Institution or Prison	0	1	1
Placed with Parents	0	3	3
Independent Living	23	24	1
Residential Schools	10	10	0
Children's Homes	5	11	6
Other residential Accommodation	13	4	-9
Missing from Placement	5	0	-5
Grand Total	**147**	**160**	13

Numbers of in-house placements have increased however overall total foster care placements (60%) remain below comparator average. The aspiration is to increase foster care towards statistical neighbours and England averages of around 72%, with a particular focus to increase in-house provision. Particular challenges are faced with our older CLA cohort. Harrow continues to have a higher rate of older CLA living independently. Many asylum seeking young people are in this type of accommodation.

Harrow Placement Detail 30th Sept 2012



B5: CLA educational attainment for 2011-12

		GCSE ONLY						GCSE & Equiv.	
	TOTAL IN COHORT	Sat GCSE Exams ?	Number GCSES Achieved	1 A*-G	5 A*-G	5* A-C	5* A-C inc Eng Math	5* A-C	5* A-C inc Eng Math
All CLA (1 yr +)	13	6	-	6	3	0	0	3	0
	-			46.2				23.1	

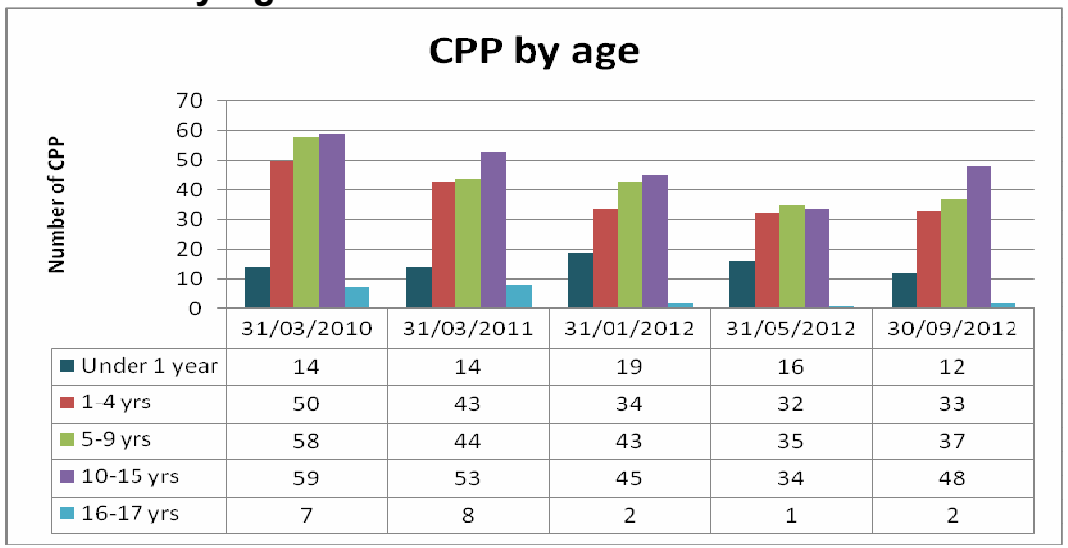
CLA educational attainment trends- (Clients looked after for over a year at 31/03/11)

(Clients looked after for over a year at 31/03/11)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 prov
Total children in KS2 cohort:	**8**	**7**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Attained at least Level 4 in Maths at end of KS2	25%	43%	50%	50%	50%	0%
Attained at least Level 4 in English at end of KS2	50%	43%	50%	50%	0%	0%
Attained at least Level 4 in both English and Maths	new	new	new	new	0%	0%
Total young people in GCSE cohort:	**13**	**9**	**14**	**17**	**19**	**13**
GCSE: Attained at least 1 A* - G	46.2%	66.7%	57.1%	52.9%	47.4%	46.2%
GCSE: Attained 5 or more A* - G	43.2%	33.3%	57.1%	41.2%	31.6%	23.1%
GCSE: Attained 5 or more A* - C	5.4%	11.1%	14.3%	11.8%	5.3%	0%
GCSE: Attained 5 or more A* - C inc Eng. & Maths	new	new	7.1%	11.8%	5.3%	0%

Part C: Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP)

Children are made the subject of a child protection plan (CPP) when they are considered to be at risk of physical, sexual, emotional harm or neglect. Overall Harrow has seen an increase in the number of children with a CPP at the end of the year but has fluctuated year on year, whilst there has been an upward trend nationally. Figures for 31st March 2012 show 131 children with child protection plans which is approximately 19% drop from previous year. There were 132 children who were subject to a Child Protection Plan in Harrow on 30 Sept 2012.

C1 - CPP by Age



	31/03/2010	31/03/2011	31/01/2012	31/05/2012	30/09/2012
Under 1 year	14	14	19	16	12
1-4 yrs	50	43	34	32	33
5-9 yrs	58	44	43	35	37
10-15 yrs	59	53	45	34	48
16-17 yrs	7	8	2	1	2

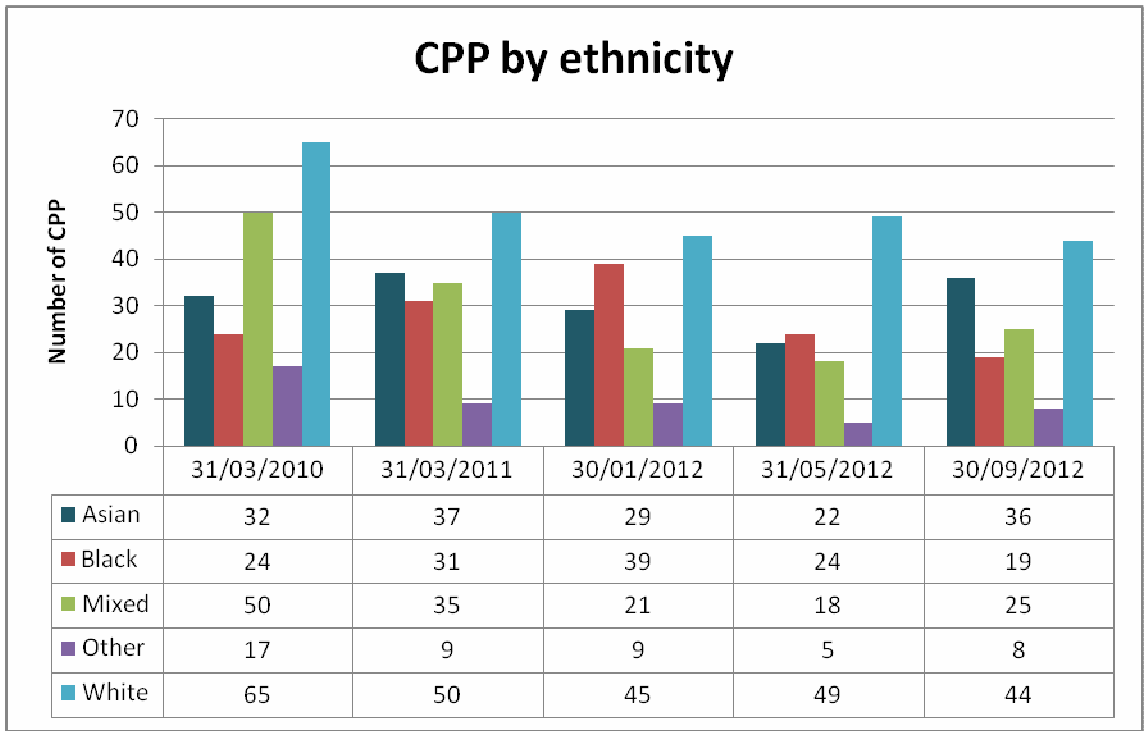
Overall the numbers of children with a child Protection plan has dropped, though there has been an increase in the last reporting period in particular the 10 – 15 year olds age group. We have a higher proportion of children with CP plans in the 10 – 15 years age group similar to children looked after.

Comparator Info CPP by age group (%) 31.3.2011

	Under 1	1-4 years	5-9 years	10-15 years	16 & over
England	5.5	16.3	14.3	12.9	1.0
London	11	30	29	27	2
Harrow	**8**	**27**	**27**	**32**	**5**

Source: Cin Census

C2 - CPP by Ethnicity



	31/03/2010	31/03/2011	30/01/2012	31/05/2012	30/09/2012
Asian	32	37	29	22	36
Black	24	31	39	24	19
Mixed	50	35	21	18	25
Other	17	9	9	5	8
White	65	50	45	49	44

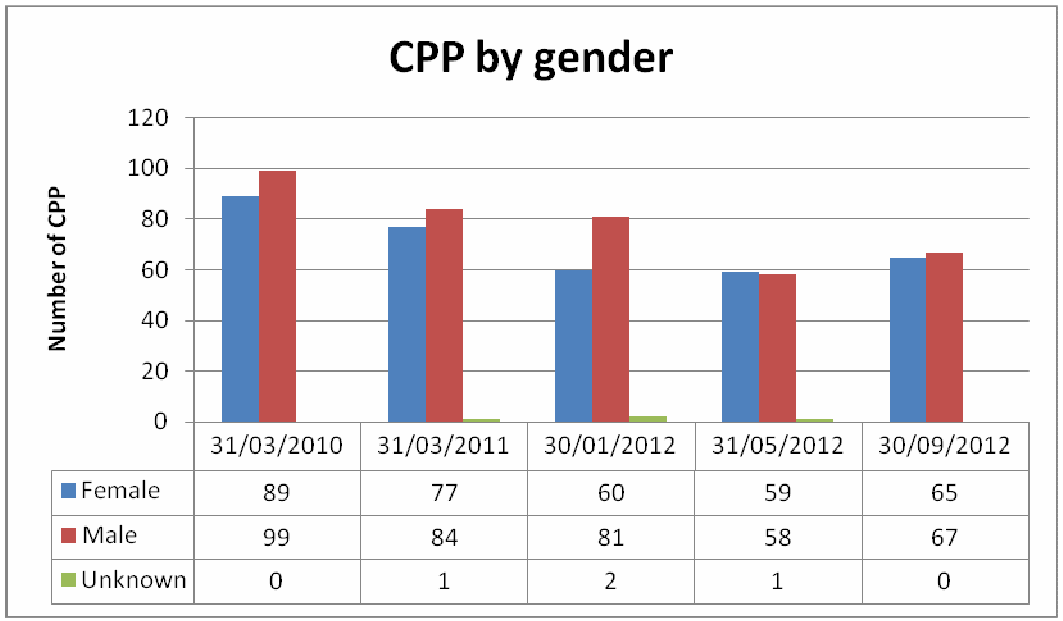
There is a decrease in children from White backgrounds having a CP Plan and an increase in Asian Children. The proportion of BME groups is considerably higher than England and statistical neighbour averages but this is as expected due to Harrow's diverse population. Two thirds of children requiring a child protection plan are from BME groups

Comparator Information Ethnicity of Children subject to Child Protection Plans at 31st March 2011 (%)

	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other Ethnic Groups
Harrow	**30**	**22**	**23**	**19**	**6**
Statistical Neighbour	47.5	15	13	18	1
England	77	8	5	5	1

Source: Cin Census

C3 - CPP by gender



Harrow has tended to have a higher proportion of males with CPP. Since 31st March 2011 the number of males has reduced more than females so that numbers are now balanced.

The reduction in males with CPP has reduced most steeply between January and May 2012, corresponding to the ending of some longer term CPP.

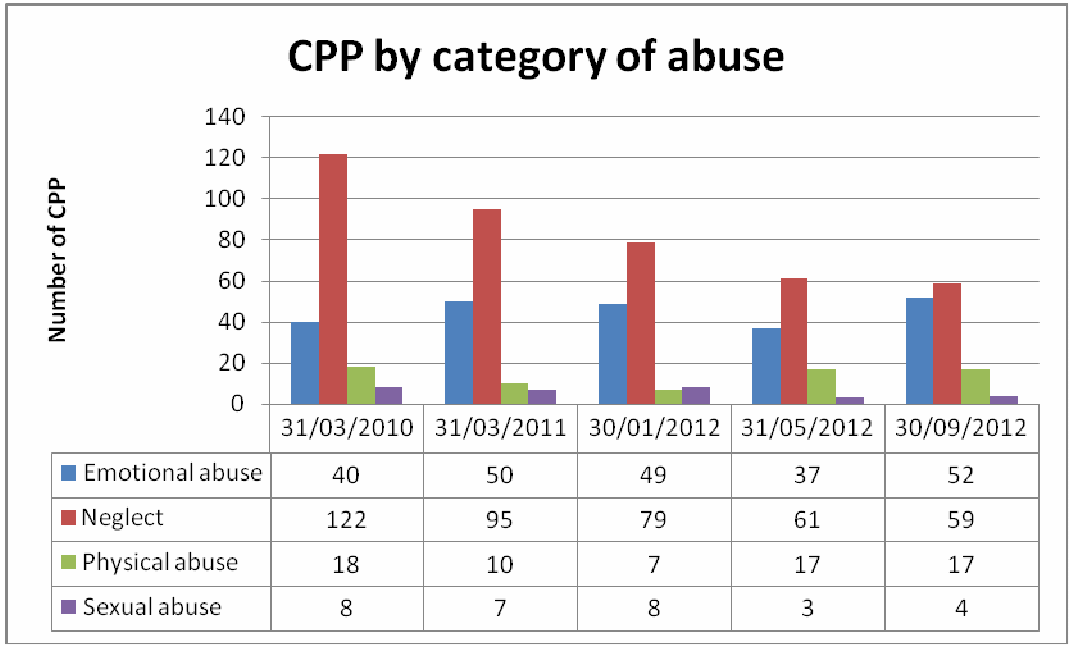
Table 11: Age groups & gender of children with Child Protection plans (%)

	Male	Female	Unborn/ Unknown Gender
England	50	48	2.0
London	49	48	3
Harrow	**52**	**47**	**1**

Source: Cin Census

C4 - CPP by Category of Abuse

Harrow had a high number of children requiring a plan under the category of neglect. Harrow tends to record primary types of abuse as one of the four categories than recording as multiple e.g. emotional abuse may be present in all types of abuse.



	31/03/2010	31/03/2011	30/01/2012	31/05/2012	30/09/2012
Emotional abuse	40	50	49	37	52
Neglect	122	95	79	61	59
Physical abuse	18	10	7	17	17
Sexual abuse	8	7	8	3	4

Since 31st March 2011 there is a decrease in the number of children requiring a plan under the category of neglect. There is an increase in the number of children requiring a plan under the category of emotional abuse.

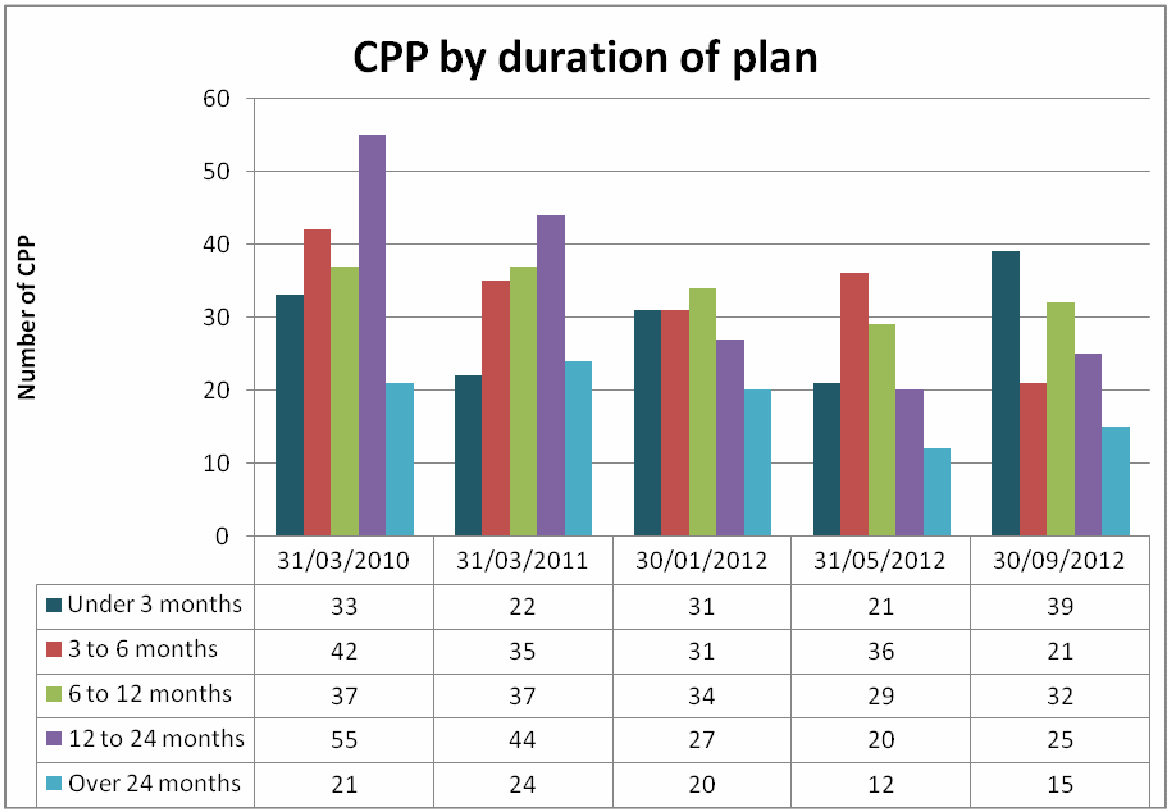
Looking at comparator information, Harrow tends to record more cases of neglect and does not record any cases as having multiple categories.

Comparator Info - Category of CPP at 31st March 2011 (%)

	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Multiple
England	**43.9**	**10.6**	**5.4**	**28.2**	**11.8**
London	**46**	**9**	**3**	**34**	**9**
Harrow	**60**	**6**	**6**	**29**	**0**

Source: Cin Census[22]

C5 - CPP by duration of plan

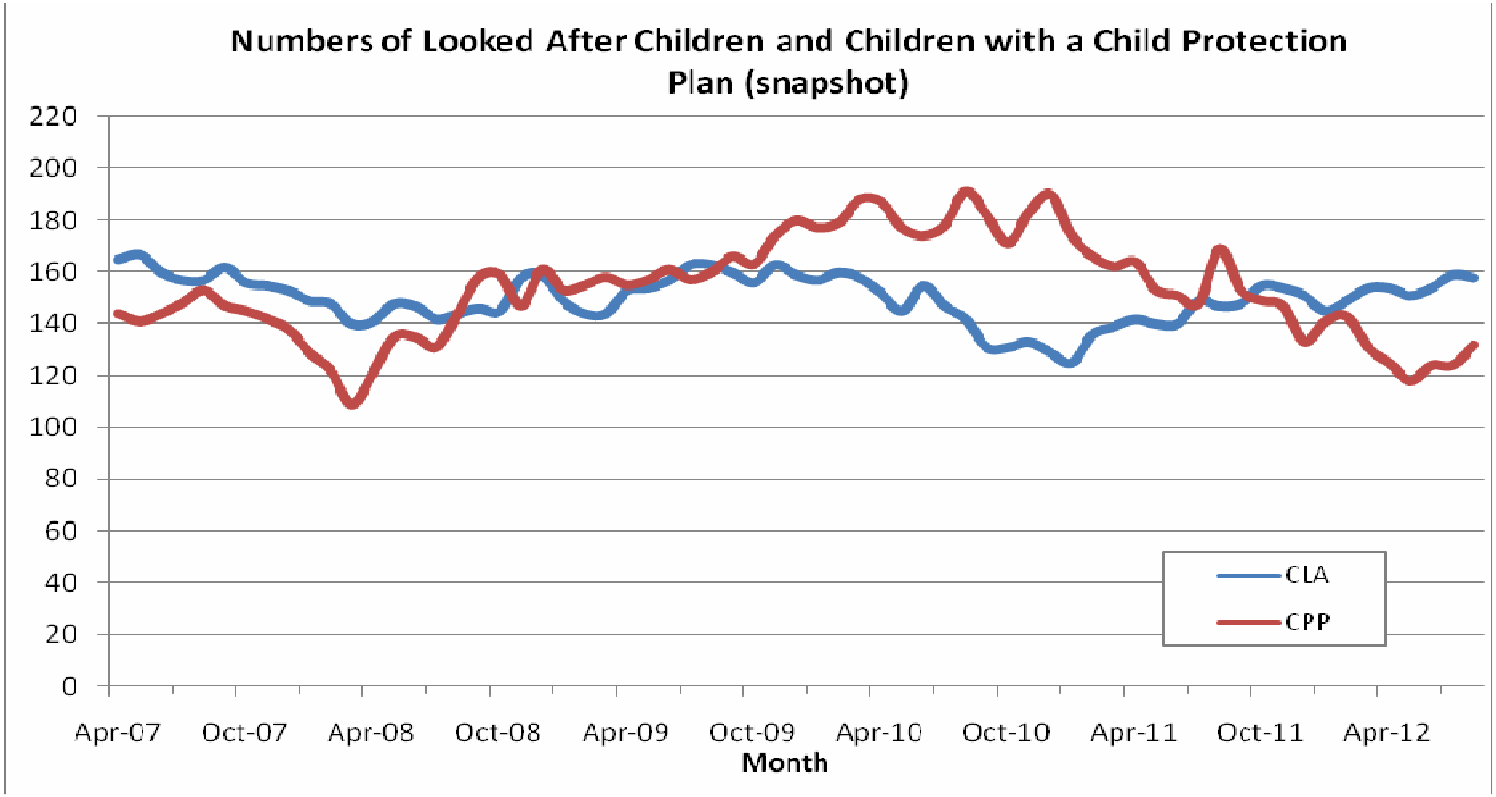


	31/03/2010	31/03/2011	30/01/2012	31/05/2012	30/09/2012
Under 3 months	33	22	31	21	39
3 to 6 months	42	35	31	36	21
6 to 12 months	37	37	34	29	32
12 to 24 months	55	44	27	20	25
Over 24 months	21	24	20	12	15

Co-ordinated work has taken place to progress and end plans, meaning that the numbers in each duration category is more balanced and hopefully will not result in bulges moving through. Work continues to reduce this further and to bring Harrow into line with comparator levels.

The numbers of short term CPP show some fluctuations but the main changes are in the reductions of long term plans.

Part D – Additional Information – Numbers of CLA and CPP over time



Comparator Info: Rates per 10,000 population at 31.03.2011

	CPP	CLA
Harrow	32	28
Stat Neighbour Average	34	52
England	39	59

CPP numbers have been falling, this is partly due to ongoing work to reduce the numbers of longer term cases. Rates of CPP are already slightly below comparator averages at the end of 2010-11. The current rate would put Harrow in line with the lowest rate in the statistical neighbour group.

Children looked after numbers have risen since 2011 Harrow continues to have a significantly lower rate of CLA than the statistical neighbour average. Harrow's rate per population is just over half the statistical neighbour average. Further analysis of the statistical neighbours group shows that although Harrow is the lowest, Merton, Kingston and Redbridge have similar rates. The average is also pulled up by Croydon which has a very high rate of asylum seeking CLA due to the location of the UK Border Agency facility, plus Hillingdon and Hounslow which are similarly affected by Heathrow.