

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE
PARENTING PANEL**

Date: 21 October 2013

Subject: INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance

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

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Janet Mote, Portfolio Holder for Children and Schools

Exempt: 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 September 2013.

Key Points:

- Outcomes for care leavers – especially accommodation, education and employment at age 20 and 21 - are a priority for improvement – the Leaving Care Team is working with the Virtual School to improve this
- CLA numbers had risen to 176 compared to an average of 159 for the prior year
- There were 177 Child Protection Plans compared with an average of 128 for the prior year
- This reflects the lowering of thresholds to ensure need is being met; and corresponds with significant increases in referrals, assessments and child protection investigations
- Short term placement stability is on target for this stage of the year
- Long term placement stability is below target. The Divisional Director now chairs an Access to Resources Panel which scrutinises every placement move
- Performance on child protection plans over 2 years and repeat child protection plans has improved significantly
- Initial health assessments and annual checks for CLA are not being completed on a timely basis – this is a major concern which is being addressed with the Trust that provides the CLA nursing service
- 12 CLA received fixed term exclusions and 2 were excluded permanently during the last academic year
- 4 CLA achieved at least one GCSE, one CLA achieved 5 GCSEs including English and Maths
- At Key Stage 2, two of three CLA were at or above the expected level for English and Maths
- The Virtual School is working with social care teams and schools to improve educational outcomes for all CLA

Options considered

Not applicable

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications

The Children's Services Risk Register has been 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

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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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