

REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date: 17 December 2013

Subject: Performance Report

Key Decision: N/A

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

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

Exempt: No

Decision subject to Call-in: N/A

Enclosures: CLA & CPP Performance Report

Section 1 – Summary

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

Section 2 – Report Issues

See attachment which shows performance up to October 2013.

Activity data is measured quarterly and Q2 data was provided for the Corporate Parenting Panel on 21 October 2013

Key Points:

- The scorecard has been revised and includes statutory indicators & measures
- Following a review of thresholds, rates of activity are rising and direction of travel is moving towards comparator rates.
- Assessment timescales performance has dropped, This has been affected by team reconfiguration. An additional 24 social workers have been recruited to deal with this demand but meeting timescales and achieving the required quality of assessments remains a challenge.
- Performance on ICPCC has improved significantly and work continues to achieve the ambitious target
- Performance on child protection plans over 2 years and repeat child protection plans has improved significantly.
- Outcomes for care leavers – especially accommodation, education and employment at age 20 and 21 – remain a priority for improvement – the Leaving Care Team is working with the Virtual School to improve this. This is a revised indicator and no comparator data is available yet.
- Children looked after & placed more than 20 miles from home remains slightly higher than comparator authorities
- Short term placement stability remains above target for this stage of the year
- Long term placement stability remains unchanged. The Divisional Director chairs an Access to Resources Panel which scrutinises every placement move
- Annual education data published by DfE has been included in the performance scorecard. Virtual school continues to focus on improving educational outcomes for 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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on behalf of the*
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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