

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE  
PARENTING PANEL**

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**Date:** 23 July 2014

**Subject:** INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance

**Key Decision:** No

**Responsible Officer:** Chris Spencer, Interim Corporate Director of Children and Families

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Simon Brown, Portfolio Holder for Children, Schools and Young People

**Wards affected:** All

**Exempt:** No

**Decision subject to Call-in:** No

**Enclosures:** CLA & CPP Performance Report

## **Section 1 – Summary**

This report sets out provisional performance position for year ending 2013-14, Children Looked After & Children with Child Protection Plans activity at end of quarter 4 2013-14 had been provided at the last the Panel meeting. Quarter 1 2014-15 activity data will be available at the next panel meeting.

## Section 2 – Report Issues

See attachment which shows performance for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

### Key Points:

- Performance indicators have provisionally been calculated for Q4 and being finalised for Statutory Returns, the finalised figures will be available for the next meeting.
- Our rates for activities of assessment, child protection investigations, Initial child protection conferences & children becoming subject of a child protection plan have all been increasing over the year. Rates have been grossed to give provisional year end position . Our 2013-14 year end rates are provisional actual rates and harrow is now similar to or above statistical neighbour averages.
- There were 187 Child Protection Plans at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 compared to 122 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Our rate of child protection plans is 34.1 per 10,000 child population, slightly lower than statistical neighbour group average of 36.5. This increase reflects the lowering of thresholds to ensure need is being met; and corresponds with significant increases in referrals, assessments and child protection investigations
- Our rate of Children looked after remains fairly stable at 30.5 per 10,000 child population and is lower compared to statistical neighbour average of 46. Our rates have been historically lower.
- Outcomes for care leavers – especially, education and employment at age 20 and 21 have been a priority for improvement. Performance has improved during the year –The data is measured around 4 months of their birthday and any changes outside this period are not reflected in this indicator. This is the first year data has been collected for all eligible care leavers aged 18-21 and DfE have not defined the indicator yet.
- Short term placement stability provisional performance figures show this is on target, 8.98% of children looked after at 31<sup>st</sup> March had 3 or more moves compared to 15.5% in 2012-13.
- Long term placement stability is below target. This is a small cohort and small changes can have a big impact. 9 out of 18 children who have been looked after for 2.5 years have been in the same placement for 2 years. The drop in performance is due to children turning 16 or ceasing to be looked after as a result of Adoption Order or Special Guardianship Orders, 2 children had historical instability but their current placement for over 12 months has been one of stability, 3 children moved to more suitable long term placements,

- Performance on child protection plans over 2 years and repeat child protection plans has improved significantly
- Initial & review health assessment processes are being addressed and revised with the NHS Trust that provides the CLA nursing service
- For the academic year 2013-14 up to end of May - 14 out of 82 school aged children have had at least 1 fixed term exclusion, there has been one permanent exclusions year to date. The Virtual School continues to track attendance & education progress and 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**

The Council's vision:

### **Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow**

Please identify how the report incorporates the administration's priorities.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for families

The report focuses on the qualitative and quantitative measures of service delivery to vulnerable children, young people and families. These measures help to inform & improve service planning.

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Name: Steve Tingle Date: 27/06/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
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**Ward Councillors notified:**

**NO**

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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