

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE  
PARENTING PANEL**

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<b>Date:</b>	1 October 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	Activity and Performance Report
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Chris Spencer, Interim Corporate Director of Children and Families
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr Simon Brown
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Decision subject to Call-in:</b>	No
<b>Enclosures:</b>	CLA & CPP Performance Report

## **Section 1 – Summary**

This report sets out provisional performance position for year ending 2013-14, this will be finalised by DfE and published in quarter three, The report also shows Children Looked After & Children with Child Protection Plans activity at end of quarter 1 2014-15

## **Section 2 – Report Issues**

See attachment which shows provisional performance for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and at Q1, plus the latest update for Children Looked After and Children with Child Protection Plans activity at end of quarter 1 of 2014-15

### **Key Points:**

- Performance indicators have provisionally been calculated for the year 2013-14, these will be published by the DfE in quarter three of 2014-15, at which point we will also have national comparators.
- Our rates for activities of assessment, child protection investigations, initial child protection conferences and children becoming subject of a child protection plan have all increased in 2013-14. Q1 data shows some stability. Q4 rates show that Harrow is now similar to or above statistical neighbour averages in child protection activity.
- There were 221 Child Protection Plans at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 compared to 163 at the same time last year. Our rate of child protection plans is 40.4 per 10,000 child population and higher than statistical neighbour group average of 36.5. This increase reflects sustained activity following the lowering of thresholds last year to ensure need is being met.
- Our rate of Children Looked After remains fairly stable at 29.4 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 are a priority for improvement. Performance had improved during the year – the data is measured around 4 months of the young person's birthday and any changes outside this period are not reflected in this indicator. 2013-14 is the first year data has been collected for all eligible care leavers aged 18-21 and DfE have not published any comparator data. There are recording issues which are being addressed.
- Short term placement stability 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, This indicator is likely to remain low this year as placement instability over the previous 2 years will continue to have an impact.

- Repeat child protection plans within 2 years of previous plan has dropped, this can be high at the beginning of the year due to small numbers. In Q1, three sibling groups have impacted on this indicator.
- Health Assessments: Initial & review health assessment processes are being improved with the NHS Trust that provides the CLA nursing service. Performance remains well below expected levels and this is a priority for improvement.
- For the academic year 2013-14, although overall attendance was comparatively good and there were no permanent exclusions, fixed term exclusion and persistent absence rates are high. The Virtual School continues to track attendance and education progress and is working with social care teams, carers and schools to improve educational outcomes for all CLA. GCSE and KS2 results are Provisional.

### **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**

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Date: 18/09/2014		

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

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