

REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date:	9 January 2018
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Chris Spencer, Corporate Director of People
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools
Wards affected:	All
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	No, as the Recommendation is for noting only
Enclosures:	CLA Performance Report

Section 1 –Summary and Recommendations

This is an information report which sets out activity for children looked after and care leavers at 30th September 2017 (where available) as well as provisional performance position at end of October 2017-18. National and comparator data is also included where appropriate for context.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted

Reason for Recommendation: To keep the Panel informed of performance in their role as Corporate Parents.

Section 2 – Report

See the attachment which shows provisional outturn position at the end of Q2 and an update of activity for children looked after (CLA) at the end of October where available.

Key Points:

- The performance summary table has been changed and we now use a tool shared by Ofsted to give us an indication of direction of travel and comparison with latest published data.
- Numbers of CLA have decreased by 9.5% since the last report from 179 to 162 currently. Harrows overall rate of CLA per 10,000 children (36) remains below the 2017 comparator data for national (62) and statistical neighbour (39.2) averages, and this has dropped further to 31 at end of October.
- Health indicators are very positive overall. Immunisations data needs some attention
- 26.1% of all school age CLA are classified as persistent absentees based on our internal monitoring. Published data is usually suppressed as these are small numbers and the DfE only measures the cohort at 31st March and those looked after 1 year plus. Our overall absence rate remains high compared to statistical neighbours and the England average. During 2015-16, 5.30% of school sessions were missed by Harrow CLA 1 year + compared to 4% by statistical neighbours and England average.
- 40% of CLA 1 year + reached the expected standard in all three subjects – reading, writing and maths for KS2. No pupil achieved GCSE English and Mathematics at grades 9-5. This is a new indicator and no comparator data is available.
- The percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation has increased since last quarter to 73.3%. Currently 23.3 % of care leavers are not in employment education or training. All efforts are made to help young people gain skills and training through Xcite and similar projects. Published data shows Harrow to be better than statistical neighbour and England averages.

- Comparator data shows that Harrows % of CLA who had a missing incident during 2016 (10%) was higher than England's average (9%), but below our statistical neighbours (12%). Overall numbers of CLA reported missing has decreased since April. Absent CLA has continued to fluctuate.
- CLA with 3+ moves is high for this time of the year, we are already in line with SN and England averages and this being a progressive indicator, it is unlikely to get better. All placement moves are carefully monitored. Long term stability has improved and is at 78.
- The percentage of all new CLA placed more than 20 miles from home has varied throughout the year, currently at 12.5%. Slight increase in all CLA placed over 20 miles.
- CLA offending has shown a drop this quarter; however the comparator data from 2016 shows Harrow figures as 15% greater than England's 5%, London's 6% and statistical neighbour's 7.3%. As our cohort is very small this tends to be reflected through a higher percentage.

Options considered

Not applicable as this is an information 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

Legal Implications

Not applicable as this is an information report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable as this is an information report.

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: Jo Frost	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 19 December 2017		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO, this is an information report only
EqIA carried out:	NO
EqIA cleared by:	N/A information report only

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

- Source: Local data taken from Mosaic System
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoption-2016-to-2017>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoption-2015-to-2016>

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