

REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date:	27 March 2018
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Paul Hewitt, Interim 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 28th February 2018 (where available) as well as provisional performance position at end of January. 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 January and an update of activity for children looked after (CLA) at the end of February 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. The current position is for period ending January 2018.
- Numbers of CLA have decreased since the last report from 179 to 160. Harrows (2016-17) overall rate of CLA per 10,000 children (36) remained below the 2017 comparator data for national (62) and statistical neighbour (39.2) averages, and this has dropped further over quarter 3.
- Health indicators remain very positive overall. Immunisations and SDQ (emotional health) could be further improved.
- School attendance and fixed term exclusions continue to need further monitoring.
- The percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation has increased since last quarter to 86%. Currently 29 % of care leavers are not in employment education or training, which is greater than in quarter 2. 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 2017 (14%) was higher than England's average (10%), but in line with our statistical neighbours (14%). The percentage of CLA with a missing incident and the percentage of CLA away from placement have remained stable since last quarter.
- CLA with 2+ moves is high and likely to be above SN and England averages for the year. All placement moves are carefully monitored. Long term stability has improved and is now very strong at 83%.
- The percentage of all new CLA placed more than 20 miles from home has varied throughout the year, currently at 14.3%. Slight increase in all CLA placed over 20 miles.
- CLA offending data is updated quarterly, Q3 data shows an increase of 5 young people but in line with previous quarters

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: Sharon Daniels

on behalf of the
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 15 March 2018

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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