

# **REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL**

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<b>Date:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Paul Hewitt, Corporate Director of People
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Christine Robson, Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Decision subject to Call-in:</b>	No, as the Recommendation is for noting only
<b>Enclosures:</b>	CLA Performance Report

## **Section 1 –Summary and Recommendations**

This is an information report which sets out activity for children looked after and care leavers as well as provisional performance position at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (where available). 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 March and an update of activity for children looked after (CLA) at the end of March where available.

### Key Points:

- Numbers of CLA have decreased during the year and stand at 156 at 31<sup>st</sup> March. This reduces the rate of children looked after per 10,000 child population to 27, which is in line with the historical rate.
- Profile of CLA (age, gender, ethnicity) is similar to last quarter.
- Educational performance indicators have been updated with 2016-17 results, and reflect the new attainment indicators. Harrow has higher absence and exclusions rates and academic attainment is below statistical neighbour (SN) averages for 2016-17.
- There is strong performance on health checks but we are slightly below target on dental checks
- CLA reviews timeliness is above target at 98%.
- Of those CLA at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 47% (73) had become looked after due to an initial need category of abuse of neglect, followed by 15% due to absent parenting - mainly unaccompanied asylum seekers.
- Of those who ceased to be looked after 40% returned home.
- 7% of children who ceased to be looked after were adopted compared to 4% last year. Special Guardianship Orders (15.8%) is similar to last year.
- The percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation has increased since last quarter to 87%. Currently 27% of care leavers are not in employment education or training, a slight decrease from Q3. 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. *These figures are likely to change with year end data cleaning.*
- Numbers of CLA 'missing' and 'away from placement without authorisation' are fairly stable. Compared to the previous year, there is a slight drop in % of CLA who had a missing incident and a slight increase in the number of absent episodes.
- CLA with 2+ moves is high at 13.5 and likely to be above SN and

England averages for the year. All placement moves are carefully monitored. Long term stability has improved overall, but has dropped from at 83% to 81% since last quarter

- The percentage of all new CLA placed more than 20 miles from home has varied throughout the year, currently this is slightly over target at 21.7%. Both the % of all CLA placed over 20 miles and 50 miles show no significant change from Q3.
- CLA offending data is updated quarterly, with Q4 data showing a decrease of 2 young people from the previous report. Though our data was not published due to suppression rules, for 2016 -17 this would have been 6% and for 2017-18 this will be around 6.5%.

### **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: 18/06/2018		

<b>Ward Councillors notified:</b>	<b>NO, this is an information report only</b>
<b>EqIA carried out:</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>EqIA cleared by:</b>	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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