

REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date:	6 th February 2019
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Paul Hewitt, 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
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 as well as provisional performance position at Q3 2018-19. 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 December and an update of activity for children looked after (CLA) at the end of December where available.

Key Points:

- Overall CLA numbers and the rate of CLA per 10,000 of the population continues to remain low and below comparator data
- Overall CLA session absence and persistent absence remain high and above comparator data.
- Personal Education Plans have improved considerably with 93.9% of school age CLA having a Personal Education Plan in the last term
- There has been improvement from last year's figures in Key Stage 2 average progress score in Reading, Writing and Maths with Maths exceeding comparator data. 33.3% of CLA looked after over a year reached the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths which is above the England score but below the 2017 statistical neighbour average.
- Key Stage 4 average attainment 8 and progress 8 scores have improved from last year's figures. 20% of CLA looked after over a year achieved a 9-4 in English and Maths which is above the England score but below the 2017 statistical neighbour average.
- Health and dental checks for CLA looked after over a year have improved and are now in line with statistical neighbour averages.
- Immunisations for children looked after over a year has decreased slightly and remains below the statistical neighbour average.
- Of those CLA at 31st December, 51.5% had become looked after due to an initial need category of abuse or neglect, followed by 22.4% due to absent parenting - mainly unaccompanied asylum seekers.
- The percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation continues to remain high at 90.5%. Currently 35.8% 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.
- Numbers of CLA 'missing' and 'away from placement without

authorisation' have decreased with 11.6% of all CLA current and ceased having at least 1 missing episode and 8.6% having at least 1 episode away from placement. The percentage away from placement is higher than the statistical neighbour average.

- 5.5% of CLA have had 3 or more placement moves in the year keeping us on target for Q3 and remaining below comparator data. The percentage of CLA looked after for 2.5 years who have been in the same placement for 2 years has increased to 62.3% with 24 CLA in placement for over 2 years, we are below the statistical neighbour and England averages.
- For CLA offending data there's been no change between Q2 and Q3 with 3 CLA being known to YOT.

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: 21/01/2019		

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-2017-to-2018>
- <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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