

# REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

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<b>Date:</b>	3 April 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>INFORMATION REPORT</b> – Children Looked After (CLA) Performance Benchmarking Data
<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>Enclosures:</b>	Appendix 1: Benchmarking Data: Looked After Children (LAC)

## Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This is an information report which sets out benchmarking data with statistical neighbours and London and England averages for children looked after and care leavers.

**Recommendations:** 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 Harrow's Children looked after position on key indicators compared to statistical neighbours, London and England averages. The performance and activity report for children looked after for Q3 was presented at the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 6<sup>th</sup> of February and Q4 data is not yet 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 & exclusions remain high and above comparator data. The virtual school is focused on improving attendance and reducing exclusions.
- The percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation and in education, employment or training has generally been higher and better than SN and England averages
- CLA offending shows reduction for the last two years however those with alcohol or substance misuse has gone up in 2018. Small numbers do contribute to the fluctuations.
- Numbers of CLA 'missing' have decreased whilst the percentage away from placement has gone up.
- Placement stability has fluctuated with an improvement in 2018 for both indicators.

## **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: 26/03/2019		

<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-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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