

# Corporate Parenting Service Update

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- Performance and Disproportionality Update
- Children in Care Council Consultation and Participation
- Corporate Parenting Strategy 2022-2025

# Performance Scorecard

CLA 195; Care Leavers 189 (end of Q3)



Ref No	Indicator Description	Statistical Neighbour Average 2020/21	England average 2020/21	Harrow 2018-19	Harrow 2019-20	Harrow 2020-21	Harrow target 2021/22	Harrow actual Q1 2021-22	Harrow actual Q2 2021-22	Harrow actual Q3 2021-22
1	Rate of CLA per 10,000 children aged under 18	38.6	67.0	29.0	31.7	30.0		29.0	29.7	32.5
2	Timeliness of Reviews of Looked After Children	Not Published	Not Published	100.0	98.9	97.1	95%	97.1	93.5	90.7
3	% of CLA with 3 or more placements	10.0	9.0	10.7	13.5	10.0	Q1 - 2.5% Q2 - 5% Q3 - 7.5% Q4 - 10%	1.7	4.5	6.2
4	% of CLA looked after for 2.5+ years and in the same placement for 2 years	69.5	70.0	53.8	69.7	81.0	70%	73.7	76.9	70.7
5	% of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (19 - 21 year olds)	86.4	88.0	94.6	92.9	82.1	85%	82.1	91.9	89.5
6	% of Care Leavers not in education, employment or training (19 - 21 year olds)	37.5	41.0	31.5	29.1	40.0	35%	38.5	37.1	32.4
7	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Dental Checks (rolling year)	41.7	40.0	89.9	94.0	73.0	90%	85.7	80.7	86.4
8	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Health Checks (rolling year)	91.8	91.0	96.2	94.0	99.0	95%	95.8	84.4	94.9
9	% of children who ceased to be looked after who were adopted	5.5	10.0	5.3	3.1	4.3	Q1 - 2% Q2 - 4% Q3 - 6% Q4 - 8%	4.3	3.6	3.8
10	% Children who ceased to be looked due to a Special Guardianship Order	Not Published	12.3	6	13	19.1	13%	13.0	19.6	15.2
11	% of CLA placed more than 20 miles away from home (snapshot)	22.1	16.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20%	23.4	21.6	18.2
12	% of all CLA (current and ceased) with at least 1 missing episode in year	12.9	10.0	11.8	12.8	9.0	Q1 - 3% Q2 - 6% Q3 - 9% Q4 - 12%	3.6	8.2	8.6

- Improvement in young people accessing education, employment and training. For Q3, 32.4% care leavers were NEET
- NEET Monthly Challenge Panel commenced in January 2022, this will focus on developing plans for young people to be supported into education, employment and training opportunities

# CLA demographics and disproportionality Q3 snapshot

Ethnicity									
	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
White	27	27	no dif 0%	25	27	lower -7%	75	74	higher 1%
Mixed	21	9	higher 133%	23	9	higher 156%	10	6	higher 59%
Asian	26	49	lower -47%	22	49	lower -55%	4	12	lower -67%
Black	15	10	higher 50%	15	10	higher 50%	7	6	higher 17%
Other	13	1	higher 1200%	15	1	higher 1400%	3	0	higher 300%
Age									
	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Under 1	6	6	lower -6%	4	6	lower -33%	5	5	lower -3%
1 to 4	10	24	lower -57%	15	24	lower -38%	14	22	lower -37%
5 to 9	12	29	lower -57%	13	29	lower -55%	19	29	lower -35%
10 to 15	36	31	higher 17%	43	31	higher 39%	39	33	higher 18%
16-plus	35	10	higher 252%	25	10	higher 149%	23	10	higher 129%
Gender									
	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Male	58	51	higher 14%	59	51	higher 15%	56	51	higher 9%
Female	42	49	lower -15%	41	49	lower -16%	44	49	lower -10%

- CIC Council Consultation event on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022
- Key messages from care experienced children and young people
- Next steps agreed for 2022
- Working towards New Beginnings Self Assessment of CLA/UASC/LC Team
- Aspirations – Young People Led Inspection
- Pan London Children in Care Offer – working group underway

## Achievements to date and examples of good practice

- Care experienced young people are part of every interview panel to recruit social workers, after care personal advisors and managers in the Children Looked After, UASC, and Leaving Care team (introduced in 2020)
- Harrow was one of the first local authorities in England to sign-up to the *Parents In and Leaving Care Charter*,
- The Harrow Local Offer to Care Leavers was refreshed following consultation with care experienced young people in 2021, Council tax exemptions for all Harrow Care Leavers until their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday was introduced in April 2021.
- In 2021, we stayed in touch with 98% of care leavers aged 19-21, and 96% were in suitable accommodation
- 100% of eligible children have a completed Personal Education Plan (PEP) in 2021
- No child looked after by Harrow had a permanent exclusion in 2020-2021
- All children are given extra tuition according to their need
- The Staying Put policy enables care leavers to remain with their foster carers after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Education, Training and Employment: We have high aspirations and want to close the attainment gap for children in care. We will increase the proportion of care leavers in education, training and employment.**

## **We will:**

- Offer catch-up interventions to support children who have fallen behind with their learning.
- Work to increase the number of children with good school attendance from 90% to 95% or higher.
- Aim to increase the Attainment 8 Score (18) to be in line with or above the England Average (21).
- Review education packages for 'hard to reach' Key Stage 3 and Key 4 students.
- Address issues of disproportionality of education outcomes

# Corporate Parenting Strategy – Key Priority 2

**Improve the involvement and participation of young people in all services for children looked after and care leavers, with a focus on co-production, service design, delivery and evaluation.**

## **We will:**

- Co-facilitate a series of consultation events in 2022 to revitalise the Children in Care Council, seeking children and young peoples' views about what a council should look like, how it should be run, and how this will influence decisions and policies in Harrow Council
- Work with care experienced young people to undertake a Youth Led Inspection of Children's Services to develop more meaningful co-production and participation of services which meet the needs of children and young people.
- Ensure care experienced young people continue to be part of every interview panel in the CLA, UASC, and Leaving Care Team recruitment
- Continue to regularly seek the feedback of children looked after before CLA reviews and in plans and decisions made about their care and Pathway Planning.

**Children looked after will be happy and healthy, safe and protected from harm and sexual exploitation: improve the physical, emotional and social health and wellbeing of children looked after and care leavers**

## **We will:**

- Ensure children and young people have timely access to the right assessments (including Education Health and Care Plans where eligible), so their needs are understood and met.
- Ensure that young people know how to access their health information via the NHS app
- Commission services in partnership with children and young people to meet their needs, including emotional and mental health services (such as Heads Up)
- Advocate for children and care leavers to have priority access to health services
- Work with health partners to ensure the safe transition of young people to adult services
- Promote healthy relationships, sexual health and well-being, and support young people to access key agencies such as the Caryl Thomas Clinic, Brook, the Wish Centre, and Compass

**Safe and stable homes: we will provide a choice of good quality placements that provide security, stability, safety and high standards of care**

## **We will:**

- Ensure that all children looked after are placed in appropriate homes with access to the support that they need, as identified in their care plan
- Develop a wide range of resources to respond to the diverse needs of children looked after and care leavers, working closely with education, health and housing services.
- Place children within Harrow as far as possible or within the North West London, except where this is not consistent with the child's welfare of a child
- Maintain joint working arrangements between Children and Housing to meet the needs of those who are at risk of becoming looked after at the age of 16 and 17 as a result of homelessness
- Continue to develop a sufficient range of accommodation and support packages for care leavers to facilitate their pathway plans and to ensure all transitions are undertaken in a planned and supportive manner. This includes a clear staying put policy to enable care leavers to remain with their foster carers up to the age of 25 if desired and appropriate
- Maintain robust systems to ensure careful matching of placements and to prevent disruption and to ensure placement stability