

Corporate Parenting Service Update

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Performance Scorecard

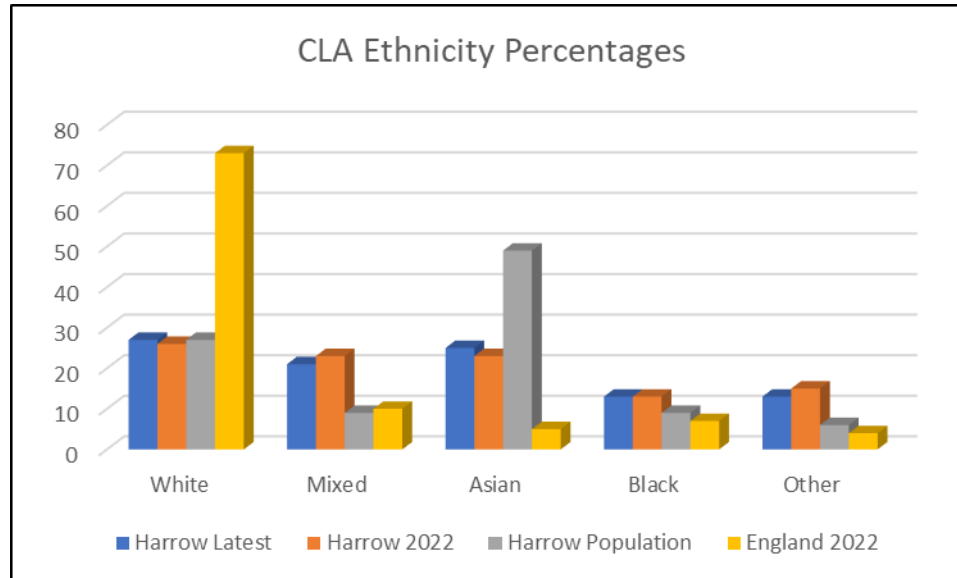
Ref No	Indicator Description	Statistical Neighbour Average 2020/21	England average 2020/21	Harrow 2019-20	Harrow 2020-21	Harrow 2021-22	Harrow target 2022/23	Harrow Q1 2022-23	Harrow Q2 2022-23
1	Number of current CLA at end of quarter	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	186	182	188	N/A	187	191
2	Number of current Care Leavers at end of quarter	Not Published	Not Published	166	183	189	N/A	188	191
3	Rate of CLA per 10,000 children aged under 18	38.6	67.0	31.7	30.0	31.5		31.2	31.8
4	Timeliness of Reviews of Looked After Children	Not Published	Not Published	98.9	97.1	89.8	95%	93.8 (167/178)	86.7 (157/181)
5	% of CLA with 3 or more placements	10.0	9.0	13.5	10.0	13.8	Q1 - 2.5% Q2 - 5% Q3 - 7.5% Q4 - 10%	1.1 (2/187)	2.1 (4/191)
6	% of CLA looked after for 2.5+ years and in the same placement for 2 years	69.5	70.0	69.7	81.0	68.4	70%	76.5 (26/34)	77.5 (31/40)
7	% of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (19 - 21 year olds)	86.4	88.0	92.9	82.1	89.9	85%	96.3 (27/28)	84.3 (43/51)
8	% of Care Leavers not in education, employment or training (19 - 21 year olds)	37.5	41.0	29.1	40.0	27.6	35%	25 (7/28)	35.3 (18/51)
9	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Dental Checks (rolling year)	41.7	40.0	94.0	73.0	91.5	90%	89.9 (98/109)	89.9 (94/109)
10	% of CLA who are looked after 1 yr + with up to date Health Checks (rolling year)	91.8	91.0	94.0	99.0	99.1	95%	93.5 (102/109)	91.7 (100/109)
11	% of children who ceased to be looked after who were adopted	5.5	10.0	3.1	4.3	3.8	N/A	3.7 (1/27)	4 (2/50)
12	% Children who ceased to be looked due to a Special Guardianship Order	Not Published	12.3	13.0	19.1	14.3	N/A	0.0	4 (2/50)
13	% of CLA placed more than 20 miles away from home (snapshot)	22.1	16.0	20.0	20.0	16.0	20%	20.9 (29/139)	20.4 (29/142)
14	% of all CLA (current and ceased) with at least 1 missing episode in year	12.9	10.0	12.8	9.0	8.8	Q1 - 3% Q2 - 6% Q3 - 9% Q4 - 12%	1.9 (4/214)	4.1 (10/246)

Children placed 20+ miles from Home Address

In house fostering (long-term)	8
CYADS specialist placement (long-term)	7
Children's home (medium term – risk based)	4
Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) (long-term)	4
Parent and child placement (assessment / short term)	2
Kinship carer (long term)	2
Young Offenders Institute (YOI) (Short term)	1
Placed for adoption (long term)	1
Grand Total	29

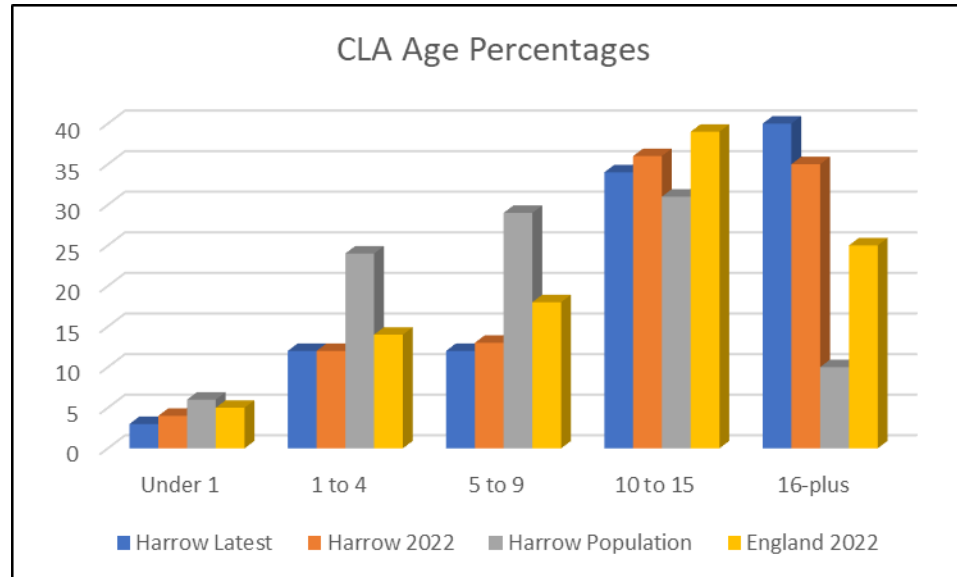
The majority of children placed 20+ miles from home are in long-term, settled placements which meet their assessed needs. A small number of children are placed in short term or temporary placements, based on assessed needs and are living with their parents, in children's homes for safety reasons or in custody due to offences.

Harrow CLA ethnicity snapshot (% of population)



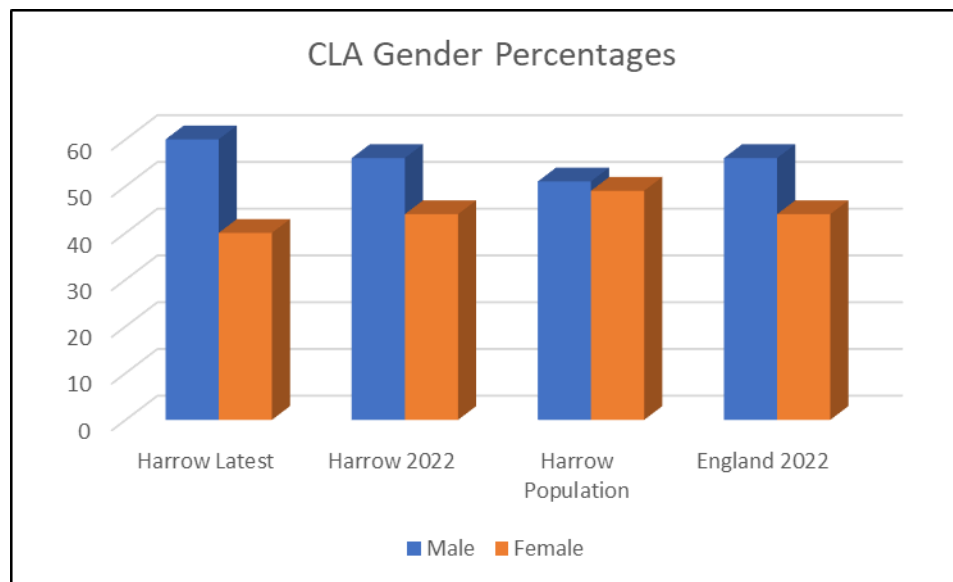
The above graph compares population level data for Harrow (grey) and England (yellow) with Harrow's Q2 data for CLA (blue) and 2022 CLA data (orange).

CLA by Harrow are disproportionately "mixed", "other" or "black" ethnic groups compared to the general Harrow population. Children of Asian ethnicity are significantly under-represented in CLA numbers. Included in the above data are 32 unaccompanied asylum seeking children currently CLA.



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The graph highlights the much higher percentage of children in care who are 16+ compared to the general Harrow population, and slightly higher percentage of CLA aged 10-15 compared to the Harrow population.



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The graph highlights there is a significantly higher percentage of males in care than females. Plans are underway to review how gender identity is recorded in mosaic.

Fostering Recruitment Update



The fostering team raising awareness and promoting fostering in Harrow Town Centre in November and December 2022

There is an active ongoing recruitment campaign in the community, including supermarkets, community events, places of worship, Harrow People magazine, social media and developing relationships with the Romanian and Eastern European Hub.



- 55 households currently fostering for Harrow
- 3 new households approved this financial year (capacity for 7 children), with 5 further households undergoing assessment (capacity for 8 children)
- 81 children currently living with in-house foster carers

Key Challenges

- Sufficiency challenges for large sibling groups, adolescent carers, particularly teenage girls and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Competitive fostering allowances to retain and recruit in-house carers and rise in cost of living
- Housing challenges / available spare rooms to foster

Harrow People – Foster Carers Making a Difference



◀ **Jayesh and Roshana have looked after 17 children since becoming foster carers 15 years ago.**

Jayesh said: “Our first foster child was a girl with learning difficulties and our relationship was built on how we supported her, recognising her needs and not ours. When she came to us she could barely read or write. Now she is 27 and a mum herself – and still very special to us. It is challenging, but to be able to turn situations around and improve things for them is priceless.

“There are lots of highs – seeing the child move forward and turn their life around – and there are lows, as any parent experiences. Sometimes you don’t know what you’re doing but there is always back-up available from the Harrow team.

“If you have love and space in your home, fostering is the best thing you can do. The children are brilliant and we wouldn’t change what we do for the world.”