

Committee:	Corporate Parenting Panel
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Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
Responsible Officer:	Corporate Director of Children’s Services, Paul Clark
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, Councillor Christine Bednell
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	CLA & CPP Activity and Performance Report

1. Summary

This report sets out key data relating to Children Looked After (CLA) and Children with Child Protection Plans (CPP), plus key performance indicators for the end of November 2008.

Key issues:

- The total number of adoptions and special guardianships has risen to 6 and we are still predicting top banded performance on this indicator
- Core assessment performance has dropped – action is being taken in the Duty and Assessment and Children with Disabilities teams to address this. Managers are ensuring that quality checks remain in place.
- Participation of CLA in reviews is reporting low at the moment but will improve when records are brought fully up to date
- Long term stability of placements is now over 60% but remains a challenge given our policy of looking for adoption or special guardianships for all longer term CLA
- There are now 3 CLA in secure units – this accounts for most of the increase in out of borough placements

2. Financial Implications

No significant financial implications.

3. Performance Issues

This report provides latest performance on statutory indicators for children's social care. The Panel may wish to provide direction following an analysis of current performance.

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