

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 August 2009.

Key Points:

- Core assessment performance has fallen below target. Initial assessment performance has steadily improved but remains below target. Robust management action is being taken to improve the situation.
- CLA missing 25+ days of school - Target of 10% already exceeded. New academic year began in September and further measures have been put in place to monitor this indicator.
- The number of children placed out of borough has increased significantly. A number of these placements are in neighbouring boroughs.
- Timeliness of CLA reviews is difficult to calculate due to the number of incomplete reviews. Performance for July was 100%.
- An analysis of CLA aged 10-15 is attached. 44% of CLA are aged

between 10 and 15. The majority of these children are male. The main presenting need for this age range at the time of coming into care is abuse or neglect, followed by child disability and absent parenting.

- An analysis for all children in need who received a service between 1 October 2008 and 31 March 2009 is attached. Action is being taken to improve the recording of ethnicity.

2. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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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