

REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Date of Meeting:	12 October 2010
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT - Activity and Performance
Responsible Officer:	Catherine Doran, Corporate Director Children's Services
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	CLA & CPP Activity and Performance Report Attachment 1: Trends in Initial Assessment Activity Attachment 2: Analysis of out of Borough Placements Attachment 3: Cost per Child Looked After

Section 1 – Summary

This report sets out key data relating to Children Looked After (CLA) and Children with Child Protection Plans (CPP), plus performance position for National Indicators for Children's Social Care.

There are three attachments which provide information requested by Panel Members at the last meeting;

1. Trends in Initial Assessment Activity
2. Analysis of out of Borough Placements
3. Cost per Child Looked After

A further request was made for numbers of children with disabilities who are looked after - this data is included in the main report.

Section 2 – Report

Key Points:

- Data is shown to end of August 2010.
- Number of Looked After Children has fallen. Number of children subject to Child Protection Plan has increased.
- 15 adoptions/SGOs granted since beginning of year (April) which is very strong performance.
- There are 14 Looked After Children allocated to the Children with Disabilities Team (plus an additional 20 receiving respite care / short term breaks).
- Numbers and trends of Initial Assessments is attached (as requested at previous Corporate Parenting Panel). The number of initial assessments peaked towards the end of 2009 and has now reduced significantly.
- Initial and core assessments present the most serious performance risk at present. The Duty and Assessment team has been affected by increased workload and loss of key staff. Management action is being taken but targets are now very unlikely to be met.
- Summary of placement location of Looked After Children is attached (as requested at previous Corporate Parenting Panel).
- There are early indications that the work to reduce placement costs is having a positive impact. More detailed benchmarking data will be provided to the next meeting

Section 3 – Further Information

All relevant information is detailed in the report.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Section 5 – Corporate Priorities

Improve support for vulnerable people.

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Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None