

**REPORT FOR: CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL**

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<b>Date:</b>	10 July 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	INFORMATION REPORT – Activity and Performance
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Catherine Doran, Corporate Director of Children’s Services
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr Brian Gate
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Decision subject to Call-in:</b>	No
<b>Enclosures:</b>	CLA & CPP Activity and Performance Report

**Section 1 – Summary**

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

**Section 2 – Report Issues**

See attachment which shows activity to end of May 2012. Following feedback from the Panel, the level of commentary and analysis included in the report has been increased.

## Key Points:

- Number of CPP has decreased and is now lower than the number of CLA. Both CLA and CPP rates are low compared with national and statistical neighbour averages
- CPP numbers have reduced significantly as action is being taken to progress and end longer term CPP where appropriate
- Increase in CLA numbers may reflect a tendency to accommodate more children, especially given the recent work to reduce long term CPP. This will need to be monitored carefully
- Proportion of CLA aged 16-17 remains higher than in previous years. Nearly half of Harrow's CLA are now in this age group
- Young people with Asian ethnicity are underrepresented and Black ethnicity overrepresented in comparison with Harrow's population for both CPP and CLA groups
- Percentage of placements with in-house foster carers has increased but foster care overall remains at a lower rate than comparators. Our rates of young people living independently and in residential schools are higher than comparators
- Action is being taken to address performance issues:
  - Improving assessment timescales
  - Improving short terms placement stability
  - Further reductions in long term CPP
  - Keeping contact with care leavers and improving numbers in education, training and employment; and suitable accommodation

## Options considered

Not applicable

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## Risk Management Implications

The risk relating to workload and staffing for child protection is already included in the corporate risk register.

Risk included on Directorate risk register? Yes

Separate risk register in place? No

## Corporate Priorities

- Improve support for vulnerable people

## Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Emma Stabler

on behalf of the\*  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 27 June 2012

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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