

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

**27 October 2009**

**CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER: PERFORMANCE**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF SAFEGUARDING**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Board with information about performance against key performance indicators and targets for children looked after.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The numbers in this report relate to the end of August 2009. Appendix 1 contains information about performance against key indicators and targets for young people in care, and provides a basis for monitoring performance over time, and for comparison with performance nationally (banding).

**3. Summary of Key Points**

- 3.1 The indicators measuring placement stability are stable as are the headline number of Children Looked After. However, this does not give a complete picture of the activity within the service. Included in this report are comparisons with our nearest authorities. For both CLA and children subject of a CPP Sunderland is average. There is a continuing high levels of adoption.

Appendix 1 provides information about performance against key indicators.

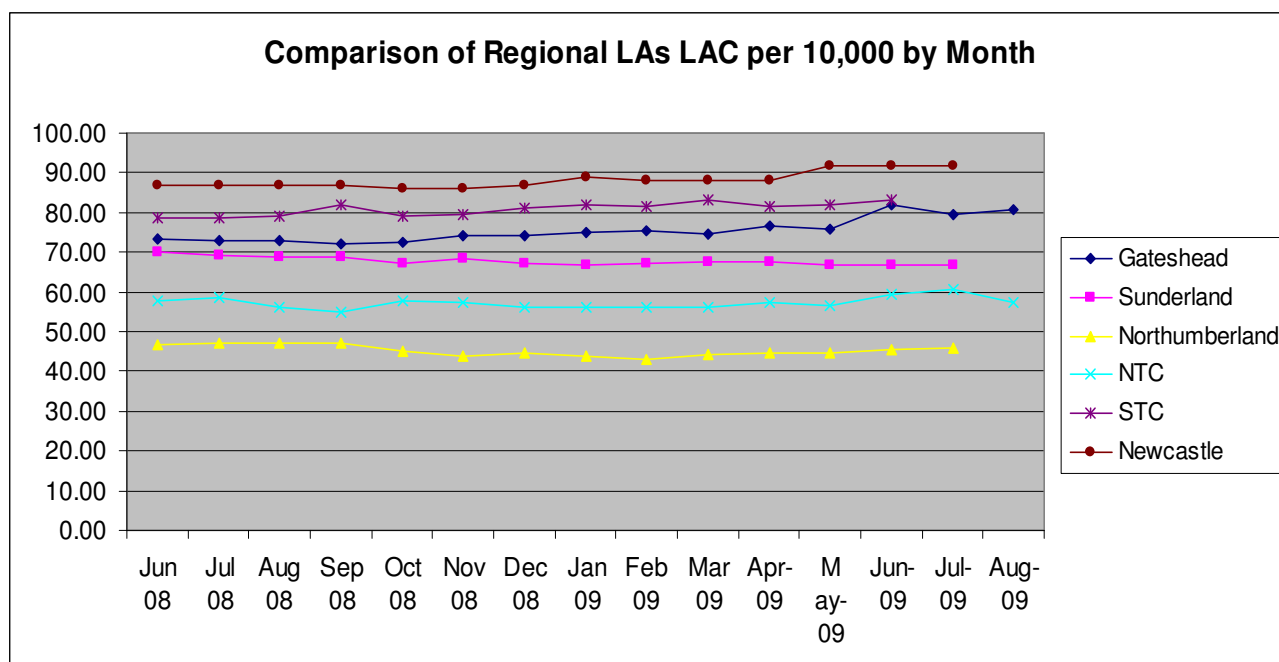
**4 Children Looked After**

- The LAC numbers were 389 at the end of August '09. This equates to 67 per 10,000 of children under 18. There are 50 (13.4%) children within residential care. All children under 10 are in family placements.

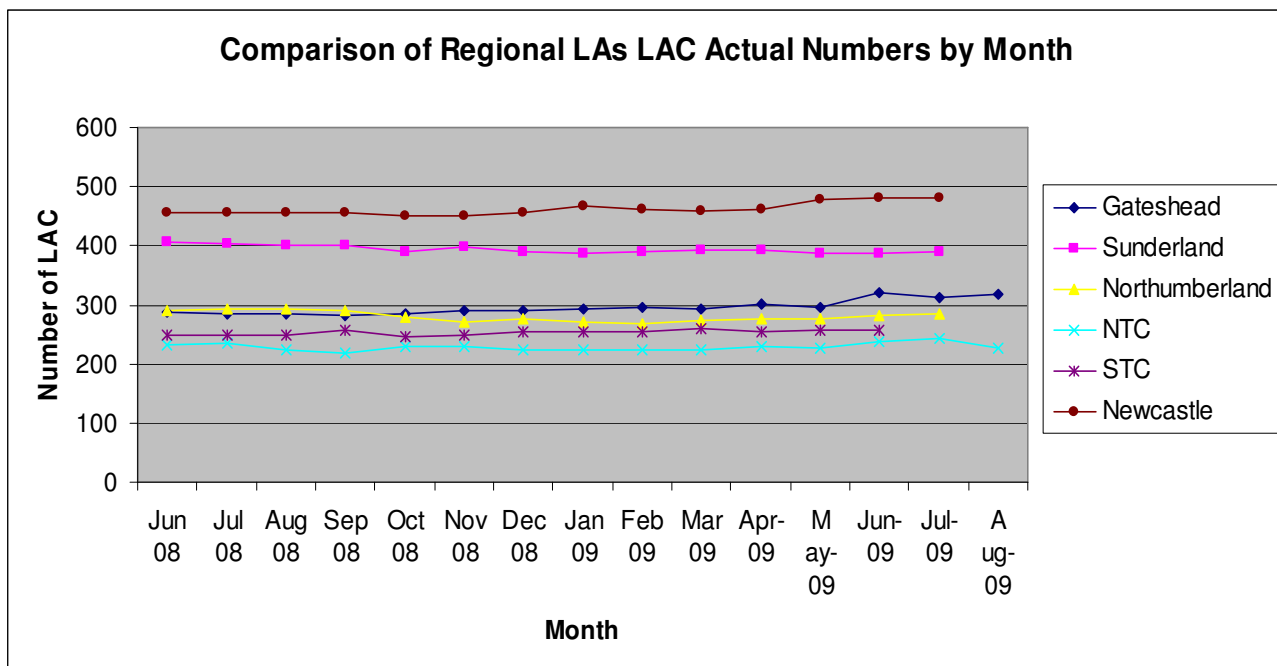
- Comparative Information Looked After Children Number of LAC per 10,000 Position at March 2009 Population Under 18

<b>Tyne and Wear</b>	LAC	per 10000	<b>Core Cities</b>	LAC	per 10000	<b>Nearest Neighbours</b>	LAC	per 10000
Newcastle upon Tyne	459	88.0	Newcastle upon Tyne	459	88.0	Newcastle upon Tyne	459	88.0
Gateshead	292	75.0	Birmingham			Gateshead	292	75.0
North Tyneside			Bristol UA			Halton		
South Tyneside	259	83.0	Leeds			Hartlepool	153	72.1
Sunderland	394	67.8	Liverpool	800	86.6	Leeds		
			Manchester			Liverpool	800	86.6
<b>Average</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>78.5</b>	Nottingham UA			Middlesbrough UA	276	86.8
			Sheffield	590	53.4	Salford		
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			<b>Average</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>76.0</b>	South Tyneside	259	83.0
						Sunderland	394	67.8
						<b>Average</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>76.6</b>

- The following graph shows the numbers of CLA and those subject to a CPP since April 2008.
- All of our local peer group are relatively stable, with slight increases for Newcastle and Gateshead. Sunderland are mid range



Per 10,000



Actual numbers

## 5 Placement Stability

- NI 61, (CLA with 3 or more moves) 9.0% or 35/398 children, against a target of 10.5%. This has risen from 32 last month.
- NI 63, (long-term stability of CLA) of those less than 16 and in care for over 2.5 years had been in the same placement for more than 2 years at 68.9% has continued to rise. While the number in care for more that 2.5 years has fallen from 169 to 164 from the last month, within this those in the same placement remained even at 113. However, still below target of 74%. We compare well with our nearest authorities.
- The related indicator for placement stability of B79 (% of CLA (exc with parent) in family places aged between 10 and 15), 84.6 % (123/150) is stable and just above the 83% target.

## 6 NI 66, PAF C68 - Timeliness of reviews of Children Looked After

In the year since April 2009, 97.9% of looked after children had all of their reviews in the year to date against a target of 100%

92% (322/350) of looked after children had all of their reviews in the year end August, against a target of 100%

**7 NI 148, PAF A4 – Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training at the age of 19**

- At the end of June NI 148 – those in EET was 60%. This is based on small numbers (3 of 5) and based on the period ending July.
- 80% (4 from 5). Of care leaver were in suitable accommodation. Both of these indicators are below their targets although the numbers involved are small and will fluctuate.

**8 NI 71 Children missing from care**

The self assessment at the end of July had risen to 8 from a possible 15 as at the end of July.

**9 Children subject to Private Fostering**

At the end of March 2009 there were 6 children privately fostered. At the end of July 2008 there are 5.

**10 PAF C63 – Participation of Looked After Children in Reviews**

- 100% of children contributed to each of their reviews during the period.

**11 PAF C23 - Percentage of children adopted**

- In the period since April there were 14 children adopted and 2 children had a SGO, 4.9% of those in care over 6 months, if this pattern is maintained the final outturn for 2009/10 would be 11.8%. It was suggested that the growth in adoptions would begin to fall in the second half of the year, this seems to be happening. The target is 8.7% for the year.
- In the twelve months there were 36 children adopted and 10 children had a SGO, 14.1% of those in care over 6 months.
- The number of those placed for adoption is 30 children, 28 of whom are under 10. This number had fallen due to the high number of adoptions. However, it has levelled out in the last few months.
- NI 61 the percentage of children adopted who were placed for adoption within 12 months of best interest decision being made has improved from 69% at the end of March to 78.6% at the end of August, 11 children from those adopted.

## 12 Education

- The percentage of children with a current PEP at the end of August was 98%.
- In the year ending August 31<sup>st</sup> three children moved school as a result of a placement move.

## 13 Disabilities

- The percentage of children and families in receipt of direct payments at the end of July continues to rise up to 3% or 103 children.

## 14 Ethnicity

The following table shows the percentage of non-white children by service. The ethnic population in schools is 4.6%. The DCSF suggest that a percentage above this would reflect the needs of ethnic minorities. There has been a fall in those on with a CPP and that Looked After. This may be due to a number of records being 'not recorded' for ethnicity.

	% non white
Ethnicity of CIN	4.4%
Ethnicity of CLA	4%
Ethnicity open to CPP	3%



### Children Looked After and Care Leavers Performance against BVPI & PAF Indicators (LAC)

		Current Status																		07/08 Outturn
Code	Indicator Description	Aug-09	09/10 Target	Banding	Achieved Target?	Distance From Target	Direction	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09		
PAF A1 2043SC NIS DSO2	BVPI 49 CLA with 3 or more placements - end period	6.0%	10.5%	5	✓	4.5%	↑	9.7%	10.5%	10.3%	10.0%	9.0%	8.7%	8.9%	9.1%	8.8%	8.2%	9.0%	10.5%	
PAF A2 3072SC	BVPI 50 % of Care Leavers 16+ with 1+ GCSE A*-G/GNVQ	N/A	75.0%	5	✓	#VALUE!	→	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	see 903	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	76.7%
PAF A4 161 CYPP Priority 10	BVPI Employment, education or training for care leavers on their 19th Birthday expressed as a ratio of all children in the community in EET (CLA on 16th Birthday)	0.60	0.77	5	✗	-0.17	↓	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.71	0.71	0.68	0.68	0.50	0.33	0.75	0.90	
PAF B7 2056SC	% of CLA (exc with parent) in family places - end pd	84.6%	83.0%	4	✓	1.6%	↑	82.4%	82.4%	82.7%	84.1%	85.4%	84.3%	84.4%	84.2%	83.6%	84.1%	84.1%	84.3%	
PAF B79 2068SC	% of CLA (exc with parent) in family places - end pd aged between 10 & 15 – end pd.	82.0%	83.0%	-	✗	-1.0%	↑	79.0%	79.0%	79.0%	83.2%	83.2%	83.2%	82.6%	81.9%	81.8%	82.4%	81.9%	82.5%	
PAF C18	CLA 1+ yrs - Conviction/Final Warning rate (10-17 yrs): Offences whilst looked after - expressed as a ratio of the percentage of all children aged 10-17 given a final warning/reprimand or convicted for an offence in the police force area	0.0	2.4	2	✓	2.4	→	3.1	oc2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	
PAF C19 1037SC	Of CLA for 1+ yrs, % with Health Check/Assessments completed during year (Annual: OC2)	0.0%	93.0%	5	✗	-93.0%	→	91.3%	oc2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	see 903	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	91.5%	
PAF C23 Revised BVPI 163 2059SC LAA9 NIS DSO2	Annual Adoption Rate: Annual No. of Adoptions/Guardianship as % of CLA continuously for 6 months	14.1%	8.7%	5	✓	5.4%	↓	8.9%	10.8%	9.2%	11.3%	11.5%	11.4%	14.1%	15.3%	15.3%	14.4%	15.4%	9.0%	
SS(LAC) 11	% of CLA aged <10 years placed for adoption	17.8%	18.0%		✗	-0.2%	↑	25.6%	28.5%	28.5%	25.6%	25.5%	23.9%	18.8%	18.6%	16.9%	17.5%	17.3%	19.1%	
PAF C24	Children Looked After, Absent from School (Annual: OC2)	0.0%	10.0%	3	✓	10.0%	→	15.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	
PAF D35 2044SC	CLA LA for 4+ yrs, same place 2+ yrs - end pd (no longer a PAF Indicator)	0.0%	-	-	-	-	→	50.9%	48.5%	47.4%	47.8%	48.6%	49.7%	49.5%	49.5%	49.5%	0.0%	0.0%	54.4%	

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PAF C63 4016SC	% of children and young people looked after who communicated their views specifically for each of their statutory reviews	100.0%	100.0%	5	✓	0.0%	→	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
NI 66 PAF C68 2064SC	Timeliness of Reviews for Children Looked After	92.0%	100.0%	5	✗	-8.0%	↓	95.4%	95.9%	95.5%	93.4%	95.4%	95.1%	98.5%	98.2%	98.2%	98.2%	95.8%	96.0%	
NI 63 PAF D78 (SS (LAC)24) 2067SC	CLA<16 yrs LA for 2.5+ yrs,same place 2+ yrs - end pd	68.9%	74.0%	-	✗	-5.1%	↑	75.3%	72.3%	70.6%	70.9%	71.3%	70.0%	67.3%	70.3%	64.6%	64.3%	66.9%	71.9%	
CLA Personal Education Plans	% CLA who have a current PEP	98.0%	100.0%	-	✗	-2.0%	→	72.9%	64.3%	54.5%	49.5%	94.0%	94.0%	na	na	97.0%	97.0%	98.0%	82.7%	
NI 58	The emotional and behavioural health of children and young people in care will be assessed through the use of a Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ). The SDQ is a short behavioural screening questionnaire.	0.0	-	-	-	-	→	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	see 903	0.0	0.0	0.0	new	
NI 61 SS (LAC) 18 2058SC	% of children adopted who were placed for adoption within 12 months of best interest decision being made	78.6%	82.0%	-	✗	-3.4%	↑	69.0%	69.0%	0.0%	81.8%	0.0%	82.1%	69.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	76.9%		
Children with Private Fostering arrangement	The number of children with Private Fostering arrangements	0	-	-	-	-	→	11	11	12	13	16	16	6	6	5	5	0	8	