

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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No

## **Corporate Parenting Board, Performance Report for Quarter 1, 2014/15**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

This report shows the current position of the Council as 'Corporate Parent', and provides an update on the current performance of the Council in meeting this responsibility.

### **2. Quarter 1 Reporting Structure**

This report includes a Position Statement for Looked After Performance and the Looked After Children Performance Scorecard.

The structure for the report is:

- Position Statement
- Looked After Children Performance Scorecard

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## 1 Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report Quarter 1, 2014/15

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### 1.1 Quarter 1 Position Statement

- One of the five former National Indicators for Looked after Children are within the locally set 'Very Good' banding; one as 'Acceptable' and three as 'Investigate'.
- Three indicators have moved a band in the quarter:
  - Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement – has declined from 'Ask Questions' to 'Investigate';
  - Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales – has declined from 'Good' to 'Investigate';
  - Timeliness of looked after children adopted following an agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption – has improved from 'Ask Questions' to 'Acceptable'
- Number of Looked After Children has increased from 491 at 31 March 2014 to 523 at the end of June 2014 (6.5% increase).
- LAC Short term stability indicator (number of children with 3 or more moves in the year) has slightly declined in performance from 12% in 2013/14 to 13.4% for April to June 2014, although this indicator has remained in the 'Very Good' band.
- Long term stability indicator (children looked after for more than 2 and a half years, in the same placement for 2 years+) has also declined in performance from 68% in 2013/2014 to 56% for April to June 2014 and does not achieve the target of 73%. Current performance is also worse than the 2012/13 national average of 67%. This indicator has now dropped to the 'Investigate' band.
- Looked After Reviews within timescales has declined significantly from 93.7 in 2013/14 to 61% for quarter 1 2014/15. Current performance is now rated as 'Investigate'.
- 11.3% (59 children) were placed outside LA boundary and more than 20 miles from where they used to live as at 30 June 2014, this has declined in performance compared to 9.2% (45 children) as at 31 March 2014. Current performance is better than the 2012/13 national average of 12.1%.

- Of the children and young people who gave their opinions to the Viewpoint project in quarter 4 of 2013-14, the following satisfaction levels with their experiences in the looked after system were shared:
  - Satisfaction amongst 10 to 15 year old looked after children has increased from 84% in quarter 3 to 88% in quarter 4;
  - Satisfaction amongst 7 to 9 year olds increased from 78% in quarter 3 to 84% in quarter 4;
  - Satisfaction amongst 4 to 6 year olds has decreased from 72% in quarter 3 to 65% in quarter 4.
  
- The percentage of adopted children who were placed for adoption within a year of agency decision has improved to 87.5% for April to June 2014; this is from a cohort of 16 adopted children. Current performance is better than the 2013/14 outturn of 64.9% and all previous outturns. This indicator has improved from the 'Ask Questions' banding to 'Acceptable'.
  
- Average number of days in adoption process (length of time from child becoming looked after to being placed for adoption) has improved during quarter 1 2014/15 to 475 days and is an improvement compared to the 2013/14 outturn (599 days). This is well within the 2014/15 target of 600 days.
  
- Average number of days in the adoption family finding process (length of time from Placement Order to Matching date) has also improved in quarter 1 2014/15 to 197 days compared to 215 days in 2013/14; this is well within the 2014/15 target of 250 days.
  
- 27.9% (12 care leavers) of 19, 20 & 21 year old care leavers were in suitable accommodation during quarter 1 2014/15, this has reduced from 65.3% in 2013/14. Of the 43 care leavers who should have been contacted within quarter 1 2014/15, 18 have been recorded as contacted.
  
- 88.4% (38 care leavers) of 19, 20 & 21 year old care leavers were not recorded as being in education, employment or training (NEET) during quarter 1 2014/15; this has increased from 56.5% in 2013/14. Of the 43 care leavers who should have been contacted within quarter 1 2014/15, 18 have been recorded as contacted. Where no information is recorded for a young person then they are classed as NEET.
  
- Looked after Children who have offended represents 5.7% (14 out of 244) of the cohort, based on those aged 10 or over looked after for more than 12 months as at 30 June 2014. The final outturn for 2013/14 was 14.1% based on 26 looked after children offending from a cohort of 185. Current performance is slightly better than the 2012-13 national average of 6.2%.

2 - Looked After Children Scorecard

Position at Quarter 1, 2014/15

											Comparators (National Data taken from 2012/13 DfE Statistical Release)			
	Ref	Definition	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15	Number of Children	Direction of Travel	Local Banding	2012/13 National Avg
			Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Target				
Placements		Number of Looked After Children <sup>S</sup>	393	392	411	388 (71 per 10k)	437 (77.9 per 10k)	491 (89.8 per 10k)	-	523	95.6 per 10k		-	
		Percentage of looked after children placed outside LA boundary and more than 20 miles from where they used to live <sup>S</sup>	-	2.0%	4.9%	7.0%	8.6%	9.2%	-	11.3%	59/523	↓	-	12.1%
	NI 62	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves <sup>S</sup>	10.2%	7.9%	10.2%	11.9%	11.7%	12.0%	-	13.4%	70/523	↓	Very Good	
	NI 63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement <sup>S</sup>	67.3%	68.2%	72.5%	68.5%	68.1%	68.0%	73%	56.0%	70/125	↓	Investigate	67%
Reviews	NI 66	Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales <sup>C</sup>	96.8%	95.1%	97.2%	96.5%	87.0%	93.7%	100%	61.0%	277/454	↓	Investigate	-
	NI 61	Timeliness of looked after children adopted following an agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption <sup>C</sup>	67.6%	76.9%	45.8%	75.6%	65.6%	64.9%	-	87.5%	14/16	↑	Acceptable	-
Adoption		Percentage of Children who Ceased to be Looked After who were Adopted <sup>C</sup>	26.8%	19.9%	15.1%	27.4%	19.0%	17.1%	18%	27.6%	16/58	↑	-	14%
		Average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (days) <sup>C</sup>	789	717	686	687	671	599	600	475	-	↑	-	647
		Average time between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family (days) <sup>C</sup>	225	221	231	236	279	215	250	197	-	↑	-	210
		The proportion of children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday <sup>C</sup>	69.7%	66.7%	54.5%	60.9%	52.1%	62.5%	-	41.7%	5/12	↓	-	68%
Care Leavers	NI 147	Care leavers in suitable accommodation <sup>C</sup> <small>2013/14 onwards includes 19, 20 &amp; 21 year olds</small>	88%	89.3%	94.5%	97.5%	93.3%	65.3%	95%	27.9%	12/43	↓	Investigate	88%
	NI 148	Care leavers Not in employment, education or training (NEET) <sup>C</sup> <small>2013/14 onwards includes 19, 20 &amp; 21 year olds</small>	** Data up to the end of 2012/13 shows 73%	82.1%	61.1%	67.5%	66.7%	56.5%	40%	88.4%	38/43	↓	-	34%
		Percentage of 19 year old Care Leavers who are in Higher Education <sup>C</sup>	3.8%	3.4%	8.3%	7.5%	4.4%	0.0%	-	0.0%	0/13	↔	-	6%
		Offences whilst looked after - ratio of the percentage of all children aged 10-17 given a final warning/reprimand or convicted <sup>C</sup>	2.6	1.2	2.0	2.8	2.7	2.5	-	2.8		↑	-	6.2%

Notes: Direction of Travel: Improvement shown by ↑

<sup>1</sup> Warning: Ofsted Profile rating based on latest available financial year data, highlighted ac/to four quartiles: upper, upper middle, lower middle, lower  
<sup>2</sup> Targets: current performance compared to end of year targets has been traffic lighted: >5% below target is Not on Target (N); within 5% of target or better than target is On Target (Y)

<sup>R</sup> Rolling year data  
<sup>S</sup> quarter end Snapshot data  
<sup>C</sup> Cumulative data for financial year