

REPORT OF: HEAD OF SAFEGUARDING

CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER: PERFORMANCE (1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011)

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Corporate Parenting Board with performance information relating to Children Looked After (CLA) for the financial year 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011, with a particular focus on the end of the period. It also gives a detailed breakdown of the Children Looked After performance indicators via a Performance Grid.

2.0 Background

2.1 The work of Children's Services Social Care in Sunderland is of critical importance to achieving good outcomes for the authority's CLA; to ensure that each and every child looked after is able to achieve their full potential.

2.2 Whilst the National Indicator Set for local authorities has now been removed, continued use of the indicators for the immediate future, provides a means by which Sunderland can (a) measure performance for its CLA, (b) compare performance to previous periods, and (c) flag areas for improvement.

2.3 The former National Indicator Set on which this report is based covers Placements, Placement Stability, Reviews, Care Leavers, Missing Children, Adoptions, Offending, Emotional and Behavioural Health, and Ethnicity.

3.0 Context

3.1 Final performance information is submitted to the DfE annually in May, and thereafter follows a period of validation. The data provided in this report and in the Performance Grid is therefore subject to finalisation and validation, which can cause changes to the outturn.

4.0 Methodology

4.1 This report and Performance Grid provides data on a cumulative basis from 01/04/10 where feasible, although some data is represented on a snapshot or rolling basis. The 'measure' is made explicit in each case, via the Performance Grid, to aid interpretation.

4.2 Colour-coding is used throughout the Performance Grid to indicate whether a target has been met or to indicate the direction of performance travel from the previous month. When colour-coding direction of travel, an interpretation has been made as to whether the move is positive, negative or neutral – the interpretation is entirely subjective and is open to further discussion. Green is positive, red is negative and grey is neutral.

5.0 Summary of Key Points

5.1 By the end of March 2011:

- 411 children were looked after (72.2 per 10,000 children in the local population) – the highest recorded proportion in the financial year April 2010 to March 2011.
- 73.97% (304 of 411) of all CLA were placed in foster care, and of those, 71.05% (216 of 304) were placed within the local authority boundary.
- 3.41% (14 of 411) of all CLA were placed with parents and 10.95% (45 of 411) were placed residentially.
- 82.86% (116 of 140) of CLA aged 10-15 were in a family placement, increasing to 99.50% (198 of 199) for the under-10's.

- 58.64% (241 of 411) of all CLA were male, and 41.36% (170 of 411) were female.
- 91.02% (223 of 245) had a Personal Education Plan (PEP).
- 90.75% (373 of 411) of CLA were experiencing a stable placement (less than 3 placements) – continuing to remain within target.
- 65.65% (86 of 131) of long-term CLA were retaining a stable long-term placement – the first improvement in 4-months.
- 100% (939 of 939) of CLA had participated in their reviews.
- 95.24% (340 of 357) of all CLA cases that should have been reviewed, were reviewed on time.
- 62.24% (89 of 143) of all Foster Carer cases that should have been reviewed, were reviewed on time.
- 91.67% (33 of 36) of care leavers were in suitable accommodation.
- 58.33% (21 of 36) of care leavers were in suitable Education, Training or Employment.
- 2.07 CLA Offenders for every one 10-17-year-old offender in the general population.
- The self-assessment for children missing from home/care remained at 12 with further work being needed across a number of areas.
- 54.17% (13 of 24) of children adopted were adopted within 12-months of the best interest decision. Those not adopted in timescale were either aged 5 and over or had complex needs.
- 8.75% (30 of 343) of children looked after for over six-months had an Adoption Order or Guardianship Order.
- 4.62% (19 of 411) of CLA belonged to an ethnic minority population.
- 0.49% (2 of 411) of CLA were unaccompanied asylum seekers.

6.0 Children Looked After (CLA) Performance

- 6.1 Since 387 CLA in November 2010, the levels have been increasing each month to high of 411 by the end of March 2011. This equates to 72.2 per 10,000 population. **It is important to note that these figures reflect a snapshot in time and are subject to change on a daily basis.*
- 6.2 Foster care remained the most common placement for CLA, with 73.97% (304 of 411) in this type of placement (remaining comparative to the preceding months).
- 6.2.1 71.05% (216 of 304) of all foster care placements were within the LA boundary – marginally less than the previous months due to the impact of an additional 6 local authority provided foster care placements outside the boundary.
- 6.2.2 74.60% of LA provided foster care was in the boundary and 40.00% of agency provided foster care was in the boundary (from levels of 25% in the summer).
- 6.3 The remaining two family placement options have changed slightly each month. In the last two months (February to March):
- 6.3.1 One additional child was placed with parents by the end of March 2011, increasing the proportion to 3.41% (14 of 411). Levels remain comparative to previous months.
- 6.3.2 Three more placed for adoption since February 2010, increasing the proportion to 9.49% (39 of 411).
- 6.3.2.1 At the end of March 2011, there were more children placed for adoption than at any other time in the financial year (in terms of both numbers and proportions).
- 6.3.2.2 The end of year increase in those placed for adoption is for children aged 4 and under (it remains that 17 of the 39 are aged 5-and over).
- 6.4 The numbers of children placed in residential care has remained relatively stable throughout the financial year, changing by just one or two children each month. At the end of March 2011, 45 children were in residential care, equating to 10.95% of all CLA.
- 6.5 One child under-10 continued to be placed in a residential setting, meaning performance remained under 100% at 99.50% for those under-10 in family placements. The child this relates to is aged-8 and continues to be in a residential placement outside the boundary due to their exceptionally complex needs.

- 6.6 Two children under-12 continued to be placed in a residential setting by the end of March 2011 (including the 8-year-old noted above) - placements which are deemed to be in the children's best interests. This equates to 99.07% of the under-12's being in a family placement at the end of March 2011. Sunderland's children's homes are registered to accommodate only children aged-12 and over, and it is exceptional for children under-12 to be placed in external residential placements.
- 6.7 As children get older, there is a higher possibility that they will be cared for in a residential setting. This is reflected in the 10-15 age group where 24 children were placed residentially at the end of March 2011, taking the family placement performance to 82.86% (116 of 140). March performance is therefore an improvement on the previous month but remains under target.
- 6.8 Females continue to account for less than half of all CLA, at 41.36% (170 of 411), with males accounting for more than half of all CLA, at 58.64% (241 of 411).
- 6.9 For those aged 4-16 and looked after for 28-days or more, 91.02% (223 of 245) had a Personal Education Plan (PEP) as at 16th April 2011. Performance is therefore showing as below the 95% internally set target - a target which takes account of the PEP impact from a child changing schools, cases falling outside the 6-month cycle and impact of any reschedules deemed necessary by the Social Worker. **This measure is currently negatively impacted by the school holiday and investigations are ongoing to remove this impact, which if successful, will result in an increased percentage.*
- 6.10 (NI 62) During March, additional children experienced three or more placement moves during their time in care, taking the total to 38 or 9.25% (compared to 6.92% in May 2010). End of March performance does remain within the <10% target but continues to reflect the high demand for placements and under-capacity within the system (the Foster Carer Recruitment Strategy is being developed to counteract the impact on this indicator).
- 6.11 (NI 63) For those children aged under-16 in long-term placements, 65.65% (86 of 131) continue to retain a stable long-term placement at the end of March 2011, which is the first improvement for four-months. The measure however, remained under the 75% target. .
- 6.11.1 For those aged-16 and over, the percentage decreases to 46.30% (25 of 54) at the end of March 2011. This reflects a stable performance on the previous month for this age group.
- 6.11.2 In Sunderland, a decision to move a child is taken on a case-by-case basis, and is made in line with the child's best interests (i.e. to bring siblings together) – such positive moves however do have a negative impact on this particular indicator, making it one of the most challenging indicators in the set.
- 6.12 Data relating to 'school moves as a result of placement change' has been updated as the Performance and Information Team have become aware of additional codes used to record school moves on ICS. Accounting for this, 9 children have changed school as a result of a placement change since April 2010. **More detailed information is being gathered for the Head of Safeguarding.*
- 6.13 CLA participation in reviews continues at 100% (939 of 939) for those eligible to participate. Since April, more than half (54.95% / 516) have physically attended their review. Breaking this down:
- 52.82% physically attended and spoke for themselves
 - 1.81% physically attended and had an advocate speak for them
 - 0.32% physically attended and conveyed their views symbolically (non-verbally)
 - 41.43% did not physically attend but briefed an advocate to speak for them
 - 3.62% did not physically attend but conveyed their feelings by a facilitative medium.
- * Figures include participation at each review that takes place, regardless of how many reviews a child has in the period.*
- 6.14 (NI 66) During the period April 2010 to March 2011, 340 of 357 children looked after had their cases reviewed on time, equating to a performance outturn of 95.24%. The outturn has therefore not achieved the 100% target, although is subject to final validation as part of the statutory returns process.

- 6.15 During the period April 2010 to March 2011, 89 of 143 Foster Carer Reviews took place in timescale. Of those outside of timescale, 27 were completed outside of timescale (all with agreed extensions or unavoidable absences) and 27 were overdue and awaiting completion.
- 6.16 (NI 147 and NI 148) Performance for care leavers in suitable accommodation and EET (Education, Training and Employment) both showed a change on the February outturn, with those in suitable accommodation decreasing to 91.67% (33 of 36) and those in suitable EET increasing to 58.33% (21 of 36). The suitable accommodation measure remained above target, although the EET measure continued to perform under target (the small numbers within the cohort mean that an individuals' failure to engage impacts greatly on the figures - with several refusing to engage).
**Please note an update to the cohort numbers.*
- 6.17 (NI 71) The self-assessment for 'children missing' protocols at the end of March 2011 remains at 12 from a possible 15. To raise the rating, further work is needed in the areas of (i) Local procedures to meet the needs of runaways, (ii) Protocols for responding to urgent/out of hours referrals, and (iii) Local procedures including effective needs assessment protocols. Work is ongoing to track those missing in order to offer them services - and the chart in the Performance Grid shows missing activity as defined by Northumbria Police up to and for March 2011:
- 6.17.1 46 children went 'missing' during March 2011 a total of 68 times (6 of the instances were for a period in excess of 24hours).
- 6.17.2 Of all 'missing' episodes during March, 64.71% were missing from the local authority's care.
- 6.18 Since April 2010, 8.75% (30 of 343) of all CLA for 6-months or more have had an Adoption or Guardianship Order.
- 6.19 (NI 61) No further children were adopted between December 2010 and March 2011, meaning performance remained at 54.17% (13 of 24 adopted in timescale since April 2010).
- 6.19.1 In the same period (since April 2010), 11 children were adopted outside of the 12-month best interest decision - and as previously explained, ten of those were aged-5 and over at the time of the adoption (seven were aged-7 and over) - and one was a boy with complex disabilities placed at the age of 2-years.
- 6.20 (Offending whilst Looked After) At the end of the period April-10 to March-11 there were 179 CLA for 12months+, of which 21 of them were offenders. This gives a cumulative offending rate of 11.73% for CLA, compared to 5.66% for the general 10-17 population in Northumbria. Thus, there were 2.07 CLA Offenders for every one 10-17-year-old offender at the end of the Quarter 4, compared to 1.15, 1.21 and in the three previous Quarters.
- 6.21 (Emotional and Behavioural Health of CLA) - Performance at the end of Quarter 4 remained relatively stable at 13.06, indicating low mental health needs of CLA on average (71.16% had low mental health needs scoring 0-16, 12.09% had borderline mental health needs scoring 17-20 and 16.74% had higher than average mental health needs scoring 21+).
- 6.21.1 A score above 16 indicates the beginning of mental health concerns). Those scoring 17+ (borderline mental health needs) are offered a mental health appointment.
- 6.21.2 The score is derived from an average of completed questionnaires, each containing 25 questions rated relating to Emotions, Conduct, Hyperactivity, Peer Problems and Pro-social Behaviour – the total of which gives a score of 0-40.
- 6.22 At the end of March 2011, there were two CLA who were unaccompanied asylum seekers - stable on the previous two-months.
- 6.23 9 of 411 (4.62%) of children looked after are from an ethnic minority. As this is stable on the previous month, it follows that the recent increase in the number of children looked after have been for White British children.

7.0 Performance Grid

7.1 See attached - separated by Placements, Placement Stability, Reviews, Care Leavers, Missing Children, Adoptions, Offending, Emotional and Behavioural Health, and Ethnicity.

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□	CLA per 10,000 under 18 population	Snapshot	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	69.4	68.0	68.2	69.2	69.9	72.2	□	□	□	At 411, there were more children in the Local Authority's care at the end of March-11 than at any other time in the last year. This equated to 72.2 looked after children per 10,000 child population. It is important to note however that these figures reflect a snapshot in time and are subject to change on a daily basis.
□	Numbers of CLA....	Snapshot	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	Data	395	387	388	394	398	411				
Placements																		
□	...Placed with Parent	Snapshot	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	11/395 2.79%	13/387 3.36%	15/388 3.87%	16/394 4.06%	13/398 3.27%	14/411 3.41%	□	□	□	One additional child was placed with parents by the end of March-11, increasing the overall proportion to 3.41% (14 of 411).
□	...Placed in Residential Care	Snapshot	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	46/395 11.65%	45/387 11.63%	44/388 11.34%	45/394 11.42%	46/398 11.56%	45/411 10.95%	□	□	□	
□	...Placed for Adoption	Snapshot	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	36/395 9.11%	32/387 8.27%	30/388 7.73%	33/394 8.38%	36/398 9.05%	39/411 9.49%	□	□	↑ (neutral)	At 39, there were more children placed for adoption at the end of March-11 than at any other time in the last year. This equated to 9.49% of all looked after children. The recent increase in those placed for adoption is for children aged 4-and-under (it remains that 17 of the 39 are aged 5-and over).

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□	...Placed in Foster Care	Snapshot	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	296/395	291/387	291/388	292/394	295/398	304/411	□	□	□	<p>As at the end of March-11, 304 of 411 children were placed in foster care, which represents 73.97% of the total CLA population. Averaging at three-quarters of all CLA, this outturn does not deviate significantly from any of the preceding months. The table below shows those placed in and out of the area, according to placement provider.</p> <p>71.05% (216 of 304) of all foster care placements are within the LA boundary, 74.60% of LA provided foster care is in the boundary and 40.00% of agency provided foster care is in the boundary (from levels of 25% in the summer). These proportions are lower than the previous month due to the impact of an additional 6 local authority provided foster care children placed outside the boundary.</p>												
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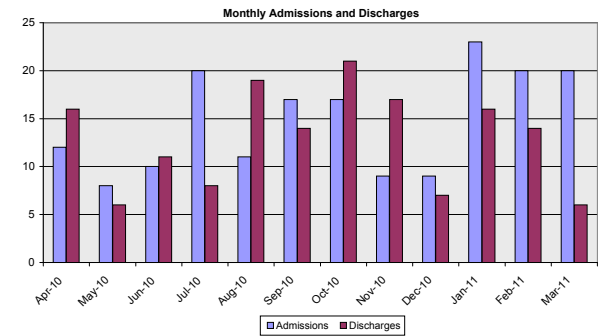
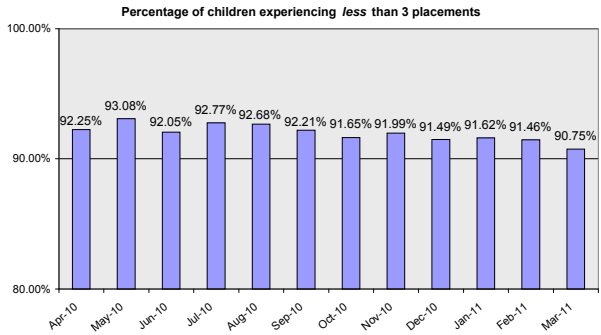
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□	...Female	Snapshot							163/395	159/387	157/388	160/394	163/398	170/411	□	□	□	Females continue to account for less than half of all CLA, at 41.36% (170 of 411).
									41.27%	41.09%	40.46%	40.61%	40.95%	41.36%				
□	...Male	Snapshot							232/395	228/387	231/388	234/394	235/398	241/411	□	□	□	Males continue to account for more than half of all CLA, at 58.64% (241 of 411).
									58.73%	58.91%	59.54%	59.39%	59.05%	58.64%				
□	Family Placements: Under 10's	Snapshot							173/174	169/170	169/170	178/179	184/185	198/199	100%	✘ (neutral)	➔ (neutral)	One child under-10 continues to be placed in a residential setting, meaning performance remains under 100% at 99.50% for those under-10 in family placements. The child this relates to is aged-8 and continues to be in a residential placement outside the boundary due to their exceptionally complex needs.
									99.43%	99.41%	99.41%	99.44%	99.46%	99.50%				
□	Family Placements: Under 12 (excluding those placed with parents)	Snapshot	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request		201/204	193/196	190/193	197/199	204/206	212/214	100%	✘ (neutral)	⬆ (neutral)	Two children under-12 continue to be placed in a residential setting (including the 8-year old noted above) - placements which are deemed to be in the children's best interests. This equates to 99.07% of the under-12's being in a family placement at the end of March 2011. Sunderland's children's homes are registered to accommodate only children aged-12 and over, and it is exceptional for children under-12 to be placed in external residential placements.
									98.53%	98.47%	98.45%	98.99%	99.03%	99.07%				
□	Family Placements: 10-15 inclusive (excluding those placed with parents)	Snapshot							120/146	118/143	120/145	118/141	117/142	116/140	84%	✘ (neutral)	⬆ (neutral)	As children get older, there is a higher possibility that they will be cared for in a residential setting. This is reflected in the 10-15 age group where 24 children are placed residentially, taking the family placement performance to 82.86%. Current performance is therefore an improvement on the previous month but remains under target.
									82.19%	82.52%	82.76%	83.69%	82.39%	82.86%				
□	School age CLA with a personal Education Plan (PEP) in the last 12-months (age 4-16 and LAC for >4weeks)	Snapshot							□	□	□	□	215/245	223/245	95%	✔ (green)	⬆ (green)	For those aged 4-16 and looked after for 28-days or more, 91.02% (223/245) had a Personal Education Plan (PEP) as at 16th April 2011. Performance to date is therefore showing as below the 95% internally set target - a target which takes account of the PEP impact from a child changing schools, cases falling outside the 6-month cycle and impact of any reschedules deemed necessary by the Social Worker. <i>*This measure is currently negatively impacted by the school holiday and investigations are ongoing to remove this impact, which if successful, will result in an increased percentage.</i>
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NI62	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of placements 3+	Snapshot	Data available on request															In the last month, 4 additional children have experienced three or more placement moves during their time in care, taking the total up to 38 or 9.25%. Current performance does remain within target but continues to reflect the high demand for placements and under-capacity within the system (the Foster Carer Recruitment Strategy is being developed to counteract the impact on this indicator). The tables below shows the trend in placement stability, and uncovers the activity across admissions and discharges that is currently masked in the figures.
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NI63	The percentage of looked after children aged under 16 , who had been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years, who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years	Snapshot							86/132	87/130	85/131	84/131	83/130	86/131	75%	✘ (red)	↑ (green)	<p>For those children aged under-16 in long-term placements, 65.65% (86 of 131) continue to retain a stable long-term placement, which is the first improvement in four-months. The measure however, remains under the 75% target. Current performance continues to reflect the high demand for placements and under-capacity within the system - the Foster Carer Recruitment Strategy is being developed to counteract the impact on this indicator. In Sunderland, a decision to move a child is taken on a case-by-case basis, and is made in line with the child's best interests (i.e. to bring siblings together) – such positive moves however do have a negative impact on this particular indicator, making it one of the most challenging indicators in the set.</p>																					
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PAF C23	Annual No. of Adoptions/Guardianship Orders as a percentage of CLA continuously for 6 months	Cumulative	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request		20/329	25/326	27/330	29/334	30/336	30/343	9%	✘ (red)	⬇ (red)	As this is a cumulative indicator, performance will and has been, increasing month-by-month, to a final March-11 outturn of 8.75% (30 of 343).
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PAF C18	Offending whilst looked after	Cumulative	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request		n/a	n/a	10.05% (S'land) / 5.66% (N'bria)	n/a	n/a	11.73% (S'land) / 5.66% (N'bria)	<2.4	✔ (green)	⬆ (red)	At the end of the period April-10 to March-11 there were 179 CLA for 12months+, of which 21 of them were offenders. This gives a cumulative offending rate of 11.73% for CLA, compared to 5.66% for the general 10-17 population in Northumbria. Thus, there were 2.07 CLA Offenders for every one 10-17-year-old offender at the end of the Quarter 4, compared to 1.15, 1.21 and in the three previous Quarters.
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NI58	Emotional and Behavioural Health of CLA	Rolling	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request	Data available on request		n/a	n/a	13.12	n/a	n/a	13.06	<16	✔ (green)	⬇ (neutral)	Performance at the end of Quarter 4 remained relatively stable at 13.06, indicating low mental health needs of CLA on average (71.16% had low mental health needs scoring 0-16, 12.09% had borderline mental health needs scoring 17-20 and 16.74% had higher than average mental health needs scoring 21+). Those scoring 17+ (borderline mental health needs) are offered a mental health appointment. The score is derived from an average of completed questionnaires, each containing 25 questions rated according to Emotions, Conduct, Hyperactivity, Peer Problems and Pro-social Behaviour – the total of which gives a score of 0-40
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