

1 Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report Quarter 4, 2013/14

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1.1 Quarter 4 Position Statement

- One of the five former National Indicators for Looked after Children are within the locally set 'Very Good' banding; one as 'Acceptable', two as 'Ask Questions'; and one as 'Investigate'.
- Number of Looked After Children has remained fairly constant at 489 in December 2013 to 488 at the end of March 2014 (although an increase from 437 in March 2013).
- LAC Short term stability indicator (number of moves in year) has reduced slightly in performance from 11.3% for April to September 2013 to 11.9% for April to March 2014, although this indicator has remained in the 'Very Good' band. This is also a slight reduction compared to the final outturn of 2012-13 of 11.7%.
- Long term stability indicator (looked after for more than 2 and a half years, in the same placement for 2 years +) has also declined slightly in performance from 69% for April to September 2013 to 68% for April to March 2014 and does not achieve the target of 72%. Performance is on par with the final outturn of 2012-13 of 68.1%. This indicator remains in the 'Ask Questions' band.
- Looked After Reviews within timescales has improved to 93.7% for 2013/14 and is just under target of 95%. Current performance is also better than the final 2012-13 outturn (87%); this is now rated as 'Acceptable'.
- 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 64.9% for April to March 2014; this is from a cohort of 37 adopted children. Current performance is still below the 2012-13 outturn of 65.6%. This indicator has moved from the 'Investigate' banding to 'Ask Questions'.
- Average number of days in adoption process (Looked After to Placed for Adoption) has improved during the year to 599 days and is now better an improvement compared to the 2012-13 outturn (671 days). Although this does now meet the National threshold of 608 days, the three year average of 652 days still remains outside of the threshold.

- Average number of days in the adoption family finding process (Placement Order to Matching date) has also improved during the year to 215 days compared to 279 days in 2012-13, but is still higher than the 2010-13 DfE National threshold of 182 days.
- 57.1% of 19, 20 & 21 year old care leavers were in suitable accommodation during 2013-14. Previously only 19 year olds were reported.
- 57.8% of 19, 20 & 21 year old care leavers were not in education, employment or training (NEET) during 2013-14, which equates to 85 individuals. Previously only 19 year olds were reported.
- Looked after Children who have offended represents 14.1% of the cohort, based on those looked after for more than 12 months as at 31 March 2014. This is significantly above the 2012-13 national average of 6.2%. The offending ratio for 2013/14 has is 2.5, an improvement on the 2012/13 outturn of 2.7.