



CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE
25 July 2017

ITEM 7

Report of the Strategic Director of People

Annual Performance Summary of Derby's Looked After Children – 2016/17

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the end of March 2017, there was a total of 448 looked after children and young people in Derby City. This represents a 0.4% decline from the position reported at the end of March 2016, when there was 450, and equates to a rate of 76.1 per 10,000 children (< 18 years of age).
- 1.2 At the end of March 2017, the largest percentage of Derby's looked after children were:
 - male (57.4%); although this is a decline on the position of 60% reported at the end of March 2016
 - aged 10-15 years (37.5%)
 - White British (65.4%) however this position has fallen compared to the 78% reported at the end of March 2016
 - placed in a foster care placed (72.9%), which has risen from 68% at the end of March 2016
 - placed outside of Derby City (61.4%).
- 1.3 Presented at **Appendix 2**, is a summary of all 2016/17 performance information for Derby's looked after children and young people, sourced from our statutory return submission for the Department for Education (DfE). The data returned by each authority, through this return, is analysed centrally; with national and comparator data due to be released in December 2017 (initial headlines) and March 2018 (full findings).
- 1.4 It should be noted that performance results in Appendix 2 have been colour coded based upon performance against the 2016/17 target, to support the Committee in identifying areas for further consideration...
 - Blue – performance above 2% of target.
 - Green – performance meets target.
 - Amber – performance within 5% of target.
 - Red – performance more than 5% adverse of target.

Targets are set to be in line with national and comparator averages, alongside the context of historical results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the report.
- 2.2 To note the performance outturns set out in Appendix 2, with a focus on those areas that have not achieved target.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is essential that the Corporate Parenting Committee are aware of performance information relating to looked after children and the outcomes achieved for them, providing the Committee with the opportunity to challenge services as appropriate; supporting improved services and outcomes.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Corporate Parenting received an update on the 2015/16 national data at the meeting in February 2017, alongside quarter 3 results for 2016/17.
- 4.2 Educational outcome data for Derby's looked after children will be reported separately as part of the Virtual School's Annual Report for 2016/17.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 Financial implications relating to looked after children are monitored and managed by Service Directors within People Services and will be reported to the Committee separately.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

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- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The content of this report supports the City's ambition of 'safe'.

