



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY JOINT SUB COMMISSION 6 December 2005

Report of the Director of Social Services

Statistical Information on Children Looked After

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note appendix 2 of this report, which gives statistical information on children looked after.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The statistical information will be updated for future Commission meetings, it is anticipated that this will assist councillors in fulfilling their corporate parenting role.

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Background papers:	None
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. The Green Paper 'Every Child Matters' and Children Act 2004 highlights the need for 'joined up' services to ensure children's need are met which includes those of children looked after.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities Impact

4. Statistical information will assist Councillors to undertake their corporate parenting role in seeking to secure positive outcomes for children looked after.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. This accords with the Council's objective of **healthy, safe and independent communities** and furthers the priority of **modernising social care**.

Statistical Information Report

Accommodation	Number of children at 21.1.05	Number of children at 25.3.05	Number of children at 20.5.05	Number of children at 22.7.05	Number of children at 4.11.05
Placed for Adoption	29	35	31	32	27
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend in LA boundary	15	14	17	18	18
Placement with LA Foster Carer in LA boundary	153	146	132	136	138
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer in LA boundary	2	4	6	3	0
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend outside LA boundary	7	7	7	6	6
Placement with LA Foster Carer outside LA boundary	53	53	55	58	70
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer outside LA boundary	44	43	43	45	44
Childrens Home inside LA boundary	38	39	40	41	43
Childrens Home outside LA boundary	6	6	6	6	7
Whereabouts unknown	1	1	0	0	0
Placed with own parents/or other with parental responsibility	12	16	12	12	17
Independent Living	1	1	1	1	2
Residential Care Home (RHA 1984)	4	5	5	5	4
Residential School	3	3	4	4	5
Secure unit outside LA boundary	3	0	0	2	1
NHS medical/nursing care	0	0	1	1	1
TOTAL	371	373	360	370	383

1. Number of approved foster carers: 165

2. Number of CLA not accessing education from the children's homes

There are 28 young people of statutory school age:

- 20 CLA have full time timetables, of these 5 are not accessing them, 2 will be piloting e-learning packages, 1 is awaiting a transfer to a school in Leicester and 2 are persistently refusing education opportunities

- 8 CLA are on a part time timetables

Number of CLA not accessing education from foster care:

- 2 CLA are on part time timetables

3. Number of cautions and convictions (aged 10yrs plus):

19 out of 197 CLA who offended (9.7%), compared against Home office statistics for Derbyshire of 2.7% resulting in a ratio of 1:3.3 likelihood of children looked after offending compared to the general population

4. Health of CLA (looked after for 12 months or more):

255 had a dental check and 226 an annual health assessment

5. Stability of placements of CLA- the definition is:

The percentage of children looked after at 31 March with three or more placements during the year

- The outturn figure at year end 31 March 2005 was 8.4%, with a target for 05/06 of 9%
- Derby 03/04 figure was 9.5%
- Comparator authority figure for 03/04 was 13%

6. Employment, education and training for care leavers- the definition is:

The ratio of the percentage of CLA on 1 April in their 17th year (aged 16) who were engaged in education, training or employment at the age of 19 to the percentage of young people in the population who were engaged in education training or employment at the age of 19

- The outturn figure for 31 march 2005 was 89.5%
- Derby 03/04 figure was 82.4%
- Comparator authority figure for 03/04 was 57%