



Derby City Council

CORPORATE PARENTING SUB-BOARD Tuesday 20 January 2015

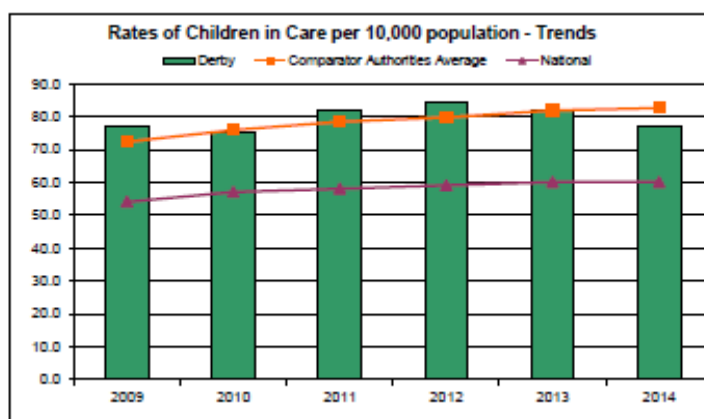
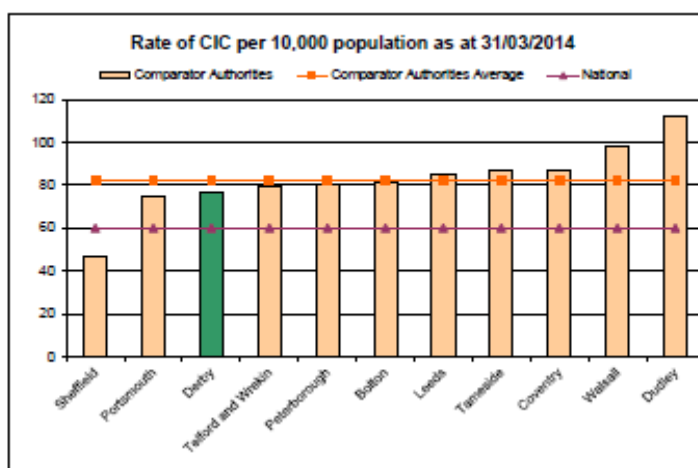
ITEM 6

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services

Children in Care – Performance Update

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the end of March 2014, there was a total of 446 looked after children in Derby City. This represents a 4% decline from the position reported at the end of March 2013 and equates to a rate of 77 per 10,000 children (< 18 years of age).
- 1.2 An early statistical release on the total numbers of children in care was published by the Department for Education in September 2014 and highlighted that Derby was ranked third lowest in our comparator group...



- 1.3 The 'full statistical release' detailing a complete overview into the outcomes for our looked after children for 2013/14 compared to comparator and national averages was

published in December 2014.

- 1.4 Sarah Walker, Improvement Partner for Children and Young People's Services will attend the meeting to give a presentation on how Derby compares nationally in relation to the outcomes for Derby's looked after children. In addition to this, members of the Board will be updated on recent trends pertaining to our looked after children and highlighting any areas for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the report.
- 2.2 To receive the presentation at the meeting.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 None.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Andrew Bunyan, Hazel Lymbery and Andy Smith Heather Greenan
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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 Children and Young People and will be reported to the Board separately.

Legal

- 2.1 Information relating to the legal status of children in care will be included within the presentation.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

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- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Members of the Board will be briefed at the meeting on the demographic of Derby's looked after population. It should however be noted that overall we have a lower proportion of the BME population represented, which is subject to regular scrutiny through target performance measures.

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

9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 A key outcome for the Council is to achieve 'better outcomes for our communities' including 'keeping residents and community's safe'. This includes our statutory safeguarding duties and the content of this report provides members with an update on all children that are under the 'legal responsibility' of the local authority.