

CORPORATE PARENTING JOINT SUB COMMISSION 23 February 2005

Report of the Director of Social Services

Statistical	Information of	n Children	Looked After
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RECOMMENDATION

1.1 To note the attachment to 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: Statistical Information Report

List of appendices: Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 There are none specifically arising from this report.

Legal

2.1 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

3.1 None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

4.1 This supports the Councils priorities of improving children and young people's prospects and improving the life chances for vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities. The Councils key themes of safer and healthier communities and a fairer society are met.

Corporate Parenting Overview and Scrutiny Joint Sub Commission: 28.2.05

Statistical Information Report

Children Looked After as at 21/01/05

Accommodation	Number of Children
Placed for Adoption	29
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend in LA boundary	15
Placement with LA Foster Carer in LA boundary	153
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer in LA boundary	2
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend outside LA boundary	7
Placement with LA Foster Carer outside LA boundary	53
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer outside LA boundary	44
Secure unit outside LA boundary	3
Childrens Home inside LA boundary	38
Childrens Home outside LA boundary	6
Whereabouts unknown	1
Placed with own parents/or other with parental responsibility	12
Independent Living	1
Residential Care Home (RHA 1984)	4
Residential School	3
Sum:	371

- Number of approved foster carers: 165
- Number of CLA not in school:

From the children's Homes, 5 CLA are waiting for a school place or are refusing to attend and 14 CLA are attending on a part time basis either at the Pupil Referral Unit or mainstream school

In foster care 1 CLA is awaiting a school placement an a small number are on part time timetables

• Number of cautions and convictions (aged 10yrs plus): 19 out of 197 CLA, anticipated year end figure

•	226 an annual health assessment		