

ITEM 7

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CF/A2 - % of young people leaving care with at least one GCSE

At the end of the year 07/08 the outcome for this indicator was 67.6% which was well above the 63% target though slightly lower than the previous year outcome of 69%. With the small cohorts concerned, the outcomes of one or two young people can have a large effect on percentages. For young people who have missed some of their statutory education for any reason and have therefore not achieved GCSEs at the end of Year 11, there are few other chances to gain GCSEs, and a later return to education tends to be to follow alternative educational qualification routes. This may well happen after leaving care with the continued support of the leaving care team.

The target for the current year for this indicator is 65%. At the end of July 2008, from 10 care leavers in the current year there are 6 who have achieved at least one GCSE (and 5 of these have achieved 5 or more), so the indicator is currently at 60%.

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CF/A4 - % of looked after children engaged in education/ training/ employment at 19

Derby consistently performs in the top handful of authorities in the country in respect of CF A4. Certain factors are uncontrollable, i.e. young people who are in custody or asylum seekers who have disappeared. A small number of young people cannot be engaged in work, education and training despite all efforts. The cohort is small so the performance is affected by small fluctuations. Any performance which exceeds 1.00 means that care leavers are performing better than the general population.