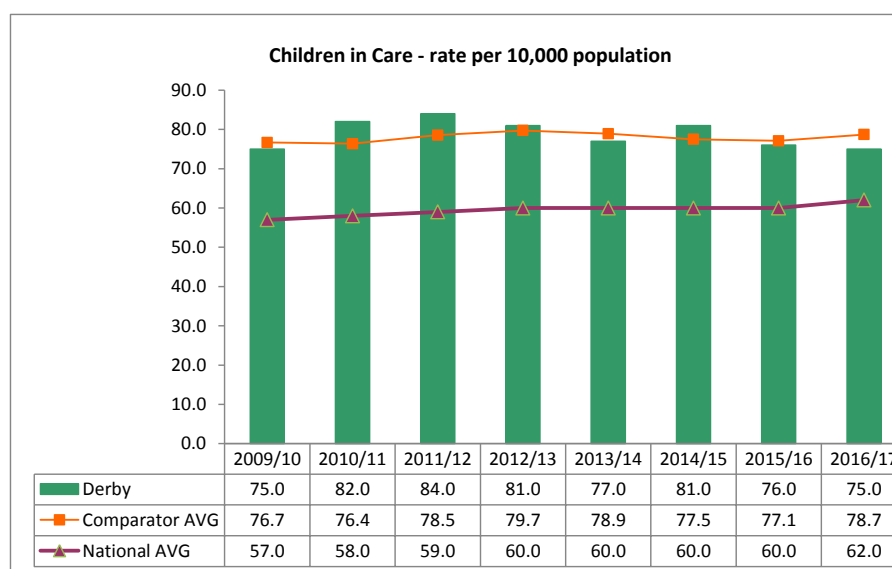


Annual Performance Update – Derby’s Looked After Children and Young People

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In July 2017, the Corporate Parenting Committee received an update on the profile of Derby’s looked after children and young people, which was based on annual data that was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE).
- 1.2 Using the data submitted by all Local Authority Children Services, the DfE published a full summary of the 2016/17 national performance outcomes for looked after children and young people, at the end of December 2017.
- 1.3 Based on the national publication, at the end of March 2017 Derby City reported a final position of 450 looked after children and young people (75 per 10,000 population under 18 years of age), which was the same position that was reported in March 2016. This was in contrast to the national position, which rose by 3.2% between 2016 and 2017. Derby City’s comparator authority average position also increased over the comparable period, by 2.9%, with seven of the eleven authorities within Derby’s comparator group reporting an increase in their total number of children in care...



- 1.4 At the end of December 2017, it should however be noted that the total number of looked after children and young people within Derby City had increased to 478, a 6% rise, reflecting the increasing demand that had been observed nationally, earlier within 2017.
- 1.5 To provide the Corporate Parenting Committee with a full update on how Derby

compares nationally, both in relation to the profile of our looked after children and on key performance outcomes, a member of the Policy and Improvement Team will attend the meeting to deliver a presentation on the key highlights from the DfE's statutory release. In addition to this, members of the Committee will also be updated on the most recent performance trends pertaining to our looked after children and young people, highlighting any areas for further consideration to support planning for 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the report.
- 2.2 To receive the presentation at the meeting on local and national performance outcomes from 2016/17, alongside the latest performance results, identifying any further areas for consideration that could be reviewed in the 2018/19 Corporate Parenting Committee Forward Plan.

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 National data on the adoption scorecard for 2014 – 2017 and educational attainment outcomes will be published by the DfE at the end of March 2018. An update will be presented to the Corporate Parenting Committee on these key areas as part of the 2018/19 forward plan.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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| Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s) | Andy Smith – Strategic Director of People Services Andrew Kaiser – Head of Specialist Services Alison Birch – Business Intelligence Team Leader – Social Care |
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| | and Young People Appendix 3 – Powerpoint Slides of the Annual Performance Update – Derby's Looked After Children and Young People Presentation |
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| IMPLICATIONS |
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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.

IT

- 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'.