



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## CORPORATE PARENTING SUB COMMISSION 19 JUNE 2007

Report of the Corporate Director for Children and Young People

### 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  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1: Implications  
Appendix 2: Statistical Information Report

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. None.

**Legal**

2. The Green Paper 'Every Child Matters' and the Children Act 2004 highlight the need for 'joined up' services to ensure children's needs are met. The needs of children looked after are particularly stressed as a vulnerable group. The Green Paper 'Care Matters: Transforming the Lives of Children and Young People in Care' focuses on closing the gap of achievement for children looked after and proposes new responsibilities for Local Authorities as Corporate Parents. The Government response to the consultation concluded earlier this year is awaited.

**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 objectives of: **Helping us all to be healthy, active and independent, Supporting everyone in learning and achieving** and helps **raise the quality of social care.**

## Statistical Information Report: Appendix 2

1. The table below shows the placement information for our children looked after.

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	Number of children at 23.2.06	Number of children at 2.6.06	Number of children at 1.8.06	Number of children at 1.12.06	Number of children at 1.05.07
Placed for Adoption	29	35	31	32	27	19	18	22	30	34
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend in LA boundary	15	14	17	18	18	18	18	18	26	32
Placement with LA Foster Carer in LA boundary	153	146	132	136	138	140	150	144	135	122
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer in LA boundary	2	4	6	3	0	0	1	1	1	4
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend outside LA boundary	7	7	7	6	6	7	11	11	6	9
Placement with LA Foster Carer outside LA boundary	53	53	55	58	70	73	68	66	62	60
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer outside LA boundary	44	43	43	45	44	47	46	50	47	43
Childrens Home inside LA boundary	38	39	40	41	43	33	33	36	38	35
Childrens Home outside LA boundary	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	6	10

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Placed with own parents/or other with parental responsibility	12	16	12	12	17	18	23	22	22	28
Independent Living	1	1	1	1	2	4	3	3	4	3
Residential Care Home (RHA 1984)	4	5	5	5	4	4	5	3	4	3
Residential School	3	3	4	4	5	6	5	4	4	4
Secure unit inside LA boundary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Secure unit outside LA boundary	3	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	2
NHS medical/nursing care	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hostels/supportive settings	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
YOI or prison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Whereabouts unknown	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>391</b>

**2. Number of approved foster local authority carers: 179 as at 01/05/2007**

### **3. CLA accessing education from the children's homes:**

Total of 36 young people in the homes

**31 of school age** - of these

15 have ft timetables - 11 in mainstream, 4 in the PRU - 1 refusing, 1 not attending due to change of care placement

16 have pt timetables - 9 in mainstream, 7 in the PRU - 4 refusing

12 have statements of special educational needs

### **4. Number of CLA not accessing education from foster care: 0**

### **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 2007 was 10.7%, with a target for 06/07 of 9%
- The 2005/06 figure for Derby was 9% , the 2004/05 figure was 8.4%
- Comparator authority figure for 05/06 was 12.4%

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

The ratio of the percentage of CLA on 1 April in their 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2007 was 80% (32 out of 40 cases) which compared to the population within that age group (81%) results in a ratio of 1: 0.99
- The outturn figure for 31 march 2006 was 84% (21 out of 25 cases) which compared to the population within that age group (81%) results in a ratio of 1:1.04
- Comparator authority figure for 05/06 was 1:0.
- Derby 03/04 figure was 1:1.16
- Comparator authority figure for 03/04 was 1:1

7. Children Starting/ceasing to be looked after between 01/04/2005 and 30/04/2007

Month	Starting to be Looked After	Ceasing to be Looked After
Apr/05	10	17
May/05	9	11
Jun/05	15	11
Jul/05	18	12
Aug/05	25	16
Sep/05	12	15
Oct/05	9	6
Nov/05	9	10
Dec/05	7	13
Jan/06	11	9
Feb/06	14	12
Mar/06	12	6
Apr/06	13	15
May/06	15	7
Jun/06	11	11
Jul/06	13	7
Aug/06	20	16
Sep/06	10	14
Oct/06	13	8
Nov/06	3	2
Dec/06	4	11
Jan/07	10	8
Feb/07	13	9
Mar/07	16	16
Apr/07	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>269</b>

## 8. Children and Young People's Department Social Care PAF Indicators 2006/07 Looked After Children

2005/06								2006/07				Targets (Set 23/4/07)					
PAF Indicator	05/06 Target	05/06 Derby	05/06 Band		Band Direction	Comparator Average	England Average	06/07 Target	Derby 06/07 Actual	06/07 Band		Band Direction	07/08 Target	08/09 Target	09/10 Target		
CF/A1 Stability of placements of children looked after (BVPI 49) (KT) (CPD4c)	9%	9.0%	●●●●●		⇒	13%	12%	9%	10.7%	●●●●●		⇒	9.5%	9%	9%		
CF/A2 Educational qualifications of children looked after [joint working] (BVPI 50) (KT)	52%	60.6%	●●●●		L	⇒	53%	53%	61%	69.0%	●●●●		L	⇒	63%	65%	67%
CF/A4 Employment, education and training for care leavers (Ratio) [joint working] (BVPI 161)	0.97	1.05	●●●●●		⇒	0.80	0.76	0.89	1.00	●●●●●		⇒	1.00	1.00	1.00		
CF/C18 Final warnings/reprimands and convictions of children looked after	2.8	2.8	●●●		L	↑	2.6	2.8	2.5	1.8	●●●		L	⇒	1.7	1.6	1.5
CF/C19 Health of children looked after	85%	88.1%	●●●●●		⇒	83%	81%	88%	88.9%	●●●●●		⇒	90%	92%	94%		
CF/C23 Adoptions of children looked after (BVPI 163) (KT)	7%	10.4%	●●●●●		↑	7%	8%	9%	8.4%	●●●●●		⇒	9%	9.3%	9.7%		
CF/C24 Children looked after absent from school [joint working]	11%	12.1%	●●●		H	⇒	12%	13%	11%	12.7%	●●●		H	⇒	11%	10%	9%
CF/C63 Participation in reviews (CPD4j)	85%	82.5%	●●●		L	⇒	84%	79%	85%	91.5%	●●●●		L	↑	95%	95%	95%
CF/C64 Timing of core assessments	70%	81.1%	●●●●●		↑	71%	74%	82%	88.8%	●●●●●		⇒	87%	88%	90%		
CF/C68 Timeliness of LAC Reviews		68.5%	n/a		n/a	80%	79%	95%	84.0%	●●		n/a	95%	100%	100%		
CF/C69 Distance children newly looked after placed from home		10.6%	n/a		n/a	6%	12%	11%	9.6%			n/a	8.0%	7.0%	6.0%		