



Derby City Council

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD 21 February 2017

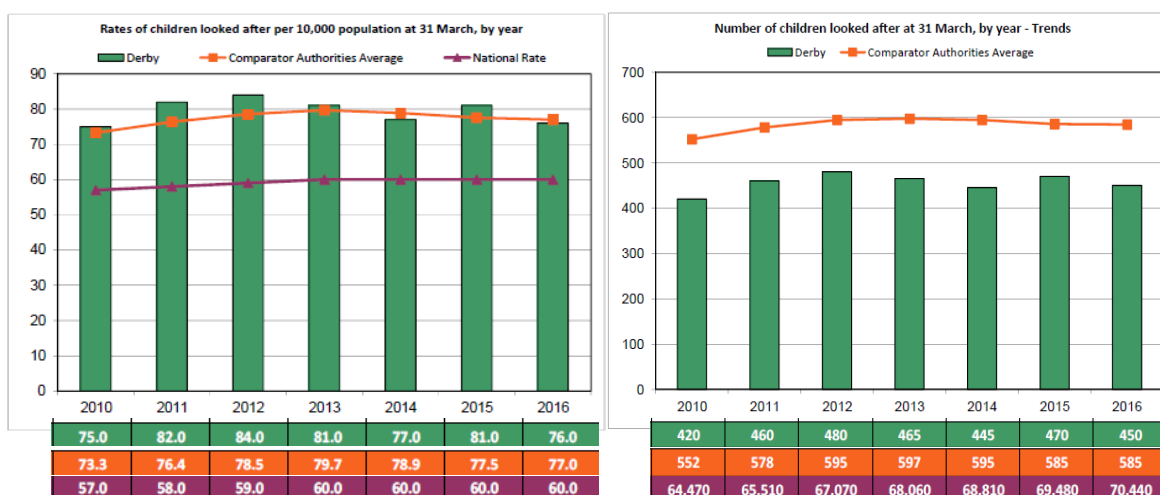
ITEM 12

Report of the Strategic Director of People
Services

Annual Performance Summary of Derby's looked after children

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the end of March 2016, there was a total of 450 looked after children in Derby City. This represents a 4% decline from the position reported at the end of March 2015 and equates to a rate of 76 per 10,000 children (< 18 years of age).
- 1.2 An early statistical release on the total number of children in care, including some outcome related information, was published by the Department for Education (DfE) at the end of December 2016 and highlighted that Derby had fallen below the comparator average of 77 per 10,000...



- 1.3 At the end of March 2016, the largest percentage of Derby's looked after children were:
- Male (60%)
 - Aged 10-15 years (36%)
 - White British (78%)
 - Placed in a foster care placed (68%)
 - Placed outside of Derby City (59%).
- 1.4 A member of the Policy and Improvement Team will attend the meeting to give a full presentation on how Derby compares nationally in relation to the profile of our looked after children, alongside a summary of whether health needs are being met and outcomes for our care leavers. In addition to this, members of the Board will be updated on recent trends pertaining to our looked after children, highlighting any

areas for further consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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:

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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 People Services 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 and Safeguarding

9.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The contents of this report supports the City ambition of 'safe'.