



Derby City Council

**Corporate Parenting Committee**  
**28 July 2015**

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and  
Young People's Services

# ITEM 5

## **Looked after Children – Annual Update 2014/15**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the end of March 2015 there were a total of 470 looked after children within Derby City, which equates to a rate of 81.3 per 10,000 children and young people under 18 years of age.
- 1.2 This represents an increase of 6% from March 2014 when there was a total of 445 looked after children (rate of 77.5 per 10,000).
- 1.3 The largest percentage of Derby City's looked after children are:
  - male (61%)
  - aged 10 – 15 years (37%)
  - White British (70%)
  - have been in care for less than one year (31.5%)
  - have the legal status of 'full care order' (50.9%).
- 1.4 Sarah Walker, Policy and Improvement Manager will attend the meeting to give a presentation on the profile of Derby City's looked after children as at the end of March 2015. In addition to this, members of the Board will be updated on recent trends pertaining to the outcomes for our looked after children, highlighting any areas for further consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

### **REASONS 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.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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4.1 None.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 None.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Andrew Bunyan, Hazel Lymbery and Andy Smith Heather Greenan
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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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 Children and Young People 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.

**IT**

- 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 and a review in 2014/15 identified that this was due to historical practices.

**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**

- 9.1 None arising from this report.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 The content of this report and supporting presentation underpins the priority commitment of 'safeguarding vulnerable children and young people and adults' under the Council pledge of 'safe'.

The pledge 'safe' incorporates our statutory safeguarding duties and the content of this report provides members with an update on all children that are under the 'legal responsibility' of the local authority.