



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY JOINT SUB COMMISSION

19th December 2006

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
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. The Green Paper 'Every Child Matters' and Children Act 2004 highlights the need for 'joined up' services to ensure children's need are met which includes those of children looked after. The Green Paper 'Care Matters: Transforming the lives of children and young people in care' places may place new responsibilities on Local Authorities for the care of their children looked after and is currently being consulted on.

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 objective of **healthy, safe and independent communities** and furthers the priority of **modernising social care**.

Statistical Information Report: Appendix 2

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

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

- **Number of approved foster carers:** 170
- **CLA accessing education from the children's homes**
Snapshot taken on 9.11.06: (latest available information)

A Total of 37 young people in the children's homes, of which 29 are compulsory school age
16 have full time timetables (12 in mainstream, 4 at the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), 2 refusing to attend)
13 have part time timetables (7 in mainstream, 6 at the PRU)
4 have no school placement – places being sought
2 are in a secure unit
4 with school provision are choosing not to attend

- **Number of CLA not accessing education from foster care:**

Snapshot taken on 9.11.06: (latest available information)

3 are not accessing education, 1 due to permanent exclusion, 1 waiting for a school place following a care placement move and 1 excluded for a fixed term

- **Number of cautions and convictions (aged 10yrs plus):**

13 out of 193 children offended (6.7%) during 1 Oct 2005 and 30 Sept 2006, compared with the number of children offending within the YOS area aged 10 to 17 year old being 574 out of a population of 22,527 (2.5%)

- **Health of CLA (looked after for 12 months or more):**

- Out of 289 children looked after for 1 year or more, 263 had a dental check and 251 an annual health assessment.

- **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 2006 was 9%, with a target for 06/07 of 9%
- Derby 04/05 figure was 8.4%
- Comparator authority figure for 05/06 was 12.4%

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

The ratio of the percentage of CLA on 1 April in their 17th 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 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
- Derby 03/04 figure was 1:1.16
- Comparator authority figure for 03/04 was 1:1
- Comparator authority figure for 05/06 was 1:0.8

Starting/ceasing to be looked after between 01/04/2005 and 31/08/2006

Month	Starting to be Looked After	Ceasing to be Looked After
April/2005	10	17
May/2005	9	11
June/2005	15	11
July/2005	18	12
August/2005	25	16
September/2005	11	15
October/2005	9	6
November/2005	8	10
December/2005	7	13
January/2006	8	6
February/2006	13	12
March/2006	12	6
April/2006	14	13
May/2006	14	4
June/2006	9	11
July/2006	11	3
August/2006	19	16

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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	10	6
Nov/05	9	10
Dec/05	7	13
Jan/06	11	9
Feb/06	13	12
Mar/06	12	6
Apr/06	14	15
May/06	15	7
Jun/06	10	11
Jul/06	13	5
Aug/06	19	16
Sep/06	9	13
Oct/06	12	7
Nov/06	1	3
Total	244	215