

ITEM 7



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY JOINT SUB COMMISSION 4th September 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 updated for 1st August 2007.

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 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	Number of children at 1.08.07
Placed for Adoption	35	31	32	27	19	18	22	30	34	34
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend in LA boundary	14	17	18	18	18	18	18	26	32	36
Placement with LA Foster Carer in LA boundary	146	132	136	138	140	150	144	135	122	126
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer in LA boundary	4	6	3	0	0	1	1	1	4	8
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend outside LA boundary	7	7	6	6	7	11	11	6	9	8
Placement with LA Foster Carer outside LA boundary	53	55	58	70	73	68	66	62	60	67
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer outside LA boundary	43	43	45	44	47	46	50	47	43	47
Childrens Home inside LA boundary	39	40	41	43	33	33	36	38	35	39
Childrens Home outside LA boundary	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	6	10	7
Whereabouts unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Placed with own parents/or other with parental responsibility	16	12	12	17	18	23	22	22	28	24
Independent Living	1	1	1	2	4	3	3	4	3	3
Residential Care Home (RHA 1984)	5	5	5	4	4	5	3	4	3	3
Residential School	3	4	4	5	6	5	4	4	4	3
Secure unit inside LA boundary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Secure unit outside LA boundary	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	2
NHS medical/nursing care	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hostels/supportive settings	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
YOI or prison	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3
TOTAL	373	360	370	383	377	389	390	390	391	410

- **Number of approved foster carers:** 181 as at 01/08/2007

CLA accessing education from the children's homes Information from Pauline Inwood as at 23rd August 2007:

Here is the round-up regarding education for LAC in the Homes, as known at 23 August, and expected to be the case at the start of term

Total LAC in the Homes (from placement schedule of 16/8/07) - 35

School age LAC in the Homes - 26 - as -

16 have Full-time timetables, 11 of these on mainstream (including Special) school rolls, 5 in the PRU

9 have part-time timetables, 7 of these on mainstream (including Special) school rolls, 2 in the PRU

1 child with a statement has no school place at present - **Richie D'Eon**

10 have statements of Special Educational Needs, 2 of these in Special School

Of the 4 who were highlighted as of special concern in the May list, 3 are now in education placements

The fourth, from foster care, recently moved to another authority and may be without a school place at the start of term - **Bethany Titterton**

The two highlighted names are currently specific concerns with regard to school placement.

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

- **10 out of 184 children offended (5.4%) during 1 Oct 2006 and 31 July 2007**
- 3 out of the 10 children have offended more than once. (James Martin has offended 3 times, Tamara Selby twice and Katrina Seal twice.
- **Health of CLA (looked after for 12 months or more):** 1 Oct 2005 and 30 Sept 2006
- Out of 289 children looked after for 1 year or more, 263 had a dental check and 251 an annual health assessment.
- This information will be updated during October as it will be collected in the 2007 OC2 return.
- **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 most recent figure as at 31 July 2007 was 10.1%, the target for 2007/08 is 9.5%
- The out turn figure at year end 31 March 2007 was 10.7%, with a target for 2006/07 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%

- **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 most recent figure as at 31 July 2007 was 100% (9 out of 9 cases) which compared to the population within that age group (81%) results in a ratio of 1: 1.23
- The out turn 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 out turn 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 2003/04 figure was 1:1.16
- Comparator authority figure for 2003/04 was 1:1

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	10
Mar/07	16	16
Apr/07	6	7
May/07	15	11
June/07	18	13
July/07	9	6
Total	340	300