



Report of the Corporate Director for Children and Young People

Statistical Information on Children in Care

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note appendix 2 of this report, which gives statistical information on children looked after and 2008 – 09 outturn performance on national indicators.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2. The statistical information will be updated for future Commission meetings, it is anticipated that this will assist councillors in fulfilling their corporate parenting role.

Details of our performance on the relevant national and local indicators for Children in Care for 2009 – 10 will be provided in April 2010.

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Background papers: None
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. The Children Act 2004 requires partnership across services to ensure children's needs are met which includes those of children in care. 'Care Matters: Transforming the lives of children and young people in care' places new responsibilities on Local Authorities for the care of their children in care.

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 **helping us to be healthy and independent** and furthers the priority of **supporting everyone in learning and achieving**.

Statistical Information Report: Appendix 2

Accommodation	Number of children at 1.05.07	Number of children at 1.08.07	Number of children at 23.11.2007	Number of children at 08/08/2008	Number of children at 20/11/2008	Number of children at 03/03/2009	Number of children at 11/06/2009	Number of children at 08/09/2009	Number of children at 14/12/2009	Number of children at 12/03/2010
Placed for Adoption	34	34	33	33	43	36	34	36	29	27
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend in LA boundary	32	36	29	30	27	32	29	31	26	28
Placement with LA Foster Carer in LA boundary	122	126	131	119	127	133	135	132	130	131
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer in LA boundary	4	8	6	9	7	8	11	10	13	11
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend outside LA boundary	9	8	7	9	12	12	12	11	12	13
Placement with LA Foster Carer outside LA boundary	60	67	68	67	67	68	69	64	60	63
Placement with other Agency Foster Carer outside LA boundary	43	47	56	56	51	55	53	61	64	62
Children's Home inside LA boundary	35	39	39	45	46	44	46	32	43	43
Children's Home outside LA boundary	10	7	5	5	6	6	5	14	8	7
Whereabouts unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Placed with own parents/or other with parental responsibility	28	24	23	21	22	22	22	23	23	21
Independent Living	3	3	4	5	5	1	0	3	6	7
Residential Care Home (RHA 1984)	3	3	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	2
Residential School	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	1
Secure unit inside LA boundary	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secure unit outside LA boundary	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	4	1	0
NHS medical/nursing care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hostels/supportive settings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YOI or prison	1	3	1	2	0	1	3	0	2	2
TOTAL	391	410	413	407	420	423	424	424	421	418

- **Number of approved foster carers: 191 as at 12/03/2010**

Profile of Children looked after as at 12/03/2010

Ethnic Origin	Children	Percentage
Asian Or Asian British – Indian	3	0.7%
Asian Or Asian British - Other	8	1.9%
Asian Or Asian British - Pakistani	3	0.7%
Black Or Black British - African	8	1.9%
Black Or Black British - Caribbean	3	0.7%
Dual Heritage - Other	16	3.8%
Dual Heritage - White And Asian	13	3.1%
Dual Heritage - White And Black African	6	1.4%
Dual Heritage - White And Black Caribbean	17	4.1%
Not Declared	1	0.2%
Other	3	0.7%
Other - Vietnamese	1	0.2%
White - British	325	77.8%
White - Irish	5	1.2%
White - Non-European	1	0.2%
White - Other European	5	1.2%
Total	418	100%

Placement Type	Children	Percentage
Foster Placement	308	73.7%
Homes	52	12.4%
Independent Living	7	1.7%
Placed for adoption	27	6.5%
Placed with Parents	21	5.0%
Residential School	1	0.2%
Secure Units, YOI or Prison	2	0.5%
Total	418	100%

Reason Became Looked After	Children	Percentage
N1 Abuse Or Neglect	320	76.6%
N2 Disability	4	1.0%
N3 Parental Illness/Disability	19	4.5%
N4 Family In Acute Stress	24	5.7%
N5 Family Dysfunction	28	6.7%
N6 Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	5	1.2%
N8 Absent Parenting	13	3.1%
N8 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	5	1.2%
Total	418	100%

Need Category	Children	Percentage
Cn1 - Abuse Or Neglect	299	71.5%
Cn2 – Chronic Illness	1	0.2%
Cn2 - Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties	17	4.1%
Cn2 - Learning Disability	10	2.4%
Cn2 - Physical Disability	4	1.0%
Cn2 - Sensory Disability Hearing Impairment/Deaf	1	0.2%
Cn3 - Parental Illness/Disability	30	7.2%
Cn4 - Family In Acute Stress	18	4.3%
Cn5 - Family Dysfunction	16	3.8%
Cn6 - Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	3	0.7%
Cn8 - Absent Parenting	10	2.4%
Cn8 - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	9	2.2%
	418	100%

Legal Status	Children	Percentage
C1 Interim Care Order	42	10.0%
C2 Full Care Order	200	47.8%
D1 Freed for Adoption (freeing order granted)	9	2.2%
E1 Placement Order Granted	84	20.1%
J1 In Local Authority on Remand, or Committed for Trial or Sentence	1	0.2%
L2 Subject to Emergency Protection Order	2	0.5%
V2 Accommodated under Section 20 (single period of accommodation)	80	19.1%
Total	418	100%

Length of time Looked After upto 11/06/2009	Children	Percentage
a) Less than 1 year	86	20.6%
b) 1 to 2 years	87	20.8%
c) 2 to 3 years	53	12.7%
d) 3 to 4 years	40	9.6%
e) 4 to 5 years	37	8.9%
f) 5 to 10 years	76	18.2%
g) 10 years & over	39	9.3%
Total	418	100%

Keyworker Team	Children	Percentage
Adoption	1	0.2%
Cic Chatsworth	110	26.3%
Cic Haddon	105	25.1%
Cic Kedleston	81	19.4%
Light House Over 11	20	4.8%
Light House Under 11'S	4	1.0%
Locality 1 Oak'Wd/Spond (0-11)	4	1.0%
Locality 1 Social Work	14	3.3%
Locality 1 Youth (Over 11)	1	0.2%
Locality 2 Alvaston (0-11)	9	2.2%
Locality 2 Boulton (0-11)	0	
Locality 2 Chellaston (0-11)	21	5.0%
Locality 2 Sinfin (0-11)	18	4.3%
Locality 2 Youth	2	0.5%
Locality 3&4 Arboretum (0-11)	4	1.0%
Locality 3&4 Normanton (0-11)	10	2.4%
Locality 3&4 Youth (Over 11)	3	0.7%
Locality 5 Social Care (0-18)	8	1.9%
Sure Start	2	0.2%
Reception Derby South	1	0.5%
Percent:	418	100%

Performance data for National Indicators released for 2008 – 9

NI 62 The percentage of children looked after with 3 or more placements during year ending 31 March

- **8.5%** of LAC had 3 or more placements in 2008/9, a very small decrease on previous year
- Short term stability is better than SN and England average
- Longer term stability is close to average and stable over last 5 years
- National ranking quartile B
- The actual number of looked after children were **425**, up from 405 in previous year. (Numbers rounded to nearest 5.)
- **8.5%** of newly LAC were placed more than 20 miles from home, an improvement on the previous year and better than the England average

Stability of placement three or more in year					
<i>Value as a percentage</i>	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Derby	8	9	11	9	8.5
Statistical neighbour	13.24	12.79	12.67	11.5	10.15
England	13	12	12	11	10.7

NI 63 The percentage of looked after children aged 16 years under who had been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years who were in the same placement for at least 2 years or placed for adoption

- **69.5%** of LAC have been in the same placement for 2 years or more
- An improvement on the previous year
- Better than England average
- National ranking quartile B

Long term stability of placement					
<i>Value as a percentage</i>	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Derby	61.7	60.5	66.4	66.5	69.5
Statistical neighbour	64.9	65.4	64.7	66.8	69
England	62.9	63.6	64.4	65.3	67

NI 66 Looked after children cases reviewed within required timescales

- **96.1%** of LAC cases were reviewed in timescales
- Better than SN and England average

Reviews of looked after children cases in required timescales				
<i>Value as a percentage</i>	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Derby	68.5	84.2	95.3	96.1
Statistical neighbour	80.6	86	89.8	91.6
England	78.9	85.3	90.0	90.9

NI 147 Percentage of former care leavers in suitable accommodation

- **88.2%** of care leavers were in suitable accommodation
- A drop on the previous year, levels fairly stable over last 5 years
- Slightly below SN, regional and England average
- National ranking quartile C

NI 147 - % former care leavers in suitable accommodation					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Derby	89.5	92.0	87.5	92.3	88.2
East Midlands	85.7	89.5	88.5	87.0	91.6
Statistical neighbours	80.3	84.6	90.2	87.1	91.8
England	83.9	88.0	87.3	88.4	89.6

NI 148 Percentage care leavers in education employment or training

- **82.4%** of care leavers were in EET
- A **drop** on previous year of 14%pts, still above average performance
- National ranking quartile A - **GREEN**

NI 148 - % care leavers in education employment or training					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Derby	89.5	84.0	80.0	96.2	82.4
Statistical neighbours	51.84	59.46	59.41	61.71	57.69
East Midlands	60.8	64.8	69.9	67.2	68.0
England	58.4	62.8	62.7	64.9	63.0