

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE (FORMAL)	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
20 NOVEMBER 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

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CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS PERFORMANCE REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Assistant Director Children's Services	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the report; and 2. Raise any queries they have with the lead officers 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to each formal and informal Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Corporate Parenting Committee in respect of the numbers of children and young people currently being looked after by the Council and to provide a breakdown of the types of placements in which they are living. The report also provides information about the age, gender and ethnicity of those children and young people.

2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.4.4.6 To monitor the quality of care delivered by the City Council and review the performance of outcomes for children and young people in care.

2.3 This report links into the Children in Care Pledge under:

Respect – We will respect you as individuals, with differing wants, needs and beliefs and tailor the service you get to fit you.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 On the 30 September 2019 there were 372 children in care in Peterborough.

- 149 children were placed with foster carers who work for TACT (The Adolescent and Children's Trust), and provide foster care through our strategic partnership.
- 130 children were in foster care and placed with independent fostering agencies (IFAs). The agencies work with the Local Authority on a contractual basis to provide foster placements.
- 44 post 16 year olds were living on their own (independent living) but still classed as Children in Care with an allocated social worker. Independent living assists the young person with the transition to leaving care. These young people are supported by our leaving care service.
- 2 children have a court order (Placement Order) that allows them to live with their prospective adoptive parents whilst they are awaiting a final adoption order.
- 15 children were placed with family or friends carers (connected person). These carers are formally assessed in the same way that our other inhouse carers are assessed and are presented to the Fostering Panel for approval in the same way. They are paid the same level of allowances as other in house foster carers.
- 4 children were living with their parents but considered as looked after children because they are subject to a full care orders so the local authority still shares parental responsibility with the birth parent. Placements with parents are often made pending a plan for reunification with the parent and in some cases will result in an application for care orders to be discharged.
- 26 children and young people (without disabilities) were placed in residential care which provides intensive support in a residential setting. These placements are most usually made when it is clear that foster care is not sufficient to meet the child or young person's needs. Residential care is nearly always accessed by adolescents and rarely used for younger children, only in very unique circumstances.
- There was 1 young person placed in a secure unit and there were no young people in a Young Offenders Institute.

4.2 Children in Care Profile:

	Sep-18	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	
Children looked after	370	360	369	369	372	+3
Age	Sep-18	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	
Under 1	19	20	23	24	20	-4
1 to 4	34	35	39	39	49	+10
5 to 9	65	56	59	64	59	-5
10 to 15	156	152	153	149	144	-5
16-17	96	97	95	93	100	+7
Gender	Sep-18	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	
Male	207	203	214	213	220	+7
Female	167	157	155	156	152	-4
Indeterminate	0	0	0	0	0	+0
Ethnicity	Sep-18	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	
White British	229	219	221	222	233	+11
White Irish	0	0	0	0	0	+0
White Other	43	41	48	44	39	-5
White	272	260	269	266	272	+6
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	5	6	6	2	2	+0
Mixed White & Black African	5	5	5	5	5	+0
Mixed White & Asian	16	16	16	18	16	-2
Any other mixed background	17	18	20	20	19	-1
Mixed	43	45	47	45	42	-3
Indian	0	0	0	0	0	+0
Pakistani	11	10	9	9	10	+1
Bangladeshi	1	0	0	0	2	+2
Any other Asian background	16	15	12	14	12	-2
Asian	28	25	21	23	24	+1
Caribbean	2	2	2	2	2	+0
African	12	10	10	9	9	+0
Any other Black background	8	7	10	10	9	-1
Black	22	19	22	21	20	-1
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	+0
Any other ethnic group	5	7	6	8	8	+0
Other	5	7	6	8	8	+0
Not stated / not yet obtained	4	4	4	6	6	+0

4.3 Children in Care Placements:

Placement	Sep-18	Dec-18	Mar-19	Jun-19	Sep-19	
Foster carers - In House	146	144	146	142	149	+7
Foster carers - Agency	117	120	128	134	130	-4
Kinship/connected carers	16	10	13	16	15	-1
With parents	6	5	5	4	4	+0
Semi- independent living	43	44	45	43	44	+1
Residential/children's homes	29	28	28	27	26	-1
Other residential schools	1	1	1	1	2	+1
Placed for adoption	6	1	1	1	1	+0
Secure unit	1	0	2	1	1	+0
Other	9	7	0	0	0	+0

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 N/A

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Corporate Parenting Committee members have a duty to review performance of Children's Social Care.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Financial Implications

None

9.2 Legal Implications

None, as this report is for information only.

9.3 Equalities Implications

None

9.4 Any Other implications

Performance data is key to allow Committee Members to address and challenge issues relating to care leavers and children in care.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

11.1 *List any appendices to the report.*

Appendix 1 – CIC Performance Report September 2019

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