

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM NO. 10
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REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

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UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE REPORTS

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 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 break down 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.
- 1.2 The report also outlines a monthly performance report and an action plan report which outlines to progress of each action made against the recent OfSTED recommendations.
- 1.3 This report is being presented under the Corporate Parenting Committee's Terms of Reference:
 - 3 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.
 - 3.6 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. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the report.

3. CHILDREN IN CARE PLEDGE

- 3.1 This falls under Priority 3: Placement stability and range of high quality placement provision and covers 'Reduction in the number of children in residential placements.'

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Corporate Parenting Committee should be updated about basic placement information at every meeting.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 None

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 N/A

8. NEXT STEPS

8.1 This report is for information only.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix 1 - Information relating to placements for Children in Care
Appendix 2 – CIC Performance Data June 2016
Appendix 3 – Ofsted July Report

Information relating to placements for Children in Care

On the 30 June 2016 there were 371 Children in Care in Peterborough.

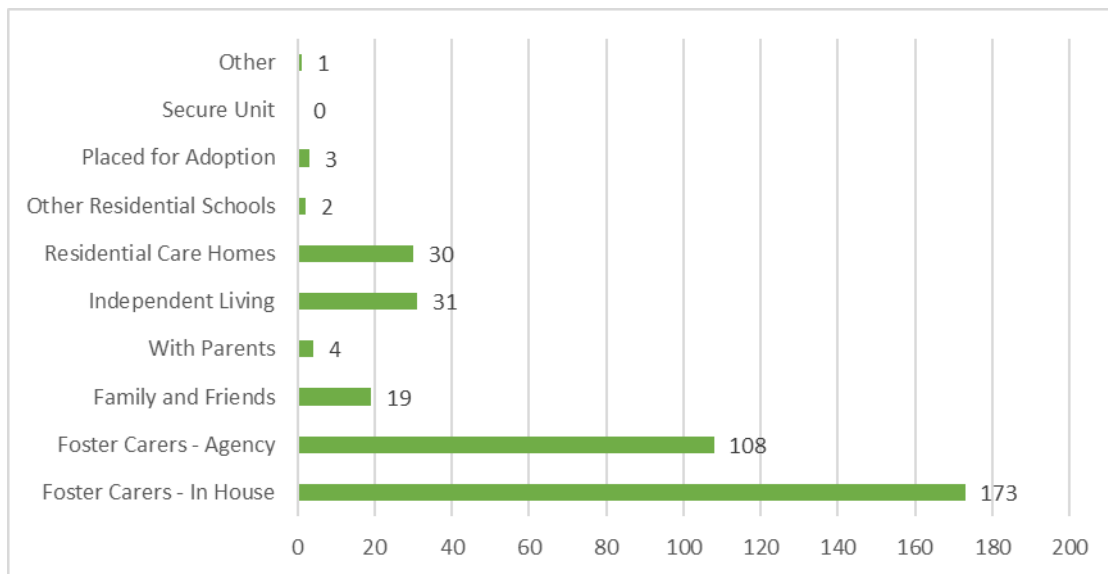
- 173 children were placed with foster carers who work for Peterborough City Council (in house)
- 108 children were in foster care and placed with independent fostering agencies (IFA'S). The agency works with the Local Authority on a contractual basis to provide foster placements.
- 31 post 16 years olds were living on their own (independent living) but still classed as CLA 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.
- 3 children had a court order (Placement Order) that allows them to live with their prospective adoptive parents whilst they are awaiting a final Adoption Order.
- 19 children were placed with family or friends carers (connected person). These carers are formally assessed in the same way that our other in house carers are assessed and are presented to the Fostering Panel for approval in the way. They are paid the same level of allowances as other in house foster carers.
- 4 children were living with their parents but are still considered 'looked after' because they are subject to a full care order so the Council 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 revoked.
- 30 children and young people (without disabilities) were placed in residential care that 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 persons needs. Residential care is nearly always accessed by adolescents and only rarely used for younger children in very special circumstances.
- 2 children (with disabilities) were placed in specialist residential care. These disabled children will have complex health and behavioural needs associated with their disability. As above these placements are only used when all other types of support to keep the child at home or in foster care have been exhausted.
- There was 1 young person either in young offender institute or prison.

- There were no young persons placed in a secure unit

Children Looked After Profile

Foster carers - In House	152	143	154	168	173
Foster carers - Agency	106	102	101	106	108
Foster carers - Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Fostering by relatives or friends	13	26	32	24	19
With parents	11	9	5	6	4
Independent living	26	24	23	25	31
Residential care homes	23	23	23	22	30
Other residential schools	3	3	4	5	2
Placed for adoption	10	9	5	2	3
Secure unit	1	1	1	1	0
Other	0	0	1	0	1

Breakdown of Looked after Children Placements



Ethnicity of Looked after Children

White British	237	227	235	237	235
White Irish	0	0	0	0	0
White Other	40	37	38	44	47
White	277	264	273	281	282
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	7	6	7	3	4
Mixed White & Black African	2	2	2	5	6
Mixed White & Asian	11	12	11	13	14
Any other mixed background	9	12	11	10	11
Mixed	29	32	31	31	35
Indian	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistani	5	5	5	6	5
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0
Any other Asian background	9	9	10	11	18
Asian	14	14	15	17	23
Caribbean	2	2	2	2	2
African	14	12	12	10	12
Any other Black background	4	6	6	6	7
Black	20	20	20	18	21
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0
Any other ethnic group	5	10	10	11	10
Other	5	10	10	11	10
Not stated / not yet obtained	0	0	0	1	0

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