

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
26 JULY 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Corporate Director People and Communities	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
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CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS PERFORMANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Assistant Director Children's Social Care	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 Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 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 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 The report also outlines a monthly performance report and an action plan report which outlines progress of each action made against the OfSTED recommendations from the inspection held in 2015.

2.3 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference:

2.4.3.2 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.

2.4.3.6 To monitor the quality of care delivered by the City Council and review the performance of outcomes for children and young people in care.

2.4 This links into the Children in Care Pledge under Priority 3: Placement stability and range of high quality placement provision and covers 'Reduction in the number of children in residential placements.

3. TIMESCALES

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

4.1 On the 31 May 2017 there were 362 Children in Care in Peterborough.

- 164 children were placed with foster carers who work for TACT (The Adolescent and Children's Trust), and provide foster care through our strategic partnership.
- 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.
- 25 post 16 years olds were living on their own (independent living) but still classed as CIC 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.
- 5 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.
- 15 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 same way. They are paid the same level of allowances as other in house foster carers.
- 1 child were living with their parents but were 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.
- 42 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 person's needs. Residential care is nearly always accessed by adolescents and only rarely used for younger children in very special circumstances.
- 1 child (with disabilities) was placed in specialist residential care. This disabled child 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 placed in a secure unit.

4.2 Children in Care Profile

	Jun-16	Sep-16	Dec-16	Mar-17	May-17
Children looked after	371	366	364	363	362

Age

Under 1	22	21	16	18	20
1 to 4	36	36	38	34	27
5 to 9	81	71	71	69	68
10 to 15	149	141	137	137	145
16-17	82	96	101	105	101
18 or over	1	1	1	0	1

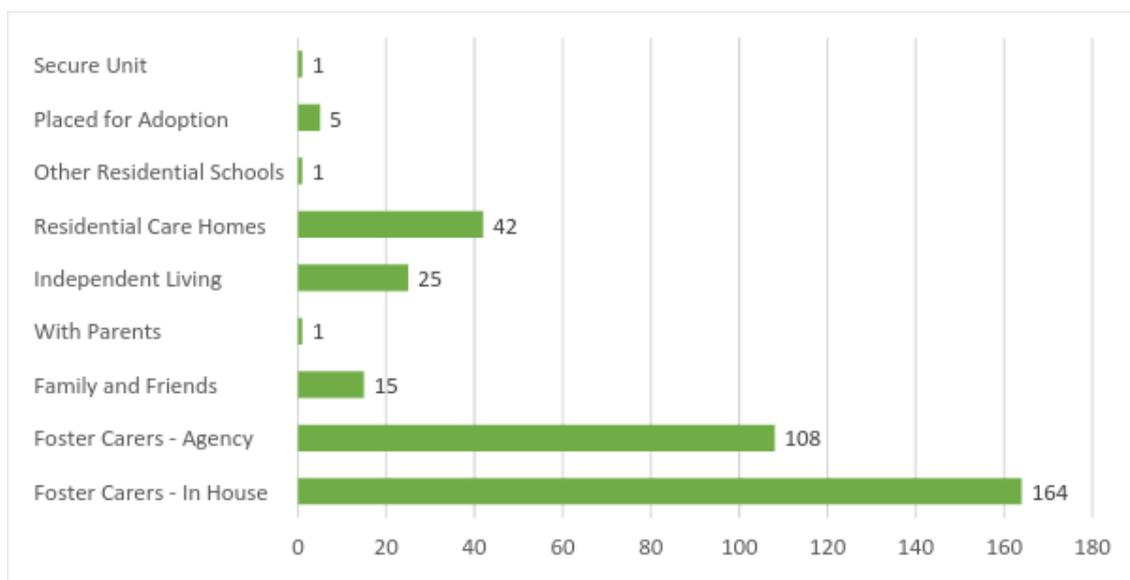
Gender

Male	211	206	206	199	199
Female	160	160	158	164	163

Ethnicity

White British	235	239	237	227	221
White Irish	0	0	0	0	0
White Other	47	38	37	40	47
White	282	277	274	267	268
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	4	5	5	6	5
Mixed White & Black African	6	6	5	5	5
Mixed White & Asian	14	15	18	19	18
Any other mixed background	11	10	14	13	12
Mixed	35	36	42	43	40
Indian	0	0	1	1	1
Pakistani	5	4	3	7	6
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0
Any other Asian background	18	18	18	18	16
Asian	23	22	22	26	23
Caribbean	2	2	1	1	1
African	12	10	10	9	11
Any other Black background	7	7	8	8	8
Black	21	19	19	18	20
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0
Any other ethnic group	10	8	4	5	6
Other	10	8	4	5	6
Not stated / not yet obtained	0	4	3	4	5

4.3 Children in Care Placements



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

Financial Implications

9.1 None

Legal Implications

9.2 None

Equalities Implications

9.3 None

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 Appendix 1 – CIC Performance Report May 2017
Appendix 2 – Ofsted Action Plan March 2017