

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 11a
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Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
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CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS PERFORMANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2018

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
It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report; and • 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 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.

2.4.4.2 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.

2.4.4.6 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 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**

4.1 On the 30 September 2018 there were 370 Children in Care in Peterborough:

- 144 children were placed with foster carers who work for TACT (The Adolescent and Children's Trust), and provide foster care through our strategic partnership.
- 117 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.
- 41 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.
- 6 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.
- 16 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.
- 6 children 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 discharged.
- 29 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, and 9 young people were in YOI.

4.2 Children in Care Profile

	Sep-17	Dec-17	Mar-18	Jun-18	Sep-18
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Children looked after	373	356	353	381	370
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Age

Under 1	16	23	18	20	19
1 to 4	21	18	23	29	34
5 to 9	68	67	68	71	65
10 to 15	159	149	146	157	156
16-17	106	99	98	104	96
18 or over	3	0	0	0	4

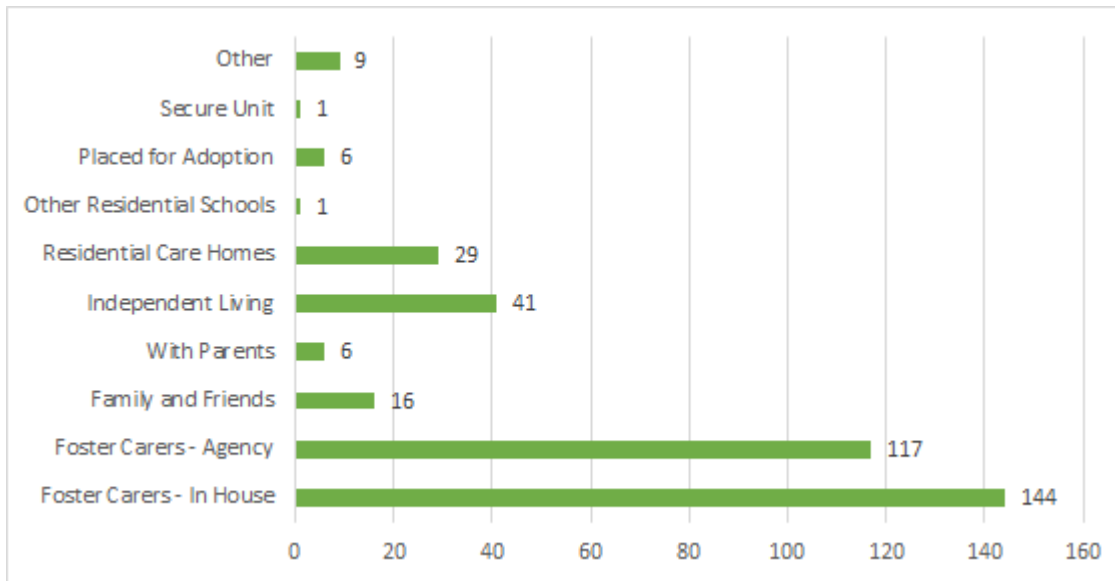
Gender

Male	213	204	202	215	207
Female	160	152	150	166	167
Undefined			1	0	0

Ethnicity

White British	224	223	226	239	229
White Irish	0	0	0	0	0
White Other	41	34	34	40	43
White	269	257	260	279	272
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	3	4	4	5	5
Mixed White & Black African	4	3	3	4	5
Mixed White & Asian	21	20	19	20	16
Any other mixed background	16	15	15	17	17
Mixed	45	42	41	46	43
Indian	1	1	1	0	0
Pakistani	7	7	7	12	11
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	1
Any other Asian background	19	17	13	17	16
Asian	24	25	21	29	28
Caribbean	2	2	2	2	2
African	15	13	13	10	12
Any other Black background	8	7	8	8	8
Black	23	22	23	20	22
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0
Any other ethnic group	6	6	3	5	5
Other	6	6	3	5	5
Not stated / not yet obtained	4	4	5	2	4

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 The rising number of LAC children and availability of suitable placements is placing significant pressure on the placement budget which is currently reporting a £3.9m overspend in year and future years if this situation remains the same.

Legal Implications

9.2 None

Equalities Implications

9.3 None

Other Implications

9.4 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 Appendix 1 – CIC Performance Report September 2018

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