



Report for:	Joint Meeting of Corporate Parenting Advisory Group and Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee 6 March 2014	Item Number:	
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Title:	Performance
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Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Non Key Decision:
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The purpose of this report is to brief Members on two key areas of performance:

Priority 2: Enable every child and young person to thrive and achieve their potential; and

Priority 4: Safeguard children and adults from abuse and neglect wherever possible, and deal with it appropriately and effectively where it does occur

1.2 A full set of data will be reported at the next meeting of the Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee on 1 April 2014.

- There has been a continued downward trend in the number of **children subject to a child protection plan**. Children on a plan have reduced by 35% since the end of March 2013, 100 fewer children. At the end of December there were 168 children subject to a plan, a **rate** of 29 per 10,000 population below the 2012/13 rate for our statistical neighbours (40). This is a significant change from being an authority with the 7th highest number of children subject of a CP plan in London at the end of March 2013.



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- A **children and families single assessment** went live from 1 July and initial and core assessments were replaced with simple and complex assessments. 702 of these assessments have been **completed** in the year so far, **78% in 45 working days** against a target of 85%.
- 81% of **children assessed were seen within 10 days** below the 95% target.
- 8.8% (23 out of 260 children) of **child protection plans** that ceased this year **lasted 2 years or more** close to our statistical neighbour position of 9% but higher than the England position of 5.2% and our 7% target.
- Indicators around **stability of placements** for looked after children remain slightly below and in line with our statistical neighbours. 8% of children had 3 or more placements compared with 12% amongst our statistical neighbours
- 87 out of 505 or 17% of **Children are placed 20 miles or more from Haringey**. This is a reduction of 3 children from last month but that combined with an increase in the number of children looked after has brought the proportion 20 miles plus closer to our 16% target.

Related indicators

- 11% of children have become the **subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time** lower than the 13% reported by our statistical neighbours in 2012/13 and in line with our 10% target.
- **Child contacts** are on a reducing trend with current numbers suggesting over 1,000 fewer contacts in 2013/14. 464 contacts in December 2013.
- 1291 **referrals** in the year, 14% reduction from 2012/13 in contrast to SN which increased slightly in 2012/13. This is equivalent to a referral rate of 224 per 10,000 population (projection of 299 rate for 2013/14) and low compared to our SN rate of 545 for 2012/13.
- The rate of **re-referrals within 12 months of the previous referral** at 15% is in line with our target (16%) and our statistical neighbours.
- 90% of **child protection cases have been reviewed within timescale** for the current cohort, below the 100% target and below levels achieved by our statistical neighbours.
- 92% of **child protection visits** (144 out of 157) completed in the month as at the end of December short of the 95% target. This includes 5 children whose whereabouts were unknown and a number of children away.
- There has been a 3% reduction in the number of **children in care** since the end of March 2013. 523 children were in care on the last day of December, an increase of 14 children since October and reversing the trend in the first 6 months of the year. This equates to a rate of 91 per 10,000 population, which remains higher than the level in similar boroughs (72) although a significant reduction on this point last year



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- 8 children missing from care in the month of December 2013, 3 of whom were missing for less than 24 hours.