

NOTICE OF MEETING

CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 14th January, 2021, 7.15 pm - (or on the rise of the meeting with Aspire) - MS Teams (view it [here](#))

Members: Councillors Kaushika Amin (Chair), Sakina Chenot, Eldridge Culverwell, Mahir Demir, Erdal Dogan, Peter Mitchell and Tammy Palmer

Quorum: 3

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2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)**

3. **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair will consider the admission of late items of urgent business. Late items will be considered under the agenda item they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 10 below.

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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5. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 6)

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2020.

6. MATTERS ARISING

7. PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR TO NOVEMBER 2020 (PAGES 7 - 12)

This report provides an analysis of the performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to looked after children on behalf of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.

8. HARINGEY EXPLOITATION SERVICE: VIOLENCE, VULNERABILITY AND EXPLOITATION (PAGES 13 - 38)

This report provides a detailed update on the developments within the service and the continued commitment to offer robust and timely intervention to families, young people, and vulnerable young adults at risk of or suffering exploitation.

9. LOCAL OFFER FOR CARE LEAVERS (PAGES 39 - 62)

The Children and Social Work Act 2017, require local authorities to publish a 'Care Leaver Offer,' setting out the services available to care leavers within the local authority area.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Date of next meeting – 23 March 2021

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Wednesday, 06 January 2021

MINUTES OF MEETING CORPORATE PARENTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER, 2020, 7.15 – 8.45

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: Kaushika Amin (Chair), Sakina Chenot, Eldridge Culverwell, Mahir Demir, Erdal Dogan, Peter Mitchell and Tammy Palmer

ALSO ATTENDING: Ann Graham (Director of Children's Services), Beverley Hendricks (Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Social Care), Richard Hutton (Senior Performance Officer), Lynn Carrington (Designated Nurse), Dr Fayrus Abusrewil, Emma Cummergen (Deputy Head of Service), Nicola Morgan (Headteacher Virtual Head of Schools) and Emma Perry (Principal Committee Co-ordinator)

1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred Members present to agenda Item 1 as shown on the agenda in respect of filming at this meeting, and Members noted the information contained therein.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (IF ANY)

There were no apologies for absence.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 January 2020 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

- Item 93 – Any Other Business – it was noted that the date stated should have said 10th December 2019 and not 2020.

6. MATTERS ARISING

In response to the action points detailed on page 2 of the agenda, Beverley Hendricks, Assistant Director Safeguarding & Social Care, stated that a 6-page document had been produced, setting out the issues and action points. This document had then been converted into a summary and action plan. The summary had identified 4 key action points, with 3 of these currently delivered. **(ACTION: Beverley Hendricks to re-circulate the paper to members of the committee).**

In response to the action point identified on page 5 of the agenda, it was confirmed that a briefing report had been completed and that this would also be re-circulated to members of the committee. **(ACTION: Beverley Hendricks).**

7. PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR TO AUGUST 2020

Richard Hutton introduced the report, as set out on pages 7-12 of the agenda. The report provided an analysis of the performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to looked after children, on behalf of the Committee.

Officers responded to questions from the Committee:

- In response to a question regarding the personal education plans, it was explained that they were a statutory part of the care plan for every looked after child. This was a working document, which was reviewed every term. Each plan was individual to the child and monitored the child's progress and achievements and would also enable support to be put in place to support this progress, if necessary.
- In response to a question regarding the proportion of 17-18-year-old care leavers in touch with the local authority compared with 19-21 year olds, it was confirmed that after a sample had been taken which found that a cluster of those children had achieved their 18th birthday at the same time and had therefore stopped being looked after. The numbers had now picked up again and it was confirmed that the number of children being looked after detailed in the report was correct and no risks were unmet.
- It was explained that the data surrounding these age groups related to national indicators and provided a snapshot. The figures took into account any contact that was made 3 months after their 18th birthday. There were a number of cohorts that could impact these figures, including those with unaccompanied asylum, where their status was not regulated, young people in prison, and those along the county line.
- It was confirmed that a vulnerable children's panel had been set up to monitor the virtual learning process, working closely with designated teachers in schools. Every Tuesday and Thursday those children with an allocated social worker would be contacted and this information shared with schools within the borough. The most vulnerable children would be contacted on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The process allowed the schools to identify those children that needed additional support and weren't able to access schooling online and to ensure that their basic needs were also covered. An Early Help Panel had also been set up

in May 2020 to refer any child into early help that required it and to also determine what intervention was required.

- In response to a question regarding the dental checks which had been delayed as a result of the Coronavirus, it was stated that once the dental surgeries had reopened nationally, it was a priority to get children seen on a twice yearly basis. It was noted that the waiting lists were very high at present.

8. CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE, COVID RESPONSE

Beverley Hendricks introduced the report, as set out on pages 13-19 of the agenda. The report provided the Children's Social Care response to supporting vulnerable children and young people during the Coronavirus pandemic lockdown.

Officers responded to questions from the Committee:

- In response to a question regarding the immediate and long-term challenges being faced by the service and looked after children, one of the main concerns raised was the workforce and how to build resilience and creative ways to boost morale and confidence in the team during this challenging time. The model of social work would also be looked at during this time and what partnership services were currently available. It was important to note that we were living in unprecedented times and the future was currently unsure. It was noted that Tottenham had the highest levels of people being furloughed and it was important to work through the stresses this created and assess the impact on those individuals and families.
- In response to a question regarding stresses within the BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) community, especially young people, it was stated that they had found the Covid messaging stressful. National data had found that 16-28 year olds were being challenged the most and that Public Health could provide a more detailed response. Concerns were also raised regarding the emotional health of this age group.
- It was stated that there was strong local evidence that Covid did have an impact on referrals. Referrals had been made regarding food insecurities, those with autism and disruption to their established routine, higher anxiety levels. It was noted that care leavers had also been impacted with a number suffering significant job losses, creating issues surrounding food poverty and financial constraints. They had also experienced access problems to wifi and a significant impact on their mental health, with many feeling very isolated. Support had been provided to those requiring a Covid test, many of which were living in shared accommodation. It was recognised that it had been a really tough time for care leavers, in and out of the borough.
- It was felt important to get the thoughts, suggestions and feelings from the Aspire Group. **(ACTION: AG to arrange for the next meeting.)**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9. FOSTER CARERS ALLOWANCE

Beverley Hendricks introduced the report, as set out in the supplementary pack to the agenda. The policy explained Haringey's Fostering Allowance payments to foster

carers, detailed the weekly fees and allowances paid to carers and explained the circumstances in which additional payments could be made.

Officers responded to questions from the Committee:

- It was stated that it was important to benchmark the policies of other neighbouring boroughs and it was confirmed that this policy was comparable to those boroughs, including Islington and Hackney.
- In response to a question regarding paragraph 4.3.1 of the report and the new weekly rate, it was confirmed that this was implemented after DMT had agreed this. **(ACTION: Beverley Hendricks to confirm this date).**
- It was stated that Haringey was fortunate in that it had a long standing foster carers association, who the team had been working with on the policy since May 2019.

RESOLVED that the policy be endorsed.

10. HARINGEY VIRTUAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19

Nicola Morgan, Headteacher Virtual Head of School, introduced the report, as set out on pages 21-44 of the agenda. The report outlined the activity of the Virtual School Head (VSH), Haringey Virtual School (HVS) and the educational outcomes of Haringey Council's looked after children (LAC) for the academic year 2018-19, as this was the most recent published data.

Officers responded to questions from the Committee:

- In response to a question regarding the impact the lockdown had on the education of KS1 and KS2 pupils, it was stated the education of looked after children had continued to be monitored during the lockdown and it was individual to the particular school what level of education the children were receiving. There was a lot of catch up educational support available now and schools were back to providing a full form of education. The schools were looking at areas that needed to be caught up on and any gaps, as well as identifying the support required to address these needs.
- Reference was made to page 35 of the agenda and whether it was correct that the virtual school figure for girls was zero. It was confirmed that the figure was correct, as none of the 6 girls had achieved the combined level of reading, writing and maths.
- In response to a question regarding poor attendance figures and how these were recorded, it was explained that the recording was dependent upon what setting the particular child was in, the type of absence and how this was counted.
- In response to a question regarding the outcomes by ethnicity, as set out on page 35 of the agenda, it was stated that there was not too much to draw out, as the numbers were very small and therefore not statistically significant. It was noted that the children from the Asian ethnic group were doing particularly well. It was however good to have a breakdown, so that the team were aware of their performance.

- Reference was made to paragraph 4.9 of the report and the reason why boys had out performed girls and also what the relationship was with CAMHS. It was believed that the reason was probably just the cohort and that the year just had some particularly high achieving boys. The team had a good relationship with first steps, which linked into CAMHS. Where it was felt that additional support was required, first steps could get involved quickly or signpost to a particular service. It was felt that the partnership worked well.

RESOLVED that the Committee would receive an updated Virtual School Annual Report outlining educational outcomes for the academic year 2019-20 in the Autumn 2021.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The date of the next meeting is 14 January 2021.

CHAIR: Councillor Kaushika Amin

Signed by Chair

Date

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Report for: Corporate Parent Advisory Committee: 14 January 2021

Title: Performance for the year to November 2020

Report

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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non key

1. Introduction

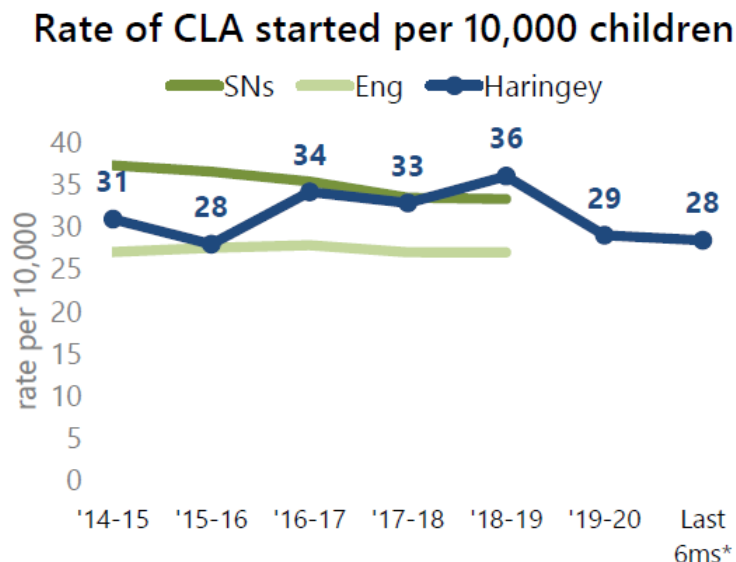
- 1.1. This report provides an analysis of the performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to looked after children on behalf of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
- 1.2. Section 2 contains performance highlights and key messages identifying areas of improvement and areas for focus. It provides an overall assessment relating to Children in Care so that Members can assess progress in key areas within the context of the Local Authority's role as Corporate Parent.

2. Overall Assessment of Performance

At the end of November 2020 **413 children were in care** (rate of 67 per 10,000). This is **23 more children** more than was reported at the end of August. The number of unaccompanied **asylum seeker (UASC) children has decreased to 38** from 48 at the end of March, its now 10 below our 0.08% quota. In the last 6 months 66 children ceased to be looked after, this compares to 200 during the 12 months to April 2020. In this period there were 21 children (32%) who ceased to be looked after returned home to live with their parents or relatives.

- 2.1. In the six months to November 2020, 85 children have started to be looked after. The **rate of children becoming looked after** (in the six months to November 2020) has **increased to 28** per 10,000 population and compares to 29 in 2019/20 and 36 in 2018/19. Haringey's rate is not an outlier as our rate is similar to the average London at 27.

2.2.



*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

2.3. Children with a recorded **permanency plan**. The top 6 reasons for permanency plans are set out below along with the percentage of our children in care with that plan.

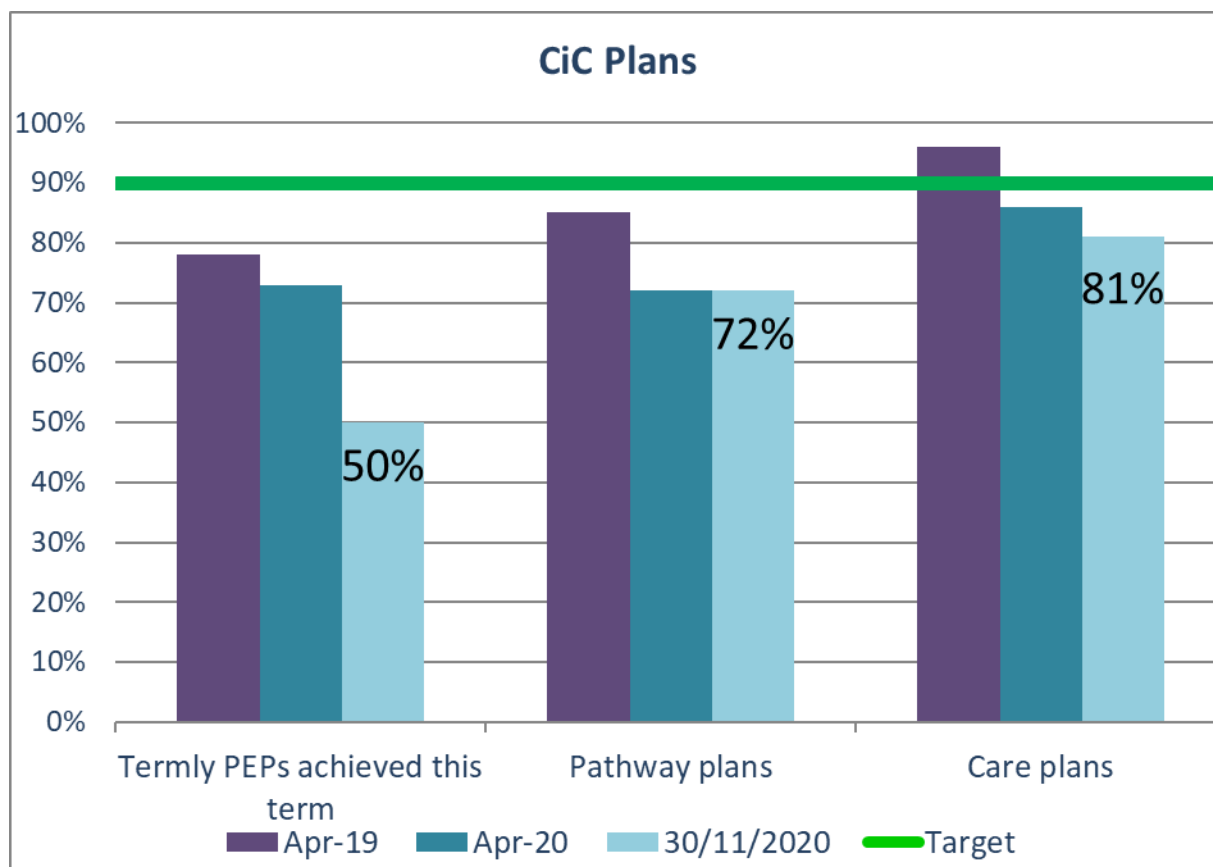
Permanence plan

	Number	%
<u>Return to family</u>	32	8%
<u>Adoption</u>	22	5%
<u>SGO/CAO</u>	16	4%
<u>Supported living</u>	18	4%
<u>L/T residential</u>	29	7%
<u>L/T fostering</u>	168	41%

2.4. Only two children have been adopted in the last six months. Of the current Children in Care population nine are placed for adoption.

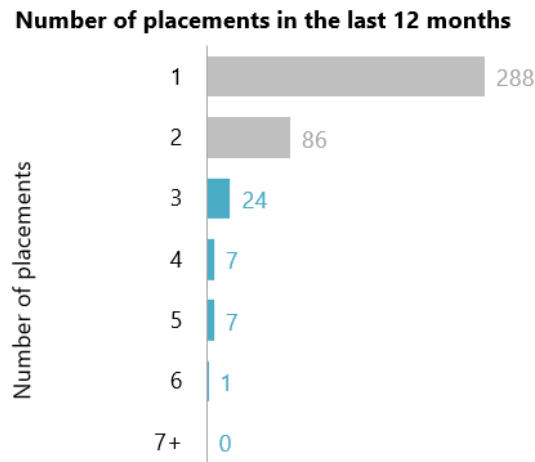
2.5. As at end of August, 81% of looked after children aged under 16 had an **up to date Care Plan**. The graph below illustrates this and other areas relating to looked after children over time.

2.6. Personal education plans (PEPs) have particularly challenging in the autumn term following a record high level in the summer term (96%). The end of term figure will be reported to the next CPAC. Detailed weekly management information by team is used by the service to show what needs to be done and by which party e.g. social work, school or virtual school.



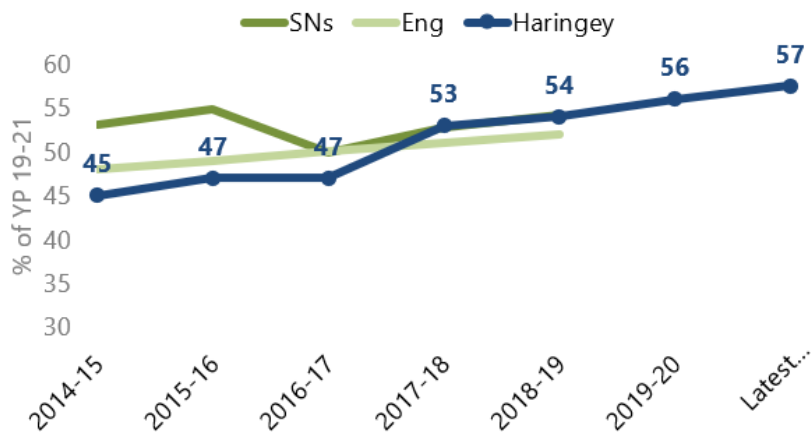
- 2.7. Regular weekly meetings to track activity and performance continue to be held with the Head of Service for Children in Care, the Head of virtual school and team managers.
- 2.8. 91% of **Children in Care including young adults** were recorded as having up to date visits within the relevant timescales as of the last week of November. The majority of the children who do not have a recent visit on record have been seen and the visit is awaiting write up and logging on the IT system. Visits to looked after children continue to be tracked at performance meetings, held by the Head of Service for Children in Care, and along with supervision and management direction continue to be actively monitored.
- 2.9. At the end of November 2020, 10.4% of children with an open episode of care **had three or more placement moves in the last 12 months**, equating to 39 children. This is slightly better than the London average and statistical neighbour average, both 11%.

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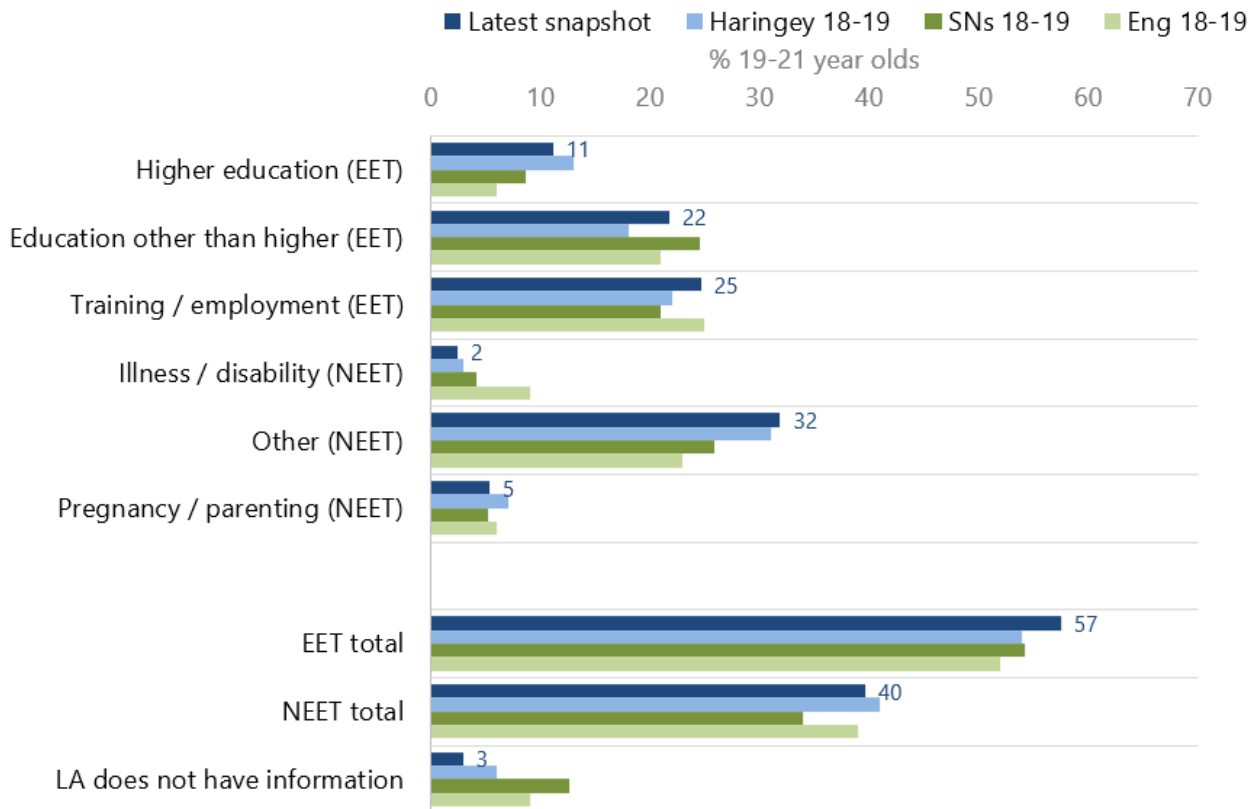


- 2.11. Children **under 16 who had been in care for at least 2.5 years in the same placement for at least 2 years**, has improved to 71% (101 children) although this is lower than the 2018/19 position of 77% it is better than statistical neighbour average of 69%. These two indicators should be viewed together to gain a view of placement stability for Haringey's children in care.
- 2.12. At the end of November of children who were looked after for at least 12 months with an **up to date health assessment** was 98%, maintaining excellent performance above statistical neighbours and national levels 88%.
- 2.13. At the beginning of September only 42% of eligible children had **up to date dental visits. This has improved to 58% by the end of November** Unfortunately, dental checks remain a stubborn and challenging area all the more so during lockdown and COVID restrictions.
- 2.14. There are now 418 **care leavers** in receipt of leaving care services, 97% of those **aged 19-21** and 96% **17-18 year olds** were considered as **in touch with the local authority** at the end of November.
- 2.15. 57% of the 19-21 year olds and 74% of the 17-18 year olds were known to be in **Education Employment or Training (EET)** Benchmarking data for 2019/20 should be available for the next quarters report. However, these figures compare favourably with available 2018/19 data.

Education, Employment, or Training (EET) of 19-21 year olds

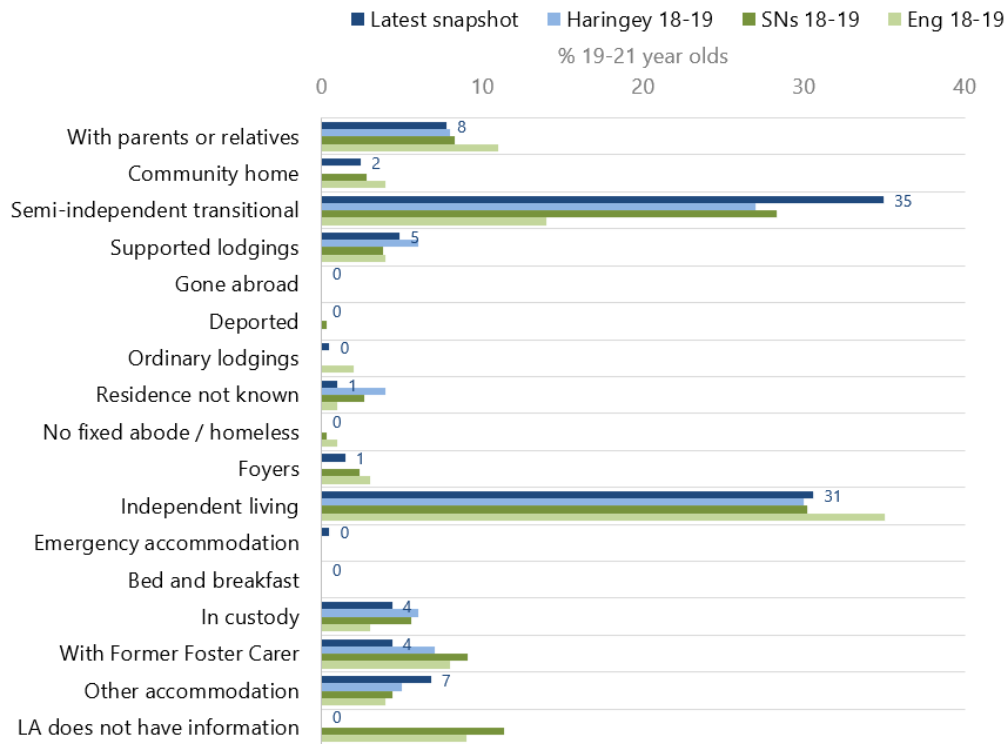


Activity types of 19-21 year olds



2.16. 94% of **19-21 year old care leavers** were known to be in **suitable accommodation** (95% in 2019/20) and 89% of 17-18 year olds (92% in 2019/20).

Accommodation types of 19-21 year olds



3. Contribution to strategic outcomes

3.1. Borough Plan 2019-2022

3.2. People Priority: A Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential

Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee – 14 January 2020

Title: Haringey Exploitation Service: Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 Following a multi-agency task and finish review the Exploitation Service was relaunched as the VVEP (Vulnerability Violence and Exploitation Prevention Service).
- 1.2 The multi-agency collaboration has proved to be effective in managing the emerging challenges faced by Haringey's Children and Young People's Service in relation to serious youth violence, child exploitation and contextual safeguarding concerns.
- 1.3 This report provides a detailed update on the developments within the service and the continued commitment to offer robust and timely intervention to families, young people, and vulnerable young adults at risk of or suffering exploitation.

2. Recommendations

For information

3. Reasons for decision

NA

4. Background information

NA

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

5.1 Our vision is a Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.

6. **Use of Appendices**

7. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**
NA

Haringey Exploitation service: Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation.

‘Our vision is a Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential’.

An adolescent out of sight is like a kite in the clouds even though you cannot see them, even though you cannot hear them, even though you cannot control their movements we can feel the tug on the strings of our systems, that sometimes cannot hold them.

Introduction:

Haringey's Children and Young People's Exploitation Service has been operational since January 2018, and was formed out of two separate forums: the Haringey CYPS 'Missing & Child Sexual Exploitation Panel' and the Gangs Unit 'Girls & Gangs' Panel.

Following a multi-agency task and finish review the Exploitation Service was relaunched as the Vulnerability Violence and Exploitation Prevention Service (VVEP).

The multi-agency collaboration has proved to be effective in managing the emerging challenges Haringey Children and Young People's Service is facing in relation to serious youth violence, child exploitation and contextual safeguarding concern. This report provides a detailed update on the developments within the service and the continued commitment to offer robust and timely intervention to families, young people, and vulnerable young adults at risk of or suffering exploitation.

The Haringey Context

The London Borough of Haringey has a large youth demographic of residents under the age of 18, which make up a third of the population. The population density of these young people can be found broadly across the east of the borough, in Tottenham Hale, Northumberland Park and Seven Sisters. Within these areas can be found high numbers of children and young people who are victims of child exploitation. We are now better at understanding that child exploitation encompasses many forms of abuse: child criminal exploitation, child sexual exploitation, gangs, county lines and Modern-Day Slavery – and we also have a greater understanding that our local children and young people are consistently targeted, groomed and held in debt hostage situations to local gangs and drug dealers, who use them to package and deliver drugs across the country.

The Exploitation Service

The Haringey Exploitation Service aims to provide a coordinated, multi-agency response to children, young people and vulnerable adults who are currently at risk, or likely to be at risk of, *Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Criminal Exploitation, County Lines and Gangs*.

The service provides a range of services and forums whereby Violence, vulnerabilities and exploitation is discussed and addressed from a multi-agency perspective.

As part of the Ofsted improvement plan it is recognised that Haringey has a commitment to building on their delivery of services to Young people and families at risk of Exploitation.

The Exploitation Service is set to expand to incorporate a social work team to develop robust, timely and specialist intervention to children, young people and families at risk of violence, vulnerability and exploitation. The focus will be on adolescence whereby extra familial harm has been identified.

Outlined below are the current pathways under the umbrella of the Exploitation Service. The services aim to provide a wraparound approach to intervention and support to address exploitation and extra-familial harm in all its forms.

Contextual Safeguarding:

Child criminal and sexual exploitation and serious youth violence disproportionately impacts on young people within the borough. Haringey is facing increasing challenges in safeguarding our most vulnerable adolescents. Over the past twelve months front line professionals find themselves having to safeguard children and young people involved in exploitation, against a backdrop of an increased in knife crime (National Crime Statistics 2018) and find the usual structures and systems relating to child protection ineffective. To reinforce our safeguarding practice, the Exploitation Service is adopting a Contextual Safeguarding Approach as below:

Contextual Safeguarding has been developed by Carlene Firmin at the University of Bedfordshire over the past six years to inform policy and practice approaches to safeguarding adolescents. Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding, and responding to, young people's experiences of significant harm beyond their families. It recognises that the different relationships that young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse. Parents and carers have little influence over these contexts, and young people's experiences of extra-familial abuse can undermine parent-child relationships.

Gangs

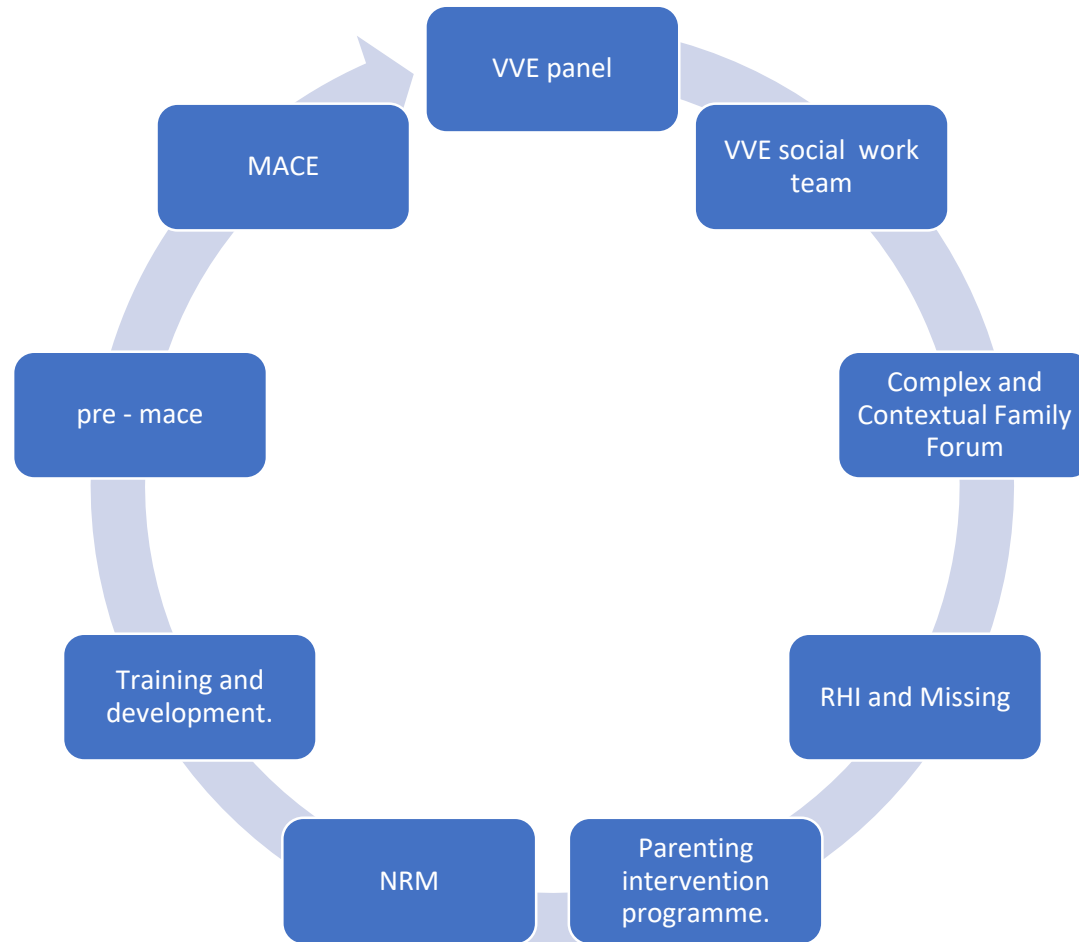
Haringey has a prolific history of gang activity. At present, a number of gangs operate within the borough with most holding territories within the east of the area. At present, we see the highest tensions between Wood Green Mob, Northumberland Park Killers and Tottenham gangs, who are predominantly affiliated to the Bruce Grove/Broadwater Farm area. The map below illustrates the proximity of these gangs.

Further reductions are envisaged, and it is hoped that the panel will be converted to a contextual safeguarding forum that will hear and review exploitation Children in Need plans from a contextual multi-agency perspective.

County Lines

County lines are illegal business models managed and operated by gangs – ranging from urban street gangs to serious organised crime gangs. These gangs use their power and position to groom, recruit and exploit children and young people for the purpose of criminal gain. This often involves high levels of violence, threat and force – and it is important to understand the grooming process, as this is evident within the recruitment of young people for criminal exploitation. (Home Office County Lines Guidance 2018)

County lines is highly active in Haringey, operating between the aforementioned gangs: the 'Wood Green Mob', the 'Northumberland Park Killers (NPK) and Tottenham (Broadwater Farm Estate). These gangs are systematically targeting, grooming and recruiting Haringey young people into their illegal activities. Once recruited our young people find themselves trapped in impossible situations and fearing for their lives. Trying to leave can often result in life altering injuries and/or loss of life. More recently the Exploitation Risk Panel has evidenced the targeting of even younger children by gangs, due to them being less likely to be stopped and searched by the authorities.



Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Prevention Panel. (VVE Panel)

Activity	Function	Members
<p>Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Prevention Panel. (VVE Panel) <i>1st Thursday of every month.</i></p>	<p>The Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Prevention Panel will provide support, oversight and scrutiny of the work required to ensure the needs of children and families at risk of exploitation are met and appropriate services are recommended.</p> <p>The purpose of the Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Prevention Panel:</p> <p>To agree a multi-agency safety plan for our vulnerable children and young people who are subject to Gang affiliation, Missing and at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation and/or Child Criminal Exploitation.</p> <p>To identify, monitor and share information and intelligence on our most vulnerable Missing, CSE/CCE and Gang affiliated children & young people.</p> <p>To map the extent of links for Missing/CSE/CCE and gang affiliation of children and young people in Haringey.</p> <p>To ensure that responses to the above vulnerable children & young people are consistent and effective.</p> <p>Mapping through intelligence, information and data the links between our most vulnerable children and young people in Haringey.</p> <p>To map the local picture of Haringey’s vulnerable children & young people against local, regional and national data.</p> <p>To make recommendations to offer actions and guidance and referral pathways for additional resources and services. To provide a reviewing mechanism and to gather intelligence to ensure appropriate services and agencies are aware of the risk to young people in Haringey</p>	<p>CYPS – Social care exploitation rep</p> <p>CYPS –</p> <p>Community partnership – IOM Strategic Lead.</p> <p>Gangs Unit</p> <p>Violence Against Women & Girls Strategic Lead, Public</p> <p>Met Police – Child Exploitation Team</p> <p>Haringey Housing</p> <p>Principle Education Welfare Officer, Schools.</p> <p>Lead SPOC and Named Nurse Whittington Health</p> <p>Substance Misuse & Sexual Health Lead.</p> <p>Early Help & Prevention, Early Help</p> <p>CAMHS</p> <p>Youth Justice Service</p> <p>LSCB Schools</p> <p>Met Police Child Exploitation, MISPER Police Haringey and Enfield</p> <p>PRU lead.</p> <p>LAC Nurse</p>

<p>Child Criminal Exploitation Identify and share information and intelligence of children and young people who are at risk of criminal exploitation and are known to professionals as missing / frequent MISPERs and/or Gang Affiliation. To support social work teams in their intervention and care planning by offering recommendations of intervention and support, sharing intelligence and gathering further intelligence to ensure thematic issues are recorded and actioned.</p> <p>Child Sexual Exploitation Identify and share information and intelligence of children and young people who are at risk of child sexual exploitation and are known to professionals as missing / frequent MISPERs and/or Gang Affiliation. Agree agency or multi-agency responses required to support a safety plan.</p> <p>Gang Affiliation Identify and share information and intelligence of children and young people who are at risk of gang affiliation and/or are known to the Gang Action Group. Agree agency or multi-agency responses and interventions to safeguard children, young people and their families. Agree agency or multi-agency responses required to support a safety plan based on level of risk identified by the Panel.</p> <p>Radicalisation and Extremist Ideology Identify and share details of children and young people who are considered at risk of Radicalisation and Extremist Ideology and agree agency or multi-agency responses where required.</p>	<p>Roles and Responsibilities of Panel Members:</p> <p>Promote and safeguard the welfare of children and young people through multi-agency partnership.</p> <p>Assess risk from a multi-agency perspective and target services appropriately.</p> <p>Collect and analyse data to inform agency responses.</p> <p>Improve inter-agency accountability.</p> <p>Problem-solve and improve the support available to professionals working with high risk cases. Offer professional challenge and scrutiny.</p> <p>Identify services and resources that are the most effective in reducing risk and safeguarding.</p> <p>Inform the commissioning of specialist services</p> <p>Governance: The Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Prevention Panel feeds into the PRE-Multi Agency Child Exploitation Panel providing information relating to Victims, Offenders, and Locations & Themes (VOLT). Themes from the VOLT are presented to the strategic Multi Agency Child Exploitation Panel that reports to the Haringey Safeguarding Children’s Partnership.</p>
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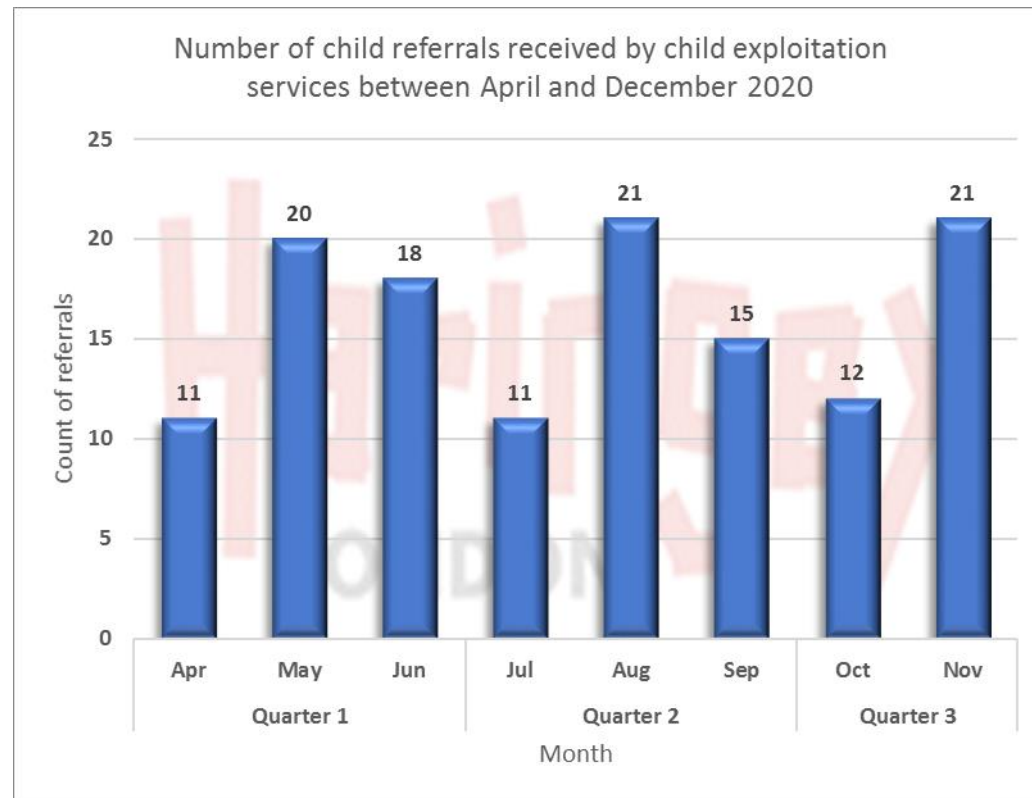
Analysis:

The VVE Panel continues to provide support, oversight and scrutiny of the work required to ensure the needs of children and families, at risk of exploitation are met and appropriate services are recommended and actioned.

The panel takes place once a month on the first Thursday of the month. Since the full implementation of the VVE team and the continued offer of direct intervention workers, there has been a reduction in cases heard at panel. Panel continues to hear the most complex cases that require a multi-agency perspective. It is hoped that once the full implementation of the VVE service is established the need for the panel will diminish further however it is vitally important that there remains a forum to discuss the most complex cases, to share best practice and to receive a multi-agency response and oversight.

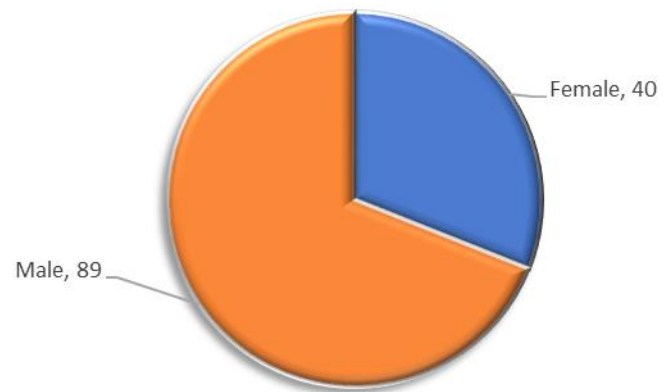
Please note data collection for the exploitation services has been a challenge and is a priority for the service. Work is underway to address this deficit.

129 cases have been referred into the exploitation service in the last 8 months.

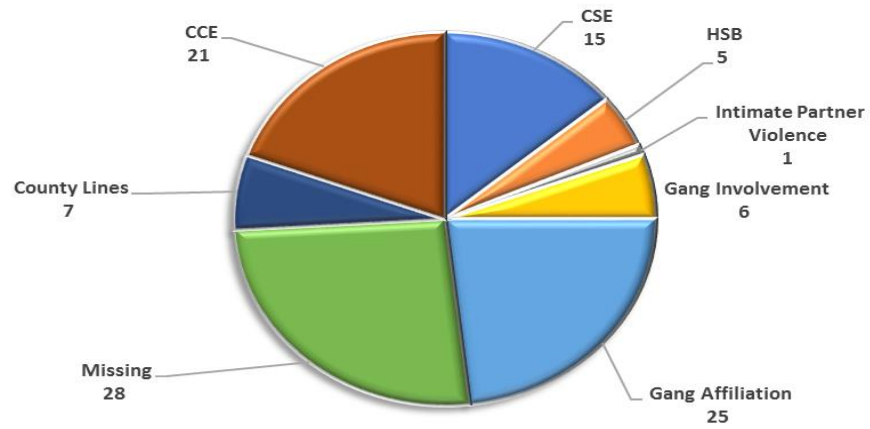


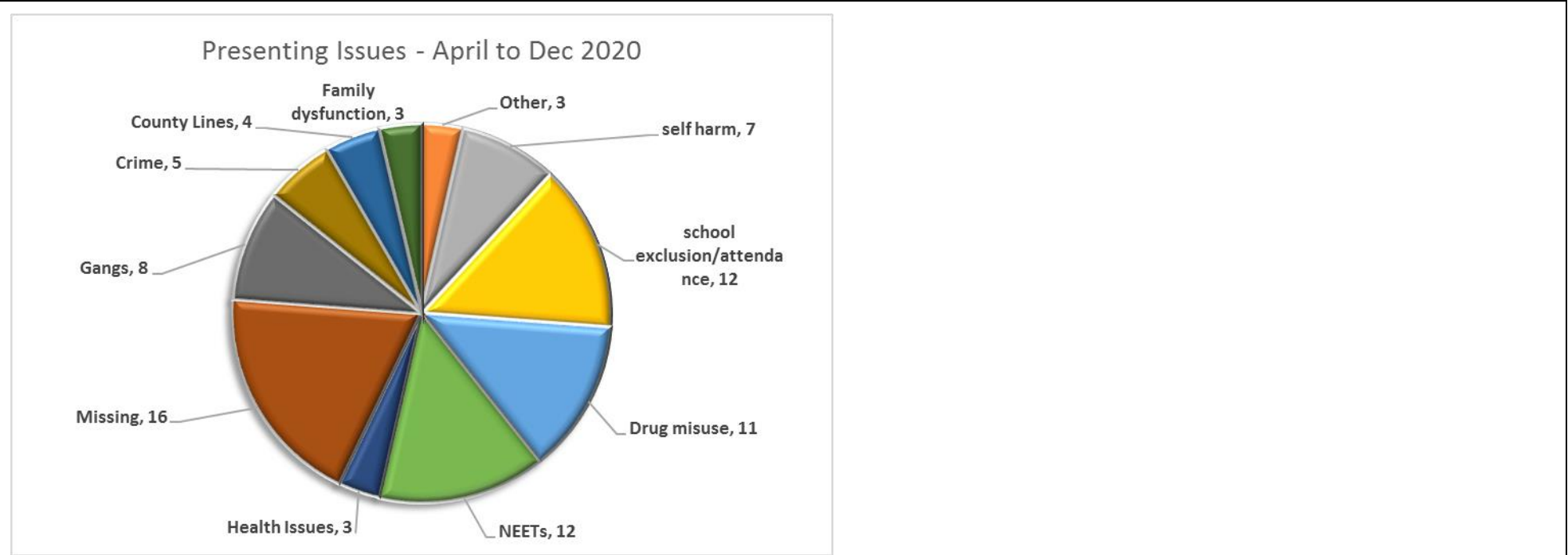
Of those referrals **89** were male and **40** were female.

Gender of child referrals received by child exploitation services between April and December 2020



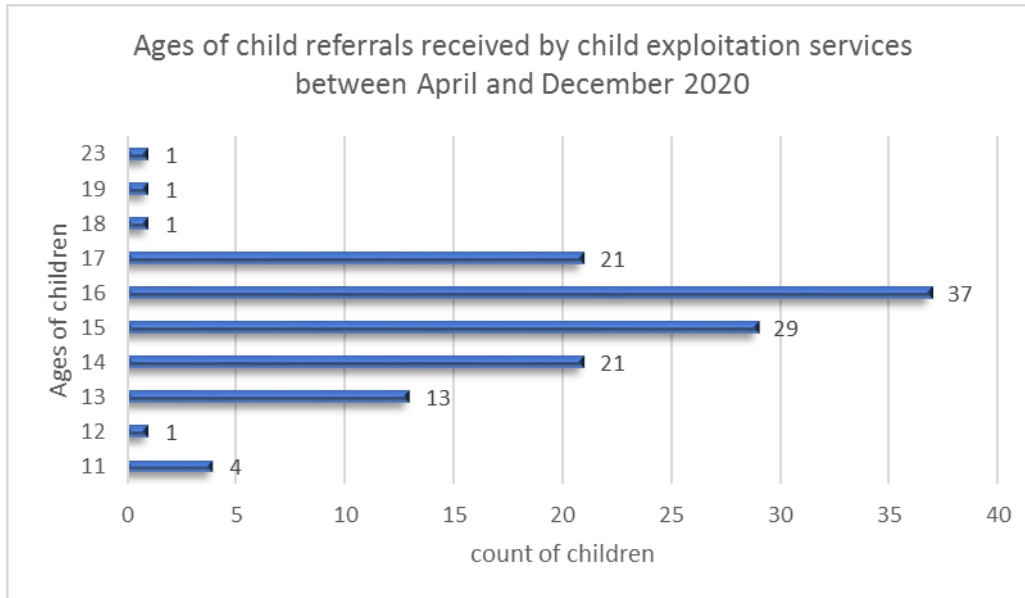
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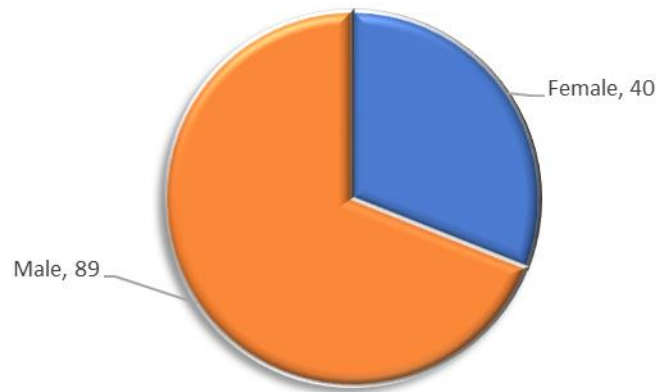


36 children were not in education or employment, 27 children were LAC

Ages of YP reported in



Gender of child referrals received by child exploitation services between April and December 2020



The number of missing young people presented to panel was 28.

Next steps:

- VVE to be given greater priority on the roll out of a new pathway created to build on the MACE principles with the right skills around the table to aid effective intervention
- Explore the offer from Bedfordshire University regarding evaluating contextual safeguarding approach
- Set multi-agency harm reduction targets
- Partner agencies understand and own a multi-agency approach to addressing complex and contextual safeguarding
- Governance for complex safeguarding is clear and partners understand where responsibilities for work streams lie

- A clear multi-agency process is embedded which allows agencies to develop plans to address instances of peer on peer abuse/violence
- Social workers, Schools/colleges with have a clear and consistent process for the delivery of key safeguarding messages to children of all ages.

Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Social work team. (VVE Team)

Activity	Function	Members
<p>Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation Social work team. (VVE Team) <i>Frontline operational team</i></p>	<p>As part of the Ofsted improvement plan it is recognised that Haringey has a commitment to building on their delivery of services to Young people and families at risk of Exploitation.</p> <p>The exploitation service is set to expand to incorporate a social work team to develop robust, timely and specialist intervention to children, young people and families at risk of violence, vulnerability and exploitation. The focus will be on adolescence; whereby extra familial harm has been identified.</p> <p>The service will provide a wraparound approach to intervention to support and address exploitation and extra familial harm in all its forms.</p> <p>To work predominantly with children and young people aged 13 years and above.</p> <p>To address the complex needs and case management of Young people subject to Child Protection Plans due to exploitative and contextual safeguarding concerns.</p> <p>To convert Child Protection Plans to contextual CIN plans for this cohort of Young People in order to recognise fully where the risk lies, more often in the community and wider context and support parents to safeguard their children.</p> <p>To ensure a wraparound service is provided to meet emerging needs in a timely and robust manner.</p> <p>To ensure safety plans and VOLT applications are regularly reviewed.</p> <p>To embed a reviewing process for contextual CIN plans</p> <p>To ensure Parents are regarded as partners and expert within the professional network.</p>	<p>Exploitation service Service Manager Team manager Exploitation coordinator Senior practitioner Social worker x 3 Exploitation family support worker x 4 Return home interview officer Business support Officer</p>

The team aims to imbed best practice in the following areas:

Child sexual Exploitation	NRM intervention and support.	Group supervision	Intensive direct work	Safety mapping	Systemic approach to practice.
Child criminal Exploitation	Modern Day Slavery	Motivational interviewing	Out of hours support to young people and families	VOLT application.	RHI
Extra familial harm	Contextual Safeguarding	Mediation	Edge of care support	Disruption Intervention Prevention	ACE
Managing risk and promoting resilience	Multi systemic therapy	Understanding risk-taking behaviours and the teenage brain.	Trauma informed practice	Gangs and county lines activity.	Robust use of FGC

Anticipated benefits

- To ensure that Haringey CYPS is effective in its role and provides oversight and scrutiny when working with and delivering services to children and young people who go missing.
- To identify vulnerable children and young people who are subjected to contextual safeguarding concerns, gang affiliation, Missing, at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and/or Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). Through undertaking timely and robust return home interviews.
- To identify, monitor and share information and intelligence on our most vulnerable Missing, CSE/CCE and Gang affiliated children and young people.
- To map the extent of links for Missing/CSE/CCE and gang affiliation of children and young people in Haringey.
- To ensure that responses to the above vulnerable children and young people are consistent and effective.
- To continue to develop mapping through intelligence, information and data the links between our most vulnerable children and young people in Haringey.

Next steps:

- Team to be fully staffed and operational by December 2020.
- Develop a complex and contextual safeguarding strategy for Haringey

Direct intervention by FSW

Activity	Function	Members
<p>Direct intervention. Frontline operational service to support social work team</p>	<p>The Exploitation service has 4 direct intervention officers who deliver 6-week intensive intervention.</p> <p>The officers currently co work cases with Social Workers for children open to CIN/CP/LAC.</p> <p>Haringey has a core group of young people aged 13-17 who are considered high risk, due to them being at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation & Child Criminal Exploitation. Their risk indicators include being Looked After children, NEET, historical neglect, members of dysfunctional family dynamics and some with gang affiliation. These young people are extremely vulnerable to abuse within a contextual framework, often the abuse is not a direct result of the care afforded to them by their parents.</p> <p>We believe by engaging with this cohort of young people on a regular basis, by building trust and a rapport will better suit these young people as it will assist them in making safe choices for themselves.</p>	<p>Exploitation service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Manager Team manager Exploitation coordinator Senior practitioner Social worker x 3 Exploitation family support worker x 4 Return home interview officer Business support Officer

Analysis:

This intervention commenced in February 2020 with two direct intervention workers; a 3rd intervention worker joined the service in August 2020.

To date **92** Young People have received direct intervention from an exploitation family support worker.

Feedback from Exploitation family support workers

As Haringey exploitation Practitioners we are committed to the fight against Child criminal exploitation and Child sexual exploitation. We support victims and their families through direct intervention i.e. visits to the family home, school, in the community, as well as over the telephone. We help to support children and families to understand all the ramifications of exploitation i.e. the mind set and motivations of exploiters, signs for parents to look out for alongside family and individual safety planning. There is overwhelming evidence to show that early intervention can significantly change a child's developmental path and improve outcomes for children, families, and communities. All of the referrals into exploitation service are children aged between 13 and 17, all exhibiting differing challenging and disruptive behaviours. By far the most important aspect of this work, and yet the

most challenging, is building positive, solution focused relationships with the children and their families. All the young people I have worked with have been boys from the ages of 13 to 17. Among the 21 cases to date, 12 boys are from Black British African/Caribbean, 3 White British, 2 British Asian, 2 Eastern European 2 South American. Black British African/Caribbean families are in no more need of social care intervention than other demographics. Environmental apartheid, economics, social inequality, discrimination, and unconscious bias are causal factors in the disparity of the numbers.

Feedback from professionals

Hi team,

Just wanted to drop a quick note to express my absolute gratitude for all of you, but particularly to highlight the work that Peter and Richie do, and how they are an absolute asset to the project and information sharing. They clearly go above and beyond with every case, and are so appreciated by me. Both make co working cases an absolute dream, and I think that really needed to be documented. As a pan London project this isn't always easy with us, but I feel so assured knowing you are involved in cases, and the level of detail that is provided is exceptional. Haringey children are lucky to have you, and I only wish every worker was as dedicated as you are.

*Thanking you so so so much,
Jules*

Case study

S, a 17-year-old young man who witnessed DV at a very early age. There were also attachment and neglect issues. He developed mental health concerns which included suicidal ideation and self-harm. It appears from the case files that there were missed opportunities in respect of therapeutic support/Early intervention. Fast forward, parental supervision appeared to be lacking, Mother worked two jobs, S states he was left home alone with his younger sibling. S developed friendships outside the family home and began to use drugs and alcohol, his missing episodes increased. He then became easy prey for organised criminal gangs to exploit him. S is being criminally exploited to sell drugs and likely other criminal activities. He has been groomed to believe the criminal gang fraternity are his friends, family and support network, and this lifestyle is a viable and credible way of earning money. Coupled with a deterioration in his mental health it has been a real challenge to steer S away from this lifestyle.

Just like we have a de-radicalization programme for individuals who may have succumbed to the idea of terrorism, similarly we need to develop a tailor made programme for our young people, not too dissimilar from the radicalization, as their methods and strategies to recruit have many similarities. Just a thought.

Next steps:

- Early intervention and prevention to be a priority
- Deep dives into cases presented for direct intervention has evidence a need for intervention to be considered at a much earlier stage and to be embedded for a prolonged period of time, this will require further analysis and consideration on best steps forward.
- Direct intervention to focus on contextual safeguarding concerns and providing a robust risk assessment that clearly evidences the disruptive measures undertaken to safeguard our young people.

Exploitation Network meetings.

Activity	Function	Members
<p>Exploitation Network meetings.</p>	<p>The purpose of this meeting is to gain a multi-agency perspective on our most vulnerable children and young people, in order to support a coordinated response that addresses all systemic concerns relating to the young people discussed, all relevant data will be shared and reviewed by the professional network.</p> <p>To deliver direct and timely recommendations on live contacts and open cases by sharing intelligence from a multi-agency perspective in order to develop a clear pathway of intervention. This will be achieved by all members undertaking information checks with their relevant agencies prior to and or during this meeting. The intent is to develop a live, fluid reactive response to risk in the community by mobilising all key agency and providing a clear overview of all actions and recommendations with the aim to reduce response time and avoid drift and delay in decision making around our most vulnerable children.</p> <p>The approach is to be driven by strategic analysis at an operational level and based on information sharing between agencies by ensuring co-ordinated and targeted use of the multi-agency network.</p>	<p>Exploitation service lead Met police exploitation lead Gangs YOS service lead Early Help service lead MASH service lead Education lead Health lead Housing lead</p>

Analysis:

In order to drive forward improvement in the effectiveness of the **VOLT** development is required on the collating of relevant information to safeguard children and implement measures to protect.

The focus for contextual safeguarding concerns need to be on the ability to **Disrupt, Intervene** and **Protect**.

In order to collate relevant information, it is essential that children are thought of in the following way.

When planning for and implementing intervention it is necessary to understand the children and young people as:

Victims – Have they been a victim of crime? Have they been exploited? Are they subject of modern-day slavery? Do they require and NRM referral?

Offenders – what is their offending history and how does this impact.

Locations – what areas are the YP frequenting, where do they feel safe, where can they not go and why. What measures have been put in place to address these areas of concern.

Themes – is there school a place of safety or additional disturbance? is there home a place of safety or additional disturbance and distress. Is there local area a safe space for them or an area of concern?

The above allows for robust and timely intervention and creates a focus on areas of **contextual safeguarding** in order to activate measures for Disrupt, Intervene and Prevent (DIP).

Disrupt – utilise the multi-agency – for example - police powers of disruption to those individuals exploiting vulnerable children and adults. Escalation to MACE. Mobilise community partnership, safe spaces, taxi services, etc. to intervene. Offer training and development to universal services.

Intervene - utilise through Children in Need /Child Protection plans in the most extreme cases to offer support and advice from a multi-agency perspective to safeguard.

Prevent – utilise social care intervention and Early help intervention to offer support and advice.

Intervene - ensure services timely intervention that focuses on the best outcomes for the child and promotes interagency collaboration at the earliest opportunity.

Carleen Firmin asserts the need:

To respond effectively to extra-familial harm

- engage with the contexts in which such harm occurs
- recognise and respond to the overlap between children who have been harmed and those who are harming others in these cases
- identify individuals who can bring about change beyond the children and families who are affected.

Where we need to focus our energies

- Target the contexts in which harm/abuse occur.
- Use child welfare and child protection as the principal focus and legislative framework.
- Feature partnerships with individuals/organisations who have a reach into, or responsibility for, the places where harm has occurred.
- Measure the contextual impact/outcomes of the response.

Next steps:

- Look to utilise and embed Ecins.
- Ecins is a fluent data storage/sharing and communications platform which police and partners are developing.
- The system is implemented in a number of police forces across the country and now looking to be developed and implemented in North Area for both Enfield and Haringey.
- All police areas of business are planning on having access from Cait referrals desk, Exploitation Team and Missing person's Unit (MPU) and are currently looking at how Ecins can assist in the improvement of the current working practices.
- Ecins offers a fast and secure way of partner information sharing and will revolutionise the way in which we liaise with each other

Contextual CIN plans and Complex and Contextual Family Forum

Activity	Function	Members
<p>Contextual CIN plans and Complex and Contextual Family Forum</p>	<p>To ensure that Haringey CYPS are effective in their role and provide oversight and scrutiny when working with and delivering services to children and young people who are at risk of exploitation.</p> <p>To embed contextual safeguarding and hold partners accountable for their intervention in relation to disruption, intervention and prevention.</p> <p>To identify vulnerable children and young people who are subjected to contextual safeguarding concerns, extra familial harm, gang affiliation, Missing, at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and/or Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).</p> <p>To identify, monitor and share information and intelligence on our most vulnerable Missing, CSE/CCE and Gang affiliated children & young people.</p> <p>To map the extent of links for Missing/CSE/CCE and gang affiliation of children and young people in Haringey.</p> <p>To ensure that responses to the above vulnerable children & young people are consistent and effective.</p> <p>To continue to develop mapping through intelligence, information and data the links between our most vulnerable children and young people in Haringey.</p>	<p>Under development</p>

	<p>Create links to existing pathways and panels within CYPS.</p> <p>Develop existing policies and procedures to fully endorse the work of the Exploitation service.</p> <p>The model promotes parent partnership and expertise as the child primary carer within this Family forum.</p> <p>Child /Young person's participation is key.</p> <p>Instrumental in the development of their plan.</p> <p>YP to have a mentor.</p> <p>Our LAC and missing young people have all discussed the lack of education provision and support to be in education or work placement an issue.</p> <p>Community mentors</p> <p>Peer mentors</p> <p>Professional mentors</p> <p>Community disruption strategies</p>	
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Report for: Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee – 14 January 2021

Title: Local Offer for Care Leavers

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Ward(s) affected: All

1. Describe the issue under consideration

The Children and Social Work Act 2017, require local authorities to publish a 'Care Leaver Offer,' setting out the services available to care leavers within the local authority area.

The Local Offer has been updated to reflect the current and new provision in a format that is accessible to young people.

The Local Offer is accompanied by a '[MyHaringey Map](#),' which maps out relevant YAS, health and community services in the borough as well as shopping and leisure destinations. The map will be incorporated onto the website alongside the Local Offer.

2. Recommendations

For information and endorsement.

3. Reasons for decision

The Local Authority is required to publish a Local Offer.

4. Background information

N/A

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

Borough Plan: People Priority: A Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential

6. Use of Appendices

N/A

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A

OUR OFFER TO HARINGEY'S CARE LEAVERS

Find out:
What you're entitled to
Who will support you



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What is a Local Offer and who is it for?

WHAT IS A LOCAL OFFER?

At Haringey Council, we have a special responsibility to look after our care leavers. We always try to provide you with the best possible support and care.

We have a legal duty under The Children and Social Work Act 2017 to publish our Local Offer to you as care leavers.

This document is our Local Offer for care leavers. It explains the support and services that are available to you if you are a Haringey Council care leaver aged between 16 and 25 years old.

WHO IS THE LOCAL OFFER FOR?

You are eligible for our support if you've been in care:

- for at least 13 weeks between the ages of 14 and 16 (including your 16th birthday) or
- for 13 weeks after your 16th birthday

We offer advice, guidance and support to young people who:

- are leaving care from the age of 16, up to your 25th birthday. You can get support from a Personal Advisor at any point up until 25, if that is what you want.



Our commitment to you

Haringey Council is a 'corporate parent' to looked after children and care leavers.

'Corporate Parent' is quite a strange phrase. In plain English, it means the council should act like a good parent to its children in care and care leavers. We wish only the best for you. We want to ensure you have the best start as you transition into adulthood.

In everything we do, we are supporting you to be healthy, happy, safe and working towards your goals. Your Personal Advisor will support you in this journey.

There may be times when we disagree over tough decisions that we believe are in your best interests. When this happens, we promise to listen to your opinions, but we will always put your safety first. We will work hard to come up with solutions together to overcome tricky issues.



"As a council, we believe that every young person should be afforded the best start to their adult life. That's why I am delighted to endorse Haringey's Local Offer for care leavers, which sets out our commitment to provide continued support and guidance to young adults leaving care."

CLlr Amin, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Families

"Becoming an adult and learning to live independently is a big life challenge for all young people. We will do our very best to be at your side all the way through your journey.

The Local Offer describes the support and advice we will provide you with, but remember if you need just a friendly chat, we'll be here for that too."

Ann Graham, Director of Children's Services

Your Personal Advisor and Pathway Plan

PERSONAL ADVISOR (PA)

You will have an allocated worker called a Personal Advisor, who will:

- meet you for a chat at a place where you feel comfortable
- visit your home to make sure it is suitable and safe for you
- keep an eye on your progress or difficulties you might have
- help you with decisions about your future
- listen to your wishes and feelings
- support your relationships with other professionals.
- help you to achieve your goals, making sure you have what you need to succeed in the future
- keep talking with you even when we disagree. We will always explain our reasons for taking a decision
- link you to an Independent Advocate. You have the right to be heard and taken seriously. Your Advocate can speak for you if you have concerns.

We know the relationship between you and your PA is really important. Wherever possible we will try to ensure you keep the same personal advisor. When this is not possible, we will explain why.



PATHWAY PLAN

Everyone from 16-21 years old has a Pathway Plan which we will review and update until you turn 25.

The Pathway Plan is your plan towards full independence and adulthood. It will cover your:

- education, employment or training
- health and wellbeing
- finances
- housing
- important relationships
- immigration status if you are an Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child (UASC)
- decisions and actions identified in your best interest
- your wishes, feelings and goals.

You may find creating your Pathway Plan a bit confusing at first, but remember - it's your Plan - you are in control of it! You can get creative with your Plan. Ask your PA to bring along a 'vision board' to help with this.

You can ask other people to help you with your Plan. This might be other professionals or people close to you.

Together, you and your PA will review your Pathway Plan every six months to make sure your goals are still up-to-date and on track. You can bring your review forward if you wish.

If there is anything you do not like or do not understand, please ask your social worker or Personal Advisor.

Housing and living independently

WHAT ARE YOUR HOUSING OPTIONS?

Getting set up in your new home is one of the most important aspects of becoming an independent adult.

Your Personal Advisor will help you to think about your options, which include:

- 'Staying put' - Continuing to live with your carer after you turn 18.
- Supported accommodation - via housing pathways, or semi-independent shared accommodation with key work support
- Your own flat – when your PA has assessed you as ready and you have completed independent living workshops.



SUPPORT TO PREPARE FOR INDEPENDENCE

Learning to live independently for the first time is a big challenge. Suddenly, you are responsible for paying rent, gas, electric, water, travel and food costs. That's why we have put in place workshops to provide you with the skills you need to thrive. These include:

- Skills for Life accredited training programme - Learning to manage money, health, social and relationship skills, personal safety and employment
- Moneyhouse - A 5-day intensive independent living skills programme. You have to attend before you can be approved for your permanent home.
- Tailored workshops that include DIY (do-it-yourself), healthy minds, employability and Moneyhouse refreshers.

The Haringey Skills for Life app - information for local young people on housing, money and other matters that you can use to help progress with independent living skills. Includes information just for care leavers!

Your Personal Advisor will also support you to apply for the right benefits so that you are able to pay rent.

I AM READY FOR MY OWN FLAT, HOW DO I GET IT?

Once you have attended the workshops and you have been assessed as ready for independent living, you will be able to bid for properties.

Your Personal Advisor will be able to support you to do this. When a viewing becomes available, please let your Personal Advisor know so they can come with you.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SETTING UP YOUR NEW HOME

You are entitled to:

- Setting up Home Allowance (up to £2000 based on assessment of need) to help furnish your flat
- Practical support to move your belongings
- Help with your benefits claim and ensuring it is transferred to your new home
- A decorating allowance if you accept a Homes for Haringey property
- Personal Advisor support on moving in day. They will be there to help out with practical things like your gas, electricity and water.
- Apply for a TV licence
- Exemption from Council Tax (until age 25) if you live within the borough
- Extra housing support from a Homes for Haringey tenancy manager or six months Floating Support (if you are in a housing association flat)

Mental and physical wellbeing

We want you to feel good in your whole self. If you ever do have any worries about your health, we will be here to help you access care and treatment.

Your physical and mental wellbeing affect every aspect of your life. That's why we have a range of support available to keep you feeling at your best.

GENERAL

- Support to register with a GP and support with talking to your GP
- Provide you with your 'Care Leavers Summary' at your last statutory health review. This is a letter that details your health history before you turned 18.
- Support to access eye (opticians) and dental care.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Support from your PA to access counselling or mental health services.
- Access to a network of voluntary and community groups able to provide specialist support according to your needs.
- www.Kooth.com – Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. You can access friendly counsellors, self-help and community support daily until 10pm. Use the log-in code: N227SG.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

- One You Haringey – free support to keep fit and healthy. Including help to stop smoking, exercise more and manage weight
- Free access to Haringey Fusion Leisure Centres (up to age 21), which includes:
 - Gym
 - Swimming
 - Exercise classes



SEXUAL HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS

- Outside The Box – personal development workshops focused on safe, positive and healthy sex and relationships
- Free condom access onsite at Young Adults Service
- Healthy Living Pharmacies – sexual health testing, free condoms and support to stop smoking at one of 20 pharmacies across the borough. Find your nearest [here](#).
- Advice and information around healthy relationships from your Personal Advisor
- You can find the latest information about sexual health services in Haringey at www.haringey.gov.uk/sexualhealth

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

- [Insight Haringey](#) – professional and confident local support for young people on reducing or stopping drug and alcohol use. The service works to improve overall wellbeing, health and support networks.
- [Talk to Frank](#) – online information and advice about drugs and alcohol



Education, work and apprenticeships

We are committed to helping you to achieve your ambitions. Whether you are studying for qualifications, training on the job or starting off in work, your Personal Advisor will be there to help.

If you have an Education, Health and Social Care Plan (EHC Plan) we will track this and attend any EHC Plan review meetings.

EDUCATION

- Your Personal Advisor will help you to choose and apply to courses and a place of learning that is right for you.
- Help you to access the 16-19 bursary fund worth up to £1,200.
- Support with costs related to your education needs, depending on need. This could be up to £250 a year for equipment, books and other essentials.
- Support with grant applications for additional financial or equipment support.
- Support with public transport costs. On the least expensive public transport route.
- Support to acquire a laptop for those in education to achieve qualifications
- Haringey Adult Learning Service – free online courses leading to qualifications, including English and Maths, for those 19 and over.

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Haringey Council operates a guaranteed interview scheme for all care leavers applying for apprenticeship posts within the council, subject to the applicant meeting the minimum criteria.
- Haringey Council will also fund ring-fenced apprenticeship opportunities for care leavers.
- We also have access to exciting apprenticeships with Homes for Haringey and the UK Civil Service.
- We will support your public transport costs to training. On the least expensive public transport route.

WORK AND VOLUNTEERING

- CV writing and interview techniques and preparation support
- Access to interview clothing
- Termly careers advice onsite
- Access to onsite Department of Welfare and Pensions (DWP) work coach sessions
- Access to volunteering opportunities
- Weekly employment support drop-in
- Support your public transport costs to job interviews. On the least expensive public transport route.

UNIVERSITY

- Haringey Council provides a Higher Education Bursary of £2,000 over the 3-4 years of a degree course to all our care leavers who go to university.
- Help with rent payments in the holidays of up to £100 per week for a total of 20 weeks.
- Support from your Personal Advisor to apply for charitable grants and bursaries
- **Propel** – the website where you can check details of funding, support and applications for care leavers at the university you choose.

ASPIRATIONS PANEL AND NEWSLETTER

The 'Aspirations Panel' is a chance for you to hear about the opportunities available to you within the council and with our partners.

Our partners include: Haringey Works, Haringey Community Gold, Drive Forward Foundation, Tottenham Hotspur FC and UK Unsigned.

Our newsletter provides up-to-date information on education, employment and training opportunities. It also contains helpful information about staying healthy and activities in the community.



Money and finances

We want you to be confident in managing your money, maximising your income and making good financial decisions.

Lots of things change when you turn 18, and we know it isn't easy to think about rent, bills, food, travel and social expenses all at the same time.

We will work together so that you are prepared to cope with new responsibilities.

[Image to show the pathway points where financial support available]

- Birthday money on your 16th, 17th and 18th birthdays
- We will pay for and support you to get the following important identification documents: passport; National Insurance Card; birth certificate.
- We will help you to set up a bank account.
- If you have a Junior ISA or any savings - we will help you access these
- Money management workshops through the Moneyhouse and 1-2-1 budget coaching if you need it
- If you are living in semi-independent accommodation, you will get subsistence payments of £57.90 per week. Then four weeks after your 18th birthday you will transition to benefits
- Clothing allowance of £20 per month per month (age 16 and 17) for those not living with foster carers. £20 one-off for 18-25 year olds.
- Support for clothing for job interviews
- Support with travel costs to attend education or training
- One month before you turn 18, our in-house Department for Work and Pensions officer will assist you in making a benefits claim if you need to make one. Group workshops are also available.
- Free access to Haringey leisure centres up to the age of 21 years old
- When you get your own place to live, you will get a £2,000 'Setting Up Home' grant to help with the costs of furnishing your home.
- You will be exempt from paying Council Tax until you are 25 if you live in Haringey.

In cases of emergency, you can get:

- access to food parcels,
- discretionary financial support and support to access other sources of crisis payments.

Positive relationships

Relationships are an important part of our day-to-day lives: the people we work with, friends at college, partners we love, carers and support workers who look out for us at home.

Our community also plays a big part in helping us feel connected to other people. Each of us has our own idea about what community means to us. For you, it might be a faith group, sports club or music studio.

We will help you to build lasting, positive relationships with people important to you and encourage you to contribute to your community.

We will connect you with groups, clubs and schemes that will help you make the most of your talents and interests. Including community and voluntary groups through our partners at [Selby Centre](#) and [Bridge Renewal Trust](#).

We will let you know about youth services and projects you can be involved in, including [Bruce Grove Youth Space](#).

Haringey has an incredible arts, music and creative scene. We have close ties with arts organisations in the borough that you can make the most of, including Alexandra Palace. Ask your PA about the opportunities that are available.

Jackson's Lane Arts Centre – participation and volunteering opportunities with Jackson's Lane creative programmes.

Haringey Shed – music studios, theatre and personal development opportunities.

Care Leavers Covenant – exciting opportunities that are only available to care leavers. You can download the app from the app store.

Mentoring – we will connect you with mentoring opportunities



ASPIRE Council – our youth-led group for young people in care and leaving care in Haringey. As a member you will be able to meet-up regularly, plan events and make the Council aware of important issues

Mind of My Own (MOMO) app – an easy way of telling your thoughts and feelings to your PA and other professionals when you need to

People with disabilities – if you are disabled you may need support from adult services. If your social worker feels you need an assessment to be eligible for adult services, they will explain this to you. You will still be able to get support from us as a care leaver. We'll also connect you with the voluntary and community groups that are right for you.

LGBT+ - finding your way in the world as an out person can be a difficult experience. Your PA will be happy to talk through worries and concerns if you wish. **Wise Thoughts** offer drop-in group sessions and one-to-one support chats. **Stonewall Housing** support LGBT+ young people into safe, secure accommodation.

English as a second language – you will receive an assessment of your needs that looks at every aspect of your life, we will provide you with an interpreter and we will link you to local cultural and faith groups, if this is what you want.

Care Leavers living outside Haringey – If you are living away from Haringey and want support to discover groups and spaces that are local to you, your PA will help you to do this.



Participation in society

There are important documents we all need to help us make our way through life. We will make sure you have these.

We will pay for and support you to get the following important identification documents: passport; National Insurance Card; birth certificate.

We will help you to set up a bank account.

Voting – your PA will help you to enrol on the Electoral Register so that you can vote and have your say in elections.

Access to your files – your PA can help you to do this if you wish

Support if you are in custody

Being in custody can be a very difficult time. We are committed to supporting you get back on track and achieve your goals.

We will:

- Visit you every six weeks
- Use 'Email a Prisoner' to keep in regular touch with you. We will fund your replies.
- Support you to reduce the likelihood of reoffending
- Help you plan for life after custody, including education, work and housing opportunities
- Encourage you to work in prison. This will provide money to fund things that you need. We Pay £5-£10 weekly to those aged 16 and 17, who are not able to work in prison. This is to pay for basic items and phone contact with family and carers.

Support if you are a young parent

Being a new parent can be a very exciting and nerve-wracking experience at the same time.

You will have full access to NHS services, like any new parent. This includes: a GP, a midwife and a health visitor.

We will also do everything we can to make you feel comfortable, happy and confident in your parenting. To do this we will:

- Support you to access children's centres
- Help you build a network of support
- Access to 'Watch Me Play!' for 16- and 17-year olds – a parenting class supporting child development through play with parents
- Keep you informed about the range of services available through Early Help. This includes groups and classes to learn more about parenting. As well as the chance to meet other young mothers and fathers.
- Help you to access 15 hours of free childcare when your child reaches two and 30 hours when they turn three.

Find your local children's centre [here](#).



Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC)

We know that unaccompanied asylum-seeking children may need support with their immigration status to access education, work, housing and benefits.

We will be alongside you throughout your journey.

In addition to all the support included elsewhere in this guide, we will provide specific support for your needs:

- UASC weekly peer hub – an opportunity to make friends and meet others in a similar situation. Guest speakers will attend to help you to create a vision for your future.
- Support to understand the immigration process
- Ensure you have access to legal immigration advice and help you to work with your solicitor
- Pathway Plan – planning for a successful application to remain in the UK. We will also help you make plans for what happens if your application for leave to remain in the UK is denied.
- A financial plan to enable you to make an application for settled status
- Support with access to emotional and mental health support, if required

If your application to remain in the UK is denied, your Personal Advisor will support you to seek advice on the merit of an appeal or a fresh claim.

In the event this is not an option, we will arrange a Human Rights Assessment to take place. This will consider all aspects of your life in the UK and any barriers to you returning to your home country. We will also assist you with a voluntary return application if this is your wish.

For further information and support as a young person seeking asylum visit:

- [Coram](#)
- [British Red Cross](#)
- [Migrant Help UK](#)

Useful contacts

LISTENING WORKS

Phone, text and web chat support for care leavers, every evening from 6pm -12. Call on 0808 802 0222 or follow the link for the web chat.

BECOME

The charity for children in care and young care leavers. Call their care leaver advice line 0800 023 2033 between 10am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

DRIVE FORWARD FOUNDATION

Support for care leavers in London that includes mentoring, career opportunities, and employment training.

REES FOUNDATION

Support for care leavers that includes grants, arts projects, careers coaching and driving.

SPARK FOUNDATION

Grants for children in care and care leavers up to £600 for skills, hobbies and equipment.

CARE LEAVERS FOUNDATION

small grant making organisation targeted at care leavers without alternative sources of funding.

BARNARDO'S ADVOCACY SERVICE

An advocate is someone who can help you understand your rights, express your views and be listened to and attend meetings with you. Barnardo's advocacy service is for children in care, care leavers and children in need of support and advice. Email: advocacy2@barnardos.org.uk

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