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Report

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1. Introduction

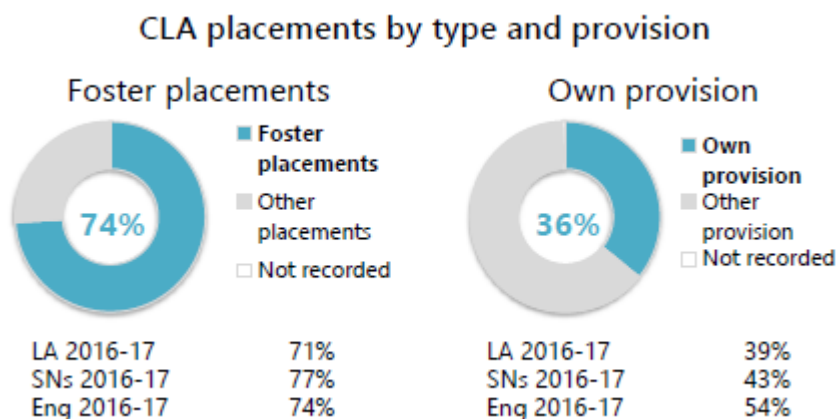
- 1.1. This report provides an analysis of the performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to looked after children on behalf of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
- 1.2. Section 2 contains performance highlights and key messages identifying areas of improvement and areas 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 Authorities' role as Corporate Parent.
- 1.3. To provide some additional detail on the demographics and the profile of children receiving social care services as well as the pertinent performance measures relating to Looked After children, an extract from ChAT- Children's Analysis Tool has been included for the Committee's reference. (Appendix 1)
- 1.4. Section 3 contains an up date on the latest edition of the DfE Adoption Score Card Published in March 2018 (Appendix 2)
- 1.5. Section 4 provides an update on caseloads, staff turnover and recruitment for the teams working with Children in Care as requested by the Committee.

2. Overall Assessment of Performance

- 2.1. **440 children were in care** at the end of May 2018 or 72 per 10,000 population including 55 unaccompanied asylum seeker children. There has been a small increase in the number of children in care compared to the position at the end of March 2018 when the rate was 70. Our current rate is slightly above that of our statistical neighbours (65 per 10,000 population) and national average (62) This increase is due to fall in number of children ceasing to be looked after in

first few weeks of 2018/19, particularly by the few turning 18. The rate starting is similar to the past two years. It is expected this will balance out over the year.

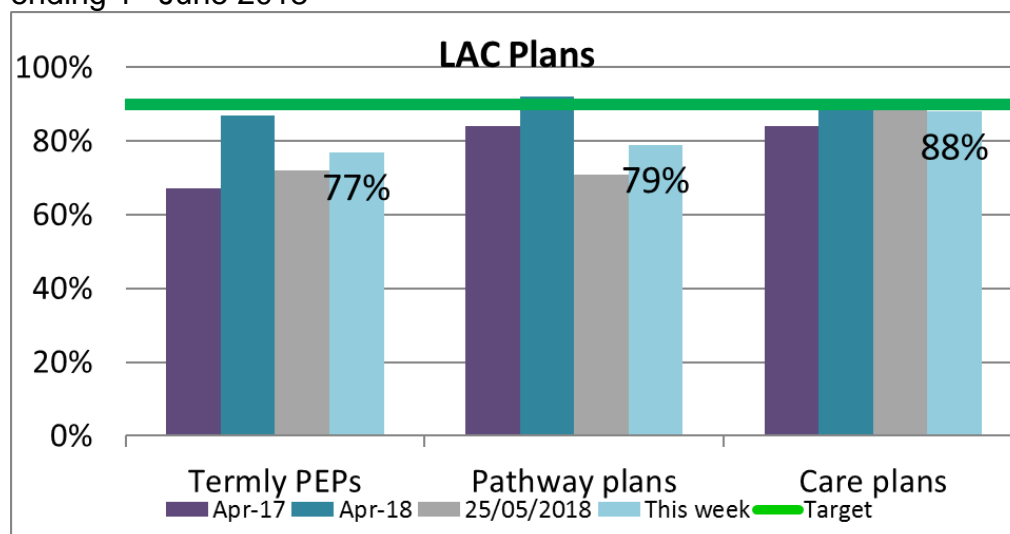
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2.3. In the first 2 months of 2018/19, 35 children have started to be looked after and 25 children have ceased to be looked after.

2.4. The most common reason for children ceasing to be looked after is that the children returned home for any other reason including turning 18. The next most common reasons are the child returning home to live with relatives or parents which can be as part of the care planning process or not.

2.5. At the beginning of June 2018, 88% of looked after children had an **up to date Care Plan** continuing the positive trend and very close to target. The graph below illustrates the trend on this and other areas relating to looked after children overtime. Regular weekly meetings to track activity and performance continue to be held with the Head of Service for Children in Care and team managers. The light blue bar showing the position this week relates to the week ending 1st June 2018



2.6. 79% of looked after children aged 16-17 had **up to date Pathway Plans** at the beginning of June 2018.

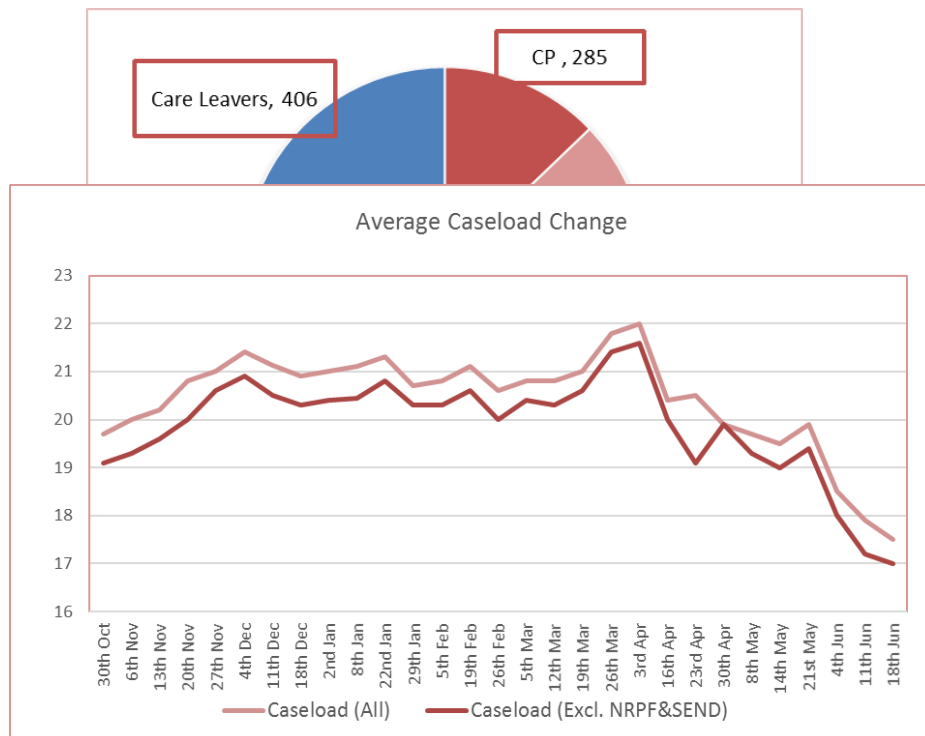
- 2.7. Performance on **Personal Education Plans** has improved in recent months with current data showing that 77% of PEPs for statutory school age children have an up to date PEP within the last term. The start of each term sees a fall in this percentage as the previous terms PEPS become out of date, the percentage will rise over the course of the term as more are completed.
- 2.8. 85% of **visits to Children in Care** were recorded as completed in the relevant timescales in the week ending 1st June 2018, positioning performance just below expected standards although data is on an improving trajectory. Performance on visits to looked after children continues to be tracked at performance meetings held by the Head of Service for Children in Care and along with supervision meetings continue to be actively addressed.
- 2.9. At the end of May 2018, 9% of the current looked after **children had three or more placement moves**, just above the last published statistical neighbour average (7%) but in line with the last published national position (10%). This equates to 38 children . Children **under 16 who had been in care for at least 2.5 years in the same placement for at least 2 years**, is now 61% lower than the national average (68%) these two indicators should be viewed together to gain a view of placement stability for Haringey's children in care.
- 2.10. At the end of May children who were looked after for at least 12 months with an **up to date health assessment was 96% (up from 92% in March)**, almost maintaining the provisional high percentage of 97% for 2017/18. This is above statistical neighbour performance 93% and our achievement in 2016/17 (93%).
- 2.11. Between February and the end of March the number of eligible children with **up to date dental visits increased** from 77 to 83%, this has been sustained into June 2018.
- 2.12. Of the 270 **care leavers aged 19-21** in receipt of leaving care services, 72% were in touch with the local authority at the end of June 2018. 42% were known to be in **Education Employment or Training (EET)** and 67% were in suitable accommodation.

3. **Adoption Scorecard**

- 3.1. The latest DfE Adoption Scorecard, published in March, shows the key indicator "Average time between a child entering care and being placed for adoption" Haringey's 3 year average during 2014-17 was 633 days, compared to the national average of 520. When these figures are adjusted to take account of the days taken to move in with their adoptive family (to allow for children adopted by existing foster carers) the difference is much closer, Haringey 488 days, England 435.
- 3.2. Since April two of our Looked after children have achieved permanency by adoption and a further two have been made subject to Special Guardianship Orders.

4. Children in Care staffing, caseloads including Recruitment and Turnover

- 4.1. Caseloads are monitored across all social care teams and a weekly report is produced to show allocation of the different types of cases across the service. The pie chart below shows the make up of social care clients as at the 18th June 2018.



- 4.2. Caseload monitoring has shown pressure in some areas of the service but there has been a downward trend in caseloads since the spring. This has mostly been in the assessment teams. The graph below shows the change overtime on caseloads across the CYPS social care service.
- 4.1. Specifically in relation to looked after children, the average caseloads for the teams where the majority of these children sit were as follows as at 18th June:
- Court Service 14.4 average caseload
 - Young People in Care Teams 15.2 average caseload
 - Young Adults Service 17.9 average caseload

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 5.1. Council Plan 2014-18
Priority 1: Enable every child and young person to have the best start in life, with high quality education.

Appendix 1

- Looked after children pages from February 2018 ChAT

Appendix 2

- DfE Adoption Scorecard