

**Report for:** Corporate Parent Advisory Committee: 29 October 2018

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**Title:** Performance for the year to September 2018



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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 Authority's 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 provides an update on caseloads, staff turnover and recruitment for the teams working with Children in Care.

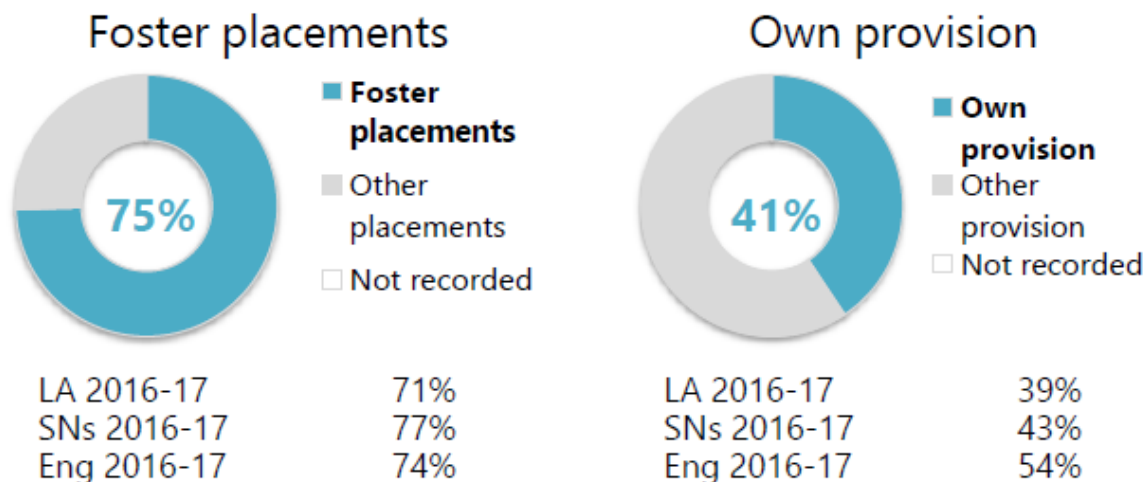
## 2. Overall Assessment of Performance

- 2.1. 428 **children were in care** at the end of September 2018 or 71 per 10,000 population including 42 unaccompanied asylum seeker children, this is a reduction to the 0.07% of the child population threshold set by central government. Our current rate is slightly above that of our statistical neighbours (65 per 10,000 population) and national average (62) the rate starting is similar

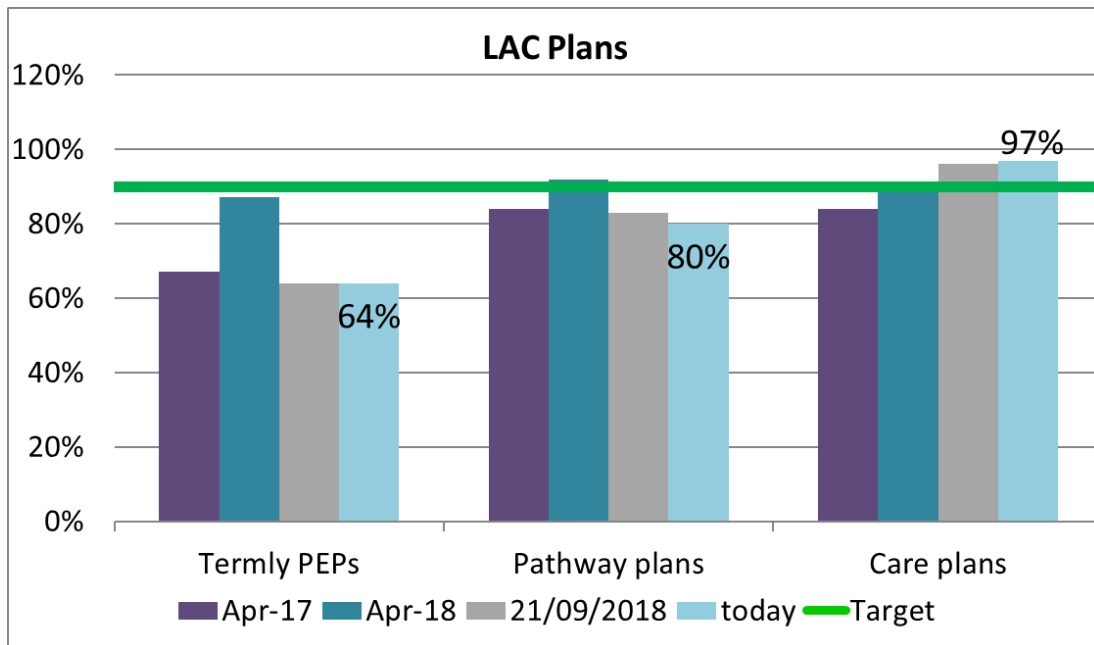
to the past two years.

- 2.2. The proportion of fostered children in our provision has increased to 41% from 36% in the previous quarter.

### CLA placements by type and provision



- 2.3. In the first six months of 2018/19, 114 children have started to be looked after and 115 children have ceased to be looked after.
- 2.4. The most common reason for children ceasing to be looked after (60 Children) is that the children returned home for any other reason including turning 18. The next most common reason were the child returning home to live with relatives or parents (43 children) which can be as part of the care planning process or unplanned.
- 2.5. At the end of September 2018, 97% of looked after children aged under 16 had an **up to date Care Plan** continuing the positive trend. The graph below illustrates the trend on this and other areas relating to looked after children overtime.
- 2.6. 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 28th September 2018

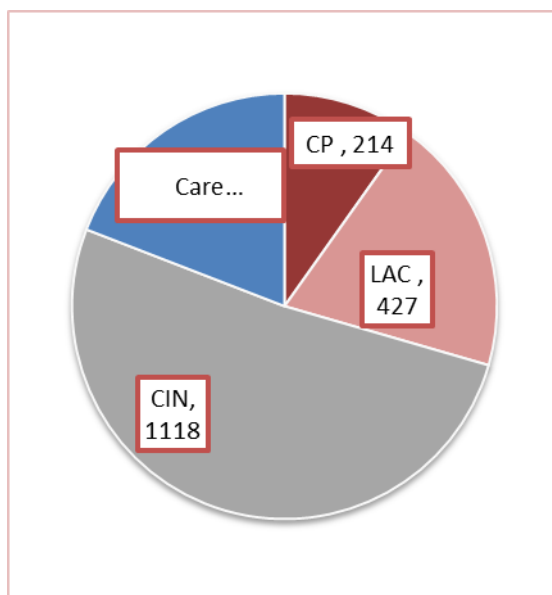


- 2.7. As shown above 80% of looked after children aged 16-17 had **up to date Pathway Plans** at the end of September 2018.
- 2.8. Performance on **Personal Education Plans (PEPs)** has fallen slightly as expected with the start of the new school year to 64% for statutory school age children have an 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 and once fully embedded the use of new e.PEPs should improve the percentage by making it easier for the schools to complete their part.
- 2.9. 79% of **visits to Children in Care** are recorded as completed in the relevant timescales in the week ending 30 September 2018, just below expected standards. 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.
- 2.10. At the end of September 2018, 9% of the current looked after **children had three or more placement moves**, just above the last published statistical neighbour average (7%) but broadly 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**, has now increased to 75% above the national average (68%) these two indicators should be viewed together to gain a view of placement stability for Haringey's children in care.
- 2.11. At the end of September children who were looked after for at least 12 months with an **up to date health assessment was 96%**, **almost** maintaining the high provisional percentage of 97% for 2017/18. This is above statistical neighbour performance 93% and our achievement in 2016/17 (93%).

- 2.12. Between May and the end of September the number of eligible children with **up to date dental visits fell** from 83 to **76%**, A plan to increase this by the use of incentives of older looked after children in being considered by the service.
- 2.13. Of the 228 **care leavers aged 19-21** in receipt of leaving care services, 82% were considered as in touch with the local authority at the end of September 2018. 46% were known to be in **Education Employment or Training (EET)** and 81% were known to be in suitable accommodation.
- 2.14. Since April five of our Looked after children have achieved permanence by adoption and a further two have been made subject to Special Guardianship Orders.

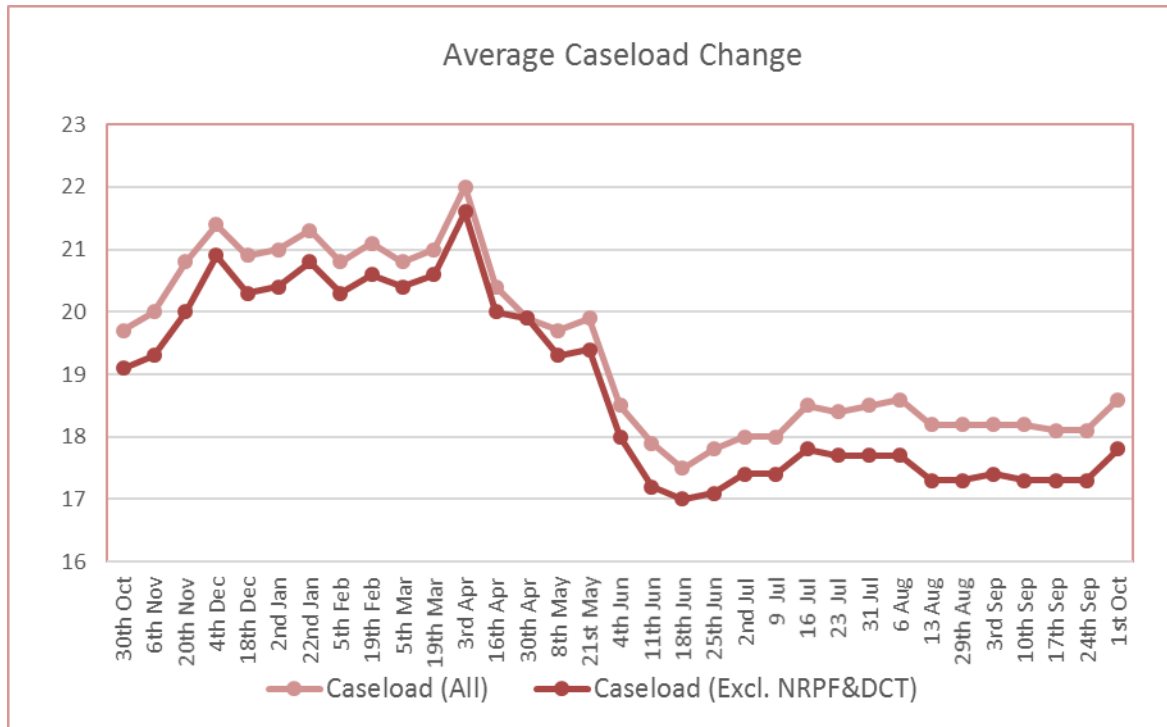
### 3. Children in Care staffing, caseloads including Recruitment and Turnover

- 3.1. 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 1st October 2018.



- 3.2. Caseload monitoring has shown pressure in some areas of the service but despite a recent increase 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.

3.3.



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 1 October:

- Court Service 10.9 average caseload (14.4 in May)
- Young People in Care Teams 15.6 average caseload (15.2 in May)
- Young Adults Service 19.4 average caseload (17.9 in May).

## 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 September 2018 ChAT