

**Report for:** Corporate Parent Advisory Committee: 17th March 2020

**Item number:**

**Title:** Performance for the year to January 2020

**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 Authority's role as Corporate Parent.

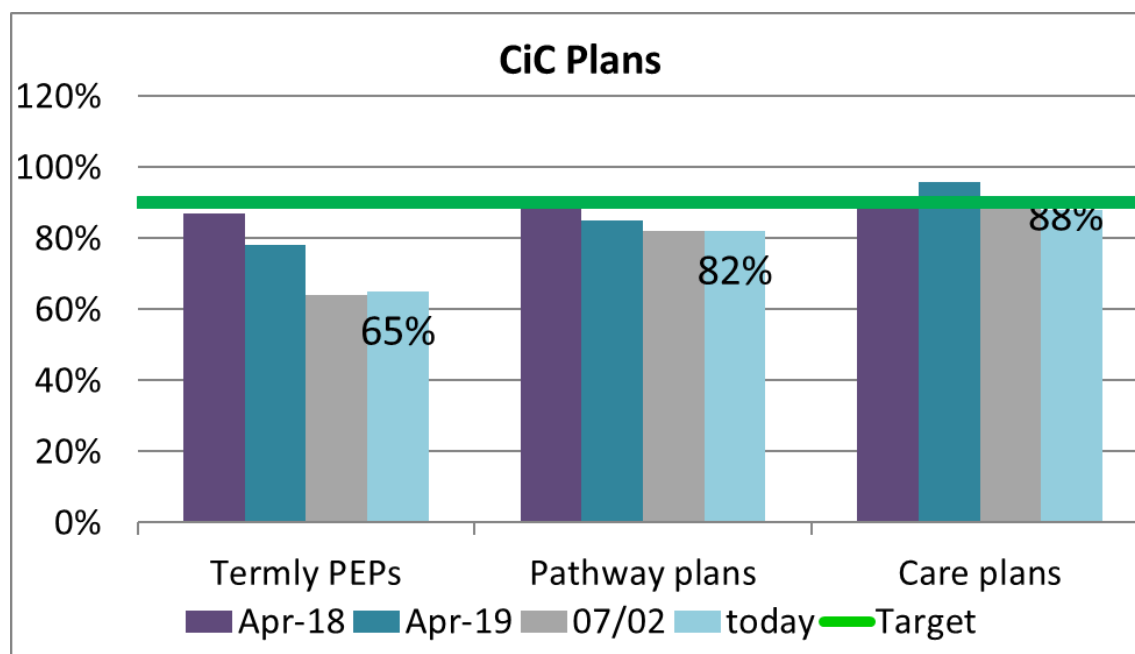
## 2. Overall Assessment of Performance

At the end of January 2020 **405 children were in care** ( rate of 67 per 10,000). This is 16 children more than was reported at the end of December. The number of unaccompanied asylum seeker (UASC) children had decreased from 58 to 43 last period but as at week ending 21 February this number had increased to 47, 2 below our 0.08% quota. In the last 6 months 90 children ceased to be looked after. In this period there were 25 children (28%) who ceased to be looked after with the ceased reason being for these being that they returned home to live with their parents or relatives.

- 2.1. The **rate of children becoming looked after** (in the 6 months to January 2020) is showing a slight increase on the rate of 25 to the end of December to 27 per 10,000 population and compares to 37 at the end of March 2019. This is a very low rate when we look back over the last decade but Haringey's rate

is not an outlier as our rate is the same as the average of our Statistical Neighbours and London, as they both stand at 27.

- 2.2. In the past 6 months to January 2020, 82 children have started to be looked after and 90 children have ceased to be looked after.
- 2.3. Children with a recorded **permanency plan** in a reportable format has now increased to 204 children as at the end of January. Previously permanency plans were recorded as free text, and could not be easily extracted and reported on. Permanency plans include: 5 **special guardianship orders (SGO)** and 19 planning for **adoption**.
- 2.4. 10 children have been adopted in the last 12 months all under 5 years old. Of the current Children in Care population 7 are placed for adoption.
- 2.5. As at 14 February, 88% 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. 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 (furthest right bar in each block) shows the position relating to the week ending 14th February 2020.
- 2.7. As shown above performance on pathway plans remains stable with 82% of looked after children aged 16-17 with an **up to date Pathway Plan**. This is a further improvement compared to the end of December and a promising improvement on the results of the second quarter, but remains a challenging area. The quality of the pathway plans has improved, but the updating of plans needs to be more timely in order to reach the 90% target.

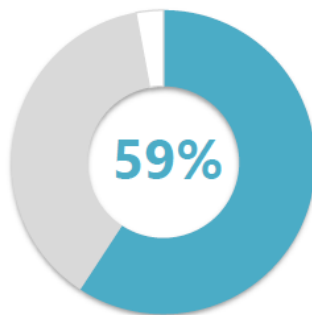
- 2.8. Children in care with a up to date **Personal Education Plans (PEPs)** stands at 83% at the end of the Autumn term 2019-20. Detailed weekly management information by team is available to show what needs to be done and by which party e.g. social work, school or virtual school.
- 2.9. 79% of **Children in Care including young adults** were recorded as having up to date visits within the relevant timescales as at 24<sup>th</sup> February. This remains below the 95% visit target but performance is on an improving trajectory. Teams are working very hard to meet this challenging target. 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. 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.
- 2.10. At the end of January 2020, 10% of children with an open episode of care **had three or more placement moves in the last 12 months**, equating to 40 children. This is slightly better than the London average and statistical neighbour average (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 59% (91 children) although this is lower than the 2018/19 position of 77% and 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. The data confirms the Ofsted finding that the majority of children in care receive good care, support and placement choice in both the short and long term and experience placement stability.
- 2.11. At the end of January children who were looked after for at least 12 months with an **up to date health assessment** was 96%, maintaining excellent performance above statistical neighbours and national levels 88%.
- 2.12. At the end of January 75% of eligible children had **up to date dental visits**. This is a focal point of the two weekly Young Adults Service performance meeting. Unfortunately dental checks remain a stubborn and challenging area and have been difficult to shift performance on.
- 2.13. Of the 399 **care leavers** in receipt of leaving care services, 97% of both those **aged 19-21 and 17-18 year olds** were considered as **in touch with the local authority** at the end of January, a considerable improvement on the proportions previously reported. 59% of the 19-21 year olds and 69% of the 17-18 year olds were known to be in **Education Employment or Training (EET)** better than our Statistical neighbour average of 54% and 52% achieved nationally. Haringey has higher proportions of young people in Higher Education than our statistical neighbours and compares favourably with the national position - see graphs below detailing activity types for 19-21 year olds.
- 2.14. 94% of **19-21 year old care leavers** were known to be in **suitable accommodation** at the end of January and 92% of 17-18 year olds. Again

this area is showing further improvement from the 92%(19-21 year olds) in suitable accommodation, returned for 2018/19.

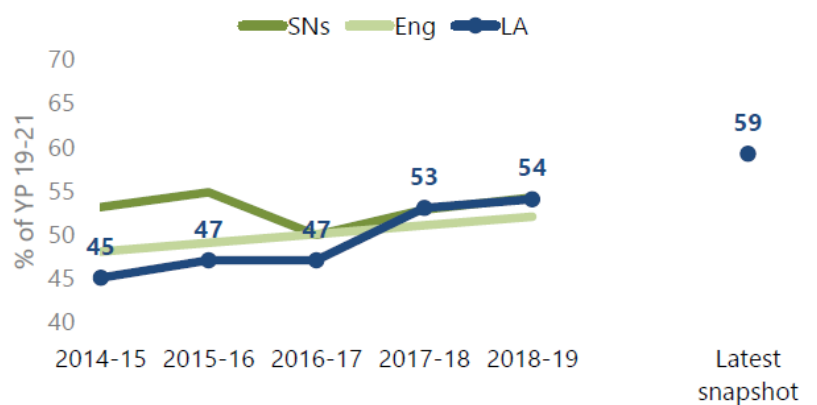
Snapshot 31/01/2020

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

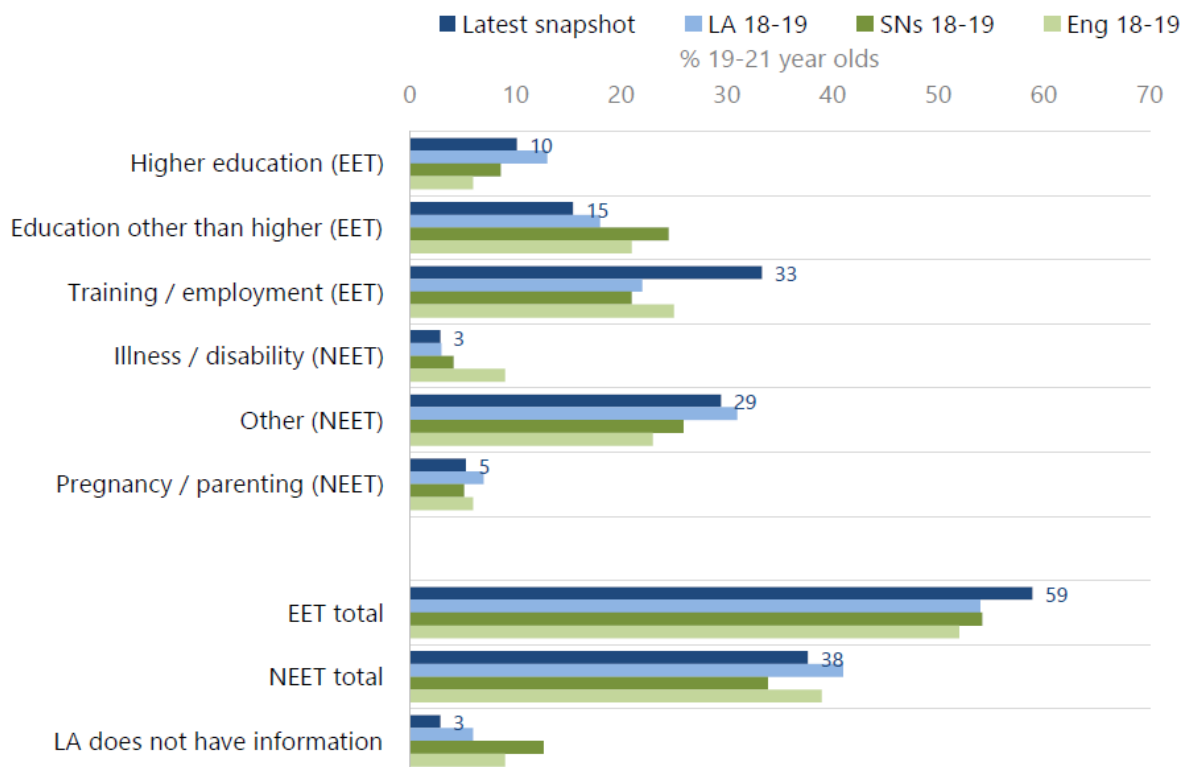
ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	72	82	52	206
In EET	61%	55%	63%	59%



■ YP in EET ■ NEET  
□ No info



## Activity 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