

Report for: Corporate Parent Advisory Committee: 20 October 2020

Title: Performance for the year to August 2020

Report



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Ward(s) affected: All

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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 August 2020 **390 children were in care** (rate of 67 per 10,000). This is 6 fewer children more than was reported at the end of March. The number of unaccompanied asylum seeker (UASC) children has decreased to 39 from 48 at the end of March, its now 9 below our 0.08% quota. In the last 6 months 88 children ceased to be looked after, this compares to 200 during the 12 months to April 2020. In this period there were 27 children (31%) who ceased to be looked after returned home to live with their parents or relatives.

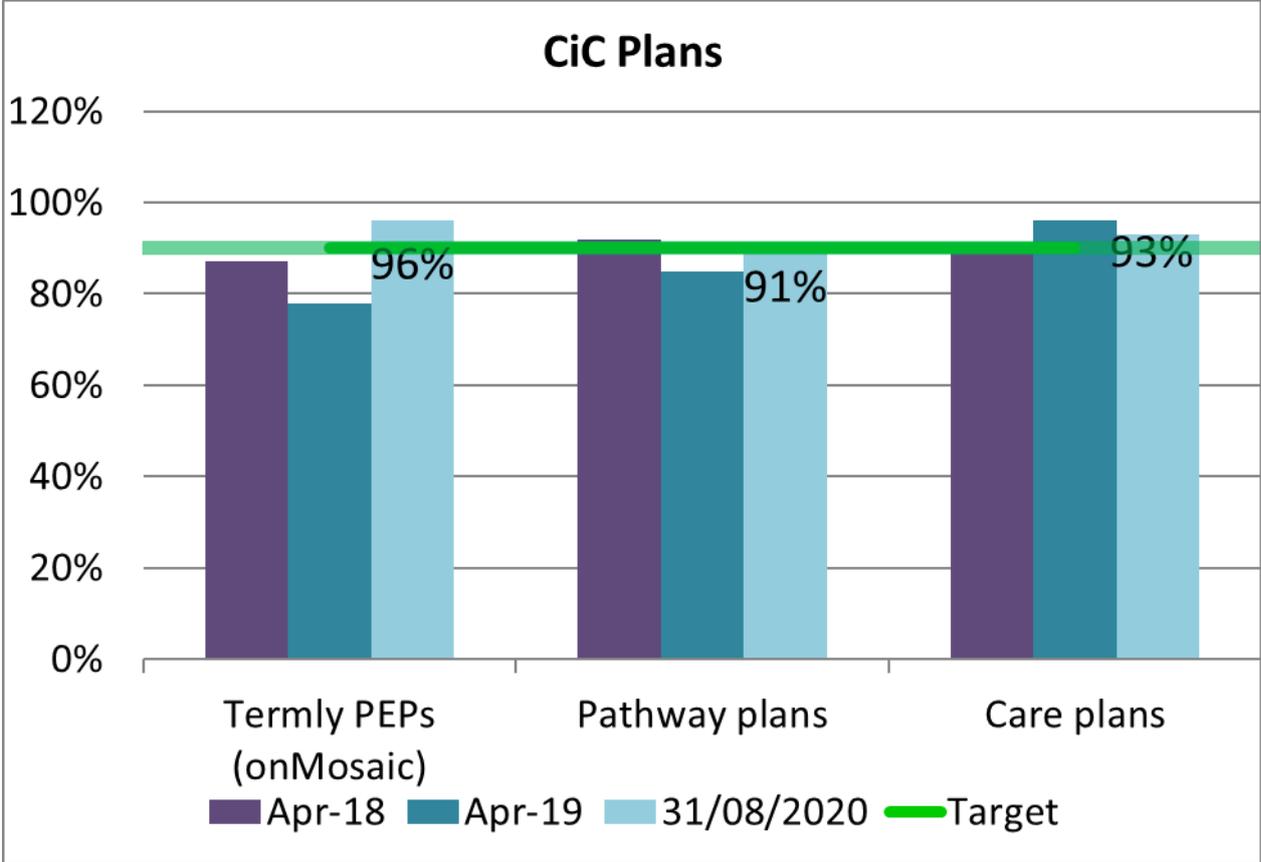
- 2.1. The **rate of children becoming looked after** (in the 6 months to September 2020) 25 per 10,000 population and compares to 29 in 2019/20 and 36 in 2018/19. This is a historically low rate, but Haringey's rate is not an outlier as our rate is similar to the average of our Statistical Neighbours and London, as they both stand at 27.
- 2.2. In the past 6 months to September 2020, 74 children have started to be looked after and 88 children have ceased to be looked after.

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

Long term fostering	42%
Return to family	9%
Long term residential	8%
Adoption	5%
SGO	5%
Supported living	4%

2.4. 3 children have been adopted in the last 6 months. Of the current Children in Care population 10 are placed for adoption.

2.5. As at end of August, 93% 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.

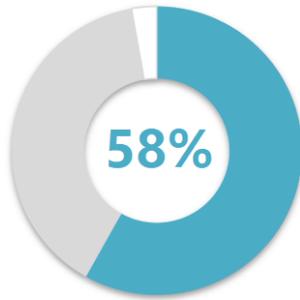


2.6. Regular weekly meetings to track activity and performance continue to be held with the Head of Service for Children in Care and team managers. The light blue bar (furthest right bar in each block) shows the position relating to the week ending 31st August 2020.

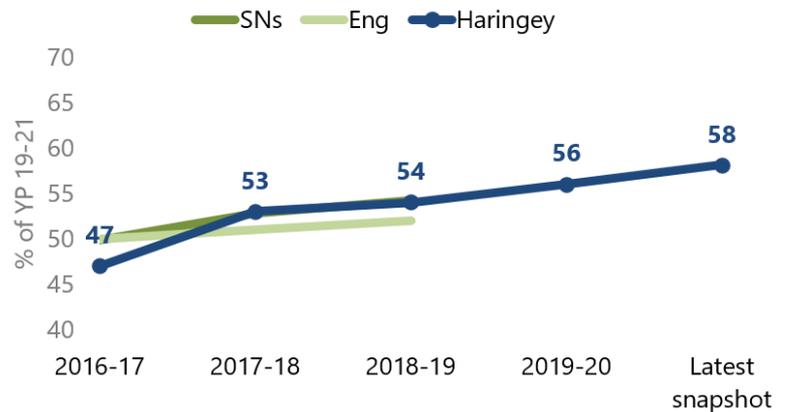
- 2.7. As shown above performance on pathway plans have improved to 91% of looked after children aged 16-17 with an **up to date Pathway Plan**. The quality of the pathway plans has improved, along with reaching the 90% target.
- 2.8. Children in care with a up to date **Personal Education Plans (PEPs)** stands at a high 96% at the end of the Summer term 2019-20. This excellent result was achieved despite the problem of visits and face to face meetings during COVID restrictions. 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.
- 2.9. 82% of **Children in Care including young adults** were recorded as having up to date visits within the relevant timescales as of the first week of September. Over 70% and steadily increasing each week of visits are now conducted Face to face, up from 15% during the height of lockdown when a majority were conducted virtually i.e. video calling. Over all, all teams are working very hard to meet the challenging 95% 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 beginning of September 2020, 10.1% 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 75.9% (110 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.
- 2.11. At the beginning of September of children who were looked after for at least 12 months with an **up to date health assessment** was 94%, maintaining excellent performance above statistical neighbours and national levels 88%.
- 2.12. At the beginning of September only 42% 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 all the more so during lockdown.
- 2.13. Of the 360 **care leavers** in receipt of leaving care services, 97% of those **aged 19-21** and 93% **17-18 year olds** were considered as **in touch with the local authority** at the end of August, a considerable improvement on the proportions previously reported. 58% of the 19-21 year olds and 66% 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.

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

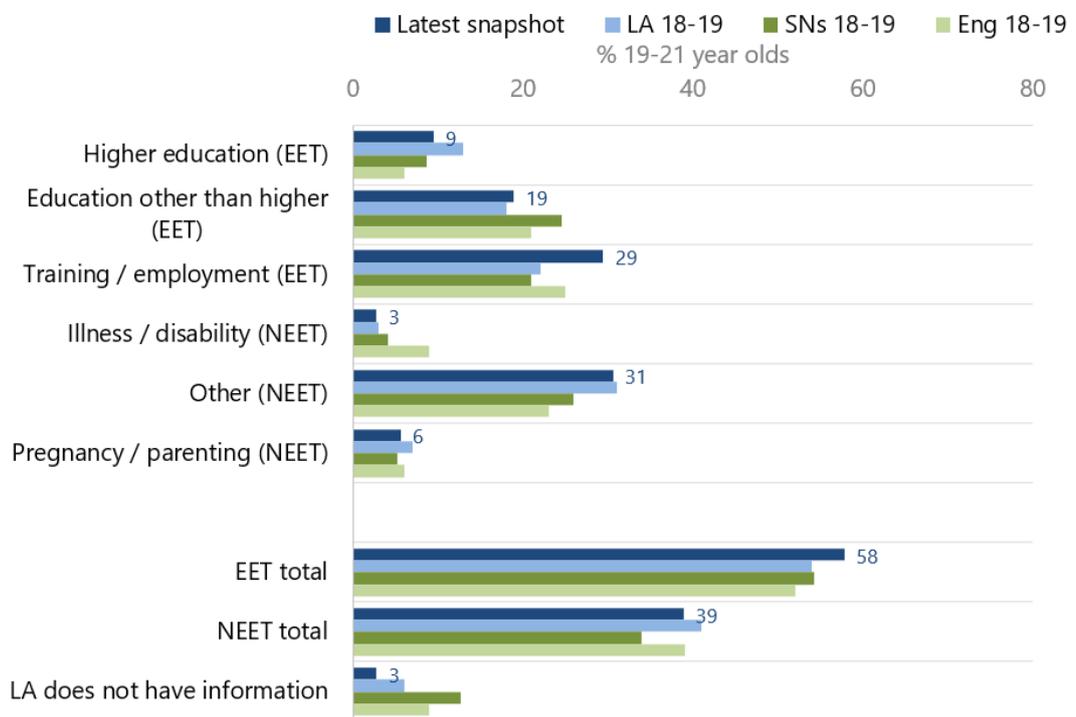
ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	57	72	50	179
In EET	58%	56%	62%	58%



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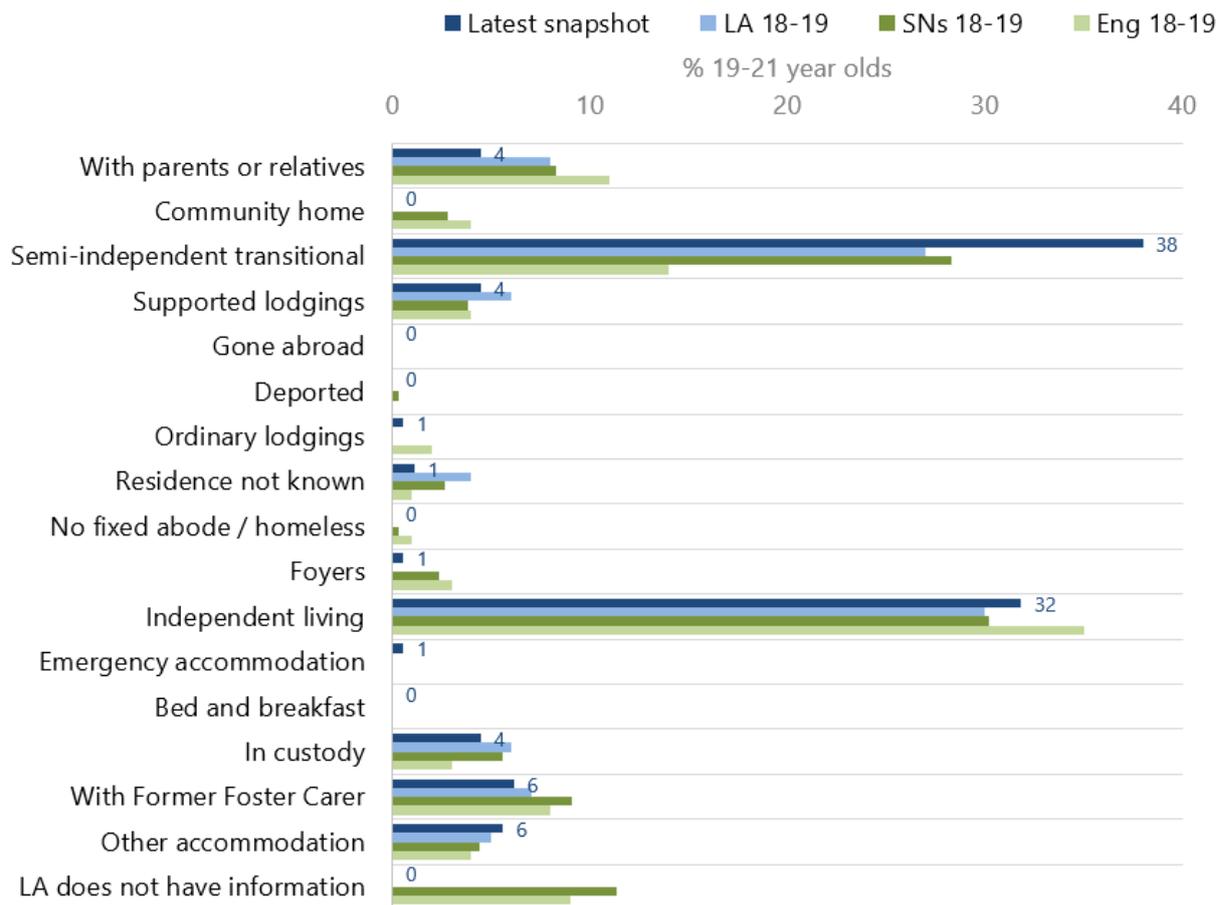


Activity types of 19-21 year olds

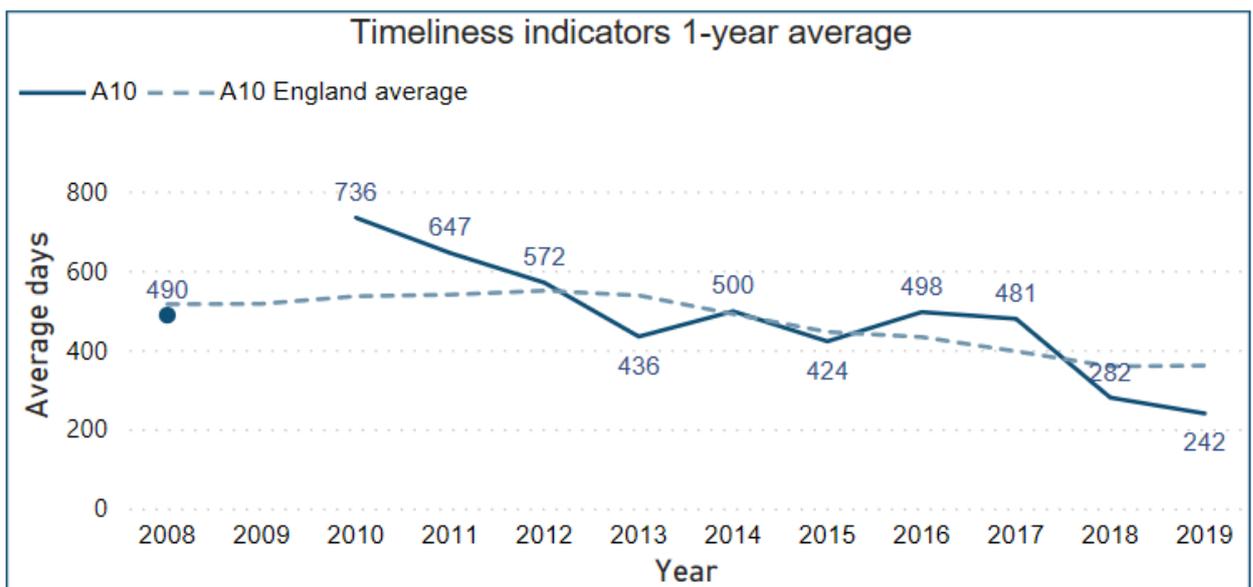
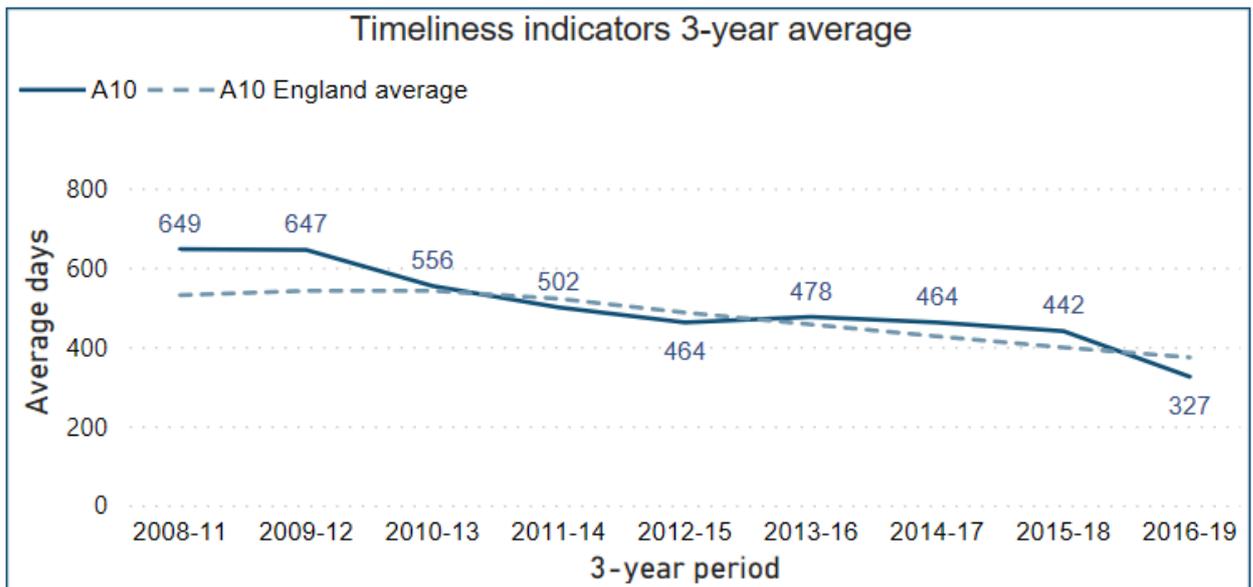


- 2.14. 95% of **19-21 year old care leavers** were known to be in **suitable accommodation** at the beginning of September and 84% of 17-18 year olds. This showing further improvement from the 93% (19-21 year olds) in suitable accommodation, returned for 2019/20 but a slight decline for the 17-18 year olds.

Accommodation types of 19-21 year olds



2.15. **Adoption Scorecard.** The DfE published the latest scorecard in August 2020 which covers the three years to March 2019. For The key indicator, (A10) the average days between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive families, as shown below, Haringey is much improved with a one year figure of 242 days and a three year average of 327 days.



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