

Report for: Corporate Parent Advisory Committee: 14 January 2021

Title: Performance for the year to November 2020

Report

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1. Introduction

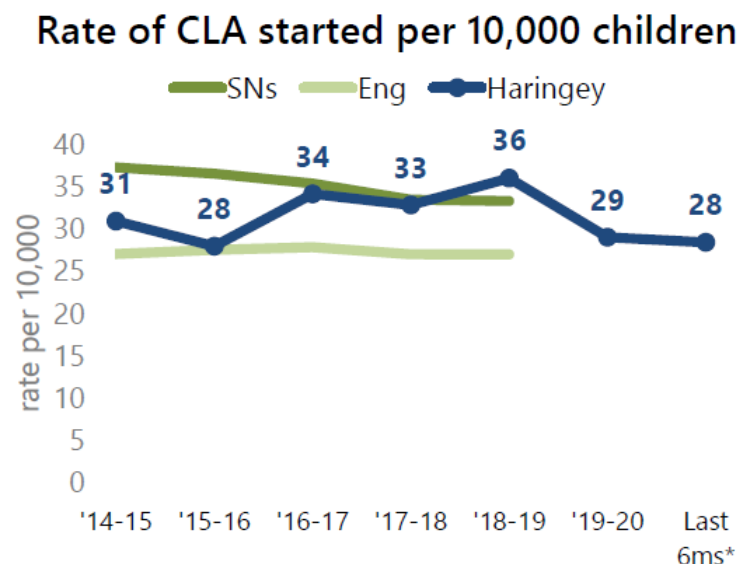
- 1.1. This report provides an analysis of the performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to looked after children on behalf of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
- 1.2. Section 2 contains performance highlights and key messages identifying areas of improvement and areas 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 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.

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*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.

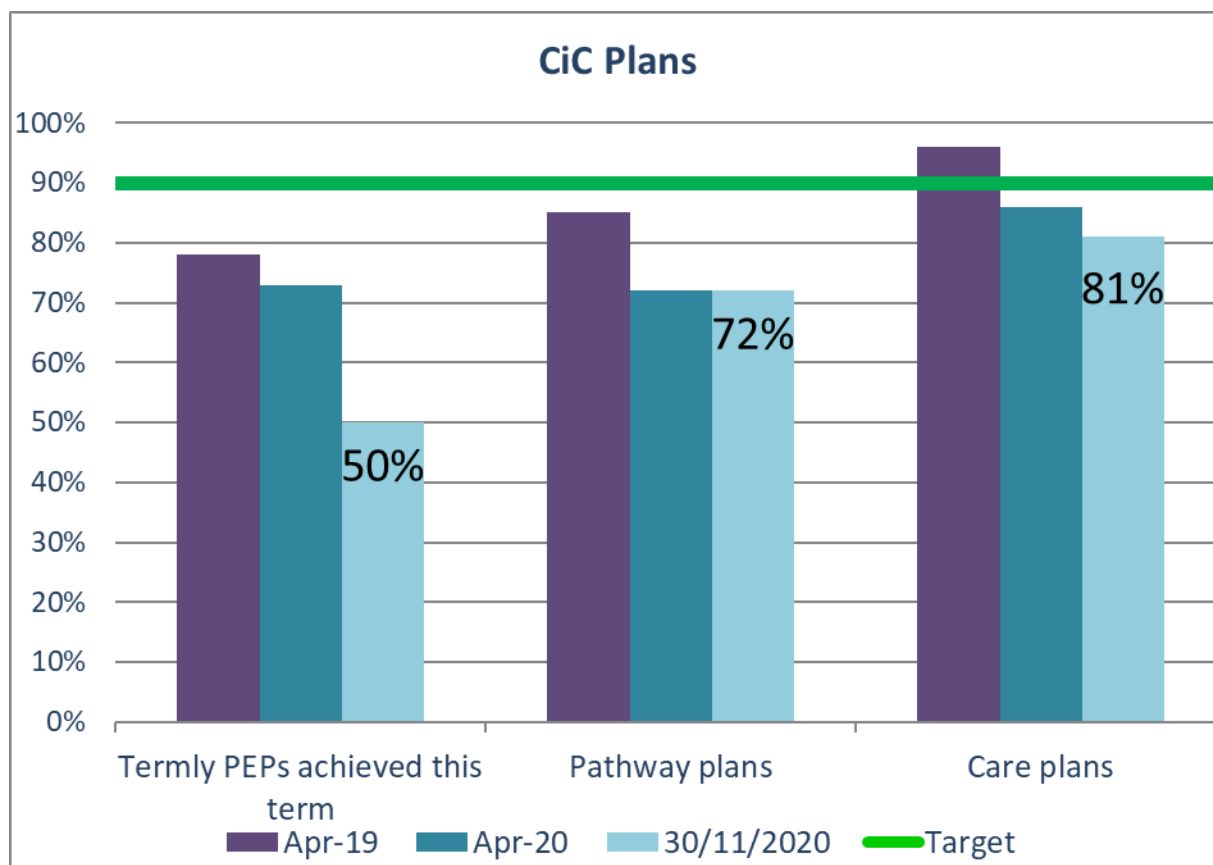
Permanence plan

	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.

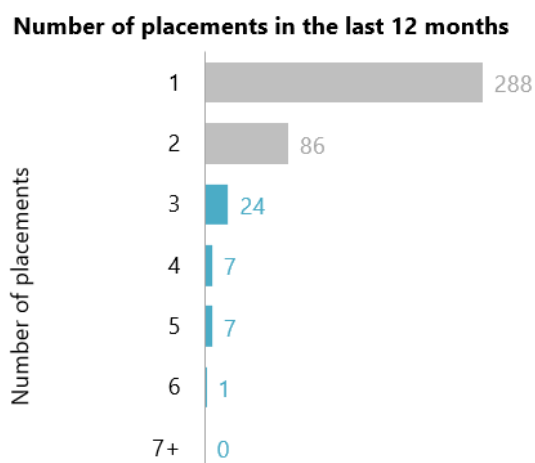
2.5. As at end of August, 81% of looked after children aged under 16 had an **up to date Care Plan**. The graph below illustrates this and other areas relating to looked after children over time.

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.



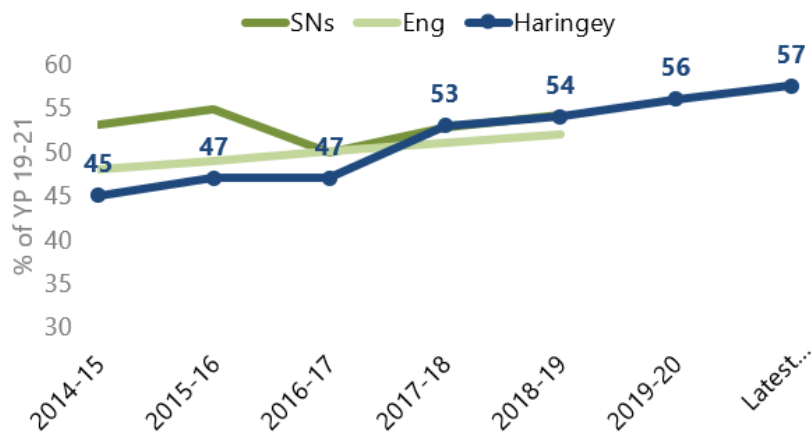
- 2.7. Regular weekly meetings to track activity and performance continue to be held with the Head of Service for Children in Care, the Head of virtual school and team managers.
- 2.8. 91% of **Children in Care including young adults** were recorded as having up to date visits within the relevant timescales 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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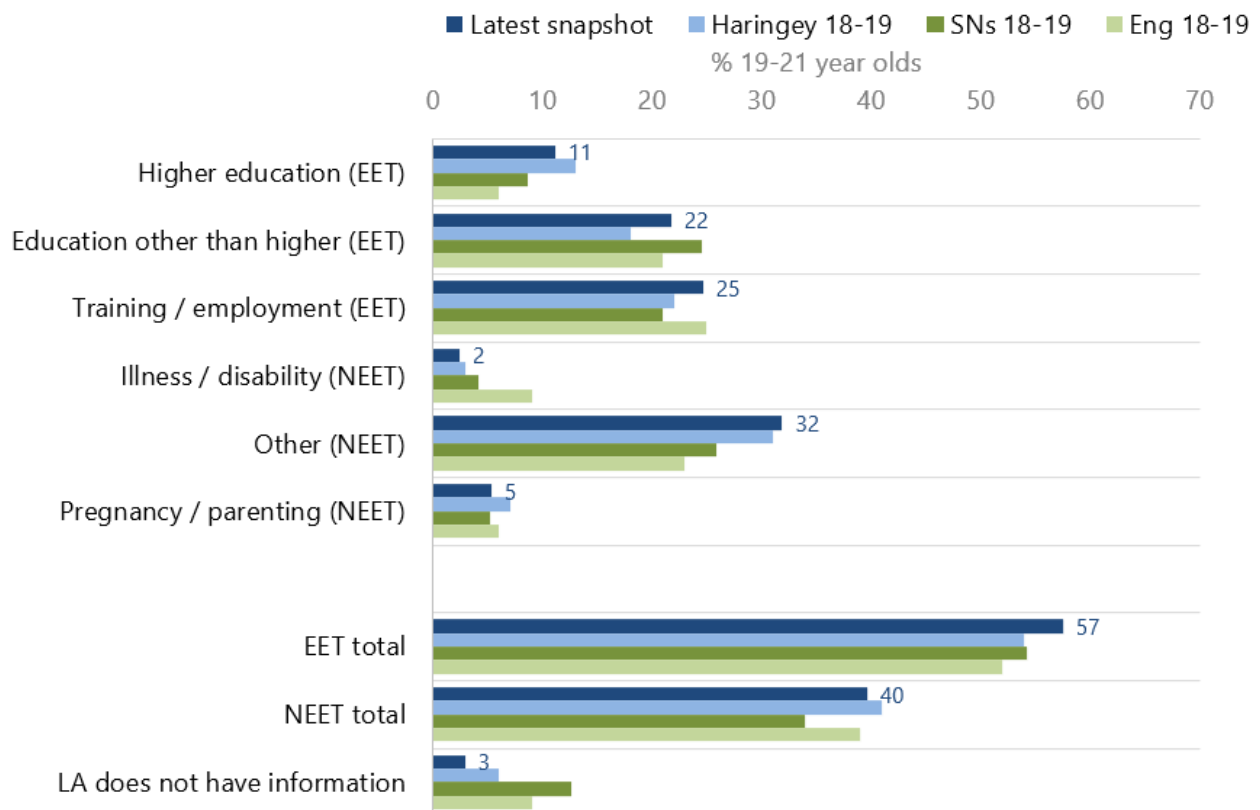


- 2.11. Children **under 16 who had been in care for at least 2.5 years in the same placement for at least 2 years**, has improved to 71% (101 children) although this is lower than the 2018/19 position of 77% it is better than statistical neighbour average of 69%. These two indicators should be viewed 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

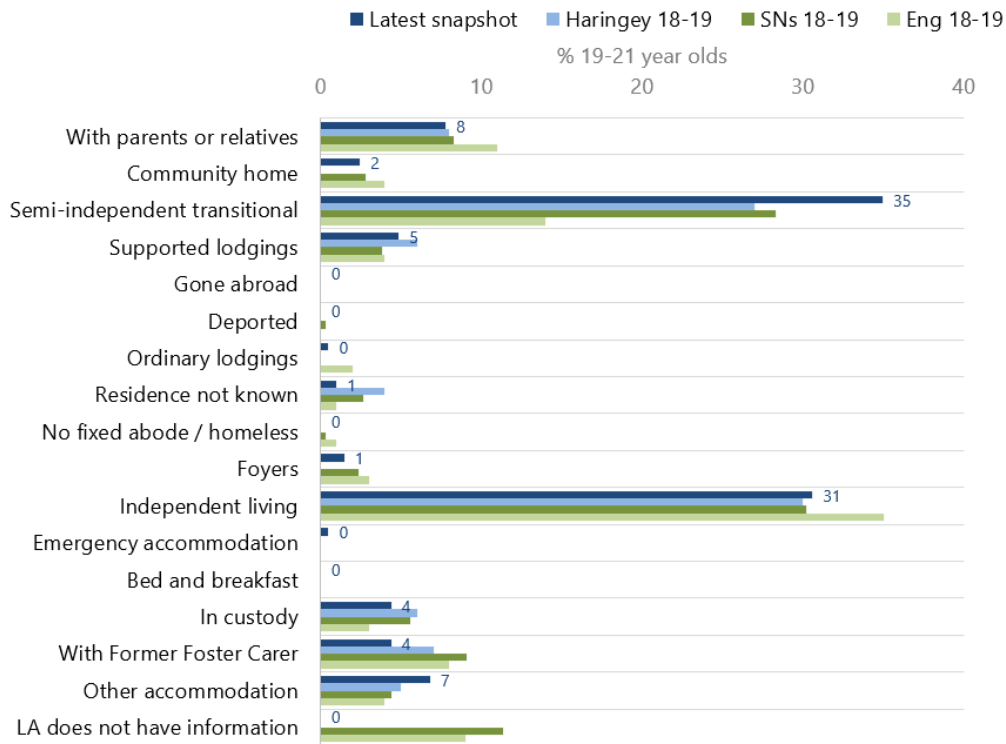


Activity types of 19-21 year olds



- 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