



Briefing for:	Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee
Title:	Performance Management Data in Children and Families – September 2009 Data
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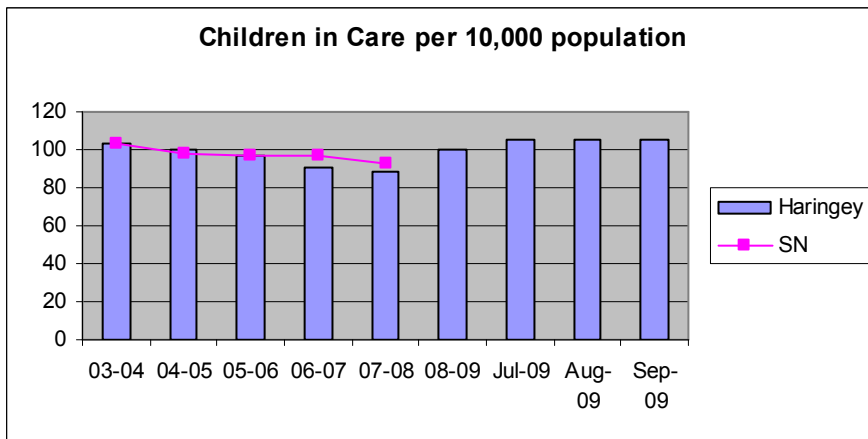
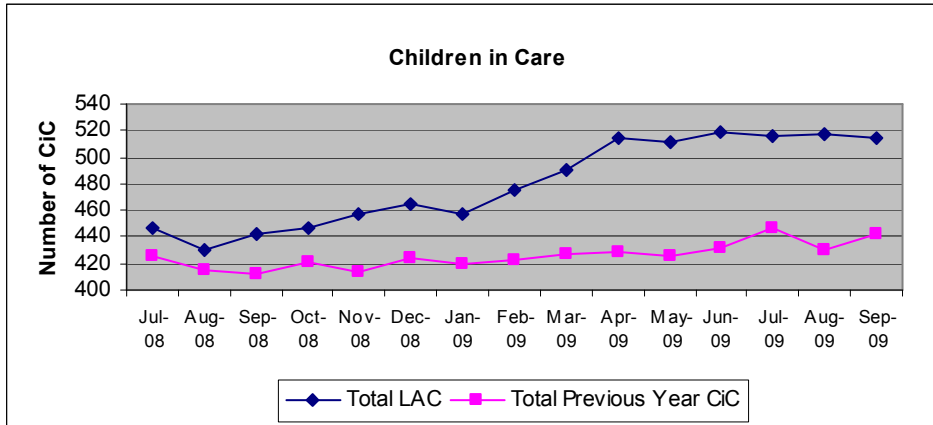
1. To provide a monthly update of performance monitoring activity in relation to Children in Care (CiC) within the Children and Families Service. Please note that only some up to date comparative data has been published for 2008/2009 – where this is not available, this report will refer to 2007/08 statistical neighbour data and will be amended as data becomes available.

2. Background information

2.1. The total number of CiC at the end of September 2009 was 515 compared to 518 children in August (105 per 10,000 population compared with 92.4 per 10,000 for our statistical neighbours in 2007/08). Of the 515, 50 children are unaccompanied minors. These numbers have remained consistent for some time.

2.1.1. 16 children became looked after in September and 15 children ceased to be looked after. Care proceedings were initiated on 8 children in September.

2.1.2. Since early 2008 we have seen increasing numbers of children in our care population but this number is now beginning to stabilise. The first chart below compares the number of children in care over the last year with the previous year and the second chart compares the yearly position with our statistical neighbour averages over the same period.



2.2. Allocations. All CiC had an allocated Social Worker in September.

2.3. Visits to CiC. 97.7% of CiC had an up to date visit at the end of September. 12 children did not have an up to date visit.

2.4. NI 66 Reviews in timescale. The percentage of CiC for whom there was a review held in timescale was 98% at the end of September. Out of 502 children who had been looked after continuously for the previous 4 weeks, 491 had been reviewed within the required timescales. The number of reviews held out of timescale is 11.

2.5. Adoptions and special guardianship of CiC. 14 children have been made subject to an adoption or special guardianship order in the year to date, the target is 28 by the end of March 09. 7 of these were special guardianship orders and 7 adoption orders.

2.6. NI63 - This indicator is based on children under 16 who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years and have been in the same placement for at least two years or are placed for adoption. The position at the end of September



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is 65%. Of 146 children who had been looked after for at least 2.5 years, 95 were in the same placement for at least 2 years.

2.7. NI62 - This is an indicator of the number of children who have had 3 or more placements during the year. In the last 12 months, 12.8% of children have had 3 or more placements (66 out of 515). Our target for this indicator is 11%. Since April 09, 25 children have had 3 or more placements and 94 children have had 2 placements.

2.8. Personal Educational Plans (PEP). 78% of CiC have a PEP in place at the end of September. Out of 417 children who require a PEP, 324 have one. 44% of these are up to date (143 out of 324). Work to review PEPs has commenced from the beginning of the new school year in September.

2.9. Health Assessments. Children in Care are expected to have a health assessment undertaken once a year. Although this indicator is only collected annually, to assist us in monitoring progress in this area we have developed an indicator which looks at the percentage of children who have been in care for over a month who have had a health assessment within the previous 12 months. The position at the end of September is 75% (380 out of 507).

2.10. Dental Checks. Children in Care are expected to have a dental check at least once a year. As above, we have developed an indicator which looks at the percentage of children who have been in care for over a month who have had a dental check within the previous 12 months. The position at the end of September is 68% (345 out of 507).

2.11. Outcome indicators for children in care – A separate report will be presented at this meeting of CPAC in relation to provisional education results for children in care. Other outturns for outcome indicators will be presented to the next meeting.

2.12. NI 147 Care Leavers in suitable accommodation. This indicator looks at care leavers who were in suitable accommodation on or around their 19th birthday. The percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation at the end of September is 76% (22 out of 29 who turned 19 in the year to date).

2.13. NI 148 Care leavers in Education, Training or Employment. This indicator looks at care leavers who were in Education, Training or Employment on or around their 19th birthday. 62% of young people who have turned 19 in the year to date were in Education, Training or Employment on or around their 19th birthday (18 out of 29 who turned 19 in the year to date). These figures are based on low numbers who have left care so far and will vary considerably from month to month.

2.14. Audits of Quality. A new audit framework has been developed and has been implemented throughout September, the first audits have been issued for



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October and results will be available in November. Details on audits relating to children in care will be fed back to members through the CPAC meeting on 7 December.

- 3. Options for consideration – For information only**
- 4. Financial Implications - none**
- 5. Legal Implications - none**
- 6. Policy Implications - none**
- 7. List the proposed routing for the report through the formal decision making process**
- 8. Appendices – None**