



<b>Briefing for:</b>	Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee
<b>Title:</b>	Performance Management Data in Children and Families – February 2010 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. The dataset will now be presented in tabular format as Appendix 1 with supplementary information summarised in the body of the report below.**

**2. Background information**

2.1 Numbers of children in care continue to rise and stand at 560 at the end of February (this includes unaccompanied minors).

2.2 Children Missing from Care – in the month of February 2010, 21 children went missing from care on one or more occasions. 17 children went missing overnight but only 14 of those were missing for more than 24 hours, the remaining 3 are young people who went out in the evening and returned the following morning/day. The total number of occasions these children went missing in that period was 81. Two children were still missing on the last day of the month – a 14 year old boy and a 14 year old girl, who are both regular absconders from care. One child committed an offence whilst missing. A separate report on this subject will be presented to this meeting of the CPAC.

2.3 Allocations. 5 children in care did not have an allocated worker at the end of February.

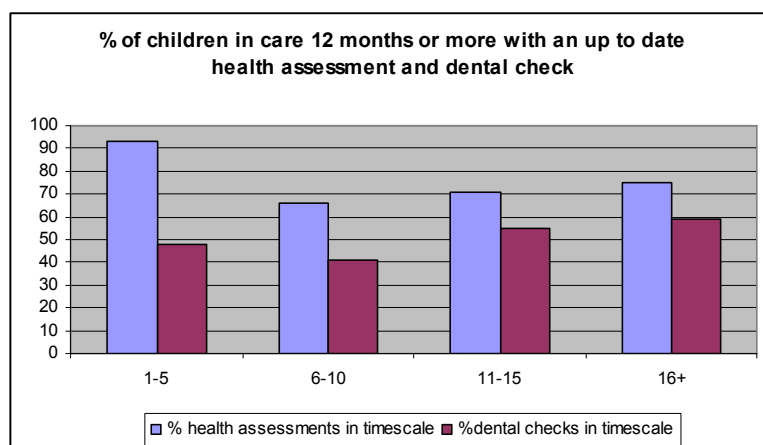
2.4 Visits to CiC. 22 children did not have an up to date visit at the end of February. Further follow up is being done on these cases to ensure that if visits have taken place that they have been recorded accurately on framework i.



2.5NI 66 Reviews in timescale. Out of 532 children who had been looked after continuously for the previous 4 weeks, 488 had been reviewed within the required timescales. The number of reviews held out of timescale in the year to date is 44.

2.6 Adoptions and special guardianship of CiC. 23 children have been made subject to an adoption or special guardianship order in the year to date, 12 of these were special guardianship orders and 11 were adoption orders. The target is 28 by the end of March 2010.

2.7 Health of Children in Care. The following chart is a breakdown of children who had been in care for at least 12 months at 31 March who have up to date health assessment and dental checks recorded, by age group.



2.8NI63 - 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. Of 133 children who had been looked after for at least 2.5 years, 95 were in the same placement for at least 2 years (71.4%). Our target for this indicator is 70%.

2.9NI62 - This is an indicator of the number of children who have had 3 or more placements during the year. In the last 12 months, 73 out of 560 children have had 3 or more placements (13%). Our target for this indicator is 11%.

2.10 Personal Educational Plans (PEP). The PEP process has been revised and monitoring systems are being developed to capture the new process.

2.11 NI 147 Care Leavers in suitable accommodation. This indicator looks at care leavers who were in suitable accommodation on or around their 19th birthday. 37 out of 48 care leavers who turned 19 in the year to date were in suitable accommodation at the end of February.

2.12 NI 148 Care leavers in Education, Training or Employment. This indicator looks at care leavers who were in Education, Training or Employment on or



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around their 19th birthday. 29 out of 48 care leavers who turned 19 in the year to date were in Education, Training or Employment on or around their 19th birthday.

- 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 – Appendix 1 – CiC Performance Data 2009-10**