



Haringey Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report Title: An Update Report on key Performance Issues in Child Protection

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Wards(s) affected: ALL

Report for: **Non-Key Decision**

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

This report provides update on some key performance data relating to the Council's work to safeguard and protect vulnerable children.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

2.1.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

4. Recommendations

4.1. To Note this report

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1.

6. Other options considered

6.1. N/A

7. Summary

7.1 This report provides an update on some key performance issues relating to the Council's work to safeguard and protect vulnerable children

8. Financial Comments

8.1. **There are no specific financial issues arising from this report**

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1 n/a

10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee]

10.1. n/a

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

11.1. n/a

12. Consultation

12.1

13 Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

13.1 Attached are graphs containing the National Indicators (NI's) relating to the Children and Families Service. These contain details of annual performance and targets, comparative data and recent monthly data.

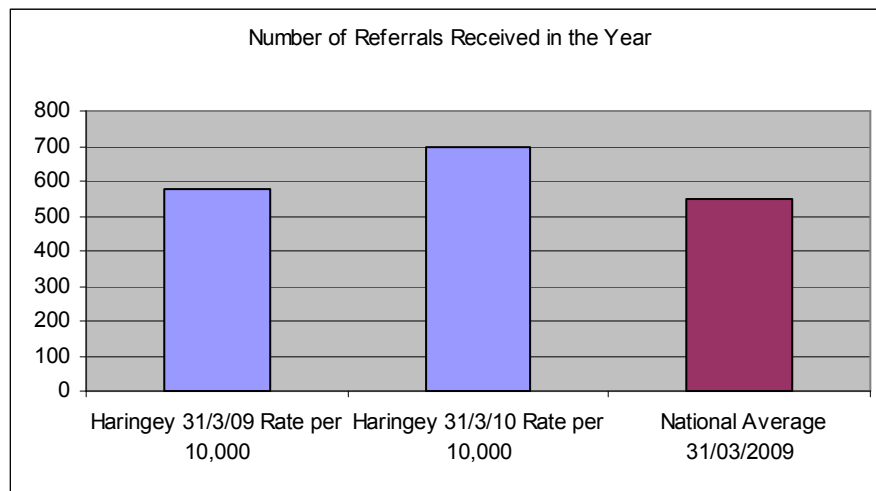
14 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Commentary to Appendix of NI's

15. Referrals – the table below shows the rates of referrals per 10,000 population under 18 compared with the previous years and national averages.

	Haringey 31/3/09 Rate per 10,000	Haringey 31/3/10 Rate per 10,000	National Average 31/03/09	Haringey 31/3/09 Number	Haringey 31/3/10 Number
Number of Referrals Received in the Year	575	699	497	2817	3423

2009/10 national averages are currently unavailable, however, in the graphs below, 2008/09 national averages have been uplifted in line with the reported increases within the ADCS survey – which in summary are 12% increase in referrals; 33% increase in children subject to plans and 17% increase in children in care.



16. NI 68 – this measures the conversion rate of referrals going on to be initial referrals. Outturns are increasingly closer to national and statistical neighbours.

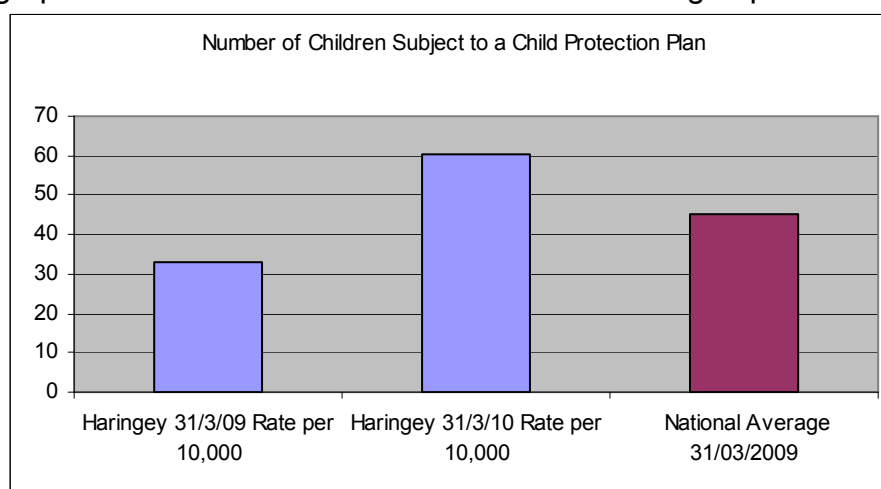
17. Assessments - NI 59 – initial assessments, once authorised, should be completed in 7 days to ensure an early and timely view is taken of children's needs. The timescale for completion of initial assessments has changed from 2010/11 to allow 10 days for initial assessments to be completed rather than 7. NI 60 – for more complex cases, a more comprehensive assessment is required. These are known as 'core assessments' and are required to be completed in 35 days. The data below breaks down the number of assessments completed against those completed in timescale

	March-10	2010-11 Plan	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10
Number of Initial Assessments Completed in the Month	168		139	142	180	164	200
NI59 - Year to date position of Initial Assessments Completed in 7 days	28.3%						
Number of initial assessments completed within 10 days			88	107	116	104	127
Percentage of Initial Assessments Completed in 10 days	51.8%	75%	63.3%	75.4%	64%	63.4%	63.5%
Number of Core Assessments Completed in the Month	171		76	118	109	110	124
Number of Core Assessments Completed within 35 days of initial assessment	86		38	60	74	69	60
Percentage of Core Assessments Completed within 35 days	50.3%	70%	50%	50.8%	67.9%	62.7%	48.4%
NI 60 - Year to date position of Core Assessments Completed	45.9%	81%	50%	50.5%	56.8%	58.4%	56.1%

18. Numbers subject to a child protection plan – this is what previously was referred to as the child protection register. The table below shows the rates of children subject to child protection plans per 10,000 population under 18 compared with the previous years and national averages.

	Haringey 31/3/09 Rate per 10,000	Haringey 31/3/10 Rate per 10,000	National Average 31/03/09	Haringey 31/3/09 Number	Haringey 31/3/10 Number
Number of Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan	33	60	34	179	296

The graph below shows the estimated National Average uplift for 2009/10:



19. NI 67 – children who are subject to plans should be reviewed initially after three months and then every six months thereafter. In August there were 3 children whose reviews had been held out of timescale in the year (Apr – Aug 10).

20. NI 65 – this measures children newly becoming subject to a plan who had previously had a plan some time in their earlier life. Numbers are small and monthly variations are not a reliable indicator of performance. In August, 1 out of 17 children who were made subject to a Child Protection Plan had previously been subject to a plan.

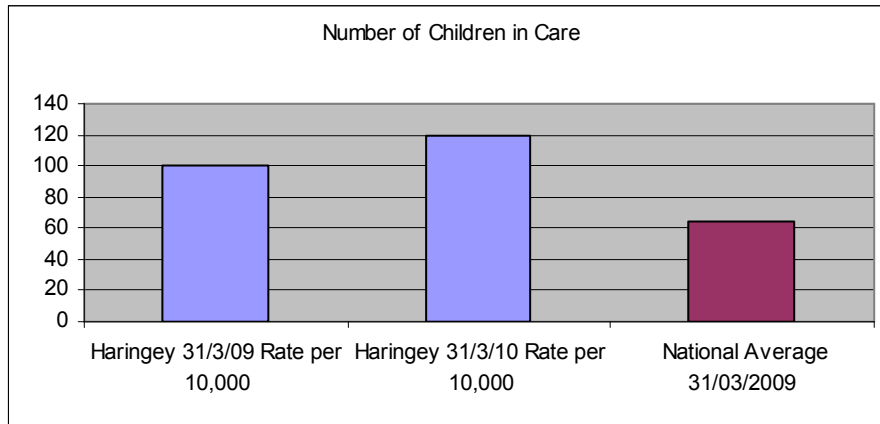
21. NI 64 – this measures children who, when their child protection plan ceases, had had a plan for two or more years. Again monthly variation is too small to be a reliable indicator of trends. In August, none of the 4 children who ceased to be subject to a Child Protection Plan had been subject to a plan for two or more years.

22. Number of children in care – Members will observe the increase over the last 12 months which is reflected nationally although there has been a slight decline for the first time in this period in August.

The table below shows the rates of children in care per 10,000 population under 18 compared with the previous years and national averages.

	Haringey 31/3/09 Rate per 10,000	Haringey 31/3/10 Rate per 10,000	National Average 31/03/2009	Haringey 31/3/09 Number	Haringey 31/3/10 Number
Number of Children in Care	100	119	55	492	585

The graph below shows the estimated National Average uplift for 2009/10:



23. NI 66 – as with children subject to plans, children in care also have to regularly reviewed. At the end of August, 567 out of 594 children in care had an up to date review.

24. NI 63 and 62 – are both measures of the stability of children in care. NI63 measures those who have been in the same placement for at least 2 of the last 2.5 years. In August, 96 out of 140 children who had been in care for 2.5 years or more had been in the same placement for at least 2 years. NI62 measures how many children have three or more moves in the course of a year – performance is good (and when these PIs were subject to bandings, 0-16% was considered top performance). In August, 31 out of 612 children in care have had three or more placements so far in the year (April 10 – August 10).

25. Adoptions/Special Guardianship Orders - There have been 6 adoption and 4 special guardianship orders granted to date. NI61 – 5 (83%) of the children adopted were placed within 12 months of best interest.

26. NI 147 – measures the number of care leavers known to be in suitable accommodation. 20 out of 21 children who turned 19 in the year to date were in suitable accommodation on or around their 19th birthday.

27. NI 148 – is a subset of the Council’s NEET figures and looks at 19 year old care leavers who were in Education, Training or Employment on or around their 19th birthday. Care leavers are one of the hard to reach groups. 14 out of 21 children who turned 19 in the year to date were in education, training or employment on or around their 19th birthday.