



<b>Briefing for:</b>	Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee
<b>Title:</b>	Performance Management Data in Children and Families – August/September 2010 data
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## **1. Background**

This report is an update of Children in Care National Indicators and other key performance information at the end of September 2010. In addition it provides details of outturns for 2010 and targets for 2010/11.

1.1 Note that the Government is currently undertaking a review of National Indicators and all statutory data returns. We will update Members of any changes to our statutory reporting requirements following the outcome of this review but will continue to report on this data until such time.

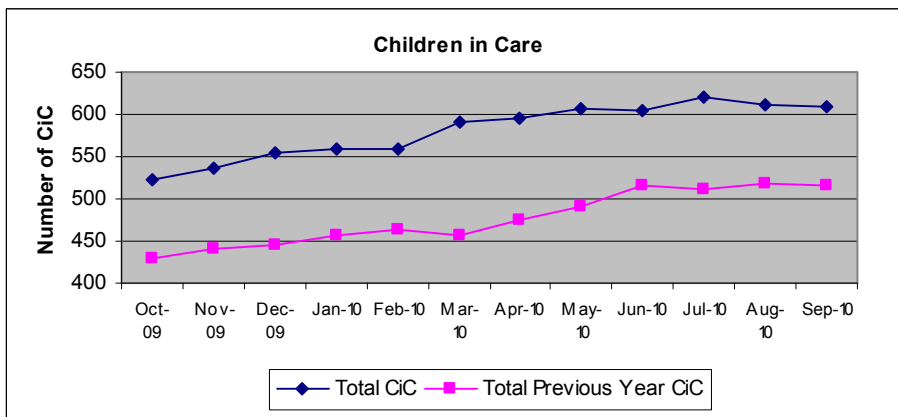
1.2 Haringey's Ofsted Statistical Neighbours group includes the following boroughs:

- Croydon
- Greenwich
- Hackney
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Haringey
- Islington
- Lambeth
- Lewisham
- Southwark
- Waltham Forest
- Wandsworth

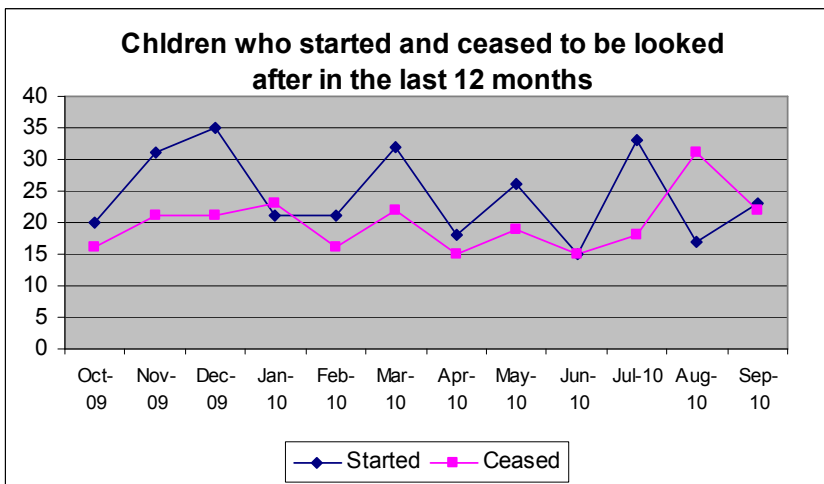


**2. Children in Care Performance Data – 30 September 2010**

2.1 610 children were in care at 30 September 2010 (based on a manual calculation done mid-year, this equates to an estimated 400 families). 23 children became looked after in the month and 22 children ceased to be looked after in the month. Although there has been rapid increase over the last year, the overall numbers of children in care are beginning to stabilise. The chart below shows the month by month changes to the total numbers of children in care compared with the previous year.



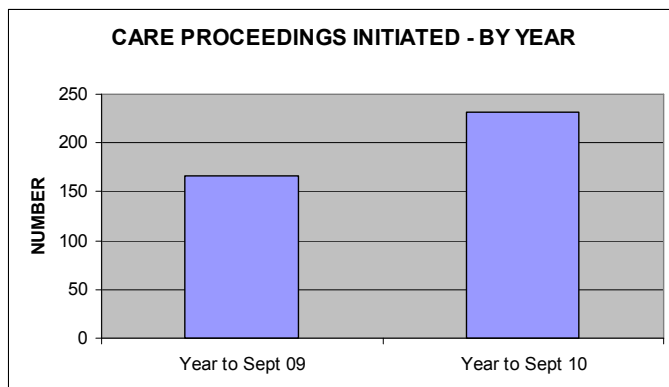
The chart below shows the numbers of children coming into care and ceasing to be in care each month over the last 12 months:



2.2 25 care proceedings were initiated in September. In the year to date (Apr-Sep) 130 care proceedings have been initiated. The graph below shows

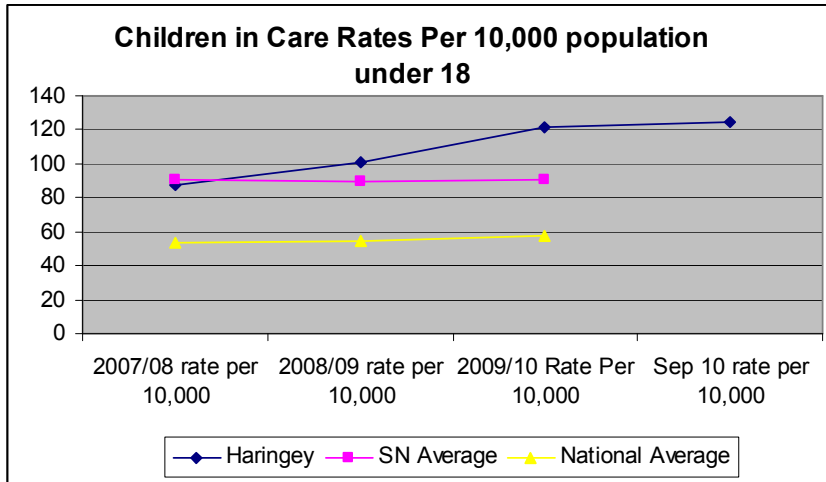


the increase in the 12 months to the end of September 2009 and the 12 months to the end of September 2010.

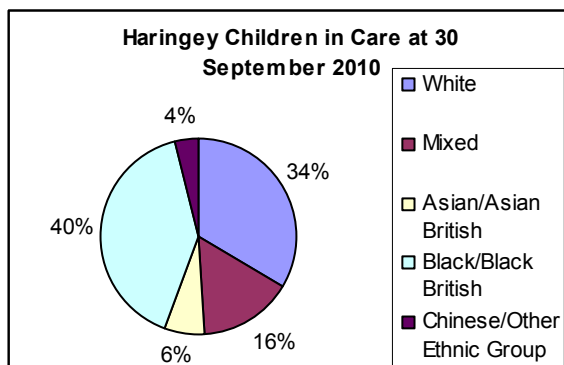


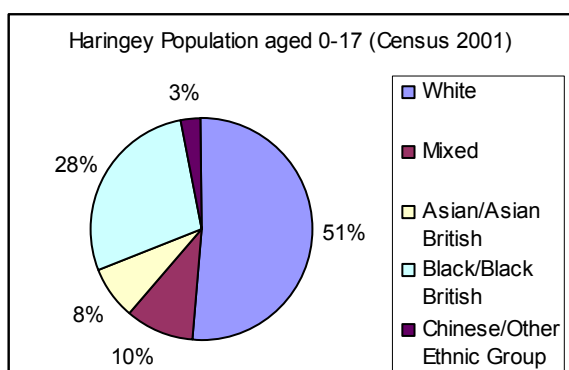
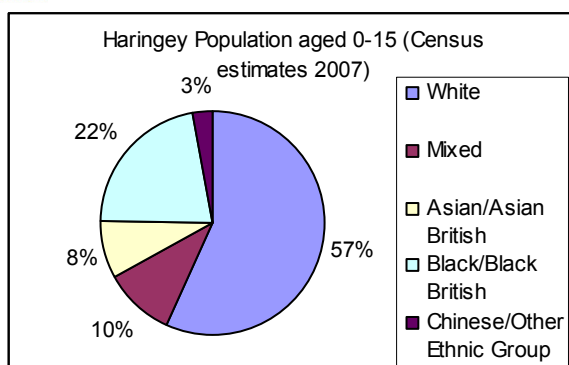
2.3 The total number of children in care is at a rate of 125 children per 10,000 population. The table below shows a breakdown of numbers of children in care in our statistical neighbour comparator boroughs and rates per 10,000 population of children under 18. The graph shows the increase in the rate of children in care in Haringey over the last 3 years compared with our statistical neighbours and the national picture. Although our rate is beginning to slow it is higher than average and second highest of our comparator boroughs below Croydon. Lambeth is demographically our most directly comparable borough.

	Numbers of CiC at 31/03/10	2009/10 Rate Per 10,000
Hackney	305	59
Ham and Fulham	255	82
<b>Haringey</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>121</b>
Islington	315	94
Lambeth	565	105
Lewisham	525	90
Southwark	555	101
Wandsworth	205	41
Croydon	1010	126
Greenwich	590	111
Waltham Forest	340	63
SN Average		90
National Average		58



- 2.4 Of the 610 children in care at the end of September 2010:
- 42 are unaccompanied minors or unaccompanied minors leaving care (7%).
  - 20 children are those who have been placed in care as a result of the Southwark Judgement (16/17 year olds presenting as homeless) (3%).
  - 30 are children recorded with a disability and allocated to the children with disabilities team (5%).
- 2.5 The ethnic breakdown of children in care at the end of September is detailed in the charts below, this also shows a breakdown of 2001 census data on ethnicity of children aged 0-17 in the borough and the 2007 population estimates for children aged 0-15 in the borough (estimates are not available for 0-17 year olds as these only go up to working age and then beyond). A more detailed breakdown is listed in appendix 1:





2.6 The age breakdown of children in care at the end of September is as detailed below, the largest proportion of children we currently work with is 10-15 year olds. The table also shows the proportion of children coming into care between April and September, and the proportion of referrals received to date, again showing that the largest proportion of children is within the 10-15 age bracket:

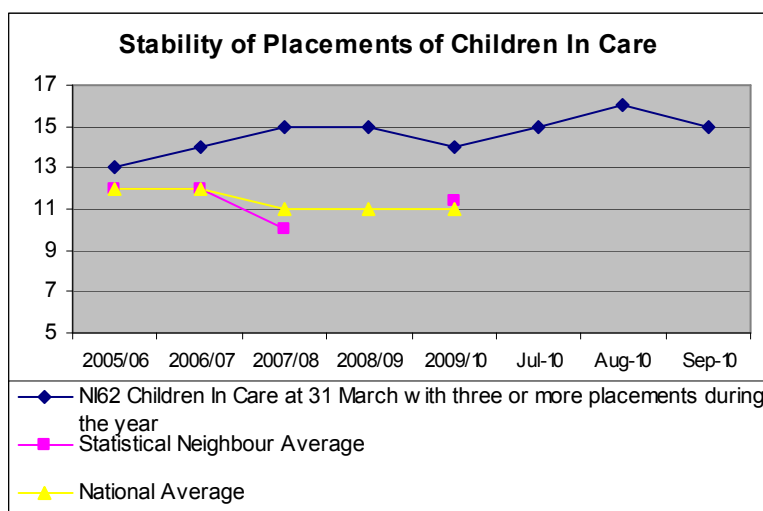
Age Group	LAC @ 30 Sep 10	National Average 2009/10	LAC commencing Apr-Sep 10	National Average 2009/10	Referrals Received in period
Under 1	5.9%(36)	6%	12% (19 )	19%	16%(211 )
1-4	16.6% (101)	17%	18% (29)	20%	25%(325 )
5-9	15.9% (97)	17%	18% (28)	16%	24%(310)
10-15	36.6% (223)	39%	41% (64)	33%	27%(350)
16-17	25% (153)	21%	11% (18)	12%	8%(108)
			<b>158</b>		<b>1304</b>

The above table also shows the national average of children in care and coming into care in 2009/10 by age where the national picture is not hugely different from that of Haringey. We are currently doing some more work to explore this cohort of children and the reasons for them coming

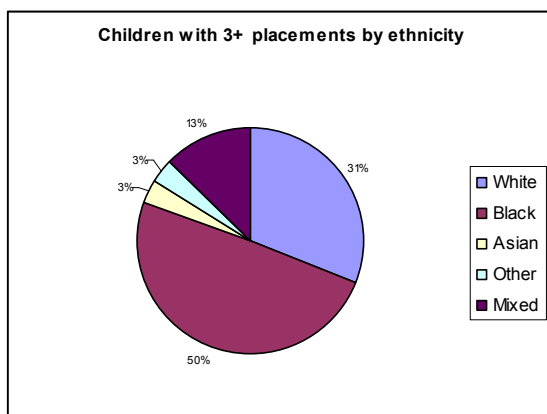


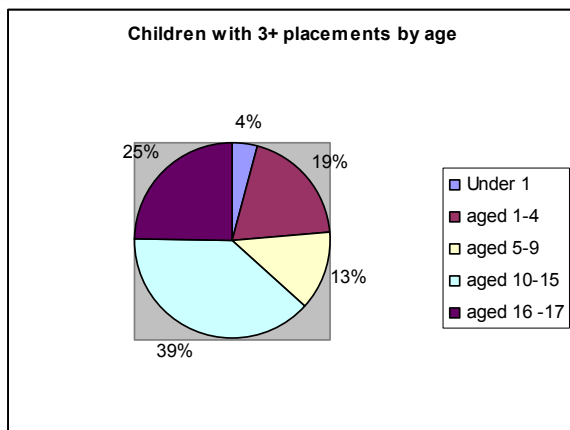
into care as part of a bigger piece of work around sufficiency. Findings will be reported to a future meeting of CPAC.

- 2.7 NI66 – Children in care have to have their circumstances and care plan independently reviewed every 6 months. 95% of children in care cases which should have been reviewed during the year to date (Apr–Sep), were reviewed in timescale, this is 28 children who were not reviewed in timescale to date.
- 2.8 NI 62 – 41 children in care at 30 September 2010 have had 3 or more placements in the year to date (Apr–Sep = 6.7%). Good performance in this area is indicated as achieving less than 16% of children in care moving 3 or more times in the whole year. In the previous 12 months 15.2% of children have had 3 or more placements. The graph below shows comparative data for this indicator over the last 5 years:

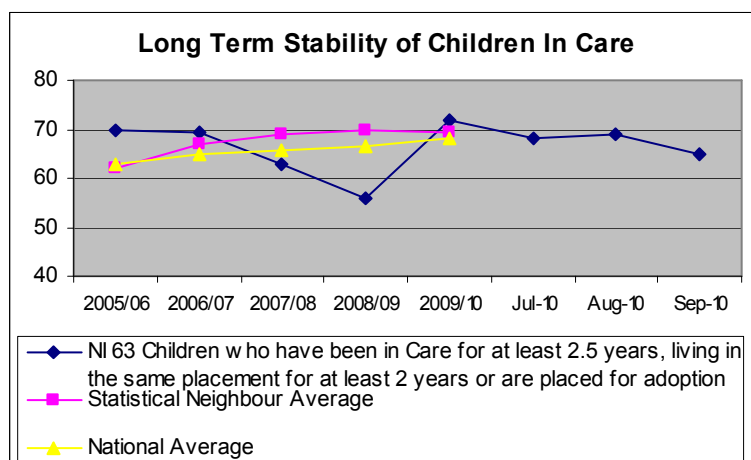


The breakdown below looks at all children who have had 3 or more placements in the last 12 months by age and ethnicity, a number breakdown is provided in table 2 in the attached appendix:





2.9 NI63 – This is another measure of placement stability. 65% of children in care for 2.5 years or more had been in their placement for at least 2 years at 30 September 2010. This is 92 out of 141 children who were looked after for 2.5 years or more and in their placement for 2 years or more. The target for this indicator in 10/11 is 72%. The graph below shows comparative data for this indicator.



2.10 **Children placed out of borough** (note that children placed in foster placements out of borough will include those placed with a Haringey foster carer living outside of Haringey). Around 70% of children looked after are placed outside of Haringey, the breakdown below details the proportion of children placed outside of Haringey by placement type:

Placement Type	No of Children
Fostered with relative or friend	8%
Placed with other foster carer	68%
Homes subject to children homes regs	10%
Residential not subject to children homes regs	9%
NHS or other medical establishment	0.2%
Family centre/Mother & Baby unit	0.2%



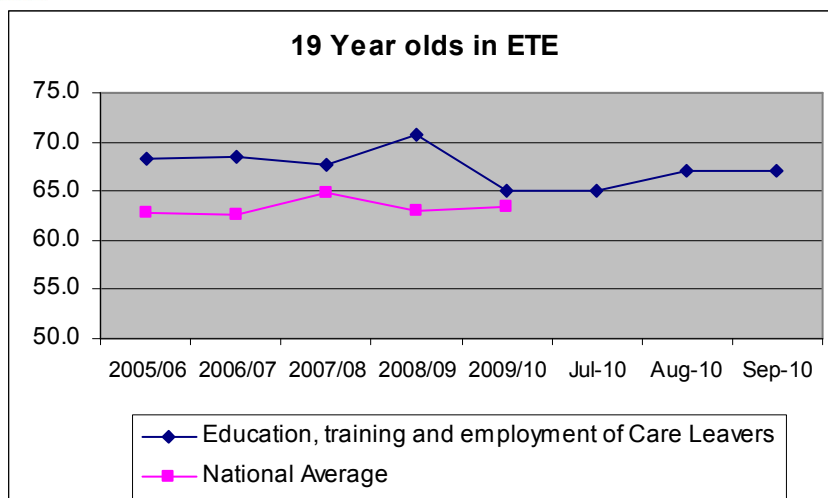
Young Offender Institute or prison	1.2%
Residential School	2%
<b>Total out of Haringey placements</b>	<b>427</b>
Total in Haringey placements	183

The table below details children who had been in care for 2.5 years or more and in the same placement for 2 years or more at the end of September broken down by those in in-borough placements and those in out of borough placements:

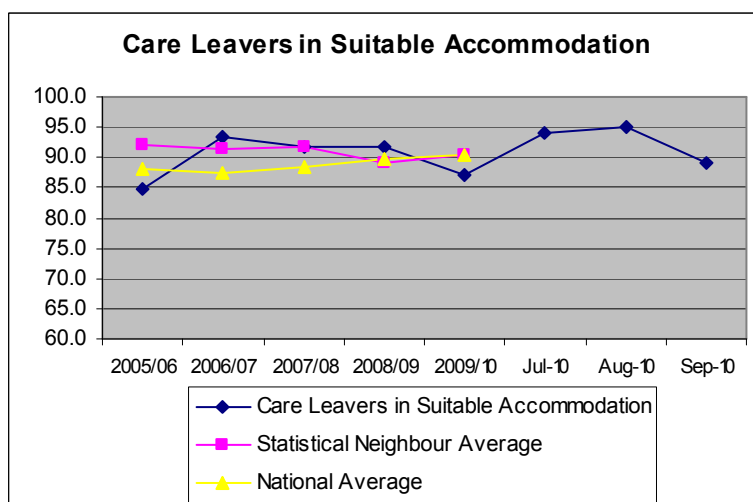
	<b>In borough</b>	<b>Out of borough</b>	<b>Total</b>
Children in care for 2.5 years or more	22	119	141
Children in placement for 2 years or more (and in care for 2.5 years or more)	13	79	92
<b>NI63</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>65%</b>

- 2.11 Visits to Children in Care. 86% (515 out of 597) of children in care at the end of September (excluding those who came into care in the last week of the month) had a visit completed in timescale (6 weekly or 3 monthly where agreed by a manager). 155 out of 173 (90%) of children placed inside the borough had a visit in timescale and 360 out of 424 (84.9%) of children placed outside of borough had a visit in timescale.
- 2.12 10 children have been adopted and 5 granted special guardianship orders in the year to date. NI 61 looks at children in care who have been adopted and placed within 12 months of a best interest decision to adopt, 6 out of the 10 children adopted were placed within 12 months (60%).
- 2.13 73% of children in care were placed in foster placements or placed for adoption at 30 September 2010 and 24% were placed in residential accommodation.
- 2.14 We report on two performance indicators in relation to young people leaving our care. One is a sub-set of the overall NEET activity - NI148 – 68% of care leavers who turned 19 in the year to date were in education training or employment on or around their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is 18 out of 27 young people who turned 19 in the year. The 2010/11 target for this indicator is 75%. The graph below shows movement in this indicator over the last 5 years.





2.15 NI147 - 89% of care leavers turning 19 in the year to date were living in suitable accommodation on their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. This is 24 out of 27 young people who turned 19 in the year. The target for 2010/11 is 92%. The graph below shows movement in this indicator over the last 5 years.



2.16 **Children missing from care July – September 2010.** In the 3 months July to September 2010, 36 children were reported missing on a total of 235 occasions. Of these, 23 children went missing on 73 occasions for over 24 hours. 114 children were counted as ‘absconding’ from their placements. A majority of the young people who abscond (i.e. are missing for less than 24 hours) are in Care Homes where they are reported to the police either when they breach their curfew or leave the home late at night and do not return until the following day.

Of the 23 children who have been reported as missing for more than 24 hours on at least one occasion, the age breakdown is:



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Age	Number
0-5	1
6-12	6
13-15	8
16-17	8

- Two siblings aged 6 months and 9 years have been missing since August and are believed to have been abducted and taken to Romania by family members. They are still being actively searched for.
- Of the 23 children who went missing for more than 24 hours, 9 were in foster care.
- None of the children who were reported missing/absconding and subsequently found were reported as having been harmed or came to the attention of the police for any other reason.

### **3. Foster Carer Recruitment**

73% of all our children are placed in foster care. More than half are placed with carers provided by the independent sector. These placements are on average twice the cost of our in-house carers and often at some distance from the borough.

The pressure to increase the numbers of in-house foster carers is therefore significant and a considerable amount of work is underway to increase and improve our performance in this area – including the construction of a more accessible and professional website and improved marketing materials.

In the month of September:

- We have had 29 enquiries (42 in August)
- The next information session is to be held in October – positive applicants from September were visited at home (18 attended an information session in August)
- 12 prospective carers attended initial visits (not all from enquiries received in September). From this visit and assuming they are still interested and we believe they are potential carers, they will attend a 2 week training/preparation course and be taken through a lengthy and detailed assessment which is then presented to the Fostering Panel (13 attended initial visits in August)
- 6 new carers have been approved in the year to date – this will equate to 8 approved placements

From start to finish this process can take six months and there is generally a high attrition rate – 10% conversion from initial interest to becoming a carer is considered normal.