

<b>Briefing for:</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Placements Out Of Borough
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### **1. What Is The Procedure For Placing Children Out of Borough?**

The needs of each child or young person are assessed by the child's allocated social worker. The type of placement required is established as part of the assessment and a referral to the placements team is then completed.

Placements will then attempt to locate a placement for the child within areas identified. On occasions where provisions required are not available within borough, the placements team will recommend widening the search and ask for the social worker to prioritise school and contact.

### **2. On What Basis Do We Commonly Make A Decision To Place Out of Borough?**

There are many different reasons where a placement out of borough is required, please see below for the most common examples:

Specialist Provisions – There are various different specialist areas where consideration can be given for young people to be placed outside Haringey as per examples below:

- SEN (Specialist School Placements).
- Physical disabilities.
- Learning disabilities
- Young people who are at risk of sexual exploitation.
- Children with harmful sexual behaviour (Perpetrator or Victim)

- Children exhibiting significant Mental Health Issues.
- Specialist mother and baby units and foster care.

Sibling Groups – Unfortunately there are not many carers in Haringey who are able to care for sibling groups. Therefore consideration is given to move children out of borough to ensure that sibling groups remain together.

Ethnic Match – There are occasions where it is deemed essential that a child or young person is placed within a family that meets their cultural needs. Within Haringey we have a very diverse pool of carers, however, there is a need sometimes to place away from the borough to ensure there is an appropriate match.

Kinship – Placements where family member is identified to care for child where family member lives outside of the borough.

Threats of abduction – Where there is an assessed risk of a child being abducted by a family member.

Threats of Physical Violence – On occasions a child is assessed to be at serious risk of physical violence from a member of family or community following disclosures and subsequent accommodation.

Domestic Violence – Where young people are fleeing significant domestic violence from former partners.

Education Provision – Where a young person has chosen to attend college/education outside of the borough, consideration can be given to locate alternative accommodation out of borough.

Gang Affiliation – Where young people are fleeing threat of violence from gang members within the Haringey area.

Youth Offences – Where court restrictions are given by a Judge restricts the areas that young person can live.

### **3. What Checks Do We Undertake With Providers Before We Choose To Place With Them?**

When a placement is made with a non-contracted provider the following checks are made by the placements service to ensure that the placement is appropriate:

- Inspection of provision by Placements Team.
- OFSTED Reports checked.
- Reference from other placing Local Authority.
- Provider PAN London registered – review previous monitoring report.