



Briefing for:	Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee
Title:	Performance Management Data in Children and Families – February 2011 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 February 2011. In addition it provides details of outturns for 2010 and targets for 2010/11.

Part 2 of this report is a sample of case examples to supplement performance data. This information is exempt under schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

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:

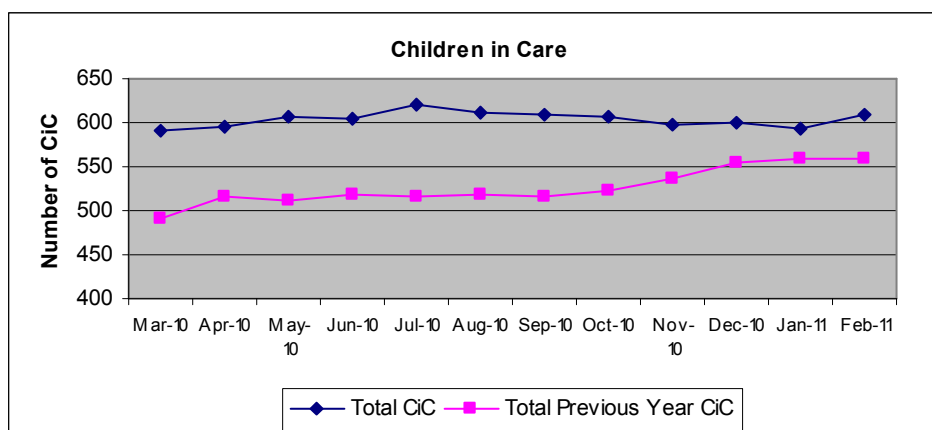
- Croydon
- Greenwich
- Hackney
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Haringey
- Islington
- Lambeth
- Lewisham
- Southwark
- Waltham Forest
- Wandsworth



2. Children in Care Performance Data – 28 February 2011

2.1 Following a sharp rise in numbers of children in care in 2009/10, although slightly higher, overall numbers of children in care have stabilised throughout 2010/11. However, there has been an increase in the proportion of care proceedings initiated in this year with 201 care proceedings initiated between April 10 and February 11 compared with 186 between April 09 and March 10, requiring more complex work and allocation of resource.

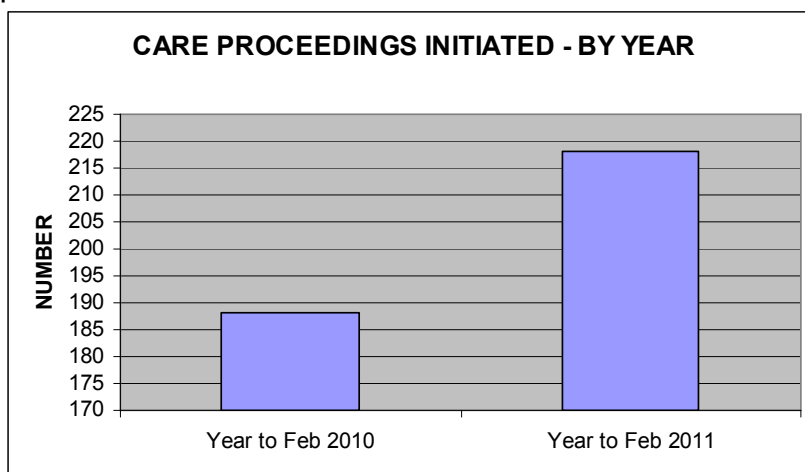
2.2 At the end of February 2011, there were 609 children in care (based on a manual calculation done mid-year, this equates to an estimated 400 families). This remains higher than comparator averages. 44 children became looked after in the month and 33 children ceased to be looked after in the month. The chart below shows the month by month changes to the total numbers of children in care compared with the previous year.



Children who Came into Care by Age – Feb 2011	
Age	Number
Under 1	5
1-4	9
5-9	9
10-15	15
16-17	6
Total	44

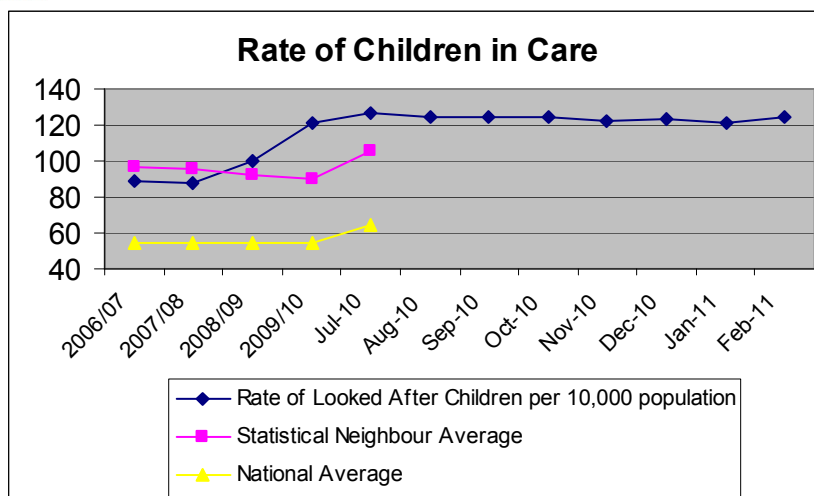


18 care proceedings were initiated in February. The graph below shows the increase in the 12 months to the end of February 2010 and the 12 months to the end of February 2011. This is around 16% higher than the previous 12 months.



2.3 The total number of children in care at the end of February equates to a rate of 124 children per 10,000 population, a slightly higher position to that at the end of March 2010. 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 higher than average and second highest of our comparator boroughs below Croydon. Lambeth is demographically our most directly comparable borough.

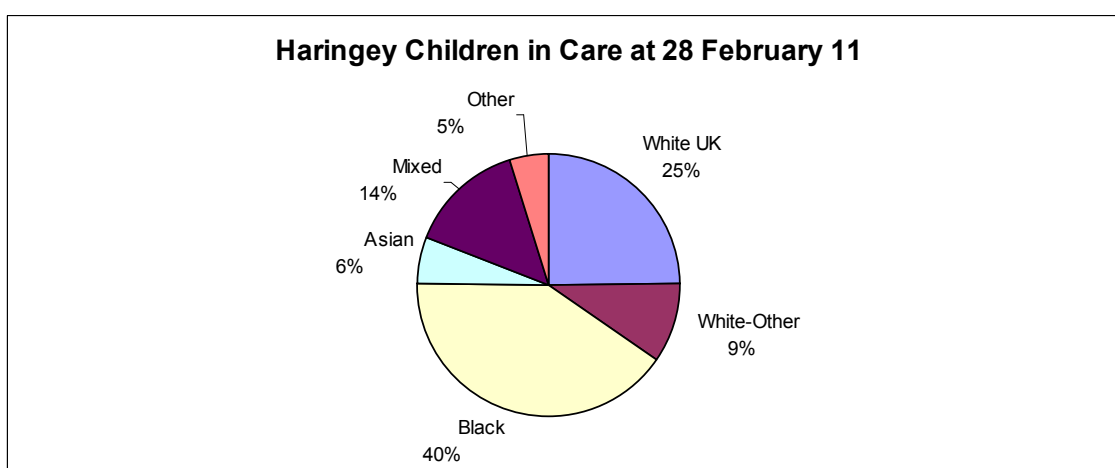
	2009/10	2009/10 Rate Per 10,000
Hackney	305	59
Ham and Fulham	255	82
Haringey	590	121
Islington	315	94
Lambeth	565	105
Lewisham	525	90
Southwark	555	101
Wandsworth	205	41
Croydon	1010	126
Greenwich	590	111
Waltham Forest	340	63
SN Average		90
National Average		58



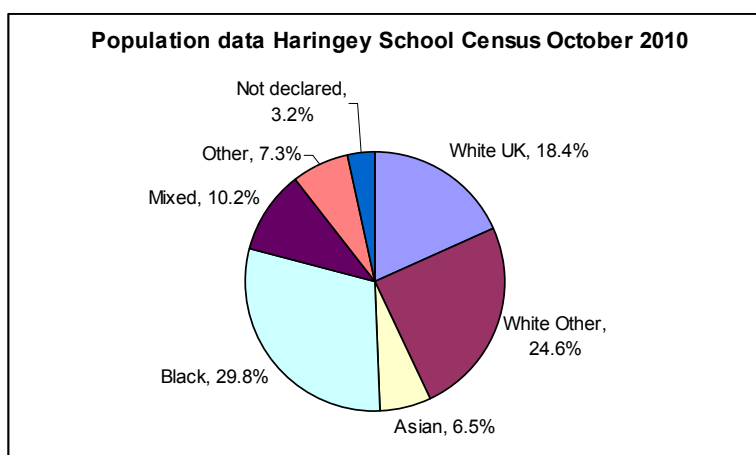
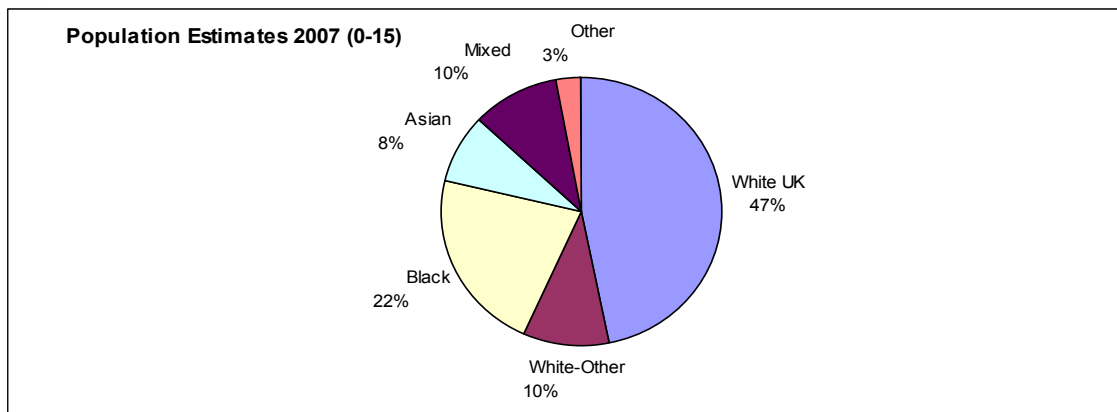
2.4 Of the 609 children in care at the end of February 2010:

- 39 are unaccompanied minors (6.4%).
- 12 children are those who have been placed in care as a result of the Southwark Judgement (16/17 year olds presenting as homeless) (2%).
- 28 are children recorded with a disability and allocated to the children with disabilities team (4.6%).

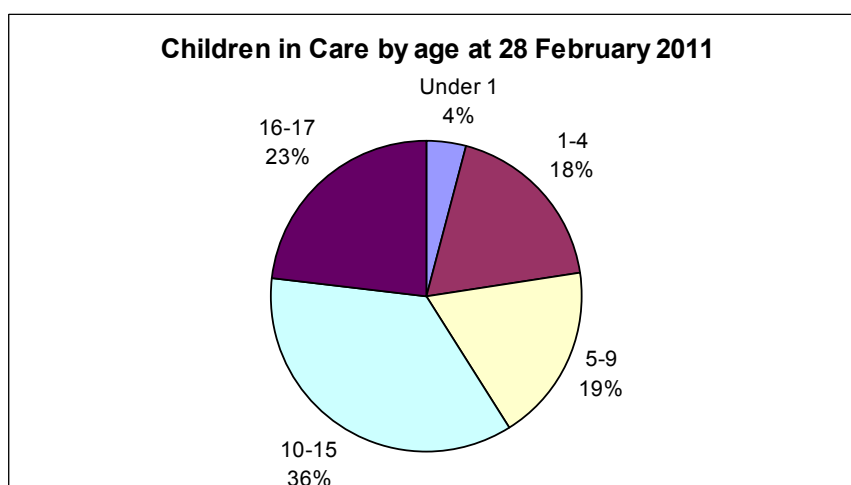
2.5 The ethnic breakdown of children in care at the end of February is detailed in the charts below, this also shows a breakdown of 2001 census data on ethnicity of children aged 0-17 in the borough and the 2007 population estimates for children aged 0-15 in the borough (estimates are not available for 0-17 year olds as these only go up to working age and then beyond):



This chart shows that the largest proportion of children in care are black (40%), an over representation when compared with a school population of around 30% of under 18's or 22% of 0-15 (ONS population statistics).



2.6 The age breakdown of children in care at the end of February is as detailed below, the largest proportion of children we currently work with are between 10 and 15 year olds (36%) and the smallest proportion is those under 1 (4%).

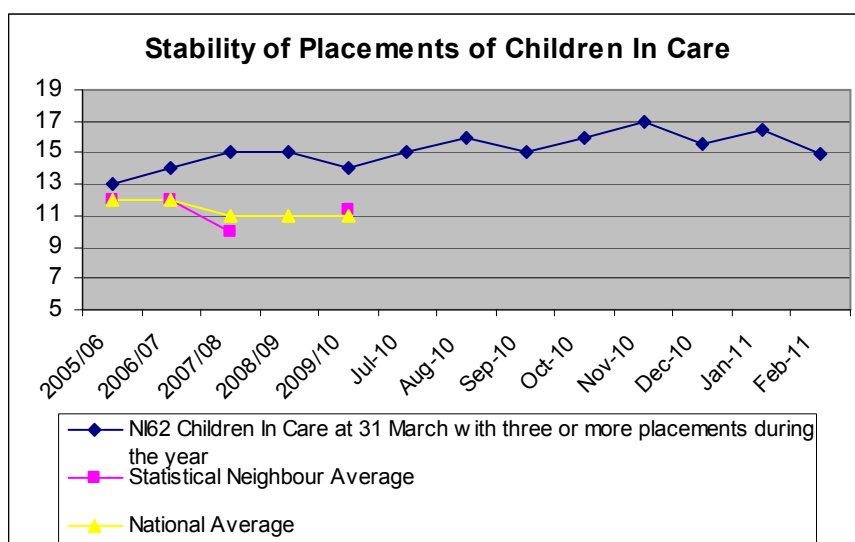


2.7 NI66 – Children in care must have their circumstances and care plan independently reviewed every 6 months. 89% of children in care cases which should have been reviewed during the year to date (Apr–Feb), were reviewed in timescale, this is 62 children who were not reviewed in

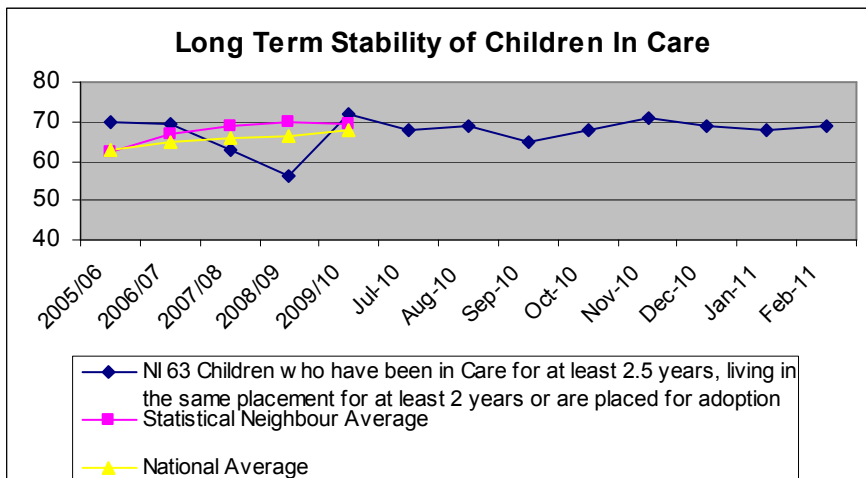


timescale to date. This is slightly lower than comparator boroughs, however due to staff sickness/absence combined with the high numbers of children in care there has not been the capacity to deal with all reviews in a timely way.

- 2.8 NI 62 – 81 children in care at 28 February 2011 have had 3 or more placements in the year to date (Apr–Feb = 13.3%). 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 14.9% of children have had 3 or more placements. A review of all children with 2 or more placements in the year was undertaken. Much of the initial movement of children relates to sibling groups being separated on initial placement until appropriate placements are found to ensure that where possible these siblings are placed together. There is also a particular pressure in this area due to the high number of children in care and difficulty in finding appropriate placements as soon as children are coming into care. Long term stability of children in care however remains at a good level and in line with averages. Findings from all analysis in this area will form part of the commissioning strategy for children’s placements. The graph below shows comparative data for this indicator over the last 5 years:



- 2.9 NI63 – This is another measure of placement stability. 69.7% of children in care for 2.5 years or more had been in their placement for at least 2 years at 28 February 2011. This is 99 out of 142 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 a 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 borough (note that this summary is based on December data and is updated quarterly – those shaded are those in our neighbouring boroughs). A map of children placed in other London boroughs is attached in appendix 1.

Haringey placed in	Number of Children placed outside Haringey	% of children placed outside Haringey By LA
Enfield	97	16.1%
Other	95	15.8%
Waltham Forest	41	6.8%
Redbridge	23	3.8%
Barnet	21	3.5%
Islington	19	3.1%
Kent	16	2.6%
Croydon	13	2.1%
Essex	13	2.1%
Lewisham	10	1.6%
Bexley	9	1.5%
Camden	9	1.5%
Havering	7	1.1%
Hillingdon	7	1.1%
Medway	7	1.1%
Newham	7	1.1%
Ealing	6	1.0%
Epping forrest	6	1.0%



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Brent	5	0.8%
Hackney	5	0.8%
Surrey	5	0.8%

Total placed out borough	421	70%
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Total CiC @ 31 Dec 2010	600
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* Other = A combination of LA that have less than 5 Haringey children placed in them. These are Barking and Dagenham, Bedford, Birmingham, Braintree, Bromley, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Cotswold, Cumbria, Derby, Devon, Doncaster, Dudley Metropolitan, Durham, Ealing, East Riding of Yorkshire, East Sussex, Epping Forest, France, Gravesend, Greenwich, Hammersmith and Fulham, Hampshire, Harrow, Hastings, Hertfordshire, Hertsmere, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Isle of Wight, Lambeth, Lincolnshire, Luton, Merton, Milton Keynes, Neath Port Talbot, North Norfolk, Oxfordshire, Powys County Council, Preston, Reading, Rochdale, Rochester, Shepway, South Gloucestershire, Southend on Sea, Southwark, Staffordshire, Stevenage, Stockport, Suffolk, Sutton, Telford & Wrekin, Tower Hamlets, Upminster, USA, West Sussex, Worcestershire, Worthing.

In addition, there are a number of children from other boroughs placed in Haringey. The breakdown by borough is tabled below:

Borough placing child in Haringey	Number of children
* Other	64
Islington	44
Enfield	29
Barnet	27
Camden	27
City of Westminster	11
Brent	10
Waltham Forest	10
Essex	8
Hammersmith & Fulham	8
Tower Hamlets	5
Total	243

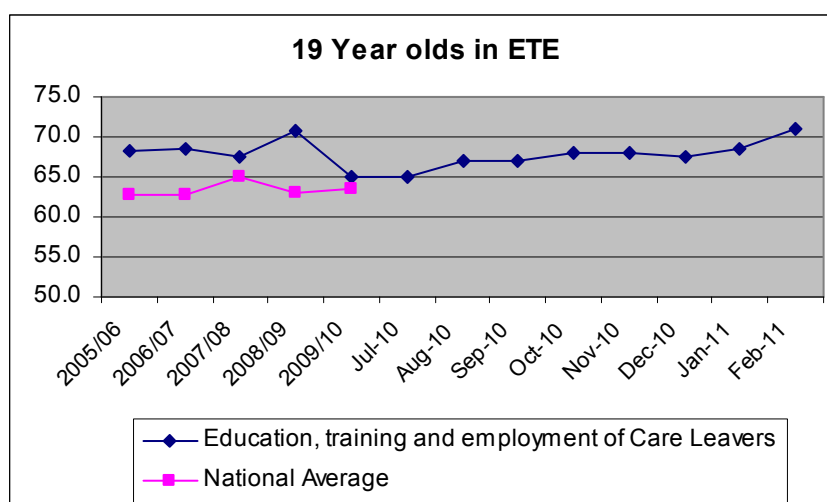
* Other = A combination of Local Authorities that have less than 5 Children placed in Haringey. These are: Bexley, Birmingham City Council, Calderdale Council, Coventry City Council, Croydon, Denbighshire County Council, Dundee City Council, Ealing, East Yorkshire, Greenwich Council, Hackney, Hertfordshire, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kent County Council, Lambeth, Lewisham, Bromley, Luton, Milton Keynes, Manchester City Council, Newham,



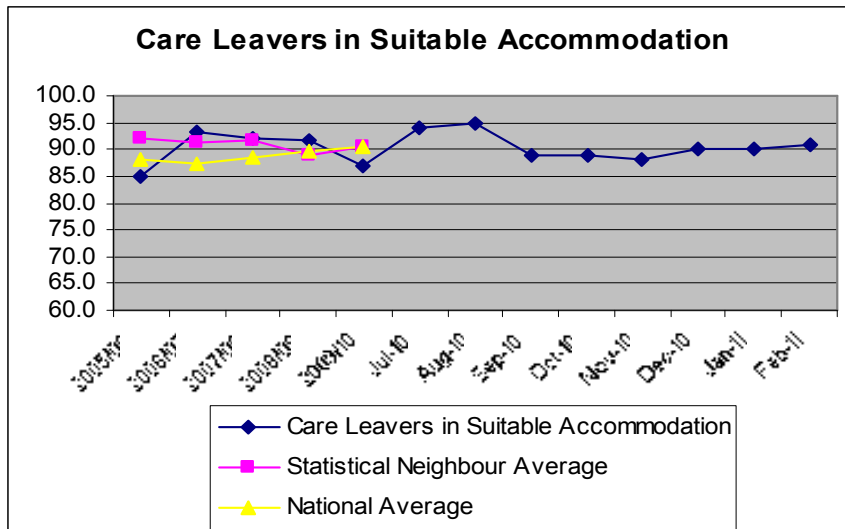
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Peterborough, Redbridge, Rotherham, Kensington and Chelsea, Sheffield, Surrey, West Sussex, Westminster

- 2.11 Visits to Children in Care. 88% (533 out of 592) of children in care at the end of February (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).
- 2.12 16 children have been adopted and 11 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, 11 out of the 16 children adopted were placed within 12 months (69%).
- 2.13 75% of children in care were placed in foster placements or placed for adoption at 28 February 2011 and 21% were placed in residential accommodation. The remaining proportion of children are placed at home or missing from placement.
- 2.14 We report on two performance indicators in relation to young people leaving our care. One is a sub-set of the overall Not in Education Employment or Training activity - NI148 – 71% of care leavers who turned 19 in the year to date were in education training or employment on or around their 19th birthday. This is 39 out of 55 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 – 91% of care leavers turning 19 in the year to date were living in suitable accommodation on their 19th birthday. This is 50 out of 55 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.



- Children missing from Care - February 2011. 16 children were reported as missing/absconding from care on a total of 43 occasions in February. Of these, 13 children went missing for over 24 hours on a total of 21 occasions. 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 13 children who have been reported as missing for more than 24 hours on at least one occasion, the age breakdown is:

Age	Number
0-5	0
6-12	1
13-15	7
16-17	5

4. Foster Carer Recruitment

75% 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 February:

- We have had 30 enquiries



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- 14 people attended information sessions
- 5 prospective carers attended initial visits. 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
- 16 new carers have been approved in the year to date (Apr-Feb)

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



Appendix 1 – Map of Haringey Children placed in London Boroughs – updated September 2010

