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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Corporate Parenting Performance Assessment</b>
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## 1. Introduction

This report sets out performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to looked after children. Section 2 provides an overall assessment of performance in the service and performance highlights. Section 3 looks at the service implications of this data. Appendix 1 provides a series of tables and graphs for each of these measures, grouped by topic, showing monthly data, performance against target, long term trends and benchmarking where applicable. It also contains performance and service comments for each area to provide context.

## 2. Performance Highlights

- The number of children in care is reducing steadily, down to 551 from 574 at the end of March 2012.
- Of the children becoming looked after, a larger proportion than last year were previously subject to a CP plan (37% in the year to date compared to 23% last year). This demonstrates that more children and families had been receiving social work services before needing to be looked after and would indicate the appropriate use of care.
- The proportion of children placed in Haringey provision has declined since April 2012 and is at 32.1% for July, below the 38% target. The percentage will fluctuate in line with the numbers of children in care but foster care (in house) placements are showing



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a reducing trend (from 187 in April to 168 in July). This issue is being addressed in the Fostering Report being presented to CPAC.

- The percentage of up to date children in care visits continues to exceed the 95% target.
- Indicators around stability of placements are in line with statistical neighbours.
- Performance on care leavers in suitable accommodation and in education, training and employment are below targets set but monthly numbers are small and should be interpreted with care.
- There have been 8 adoptions in the year to July and 14 special guardianship orders (SGO) compared with 4 adoptions and 4 SGO's at this time last year.
- The adoption scorecard tracks progress on those children that have been adopted. The average days from becoming looked after to being placed for adoption was 678 for the period April- June 2012. This is an improvement on the 2011/12 figure of 715 days but above the 639 day target (rolling 3 years) which is based on national threshold levels for 2010/2013.
- The number of care proceedings that have been issued to date is 60% down on the same point in 11/12. However, the number issued in July 2012 matches the number issued in July 2011, this is being monitored in the monthly meetings with Legal Services.

### **3. Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Performance Analysis and Benchmarking
- Appendix 2: Adoption Scorecard - Quarterly Update