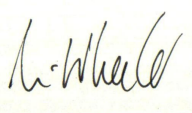




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Report for:	Scrutiny Panel	Item Number:	
Title:	LAC Placement Summary and Costs		
Report Authorised by:	 Marion Wheeler, Assistant Director		
Lead Officer:	Chris Chalmers		
Ward(s) affected:	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:		

1. Describe the issue under consideration

The location of and costs for children who are looked after by the local authority.

2. Cabinet Member introduction

The information presented in Section 5 is an analysis of placements for children at the end of July 2012 with costs presented for a three year period, from 2009-12. Both internal and external provision are included in order to give a comparison.

3. Recommendations

This is for information only

4. Other options considered

Not applicable



5. Background information

LAC Placements, summary of provision and cost

The following data presents an analysis of placements for children and young people, as of the end of July 2012. Placement locations fall into three broad areas, those placed within Haringey (the majority of whom are in Haringey placements), those placed in close proximity to Haringey and those at a greater distance. Approximately half of LAC children (293 young people) are placed within Haringey or neighbouring boroughs (Barnet, Enfield, Camden, Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest). Nearly 100 children have placements within other London boroughs. It is interesting to note that very few children are placed in Kent, just 18 are recorded.

Location of placements is presented in the table below with the breakdown of type of provision in the table following that.

Location	No: of children placed in Borough
Aylesbury Vale District	2
Barking and Dagenham London Boro	3
Barnet London Boro	24
Barnsley District (B)	1
Basildon District (B)	1
Bedford (B)	3
Bexley London Boro	10
Bolton District (B)	1
Boston District (B)	1
Brent London Boro	8
Brighton & Hove	1
Bromley London Boro	1
Broxbourne District (B)	3
Camden London Boro	6
Cannock Chase District	1
Castle Point District (B)	4
Chelmsford District (B)	1
City of Leicester (B)	1
City of Southampton (B)	1
Croydon London Boro	7
Dartford District (B)	1
Daventry District	1
Doncaster District (B)	2
Dover District	2
Ealing London Boro	1



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Enfield London Boro	83
Epping Forest District	12
Essex	1
Fareham District (B)	1
Gravesham District (B)	1
Greenwich London Boro	3
Hackney London Boro	17
Halton (B)	1
Hammersmith and Fulham London Boro	5
Haringey London Boro	142
Harlow District	1
Harrow London Boro	5
Hastings District (B)	4
Havering London Boro	7
Hillingdon London Boro	5
Hounslow London Boro	3
Isle of Wight	1
Islington London Boro	21
Kensington and Chelsea London Boro	1
King's Lynn and West Norfolk District (B)	1
Lambeth London Boro	1
Lewisham London Boro	7
Luton (B)	3
Maidstone District (B)	1
Maldon District (B)	1
Medway (B)	8
Merton London Boro	2
Mid Devon District	1
Mid Suffolk District	1
Milton Keynes (B)	1
Missing	4
Newark and Sherwood District	2
Newham London Boro	10
North Norfolk District	2
North Somerset	2
Redbridge London Boro	14
Reigate and Banstead District (B)	4
Rochford District	1
Rother District	1
Runnymede District (B)	1
Sefton District (B)	1
Shepway District	2
Shropshire	1
South Gloucestershire	2



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South Lakeland District	1
South Staffordshire District	3
Southend-on-Sea (B)	1
Southwark London Boro	1
Stevenage District (B)	1
Stockport District (B)	1
Sutton London Boro	1
Swale District (B)	5
Tandridge District	1
Telford and Wrekin (B)	1
Tending District	5
Thanet District	6
The City of Brighton and Hove (B)	1
Three Rivers District	1
Thurrock (B)	1
Tower Hamlets London Boro	3
Waltham Forest London Boro	26
Wandsworth	2
Wellingborough District (B)	1
West Lancashire District (B)	1
West Oxfordshire District	3
West Somerset District	1
Placed for Adoption	9
Grand Total	551

Breakdown of both in Haringey provision and external placements

Placement Type	Placed in Haringey	Placed outside of Haringey	Placement address not provided
Placed for adoption	0	0	9
Fostered with Relative/Friend	20	39	0
Internal Fostering	56	53	0
Agency Foster Carer	21	235	0
Secure Unit	0	3	0
Homes & Hostels	5	30	0
Residential Accommodation	29	15	0
Missing - whereabouts known	0	0	2



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Missing - whereabouts unknown	0	2	2
Placed with Parents/Guardian	8	4	0
Living independently with or without support	0	1	0
NHS or other est. Medical/Nursing care	0	5	0
Family Centre/M&B unit	3	1	0
Young Offender inst Prison	0	2	0
Residential School	0	6	0
Total	142	396	13

Placement Costs

The table below summarises expenditure on placements over the last three years. The internal fostering figure does not include running costs for the fostering service. The increase in supported lodgings can be partly attributed to young people remaining with their foster carers whilst finishing education after they become 18 years old. The data provided for the recent position with placements denotes 109 internal fostering placements with 256 being external.

Looked after Children – Particularly those placed out of Borough:

Cost of children going out to care and where to – 3 years figures

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
	£	£	£
*internal residential homes	2,502,073	1,965,767	1,933,647
internal fostering	3,326,558	3,346,591	3,628,481
external fostering	8,425,208	10,151,154	10,905,572
Residential	4,856,596	6,687,353	5,861,579
Residential Schools	1,149,105	1,115,481	582,318
Secure	330,372	185,810	387,536
**Family Assessment Centre/Mother & Baby Unit	0	0	146,912
Supported Lodgings	4,691	13,176	44,508
Independent /Semi Independent housing	941,082	1,804,723	1,180,387
Gross expenditure	21,535,685	25,270,055	24,670,940



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Contributions from health / education for children with complex needs	-928,725	-1,212,688	-725,892
Net expenditure	20,606,960	24,057,367	23,945,048

Notes:

We are unable to identify spend geographically - payments are made to a particular company for several different placements that could be in several different locations

*the two internal residential homes have now been shut

** Mother and baby assessment centre costs were not identified separately in previous years accounts

6. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

Placement choice is essential in order to meet the wide range of needs within Haringey's looked after children population. Some external placements will be inevitable in order to maintain this choice. However the extent to which these are used will vary according to availability locally within Haringey's own resources.