



Haringey Council

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Title:	Corporate Parenting Performance Assessment- Performance for the year to August 2012
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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. 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 548 in August from 574 at the end of March 2012. The 548 includes 28 unaccompanied asylum seeking children. The trend in London suggests falling numbers but data published by the DfE recently shows an increase nationally of 2% compared to 2011 and 13% compared to March 2008. In Haringey there has been a 4.7% reduction compared to March 2011 and an increase of 29% compared to 2008.
- The percentage of up to date **children in care visits** continues to exceed the 95% target.
- 16 children were **missing from care** during the month of August. In most cases we have contact with the young person.



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- Provisional data for the end of August suggests that 93% of children in care **cases** were **reviewed within required timescales**.
- The proportion of **children placed in Haringey provision** has declined since April 2012 and is at 33% for August, below the 38% target.
- Of the 548 children in care 26% were **placed within Haringey**, and 74% were placed outside Haringey. Of the newly looked after children in the month who remained looked after at the end of the month 2 out of 8 children were placed 20 miles+ from home.
- Foster care (in house) placements are showing a reducing trend (from 202 in April to 181 in August) although and improvement on previous months figures.
- Indicators around **stability of placements** are in line with statistical neighbours.
- Performance on **care leavers in suitable accommodation and in education, training and employment (ETE)** are below targets set but monthly numbers are small and should be interpreted with care. For those care leavers who were not in suitable accommodation or in ETE in August this was due to them being held in custody or non eligibility as all their rights of appeal had been exhausted or they had no recourse to public funds.
- There have been 9 **adoptions** in the year to August, on track to meet target of 15. There have been 14 **special guardianship orders (SGO)** compared with 5 at this time last year.
- The 1 **adoption** that took place in August took 571 days so the year to date position is 722 days. This is a similar figure to the 2011/12 figure of 715 days but above the 639 day national threshold (for the rolling 3 years 2010-13). The service are looking at setting targets specific to Haringey taking account of the children already in the system and the new children coming into the system with an aim to outstrip the 639 day threshold for new children.
- There are 61 children whose **plan for adoption** has been **approved** as at the end of August, 14 of these have been placed for adoption. If the 14 who have been placed for adoption are all adopted this year, the average days will fall to 692. Of the 61 children 19 have had the decision that they should be placed, made this year and the average days looked after for these children as at the 1st September is 450 days (this figure will continue to accumulate until all these children are placed). For the 19 children (who are not yet placed) where a decision was made this year, the average days for that adoption making (ADM) decision to be made is 348.

3. Appendices

- Appendix 1: Performance Analysis and Benchmarking