

### Corporate Parenting Board – 24 February 2009

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Children in Care Population as at 31 January 2009	
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<b>Relevant Council Plan theme(s):</b>		
Choose Nottingham		X
Respect for Nottingham		X
Transforming Nottingham’s Neighbourhoods		X
Supporting Nottingham People		X
Serving Nottingham Better		X
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
The Corporate Parenting Board of 26 January 2009 requested a breakdown of the Children in Care cohort in order that members receive a fuller picture of some of the challenges faced by the City Council. This information will assist in informing the work of both the Board and the Children in Care Outcomes group.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
1	That the Corporate Parenting Board note the contents of the report.	

## 1 **BACKGROUND**

1.1 As at 31 January 2009 the Children in Care population in Nottingham City totalled 467 and the breakdown is as follows:

### **Ethnicity split**

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Total %</b>	
Any other ethnic group	22	4.7%
Asian / Asian Brit - Indian	1	0.2%
Asian / Asian Brit - Pakistani	3	0.6%
Asian / Asian Brit -Any other Asian background	13	2.8%
Black / Black Brit - African	11	2.4%
Black / Black Brit - any other black background	5	1.1%
Black / Black Brit - Caribbean	13	2.8%
Chinese	1	0.2%
Mixed - any other mixed background	14	3.0%
Mixed - White & Asian	11	2.4%
Mixed - White & Black African	2	0.4%
Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	70	15.0%
No current/valid ethnicity specified	11	2.4%
Unknown	7	1.5%
White - Any other White background	12	2.6%
White British	268	57.4%
Not Recorded	3	0.6%

### **Age range at date of admission**

<b>Age Group at Date of Admission</b>	<b>Total %</b>	
0-4	176	37.7%
5-9	123	26.3%
10-14	109	23.3%
15-17	59	12.6%

### **Category of Need**

<b>Category of Need</b>	<b>Total %</b>	
Absent Parenting	62	13.3%
Abuse or Neglect	284	60.8%
Disability	12	2.6%
Family Dysfunction	34	7.3%
Family in Acute Stress	41	8.8%
Low Income	1	0.2%
Parental Illness or Disability	25	5.4%
Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	8	1.7%

### **Placement split**

Residential Homes	42	8.9%
Foster Care (in house)	200	42.5%
Foster Care (IFA)	139	29.6%
Placed For Adoption	30	6.6%
Others	56	12.4%

### **Disability**

48 children are recorded with a disability (10.2%) split as follows:-

<b>Disability</b>	<b>Total</b>
Autism or Asperger Syndrome	10
Behaviour	5
Communication	6
Hearing	1
Incontinence	1
Learning	17
Mobility	1
None	4
Personal Care	2
Vision	

### **Care Leavers - 163**

22 Care Leavers have children (2 of these are expecting a further child), (3 of these do not have care of their children).

1 additional care leaver expecting

**Asylum Seeking Children** – currently 33 as of 31.01.09

### **Children in Care School Placements**

118 – City Schools

59 – County Schools

71 – (Neither City or County)

## **2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 This additional information was requested by the Corporate Parenting Board on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 to enable members to have a fuller picture of the challenges faced by the Council.

## **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 None.

## **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- 4.1 None.

## **5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)**

- 5.1 There are no specific risk management issues arising from the information contained in this report.

**6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

6.1 None

**7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

7.1 Corporate Parenting Board minutes – 26 January 2009.