

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – 18 MAY 2009**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Children in Care Population as at 31 March 2009	
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<b>Other officers who have provided input:</b>	None.	
<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 24 February 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:</b>		
<b>1</b>	That the Corporate Parenting Board note the contents of the report.	

## 1 **BACKGROUND**

As at 31 March 2009 the Children in Care population in Nottingham City totalled 490 (an increase of 22 On the previous report) and the breakdown is as follows:

### **Ethnicity split**

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Any other ethnic group	24	5
Asian / Asian Brit - Indian	0	0
Asian / Asian Brit - Pakistani	5	1
Asian / Asian Brit -Any other Asian background	12	2.5
Black / Black Brit - African	9	1.75
Black / Black Brit - any other black background	4	1
Black / Black Brit - Caribbean	16	3
Chinese	1	0.6
Mixed - any other mixed background	12	2.5
Mixed - White & Asian	9	1.75
Mixed - White & Black African	3	0.65
Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	75	15
No current/valid ethnicity specified	9	1.75
Unknown	4	1
White - Any other White background	10	2
White British	295	60
Not Recorded	2	0.5

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

<b>Age Group at Date of Admission</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
0-4	125	25
5-9	68	13
10-14	136	30
15-18	161	32

### **Category of Need**

<b>Category of Need</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Absent Parenting	61	12.5
Abuse or Neglect	299	61
Disability	16	3
Family Dysfunction	40	8
Family in Acute Stress	40	8
Low Income	1	0.6
Parental Illness or Disability	26	5.5
Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	7	1.4

### **Placement split**

<b>Category of Need</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Residential Homes	49	8.9
Foster Care (in house)	200	42.5
Foster Care (IFA)	156	29.6
Placed For Adoption	32	6.6
Others	53	12.4

## **Disability**

	<b>Total</b>
Autism or Asperger Syndrome	17
Behaviour	10
Communication	7
Hearing	1
Incontinence	1
Learning	32
Mobility	3
None	219
Personal Care	2
Vision	1
Not stated	197

## **Care Leavers – 165**

Care leavers with children – 21

(including 1 Care Leaver with 2 children & 1 Care Leaver who does not have custody)

Also 1 Care Leaver is currently expecting.

**Asylum Seeking Children** – currently 91 as of 31.03.09

## **Children in Care School Placements**

118 – City Schools

59 – County Schools

71 – (Neither City or County)

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

This additional information was requested by the Corporate Parenting Board on 26 January 2009 to enable members to have a fuller picture of the challenges faced by the Council.

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

None.

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

None.

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

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**

None

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

Corporate Parenting Board minutes – 24 February 2009.