

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – 21 SEPTEMBER 2009

Title of paper:	Children in Care Population as at 31 July 2009	
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
Choose Nottingham	X	
Respect for Nottingham	X	
Transforming Nottingham’s Neighbourhoods	X	
Supporting Nottingham People	X	
Serving Nottingham Better	X	
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
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. It was agreed that a comparison be made of July figures against those of March 2009.		
Recommendation:		
1	That the Corporate Parenting Board notes the contents of the report.	

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 As at 31 July 2009 the Children in Care population in Nottingham City totalled 506 (an increase of 16 On the previous report) and the breakdown is as follows:

<u>Ethnicity split</u>	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
Any other ethnic group	20	3.6	- 4
Asian/Asian Brit - Indian	0	0	Same
Asian/Asian Brit - Pakistani	5	0.9	Same
Asian/Asian Brit - Any other Asian background	13	2.34	- 1
Black/Black Brit - African	13	2.34	- 4
Black/Black Brit - any other black background	4	0.72	Same
Black/Black Brit - Caribbean	7	3.6	- 9
Chinese	1	0.18	Same
Mixed - any other mixed background	13	2.34	- 1
Mixed - White and Asian	9	1.62	Same
Mixed - White and Black African	6	1.08	+ 3
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	66	11.88	- 9
No current/valid ethnicity specified	7	1.26	- 2
Unknown	5	0.09	+ 1
White - Any other White background	12	2.16	+ 2
White British	312	56.16	+ 17
Not Recorded	13	8.12	+ 11

<u>Age range at date of admission</u>	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
0-4	128	23.4	+ 3
5-9	75	13.5	+ 7
10-14	126	22.68	- 10
15-18	177	40.78	+ 16

<u>Category of Need</u>	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
Absent Parenting	60	10.8	+ 1
Abuse or Neglect	316	65.80	+17
Disability	15	2.	- 1
Family Dysfunction	38	6.84	- 2
Family in Acute Stress	45	8.10	+ 5
Low Income	1	0.18	Same
Parental Illness or Disability	23	4.14	- 3
Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	8	1.44	+ 1

<u>Placement Split</u>	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
Residential Homes in-house	17	2.52	- 6
Residential Homes external	40	8.76	-2
Foster Care (in house)	215	42.49	+ 15
Foster Care (IFA)	158	31.22	+ 2
Placed For Adoption	29	5.73	- 3
Others	47	9.28	- 6

<u>Disability</u>	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
Autism or Asperger Syndrome	19	3.7	- 2
Behaviour	17	3.3	-10
Communication	6	1.2	+ 1
Hearing	3	0.5	-2
Incontinence	1	0.19	Same
Learning	40	7.0	+ 8
Mobility	5	1.0	- 3
None	412	81.71	Same
Personal Care	1	1.0	+1
Vision	2	0.4	-1

<u>Care Leavers</u>	Total	+/- since 31.03.09
Care Leavers	180	+ 15
Of which - with Children	27	+1
Of which - with 1 child	22	
with 2 children	5	
currently pregnant.	1	

Asylum Seeking Children – currently, as of 31.07.09 = 98 (+ 7 since 31.03.09)

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

This additional information was requested by the Corporate Parenting Board on 18 May 2009 to enable members to have a fuller picture of the challenges faced by the Council. The Children in Care population has risen by 16 since 31 March 2009.

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.