

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – 15 MARCH 2010

Title of paper:	Children in Care Population as at 31 January 2010	
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
World Class Nottingham		X
Work in Nottingham		X
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		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.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Corporate Parenting Board notes the contents of the report.	

1 **BACKGROUND**

1.1 As at 31 January 2010 the Children in Care population in Nottingham City totalled 508 (an increase of 18 since 31.03.09) and the breakdown is as follows:

Ethnicity split

Ethnicity	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
Any other ethnic group	31	7.10	+ 7
Asian / Asian Brit - Indian	0	0	Same
Asian / Asian Brit - Pakistani	4	0.78	- 1
Asian / Asian Brit -Any other Asian background	13	3.05	+ 1
Black / Black Brit - African	10	1.96	Same
Black / Black Brit - any other black background	5	0.98	+ 1
Black / Black Brit - Caribbean	19	4.74	+ 3
Chinese	2	0.39	+ 1
Mixed - any other mixed background	12	2.36	Same
Mixed - White & Asian	6	1.18	- 3
Mixed - White & Black African	7	1.37	+ 4
Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	67	14.18	- 8
No current/valid ethnicity specified	8	1.57	- 1
Unknown	13	0.59	+ 9
White - Any other White background	13	0.59	+ 3
White British	298	58.77	+ 3
White Irish	2	0.39	+ 2

Age range at date of admission

Age Group at Date of Admission	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
0-4	126	24.80	+ 1
5-9	77	14.97	+ 8
10-14	120	23.62	- 16
15-18	186	36.61	+ 25

Category of Need

Category of Need	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
Absent Parenting	63	12.40	+ 2
Abuse or Neglect	310	61.02	+11
Disability	17	3.34	+ 1
Family Dysfunction	38	7.51	- 2
Family in Acute Stress	47	9.25	+ 7
Low Income	1	0.19	Same
Parental Illness or Disability	25	4.92	Same
Socially Unacceptable Behaviour	6	1.18	- 1
Cases other than C.I.N.	1	0.19	

Placement Split

Placement Split	Total	%	+/- since 31.03.09
Residential Homes in-house	17	3.34	- 6
Residential Homes external	47	9.25	+ 13
Foster Care (in house)	211	41.53	Same
Foster Care (IFA)	162	31.88	+ 2
Placed For Adoption	30	5.90	- 4
Others	41	8.10	- 8

Care Leavers –

	Total	+/- since 31.03.09
Care Leavers	188	+ 23
Care Leavers with Children	27	+ 6

1 care leaver currently pregnant.
 19 x care leavers with 1x child
 5 x care leavers with 2 x children
 *3 x care leavers pregnant
 3 x care leavers with 1 x child and pregnant (*not inclusive of above figure)
 3 x care leavers with 1 x child adopted
 1 x care leaver with 1 x child on a residence order and pregnant.

Asylum Seeking Children – currently as of 31.01.10 = 94 (+ 3 since 31.03.09)

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 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 24 since 31 March 2009.

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 – 24 February 2009.