

**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD – PERFORMANCE REPORT – Appendix 1**
**November 2016**
**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with the most up to date performance overview in relation to Children in Care and to highlight results from April 2016 to September 2016. Performance commentaries have been provided by the service.reg

Reference	Indicator	Statistical Neighbour Average	Out-turn 15/16	Apr 16	May 16	Jun 16	Q1	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sep 16	Q2	YTD	Service commentary
CC-1 (E)	Number of children in care as at September 2016. (rate per 10,000)	797.3 (96.3)	588 (90.5)	592	590	600	600 (91)	593	601	605	605 (91.8)	605 (91.8)	Demand for Social Care services remains high with a significant number of requests for children to become Looked After in quarter two; CAFCAS have stated that last year's national 30 year high in terms of children coming into care court activity has been exceeded in 2016. High quality support interventions with identified families are supporting some of our children on the edge of care to remain at home with their families. Exit planning continues to be a focus. Performance regarding CiC per child 10,000 population shows 5 extra children have become children in our care in this quarter at 91.8 per 10,000 population. Our data is better than that of similar Councils, comparing us to 96.3 per 10,000 in our statistical neighbour group. The monthly children in care analysis meeting provides further focus on our looked after children cohort, in terms of exit planning and monitoring. Our weekly placement panel also continues to examine all purchased placements; we reduced high cost external residential placements by nine in the previous financial year.
CC - 4 (E)	The number of children discharged as a result of an Adoption Order.	58	45	5	2	4	11	5	2	0	7	18	We are slightly below our previous performance figures, when compared to quarters one and two of the last financial year; however we have a number of permanence cases in the workflow at the moment. We are actively home-finding with Profiling Evenings and Adoption Activity Days continue to support with placing children, including attendance at Adoption Exchange Days throughout the UK and the in-house Home Finding Working Group continues to pursue family finding for our children. A new Big Ticket workstream will add further impetus and focus to timescales. A DfE challenge regarding adoption timelines led to acknowledgement that we pursue adoption for our children regardless of the challenges.
CC-5 (E)	The number of children discharged as a result of a Special Guardianship Order.	26.5	21	3	1	1	5	1	0	0	1	6	As above.
CC-6 (E)	The number of children discharged as a result of a Child Arrangement Order / Residence Order.	16	20	3	0	1	4	2	1	4	7	11	As above.
CC-8 (NI62)	The percentage of Children in Care that have had three or more placement moves in the previous 12 months	10.3%	12.9%				13.4%				11.1%		Our performance at the end of quarter two is good. This is represented by a 1.8% reduction in the number of children who experienced three or more moves in the last 12 months when compared to the 2015/16 out-turn.  Factors that have contributed to our performance include training and support available to Foster Carers and improved placement matching.  The raw number for this measure is 65 of 558.

CC-9 (NI63)	The percentage of Children in Care who have lived in the same placement for at least 2 years	67.2%	70%	70.6%	72.2%	70.3%		70.7%	71.5%	71.7%		71.7%	Our mid-year performance is in line with the Statistical Neighbour Average, on target and showing an improvement on performance when compared to the previous year, with 1.7%% more children experiencing two or more years in the same placement.  The raw number for this measure is 124 of 173.
CC-10 (R )	The percentage of Children in Care reviewed within the appropriate timescale	Local measure different than that collected nationally.	98%	98.4%	98.6%	98.5%	98.4%	97.8%	97.1%	96.9%	94.4%	96.9%	A 0.4% increase in the number of children reviewed within the appropriate timeframe was recorded for the first quarter of the 2016/17 financial year. Our YTD performance is 1.1% below our 2015/16 performance.  The raw number for this measure is 694 of 716.
CC-11 (R )	The percentage of reviews where the child participated	Local measure different than that collected nationally.	97%	78.5%	80.2%	87.2%	90.3%	90.7%	91.9%	91.9%	94.8%	91.9%	In the second quarter there has been a 4.5% increase in performance when compared to the previous quarter. Work is underway to ensure Independent Reviewing Officers meet with all children prior to reviews as this offers a participation opportunity.  The raw number for this measure is 514 of 559.
CC-12 (E)	The percentage of Children in Care with an up-to-date health assessment	91% (CIC 12 month) Different cohort.	76.9%	71.6%	71.2%	71.6%		71.6%	84%	86.8%		86.8%	We still face challenges with Health Assessments being undertaken when children are placed out of the Local Authority. Performance has however improved from the 2015/16 out-turn by 9.9 % to 86.8%.  The raw number for this measure is 472 of 544.
CC-13 (E)	The percentage of Children in Care with up-to-date dental checks	90% (CIC 12 month) Different cohort.	80.1%	85.2%	84.2%	83.7%		82%	77.2%	77.2%		77.2%	There has been a recent dip from 80.1% at end of 2015 /16 to 77.2% in quarter two, in the percentage of children with up-to-date dental checks.  Colleagues in health are working towards embedding a recall system. This will involve follow up activities being initiated by health care professional where it has been established that a young person is not registered and / or does not have an up-to-date dental check. Follow up activities may include contact being with the primary carer who will be instructed to undertake remedial action within a specified timeframe.  The raw number for this measure is 420 of 544.
CC-14 (E)	The percentage of Children in Care with an up-to-date Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)	N/A	65.3%	63.5%	64.7%	63%		59.6%	62.7%	68.5%		68.5%	Improving the quality and number of up-to-date SDQs remains a priority. Following our continued participation in the national NSPCC project that focuses on the emotional well-being of children in care, strategies using SDQ scores to measure outcomes are to be embedded. Strategies will drive performance in this area. We have improved by 3.2% against the 2015/16 out-turn.  The raw number for this measure is 283 of 413.
CC-19 (R )	The percentage of applicable (Eligible, Relevant and Former relevant) young people with a Pathway Plan started within the last 6 months.	Not collected nationally.	94.7%	97.9%	94.5%	93.4%		90.1%	86.1%	93.8%		93.8%	YTD figures show that we have fallen 0.9% below the 2015/16 out-turn. We need to improve our performance in relation to the number of young people with a Pathway Plan started. The focus remains on improving performance so that targets can be met, or surpassed. Our focus is also to ensure that Pathway Plans (for Eligible young people) produced at Looked After Children Reviews are quality assured.
CC-20(R )	The percentage of applicable (Eligible, Relevant and Former relevant) young people with a Pathway Plan completed/authorised in the preceding 6 months	Not collected nationally.	80.8%	83.2%	82.7%	81.3%		73.7%	71.2%	78.3%		78.3%	Performance shows slight decline of 2.5% on the 2015/16 year end. Staff will continue to work towards improving this figure.

CC-25 (E)	The percentage of Children in Care with a completed Personal Education Plan (PEP)	Not collected nationally.	95%									50.8%	<p>This figure appears to represent a significant downturn in performance. What this actually represents is the impact of a data cleansing exercise, initiated following recognition of a deficiency in the previous system. The new Virtual School Head is currently gathering information and conducting an audit of data regarding PEPs; the governing body and the Virtual School PEP co-ordinator continue to hold regular meetings with the Children in Care management team, to discuss the PEP completion rate and identify where they are incomplete.</p> <p>Consistent with the latest Department for Education conditions of offer, the Virtual School Head already expects all schools to demonstrate how they use Pupil Premium funding to close any achievement gaps for all LAC pupils.</p> <p>The Virtual School Head continues to drive PEPs and we are confident that together we will continue to make swift progress towards all children having a current and high quality PEP in place.</p>
CC-29 (R)	The percentage of placements that are within 20 miles of Nottingham	88.4%	83%				81.7%					83.9%	<p>The figures for the second quarter show a small increase in the number of children placed within 20 miles of Nottingham. Activities that have contributed to this increase include regular placement panels where all elements of a placement are reviewed, including location.</p>
CL-7 (R)	The percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation (17-21 years old)	81.1%	89.6%				67.2%					71.4%	<p>The focus on preparing our young people for independence continues, this cohort measured of 65 is impacted upon by small movements, because some of our young people have returned to parents which impacts on this indicator, alongside some entries to custody. Quarter two has seen a 4.2% improvement. There are assurances from the team that this out-turn should improve further. Challenges in the wider housing market do impact on availability of suitable homes for our young people, but our strong links with Nottingham City Homes help in reducing the challenges.</p>
CL-8 (R)	The percentage of care leavers in employment, education or training (17-21 years old)	48.8%	65.9%				55.2%					61.4%	<p>The number of Care Leavers in EET remains well above the Statistical Neighbour Average by 12.6% based on current figures, despite a dip between the 2015/16 out-turn and quarter one performance. The designated Personal Advisor for EET remains crucial in driving performance for this marker.</p>