

PERFORMANCE REPORT

To: **Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee**

Meeting Date: **17 July 2019**

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Electoral division(s): **All**

Purpose: **To report on the performance of services for Children in Care and Care Leavers as required in legislation and fulfilling the purpose of monitoring and offering advice.**

Recommendation: **The Sub-committee is asked to review performance for Children in Care and comment on the themes and trends identified in this report.**

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Summary:

The data referred to within this report reflects the position on 31 July 2019.

- As of 31 July 2019, 788 Children in Care are supported by the Council.
- 57% of Children in Care are male, 43% are female.
- 9% of Children in Care have a diagnosed disability.
- At the end of July 2019, 53.1% of children (excluding unaccompanied asylum seeking children) are living out of county and of those 36.1% are living more than 20 miles over Cambridgeshire's borders.
- 86.2% of unaccompanied asylum seeking young people are living out of county.
- The proportion of Children in Care being visited within the statutory timescales is 90.9 % in May 2019.
- The number of Children in Care reported as going missing has been as follows; 22 in June 2019 and 36 July 2019
- There were 15 children adopted in June-July 2019.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This report provides the Sub-Committee with an overview of performance of services for Children in Care and Care Leavers for June and July 2019. The full performance report can be found in Appendix 1.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 As noted in previous reports, there have been difficulties in the capturing and analysis of data around Initial Health Assessments (IHA) for Children in Care. We are continuing to improve our oversight and address challenges with our health colleagues as this is a shared target. A multi-agency working group has reviewed the joint protocol and process which support this work and implemented changes to improve matters. A further meeting to consolidate this work will be held on the 9 September 2019.
- 2.2 Adoption Activity: There were 15 children being adopted in June and July 2019. No children who were adopted in these two months were waiting for more than 14 months to be placed with their adoptive families.
- 2.3 The percentage of children who have been visited within statutory timescales is currently reporting at 90.09 % which is just below our set target of 95%.
- 2.4 There continues to be a slight rise in the total numbers of Children in Care over these two months.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

n/a – no proposals being made

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

n/a – no proposals being made

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

n/a – no proposals being made

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

n/a

3.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

n/a

3.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

n/a

3.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

n/a

3.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

n/a

3.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

n/a

3.7 Public Health Implications

n/a

Source Documents	Location
None	