

External Placements – Scrutiny Board Enquiry

A number of lines of enquiry were established at the first Children’s scrutiny Board review meeting in respect of placements of Looked after Children. This report details the statistical information requested at the last meeting and should be read in conjunction with the report presented to the meeting on 8th September 2011.

Ethnicity data

Children Looked After at 2010/11 year end

MainEthnic	SubEthnic	female	male	Grand Total
Any Other Ethnic Group	Any Other Ethnic Group	5	20	25
	Chinese	1	1	2
Asian or Asian British	Any Other Asian Background	2	14	16
	Bangladeshi		2	2
	Indian	3	2	5
	Pakistani	15	15	30
Black or Black British	Any Other Black Background	3	2	5
	Black - African	24	20	44
	Black Caribbean	7	9	16
Mixed / Dual Background	Any Other Mixed Background	21	30	51
	White and Asian	11	27	38
	White and Black African	10	10	20
	White and Black Caribbean	36	35	71
White	Any Other White Background	14	11	25
	Gypsy / Roma	4	6	10
	White - British	485	600	1085
	White - Irish	2	1	3
Grand Total		643	805	1448

MainEthnic	SubEthnic	Total
Any Other Ethnic Group	Any Other Ethnic Group	1.7%
	Chinese	0.1%
Asian or Asian British	Any Other Asian Background	1.1%
	Bangladeshi	0.1%
	Indian	0.3%
	Pakistani	2.1%
Black or Black British	Any Other Black Background	0.3%
	Black - African	3.0%
	Black Caribbean	1.1%
Mixed / Dual Background	Any Other Mixed Background	3.5%
	White and Asian	2.6%
	White and Black African	1.4%
	White and Black Caribbean	4.9%
White	Any Other White	1.7%

	Background	
	Gypsy / Roma	0.7%
	White - British	74.9%
	White - Irish	0.2%
Grand Total		100.0%

Children Looked After as at 26th September 2011

Ethnic Type	No of CLA	% of CLA
White	1136	78.30%
Black or Black British	61	4.20%
Mixed	179	12.30%
Asian or Asian British	46	3.20%
Information Not Yet Obtained	4	0.30%
Middle Eastern	10	0.70%
Any Other Ethnic Group	12	0.80%
Chinese	2	0.10%
Chinese or Other	1	0.10%
Total No of CLA	1451	100.00%

Asylum Seeking Looked After Children

	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10
Total LAC	1,406	1,426	1,440	1,424	1,419	1,415	1,430	1,420
UASC (included in total LAC count)	58	57	59	61	61	58	55	53
UASC as % of total LAC population	4.1%	4.0%	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%	4.1%	3.8%	3.7%

	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11
Total LAC	1,420	1,425	1,439	1,443	1,432	1,440	1,440	1,447	1,437
UASC (included in total LAC count)	45	50	n/a	51	47	45	43	44	44
UASC as % of total LAC population	3.2%	3.5%	n/a	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%

Placements in Leeds from other Local Authorities

There are 194 children on the list of placements in Leeds made by another Local Authority. Other Local Authorities have a duty to inform us when a child is placed in Leeds but do not have a statutory duty to inform us when they leave. This number may therefore include a number of children who are no longer living in Leeds.

These children will have universal service provision as children living in Leeds and will be known to individual service providers but as we are not the responsible Local

Authority we do not collate information on their needs and this would be difficult to achieve within existing resources.

A number of independent children's homes, providing services for children from other Local Authorities have recently opened in Leeds. These homes do not require planning permission unless provision is for more than 6 children. A meeting between LAC Services and City Development services has been arranged to discuss this issue and seek improved communication.