Committee: Corporate Parenting Panel

Date: 24 April 2009

Title of Report: Looked After Children (LAC) Statistics

By: Director of Children's Services

Purpose of Report: To update the Panel on changes in the last quarter

Recommendation: The Corporate Parenting Panel is recommended to note the contents

of the report

## 1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 Services for looked after children are funded from the Children's Services base budget, supplemented by the Care Matters Grant.

## 2. Supporting information

- 2.1 LAC Statistics are attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 As end of March figures are not yet available, the period covered in this report is only 2 months (January and February). During this period, there were no significant changes in LAC placements or in the number of children supported by residence orders and special guardianship orders. The heavy demand for parent and child placements continues, with 9 placed at the end of February (2 in house and 7 in agency placements).

## 3. Conclusion and recommendation

3.1 The Panel is recommended to note the report.

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Local Members: All

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None** 

## CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AS AT MONTH END DATE

Accommodation Type	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	<u>Jun-08</u>	<u>Jul-08</u>	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	<u>Jan-09</u>	Feb-09	
Foster Placements	367	372	369	361	358	368	368	354	352	355	353	358	
Of these:													
In House fostercarers	272	274	269	266	262	265	266	245	245	242	242	245	
Kinship fostercarers	47	49	47	46	46	51	52	52	52	60	61	63	
Agency fostercarers	48	49	53	49	50	52	50	57	55	53	50	50	
Placed For Adoption	12	12	8	14	17	21	22	26	33	35	33	34	
Lodgings	3	2	3	2	2	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	
ESCC Residential	15	17	18	18	18	17	17	17	18	18	18	18	
Other Residential	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	4	4	5	7	7	
Special Education	13	13	14	15	15	15	17	18	18	15	13	12	
Placed With Parent	22	21	21	21	21	21	20	25	26	24	24	23	
Absconded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hospital/NHS Establishment	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Prison Estab/Secure Unit	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	
Total	439	444	439	436	439	453	455	450	458	459	455	460	
Legal Status Type	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	<u>Jun-08</u>	<u>Jul-08</u>	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08	<u>Jan-09</u>	Feb-09	
Residence Orders	85	87	90	91	97	101	104	106	111	114	116	114	
Special Guardianship Orders	5	7	8	9	14	13	13	13	13	12	13	13	
Total	90	94	98	100	111	114	117	119	124	126	129	127	