

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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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

