

Committee: **Corporate Parenting Panel**  
Date: **23 July 2010**  
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**

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

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**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 The most recent LAC Statistics are attached as **Appendix 1**.

2.2 Between April–June 2010, the upward trend in the number of LAC has continued with a rise of 21 children in this quarter. This is in line with the wider experience nationally.

2.3 During this quarter, the number of children in foster care has increased by 24, of whom 9 are placed with in house foster carers. There are two additional children with kinship carers. The pressure on the fostering service has continued and it is now at full capacity on some days, resulting in an increase of 13 agency fostering placements in this period.

2.4 The number of children placed with prospective adopters has dropped by 1 over this period. Activity rates are obviously closely allied to individual care planning for children and activity at panel remains steady.

2.5 The number of children subject to a Care Order placed at home with their parents stands at 18. These placements are monitored rigorously in order to mitigate any risk factors.

2.6 The number of children subject to Residence Orders or Special Guardianship Orders has increased to 180 over this quarter.

2.7 The heavy demand for parent and child placements continues. At the end of June we had 8 parent and baby placements provided by independent fostering providers and 3 provided in house by East Sussex parent and baby foster carers.

2.8 The current situation is that Acorns has 3 children in full time placement and the Bungalow has 2 children. This stems from various reasons including one child who has been effectively abandoned to our care and another for whom there has been a family breakdown. Planning is underway for all of them.

2.9 During this period 2 East Sussex children have been subject to secure orders on welfare grounds with both of them secured in in-house provision at Lansdowne.

**3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendations**

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**

<b>Accommodation Type</b>	<b>Jul-09</b>	<b>Aug-09</b>	<b>Sep-09</b>	<b>Oct-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Jan-10</b>	<b>Feb-10</b>	<b>Mar-10</b>	<b>Apr-10</b>	<b>May-10</b>	<b>Jun-10</b>
Foster Placements	400	398	399	406	413	413	415	426	428	448	454	452
<i>Of these:</i>												
<i>In House fostercarers</i>	276	271	275	275	284	291	296	300	297	307	310	306
<i>Kinship fostercarers</i>	65	66	60	67	66	63	62	62	62	64	61	64
<i>Agency fostercarers</i>	59	61	64	64	63	59	57	64	69	77	83	82
Placed For Adoption	13	15	12	16	14	15	17	19	20	19	19	19
Lodgings	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
ESCC Residential	20	23	24	24	23	24	23	22	19	21	21	21
Other Residential	8	8	9	9	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Special Education	13	13	14	14	14	15	15	14	16	16	16	15
Placed With Parent	16	16	14	15	15	18	19	18	19	17	17	18
Absconded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital/NHS Establishment	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Prison Estab/Secure Unit	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	2	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>538</b>
<b>Legal Status Type</b>	<b>Jul-09</b>	<b>Aug-09</b>	<b>Sep-09</b>	<b>Oct-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Jan-10</b>	<b>Feb-10</b>	<b>Mar-10</b>	<b>Apr-10</b>	<b>May-10</b>	<b>Jun-10</b>
Residence Orders	123	126	131	134	138	141	140	140	138	140	140	144
Special Guardianship Orders	19	22	25	28	28	27	28	26	30	32	35	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>180</b>
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