

Committee:	<b>Corporate Parenting Panel</b>
Date:	<b>10 October 2014</b>
By:	<b>Director of Children's Services</b>
Title of Report:	<b>Looked After Children (LAC) Statistics</b>
Purpose of Report:	<b>To update the Panel on changes in the last quarter</b>

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

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## **1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 Services for LAC are funded from the Children's Services base budget and supported with transformation money agreed within the Thrive budget and with an Adoption Reform grant.

## **2. Supporting information**

2.1 The most recent LAC statistics are attached as Appendix 1. It is important to be aware that the figures are a 'snapshot' at the end of each month and therefore mask considerable activity throughout the months.

2.2 Between the end of June and the end of September 2014, there were 22 fewer children overall. Looking at subsets of children, it is apparent that two fewer unaccompanied asylum seeking young people have become LAC. Agency foster care numbers have increased by one and agency residential numbers have decreased by two. The number of children placed in house with ESCC foster carers has decreased by 21. We would expect to see that rise again as families return from summer holidays and children settle back into school.

2.3 The number of children with kinship carers has remained stable. The number of parent and baby placements has decreased by one.

2.4 The number of children placed with prospective adopters has risen by seven at the end of the quarter. Activity rates are obviously closely allied to individual care planning for children.

2.5 The number of children subject to a Care Order placed at home with their parents has decreased by six. Planning for placements of this sort is always monitored rigorously in order to mitigate any risk factors and agreement to begin or end a placement with parents is given at a senior level.

2.6 The number of children subject to Residence Orders has risen by 19 with 14 additional children becoming subject to Special Guardianship Orders.

2.7 At the end of the quarter, no East Sussex children were secured.

2.8 At the end of the quarter we have three young people placed in bed and breakfast accommodation and more work is being done on this in line with the Ofsted Action Plan.

## **3. Conclusion**

3.1 LAC numbers are closely monitored by the management team and also within the overall Thrive programme.

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Local Members: All

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

Appendix 1

<b>Accommodation Type</b>	<b>Oct-13</b>	<b>Nov-13</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>	<b>Jan-14</b>	<b>Feb-14</b>	<b>Mar-14</b>	<b>Apr-14</b>	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>
Total Foster Placements	481	474	464	472	466	473	473	472	478	477	468	460
<i>Breakdown of total foster placements:</i>												
<i>Foster Care - ESCC Approved</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>299</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>320</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>298</i>
<i>Foster Care - Kinship</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Foster Care - Agency</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>114</i>
<i>Foster Care - Parent &amp; Baby</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Foster Care - Supported Lodgings</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>
Placed For Adoption	33	34	37	34	35	29	30	26	27	29	33	34
Bed & Breakfast	6	3	1	0	2	4	4	3	4	4	3	3
Supported People Accommodation	1	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	2	3
Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential - East Sussex Home	18	18	18	18	18	18	20	20	22	19	21	20
Residential - Agency Residential Care	15	18	17	16	17	16	16	18	18	19	17	16
Residential - Schools	6	7	7	9	9	9	9	7	7	7	7	7
Residential - Secure	1	2	4	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	1
Residential - Other	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
Prison / Youth Offending Institution	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	0
Placed With Parent	14	16	17	16	17	14	12	12	14	12	10	8
Hospital/Health Setting	4	3	4	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
Absconded	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>Total Looked After</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>558</b>

<b>Legal Status Type</b>	<b>Oct-13</b>	<b>Nov-13</b>	<b>Dec-13</b>	<b>Jan-14</b>	<b>Feb-14</b>	<b>Mar-14</b>	<b>Apr-14</b>	<b>May-14</b>	<b>Jun-14</b>	<b>Jul-14</b>	<b>Aug-14</b>	<b>Sep-14</b>
Residence Orders/Child Arrangement Order	232	235	240	241	247	250	251	251	250	254	260	269
Special Guardianship Orders	246	257	259	259	262	269	272	274	278	283	288	292
<b>Total</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>561</b>