

Corporate Parenting Panel

25 January 2019

Weekly Looked After Children Numbers



Report of Helen Fergusson, Head of Children's Social Care, Durham County Council

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Corporate Parenting Panel with additional detail and further breakdown of the weekly Looked After Children numbers

Executive summary

- 2 Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel receive a breakdown of the Looked After Children numbers to highlight fluctuations throughout the month.

Recommendation(s)

- 3 Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel are recommended to:
 - (a) Review the report and weekly Looked After Children information, noting the lag due to papers deadlines (11 January 2019 is the latest information available at the time of the report being written).

Background

- 4 Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel have historically received an update on the number of Looked After Children, that was current at the 'point in time' of each Corporate Parenting Panel meeting.
- 5 At the April 2018 Corporate Parenting Panel meeting, members agreed to continue to receive a breakdown of the following information to highlight fluctuations in LAC numbers throughout the month. This information is taken from the weekly LAC updates which are produced by the Children and Young People's Services Systems and Data Team and circulated to relevant Durham County Council Strategic Managers and Officers:
 - (a) Looked After Children numbers by age group and length of time in care
 - (b) Weekly Looked After Children numbers for the previous year.

Background papers

- Appendix 2

Other useful documents

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

No implications

Finance

No implications

Consultation

No implications

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

No implications

Human Rights

No implications

Crime and Disorder

No implications

Staffing

No implications

Accommodation

No implications

Risk

No implications

Procurement

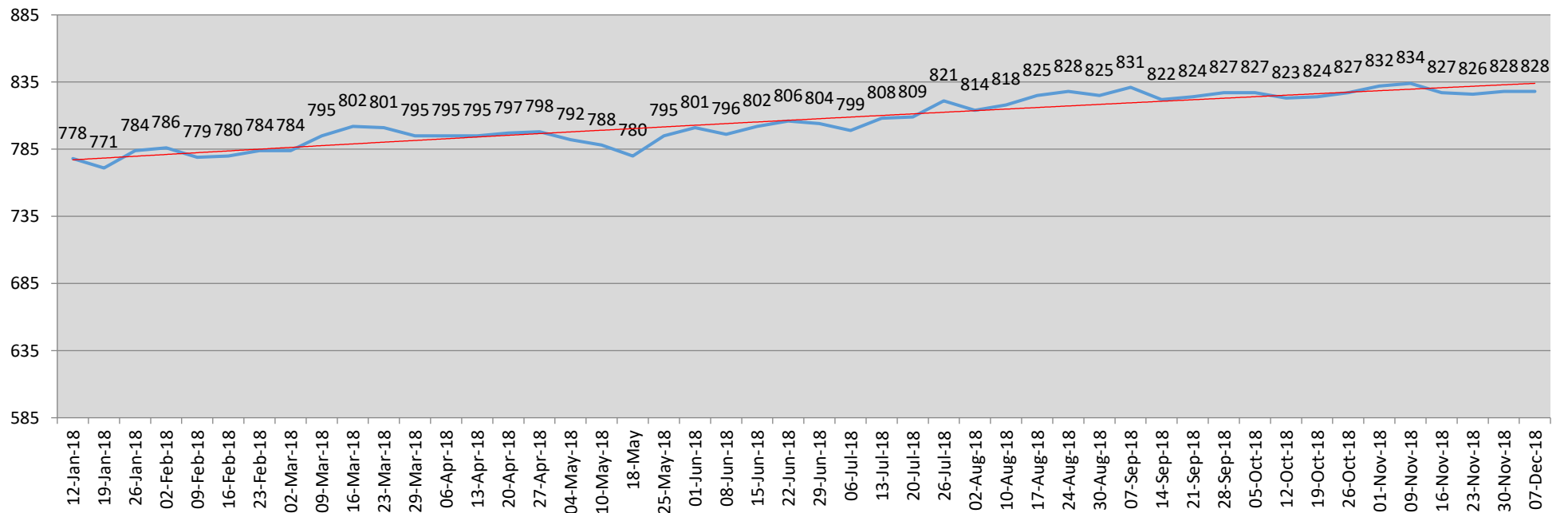
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Appendix 2: Weekly LAC Numbers

7 December 2018

Overall the number of LAC has stayed the same at 828

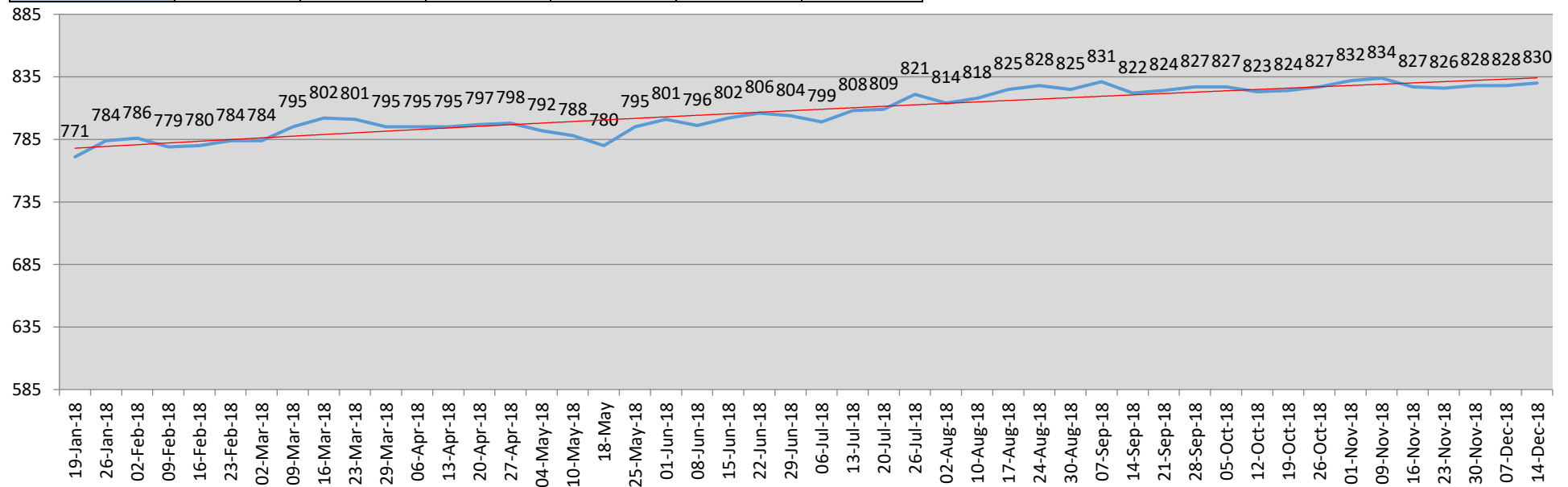
Age Group	Length of Time Looked After					Total
	(a) Under 6 months	(b) 6-12 months	(c) 1-2yrs	(d) 2-5yrs	(e) 5+ yrs	
(a) Under 1yr	39	32				71
(b) 1-4yrs	47	33	56	20		156
(c) 5-9yrs	32	26	29	68	23	178
(d) 10-15yrs	27	21	35	81	137	301
(e) 16-17yrs	14	7	9	27	65	122
Grand Total	159	119	129	196	225	828



14 December 2018

Overall the number of LAC has increased by 2 from last week from 828 to 830

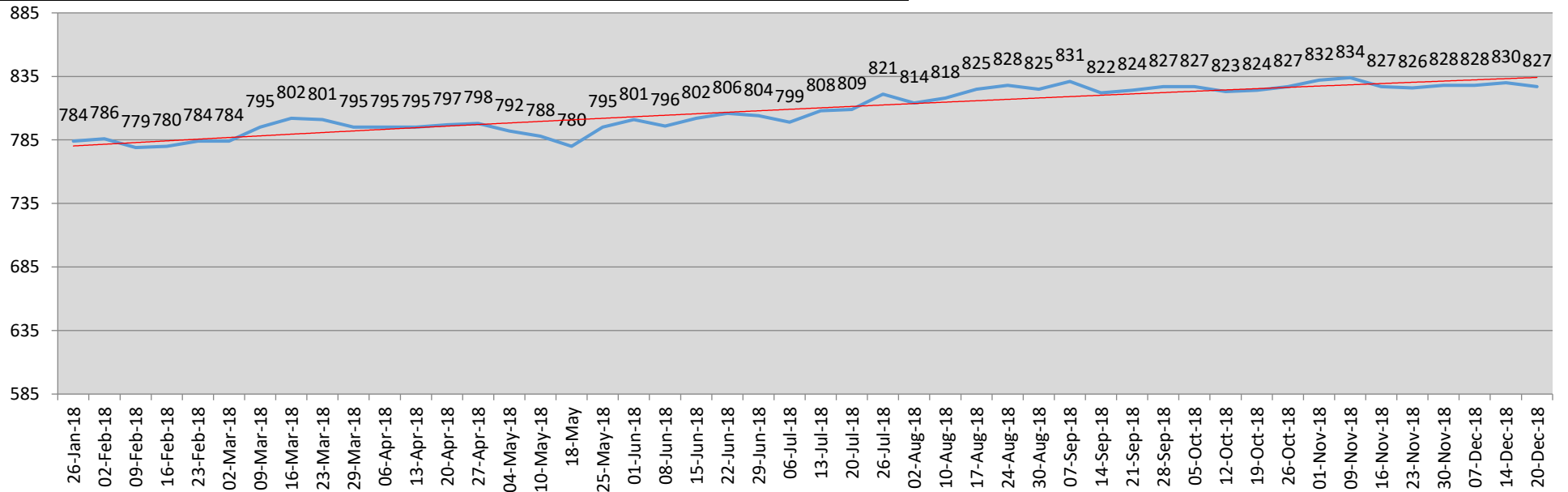
Age Group	Length of Time Looked After					Total
	(a) Under 6 months	(b) 6-12 months	(c) 1-2yrs	(d) 2-5yrs	(e) 5+ yrs	
(a) Under 1yr	41	32				73
(b) 1-4yrs	45	32	56	20		153
(c) 5-9yrs	32	27	29	67	23	178
(d) 10-15yrs	30	21	34	84	137	306
(e) 16-17yrs	14	6	10	26	64	120
Grand Total	162	118	129	197	224	830(+2)



20 December 2018

Overall the number of LAC has decreased by 3 from last week from 830 to 827

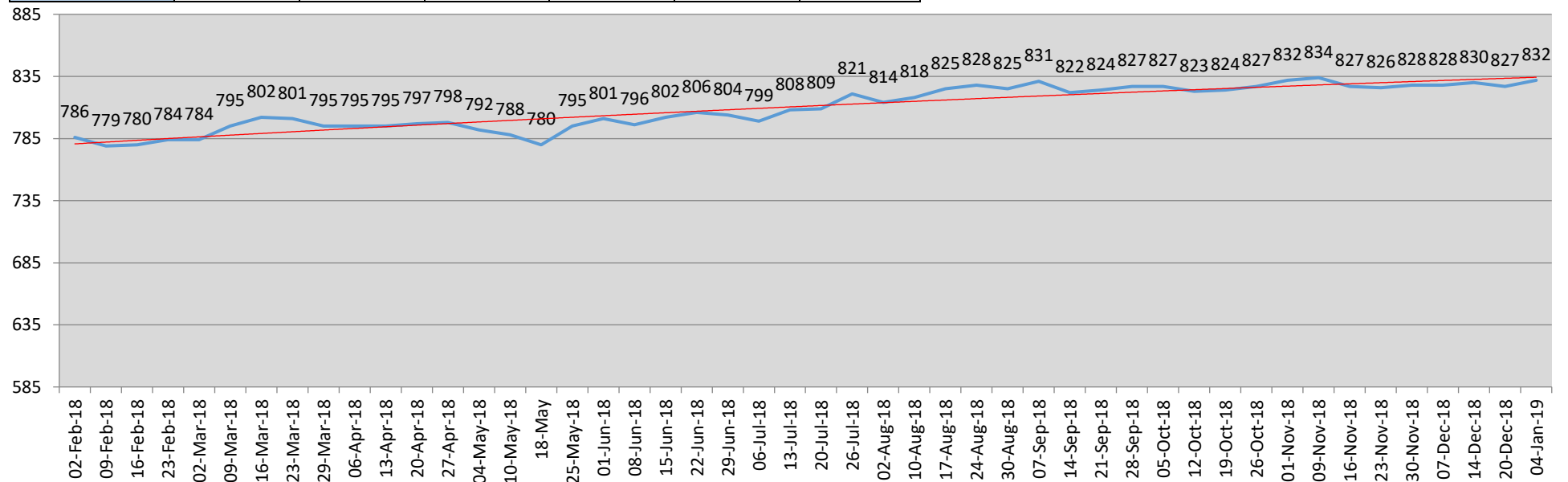
Age Group	Length of Time Looked After					Total
	(a) Under 6 months	(b) 6-12 months	(c) 1-2yrs	(d) 2-5yrs	(e) 5+ yrs	
(a) Under 1yr	41	29				70
(b) 1-4yrs	48	32	53	22		155
(c) 5-9yrs	35	25	29	65	25	179
(d) 10-15yrs	31	21	33	82	136	303
(e) 16-17yrs	12	4	10	29	65	120
Grand Total	167	111	125	198	226	827(-3)



4 January 2019

Overall the number of LAC has increased by 5 from the 20th of December from 827 to 832

Age Group	Length of Time Looked After					Total
	(a) Under 6 months	(b) 6-12 months	(c) 1-2yrs	(d) 2-5yrs	(e) 5+ yrs	
(a) Under 1yr	40	25				65
(b) 1-4yrs	47	30	63	20		160
(c) 5-9yrs	34	28	29	65	21	177
(d) 10-15yrs	32	22	32	84	139	309
(e) 16-17yrs	11	4	10	30	66	121
Grand Total	164	109	134	199	226	832(+5)



11 January 2019

Overall the number of LAC has decreased by 3 from 832 to 829

Age Group	Length of Time Looked After					Total
	(a) Under 6 months	(b) 6-12 months	(c) 1-2yrs	(d) 2-5yrs	(e) 5+ yrs	
(a) Under 1yr	36	27				63
(b) 1-4yrs	48	29	66	20		163
(c) 5-9yrs	31	30	30	64	21	176
(d) 10-15yrs	28	23	32	83	139	305
(e) 16-17yrs	11	4	10	31	66	122
Grand Total	154	113	138	198	226	829(-3)

