

## Corporate Parenting Panel

15 February 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:  
Review the report and weekly Looked After Children information, noting the lag due to papers deadlines (22 January 2019 is the latest information available at the time of the report being written, due to the implementation and migration to a new IT system).

### 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

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **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

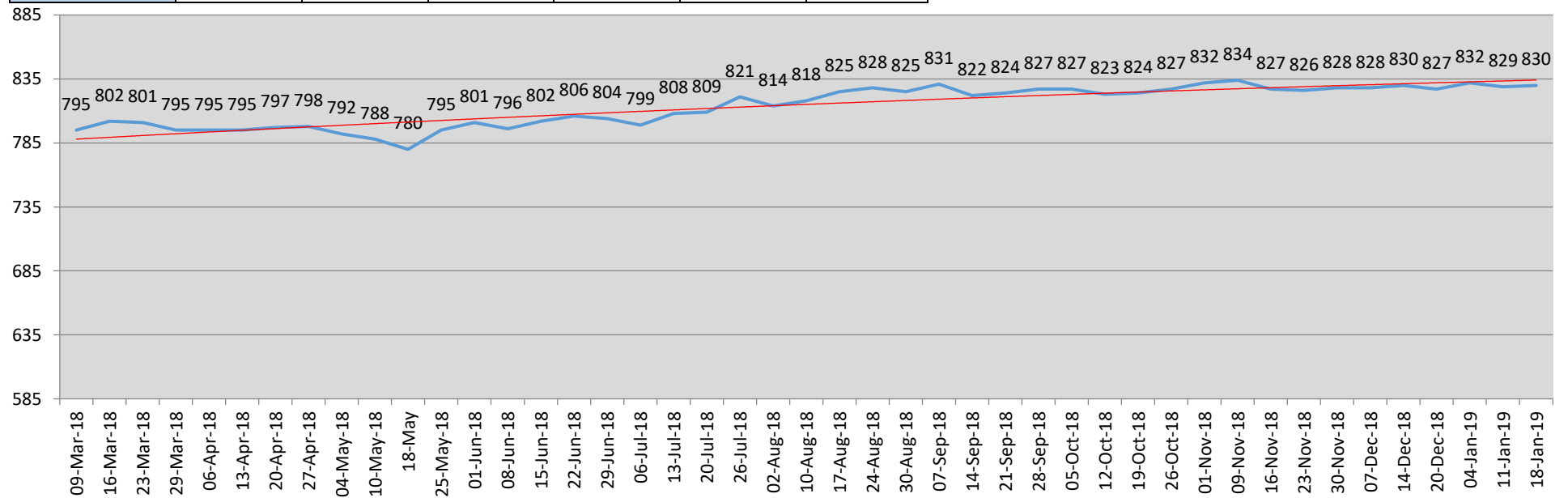
### **Procurement**

No implications

## Appendix 2: Weekly LAC Numbers

**18 January 2019 Overall the number of LAC has increased by 1 from 829 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	37	24				61
(b) 1-4yrs	47	28	67	20		162
(c) 5-9yrs	32	31	31	64	21	179
(d) 10-15yrs	28	23	32	83	138	304
(e) 16-17yrs	12	4	10	31	67	124
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>830(+1)</b>



**22 January 2019**

**Overall the number of LAC has decreased by 11 from 830 to 819**

Note this this is the last weekly LAC report from the current IT system and reflects the state of play as at the end of Tuesday 22 January, in preparation for migration to the new IT system.

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	32	25				57
(b) 1-4yrs	46	31	65	19		161
(c) 5-9yrs	29	32	32	62	21	176
(d) 10-15yrs	26	22	33	83	138	302
(e) 16-17yrs	11	4	9	32	67	123
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>819(-11)</b>

