

## Local Authority Reduction Expectation Plans – Progress Statement (1 April – 30 June 2020)

<b>Newport City Council (NCC) Children’s Service</b>	
<p><b><u>Reduction Expectations – numbers of children in care</u></b></p> <p><b>(NB: Please also provide the total LAC figure minus UASC, and children:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>placed with own parents or other person with parental responsibility, and;</b></li> <li>• <b>children in foster placements with a relative or friend)</b></li> </ul> <p><u>2020/21 proposed reduction</u></p> <p>The number of looked after children on 31.03.2020 was 379. (note reported as 381 last quarter amended due to late recording)</p> <p>And the number on 30.06.2020 was 378 a decrease of 1. (Including UASC)</p> <p>The proposed expectation of change for 19/20 was an increase to 410 and the expectation of change for 20/21 is to hold the current position of 375 – 380. Given all the changes over the past 6 months and the uncertainty looking forward for the coming six months while we will continue to focus on Family Group Conferencing, SGO support and mediation we are very uneasy about predicting major</p>	<p><b><u>Reduction Expectations – numbers of children placed out of county</u></b></p> <p><u>2020/21 proposed reduction</u></p> <p>The number of children placed out of county (inc children outside of Wales) on 01.04.2020 was 128 (excluding UASC). The proposed expectation of change for 20/21 is a figure of 126. We do not have a proposed expectation of significant change for 20/21. The children placed out of county are appropriately placed either with adopters, family members or in settings offering good, safe care and similar offers of such care for these children do not exist in the area. Many of the children are placed in neighbouring LAs. To set a reduction in this area for a return to NCC for any of these children would be to fail to best meet their needs. Similarly if during the course of the year the most appropriate placement for a child is out of NCC for the same sort of reasons then the number out of NCC may increase.</p> <p><u>Achievement to date (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June )</u></p>

changes. The uncertainties are acute and accurate forecasting whilst in the midst of such uncertainty is immensely difficult.

Achievement to date (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June)

CLA total number as at 01 April 2020 = 379

UASC as at 01 April 2020 = 19

CLA as at 01 April 2020 = 360 (Excluding UASC)

CLA total number as at 30 June 2020 = 378

UASC as at 30 June 2020 = 19

CLA as at 30 June 2020 = 359 (Excluding UASC)

Ceased CLA Between 01 April 2020 - 30 June 2020 = 19 (No UASC ceased)

Started CLA Between 01 April 2020 - 30 June 2020 = 18

2 Children started and ceased being looked after in the period 01 April 2020 - 30 June 2020

There were no children that ceased and re-started in the period.

**Out of the total number of CLA on the 31 March 2020**

(Excluding UASC)

The number of children placed out of county on 30 June 2020 was 126 (this includes the 20 children placed out of Wales.)

**Narrative and proposed next steps :**

There are no significant changes from the information provided in the earlier templates. The reasons why children are placed out of county are well rehearsed. Of the 106 currently placed out of county in Wales 33 were with NCC foster carers and in Gwent while 40 were with agency foster carers the majority of whom were in Gwent. 12 were placed for adoption. 3 were with parents and 3 were with other family members.

<p>50 children were placed with own parents or other person with parental responsibility</p> <p>37 children were in foster placements with a relative or friend (inside or outside the LA) (38 inc UASC)</p>	
<p><b><u>Reduction Expectations – numbers of children placed out of Wales</u></b></p> <p><u>2020/21 proposed reduction</u></p> <p>On 01.04.2020 there were 21 looked after children placed out of Wales (Excluding UASC). We do not have a proposed expectation of change for 20/21. The children placed outside of Wales are appropriately placed either with adopters, family members or in settings offering good, safe care and similar offers of such care for these children do not exist in Wales. To set a reduction in this area for a return to Wales for any of these children would be to fail to best meet their needs. Similarly if during the course of the year the most appropriate placement for a child is out of Wales for the same sort of reasons then the number out of Wales may increase.</p> <p><u>Achievement to date (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June)</u></p>	<p><b><u>Reduction Expectations – numbers of children removed from parents with a learning disability</u></b></p> <p><u>2020/21 proposed reduction</u></p> <p>There is no proposed reduction in this area. We will continue to use PAMS methodology, deploy capacity assessments in the court settings, and if appropriate link with adult services colleagues.</p> <p><u>Achievement to date (1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June )</u></p> <p>In the original submission no figures were included for this area. We continue to use PAMs methodology with a number of families. Once again there have been no removals of children during this period from families where either parent was accessing services from adult LD teams.</p>

On 30.06.2020 there were 20 children placed outside of Wales. (21 inc UASC)	
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