



## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL SCORECARD Summary – 2023 10 October

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### 1 Summary of the October 2023 scorecard:

- The number of Children Looked After (CLA) has decreased over the last 12 months – the number of looked after children at the end of October is 238.
  - The number of children entering into care has varied over the last few months, 6 children came into care in October – comparatively 18 children entered care in 2022. Since April there have been 45 entries into care, compared to the same period the previous year there were 100 entries into care.
  - The number of children exiting care decreased in recent months with 9 children exiting care in October.
  - The rate of CLA has also decreased and is now 52.2, below that of comparator groups – statistical neighbours 58.7, South East 56, England 70.
  - There is an overrepresentation of older children aged 16+ (particularly males) when compared to the Slough population of the same age.
  - Children from White, Mixed and Black communities are over-represented whilst those from Asian communities are under-represented.
  - The number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children has decreased since the same time last year, however the proportion of the CLA cohort that are unaccompanied asylum seeking children has remained the same.
  - Performance on Health checks remains strong (although there was a slight decrease in October), whilst Dental checks for CLA are showing improving performance.
  - Long term placement stability for CLA showed an increase in October. Performance is impacted by children returning home, being adopted, foster carers giving notice due to difficulties in managing children's



presenting needs or family circumstances.

- Visiting to CLA within timescales is improving with more children having been seen in timescales and more children seen alone.
- Just over a quarter of CLA live within 20 miles of their home, this has remained stable over the last 12 months
- Children are experiencing fewer changes in social worker – with workforce stability showing considerable improvement.
- Workloads for social workers in the CLA and Support Service have increased over the last few months.
- The number of Care Experienced Young People has decreased over the last few months but remains higher than the same time last year. At the end of October 2023 there were 244 young people a 6% increase from the previous year
  - There is an over-representation of young males aged between 16 and 19 – predominantly because of an increase in UASCs over the last 2 years.
  - Young people from White, Mixed and Black communities are over-represented, whilst those from Asian communities are under-represented.
  - Challenges for young people accessing and remaining in education, employment and training still exist including, childcare, mental health and wellbeing, disruption to accommodation, lack of work experience, developing resilience, being in custody, awaiting outcome of asylum claims as well as concerns around criminal exploitation.
  - The proportion of young people in suitable accommodation remains high.
    - 7 young people are in prison, whilst 3 are in temporary housing and 1 young person is deemed to be of no fixed abode.
  - Current workloads for Care Experienced Young People's Advisors continue to increase.