

## **Children in Care Placement Sufficiency Strategy Update 2018**

This document provides an updated position on statistics for the Children in Care population since the publication of the children in care Sufficiency Strategy in 2016. Figures correct as of **31 March 2018**.

### **Vision (Pg 3, 1.2)**

Additional aims:

- Ensure the majority of children in care will live in Derby or within 20 miles of their home address;
- For our children in care to have access to the local services provided by Derby City Council and partners.

Note: As at 31st March 2018 **311 (63.5%)** of placements for Children in Care were placed outside the city boundary.

### **Profile and Needs Analysis (pg 3, 2.0)**

The number of children in care in Derby as of 31st March 2018 was 491. Of the 491 children in care the largest proportion are aged between 10 – 15 years old (40.1%) which is an increase from 37.5% seen last year. Based on the 2017 data Derby is in line with comparator and national averages in general. There has been a slight decrease in children in care aged 16 and over age reducing from 20% in 2017 to 17.9% in 2018.

March 2017

Under 1	5.1%
1-4 years	15.6%
5-9 years	21.6%
10 – 15 years	37.5%
16 + years	20%

March 2018

Under 1	5.9%
1 to 4	13.4%
5 to 9	22.6%
10 to 15	40.1%
16+ years	17.9%

The largest proportions of children in care are White British (62.3%), Dual Heritage (13.6%) and Asian or Asian British (7.5%).

### **Children in Care placement type (pg 5, 2.4)**

The primary placement types for children and young people in Derby are foster care (71.3%) and children's home placements (10.4%). The largest proportion of foster placements (72%) is with independent foster agencies.

### **Finances (pg 7, 2.5)**

7 - The table below shows a summary of spend on external fostering and children's home placements over the last financial years on services which were purchased using the EMRCF.

Year	Numbers of placements using the framework	Cost of placements using the framework (£)
2016-17	227	12,063,100
2017-18	278	14,367,872

**Admissions and Discharges Data (pg 7, 2.6)**

Derby had 227 children cease care during 2017-18, with 24 adoptions, 39 child arrangement orders and six Special Guardianship Orders granted during 2017-18.

**Placement Location (pg 8, 2.7)**

63.5% of Derby's children in care are placed outside the Derby City Council local authority boundary; 311 children and young people are placed outside the local authority area.

**Independent Fostering Agencies (IFA) (pg 9, 3.2)**

The number of placements purchased from IFA's has increased steadily throughout 2017-18. As at 31st March 2018, 252 children were in IFA foster placements of which (72%) were made through the East Midlands Regional Commissioning Framework and IFA agencies.