

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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UPDATE TO ITEM 9

SOCIAL SERVICES ISSUES - UPDATE ON LOCAL SOCIAL CARE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 5.21 The headline information as of 1 March 2000 has already been circulated.
- 5.22 The number of children on the Child Protection Register remains at 2.8 per 000 population under 18 children. The range for all Unitary Authorities is 1.0 – 7.1 per 000. The self-imposed target under Quality Protects of 2.8 per 000 has been achieved two years ahead of target.
- 5.23 There continues to be no unallocated child protection cases.
- 5.24 The rate of Looked After Children per 000 population under 18 has risen slightly to 5.5 per 000. The range for unitary authorities is between 2.6 and 11.2. The national target is 4.6 per 000 by March 2002.
- 5.25 The number of unallocated children looked after cases has been maintained at nil.
- 5.26 There has been a steady increase in the number of people over 65 requiring support at home in recent months. Home Care Co-ordinators in some areas have had difficulty in meeting these new requests. An increase in purchasing alternative provision from Crossroads and the independent sector has resulted. There were 31 people supported in this way at 1 May 1999. This compares with 70 at 1 March 2000. These agencies are also now reporting difficulties in responding to new referrals.
- 5.27 The number of older people awaiting residential care placements has fallen to 21. Of these, 6 are awaiting funding agreements, 15 are awaiting vacancies in specific establishments. 22 people have either moved to residential care homes or had funding allocated for placements during February.
- 5.28 There are currently 18 people awaiting nursing home placements, a decrease of 1 since 1 February 2000. Of these, 7 are awaiting funding decisions, 11 are awaiting vacancies in specific homes. 21 people have either moved to nursing homes or had funding allocated during February.
- 5.29 The context of future performance reports is soon to be revised following the discussions with Members.

6. **Implications**

6.1 Environmental

None.

6.2 Equalities

Equalities must have a central place in the delivery of quality services.

6.3 Financial

Officers are seeking to achieve the maximum benefit from the new Quality Protects and Modernisation Grants.

6.4 Legal

Some of the White Paper proposals will require primary legislation.

6.5 Staff and Accommodation

Some additional staff are being employed funded by the new grants.

7. **Conclusions**

7.1 Milton Keynes Council has continued to give high priority to the implementation of the modernisation agenda and to the development of responsive effective services.

Background Papers: Monthly key statistics as of 1 March 2000