

ITEM 4

CHILDREN'S QUALITY ASSURANCE PANEL

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INFORMATION ON CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER

Chart and Graph 1.

This chart shows the total number of children on the Child Protection Register in Milton Keynes since May 1997, and the number of unallocated cases, of which there have been none since October 1998.

The local target established in the "Quality Protects" Management Action Plan is to reduce the rate of registration to the national average over a three year period ending in March 2002. The current rate is 3.5 per 000 children aged under 18.

Chart and Graph 2

New national figures just released show that the national average on 31 March 1999 was 2.8.

A comparison with all unitary authorities at that date has been undertaken and this is portrayed on Chart and Graph 2. This shows that Milton Keynes stood at 35th highest out of 46. The current figure (provided other authorities had remained static) would place Milton Keynes at 29th highest out of 46.

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