Corporate parenting: taking responsibility, being accountable

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Corporate Parenting – *taking responsibility/being accountable*

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*"the formal and local partnerships needed between all **local authority depts and services and associated agencies** who are responsible for working together to meet the needs of Looked After Children and Young People, and Care Leavers"*

(We Can and Must Do Better 2007)

Being a good corporate parent –
- Accept responsibility for the council's LAC children/young people
- Make their needs a priority
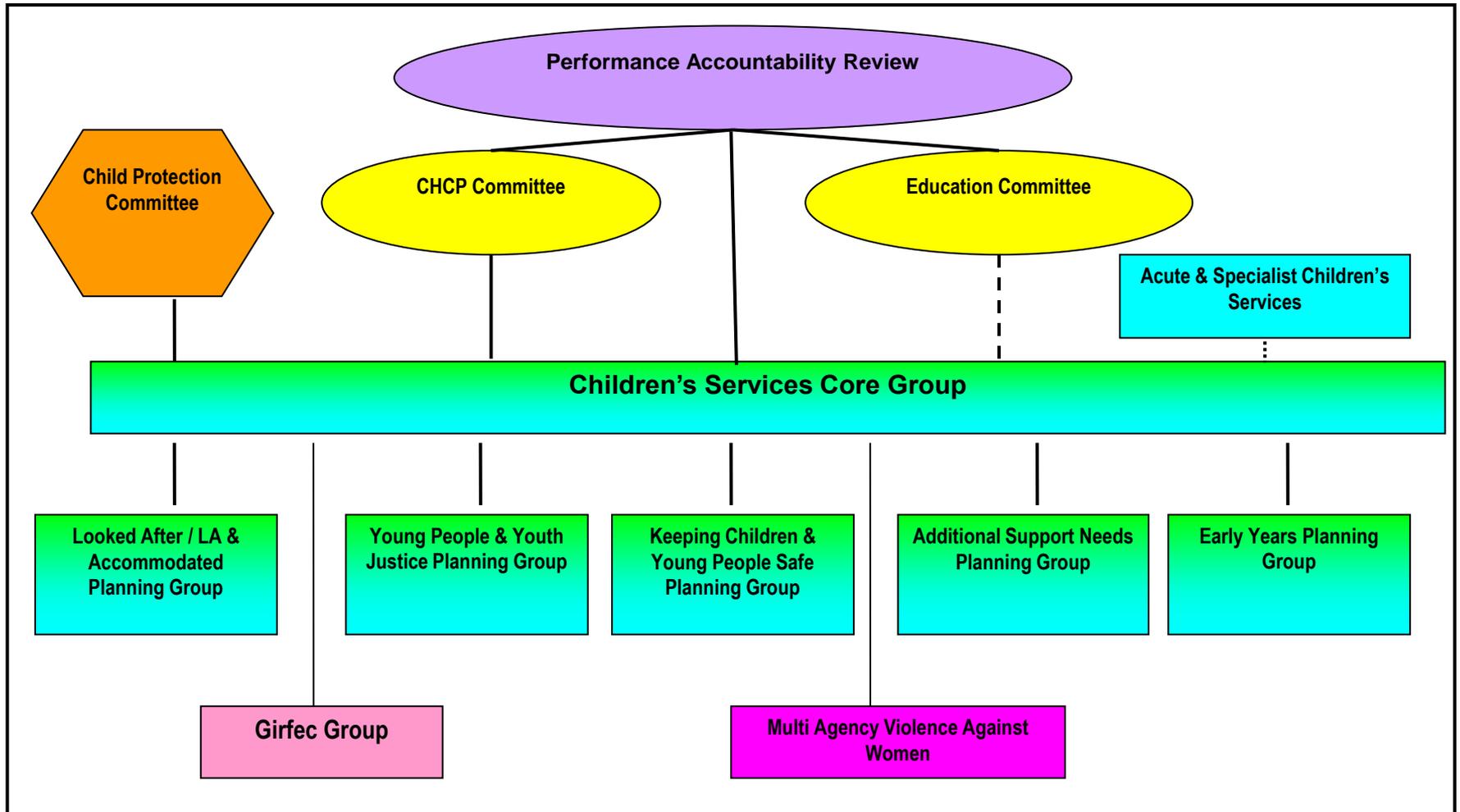- Seek for them the same outcomes any good parent would want for their own children

(These are our Bairns 2008)

Corporate Parents – What do they need to know?

- Who are our looked after children? – profile, gender, age, ethnicity, additional needs, where they live
- Are they meeting their shanarri outcomes
- How do we know they are meeting their outcomes – do we have all the necessary information?
- What is going well? What is not going well?
- What do we need to do more/less of? What do we need to do better?
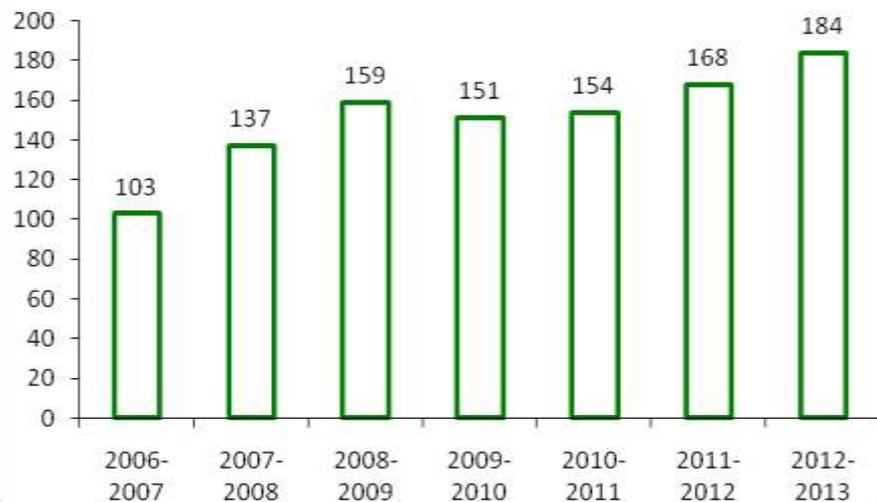- What do children/young people and families/carers say?

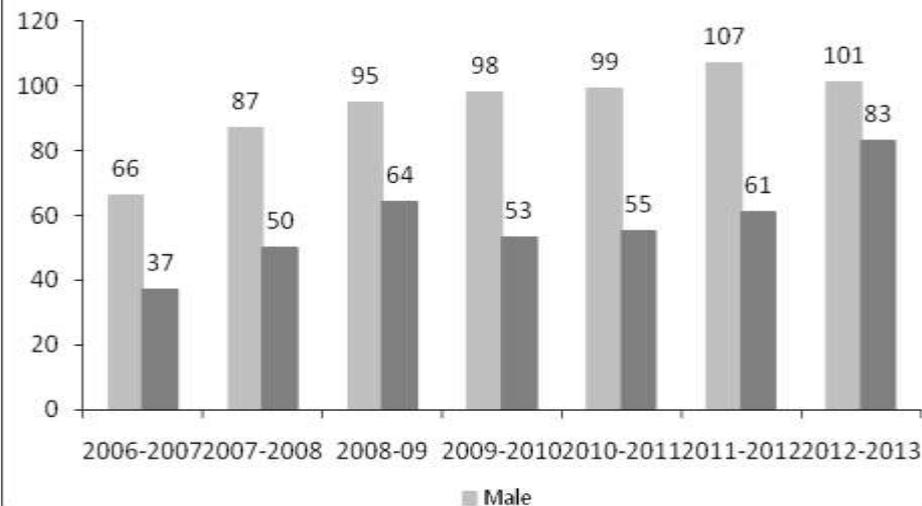# East Renfrewshire's Integrated Children's Planning Structure

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Performance Accountability Review

Child Protection Committee

CHCP Committee

Education Committee

Acute & Specialist Children's Services

Children's Services Core Group

Looked After / LA & Accommodated Planning Group

Young People & Youth Justice Planning Group

Keeping Children & Young People Safe Planning Group

Additional Support Needs Planning Group

Early Years Planning Group

Girfec Group

Multi Agency Violence Against Women

Context

Children Looked After - number by year

Year	Number
2006-2007	103
2007-2008	137
2008-2009	159
2009-2010	151
2010-2011	154
2011-2012	168
2012-2013	184

Looked After Children - gender by year

Year	Female	Male
2006-2007	66	37
2007-2008	87	50
2008-09	95	64
2009-2010	98	53
2010-2011	99	55
2011-2012	107	61
2012-2013	101	83

Increasing number of children looked after rising from just over 100 in 2006/07 to 184 at present.
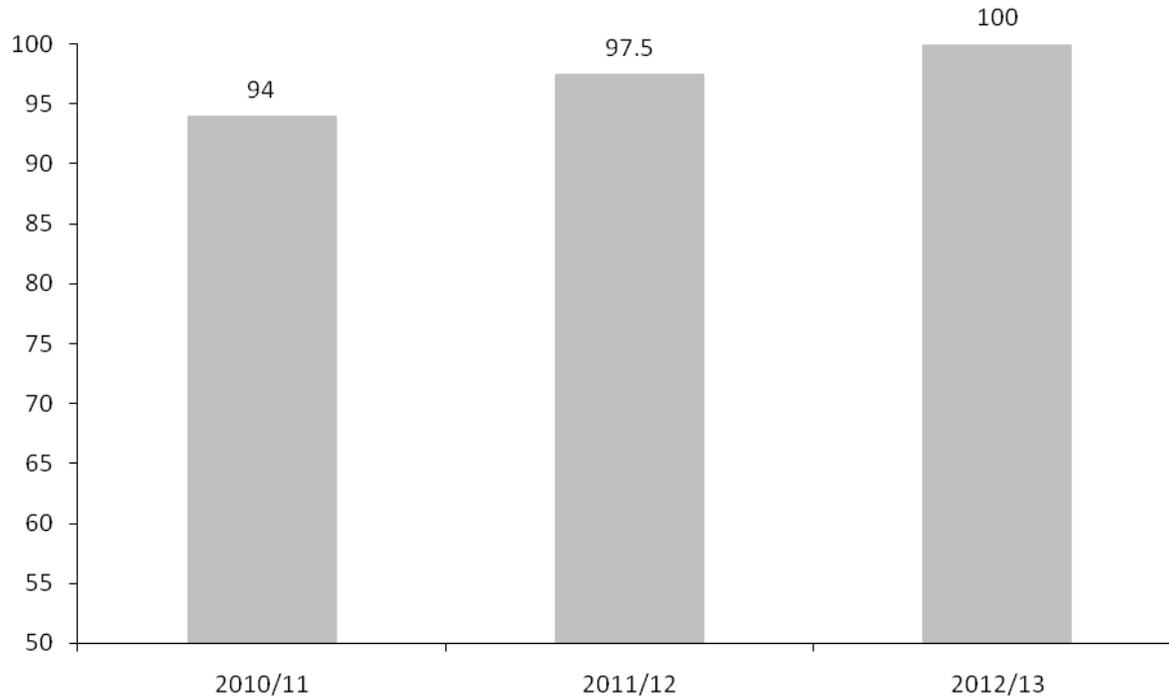
Rising number and share of community placements at home, with kinship carers and with foster carers.

Marked increase in the number of girls being looked after over the period.

Safe

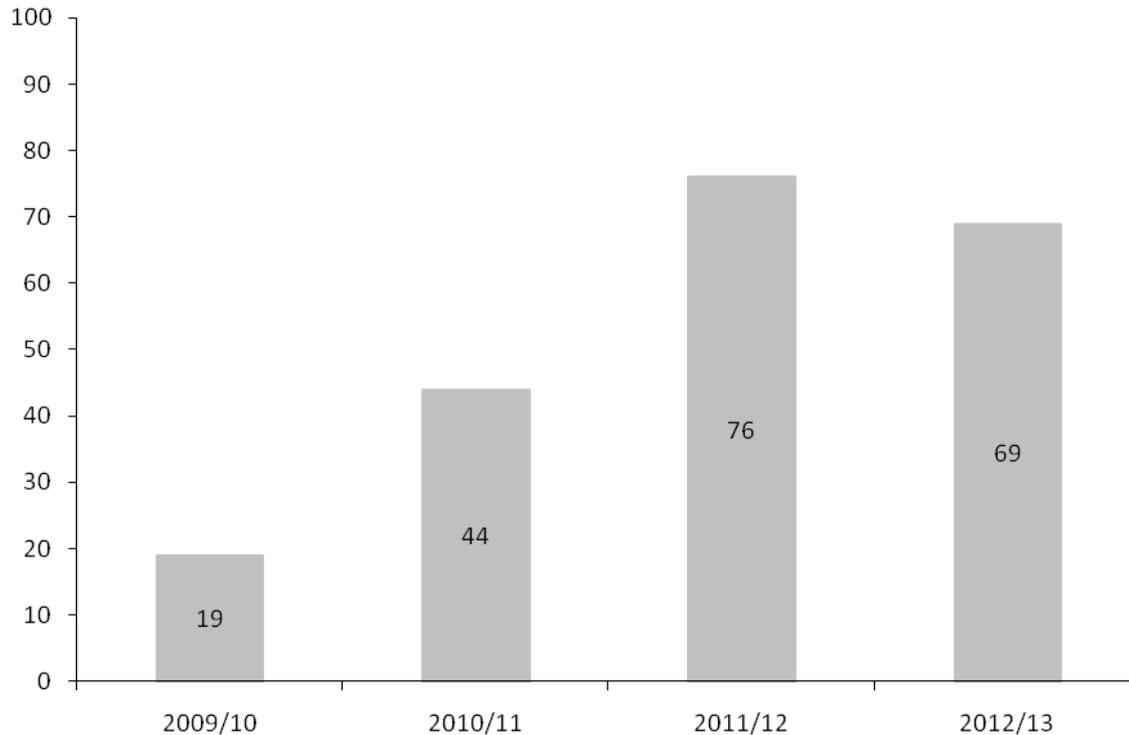Viewpoint - percent positive response to 'do you feel safe where you live?'

An **increase** in children and young people **reporting** that they **feel safe** where they live up to **100%** from **94%.**

Healthy

Looked After Children - number of new health assessments

Year	Value
2009/10	19
2010/11	44
2011/12	76
2012/13	69

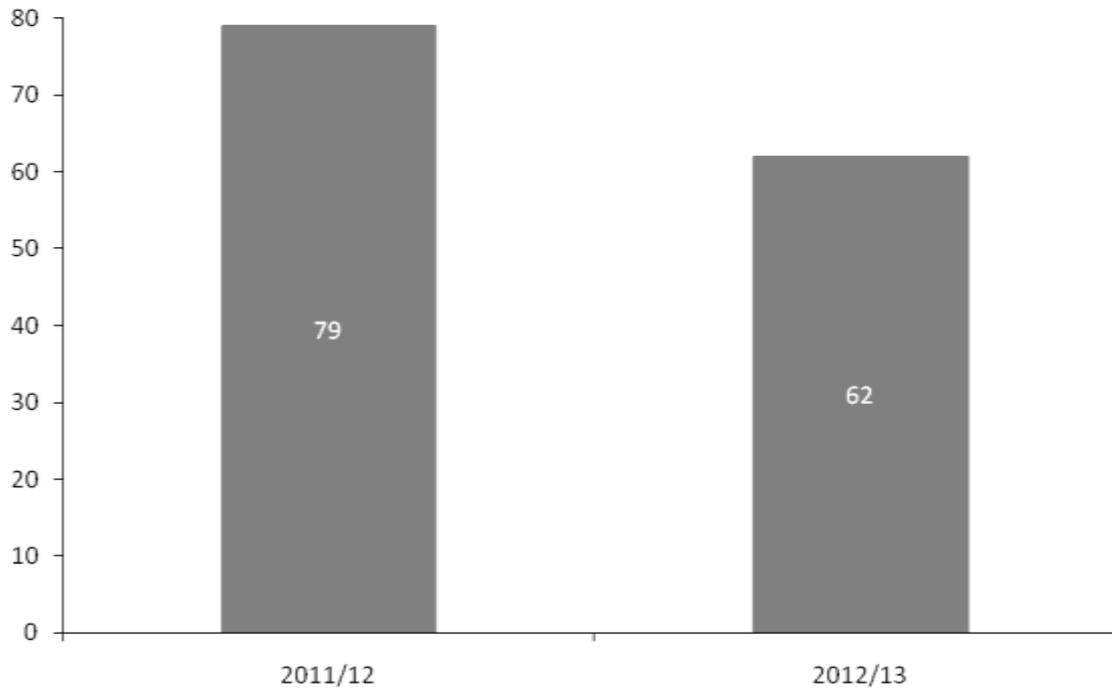Increasing number of new health assessments for looked after children.

- **20%** poor diet
- **44%** dental caries
- **57%** emotional, social issues
- **11%** healthy weight issues
- **Alcohol** and **Tobacco** used by most

Inclusion of reviews in 2012/13 would add to overall total.

Active

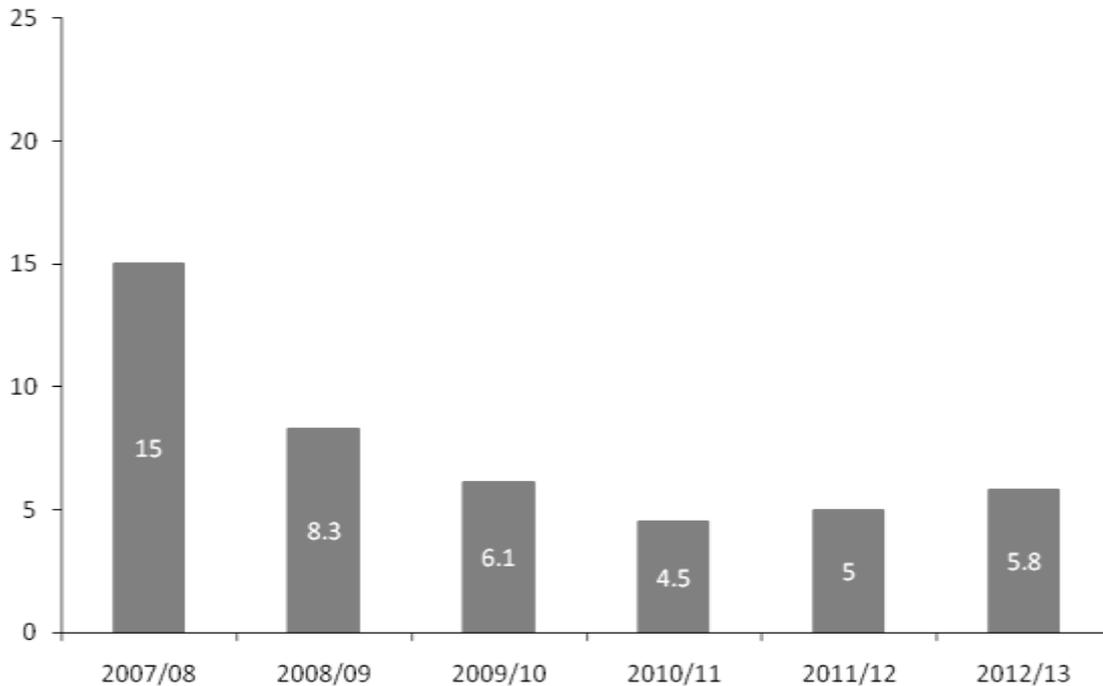Looked After Children - registered for All Access Scheme Leisure Card

62 children looked after registered with All Access Leisure Scheme

This represents around 60% of children looked after at home.

Nurtured

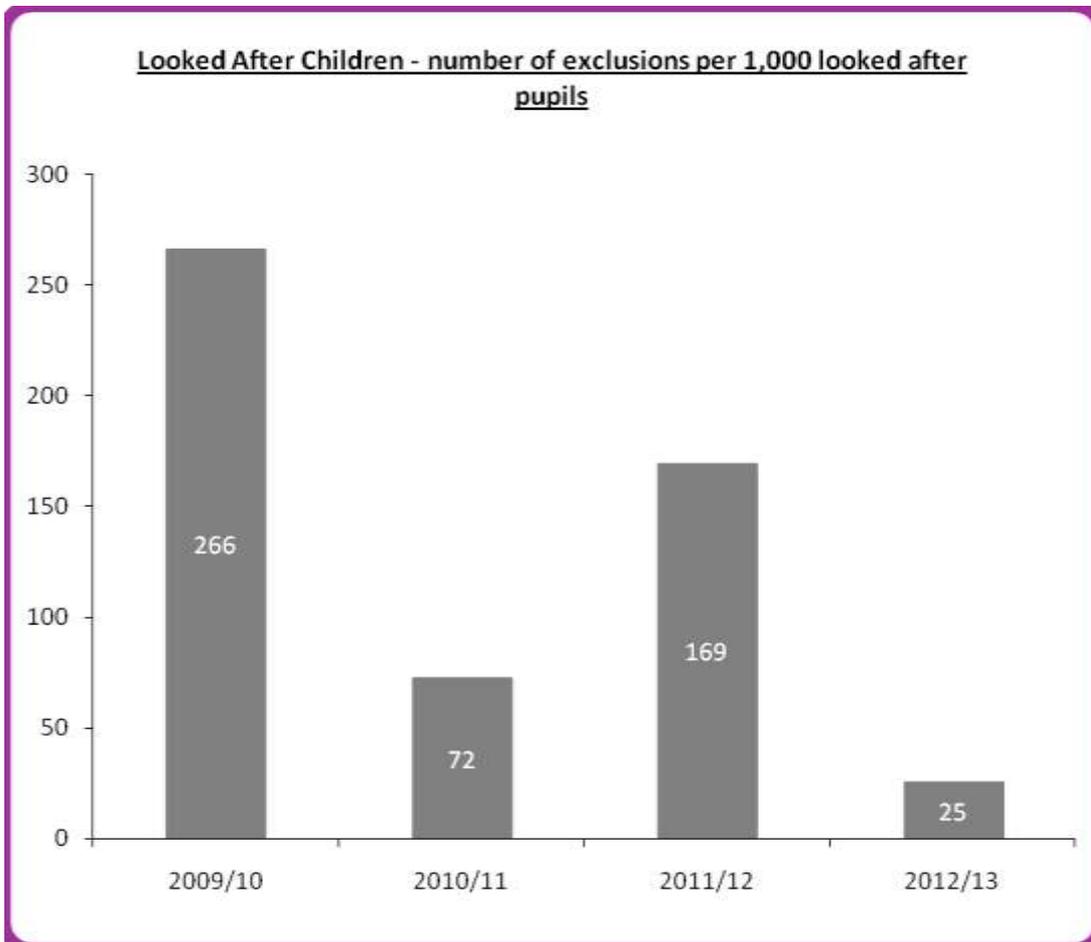Looked After Children - percentage experiencing three or more placement moves

The proportion of children having **three or more placement moves** has **reduced**. Falling from around **15%** to between **5 and 6%.**

Achieving

Looked After Children - number of exclusions per 1,000 looked after pupils

Year	Exclusions
2009/10	266
2010/11	72
2011/12	169
2012/13	25

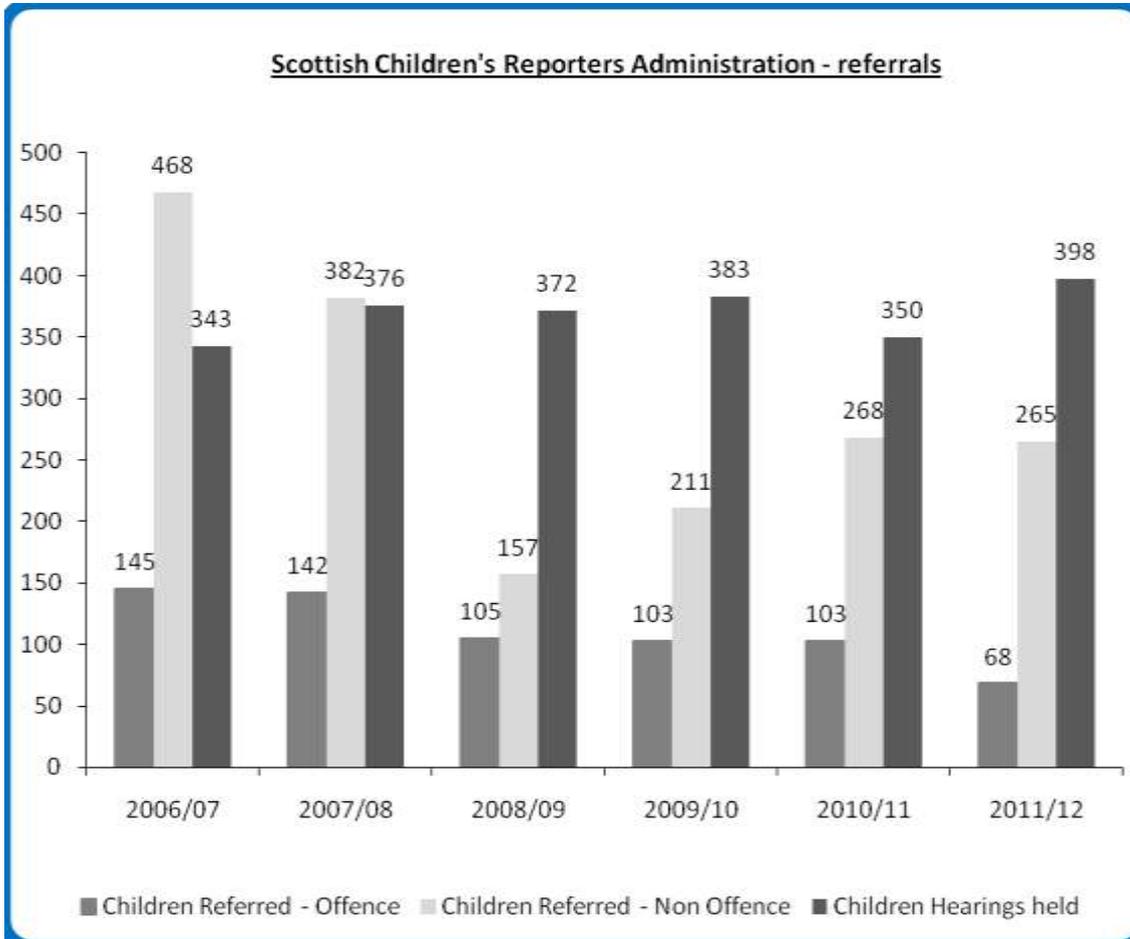**Exclusions** per 1,000 looked after pupils has **reduced**.

We do have fluctuation due to small numbers.

The **three year target** we set has been **met** with exclusions at **25 per 1,000** looked after pupils in 2012/13.

Attendance for looked after children is at around **88 per cent.**

Respected/Responsible

Scottish Children's Reporters Administration - referrals

Referrals to the Reporter had been **increasing over the long-term**.
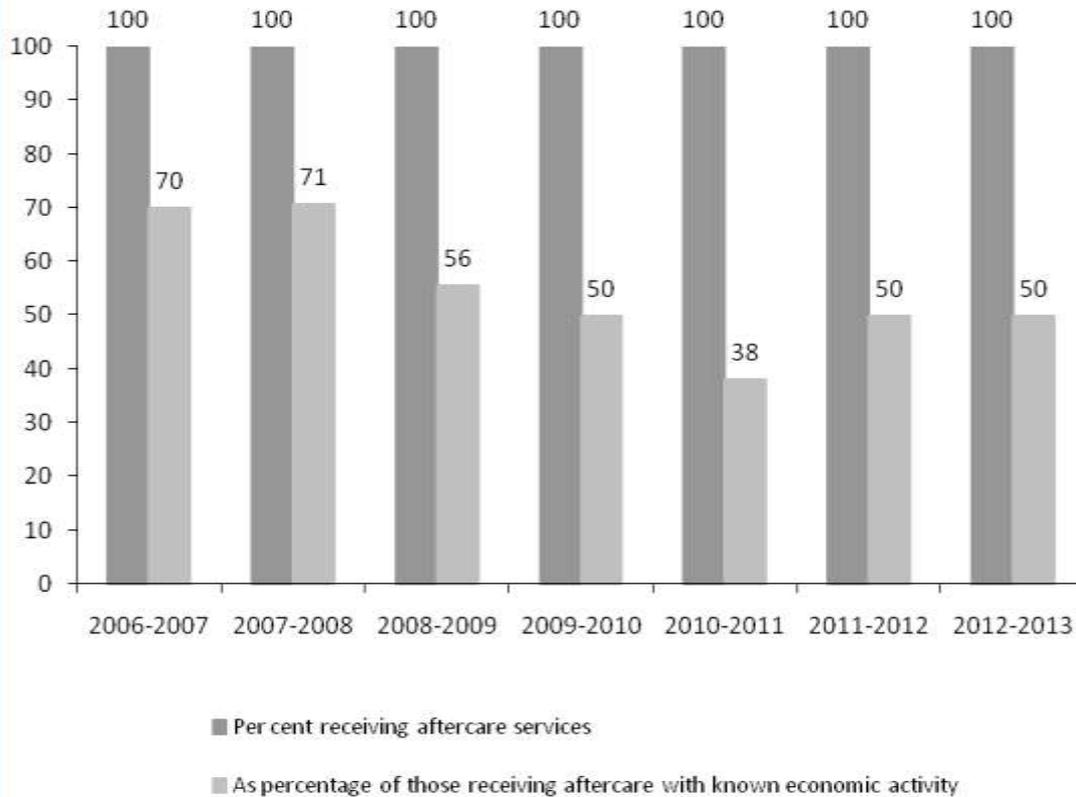We saw the **positive impact of early intervention** halt this.
There seem to be wider **socio-economic** factors putting upward **pressure on referrals** in recent years.
The balance remains consistently in favour of **care and protection.**

Included

Young People Eligible for Aftercare - % receiving aftercare & % in employment, education or training by year

The percentage of young people leaving care **entering positive destinations fell** into the late 2000s.
Since the turn of the decade this has begun to **turn around** with **50%** in employment, education or training in 2012/13.
We expect **initiatives** such as the '**Family Firm**' to have further **positive impact** on this.

Where next?

- Expand suite of PIs

- More qualitative information to complement the hard data

- More benchmarking with appropriate benchmarking local authorities group and Scotland nationally

PIs for future

- Safe – care leavers in their home/neighbourhood
- Healthy – emotional and mental wellbeing
- Achieving - Family firm/MCMC. Use of the Imagination Library
- Nurtured - Housing tenancy/accommodation sustainability
- Active/Inclusion – participation in leisure and sport
- Respected/Responsible – anti social behaviour/offending/criminal justice/addictions
- Inclusion – in decision making