

Departmental Risk/Challenges

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| Children's' Services | | | | | | |
| LAC and Leaving Care | Housing provides support to Families with No recourse to Public Funds - NRPF status, on behalf of Children services, but demand for services in excess of what can be supported within existing budgets. | 225 | 225 | 225 | 225 | A joint working strategy has been agreed with Housing, in order to review these cases and take appropriate action |
| LAC and Leaving Care | Queens Speech - The introduction of the children and social work bill provides all care leavers up to the age of 25 with access to a personal adviser, who will guide and support them on anything from applying for jobs to finding a first place to live. This introduces a new duty of care towards young people who are 21+ and not in education. | 216 | 313 | 403 | 403 | As the changes in the Children and Social Work Bill is new primary legislation some central government funding is anticipated. However previous grant funding to cover increased responsibilities for Care Leavers has fallen short of the full costs of implementing the service enhancements. This risk will be reviewed once the announcement on a funding formula (anticipated spring 2017) for any new grant is made by the DFE. |
| Fostering and Adoption | Tower Hamlets - Risk of backdated claims following the court of appeal ruling that connected persons carers should receive payments on the same level as those of unrelated foster carers. | 2,528 | 2,990 | 3,499 | 3,499 | This risk is currently under review by the service, and individual cases are being resolved as they arise within current budgets. However, a review of policy may be required should risk materialise to a level which is deemed unmanageable. |

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| Special Educational Needs | Travel Care and Support - The reprocurement of the Travel Care and Support contract to increase the quality of travel provision in LBHF. Risk of increased demand & impact of expected minimum wage changes | 72 | 584 | 653 | 717 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand management – the review of the internal application of the travel assistance policy to ensure robust application and review processes in place Establish clear process and mechanism for the identification of children and adults suitable for Independent Travel Training • The procurement of an effective Independent Travel Training contractor • Potential extension of the use of alternative travel options – e.g. personal transport budgets / mileage allowances – where more cost effective to do so. • Route optimisation |
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| Children's' Services Total | | 3,041 | 4,112 | 4,780 | 4,844 | |