

SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department: Education and Social Care	
Name of Service: Out of Area Placement and Additional Resource Packages	
Income:	(000's)
Description: <p>Out of area placements are required when the care and education needs of a young person cannot be met within Moray.</p> <p>Additional resource packages are created when the team around the child believes additional resources might prevent need for an out of area placement.</p> <p>Numbers of out of area placements have shown recent marked increase. Numbers of out of area residential placements including secure care options total 18 and placement with external foster agencies have reached 14.</p> <p>Numbers of additional resource packages have reduced from 10 to 5 with some support financed in other ways.</p> <p>Out of area placements can occur across Scotland and occasionally elsewhere. The additional resource packages are maintained locally.</p> <p>Full reports on Out of Area Placements and Total Cost Packages are provided for Children and Young People's Services Committee on a regular basis. The last report was presented on 22 August 2012.</p>	
Outcomes/ Impact: <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The % of looked after and accommodated children in out of area placement at the end of 2011/12 was 10% against a target of 5.5% (revised to 10.5% based on benchmarking data).(b) The % of looked after and accommodated children in secure care was 1% at the end of 2011/12 against a target of 0.5% (revised to 1% in 2012/13 based on benchmarking data). <p>Contribution to Council priorities:</p> <p>Maintain stable placements for children looked after away from home.</p> <p>Contribution to SOA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Our children have a better start to life and are ready to succeed.(b) Our children are more ambitious and confident and young people are able to fulfil their potential. <p>Other Scottish Government expectations:</p> <p>Improved outcomes for looked-after children.</p>	