

Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Subject: **Performance Monitoring**

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Recommendations:

A. That the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel discuss and comment on the current levels of performance set out in the attached report.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Panel with regular data on the performance of Children, Schools and Families Department and key partners.

2 DETAILS

2.1 At the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel meeting on 5th June 2007 it was agreed that the Children, Schools and Families Department would submit a regular performance report on a range of key performance indicators. This would act as a 'health check' for the panel and would be over and above more detailed performance reports relating to specific areas of the Department's activities - eg annual school standards report; safeguarding performance reports – which the Panel would continue to receive

2.2 This indicator set has recently been refreshed and the current report is the first relating to the new indicator set. It reports data as available at the end of November 2010. Commentary is provided for measures where performance is not reaching targets set or where particularly good performance is being achieved.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

Line 3 Core assessments completed within 35 days

This month's figure is 55%, the YTD figure is unlikely to reach target by the end of the year. A major factor in performance over the year to date has been the relatively high level of staff turnover resulting in frequent handing on of incomplete work and fluctuations in compliance with deadlines. Stability of the workforce has now reached its best level for some time and performance against this measure should now show improvement. It should also be noted that national guidance and inspection feedback is now making local authorities focus more on the quality of assessments – resulting in effective care and intervention plans – and less on the strict compliance with timescale measures. Nevertheless, closer managerial scrutiny of workers undertaking assessments has been put in place and improvements in both timescales and quality should be expected.

Line 7 Child Protection Re-registrations

Re -registration rates are currently above the target of 10% for the year. This measure refers to a relatively small cohort of children and monthly figures are volatile. Expected performance at year end is likely to match national average for 2009-10.

Line 10 % Reviews held for children in care

Two reviews for children in care were late by days during quarter 1 due to administrative delay and ensuring that sufficient notice was given to enable all parties including families to attend. The administrative process that triggers the Looked After Children Reviews has been reviewed to minimise delay and ensure compliance with the statutory time scales.

The percentage of reviews held on time remained good and 7% above the 2009-10 national average. The new management arrangements within the service are expected to maintain and improve performance to the target figure of 100%.

Line 12 % of Children in Care adopted (or made subject to Special Guardianship Orders) during the year

The Adoption Service and Permanency Tracking Group have agreed a targeted approach to family finding for children waiting for adoptive placements. It is expected that prioritising this small group will decrease the time between best interest decision and permanency via adoption or Special Guardianship.

The number of children placed for adoption is influenced significantly by court timescales, however it is expected that there will be an increase early in year 2011.

YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE

Line 13 reduction in Re-offending Rates

Current rates are within target.

Line 14 Proportion of Youth Offenders who are in education, training or employment

Current performance is well above target for 2010/11 and national performance for 2009-10. 7 Young People are NEET, 4 of whom are of statutory school age.

YOUTH SERVICE

Line 16 Youth Service Participation

Youth Service performance continues to consistently meet its participation target.

EDUCATION

Line 19 Outcomes of School Inspections

The new inspection framework started September 2009. To date 11 of 19 schools inspected have been rated good or outstanding, close to the target of 60%.

Line 22 Statements Issued in 26 weeks with exceptions

Current performance is 85%, this is 4% below target. SEN have recruited and have been training case officers and the service is now up to full capacity, so performance is expected to improve in the coming months. Given the changes within health agencies ongoing vigilance is required to ensure timescales do not slip.

SAFETY

Line 23 CYP Road Accidents

In the period from January to September 2010 there was one serious injury and 11 slight injuries to CYP caused by road accidents. Comparator information will be included in the next report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1 The Panel's scrutiny work programme is determined by the members of the Panel

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1 The Panel has agreed to consider the performance report on an annual basis

5. TIMETABLE

5.1 None relating to this covering report

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None relating to this covering report

7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None relating to this covering report

8. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None relating to this covering report

9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None relating to this covering report

10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None relating to this covering report

11. APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT •

Performance data sheet

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None

Performance monitoring for CYP Overview and Scrutiny Panel - January 2011

Line	Indicator	2009-10	National Average 2009-10	Target 2010-11	April	May	June	Quarter 1	July	August	September	Quarter 2	October	November	Traffic Light	Comment
Childrens Social Care																
1	Rate per 10,000 Child Protection Plans	30.9	35.5	36.4	29.0	27.6	28.6		29.0	30.0	26.4		28.8	27.8	Red	
2	% of initial assessments completed within 10 days														Green	
3	% of core assessments completed within 35 days	61%	78%	75%	61%	72%	65%	69%	48%	62%	68%	63%	79%	55%	Red	
4	% of Children with a Child Protection Plan with allocated a social worker	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Green	
5	% of reviews completed within timescale for Children with Child Protection Plans	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Green	
6	% of Children with Child Protection Plans visits due completed on time (Child Seen)	89%		90%	82%	92%	97%		93%	91%	92%		97%	91%	Green	
7	Child Protection Re-registration	7.7%	13.4%	10%	10%	25%	17%		8%	20%	40%		0%	50%	Red	
8	Rate per 10,000 Children in Care	33	58	34	34.0	34.7	35.9		34.7	33.6	32.6		31.9	32.4	Green	
9	% of Children in Care with allocated social worker	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Green	
10	% of reviews held for Children in Care	98%	91%	100%	99%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	Red	
11	Number of Children in Care using in-house foster care	52			52	56	56		56	58	55		53	60	Green	
12	% of Children in Care adopted during the year	8%		9%	2%	2%	2%		2%	2%	2%		4%	4%	Amber	
Youth Inclusion																
13	Young people re-offending (from 4 cohorts presented as one number)	0.96	TBC	1.05				0.33				0.48			Green	
14	The proportion of Youth Offenders who are in education, training or employment	89%	74%	85%				88.5%				93.0%			Green	
15	First Time Entrants to the youth Justice system (aged 10-17)	188		241				50				81			Green	
16	Youth Service: Participation	2102		1700				458				845			Green	
Education																
17	Number of Pupil Exclusions Permanent	19			5	10	12		14	19	0	0	0	1	Green	
18	Number of BME Pupil Exclusions Permanent	9			N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	9	0	0	0	0	Green	
19	Outcome of School Inspections % Excellent/Good	38%	TBC	60%	45%	45%	50% (6/12)	50% (6/12)	54% (7/13)	60% (9/15)	60% (9/15)	60% (9/15)	60% (9/15)	58% (11/19)	Amber	
20	Number of families living in 30% most deprived communities taking up universal services in childrens centres			1783				1037				1498			Green	
21	Statements issued within 26 weeks without exceptions	87%	83%	89%								90.5%			Green	
22	Statements issued within 26 weeks with exceptions	90%	91%	89%								85%			Red	
Safety																
23	CYP Road accidents - reported incidents Fatal/Serious/Slight	TBC	TBC	TBC							0/1/12				Green	

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