

Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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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 - egg annual school standards report; safeguarding performance reports – which the Panel would continue to receive.

2.2 This indicator set has recently been refreshed. It reports data as available at the end of July 2011. 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 2 and 3 Initial Assessments completed within 10 days and Core Assessments completed within 35 days

The last three months has seen a steady rise in completion rates within prescribed timescales for both initial and core assessments. There are reasonable caseloads within the team and the quality of assessments produced is improving. The government has indicated in its response to the Munroe recommendations that it will publish details of proposed changes to required assessment timescales in December 2011. This may include merging the initial and core assessment.

Line 7 Children subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time

The 2010/2011 outturn was 13.5%, which is in line with national rates. The year to date figure is 4.3%, 2 of 46 CYP.

Line 10 % of reviews held for Children in Care

4 reviews were missed. 3 due to recording issues on the information system (Carefirst), this is being addressed through the Carefirst improvement project. 1 review was missed due a late cancellation from an interpreter. Performance at 98% is well above the national rate of 91%

Line 12 Number of children in care adopted during the year (includes SGOs)

To date 2 CYP have achieved permanency. Currently there are 8 CYP either placed for adoption or in the process of receiving SGO's.

Youth Inclusion

Lines 13 Youth Re-offending rates

The definition for this measure is changing, the Youth Justice board will be supplying the definition and data in due course. The previous method was to take the cohort of first time offenders at the start of the year, and track how many offences this cohort committed on a quarterly basis, the number of offence was then divided by the number of young people in the cohort to give the indicator.

Line 15 First Time Entrants to the youth justice system

Youth Justice - prevention services linking YISP/FIP/Parenting support and Triage to the police has significantly brought down first time entry to the criminal justice system again a 59% fall over 3 years. With the move to Sutton police station we need to ensure Triage relationships continue.

EDUCATION

Line 17 Permanent Exclusions – secondary age

Secondary exclusions are above target. 18 Exclusions have been confirmed, this figure is expected to rise to 24 (0.30%) We have seen a rise in permanent exclusions of pupils who are educated in Merton, but live out of borough. Accessing services to prevent permanent exclusion can be difficult for these students. We have seen a rise in exclusions for one off serious incidents. The decision to permanently exclude is the schools. Schools and local authority will continue to work together to prevent permanents where possible and where appropriate.

Line 19 Outcomes of School Inspections

The inspections figure is for those recently inspected or where Ofsted has confirmed. However if we add in all inspection results we have 9 outstanding schools and 28 good schools, so 70% of Merton maintained schools are good or outstanding.

Line 22 Statements Issued in 26 weeks with and without exceptions

Current performance is at 84.8%, 4% below target. Contributing factors to this drop include: an increased volume of requests for statutory assessment and the subsequent issue of statements; vacancies within the team and new staff undergoing training.

SAFETY

Line 23 CYP Road Accidents

E+R are continuing to raise awareness of road hazards with vulnerable road user groups through education programmes, publicity campaigns and training schemes i.e. road safety presentations in schools, information on child car seat fitting and legislation to parents, extensive programme of cycle training and scooter and motorcycle courses, incorporating the Met Police Bike Safe initiative.

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

Line Indicator	National Average 2009-10	Target 2010-11	Target 2011-12	2010/2011 outturn	April	May	June	Quarter 1	July	Traffic Light	Comment
Childrens Social Care											
1 Rate per 10,000 Child Protection Plans	30.9	36.4	35.0	28.6	26.8	25.1	28.4		29.3	Green	Low threshold target dropped
2 % of initial assessments completed within 10 days			75%	63%	43%	29%	44%	38%	58%	Red	
3 % of core assessments completed within 35 days	61%	75%	75%	65%	54%	35%	57%	48%	64%	Red	
4 % of Children with a Child Protection Plan with allocated a social worker	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	Green	
5 % of reviews completed within timescale for Children with Child Protection Plans	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%		100%	Green	
6 % of Children with Child Protection Plans visits due completed on time (Child Seen)	89%	90%	93%	94%	97%	99%	94%	97%	95%	Green	
7 Children subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time	8%	10%	10-17%	13% (16/119)	33% (2/6)	0%	0%	6%	0%	Amber	YTD is 4.35%, 2 of 46
8 Rate per 10,000 Children in Care	33.0	34.0	35.0	31.4	30.7	31.0	32.4		31.7	Green	Low threshold for target dropped
9 % of Children in Care with allocated social worker	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	Green	
10 % of reviews held for Children in Care	98%	100%	100%	98%	100%	97%	98%	98%	98%	Red	
11 Number of Children in Care using in-house foster care	52		N/A	53	50	48	55		49		
12 % of Children in Care adopted during the year	0	0	12 CYP	10% (11)	0	2% (2)	2% (2)		2% (2)	Amber	
Youth Inclusion											
13 Young people re-offending (from 4 cohorts presented as one number)	96%	1.05	1.03	1.01				N/A			
14 The proportion of Youth Offenders who are in education, training or employment	89%	85%	85%	88%				93%		Green	
15 First Time Entrants to the youth Justice system (aged 10-17)	188	241	200	144				20		Green	
16 Youth Service: Participation	2,102	1,700	1,700	2,531				363		Green	
Education											
17 Number of Pupil Exclusions Permanent Secondary	19		0.15%		11 (0.14%)	12 (0.15%)	15 (0.19%)		18 (0.22%)	Red	11/12 Outurn expected to be 24 (0.3%)
18 Number of BME Pupil Exclusions Permanent Secondary	9		N/A		7 (0.14%)	7 (0.14%)	7 (0.14%)		8 (0.16%)		
19 Outcome of School Inspections % Outstanding/Good	38%	60%	TBC	67%	67%	67%	67%		67%	Green	
20 Number of families living in 30% most deprived communities taking up universal services in childrens centres		1,783	2,891	2,395				1,342		Green	
21 Statements issued within 26 weeks without exceptions	87%	89%	89%	91%							
22 Statements issued within 26 weeks with and without exceptions	90%	89%	89%	85%							
Safety											
23 CYP Road accidents - reported incidents Fatal/Serious/Slight	N/A	N/A	N/A		0/1/13						Killed/Serious/Slight - January to April

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