

Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny

Date: 13th March 2019

Wards: All wards

Subject: Performance Report March 2019

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Recommendations:

- A. Members of the panel note the contents of the performance report and discuss current performance and the changes proposed to the scrutiny performance framework by the panel's performance leads
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides members of the panel with performance information to the end of January 2019 along with quarterly performance measures where available.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Work continues with re-establishing performance reporting following implementation of Mosaic. The performance report attached demonstrates further progress made in this regard. As such we have refreshed the figures accordingly.
- 2.2. Performance indicators where the service is currently under-performing are:
- No. 2 Single assessment in 45 days. Performance is continually improving and we are now reporting 88% in time.
 - No.11. The percentage of children that became subject to a child protection plan for the second or subsequent time is now above the national average and significantly above the London average and at the top of the Merton acceptable range of variation. The Head of QA has undertaken a swift review and has concluded that 26 children are subject to a repeat child protection plan. The key category of need is Domestic Abuse. Given that the factors to be considered are multiagency the Head of QA will be undertaking a more detailed review of the casework undertaken.

- 2.5. There are a range of performance indicators where we are currently performing particularly well, but of significant note are:
- No. 9. After a dip in performance over September to November we are reporting 98% of child protection reviews completed on time
- Nos. 33 and 34. Our young people not in education employment and training continues to remain at a low level, currently 1.5%. However, when we explore those who are NEET 10.2% of the cohort are SEN support and 31.7% of that cohort are NEET.

- 2.6. One area which remains a challenge to report on is:
- No 6: Number of family groups subject to child protection plans. The development of group work is now scheduled for April 2019 with completion by September 2019. Until the system has been configured reporting will not be available

- 2.7 **Please note:** No 28. Secondary Exclusions have been reported incorrectly at the last meeting, but are now correct. We now have 1 Primary Exclusion.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

No specific implications for this report

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

No specific implications for this report

5 TIMETABLE

No specific implications for this report

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

No specific implications for this report

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

No specific implications for this report

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

No specific implications for this report

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

No specific implications for this report

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

No specific implications for this report

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

- Appendix 1: Performance report

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None