

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **7 September 2020**

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## **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q4 2019/20**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Members with an update on performance against key performance indicators.

### **Summary**

2. This report provides Quarter 4 (January – March) 2019/20 performance information in line with an indicator set agreed by Monitoring and Coordination Group on 2 July 2018, and subsequently by Scrutiny Committee Chairs.
3. It is suggested monitoring focuses on issues and exceptions, and relevant Assistant Directors will be in attendance at the meeting to respond to queries raised by the committee regarding the performance information contained within this report.
4. Where indicators are reported annually, quarterly updates will not be available.

### **Where are we performing well?**

5. 17.2% of re-referrals were repeated within 12 months, which is better than the target of 18%.
6. 100% of children with a Child Protection Plan and 100% of Children Looked After have been allocated to a qualified social worker.
7. Year to date, 0.6% of children who had their Child Protection Plan (CPP) ceased, had been subject to a CPP for 2 years or more. This continues to remain below the target of 5%.
8. 89.0% of statutory looked after children visits were completed within the timescale performance against this indicator has continued to improve throughout the year as a result of being closely managed.
9. 73.6% of looked after children aged under 16 (who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years), had been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years.
10. 94.3% of looked after children who were due a review health check received them within the required timescale.
11. 90.2% of looked after children who were due a review dental check received them within the required timescale.

12. 28.1% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET).

### Where do we need to improve?

13. 86.8% of referrals were screened and completed within 1 day, slightly below target of 90%.

14. 89.5% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the Strategy meeting being held/Section 47 being initiated.

15. Timeliness of assessments is 88.7%, and although this is just below target of 90% (at 88.7%), it is important that social workers have time to undertake good quality direct work. It is under constant monitoring, whilst balancing the time taken and good social work practice.

16. 92.0% statutory child protection visits were completed within 15 working days, with 79.6% completed within our internal aspirational target of 10 working days. The key indicator of 15 days however performs well.

17. The rate of looked after children has increased and is currently 120.1 per 10,000 population (270 children), compared to 117.2 per 10,000 population (264) last year. This continues to be a priority focus of our work and the Strengthening Families Programme.

### **Recommendation**

18. It is recommended:

- a) That performance information provided in this report is reviewed and noted, and relevant queries raised with the appropriate Assistant Director.

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### **Background papers**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report supports the Council's Crime and Disorder responsibilities
Health and Well Being	This report supports performance improvement relating to improving the health and wellbeing of residents
Sustainability	This report supports the Council's sustainability responsibilities
Diversity	This report supports the promotion of diversity
Wards Affected	This report supports performance improvement across all Wards
Groups Affected	This report supports performance improvement which benefits all groups
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework
Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) by involving Members in the scrutiny of performance relating to the delivery of key outcomes
Efficiency	Scrutiny of performance is integral to optimising outcomes.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report may have an impact on their emotional and physical health, social development, education and future employment.