

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4 JANUARY 2021

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q2 2020/21

Purpose of the Report

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

Summary

2. This report provides Quarter 2 (July – September) 2020/21 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. There has been a positive decrease in the number of missing episodes that young people in care have had when compared to Quarter 2 2019/20 (from 31 episodes to 18).
6. 91.6% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days of the Strategy meeting being held / section 47 being initiated, which remains higher than our statistical neighbour, regional and national average benchmarks.
7. 100% of children with a Child Protection (CP) plan, and 100% of Children in Care (CiC) have an allocated social worker.
8. Year to date no child has ceased to be subject to a CP plan who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years, we continue to positively perform below our targets of 5%.
9. 89.4% of children received a statutory CP within 10 working days year to date. This is in line with the target of 90% and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (78.0%).
10. 6.0% of Children in Care (CiC), as at September 2020, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This performance is better than the internal target (10%), national (10%), statistical neighbour (9.2%) and regional averages (9%) and an improvement on the 11.9% as at September 2019.
11. 93.2% of statutory CiC visits were completed within timescale year to date.

12. 7.2% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at September 2020. This is a positive performance and below target of 10%.
13. 25.0% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET) and 100% were in suitable accommodation.

Where do we need to improve?

14. 77.3% of referrals were screened and completed within 1 day during Quarter 2 2020/21 giving us a year to date performance of 80.6%, below the target of 90%.
15. 22.4% of re-referrals year to date, were repeated within 12 months, above the target of 18%.
16. Timeliness of assessments is 80.4% which is below the target of 90%, reasons for this are analysed and monitored by the Head of Service.
17. At the end of September 2020, the percentage of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 10.6%.
18. The number of Children in Care has increased to 302 by the end of September 2020, this continues to be closely managed. However, delays in children ceasing care have occurred during the period due to closure of courts in response to government guidance regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, which has kept the number high.
19. 81.7% of children due a review health assessment year to date had one completed. Although below target of 90% it is an improvement on the 80.6% at the end of September 2019.
20. As a result of dental surgery closures during lockdown, 14.9% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment, have had one completed.

Recommendation

21. It is recommended 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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Health and Well Being	This report supports performance improvement relating to improving the health and wellbeing of residents
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Wards Affected	This report supports performance improvement across all Wards
Groups Affected	This report supports performance improvement which benefits all groups
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Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
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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.