

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

### **21 June 2021**

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### **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2020/21**

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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 year end performance information (April 2020 – March 2021) 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 attend 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. 94.4% 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.
6. 100% of children with a Child Protection (CP) plan, and 100% of Children in Care (CiC) have an allocated social worker.
7. During 2020/21 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 target of 5%.
8. 89.0% of children received a statutory CP visit within 10 working days during 2020/21. This is in line with the target of 90%.
9. 93.1% of statutory CiC visits were completed within timescale during 2020/21. This is above the target of 90% and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (89.0%).
10. 8.1% of Children in Care (CiC), as at March 2021, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This performance is better than the internal target (10%), national (10%), statistical neighbour (9.9%) and regional averages (10%) as recorded in the LAIT 2020.
11. 71.9% of our Children in Care aged under 16 (who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years) have been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years. This is

positively above our target of 68.0% and our statistical neighbours (69.3%), regional (69.0%) and national average (68.0%).

12. 9.4% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at March 2021. This is a positive performance and below target of 10%.
13. 90.9% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during 2020/21.
14. 91.2% of children due a review health assessment year to date had one completed.
15. 24.6% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET) which is positivity below target of 30% and 98.1% were in suitable accommodation.

### Where do we need to improve?

16. 77.7% of referrals were screened and completed within 1 day during 2020/21, below the target of 90%.
17. 19.1% of re-referrals year to date, were repeated within 12 months, above the target of 18%. This is a smaller cohort of children re-referred when comparing with 2019/20, but due to the decrease in referrals this has increased our percentage rate.
18. Timeliness of assessments is 86.4% which is below the target of 90%, reasons for this are analysed and monitored by the Head of Service.
19. At the end of March 2021, 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 9.4%, above the 6% target.
20. The number of Children in Care has decreased to 272 by the end of March 2021, in line with the number at the end of March 2020 (270), work continues to safely reduce the number of children becoming looked after.
21. As a result of dental surgery closures during national lockdowns, 57.2% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment, have had one completed.

### **Recommendation**

22. It is recommended:

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

**James Stroyan**  
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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.