

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 October 2021

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS QUARTER 1 2021/22

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 2021 – June 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. 10.1% of the children referred during Q1 2021/22 have been re-referred to Children's Social Care within 12 months of a previous referral. This is positively below the internal target of 18%.
6. Social workers completed 90.8% of the C&F assessments within timescale during Q1 2021/22, which remains higher than our statistical neighbour, regional and national average benchmarks.
7. 89.7% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting / section 47 being initiated, excluding transfer-in conferences, during Q1 2021/22. This performance, although below internal target, remains higher than our statistical neighbour, regional and national average benchmarks.
8. 100% of children with a Child Protection (CP) plan, and 100% of Children in Care (CiC) have an allocated social worker.
9. During Q1 2021/22 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%.
10. The number of Children in Care (CiC) has decreased to 264 by the end of June 2021, a large reduction when compared to the number of children at the end of June 2020 (302). Work continues to safely reduce the number of children coming into care.

11. 90.5% of statutory CiC visits were completed within timescale during Q1 2021/22. This is in line with the target of 90%.
12. 9.8% of our Children in Care, as of June 2021, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This performance is positively below internal target, our statistical neighbour, regional and national average benchmarks.
13. 69.1% 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 performance is positively above internal target, our statistical neighbour, regional and national average benchmarks.
14. 8.8% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as of June 2021. This is a positive performance and below target of 10%.
15. 86.4% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during Q1 2021/22.
16. 86.4% of children due a review health assessment year to date had one completed.
17. 21.7% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET) which is positivity below target of 30% and 100.0% were in suitable accommodation.

Where do we need to improve?

18. 68.5% of referrals were screened and completed within 1 day during Q1 2021/22, below the target of 90% and 9.0% of the referrals took over 3 days to complete.
19. At the end of June 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 14.3%, above the 6% target, however, relates to one family.
20. 87.3% of children received a statutory CP visit within 10 working days during Q1 2021/22. This is below the target of 90%.
21. 55.8% of children due a dental check assessment year to date 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.

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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
Sustainability	This report supports the Council's sustainability responsibilities
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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
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
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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.