

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 16 DECEMBER 2019

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q2 2019/20

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) 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. Following agreement at Council on 5 December 2019 to align Scrutiny Committees to the updated Cabinet Portfolios, the indicator set has been realigned accordingly.
4. 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.
5. Where indicators are reported annually, quarterly updates will not be available.

Where are we performing well?

6. Timeliness of assessments is 92.7% which is above the target of 90%.
7. 92.8% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the Strategy meeting being held/Section 47 being initiated.
8. 100% of children with a Child Protection Plan and 100% of Children Looked After have an allocated social worker.
9. 23.1% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET).

Areas of focus

We continue to monitor Statutory visits for Child Protection and Children in Care to ensure these are undertaken in a timely way.

- 93.3% of statutory child protection visits were completed within 15 working days, and 73.8% of statutory child protection visits were completed within our internally set target of 10 working days.

- 86.3% of statutory children in care visits were completed within timescale
- The number of children in care which is 278.

Recommendation

10. 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.