

10 June 2013**Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
CULTURAL SERVICES****PERFORMANCE REPORTING (2012/13) – SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a summary of the performance of the Council's services for children and young people during the business year 2012/13.

Information and Advice**Performance Reporting for 2012/13**

2. At its meeting on 16 July 2012, the Committee agreed to receive a report each quarter, reviewing performance across the full range of services provided to children and young people. Quarterly reports would be in addition to other reports that might be presented to the Committee from time to time, providing detailed performance-related information about specific initiatives, projects or services.
3. As agreed at this meeting, quantitative performance reporting to the Committee is measured via 38 key performance indicators (KPIs), which cover the full range of services to children and young people. For each KPI, current performance is compared to the national average and that of the Council's children's services statistical neighbours, where this data is available. The list includes a number of KPIs that reflect priorities within the Council's Strategic Plan, and which will also therefore be reported to the Policy Committee. Although it was agreed that performance would be reported on a quarterly basis, the Committee acknowledged that not all of the 38 KPIs are equally sensitive to quarterly fluctuation. For example, education performance indicators are largely annually based, such as pupil attainment at different Key Stages. In accepting that KPIs will not always change from one quarter to the next, it was agreed that the most up-to-date information would be provided for each KPI. A table summarising the different types of KPI, and their respective sensitivity to fluctuation, is provided at **Appendix 1**.
4. This report forms the final quarterly report for 2012/13. Performance data is set out in the table at **Appendix 2** and includes annual performance data for the entire business year from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, where this is available. This table provides a comparison against the national average and statistical neighbours, and also indicates whether performance for each of the indicators has improved (+), declined (-), or remained the same (=) over the current reporting period. For those KPIs which record average performance for a time period, the average performance for Quarter 4 may differ

from the average performance for 2012-13, and therefore two figures are reported. Where a KPI reports on cumulative progress throughout the year, or is a 'snapshot' of performance on a given date, the annual performance is the same as the performance for Quarter 4.

Key Messages from 2012/13 Performance Reports

Work to keep children safe

5. Annual performance in keeping children safe exceeds the national average in a number of areas, including the stability of placements for looked after children; the number of looked after children with three or more placements in any one year is the nationally-recognised performance indicator for this. The number of children in Nottinghamshire with three or more placements in a year has reduced slightly since 2011/12 to 6.2%, and continues to be significantly lower than the national average of 11.0%. The proportion of child protection case reviews and looked after children case reviews that are completed in a timely manner remains high, better than the national average, and re-referrals to Children's Social Care have reduced.
6. In recent months there has been a reduction in the timely completion of initial and core assessments by the Children's Social Care Service, although over the year as a whole, the proportion of assessments completed to timescale exceeded the national average. This performance should be seen in the context of the re-modelling of the entire service in December 2012, including the introduction of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). During January-March 2013, there was a 31% increase in the total number of initial assessments completed, which also impacted on the number of core assessments required. In response to these increases, additional service capacity has been introduced, and processes have been revised to better manage work flow between the MASH, Assessment and District Child Protection Teams. Work is also underway with partner organisations to improve the timeliness of their information-sharing with Children's Social Care.
7. Performance data shows a reduction in the percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation, compared to the previous year, 2011/12. However, this data relates to a small number of young people, 52 in total. A number of these young people were unaccompanied asylum seekers, who left the country for varying reasons, and other young people were in prison. Under Department of Education criteria, these were all counted as being in unsuitable accommodation. All other Nottinghamshire young people leaving care were in accommodation regarded as suitable, which included living independently, living in supported accommodation or living with their birth families.

Academic Achievement

8. The most recent available data on the academic achievements of children and young people in Nottinghamshire relates to the 2011/12 academic year, and includes those children and young people who took examinations in summer 2012. This data shows that more young people in Nottinghamshire achieve five or more A*-C grades (including English and mathematics) at GCSE or equivalent than is the average nationally. In 2011/12, Nottinghamshire saw a 3% improvement on 2010/11 academic year results, compared to a national improvement of 0.3%. Compared to all 151 local authorities, Nottinghamshire is now ranked 51st (where 1st is best), a significant improvement on its ranking of 79th in 2010/2011. At age 11, a higher proportion of children in Nottinghamshire achieve level 4 in English and mathematics than is the average

nationally, 82% compared to 79%. The proportion of pupils achieving level 4 in both English and mathematics rose by 5% between 2010/11 and 2011/12, both in Nottinghamshire and nationally. At early years foundation stage Nottinghamshire performance equals the national average.

9. However, for achievement at age 16-19, Nottinghamshire performance does not meet the national average. Although the proportion of Nottinghamshire young people who participate in education, employment or training in Nottinghamshire is now higher than the national average, attainment remains an issue. Fewer young people than the national average attain a full level 3 qualification (including A levels and equivalent qualifications). For those who take A levels, the proportion gaining grades A*-E is slightly lower than the national average but the proportion gaining higher grades of A*-B is significantly lower. Nottinghamshire performance has improved slightly in these areas, and work continues to focus on achieving improvements.
10. The gaps in educational attainment between more vulnerable children and young people and their peers continue to be a significant issue for Nottinghamshire. The gap in achievement between pupils taking free school meals and their peers in Nottinghamshire is higher than the national average at both age 16 (31.8% compared to 26.4%) and age 11 (25.4% compared to 17.0%). These attainment gaps have reduced year on year in Nottinghamshire for the past five years, as they have nationally. Work to close the attainment gaps is a focus of the Support to Schools service. This work has included the delivery of training, plus a range of support services offered to schools on a sold basis. Education Improvement Service Advisers have provided support and challenge to targeted schools as part of a programme of termly visits. The Local Authority makes use of extensive performance data in planning and targeting work, and makes this available electronically for schools to use.
11. Educational performance varies considerably across localities in Nottinghamshire, and there is a strong correlation with measures of deprivation such as child poverty levels, both within and across districts. Work with partner organisations aims to address the multiple factors that contribute to this, linked with the work to develop and deliver a new Early Help strategy.

Early Help

12. The provision of early help services to those families who need it most is a significant area of work for the County Council, and for its work with partner organisations. This contributes to keeping children safe and to work focused on closing the educational gaps. Other Early Help KPIs in this report relate to Children's Centres services to younger children and their families, and to services that work with young people.
13. Children's Centres record the number of families in need who are registered to receive their services, and the number of families in need who actually access these services. They have worked locally with partners, such as health visitors, to ensure that families register to receive support, and these numbers have increased over the last year. The number of families who were seen in Children's Centres has also increased, despite this year seeing considerable change including new service delivery arrangements and the development of a commissioned service. The Targeted Youth Support and Youth Justice Service reports that the number of first time entrants to the youth justice system has been reducing in Nottinghamshire for the last three financial years. There is considerable variation across districts, with some districts (Mansfield and Rushcliffe) seeing a significant reduction, but with a smaller reduction in others (Bassetlaw and Ashfield).

Other Options Considered

14. The process for presenting performance information set out in this report is in line with corporate guidance, which has itself been established following an appropriate analysis of alternative options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

15. The recommendation for quarterly reporting to Committee, and the KPIs that will form the basis of the report, is in line with the established processes of reporting and publishing performance information across all of the services within the Children, Families and Cultural Services department.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Equalities Implications

17. Due regard has been given to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee notes the performance of the Council's services for children and young people during the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.

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Constitutional Comments

18. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (KLA 14/05/13)

19. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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APPENDIX 1

The table below summarises the different types of KPI that will be reported to the Children and Young People's Committee, together with any analysis of how/when the data will be refreshed during 2012/13.

2012/13															
Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	Oct-12	Nov-12	Dec-12	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13				
Quarter 1				Quarter 2				Quarter 3				Quarter 4			
2011/12 academic year (Sep-11 to Aug-12)								2012/13 academic year (Sep-12 to Aug-13)							
2012/13 Quarter 1 Report (published Aug 2012)				2012/13 Quarter 2 Report (published Nov 2012)				2012/13 Quarter 3 Report (published Feb 2013)				2012/13 Annual Report (published Jul 2013)			
12/13 Q1 average				12/13 Q2 average				12/13 Q3 average				12/13 Q4 average			
												12/13 annual average			
Quarterly reporting: average performance															
e.g. Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within timescales % of re-referrals to children's social care %age of looked after children with 3 or more placements in any one year % young people in years 12-14 not in education or training															
Quarterly reporting: snapshot performance on a defined day in quarter															
e.g. Participation in Education and Work Based Learning in academic years 12-14 % of children's centres achieving good or better in Ofsted inspections												Q4 performance			
Quarterly reporting: cumulative															
e.g. Numbers of young people engaged in positive activities delivered by the Young People's Service												12/13 Q1 performance	12/13 Q1-Q2 performance	12/13 Q1-Q3 performance	12/13 annual performance (=Q1-Q4)
Quarterly reporting: data available one quarter in arrears															
e.g. First-time entrants to the youth justice system												11/12 annual performance (=Q1-Q4)	12/13 Q1 performance	12/13 Q1-Q2 performance	12/13 Q1-Q3 performance
Annual reporting															
e.g. %age of care leavers in suitable accommodation												11/12 annual performance	11/12 annual performance	11/12 annual performance	12/13 annual performance
Academic year reporting: annual reporting															
e.g. % pupils achieving level 4 in both English and mathematics at age 11 Achievement of 5+ A*-C GCSE or equivalent including English and mathematics Early years foundation stage attainment % A level entries at A* - E grades / A* - B grades Attainment gap at age 16 between Free School Meal pupils and the rest												10/11 results (confirmed)	11/12 results (provisional)	11/12 results (provisional) (some confirmed)	11/12 results (all confirmed)
Academic year termly reporting: data available one term in arrears															
e.g. Number of primary schools in an Ofsted category Number of secondary schools in an Ofsted category												11/12 spring term	11/12 spring term	11/12 summer term	12/13 autumn term

Note: There are a small number of indicators that do not fit these categories, e.g. child poverty, teenage conceptions, which are published with a delay of 2 years and 15 months respectively and during the middle of the business year, not at the end.

In all cases, the performance information reported to Committee will be based upon the latest available data.

Children and Young People's Committee: Performance at 2012/13 Quarter 4

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Priority	Performance Indicator	Nottinghamshire			National Average	Statistical Neighbours	
		Reporting Period	Current Value	Previous Value			
A: Continue to improve our work to keep children and young people safe	AP01 Initial assessments for Children's Social Care carried out within timescales	2012/13 Q4	58.4% (p) (-)	82.9% (12/13 Q3)	77.4% (11/12)	77.6% (11/12)	
		2012/13 annual	78.3% (p) (-)	79.8% (11/12)			
	AP02 Core assessments for Children's Social Care carried out within timescales	2012/13 Q4	64.7% (p) (-)	84.3% (12/13 Q3)	75.5% (11/12)	75.3% (11/12)	
		2012/13 annual	79.1% (p) (+)	73.7% (11/12)			
	AP03 Percentage of child protection cases reviewed within timescale	2012/13 Q4	99.2% (p) (-)	99.6% (12/13 Q3)	96.7% (11/12)	97.0% (11/12)	
		2012/13 annual	98.9% (p) (-)	99.1% (11/12)			
	AP04 Re-referrals to Children's Social Care	2012/13 Q4	24.3% (p) (+)	25.5% (12/13 Q3)	26.1% (11/12)	24.0% (11/12)	
		2012/13 annual	25.6% (p) (+)	29.1% (11/12)			
	AP05 Children who are subject to a child protection plan for 2 years or more	2012/13 Q4	4.7% (p) (-)	3.3% (12/13 Q3)	5.6% (11/12)	5.3% (11/12)	
		2012/13 annual	4.8% (p) (+)	5.9% (11/12)			
	AP06 Children becoming the subject of a child protection plan on more than one occasion	2012/13 Q4	21.2% (p) (+)	22.2% (12/13 Q3)	13.8% (11/12)	14.5% (11/12)	
		2012/13 annual	17.8% (p) (-)	15.5% (11/12)			
	AP07 The adoption service has developed a new performance indicator, in line with the national indicator set. This will measure the average time period between a child being taken into local authority care and being placed with their adoptive family, as well as the average time period from an adoption placement order being made to the child being matched with an adoptive family. This indicator will be used for reports produced from 2013/14 Quarter 1(April - June).						
	AP08 Percentage of Children's Social Care quality audits assessed as adequate or better	2012/13 Q4	82% (-)	85% (12/13 Q3)	-	-	
		2012/13 annual	85% (-)	89% (11/12)			
	AP09 Looked after children with 3 or more placements in any one year	2012/13 Q4	6.2% (p) (+)	6.9% (12/13 Q3)	11.0% (11/12)	10.5% (11/12)	
		2012/13 annual	6.2% (p) (+)	6.6% (11/12)			
	AP10 Percentage of looked after children cases reviewed within timescale	2012/13 Q4	97.0% (p) (=)	97.0% (12/13 Q3)	90.5% (10/11)	90.1% (10/11)	
		2012/13 annual	96.8% (p) (+)	85.0% (11/12)			

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	P11 Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation	2011/12 annual	82.7% (-)	98.0% (10/11)	88.3% (11/12)	89.1% (11/12)
B: Continue to improve how well children and young people achieve in schools and colleges	BP01 Pupils achieving Level 4 in both English & mathematics at age 11	2011/12 academic	82% (+)	77% (10/11 academic)	79% (11/12)	80% (11/12)
	BP02 Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent (inc. English & maths)	2011/12 academic	60.6% (+)	57.6% (10/11 academic)	59.4% (11/12)	58.4% (11/12)
	BP03a Primary schools judged by Ofsted as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour	2012/13 academic	94.2% (+) (p)	93.0% (11/12 academic)	93.9% (11/12)	93.6% (11/12)
	BP03b Secondary schools judged by Ofsted as having good/outstanding standards of behaviour	2012/13 academic	87.9% (+) (p)	68.3% (11/12 academic)	84.4% (11/12)	85.8% (11/12)
	BP04a Number of primary schools in an Ofsted category - by term	December 2012 snapshot	9 (-) (p)	7 (Sept 2012)	-	-
	BP04b Number of secondary schools in an Ofsted category - by term	December 2012 snapshot	1 (=) (p)	1 (Sept 2012)	-	-
	BP05 Early years foundation stage attainment	2011/12 academic	64% (+)	56% (10/11 academic)	64% (11/12)	65% (11/12)
	BP06 Percentage of young people who have attained a full Level 3 qualification by 19	2011/12 academic	48.7% (+)	47.4% (10/11 academic)	57.9% (11/12)	53.3% (11/12)
	BP07 Participation in education, employment and training in academic years 12-14	2012/13 Q4 ¹	84.1% (-)	89.7% (12/13 Q3)	81.1% (12/13 Q4)	81.2% (12/13 Q4)
	BP08a Percentage of A level entries at A*-E grades	2011/12 academic	97.5% (+)	97.2% (10/11 academic)	98.6% (11/12)	-
	BP08b Percentage of A level entries at A*-B grades	2011/12 academic	43.4% (+)	43.1% (10/11 academic)	52.9% (11/12)	-

¹ There is no annual figure for this indicator as the National Client Caseload Information System's annual figure is for **in learning** only, so excludes those in employment.

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C: Reduce the gap in educational achievement for all ages	CP01a Attainment gap at age 11 between pupils taking free school meals and the rest (<i>FSM at time of assessment – previous definition</i>)	2011/12 academic	22.0% (+)	25.4% (10/11 academic)	17.0% (11/12)	19.8% (11/12)
	CP01b Attainment gap at age 11 between pupils taking free school meals and the rest (<i>FSM during past six years – future definition</i>)	2011/12 academic	18.1%	-	-	-
	CP02a Attainment gap at age 16 between pupils taking free school meals and the rest (<i>FSM at time of assessment – previous definition</i>)	2011/12 academic	31.8% (+)	33.8% (10/11 academic)	26.4% (11/12)	32.0% (11/12)
	CP02b Attainment gap at age 16 between pupils taking free school meals and the rest (<i>FSM during past six years – future definition</i>)	2011/12 academic	30.7%	-	-	-
	CP03 Rate of permanent exclusions from school	2011/12 academic	0.11% (-) (p)	0.10% (10/11 academic)	0.07% (10/11)	0.08% (10/11)
	CP04 Percentage of overall absence in primary, secondary and special schools	2011/12 academic	5.00% (+)	5.67% (2010/11 academic)	5.10% (11/12)	5.05% (11/12)
	CP05 Percentage of young people who have not attained a Level 2 qualification in English & maths at age 16 who go on to attain Level 2 or higher in both by the end of the academic year in which they turn 19	2011/12 academic	16.0%	-	-	-
	CP06 Percentage of young people in Years 12-14 not in education, employment or training	2012/13 Q4	1.9% (+)	2.6% (12/13 Q3)	6.3% (11/12)	5.9% (11/12)
		2012/13 annual	2.5% (+) (p)	4.5% (11/12)		
D: Improve children and young people's health and well-being	DP01 Dependent children in households whose income is below 60% of the national average	2010 annual	17.1% (+)	17.5% (2009)	20.6% (2010)	-
	DP02 Numbers exiting substance misuse treatment in a planned manner	2012/13 Q3	90% (+)	87% (12/13 Q2)	79% (12/13 Q2)	-
	DP03 Under 18 conception rate (per thousand females aged 15-17)	2011 annual	31.9 (+)	32.9 (2010)	30.7 (2011)	31.7 (2011)

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E: Continue to improve our early intervention services so that children, young people and families in the greatest need receive appropriate support	EP01a Children's Centres reaching families in greatest need: focused population registered (snapshot)	2012/13 Q4 and annual	77% (+)	73% (11/12)		
	EP01b Children's Centres reaching families in greatest need: focused population seen (cumulative)	2012/13 Q4 and annual	57% (+)	51% (11/12)	-	-
	EP02 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (per 100,000)	2012/13 Q3	292 (+)	536 (11/12 Q3) ²	-	-
	EP03 Numbers of children and young people engaged in positive activities delivered by the Young People's Service	2012/13 Q4 & annual	38,500 (+)	32,253 (11/12)	-	-
	EP04 Percentage of children's centres achieving good or better in Ofsted inspections	2012/13 Q4	80% (=)	80% (12/13 Q3)	-	-
	EP05a Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks, incl. mixed feeding methods (Notts NHS)	2012/13 Q3	37.0% (-)	39.8% (12/13 Q2)	46.9% (11/12)	36.9% (11/12)
	EP05b Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks, incl. mixed feeding methods (Bassetlaw NHS)	2012/13 Q4	32.0% (-)	37.3% (2012/13 Q3)		
		2012/12 annual	34.3% (+)	33.7% (11/12)		

'National average' refers to performance data for England.

Children's services statistical neighbours are:

- Cumbria
- Derbyshire
- Dudley
- Kent
- Lancashire
- Lincolnshire
- Northamptonshire
- Nottinghamshire
- Staffordshire
- Swindon
- Wigan

² Data for this indicator is cumulative, so the 'previous value' is taken from the same point in the preceding year (rather than the preceding quarter) to provide a measure of progress.