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Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES

PERFORMANCE REPORTING (QUARTER 1 – 2014-15) - 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 between 1 April and 30 June 2014.

Information and Advice

Performance Reporting for 2014/15

2. This report forms the first quarterly performance report for 2014/15, reporting on performance for the 2014/15 financial year.
3. 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. As agreed at this meeting, quantitative performance reporting to the Committee is measured via key performance indicators (KPIs), which cover the full range of services to children and young people.
4. Reports for 2014/15 will be structured around the desired outcomes for children and families services that were approved by the Committee at its March 2014 meeting, alongside a new operating model for the Department. The KPIs remain largely unchanged from 2013/14, except for amendments to the definitions of some indicators, in response to changes in the national performance requirements set by the Department for Education. This mainly affects indicators for Children's Social Care adoption services and indicators relating to educational attainment.
5. Performance data is set out in the table at **Appendix 1**. For each KPI, current performance is compared to the national average, for England, and that of the Council's children's services statistical neighbours, where this data is available. The statistical neighbour local authorities are:
 - Cumbria
 - Derbyshire
 - Dudley
 - Kent

- Lancashire
 - Lincolnshire
 - Northamptonshire
 - Nottinghamshire
 - Staffordshire
 - Swindon
 - Wigan
6. In addition, for each KPI, the table indicates whether performance has improved (+), declined (-), or remained the same (=) over the current reporting period.
7. This first quarterly report for 2014/15 provides an early indication of performance for those KPIs where quarterly data is available. Although performance will be reported on a quarterly basis, not all KPIs are equally sensitive to quarterly fluctuation. The most up-to-date information available will be provided for each KPI but it should be noted that a number of performance indicators are annually based, and for these data is unchanged from the 2013/14 annual performance report, presented to this Committee in May 2014. This includes most indicators for educational attainment, including Key Stage 4, GCSE and A level results. Data included here is for the 2012/13 academic year.

Key messages

Protecting the most vulnerable and ensuring that children in our care experience high quality and stable support:

8. In Children's Social Care, 79.0% of Initial Assessments were completed to timescale in 2014/15 Quarter 1, a reduction compared with 88.4% in 2013/14 Quarter 4. However, this Quarter 1 performance was considerably better than the overall performance for 2013/14 (76.2%). Performance was slightly lower in June, which has contributed to the lower performance for the quarter as a whole, and this is thought to have been because of absence levels in one of the assessment teams. The number of Initial Assessments being completed each month has remained consistent, providing assurance that appropriate thresholds are being consistently applied in the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
9. Performance in the timely completion of Core Assessments improved slightly in 2014/15 Quarter 1 to 87.8%, compared with 87.3% in 2013/14 Quarter 4. The performance was particularly strong in April and May (90.3% and 91.3% respectively) although a higher volume of Core Assessments were completed in June.
10. The percentage of re-referrals to Children's Social Care was 25.4% in 2014/15 Quarter 1, compared with 28.9% in 2013/14 Quarter 4. The two main causes of repeat enquiries to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) are families experiencing domestic abuse and challenging adolescent behaviour. It is anticipated that the implementation of Encompass Nottinghamshire in September 2014 will lead to early identification and support for children affected by domestic abuse. In addition, the review of Family Support Services which has just started will include reviewing the pathway for teenagers with challenging behaviour.
11. The proportion of Looked After Children who had three or more placements in any one year was 12.1% in 2014/15 Quarter 1, compared with 11.6% in 2013/14 Quarter 4. However, this slight reduction in performance had been anticipated, because some

children and young people are being moved from expensive independent providers to the County Council's own provision.

Educational standards and closing the attainment gap:

12. For most of the KPIs relating to educational attainment, the most recent available data is for the 2012/13 academic year, which has already been included in previous performance reports to the Committee. Data for the 2013/14 academic year will be reported as it becomes available. This will include data on attainment at Key Stage 4, GCSE and A level.
13. Data for Early Years Foundation Stage attainment for the 2013/14 academic year has been released. 61.7% of Nottinghamshire pupils had reached a 'Good Level of Development', which is a significant improvement on the 56.6% achieved by Nottinghamshire pupils in 2012/13 and compares well with the 2012/13 average national attainment of 52.0%.
14. The data included in this report for the attainment gap at age 11 years and at age 16 years is the data for the academic year 2012/13, which has been reported previously to the Committee. For 2013/14, the attainment gap measure will compare the attainment of pupils who are eligible for the pupil premium with that of their peers. The pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England and is paid to schools according to the number of pupils who have been registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years or who have been in Local Authority care for six months or longer.
15. Data on the proportions of young people participating in education, employment or training is available quarterly. The proportion of Nottinghamshire young people in academic years 12-14 known to be participating in education, employment or training at the end of June 2014 (82.2%) was lower than at the end of March 2014 (85.7%). However, this reflects similar reductions nationally and for statistical neighbour local authority areas and the proportion participating in Nottinghamshire remains higher than that nationally (81.1%) and equal to that for statistical neighbours (82.2%).
16. For Nottinghamshire, the percentage of young people aged 16-18 years who are known not to be participating in education, employment or training (NEET) remains low, and has reduced slightly, at 2.7% in June compared with 2.9% in March. However, the proportion whose destination is unknown has increased to 9.6%. National data for 16-18 year old NEET is no longer published so no comparison is possible. NEET numbers show considerable seasonal variation, and tend to increase in the summer/autumn as young people leave school or college and their new destinations are not yet confirmed. The vast majority of those whose destination is unknown are those who have not responded to attempts to contact them, by phone, letter or social media. Work aimed at reducing NEET is now targeted towards more vulnerable young people, and less staff resource is available to actively contact the wider cohort of young people.

Early Help Support:

17. A number of KPIs monitor effectiveness across a range of services that provide early help to children, young people and families.

18. For numbers of children and young people engaged in positive activities by the Young People's Service or accessing Outdoor and Environmental Education, 2013/14 data is for one quarter only, so it is too early to identify any performance trends.
19. Children's Centres continue to reach a significant proportion of their target group of families living in low income areas. For 2014/15 Quarter 1, the number of families in these areas who were registered with Children's Centres was 82%, compared with 79% in 2013/14 Quarter 4. The proportion of families seen during 2013/14 Quarter 1 was 28%, which is equal to the proportion seen in 2012/13 Quarter 1 (as this indicator is cumulative, comparisons are made with performance for the equivalent quarter in the previous year).
20. The numbers of first time entrants to youth justice services continue to decrease, to 298 per 100,000 young people in 2013/14 Quarter 4 compared with 351 per 100,000 in 2012/13 Quarter 4 (data for this KPI is always available one quarter in arrears and as it is a cumulative indicator, comparison is made with performance for the equivalent quarter in the previous year). This represents a reduction of 15% in the number of young people entering the criminal justice system from the previous year and a reduction of 82.6% since 2007/08.

Education Health Care Plan:

21. The Education Health Care (EHC) Plan has been introduced to bring together the families and agencies for children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Educational Needs and complex disabilities, so that they have coordinated individual support plans across a range of services. Nottinghamshire has been a pathfinder area for this work and has implemented the EHC Plan ahead of it becoming a national requirement in September 2014. The number of children or young people with EHC Plans has steadily increased throughout the year, and between January and June 2014 129 EHC Plans were completed. This compares with 122 Statements of Special Educational Need completed during the same period in 2013.

Other Options Considered

22. 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

23. 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

24. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee notes the performance of the Council's services for children and young people during the period 1 April to 30 June 2014.

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Constitutional Comments

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

Financial Comments (KLA 11/08/14)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Performance reporting (2013/14) – services for children and young people: report to Children and Young People's Committee on 19 May 2014

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Children and Young People’s Committee: Performance for Quarter 1 (2014/15)

For Nottinghamshire, the performance data available at the end of 201/15 Quarter 1 (April-June) is reported. The most recent data for national average and children’s services statistical neighbours is reported, where available. Please note, comparisons may be indicative only, as the reporting periods are not necessarily aligned. Where Nottinghamshire performance meets or exceeds the latest national performance information, this is highlighted by the emboldened boxes.

Key: (p) = provisional data; (+) = better than previous value; (-) = worse than previous value; (=) = same as previous value; (n/a) = not comparable to previous value

Outcome	Key Performance Indicator	Nottinghamshire							National Average	Statistical Neighbours
		Data updated since previous report?	2013/14 Annual Performance	Current Reporting Period	Current Value	Previous Reporting Period	Previous Value			
The most vulnerable children will be effectively protected and supported and children will stay with their families wherever this is possible and safe for them	Initial assessments for Children’s Social Care carried out within timescales	Yes	76.2%	2014/15 Q1	79.0%	(-)	2013/14 Q4	88.4%	75.5% (2012/13)	76.6% (2012/13)
	Core assessments for Children’s Social Care carried out within timescales	Yes	84.8%	2014/15 Q1	87.8%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	87.3%	76.7% (2012/13)	76.8% (2012/13)
	Percentage of child protection cases reviewed within timescale	Yes	97.4%	2014/15 Q1	99.2%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	97.4%	96.2% (2012/13)	95.9% (2012/13)
	Re-referrals to Children’s Social Care	Yes	26.5%	2014/15 Q1	25.4%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	28.9%	24.9% (2012/13)	24.5% (2012/13)
	Children who are subject to a child protection plan for 2 years or more	Yes	3.3%	2014/15 Q1	3.3%	(-)	2013/14 Q4	0.4%	5.2% (2012/13)	4.4% (2012/13)
	Children becoming the subject of a child protection plan on more than one occasion	Yes	18.2%	2014/15 Q1	22.9%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	23.5%	14.9% (2012/13)	15.5% (2012/13)
Children in our care will experience high quality and stable support	Percentage of children adopted who were placed with their adopters within 16 months (487 days) of becoming looked after*	Yes	59%	2014/15 Q1	32%*	(-)	2013/14 Q4	59%	55% (2010-13)	53% (2010-13)
	Average time between a LA receiving court authority to place a child and deciding on a match to an adoptive family (days)	Yes	283 days	2014/15 Q1	340 days	(-)	2013/14 Q4	283 days	210 days (2010-13)	223 days (2010-13)
	Looked after children with 3 or more placements in any one year	Yes	11.6%	2014/15 Q1	12.1%	(-)	2013/14 Q4	11.6%	11.1% (2012/13)	11.3% (2012/13)
	Percentage of looked after children cases reviewed within timescale	Yes	90.1%	2014/15 Q1	91.3%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	90.1%	–	–
	Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation	No	82.0%	2013/14 annual	82.0% ¹	(-)	2012/13 annual	87.0%	87.9% (2012/13)	86.9% (2012/13)

¹ This data relates to a small number of young people. Those regarded by the Department for Education as in unsuitable accommodation included unaccompanied asylum seekers, who left the country for a variety of reasons, and other young people who were in custody. All other Nottinghamshire young people leaving care were in accommodation regarded as suitable.

* This indicator definition changes every year with a new threshold set by the Department for Education. The threshold for 2012/13 was 20 months, 2013/14 was 18 months and 2014/15 is now 16 months.

Outcome	Key Performance Indicator	Nottinghamshire						National Average	Statistical Neighbours	
		Data updated since previous report?	2013/14 Annual Performance	Current Reporting Period	Current Value	Previous Reporting Period	Previous Value			
Children and young people will attain higher educational standards than the national average and attend good and outstanding schools	Early years foundation stage attainment (Reaching a 'Good Level of Development' - at least expected in all early learning goals in all prime areas and in the specific areas of literacy and mathematics)	Yes	2013/14 academic	61.7%	(+)	2012/13 academic	56.6%	52.0% (2012/13)	55.8% (2012/13)	
	Pupils achieving Level 4 in reading, writing & mathematics at age 11	No	2012/13 academic	76.8%	n/a	Assessment criteria changed for 2012/13		75.0% ² (2012/13)	75.5% (2012/13)	
	Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent (including English & maths)	No	2012/13 academic	63.4%	(+)	2011/12 academic	60.6%	59.2% (2012/13)	60.1% (2012/13)	
	Percentage of young people who have attained a full Level 3 qualification by 19	Yes	2012/13 academic	47.9% ³	(-)	2011/12 academic	48.7%	59.1% ⁴ (2012/13)	54.6% (2012/13)	
	Percentage of A level entries at A*-E grades	No	2012/13 academic	98.0%	(+)	2011/12 academic	97.5%	98.7% (2012/13)	-	
	Percentage of A level entries at A*-B grades	No	2012/13 academic	46.2%	(+)	2011/12 academic	43.4%	53.3% (2012/13)	-	
	Primary schools judged by Ofsted as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour	Yes	n/a	As at Mar 2014	91.2%	(-)	As at Dec 2013	91.6%	93.7% (Mar2013)	93.6% (Mar 2014)
	Secondary schools judged by Ofsted as having good/outstanding standards of behaviour	Yes	n/a	As at Mar 2014	87.2%	(+)	As at Dec 2013	86.5%	85.1% (Mar 2014)	84.7% (Mar 2013)
	Number of primary schools in an Ofsted category (Inadequate)	Yes	n/a	As at Mar 2014	8 (provisional)	(-)	As at Dec 2013	7	-	-
	Number of secondary schools in an Ofsted category (Inadequate)	Yes	n/a	As at Mar 2014	2 (provisional)	(=)	As at Dec 2013	2	-	-
We will close the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and young people and their peers	Attainment gap at age 11 between pupils taking free school meals and the rest (<i>FSM during past six years</i>)	No	2012/13 academic	19.9%	n/a	Assessment criteria changed for 2012/13		18.7% (2012/13)	-	
	Attainment gap at age 16 between pupils taking free school meals and the rest (<i>FSM during past six years</i>)	No	2012/13 academic	31.5%	(-)	2011/12 academic	30.7%	26.5% (2012/13)	-	
	Rate of permanent exclusions from school	Yes	2012/13 academic	0.07%	(+)	2011/12 academic	0.09%	0.06% (2012/13)	0.08% (2012/13)	
	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	No	2012/13 academic	13.6%	(-)	2011/12 academic	16.0%	16.3% (2012/13)	15.9% (2012/13)	
	Participation in education, employment and training (EET) in academic years 12-14	Yes	n/a	2014/15 Q1	82.2%	(-)	2013/14 Q4	85.7%	81.1% (14/15 Q1)	82.2% (14/15 Q1)
	Percentage of young people aged 16-18 years not in education, employment or training (NEET)	Yes	n/a	2014/15 Q1	2.7%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	2.9%	-	-
	Percentage of young people aged 16-18 years destination not known	Yes	n/a	2014/15 Q1	9.6%	(-)	2013/14 Q4	6.9%	-	-

² Previously recorded as 76.0%

³ Maintained sector only

⁴ Includes independent sector

Outcome	Key Performance Indicator	Nottinghamshire						National Average	Statistical Neighbours	
		Data updated since previous report?	2013/14 Annual Performance	Current Reporting Period	Current Value	Previous Reporting Period	Previous Value			
Children, young people and their families will receive the early help support they require to be safe, healthy and thriving	Dependent children in households whose income is below 60% of the national median income	No	2011 annual		17.0%	(+)	2010 annual	17.1%	20.1% (2011)	-
	Percentage of children aged 0-4 living in low income areas registered with children's centres (snapshot)	Yes	79%	2014-15 Q1	82%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	79%	-	-
	Percentage of children aged 0-4 living in low income areas seen at children's centres (cumulative)	Yes	57% ⁵	2014-15 Q1	28% ⁶	(=)	2012/13 Q1	28%	-	-
	Percentage of two year olds taking up their free entitlement	Yes	Annual	Annual	85%	(+)	March 2014	75%	-	-
	Percentage of children's centres achieving good or better in Ofsted inspections	Yes	2013/14 annual / cumulative		65%	(-)	2012/13	80%	-	-
	Numbers of individual children and young people engaged in positive activities delivered by the Young People's Service (cumulative)	Yes	33260 ⁵	2014-15 Q1	8390	(+)	2012/13 annual/Q4	38,500	-	-
	Numbers of children and young people accessing Outdoor and Environmental Education	Yes	n/a	2014-15 Q1	8743	n/a	-	-	-	-
	Percentage of overall absence in primary, secondary and special schools	No	2012/13 academic		5.3%	(-)	2011/12 academic	5.0%	5.2% (2012/13)	5.2% (2012/13)
	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (per 100,000) (cumulative)	Yes	2013/14 annual and Q4		298 ²	(+)	2012/13 Q3	351	-	-
	Numbers exiting substance misuse treatment in a planned manner	Yes	74.6%	2014/15 Q1	78.3%	(+)	2013/14 annual	74.6%	-	-
Children and young people will have improved health outcomes	Under 18 conception rate (per thousand females aged 15-17)	No	2012 annual		29.4	(+)	2011 annual	31.9	27.7 (2012)	28.3 (2012)
	Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks, incl. mixed feeding methods (Nottinghamshire NHS)	No	40.2%	2013/14 Q4	39.8%	(-)	2013/14 Q3	40.1%	47.2% (2012/13)	42.3% (2012/13)
	Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks, incl. mixed feeding methods (Bassetlaw NHS)	Yes	not yet available	2014/15 Q1	38.2%	(+)	2013/14 Q3	34.1%	47.2% (2012/13)	42.3% (2012/13)
	The number of individual children and young people who have an Education, Health and Care Plan in place (a statutory requirement from 1 September 2014)	Yes	n/a	2014/15 Q1	67	(+)	2013/14 Q4	62	-	-

⁵ Data for this indicator is cumulative and therefore performance is compared with performance for the equivalent quarter in 2012/13