

10 November 2014**Agenda Item: 06****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
CULTURAL SERVICES****PERFORMANCE REPORTING (QUARTER 2 – 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 July and 30 September 2014.

Information and Advice**Performance Reporting for 2014/15**

2. This report forms the second 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. 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 are¹:
 1. Cumbria
 2. Derbyshire
 3. Dudley
 4. Kent
 5. Lancashire
 6. Lincolnshire
 7. Northamptonshire

¹ Nottinghamshire's Statistical Neighbours will be changing to the following authorities from October 2014: Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Lancashire, Worcestershire, Cumbria, Northamptonshire, Essex, Kent, Cheshire West and Chester, and Warwickshire

8. Staffordshire
9. Swindon
10. Wigan

5. In addition, for each KPI, the table indicates whether performance has improved (+), declined (-), or remained the same (=) over the current reporting period.
6. 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 support²:

7. In Children's Social Care, 78.7% of Initial Assessments were completed to timescale in 2014/15 Quarter 2, a reduction compared with 79.0% in 2014/15 Quarter 1. However, performance remains considerably better than the overall performance for 2013/14 (76.2%). Slightly weaker performance in the timely completion of Initial Assessments in August (73.6%) impacted on overall quarterly performance, although this still remains above the target figure. This reduction in performance in August was mainly due to staff absence during the traditional holiday period, but the number of Initial Assessments being completed each month has remained consistent, providing assurance that appropriate thresholds are being consistently applied in the MASH.
8. Performance in the timely completion of Core Assessments continues to improve in 2014/15 Quarter 2 to 89.6%, compared with 87.8% in 2014/15 Quarter 1. Performance in the timely completion of Core Assessments was strong throughout the quarter, even though the number completed in July (258) and August (230) were the highest in 2014.
9. The percentage of re-referrals to Children's Social Care was 28.0% in 2014/15 Quarter 2, compared with 25.4% in 2014/15 Quarter 4. The re-referral rate was above target in both July and August, but reduced in September to the target rate of 25%. The number of re-referrals was actually only high in July (220), with August (147) and September (134) being the lowest number in the last 12 months. Management analysis has shown why work comes back into the system, highlighting patterns of families experiencing domestic abuse and challenging adolescent behaviour as the two main causes of repeat MASH enquiries. The pilot of Encompass Nottinghamshire began in September to offer support to children affected by domestic abuse in their school and early years settings and the pathway for teenagers with challenging behaviour is also included in the review of Family Support Services which has just begun, as part of the Children's Social Care Transformation Programme.
10. In 2014/15 Quarter 2, 28% of the 193 children who became subject to a child protection plan had been subject to a plan on at least one previous occasion. This is well above the local target of 14% and is a significant increase on the end of March 2014 figure of

² Please note the figures relating to Children's Social Care are provisional ones

18.2%. This issue has been raised with Child Protection Coordinators and social care managers to promote senior managerial oversight for those children who have previously been subject to a plan coming back into a child protection process. Neglect and domestic violence are often features of these cases.

11. The proportion of Looked After Children who had three or more placements in any one year was 12.7% in 2014/15 Quarter 2, compared with 12.1% in 2014/15 Quarter 1. There has been a small increase in this figure; however this must be seen in the context of placing children in their permanent placements more swiftly which is positive in terms of children achieving permanence in a timelier manner.

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. The data included in this report for the attainment gap at age 11 years and at age 16 years is also for the academic year 2012/13. 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.
14. The percentage of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) in academic years 12-14 remains low, and has reduced to 1.8% in September compared with 3.6% in June. However, as the department is in the process of confirming the destinations of young people who completed Year 11 in July 2014, the proportion whose current destination was classified as unknown at the end of September increased to 14.3%. A short term, intensive "Not Known Reduction Plan" is currently being implemented however, and is already having a significant positive impact upon the volume of young people whose post-16 destination is Not Known. This improved performance will be reflected in the third quarter performance information presented to Committee.

Early Help Support:

15. A number of KPIs monitor effectiveness across a range of services that provide early help to children, young people and families.
16. The numbers of children and young people engaged in positive activities by the Youth Service or accessing Outdoor and Environmental Education after the first six months of 2014/15 are on profile for the year.
17. Children's Centres continue to reach a significant proportion of their target group of families living in low income areas. For 2014/15 Quarter 2, the number of families in these areas who were registered with Children's Centres was 84.8%, compared with 82.0% in 2014/15 Quarter 1. The proportion of families seen during 2014/15 Quarter 2 was 46.5%, compared with 41.6% in 2013/14 Quarter 1 (as this indicator is cumulative, comparisons are made with performance for the equivalent quarter in the previous year). This represents an increase of 11.8% over the 12 months.

18. The numbers of first time entrants to the Youth Justice Service continue to decrease, to 65 per 100,000 young people in 2014/15 Quarter 1 compared with 70 per 100,000 in 2013/14 Quarter 1 (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 year-on-year reduction of 7.1%.

Education Health Care Plan:

19. 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. There were a total of 61 EHC Plans finalised and issued throughout 2014/15 Quarter 2, compared with 67 in 2014/15 Quarter 1. In comparison there were 60 statements of SEN issued in 2013/14 Quarter 2 of the previous year.

Other Options Considered

20. 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

21. 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

22. 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 July to 30 September 2014.

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Constitutional Comments

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

Financial Comments (KLA 23/10/14)

24. 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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Children and Young People's Committee: Performance for Quarter 2 (2014/15)

For Nottinghamshire, the performance data available at the end of September 2014 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 Q2	78.7% (Provisional)	(-)	2014/15 Q1	79.0%	75.5% (2012/13)	76.6% (2012/13)
	Core assessments for Children's Social Care carried out within timescales	Yes	84.8%	2014/15 Q2	89.6% (Provisional)	(+)	2014/15 Q1	87.8%	76.7% (2012/13)	76.8% (2012/13)
	Percentage of child protection cases reviewed within timescale	Yes	97.4%	2014/15 Q2	97.8% (Provisional)	(-)	2014/15 Q1	98.2%	96.2% (2012/13)	95.9% (2012/13)
	Re-referrals to Children's Social Care	Yes	26.5%	2014/15 Q2	28.0% (Provisional)	(-)	2014/15 Q1	25.4%	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 Q2	2.3% (Provisional)	(+)	2014/15 Q1	3.3%	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 Q2	28.0% (Provisional)	(-)	2014/15 Q1	22.9%	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 Q2	37.0% (Provisional)	(+)	2014/15 Q1	32%*	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 Q2	350 days (Provisional)	(-)	2014/15 Q1	340 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 Q2	12.7% (Provisional)	(-)	2014/15 Q1	12.1%	11.1% (2012/13)	11.3% (2012/13)
	Percentage of looked after children cases reviewed within timescale	Yes	90.1%	2014/15 Q2	88.5% (Provisional)	(-)	2014/15 Q1	93.3%	-	-
	Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation	No	82.0%	2013/14 annual	82.0% ³	(-)	2012/13 annual	87.0%	87.9% (2012/13)	86.9% (2012/13)

³ 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)	No	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% ⁴ (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	No	2012/13 academic		47.9% ⁵	(-)	2011/12 academic	48.7%	59.1% ⁶ (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 June 2014	92.4%	(+)	As at Mar 2014	91.2%	93.7% (June 2014)	93.5% (Jun 2014)
	Secondary schools judged by Ofsted as having good/outstanding standards of behaviour	Yes	n/a	As at June 2014	82.9%	(-)	As at Mar 2014	87.2%	84.6% (June 2014)	84.1% (Jun 2014)
	Number of primary schools in an Ofsted category (Inadequate)	Yes	n/a	As at June 2014	6 (provisional)	(+)	As at Mar 2014	8	-	-
	Number of secondary schools in an Ofsted category (Inadequate)	Yes	n/a	As at June 2014	2 (provisional)	(=)	As at Mar 2014	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	No	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	85.7% (2013-14 Q4)	2014/15 Q2	84.0%	(-)	2014/15 Q1	82.27%	82.4% (2013-4 Q4)	81.8% (2013-4 Q1)
	Percentage not in education, employment or training (NEET) in academic years 12-14	Yes	3.4% (2013-14 Q4)	2014/15 Q2	1.8%	(+)	2014/15 Q1	3.6%	5.3% (2013-4 Q4)	5.5% (2013-4 Q4)

⁴ Previously recorded as 76.0%

⁵ Maintained sector only

⁶ 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
	Percentage whose destination is not known in academic years 12-14	Yes	10.3%(2013-14 Q4)	2014/15 Q2	14.3%	(-)	2014/15 Q1	14.0%	6.9% (2013-4 Q4)	6.3% (2013-4 Q4)
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 Q2	84.8%	(+)	2014/15 Q1	82.0%	-	-
	Percentage of children aged 0-4 living in low income areas seen at children's centres (cumulative)	No	57% ⁷	2014-15 Q2	46.5% ⁸	(+)	2013/14 Q2	41.6%	-	-
	Percentage of two year olds taking up their free entitlement	No	Annual	Annual	85%	(+)	March 2014	75%	-	-
	Percentage of children's centres achieving good or better in Ofsted inspections	No	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 Q2	12500	(+)	2014/15 Q1	8390	-	-
	Numbers of children and young people accessing Outdoor and Environmental Education (cumulative)	Yes	n/a	2014-15 Q2	16640	(+)	2014/15 Q1	8743	-	-
	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	298 ²	2014-15 Q1	65	(+)	2013/14 Q1	70	-	-
	Numbers exiting substance misuse treatment in a planned manner	Yes	74.6%	2014/15 Q2	82.3%	(+)	2014/15 Q1	78.3%	-	-
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)	Yes	40.2%	2014/15 Q1	40.0%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	39.8%	47.2% (2012/13)	42.3% (2012/13)
	Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks, incl. mixed feeding methods (Bassetlaw NHS)	Yes	34.4%	2014/15 Q1	38.2%	(+)	2013/14 Q4	34.4%	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 Q2	61	(-)	2014/15 Q1	67	-	-

⁷ Data for this indicator is cumulative and therefore performance is compared with performance for the equivalent quarter in 2013/14