

19 May 2014**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
CULTURAL SERVICES****PERFORMANCE REPORTING (2013/14) – 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 2013 and 31 March 2014.

Information and Advice**Performance Reporting for 2013/14**

2. This report forms the final quarterly performance report for 2013/14, reporting on performance for the 2013/14 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.
4. 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. Although it has been agreed that performance will be reported on a quarterly basis, not all of these KPIs are equally sensitive to quarterly fluctuation. 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.
5. The KPIs that are reported on within this report are the same as those reported on for 2013/14 Quarter 3.
6. 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

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

Key messages

8. Children's Social Care:

- i. In Children's Social Care, performance in the timely completion of initial assessments continued to improve to 88.4% in Quarter 4, and for 2013/14 as a whole was 76.2%. This compares well with the latest available data nationally (75.5% carried out within timescales in 2012/13). The number of assessments completed in March (637), although higher than December 2013 and January 2014 (580 & 553 respectively), shows a reduction on the number completed in February 2014 (693). Stability in the number of initial assessments being completed will continue to be monitored, to ensure that the changes implemented to the MASH in September 2013 to address the volume of MASH enquiries being passed for initial assessment continues to be effective.
- ii. Performance in the timely completion of Core Assessments also improved in Quarter 4, to 87.3%, and for 2013/14 as a whole this was 84.8% (compared with 76.7% nationally in 2012/13). The number of core assessments being completed remains consistent and continues to be a manageable volume.
- iii. The percentage of re-referrals to Children's Social Care was 28.9% in Quarter 4, and overall for the year 2013/14 was 26.5%. Performance will continue to be monitored in line with the findings of an external audit carried out in February 2014, which identified issues with the recording of some repeat enquiries and made recommendations about their future recording and classification.
- iv. The numbers of Looked After Children who have three or more placements in any one year has recently increased to 11.6% for Quarter 4 2013/14, which is a decline in performance compared with 9.7% in Quarter 3. In response to the issue of sufficiency of places, Children's Social Care has developed a commissioning strategy for the next year which will include the development of the 11+ Fostering Scheme and the block purchase of residential placements.

9. Educational Attainment:

For most KPIs relating to educational attainment, the most recent available data is for the 2012/13 academic year. The final data was released by the Department of Education in January/February 2014 and was included in the Quarter 3 performance report to the Committee.

- i. For the 2012/13 academic year, the attainment of pupils in Nottinghamshire schools exceeds the national average at Early Years Foundation Stage, at age 11 years and at age 16 years. Attainment at A level continues to improve in Nottinghamshire. Although performance does not meet the national average, it is improving at a greater rate than nationally.
- ii. At Early Years Foundation Stage, average performance against the assessment framework was 56.6% in Nottinghamshire compared to 52.0% nationally. At age 11 years, the proportion of pupils achieving level 4 in reading, writing and mathematics was 76.8% in Nottinghamshire schools compared to 76.0% nationally. For both these age groups, the assessment method has changed since 2011/12, so it is not possible to make direct comparison with previous years' results.
- iii. At age 16 years, 63.4% of pupils in Nottinghamshire schools achieved 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent (including English and mathematics) compared to 59.2% of pupils nationally. This is the second consecutive year that Nottinghamshire pupils have achieved higher results than the national average. It also represents an improvement on performance in Nottinghamshire since last year (63.4% in 2012/13 compared to 60.6% in 2011/12), while nationally there was a slight decline in performance (from 59.4% in 2011/12 to 59.2% in 2012/13).
- iv. At A level, the performance of young people in Nottinghamshire has improved in 2012/13 compared with 2011/12. In Nottinghamshire, the percentage of A level entries at A*-E grades was 98.0% in 2012/13, compared to 97.5% in 2011/12, while the percentage of A level entries at A*-B was 46.2% in 2012/13, compared to 43.4% in 2011/12.

10. **Closing the attainment gap:**

- i. The data released by the Department for Education also provides information about the achievement gaps between Nottinghamshire pupils who are eligible for free school meals and their peers.
- ii. At age 16 years, the KPI used for national comparison is the attainment gap between those pupils who had been eligible for free school meals at any time in the last six years and those who had never been eligible. Using this measure, in Nottinghamshire this achievement gap has widened very slightly, from 30.7% in 2011/12 to 31.7% in 2013/14. The gap between those who were eligible for free school meals in the year of assessment and their peers has narrowed slightly from 31.8% to 31.7%. Nationally this gap is 26.5%, which represents a slight increase from 26.4% in 2012.
- iii. At age 11 years, the attainment gap between those pupils who had been eligible for free school meals at any time in the last six years and their peers is 19.9%. This compares with a national attainment gap of 26.5%. It is not possible to directly compare this with the assessment results from 2011/12, due to changes in the assessment process.
- iv. In future the attainment gap will be measured by considering the attainment of pupils who are eligible for the pupil premium, which includes those pupils who have been eligible for free school meals in the last six years as well as those who

are looked after by the local authority. Data for the academic year 2013/14 will use this measure, and will be available provisionally in summer/autumn 2014.

- v. The most recent data on the percentage of young people who have not attained a Level 2 qualification in English and mathematics at age 16 years who go on to attain Level 2 or higher in both by the end of the academic year in which they turn 19 indicates that for young people in Nottinghamshire this is 13.6%, compared with 15.9% nationally. However, a higher proportion of young people in academic years 12-14 in Nottinghamshire are participating in education, employment or training than nationally (85.7% compared with 82.4%). At the end of March 2014, the proportion of 16-18 year olds who were NEET was 2.8%; the proportion of 16 – 18 year olds who status was Not Known was 6.9%.
- vi. 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. 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 and their families with EHC Plans has steadily increased throughout the year and now 83 EHC Plans have been completed.

11. **Early Help Services:**

- i. A number of KPIs monitor effectiveness across a range of services that provide early help to children, young people and families. Data relating to early help services is now also included in a specific early help dataset which will be the subject of a separate report to the Committee.
- ii. The numbers of first time entrants to youth justice services continues to decrease, to 207 per 100,000 young people in 2013/14 Quarter 3 compared with 292 per 100,000 in 2012/13 Quarter 3 (data for this KPI is always available one quarter in arrears and as a cumulative indicator, comparison is made with performance for the equivalent quarter in the previous year).
- iii. There has been a steady increase in the numbers of families from low income areas registered at children's centres throughout 2013/14. The number registered at the end of 2013/14 was 79%. The percentage of children aged 0-4 years living in low income areas seen at children's centres during 2013/14 was 57%, which equals the percentage seen in 2012/13.
- iv. The under-18 conception rate for Nottinghamshire is 29.4 per thousand females for 2012, a reduction from 31.9 in 2011. This is slightly higher than the national rate of 27.7 (due to collection methodology, teenage conception date is available 18 months in arrears).

Other Options Considered

- 12. 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

13. 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

14. 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee notes the performance of the Council's services for children and young people during the period 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014.

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Constitutional Comments

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

Financial Comments (KLA 08/05/14)

16. 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

Children and Young People's Committee: Performance for 2013/14

For Nottinghamshire, the performance data available at the end of 2013/14 Quarter 4 (April-December) is reported. Where the performance reported for the 2013/14 financial year as a whole differs from the performance at Quarter 4, this is included in the report.

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 national performance, 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

Priority	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		
A: continue to improve our work to keep children and young people safe	Initial assessments for Children's Social Care carried out within timescales	Yes	76.2%	2013/14 Q4	88.4% (+)	2013/14 Q3	85.0%	75.5% (2012/13)	76.6% (2012/13)
	Core assessments for Children's Social Care carried out within timescales	Yes	84.8%	2013/14 Q4	87.3% (+)	2013/14 Q3	85.6%	76.7% (2012/13)	76.8% (2012/13)
	Percentage of child protection cases reviewed within timescale	Yes	97.4%	2013/14 Q4	97.4% (+)	2013/14 Q3	97.2%	96.2% (2012/13)	95.9% (2012/13)
	Re-referrals to Children's Social Care	Yes	26.5%	2013/14 Q4	28.9% (-)	2013/14 Q3	29.1%	24.9% (2012/13)	24.5% (2012/13)
	Children who are subject to a child protection plan for 2 years or more	Yes	0.4%	2013/14 Q4	3.4% (+)	2013/14 Q3	4.7%	5.2% (2012/13)	4.4% (2012/13)
	Children becoming the subject of a child protection plan on more than one occasion	Yes	16.6%	2013/14 Q4	23.5% (-)	2013/14 Q3	19.0%	14.9% (2012/13)	15.5% (2012/13)
	Percentage of children adopted who were placed with their adopters within 20 months (639 days) of becoming looked after	Yes	not yet available	2013/14 Q4	59% (-)	2013/14 Q2	63.7%	55% (2010-13)	53% (2010-13)
	Percentage of children adopted who were matched with their adopters within 7 months (213 days) of placement order	Yes	not yet available	2013/14 Q4	40% (+)	2013/14 Q2	33%	-	-
	Percentage of Children's Social Care quality audits assessed as adequate or better	Yes	not yet available	2013/14 Q4	82% (-)	2013/14 Q3	83%	-	-
	Looked after children with 3 or more placements in any one year	Yes	not yet available	2013/14 Q4	11.6% (-)	2013/14 Q3	9.7%	11.1% (2012/13)	11.3% (2012/13)
	Percentage of looked after children cases reviewed within timescale	Yes	not yet available	2013/14 Q4	96.0% (+)	2013/14 Q3	95.8%	-	-
	Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation	No	not yet available	2012/13 annual	87.0% ¹ (+)	2011/12 annual	82.7%	-	-

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.

Priority	Indicator	Nottinghamshire						National Average	Statistical Neighbourhoods
		Data updated since previous report?	2013/14 Annual Performance	Current Reporting Period	Current Value	Previous Reporting Period	Previous Value		
B: Continue to improve how well children and young people achieve in schools and colleges	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		76.0% (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)
	Primary schools judged by Ofsted as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour	Yes	n/a	As at Dec 2013	91.6% (-)	As at Dec 2013	94.2%	94% (Dec 2013)	93.9% (Dec 2013)
	Secondary schools judged by Ofsted as having good/outstanding standards of behaviour	Yes	n/a	As at Dec 2013	89.2% (+)	As at Dec 2013	87.9%	86.5% (Dec 2013)	85.9% (Dec 2013)
	Number of primary schools in an Ofsted category	Yes	n/a	As at Dec 2013	7 (provisional) (+)	As at Jun 2013	9	-	-
	Number of secondary schools in an Ofsted category	Yes	n/a	As at Dec 2013	1 (provisional) (=)	As at Jun 2013	1	-	-
	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	2012/13 academic		56.6% n/a	Assessment criteria changed for 2012/13		52.0% (2012/13)	55.8% (2012/13)
	Percentage of young people who have attained a full Level 3 qualification by 19	Yes	2012/13 academic		47.9% (-)	2011/12 academic	48.7%	57.3% (2012/13)	54.6% (2012/13)
	Participation in education, employment and training in academic years 12-14	Yes	n/a	2013/14 Q4	85.7% (-)	2013/14 Q3	89.3%	82.4% (13/14 Q4)	81.8% (13/14 Q4)
	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)	-
C Reduce the gap in educational achievement for all ages	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		0.08% (provisional) (+)	2011/12 academic	0.09%	0.07% (2011/12)	0.07% (2011/12)
	Percentage of overall absence in primary, secondary and special schools	Yes	2012/13 academic		5.3% (-)	2011/12 academic	5.0%	5.2% (2012/13)	5.2% (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	Yes	2012/13 academic		13.6% (-)	2011/12 academic	16.00%	16.3% (2012/13)	15.9% (2012/13)
	Percentage of young people aged 16-18 years not in education, employment or training (NEET)	Yes	n/a	2013/14 Q4	2.9% (-)	2013/14 Q3	3.2%	5.3% (13/14 Q4)	5.5% (13/14 Q4)
	Percentage of young people aged 16-18 years EET destination not known	Yes	n/a	2013/14	6.9% (-)	2013/14	6.4%	6.9%	6.3% (13/14)

Priority	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		
				Q4		Q3		(13/14 Q4)	Q4
	The number of families who have an Education, Health and Care Plan in place (prior to it becoming a statutory requirement)	Yes	n/a	2013/14 Q4	83 n/a	2013/14 Q3	53	-	-
D: Improve children and young people's health and wellbeing	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)	-
	Numbers exiting substance misuse treatment in a planned manner	Yes	n/a	2013/14 Q3	76% (+)	2013/14 Q2	74%	-	-
	Under 18 conception rate (per thousand females aged 15-17)	Yes	2012 annual		29.4 (+)	2011 annual	31.9	27.7 (2012)	28.3 (2012)
E: Continue to improve our early intervention services so that children, young people and families in the greatest need receive appropriate support	Percentage of children aged 0-4 living in low income areas registered with children's centres (snapshot)	Yes	n/a	2013/14 Q4	79% (-)	2013/14 Q3	78%	-	-
	Percentage of children aged 0-4 living in low income areas seen at children's centres (cumulative)	Yes	2013/14 annual and Q4		57% ² (=)	2012/13 annual/Q4	57%	-	-
	Percentage of two year olds taking up their free entitlement	Yes	n/a	2013/14 Q4	75% (-)	2013/14 Q3	76%	-	-
	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (per 100,000) (cumulative)	Yes	not yet available	2013/14 Q3	207 ² (+)	2013/14 Q2	292	-	-
	Numbers of children and young people engaged in positive activities delivered by the Young People's Service (cumulative)	Yes	2013/14 annual and Q4		33,260 ² (-)	2012/13 annual/Q4	38,500	-	-
	Percentage of children's centres achieving good or better in Ofsted inspections	Yes	2013/14 annual / cumulative		65% (-)	2012/13	80%	-	-
	Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks, incl. mixed feeding methods (Nottinghamshire NHS)	No	not yet available	2013/14 Q2	41.4% (+)	2013/14 Q1	39.7%	47.2% (2012/13)	42.3% (2012/13)
	Breastfeeding prevalence at 6-8 weeks, incl. mixed feeding methods (Bassetlaw NHS)	No	not yet available	2013/14 Q2	32.80% (+)	2013/14 Q1	32.0%	47.2% (2012/13)	42.3% (2012/13)

² Data for this indicator is cumulative and therefore performance is compared with performance for the equivalent quarter in 2012/13