

TITLE	Children's Services Performance Indicators
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 December 2015
WARD	None Specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Children's Services performance indicators underpin the council's priorities and principles to focus on every child reaching their potential and looking after the vulnerable.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Children's Service performance indicators be noted.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The timing of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee means that the latest indicators available for formal reporting this cycle are the Quarterly indicators reported at the end of September 2015, in line with internal monitoring arrangements.

Background

A set of information on performance indicators is provided to the Corporate Leadership Team and the Executive on a regular basis. The most recent report, providing information for Children's Services covering the quarter to September 2015, is provided as Appendix A to this report.

Analysis of Issues

Since the Q2 data was reported in September 2015, additional analysis has been published with regards to Early Years Foundation Stage Profile results.

We now know that the percentage of disadvantaged pupils at Wokingham schools achieving a good level of development at Early Years Foundation Stage in 2015 was 50%. In comparison, 71% of all other pupils at Wokingham schools achieved a good level of development. This means a gap of 21%, which is above the national gap of 18%.

In addition, further detail was requested at the previous meeting regarding comparative statistical neighbours. Where available, this has been added into the report. A summary of the findings is as follows:

Indicator	Comparison
% referrals in 15/16 which are repeat referrals within 12 months of a previous referral to Children's Social Care	The latest comparative data is 14/15. Wokingham performed marginally better than our Statistical Neighbours (WBC: 21.3%; SN: 21.7%). More recent performance for Q2 shows a sustained improvement in Wokingham and we are meeting our locally assigned target.
% Children who are currently subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) who are subject to a CPP for a second or subsequent time within 24 months	The latest comparative data is 14/15. Wokingham performed better than our Statistical Neighbours (WBC: 12.0%; SN: 18.3%). Recent performance information for Q2 suggests Wokingham is well within our locally set target.
% Care Proceedings completed in 15/16 within 26 weeks of application	No comparative information is available for this measure.
% Looked After Children living within 20 miles of their home	The latest comparative data is 13/14. For the same period, Wokingham performed less well than our statistical neighbours (WBC: 68%; SN: 78%). More recent performance shows Wokingham is still performing below the target of 70-75%. Our intention is to measure 20 miles from West of Berkshire in the future.
% Looked After Children who achieved permanent care arrangements during previous 12 months	No comparative information is available for this measure.
Reduce the education gap at KS2 level 4 between disadvantaged and other pupils for Reading, Writing and Maths	The latest WBC and comparative data is 14/15. Wokingham's gap was marginally larger than our Statistical Neighbours' (WBC: 22%; SN:21.2%), although a higher % of disadvantaged children in Wokingham achieved level 4 in Reading, Writing and Maths compared to our Statistical Neighbours.
Reduce the education gap at KS4 level 4 between disadvantaged and other pupils for 5 A*-C GCSE incl E&M	The latest WBC and comparative data is 14/15. Wokingham's gap was marginally larger than our Statistical Neighbours' (WBC: 33.8%; SN:33.7%), although a higher % of disadvantaged children in Wokingham achieved level 5 A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths.
% Primary Schools with a current Ofsted Rating of "good" or better.	The latest comparative data we have is for 31 st March 2015. Wokingham exceeded the national average (WBC: 83%; National 82%)
% Secondary Schools with a current Ofsted rating of "good" or better.	The latest comparative data we have is for 31 st March 2015. Wokingham exceeded the national average (WBC: 89%; National 73%)
% Children who attend at Wokingham school who are at a school with an Ofsted rating of "good" or better.	No comparative information is available for this measure.
% Pupils achieving a good level of development (GLD) at Early Years Foundation Stage in academic year	The latest comparative data we have is for summer 2015. Wokingham exceeded the national average (WBC: 71%, National 66.3%). Wokingham has also exceeded its 14/15

14-15.	figure of 61%.
% Disadvantaged pupils achieving a good level of development at Early Years Foundation Stage in academic year 14-15	The latest comparative data we have is for summer 2015. Wokingham performed slightly less well than the national average (WBC: 50%; National: 51%). However, Wokingham has exceeded its 14/15 figure of 35%, in line with a target of improvement in this area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Not applicable		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Not applicable		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Not applicable		

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

n/a

List of Background Papers

None

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