

Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 4 November 2013
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TITLE	Children's Services Performance Indicators
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Panel - 4 November 2013
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Balanced Scorecard QTR 2 2013

Sparklines and direction of travel notes

Sparklines are shown for Qtr 1 and Qtr 2. The aim of the sparkline is to give a pictorial flavour of the progress of an indicator. Each column in a sparkline represents one month's figures.

Direction of travel shows performance against the last recorded score, in some cases where there has been no previous score the statement "first time score has been recorded" is marked in the direction of travel field.

Keeping Children Safe													
5	Safeguarding: Children subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	12 to 14%	Low				↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Year to date result at the end of Q2 is 18.4%, where the results are still affected by the high numbers in Q1, linked to large families returning to the area. No children became subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time during the second quarter of 2013/14
6	Safeguarding: % of referrals that are repeat referrals to Children's Social Care	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	20 to 23%	Low				↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Year to date result at the end of Q2 is 25.3% Additionally changes implemented earlier in the year are starting to impact on the number of children being re-referred, with this quarter's cases being only just above target.
7	Safeguarding: % of assessments completed within 45 working days	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	New indicator	75 to 85% (Focus on timeliness and quality)	High				First time score has been recorded	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	New indicator reflecting the combination of initial and core assessments into a single assessment which commenced in mid September 2013. Very few single assessments have yet been completed, as the "go live" date was 16th September 2013.
7a	Safeguarding: % of initial assessments completed within 10 working days	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	76 to 85% (Focus on timeliness and quality)	High				↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Year to date result at the end of Q2 is 86.8% No new initial assessments will be started during Q3 due to the implementation of the single assessment process.
7b	Safeguarding: % of core assessments completed within 35 working days	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	77 to 85% (Focus on timeliness and quality)	High				↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Year to date result at the end of Q2 is 74.9% Core assessments will continue into Q3, unlike initial assessments
8	Looked after children: % of children who have had three or more placements within the year	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	7 to 9%	Low				↓	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	This indicator is monitored on a financial year basis, against the rolling quarter. The small number of children concerned means that there can be significant variance from one quarter to another.
9	Looked after children: % of children achieving permanence	Quarterly switched to monthly reporting after 1st qtr	Previous quarter	See note	16 to 18%	High				↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Year to date result at the end of Q2 is 15.5% This indicator builds from zero in April, so early quarters appear low. It is expected that this target will be met by year end.

Keeping Children Safe Indicator Commentary

Narrowing the Gap													
10	Key Stage 2 attainment: The gap between the performance of those children eligible for Free School Meals and their peers	Annual	Previous year	Summer 2012 FSM 53% Non FSM 84% NTG 31pp	Gap of around 25 percentage points.	Low		national measure changed (please see below)		First time score has been recorded	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	In the 2011/12 academic year there were 90 Free School Meal pupils and 1656 Non Free School Meal pupils. For summer 2013 tests the data is now calculated on pupils in receipt of free school meals at any time in the last 6 years, roughly doubling the number of pupils concerned.
11	Key Stage 4 attainment: The gap between the performance of those children eligible for Free School Meals and their peers	Annual	Previous year	Summer 2012 FSM 26.2% Non FSM 67.8% NTG 41.6pp	Gap of around 35 percentage points.	Low		provisional data summer 2013 FSM 35.9% Non FSM 75.2% NTG 39.3pp		First time score has been recorded	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	In 2011/12 there were 75 free school meal pupils and 1628 Non Free School Meal pupils. For summer 2013 tests the data is now calculated on pupils in receipt of free school meals at any time in the last 6 years, roughly doubling the number of pupils concerned.
12	% of young people who are classified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Quarterly	Corresponding quarter for previous year	See note	Below 4.5% at year end	Low		3.40%		↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	The figures vary between quarters due to the nature of activity. The "not known" figure for last September was 48%, compared to 38% this September.
13	% of young people in vulnerable groups[5] who are classified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	Quarterly	Corresponding quarter for previous year	New indicator	Cohort too small – should simply aim for a reduction over the year	Low		312 Vulnerable young people, 21 not available for EET, 18 NEET, 104 "not known"			Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Vulnerable groups include looked after children, young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, young offenders, young people who are parents or who are pregnant. Adviza are working with us to analyse comparable historic data. It should be noted that almost 50% of vulnerable children are in education, training or employment.
14	Youth Offending: first time entrants to the Youth Justice System	Quarterly	Previous quarter	Baseline 2012/13 Q1 - 8, Q2 - 4, Q3 - 7, Q4 - 10	Reduction on previous year (nationally subject to revised definition for 2013/14)	Low		Q2 6		→	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	A new definition of pre-court disposals was introduced in April 2013. This is being closely monitored within the service to assess any changes in the number of first time entrants as a result of the new definition. Q1 - 6 FTEs,
15	Youth Offending: rate of re-offending	Quarterly	Previous quarter	2012/13 24.3%	Reduction on previous year	Low		Q2 ytd 16.7%		↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Baseline: Last completed 12 month cohort was 27/111 = 24.3% The first 6 months of 2013/14 is 36 young people, with 6 re-offences. The 2013/14 full year cohort will be 66 young people. Q1 - 11.5% Q2 30.0%

Narrowing the Gap Indicator Commentary

10 Provisional data has been published for KS2 exams, but the DfE no longer provides an agreed calculation for the indicator Key Stage 2 attainment: % of pupils achieving Level 4 in both English and mathematics. Components are available however, with the following gaps between children eligible for free school meals during the past 6 years and pupils who were not eligible: Reading 23pp (19pp), Writing 21pp (28pp), Maths 23pp (21pp) - 2012 gap in brackets. This year children sat a new test in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling; the gap in this test was 31pp. Although the gap between FSM and Non FSM pupils has not reduced as hoped, the absolute performance of the children has improved, with 2012 results in brackets Reading 68% (71%), Writing 69% (60%) and Maths 68% (66%). 11 The indicative position indicates a slight improvement which will be confirmed once the DfE figures are released at the end of November and Members will be informed of the revised results. However, the gap is still estimated at 39.3pp which is wider than our target. 12 The reduced figure is affected by the national raising of the participation age for young people leaving school and the 38% of young people "not known" as they change to colleges or work based learning. 13 Given the small number of vulnerable young people and the turbulence caused by changing educational establishments over the summer, too many young people are still classified as "not known" for the data to be truly representative of activity.

Opportunity for All														
16	Key Stage 2 attainment: % of pupils achieving Level 4 in both English and mathematics	Annual, (two updates – provisional and final)	Previous year	2011/12 Average all pupils 89%	Average all pupils 90%	High		Reading 89% Writing 88% GPS 80% Maths 88% (Provisional)			First time score has been recorded	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	The DfE no longer provides an agreed calculation for the indicator Key Stage 2 attainment, so component results have been provided
17	Key Stage 4 attainment: % of pupils achieving 5+A*-C GCSEs (inc English and mathematics)	Annual (two updates – provisional and final)	Previous year	2011/12 Average all pupils 65.6%	Average all pupils 70%	High		70.40%			First time score has been recorded	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	Provisional DfE data published October 2013
18	Raising standards in schools: % of schools in Ofsted categories of good or better	Quarterly	Previous quarter	Dec 2012 published data, (43 schools) 72.9%	78% (46 schools)	High		79%			↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	This data was published in September. No further updates are expected to be published until late October.
18a	Raising standards in schools: % of primary schools in Ofsted categories of good or better	Quarterly	Previous quarter		78% (40 schools)	High		77%			↑	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	This data was published in September. No further updates are expected to be published until late October.
18b	Raising standards in schools: % of secondary schools in Ofsted categories of good or better	Quarterly	Previous quarter		78% (6 schools)	High		88%			→	Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Pauline Maddison	This data was published in September. No further updates are expected to be published until late October.

Opportunity for All Indicator Commentary

Although the DfE no longer provides an agreed calculation for the indicator Key Stage 2 attainment, looking at the component parts our results are above the English average. Reading 89% (85%), Writing 88% (83%), GPS 80% (73%), Maths 88% (84%) - English average in brackets. This indicates that while there has been progression, and the results are close to the 90% target, this has not been achieved.