

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Children's Services Performance Indicators</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
<b>WARD</b>	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 Services 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 March 2018.

## **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 March 2018, is provided as Appendix A to this report.

## **Analysis of Issues**

In 2017-18 Q4 there are two red indicators, five amber indicators and six green indicators.

## **Red and Amber**

- 1. Red: National indicator: Percentage of children who became subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time ever**
- 2. Amber: Local indicator: Percentage of children who became subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP) for a second or subsequent time within 24 months**

In 2017-18 there has been significant improvement in the number of children becoming subject of a child protection plan. In the last quarter (Jan to Mar 18) there has been a deterioration. 19 of 57 children (11 families) became subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time in this period. 7 of the 19 children (4 families) were previously subject to a plan in the last 2 years. This is a small number of children.

All children needed to become subject of a child protection plan, the service have reviewed all of the cases and are satisfied that the thresholds were met and appropriate plans are in place. Our statutory regulatory powers have been exercised appropriately and to their limit.

When families make progress against the plan it contravenes their human rights to keep them subject to a plan unnecessarily.

Some families will experience repeated episodes of vulnerability and all Local Authorities will be dealing with these episodic need.

**3. Red: Local indicator: Permanency 1 - Percentage of children leaving care who achieved permanence (adopted, returned home or a special guardianship order is granted)**

3 of 7 children were adopted or entered a Special Guardianship Order arrangement.

The other 4 children left care on their 18th birthdays and are now adults.

1 is residing in residential care and positively, the other 3 are remaining with their foster carers under 'staying put' arrangements.

2 of the foster carers are family members.

**4. Amber: Local indicator: Percentage of child protection visits due in the period which were completed on-time (within 10 days of the previous visit)**

91.4% of visits took place within 15 working days of the previous visit or start date of the child protection plan.

**5. Amber: National indicator: Percentage of primary schools with a current Ofsted rating of "Good" or better**

Short Inspection Reports Published this Quarter:

Radstock Primary School: Good (previously Good)

Shinfield St Mary's CofE Junior School: Good (previously Good)

Loddon Primary School: Good (previously Good)

**6. Green: National indicator: Percentage of secondary schools with a current Ofsted rating of "Good" or better**

Short Inspection Reports Published this Quarter:

Waingel's College: Good (previously Good)

**7. Amber: National indicator: Percentage of children who attend a Wokingham school (Primary, Secondary or Special) which has an Ofsted rating of "Good" or "Better".**

There have been no change in percentage of "Good" or "Better" schools in the last quarter.

**Appendix A:**



Microsoft Excel  
97-2003 Worksheet

**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** (how does this decision impact on other Council services and priorities?)

n/a

**Reasons for considering the report in Part 2**

n/a

**List of Background Papers**

None

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