

Name of meeting: Children's Scrutiny Panel

Date: 9th October 2017

Title of report: Q4 Performance Highlights

A report setting out the Q4 performance highlights for Children's Services, to provide the Children's Scrutiny Panel with an overview of the Council's corporate performance at the end of quarter 4 2016/17.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	Not applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Not applicable
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Erin Hill & Cllr Masood Ahmed Children

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: None

Public or private: Public

1. **Summary**

Part of the Scrutiny role is to use performance management information to consider how Children's Service is performing against the priorities of the Council for improvement. The Council's approach to performance management provides information against the Core Business Indicators, with a stronger focus on outcomes. This report includes highlights of the Q4 2016/17 report which sets a base line of performance information for the newly formed Children's Scrutiny Panel. This will assist the Panel in agreeing the future focus on areas of performance.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

2.1 The performance report provides updates on progress against desired outcomes and an overview of performance, risk and the New Council programme.

2.2 The report highlights good areas of progress:

- The Stronger Families Programme has exceeded the engagement target for the year with 1055 families engaged. 392 families have made claims and 83 have found work.
- Over 1500 staff across Children's and Adults Services are trained in Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP). A 'Tolerance & Respect' project has been piloted in South Kirklees Primary School, engaging 300 children in focussing on fundamental British values.
- Introduction of improved telephone access to other MASH and Assessment & Intervention related calls through Kirklees Direct and establishment of a new MASH telephone Consultation Service for professionals / partners, resulting in a significant reduction in email referrals and inappropriate referrals.

2.3 The Children's Scrutiny Panel needs to consider the information and identify priority areas, linked to the Council's improvement priorities, which need further scrutiny. The Panel will need to be assured that the measures being put in place to address under performance are on target and achieving the required improvement.

3. **Implications for the Council**

The attached Appendix shows progress in relation to aspects of Council activity for Children's Services, highlighting performance against the Council's key strategies and the Corporate Plan for 2016/17.

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

N/A

5. **Next steps**

Subject to the agreement of the Scrutiny Panel, information from the 2017/18 Q1 Corporate Performance report will be tailored to the Panel's requirements and be brought to a future meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Panel.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

1. That the Panel has an initial consideration of indicators for the future tracking of progress within Children's Services.
2. That the Panel consider whether a basket of priority indicators would assist in drilling down areas of focus.
3. Subject to 2 above, that the Panel identify the approach to consideration of Performance Management Information for future reports.

7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**

Not applicable

8. **Contact officer**

Yolande Myers, Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer

9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

None

10. **Service Director responsible**

Julie Muscroft, Service Director – Legal Governance and Commissioning









Appendix 1




RAG Key:

	On Track
	Off Track
	At Risk
ND	Data Not Due
	Not Provided

Children's Services: Family Support & Child Protection

*Denotes Cumulative Figures

PI Ref	Title	Good Performance Shown by	Target	Quarter Figure	RAG
KI 069	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders (No.)	Decrease	1.2	1.3	
KI 220	YP within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court, sentenced to custody (No.)	Decrease	18	*12	
KI 223	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 years (No.)	Decrease	175	153	
KI 391	Average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family (Days)	Decrease	426	513.6	
KI 392	Average time between LA receiving authority to place a child and LA deciding a match to adoptive family (day)	Decrease	121	153.9	
KI 397	Percentage of assessments completed within 45 working days (as per Working Together)	Increase	85	60.7	
KI 443	Successful outcomes for Kirklees LAC who successfully completed their interventions with YOT (%)	Decrease	50	44.4	
KI 458	Young People aged 16+ on an Order to the YOT who are EET at the end of their intervention (%)	Increase	70	68	

KI 476	Former relevant young people aged 19 - 21 who were in education, employment or training (%)	Increase	50	39.3	
KI 477	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) per 10,000 aged 0 - 17 years (per 10,000)	Decrease	60	71.2	
KI 479	Repeat Referrals - Percentage of referrals within 12 months of a previous referral (%)	Decrease	20	27.6	

Positive progress against the targets

- KI 220 Young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody. (Number)**
 In the period January 2017 to March 2017 we have had 1 custodial sentence, thus for the full year we have had 12 convictions which significantly bettered our annual target (18). It is anticipated that this performance will be in line with local and national averages.
- KI 223 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 years. (Number)**
 The figure of 153 (actuals October 2015 to September 2016) is a small increase on the same period last year (135). Kirklees performance is again in line with local and national averages and is better than our target.
- KI 392 The average time between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family (Days)**
 This indicator has seen major improvement this financial year but is still performing worse than target, Q4 153.9 days against a target of 121 days.
- KI 477 Number of Looked after Children (LAC) per 10000 aged 0 - 17 years (per 10000)**
 This rate equates to 703 LAC and is currently stable around the 700 mark. During this financial year the number of LAC has been as high as 706, compared to 652 in March 2016. This rate remains significantly below the statistical neighbour average of 80.7 (per 10,000 aged 0-17 years) although it is well above the national average of 60.0.









Areas of risk or concern against the targets

- KI 069 Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders. (Number)**
 The figure of 1.3 (April 14 to March 15) is a worsening in performance of the same period of last year (1.08). The national trend is also one of worsening performance and we still compare well with local and regional YOTs. There is a continuing reduction in the cohort size to 246 which means that overall the numbers of the young people who offend are declining.
- KI 391 The average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (Days)**
 Performance against this indicator has fluctuated widely throughout the year, ending more positively at 513.6 days, against the target of 426 days.
- KI 397 Percentage of assessments completed within 45 working days (as per Working Together)**
 The percentage of assessments completed within 45 working days has seen a decline in performance this year. This outcome is significantly below the latest available national comparator data (2015/16). This shows a statistical neighbour average of 83.6% and an England average of 83.4%.
- KI 443 Successful outcomes for Kirklees Looked after Children who successfully completed their interventions with YOT (%)**
 The number of LAC young people who have offended in the 4th quarter is 0.87% which compares with 0.93% at the same period last year. For the year 2016/17 the cumulative figure is 6.14%, which is a slight increase on the 2015/16 figure of 5.9%. For the year 2016/17 44.4% of LAC young people completed their orders successfully, compared to 29% for the previous. Over the same period 2016/17 64% of the general population completed orders successfully

compared with 69.7% 2015/16. This gives a clear indication that the YOT is achieving its aim of bringing the successful completion rate of LAC young people more into line with that of the general YOT population. Performance remains below target.

- **KI 458 The percentage of Young People aged 16+ on an Order to the YOT who are in full-time education/training/employment at the end of their intervention (%)**
In 2016/17 we have achieved 68% of our young people aged 16+ in full time Employment, Training or Education at the end of their orders, compared to 70.2% last year.
- **KI 476 The percentage of former relevant young people aged 19 - 21 who were in education, employment or training (%)**
Performance (39.3%) of care leavers in employment, education or training has not met expectations this year. This outcome compares to a 2016 statistical neighbour average of 50.2% and a national outcome of 49%.
- **KI 479 Repeat Referrals - Percentage of referrals within 12 months of a previous referral. (%)**
This has been a volatile indicator this year. This outcome (27%) is significantly higher than the 2015/16 outcome of 23.7% and the statistical neighbour average is 19.4%.

Children's Services: Learning and Skills Service

PI Ref	Title	Good Performance Shown by	Target	Quarter Figure	RAG
KI 012a	Number of schools judged as in an Ofsted category	Decrease	0	4	
KI 029	Percentage of 16-18 year olds not in employment, education or training (NEET).	Decrease	4.7	4.7	
KI 369	Take up of free early education and care by 2 year olds (%)	Increase	80	76	
KI 490	% of early learning providers rated good or outstanding	Increase	to agree	95	
KI 491	% of children under 5 learning with good or outstanding provision	Increase	to agree	97	
KI 492	% of LAC under 5 accessing good or outstanding provision	Increase	to agree	92	
KI 493	% of Kirklees pupils in good or outstanding schools	Increase	to agree	86.1	
KI 494	% of Kirklees schools that are good or outstanding	Increase	to agree	86.9	

Positive progress against the targets

- **KI 029 Percentage of 16-18 year olds not in employment, education or training (NEET).**
It is noted that DfE no longer use this cohort for counting NEET.
- **KI 369 Take up of free early education and care by 2 year olds (%)**
A steady rise in Kirklees take-up levels reached 79% in autumn 2016, close to the national target of 80% take-up. In spring 2017 take-up declined to 76%. This follows an emerging seasonal trend with the same 3% decline recorded last year. Intensive work continues across Kirklees with locally based Childcare Co-ordinators. There is significant variation at a local level. This is particularly evident for Batley East and Cleckheaton. There are also large variations from term to term in areas with fewer eligible children such as in Colne Valley and Holme Valley North.
- **KI 490 % of early learning providers rated good or outstanding**
95% of children childcare providers are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. There has been a fluctuating trend between 93%-97% across the last year.
- **KI 491 % of children under 5 learning with good or outstanding provision**

97% of children accessing free early education do so in provision rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. There has been an improving trend across the last year.

- **KI 492 % of LAC under 5 accessing good or outstanding provision**
35 of the 38 placed children are attending provision judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding.
- **KI 493 % of Kirklees pupils in good or outstanding schools**
86.9% of Kirklees schools are currently good or outstanding. This is below the national figure of 88.3% but above the Yorkshire & Humber figure of 84.7%. (Each school equates to 0.59%)

Areas of risk or concern against the targets

- **KI 012a Number of schools judged as in an Unsatisfactory Ofsted Category**
Currently, we have four schools in an Ofsted category. This is 2.5% of all schools, whereas the national figure is currently 2.0%. It was 2 schools in the previous quarter.
 - **KI 494 % of Kirklees schools that are good or outstanding**
Kirklees (86.9%) are currently below the national (88.3%) and above the Yorkshire & Humber (84.7%) averages for percentage of schools that are good/outstanding.
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