



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

QUARTER 1 2018/19 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Committee with an update of the Children and Family Services Department's performance for the period April to June 2018 (Quarter 1).

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. The Children and Family Services Department's performance is reported to the Committee in accordance with the Council's corporate performance management arrangements.

Background

3. A new Strategic Plan 2018-2022 has been agreed by the Council and a small number of new indicators have been added to reflect the new Outcomes Framework, including additional Social Care indicators that are monitored on the recommendation of Ofsted. The current performance dashboard is attached as Appendix A, and this has been refreshed to concentrate on indicators where new data is available for Quarter 1, including provisional primary school outcomes. Appendix B supports the Early Help indicator "Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact".
4. Quartile positions are added where comparative national data is available. Comparative data is not available for all indicators.

Overview

5. From 43 measures that have been reported, 17 have improved, 9 show no significant change and six have declined. In addition to this, nine indicators provide information with no polarity and two are new.
6. From 21 measures that have a national benchmark, seven are in the top quartile, eight are in the second quartile, five are in the third quartile and one is in the fourth quartile.

Children At Most Risk are Kept Safe and Protected from Harm

7. The number of 'Child Protection cases reviewed within timescales' was 95.8% in quarter 1, a similar figure to the previous quarter. This remains high by national levels and in the second quartile of all local authorities. This equates to 11 of 261 cases not being reviewed in the required timescales.
8. The percentage of 'Children becoming subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time' reduced from 15% to 12%. This represents 15 children. This is now in the top quartile of local authorities by available comparisons and shows strong improvement over the previous year.
9. The percentage of re-referrals to Social Care within 12 months is reported for the first time in this report. The quarter 1 figure is 29% (415 referrals) which is higher than during the previous year when the figure was between 24% and 27%. The figure is also higher than national and statistical neighbour averages. Monthly audits take place within the service to monitor this. This is linked to ongoing work regarding Children in Need which should see an improving picture over the year.
10. The percentage of 'assessments completed within 45 days' is also new in the report. The quarter 1 figure for Leicestershire was 76% (668). This is similar to figures from the previous year but lower than available national and statistical neighbour comparisons, which are both over 80%. Current work is showing an improving picture against the target.
11. The percentage of Child Protection plans lasting two years or more that were open at the end of quarter 1 was 0.5% (two children). This was a lower number of children than the previous quarter and an improved percentage. The current figure places Leicestershire in the top quartile of local authorities using available comparators.
12. There were 81 Child Sexual Exploitation referrals in Leicestershire during quarter 1. This is higher than the quarter 4 figure of 68 but close to the same period last year when 75 referrals were made.

Children Are Living In Stable and Secure Environments

13. The 'percentage of children with three or more placements during the year' was 8.3% (48 children). This is six more children than quarter 4 and places Leicestershire in the second quartile nationally (0.3% outside the top quartile). The 'percentage of children in the same placement for 2+ years or placed for adoption' was 69.1% (103 of 149 children). This is 2.4% higher than quarter 4 and places Leicestershire in the third quartile by national levels.
14. The percentage of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation was 92.1% (35 of 38 young people). This is higher than quarter 3 (88.2%) and places Leicestershire in the top quartile of local authorities using available comparisons.
15. The percentage of Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training was 55.3% (21 of 38 young people). This is 4.6% better than quarter 4 and places Leicestershire into the second quartile by comparison with other local authorities.

Child Health and Wellbeing

16. The percentage of 'Children in Care who have had an annual health assessment' within the last 12 months was 74.5% (430 children). This is a similar number to quarter 4 but a slightly lower percentage (78.8% in quarter 4). Completion of health assessments continues to be overseen by the Children in Care Head of Service and Service Manager, with specific actions identified to address delays and barriers including systems support, processes and staffing pressures.
17. The percentage of 'Children in Care who have had a dental check' was 65.2% (376 children). This is lower than quarter 4 when the percentage was 74.1%.
18. The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) is a tool which is used to identify Looked After Children who are at risk of developing emotional and behavioural difficulties. The Department for Education (DfE) class a score of 0-13 as 'normal', 14-16 as 'borderline' and 17-40 as 'cause for concern'. The mean score for Leicestershire children was 15 in quarter 1. This figure has been between 14 and 16 in Leicestershire during the past year. A score of 15 for Leicestershire is slightly better than the statistical neighbour average of 15.58. The scores for Leicestershire children range from a low of zero and one to a high of 36 and 37.

Families Are Self-Sufficient and Able to Cope

19. The number of families receiving targeted Early Help during quarter 1 was 829, similar to the previous quarter (831). The number of individuals receiving help was 2,139. This was lower than quarter 4 but similar to previous quarters where the number has been around 2,200. This includes family members and individuals supported through Supporting Leicestershire Families and the Children's Centre Programme.
20. To date, the Supporting Leicestershire Families programme has claimed Payment By Results (PBR) for 1373 families. This represents 50% of the overall target for Leicestershire. Progress towards the target remains strong in Leicestershire compared to available regional comparisons.

People Are Safe In their Daily Lives

21. The rolling annual figure for 'first time entrants to the criminal justice system aged 10-17' was 104 for the period April 2017 to March 2018 (latest available). This is lower than the same period last year when the figure was 126.
22. The rate of re-offending per young offender was 0.71 for 2017/18. This compares to 0.91 in 2016/17.
23. One young person was sentenced to custody during quarter 1. This is similar to previous quarters.

Every Child Has Access to Good Quality Education and Achieves their Potential

24. There was a small decrease in the take-up of Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) for two year olds to 73% - this was due to the number of eligible children increasing but not yet taking up the place. The list of eligible children is supplied periodically by the Department for Work and Pensions. 97% of these children attend a good or outstanding provision. Take up of FEEE for eligible three year olds was once again 100%, and 97% of these children attend a good or outstanding provision.
25. The percentage of Leicestershire schools rated as Good or Outstanding and the percentage of pupils in Good or Outstanding schools have both risen slightly. The current figures are 89.4% and 89.3% respectively, which are similar to national averages and above statistical neighbour levels.
26. The percentage of primary schools rated Good or Outstanding was 89.5% at the end of quarter 1. This is similar to statistical neighbour averages. The secondary school figure was 86.9% which is better than statistical neighbours and in the second quartile of local authorities.
27. The percentage of Good or Outstanding Special Schools remained at 100%.

Provisional 2018 Primary school outcomes

28. The provisional figure for the percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development in the Reception year of school (aged 5) was 70.8%. This was a 0.7% increase compared to 2017. The national figure is expected to increase by a similar amount, meaning Leicestershire will continue to be slightly behind national levels.
29. There was a 3.9% increase in the percentage of children reaching the expected level in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at the end of Key Stage Two in Leicestershire schools (age 11). Provisional national data suggests that Leicestershire will be at least 1% above the England figure.

Outcomes for Vulnerable Groups

30. The provisional figure for the proportion of children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) achieving a Good Level of Development is higher than the 2017 figure for Leicestershire. Children in receipt of FSM that achieved the expected standard at the age of 11 is expected to be lower than in 2017. National comparisons are not yet available for this group.
31. The proportion of children in receipt of Special Educational Needs Support achieving the expected standard at age 11 is expected to be higher than in 2017. This has previously been identified as an area for improvement in Leicestershire.
32. Outcomes for Children in Care are not yet available.

33. Further details, including national and statistical neighbour comparisons will be available later in the year when the Department for Education (DfE) releases further data.

Special Educational Needs and Disability Support

34. The number of young people with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) in Leicestershire rose from 3,350 in 2017 to 3,703 in 2018. This data is taken from a snapshot in January 2018 and published by the DfE in May. All of Leicestershire's statistical neighbours also saw a rise in the number of EHCPs.
35. This increased demand was reflected in a rise in initial requests for an EHCP which were refused. This was 226 during 2017 compared to 36 the previous year. However, of assessments undertaken, an EHCP was issued in 99.5% of cases.
36. The percentage of EHCPs issued within 20 weeks in Leicestershire was 99%. This is in the top quarter of local authorities and very high compared to statistical neighbours, where, on average, fewer than half are issued within timescales .

Leicestershire Has a Highly Skilled and Employable Workforce

37. The latest data from Prospects, commissioned by Leicestershire County Council to work with those not in education, employment or training (NEET), is for the end of June 2018 and shows a Leicestershire NEET figure of 2.0% (271 young people), which is slightly lower (better) than quarter 4. Leicestershire has a lower NEET figure than most of the East Midlands and is around the average of statistical neighbours.
38. The NEET figure for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities was 3.0% at the end of June 2018. This represents 16 young people and is 0.5% better than quarter 4, although this does involve small numbers.
39. The percentage of young people in Leicestershire achieving a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 is 83.2%. This is in the third quartile of local authorities but very close to the national average of 83.6%.

Conclusion

40. The report provides a summary of performance at the end of Quarter 1 of 2018/19, covering the period April – June.
41. Details of all metrics will continue to be monitored on a regular basis throughout the year and any subsequent changes will be notified in future reports.

Background Papers

[Strategic Plan 2018-22 and Outcomes Framework](#)

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- Appendix A - Children and Family Services Department Performance Dashboard for Quarter 1, 2018/19
- Appendix B - supports the indicator ‘Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact’

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

42. Addressing equalities issues is supported by this report, with a focus on vulnerable groups within Leicestershire, including children in care. Education data relating to different context groups including children with Special Educational Needs and Free School Meals is reported when data becomes available.

Children and Families Performance FY2018/19 Q1

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Children at most risk are protected from harm and kept safe

	Latest update	Current Performance	Better or worse than previous data point^	Trend Charts	Status RAG	National benchmark (quartile 1 = top)	Most recent Statistical Neighbour average
% child protection cases which were reviewed within timescales.	Q1	95.8% (250)	Similar		G	2	89.9%
% of children becoming subject to a child protection plan for second or subsequent time	Q1	12% (15)	Better		G	1	20.8%
% re-referrals to childrens Social Care within 12 months	Q1	29.0%	New		R	4	24.1%
% Continuous assessments completed within 45 days	Q1	76.0%	New		A	3	82.0%
% of Child Protection plans lasting 2 years or more open at the end of the quarter (low = good)	Q1	0.5% (2)	Better		G	1	1.8%
Placement stability - % children with 3 or more placements during a year (low = good)	Q1	8.3% (48)	Higher		G	2	12.4%
Placement stability - % children in same placement for 2+ years or placed for adoption	Q1	69.1% (103)	Better		A	3	68.0%
% of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (end of quarter)	Q1	92.1% (35)	Similar		G	1	80.8%
The % of Care leavers in education, employment and training (EET) (end of quarter)	Q1	55.3% (21)	Better		A	2	48.1%
CSE referrals	Q1	81	Higher - no polarity		n/a	n/a	n/a

Child Health, Wellbeing and SEND							
The % of children in care who have had dental checks within last 12 months (at end of period)	Q1	65.2% (376)	Lower		n/a	n/a	n/a
The % of children in care who have their annual health assessment within last 12 months (at end of period)	Q1	74.5% (430)	Lower		n/a	n/a	n/a
The average emotional health strengths/difficulties score for children in care. (low = good)	Q1	15	Similar		A	3	15.58
SEND - Children and young people assessed and decision taken whether or not to issue a statement, or EHC plan, during calendar year	2017	390	Higher		n/a	n/a	n/a
SEND - Intial requests for EHCP refused	2017	226	Higher		n/a	n/a	n/a
SEND - children and young people assessed and EHCP issued	2017	99.5%	Higher		n/a	n/a	91.0%
SEND - children and young people assessed and EHCP NOT issued	2017	0.5%	Lower		n/a	n/a	9.0%
SEND - Percentage of EHC plans issued within 20 weeks	2017	99.0%	Higher		G	1	47.00%
SEND - Total number of statements / EHC plans over 12 month period	2017	3,703	Higher		n/a	n/a	n/a
Families are self-sufficient and able to cope							
No. of individuals with an Early Help Assessment	Q1	2,139	Lower		n/a	n/a	n/a
No. of families with an Early Help assessment	Q1	829	Similar		n/a	n/a	n/a
No. of SLF families claimed for as a % of overall payment by results target	Q1	1373 (50%)	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a
Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact	See Appendix						n/a
People are safe in their daily lives							
Number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system aged 10-17 (low = good) (rolling year data)	Apr 17 - Mar 18	104	Better		G	1	n/a
Rate of re-offending by young offenders (low = good)	2016/17	0.71	Better		G	n/a	n/a
Number of instances of the use of custody for young people (low = good)	Q1	1	Similar		n/a	n/a	n/a

Every child has access to good quality education and achieves their potential							
The % of eligible 2 year olds taking up their FEEE	Q1	73.0%	Lower		A		2 75.3%
The % of eligible 3 and 4 year olds taking up their FEEE	Q1	100.0%	Same		G		1 98.6%
The % of all childcare providers rated good or outstanding.	Q1	96.0%	Same		G		1 93.1
The % of schools rated Good or Outstanding.	Q1	88.7%	Similar		A		2 89.0%
The % of Primary Schools rated Good or Outstanding	Q1	89.5%	Better		A		3 89.3%
The % of Secondary Schools rated Good or Outstanding	Q1	86.9%	Better		A		2 79.5%
The % of Special Schools rated Good or Outstanding	Q1	100%	Same		G		1 92.8%
The % of pupils in Good or Outstanding schools	Q1	89.3%	Better		A		2 88.9%
The % of reception pupils reaching a 'Good' level of development'.	2018	70.80%	Better		n/a	n/a	n/a
Key Stage 2 - pupils achieving expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics	2018	65.3%	Better		n/a	n/a	n/a
Progress measures from KS1 to KS2 (Maths)	2018	0.00	Better		n/a	n/a	n/a
Progress measures from KS1 to KS2 (Writing)	2018	0.10	Better		n/a	n/a	n/a
Progress measures from KS1 to KS2 (Reading)	2018	-0.10	Better		n/a	n/a	n/a
Education of Vulnerable Groups							
The % of reception pupils with FSM status achieving 'Good' level of development'.	2018	48%	Better		n/a	n/a	n/a
Key Stage 2 - % of pupils eligible for Free School Meals achieving expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics	2018	36.7%	Lower		n/a	n/a	n/a
Key Stage 2 - % of SEN statement/EHCP pupils achieving expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics	2018	6.9%	Similar		n/a	n/a	n/a
Leicestershire has a highly skilled and employable workforce							
% achieveing a Level 2 qualification by age 19	2017	83.20%	Lower		A		3 84.7%
% of NEET 16-17 for children with SEN and disability (low = good)	Jun-18	3% (16)	Better		n/a	n/a	n/a
NEET young people aged 16-17 (low = good)	Jun-18	2% (271)	Similar		G		2 2.3%

RAG rating key

	Top quartile of local authorities or high in the second quartile with an improving trend
	Second or third quartile with room for improvement
	Fourth quartile or low in the third quartile with a declining trend

**Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact –
Quarter 1 April to June 2018**

Contents:

Voice of Children and Families – Family Voice worker report

Children in Care council

Voice of Children and Families – Family Voice worker report (edit)

UK Youth Parliament:

Two Leicestershire Members of Youth Parliament attended the UK Youth Parliament Leadership residential where they took part workshops and a simulation of planning a campaign along with other MYPs from all over the UK.

CYCLe (County Youth Council for Leicestershire):

On Thursday 12 April CYCLe held a meeting to look at their programme plan for the year April 2018 to 2019, their personal development plan and filmed the feedback on the Children and families partnership plan consultation with members of the Children in Care Council.

A CYCLe Member and MYP was on the panel to commission sexual health services in Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland.

Councillor Rosita Page attended the CYCLe meeting to discuss a consultation with young people about what activities they would like putting on for them during both the summer and winter months.

Feedback from the Children and Families Partnership panel was presented by the partnership manager. The filmed feedback from the CiC council was shown to the panel.

CYCLe members were supported to carry out a consultation with the seven LCC SEND Groups about the appropriateness of the NHS Health for Teens Website, changes are now being made to the site and feedback will be given to the groups in September.

Family Voice and EH Support Services:

Young Carers Pop Up was held at the Leicester Space Centre.

SEND:

A very successful Leicestershire Parent Carer Forum AGM – Grant application and structure now in place. Support workers are now also signposting parents to the forum

The analysis of feedback from young people's views on the Local Offer and shared with Local Offer colleagues & digital team. Developments are now being made to the website following on from this.

E-learning project currently being developed “Listening to disabled young children” It is in its final stages and is due to launch in the summer 2018

EHCP – Information sessions held approx. 50 parents attending over 3 dates so far.

EH Short breaks – Second session completed small group of parents attended and looked at criteria, wording and publicity of the offer.

Children in Care council:

There have been three CiC Council meetings in Q1 (April - June). Key developments have included:-

Children in Care Council members have continued to work in partnership with other young people from CYCLE - The County Youth Council for Leicestershire, in order to continue development of the LSCB Young People’s Advisory Group. This has recently included members attending a full LSCB board meeting in order to provide an update of their work and also facilitate a discussion exercise focusing upon two campaign priorities concerning domestic abuse and mental health.

Recent Children in Care Council meetings have included ongoing consultation work towards development of Leicestershire’s Children and Families Partnership Plan and continuing to work with researchers from Loughborough University who are leading national research focusing upon Children in Care’s experience of sport and physical activity. Titled ‘Right to Be Active’ the research is intended to highlight the barriers children in care experience and develop strategies to more effectively promote sport and physical activity opportunities available to looked after young people.

Children in Care Council members have continued to support staff recruitment and selection, with representatives taking part in young people’s panels for both recruitment of a new Team Manager in Safeguarding and Performance and also recent appointment of the new Director for Children and Family Services

During monthly meetings Children in Care Council members continue to allocate Time to Spend Funding. Over the course of the 2017/18 financial year this resulted in over £3,000 of funds being awarded, enabling many other children in care to take part in a range of positive activities and develop new interests and hobbies.

Children in Care Council representatives continue to support the Fostering and Adoption Service on a regular basis and includes delivering a training session to prospective carers nearing completion of their Skills to Foster Care training course. Key elements of the training focuses upon what makes a good carer and what makes a new placement work well. Young People also answer any questions, worries or concerns carers may have.

At the beginning of June a representative from both junior and senior councils were supported to attend the first East Midlands Regional Children in Care and Care Leavers Conference held in Mansfield. The day included giving a short presentation about our own Children in Care Council and then involved taking part in a number of focus group discussions ranging from young people’s mental health awareness to development of a

regional pledge. Young People also had the opportunity to Meet Anne Longfield - Children's Commissioner for England, who took part in a question and answer session in order to conclude the conference.