



**Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director –
Children's Services**

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	20 November 2020
Subject:	Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework – Quarters 1 and 2

Summary:

This report summarises the Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework for Quarters 1 and 2. The report will only summarise the measures that are above or below the target range.

Actions Required:

The Committee is requested to review and comment on the performance of the measures that are above or below the target range.

1. Background

This report summarises the performance of the Tier 2 Service Level Performance measures for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

There are eight measures that should be reported at Quarter 1 and 2. However, two of these measures we are unable to report on as the information is not available from the Youth Justice Board until late November; this is too late to be shared in this report. We will however, have the information for the Quarter 3 report and will share the information at that point.

In Quarter 1:

- five measures achieved their target; and
- one measure exceeded its target. This measure also exceeded in Quarter 2 and there is an explanation below to cover both Quarter 1 and 2's performance.

In Quarter 2:

- three of the measures are on target, which you can see in the appendix attached to the report.
- two measures have exceeded their target. These are:
 - Time taken to match a child with an adoptive family; and
 - Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation.

- one measure has not achieved its target. This is Children who are subject to a Child Protection Plan.

There is an explanation below as to why these have either exceeded or not achieved the targets for this quarter.

Exceeded Target

Time taken to match a child with an adoptive family

The performance this quarter is better than any previous quarter's performance for Lincolnshire during the 2019/20 financial year for the measure of 'Average Time between the Local Authority Receiving Court Authority to Place a Child and the Local Authority Deciding on a Match to an Adoptive Family'. Having a clear recruitment strategy that links children to families from an early stage in the process greatly assists in ensuring we continue to do well in respect of this indicator.

Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation

The good performance is down to better working relationships with District Councils and their willingness to now view care leavers as a priority group. The flexibility and resilience demonstrated by our housing provider, Nacro, during the pandemic ensured safe accommodation was on offer to young people. The above combined with persistent and creative work of leaving care staff has ensured that nearly every care leaver is suitably accommodated.

Not Achieved Target

Children who are subject to a Child Protection Plan

The number of children on a child protection (CP) plan at the end of September was 403. This is high when compared to Lincolnshire's previous CP numbers; however we are still lower than Statistical Neighbours and National average. Practise wisdom from Social workers suggests that this rise is due to the effects of lockdown/Covid measures on family units. Further evidence of this can be seen in regional data with six of our eight neighbouring authorities seeing a rise in their CP numbers at some point since May.

2. Conclusion

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is requested to review and comment on the report.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None required

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Performance Measure Summary

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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