



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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	05 March 2021
Subject:	Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework – Quarter 3

Summary:

This report summarises the Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework for Quarter 3. This 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 seven measures that should be reported at Quarter 3.

In Quarter 3:

- three measures achieved their target; and
- four measures exceeded their target.

There is an explanation below as to why these have exceeded the targets for this quarter.

Exceeded Target

Average time taken to move a child from care to an adoptive family

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Lincolnshire is performing well in this measure and the numbers are significantly better than figures from recent history for comparator areas (both Statistical Neighbours and Nationally). Our high performance in this area is achieved through being aware of the journey of each

child and ensuring that the Adoption team is able to engage in twin tracking at the earliest opportunity.

Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family

The performance this quarter continues to improve despite the Covid-19 pandemic, and is better than National and Statistical Neighbour comparator figures. Recruiting the right families for children reduces the need to identify independent adoptive placements, which in turn minimises potential delays and ensures we continue to do well in respect of this indicator.

16-17 year old Looked After Children participating in learning

At 85.96%, Quarter 3 performance is significantly higher than the Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) target for the Quarter of 83%. The Virtual School team works effectively with our social workers, carers, students and education providers to ensure that transitions from Year 11 into Year 12 are successful and that all students have an appropriate educational placement that meets their needs Post 16. Once they have accessed a place in Sixth Form or College we regularly monitor and review their progress to ensure they are appropriately supported to become confident learners.

Juvenile Re-offending

Reoffending figures in Lincolnshire are continuing to decrease and are now well below target. Rates for Lincolnshire are also below both the East Midlands (33.3%) and National (37.1%) rates. Retrospective data has also been added for Quarter 1 (Q1) and Quarter 2 (Q2) due to being made available by the Youth Justice Board (YJB).

Q1 Commentary - Lincolnshire's rate of reoffending fell to 42.5% in Q1, and although higher than target, it is movement in the right direction.

Q2 Commentary - The reoffending rate in Lincolnshire continues to drop, and now sits below target. Lincolnshire's rate is also below that of the East Midlands (36.0%) and National (37.5%) rates.

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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