



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

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>03 September 2021</b>
Subject:	<b>Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework – Quarter 1</b>

**Summary:**

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

**Actions Required:**

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

**1. Background**

This report will summarise 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.

In Quarter 1:

- 3 measures exceeded their target;
- 3 measures have achieved their target; and
- 2 measures are unable to be reported on due to Covid-19.

**Measures that exceeded their target:**

**Average time taken to move a child from care to an adoptive family (PI 125)**

Despite the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, Lincolnshire continues to perform 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 within the service and via the regional adoption approach. There has been some delay in getting cases through the courts during the Covid-19 pandemic, and this may continue to have some impact on the statistics and data for this year despite the gradual easing. Several of the children are in protracted proceedings.

#### **Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family (PI 126)**

The performance this quarter continues to exceed target, 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. The Covid-19 pandemic continues to affect this measure. Until we were able to develop our systems and use Covid risk assessments, fewer children were placed in Quarter 1 last year. These systems are now effective and we were able to place a higher number of children in Quarter 4, some of whom had been difficult to place.

#### **Care Leavers in suitable accommodation (PI 146)**

The good performance in relation to accommodation is down to good working relationships with District Councils and their willingness to view care leavers as a priority group. The continued flexibility and resilience of our housing provider, Nacro, during the pandemic in ensuring safe accommodation is on offer should also be noted. The above combined with the persistent and creative work of leaving care staff has ensured that nearly every care leaver is suitably accommodated. A further two young people have gone to custody and this is deemed as unsuitable accommodation. This will impact on our figures, but Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) is unable to change a care leaver being in custody.

#### **Measures that are unable to be reported on due to Covid-19:**

##### **Juvenile first time offenders (PI 15)**

Unfortunately we are still in the position where we are unable to provide updated figures for this measure. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, to minimise non-essential travel by their analysts, the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) paused access to the Police National Computer. This access has now been resumed but on a priority basis. Nevertheless we are hopeful that the Youth Justice Board (YJB) will be able to provide updated figures soon. The performance team provide managers with regular cohort reports and persistent offender reports so that resilience is maintained in the interim.

For information, the last available figure for juvenile first time offenders is 121 (rate per 100,000) for the reporting period January 2019 - December 2019. This has increased from the previously reported figure of 119 due to recalculations by the YJB.

## **Juvenile Re-offending (PI 125)**

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For information, the last available figure for juvenile reoffending is 30.6% for the reporting period October 2018 – December 2018.

### **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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