



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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	04 March 2022
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 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 3.

In Quarter 3:

- 2 measures did not meet their target;
- 4 measures have achieved their target; and
- 2 measures are unable to report due to the impact of Covid-19.

Measures that did not meet their target:

Children in Care (PI23)

Rate 48.8 Target 46

This measure has not achieved the target of 46 per 10,000, moving slightly above the upper target tolerance of 48 per 10,000. The number of Children in Care starters over

Quarter 3 2021/22 has increased by around 39% compared to Quarter 2, whilst the number of care leavers has remained reasonably static. The increase in new entrants to care has pushed the Children in Care per 10,000 figure further up over the past quarter. The growth in numbers is partly attributable to the number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children that have arrived as part of the new temporary mandated scheme for all Local Authorities in relation to the National Transfer Scheme. The expectation is that Lincolnshire will take a maximum of 103 children which equates to 0.07% of the general child population and therefore there continues to be a likely impact of growth going forward. Despite the growth this quarter and the potential for future increase there continues to be an emphasis on prevention from children going into care and exit planning from the care system where it can be achieved. However, despite the increase, the Lincolnshire number of Children in Care per 10,000 remains significantly below the most recent published figures both nationally and by our statistical neighbours (67 per 10,000 and 63.4 per 10,000 respectively as at 31 March 2021).

16-17 year old Children in Care participating in Learning (PI45)

Numerator	86	Denominator	115
Percentage	74.4	Target	78

The performance for this quarter is below the lower target tolerance for this performance indicator by 3.2%. This represents approximately four young people. The Virtual School has been selected to participate in the Department for Education (DfE) Post 16 pilot which runs from September 2021 to March 2022. The pilot has enabled the Virtual School, working in partnership with post 16 providers, Leaving Care and Social Care colleagues, to allocate additional funding through the Personal Education Plan (PEP) process to promote young people’s access to and engagement in further education. This will assist the Virtual School to find placements for those young people not participating in learning and provide individual learners with advice and support through the PEP regardless of where placed.

Measures unable to be reported due to the impact of Covid:

Juvenile First Time Offenders (PI15)

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) has recently released historical data previously delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The rates of First Time Entrants for Lincolnshire are consistently lower than target levels and also consistently lower than the rates reported at National and Regional levels and also those of our youth offending team (YOT) Family. The Rate for April 2019 – March 2020 (130) was slightly above target (125), however this was in line with us deciding to lower our target from 230 to 125 which we felt would better reflect our performance. The rates for July 2019 – June 2020 (107), October 2019 – September 2020 (105) and January 2020 – December 2020 (87) were all significantly lower than the target of 125. Lincolnshire’s rate of First Time Entrants has fallen quarter on quarter which highlights the positive work of the service and of the Joint Diversionary Panel. This trend is consistent with the Regional, National and YOT Family rates.

Juvenile Re-Offending (PI125)

Re-offending data has been delayed from the YJB. The most recently available data has Lincolnshire's re-offending rate at 26.1% which is below our target of 37.9%. We are also lower than that of the National (32.6%), Regional (29.1%) and YOT Family (33.5%) rates.

2. Conclusion

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is requested to consider 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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