



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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	22 July 2022
Subject:	Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework – Quarter 4

Summary:

This report summarises the Service Level Performance against the Corporate Performance Framework for Quarter 4. This report will only summarise the measures that are above or below the target range.

Actions Required:

The Children and Young People Scrutiny 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 10 measures that should be reported at Quarter 4.

In Quarter 4:

- 3 measures did not meet their target;
- 2 measures exceeded their target; and
- 5 measures achieved their target.

Measures that did not meet their target:

Achievement gap between pupils eligible for Free School Meals and their non-FSM Eligible peers nationally at KS4 (PI42)

Percentage gap:	32.6	Target 30
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Published data is not directly comparable to previous years (due to grades awarded using teacher assessment rather than exams which removed the previous skewing effects of norm referencing grades, which prevents all pupils attaining grades which reflect the quality of their work or aptitude). We can see from the published 2021 data that the achievement of Free School Meal (FSM) and non-FSM pupils nationally increased. The gap between FSM and Non-FSM pupils has remained steady or widened across the country. The trend for a widening gap is also seen in Lincolnshire.

The target has not been met. In part, this could be due to the disproportionately negative effect of learning loss and reduced access to educational resources experienced by FSM pupils compared to their peers during the pandemic.

2022 results will likely show a decline overall/dip in performance; not necessarily due to a decline in pupils' ability/performance, but rather due to Ofqual's decision to 're-align' grade boundaries to make 2022 outcomes more comparable to 2019.

The service is developing a coordinated Education Strategic Plan with sector partners. This seeks to address the ambition and specifics of the Education and Levelling Up White Papers. Strategy aims include integrated working with service areas beyond education so that all of the factors affecting schools and settings within communities are addressed.

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

Numerator	94	Denominator 116
Percentage	81.03	Target 90

The performance for this quarter is below the lower target tolerance for this performance indicator by 4%. All of our 16 and 17 year olds are supported by the Virtual School through the Personal Education Planning (PEP) Process. This brings social workers, carers and providers together to focus on educational need and ensures that our young people are supported appropriately while participating in learning. Some of our young people in care struggle to access learning and the team also works with those young people not participating in learning to ensure that they can access therapeutic support and/or appropriate educational opportunities when they are ready to do so.

The Virtual School has participated in the National Department for Education (DfE) Post 16 pilot which was completed at the end of 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 PEP process to promote young people's access to and engagement in further education. This has assisted the Virtual

School to find placements for those young people not participating in learning and provide individual learners with advice and support through the Personal Education Plan regardless of where placed. The final evaluation of the pilot is currently with the DfE and we are awaiting a decision on the continuation of this additional funding at the end of July 2022.

Juvenile Re-offending (PI125)

Rate:	43.8	Target	37.9
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Lincolnshire's rate of reoffending currently stands at 43.8%. This has dropped slightly since last quarter but remains higher than target. However due to the small cohort size, small fluctuations in reoffenders can have dramatic effects on the rate itself. Typically, what we see is that a lower first time entrant rate generally leads to a higher reoffending rate; this is the case in Lincolnshire. Quarter 2 (Q2) and Q3 figures had previously been delayed by the Youth Justice Board but have since been released; the Q2 rate of juvenile reoffending in Lincolnshire was 26.1% showing a significant drop from Q1. This, however, is due to a larger cohort with numbers of reoffenders remaining fairly constant. Performance in Q2 was lower than target (37.9%), as well as being lower than the National (32.6%), Regional (29.1%) and Youth Offending Team (YOT) Family (33.5%) rates. The Q3 rate for Lincolnshire rose to 44.1%; this was primarily due to a reduced cohort (12 less young people). This brought us back to above our target rate of 37.9%. Q3 also had us above that of the National (34.2%), Regional (27.4%) and YOT Family (37.0%) rates.

Measures that exceeded their target:

Permanent exclusions (PI67)

Numerator:	50	Denominator:	106,436
Percentage:	0.05	Target:	0.11

Since the Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy was introduced in 2015/16, the rate of permanent exclusions has continued to decrease; in line with internal target setting and drawing it mainly in line with the national average since 2016/17. The trend of reducing permanent exclusions has been established and continues to be supported robustly by the Pupil Reintegration Team. The rate of permanent exclusions has seen a significant decrease this quarter, however this has been severely impacted on due to the abnormal school operating circumstances over this period as a result of the pandemic. Target setting going forward has been adjusted accordingly given the unpredictability of the impact of the pandemic and schools' recovery.

Juvenile first time offenders (PI15)

Rate: 90 Target: 125

Lincolnshire's rate of juvenile first time entrants remains low having fallen slightly since Q3. Currently it stands at 90 (rate per 100,000) which is considerably lower than target rate (125) as well as the National (156), Regional (161) and Youth Offending Team (YOT) Family (131) rates. This continues to show the positive work of the Joint Diversionary Panel. Q2 and Q3 figures had previously been delayed by the Youth Justice Board but have since been released; the Q2 rate of juvenile first time offending for Lincolnshire was 78 which fell significantly lower than target (125), National (159), Regional (156) and that of our YOT Family (140). The Q3 rate for Lincolnshire was 95 which fell considerably lower than target (125), National (167), Regional (166) and that of our YOT Family (135).

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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