



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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	09 September 2022
Subject:	Service Level Performance Reporting against the Success Framework 2022-23 – Quarter 1

Summary:

This report summarises the Service Level Performance against the Success Framework for Quarter 1. 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 8 measures that should be reported at Quarter 1.

In Quarter 1:

- 4 measures did not meet their target;
- 1 measure exceeded their target; and
- 3 measures achieved their target.

Measures that did not meet their target:

Children who are subject to a child protection plan (PI24)

Actual: 402 Target: 370

The number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan in Quarter 1 in Lincolnshire is 402; this is just outside of the tolerance range for this measure. The number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan fluctuates as the decision for a child to be subject to or remain on a child protection plan is based on the risk factors present for the individual child. Child protection plans create safety, and it is important that risk is recognised and managed through plans where appropriate. Early intervention with families and effective risk management continues to ensure that only the right children are subject to a child protection plan. It is unsurprising to see that the number of children subject to a child protection plan has remained higher than the target. There are lasting impacts from the public health pandemic (specifically lockdowns and impact upon delivery of universal services) and it could be considered that the increased pressures and financial hardship upon families at the current time is likely to have impacted negatively on parents and their parenting capacity.

Average time taken to move a child from care to an adoptive family (PI25)

Actual: 513 Target: 450

Lincolnshire has failed to meet this target this quarter, as all of the children captured in this data will have been delayed in the Covid pandemic. There has been significant delay in getting cases through the courts during Covid, and this will continue to have some impact on the statistics and data for this year and accounts for the increased timescales. This measure is a 'rolling' three yearly average; as we have moved forward the calculation has considered more of the period covered by the pandemic, which has in turn increased the rolling average figure. The most recent published comparator data is from the three-year period before the pandemic (2015-18), however, Lincolnshire remains better than the national figure (486) from that period, although it is now higher than the statistical neighbours (456.33).

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

Numerator: 48 Denominator: 59
Percentage: 81.36 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 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.

Juvenile Re-offending (PI125)

Rate: 45.5 Target: 37.9

Lincolnshire's rate of juvenile reoffending remains higher than target at 45.5% and higher than that of our comparators (National 32.3%, Regional 28.3% and Youth Offending Team (YOT) Family 35.6%). However, as always, this does not necessarily suggest poor performance. Due to Lincolnshire's small cohort size any small difference can have dramatic effects on the percentage. In the quarter, Lincolnshire's cohort number dropped by over 50% which causes a higher rate of reoffending.

Measures that exceeded their target:

Juvenile first time offenders (PI15)

Actual: 106 Target: 125

Lincolnshire's rate of juvenile first time offenders remains low, at 106 (rate per 100,000) and continues to fall below our target (125) and the National (146), Regional (155) and YOT Family (122) rates. This continues to highlight the good work we are doing to minimise child entries into the criminal justice system including renewed efforts from the joint diversionary panel.

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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