
CHILDREN'S SERVICE QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE 2021/22

Reasons for the Report

1. The Director of Children's Services will introduce and present the Quarter 1 performance report for Children's Services. This report will enable the Committee to assess the progress being made in improving outcomes for children in need and looked after children.

Issue – performance reporting

2. The range of performance data relating to Children's Services is contained in **Appendix A** to this report. The following data is reported on:
 - The number of people supported through the family gateway (FAM KPI 01)
 - The number of people supported by the Family Help Team (FAM KPI 02)
 - The number of people supported by the Support4Families Team (FAM KPI 03)
 - Percentage of children in regulated placements who are placed in Cardiff (CS LAC 58)
 - Percentage of social worker vacancies in all teams (Staff 1)
 - Percentage of children re-offending within six months of their previous offence (YOS 2)
 - Demand – Family Gateway and MASH Phone Data
 - Contact/ Referrals to MASH and Family Gateway
 - Domestic Abuse at Referral and Assessment
 - Caseload Breakdown Over Time
 - Contacts Received by Children's Services that progressed/ did not progress to an assessment

- Percentage of Well-being Assessments completed within statutory timescales (CH/012)
- The Percentage of looked after children who have had three or more placements during the year (CH/043) – **new**
- Percentage of children looking after returned home from care during the year (CH/045 – was SSWB 26)
- Face to Face and Virtual Visits
- Number and percentage of re-registrations of children on Child Protection Register during the year and within 12 months from deregistration (CH/024 – was SSWB 27)
- Average length of time for all children who were deregistered from the Child Protection Register during the period (CH/035, was SSWB 28 and slight reword – “during the year”)
- Number of Children on the Child Protection Register, registrations and deregistrations
- Child Protection registration by Category of Abuse – June 2021
- % Child Protection Conferences on Time
- The percentage of Initial Core Groups meetings held on time (CH/028 – was previously only reported at year end) – **new**
- The percentage of visits to children on the CPR held on time (CH/030 - was previously only reported at year end) – **new**
- The number of children reported during Quarter 1 2021/22 where exploitation is a factor (CH/033 - was previously only reported at year end) – **new**
- Looked After Starts, Ends and Total Number of Children Looked After
- Timeliness of Children Looked After Reviews
- Agency Placements by Age
- Total children looked after by Placement type – as at 30.06.2016 (baseline number: 644)
- Total CLA by Placement type – as at 30.06.2021 (baseline number: 1000)
- Unplanned Placement Move Requests by Age
- Supervised Contacts – Swanstaff
- Percentage of Statutory visits held on time (CH/042) - **new**

- The number of young people leaving care who moved into a 'When I'm Ready' Placement (CH/055) - **new**
 - Sickness – Children's Services
 - Net result of Social Workers starting and leaving Council
3. The following Indicators (reported during 2020/21) are not included in the attached Appendix, but may have been redefined within new Indicators:
- Percentage of children supported to remain living within their family (SSWB 25)
 - Average length of time for all children who were in the Child Protection Register during the year (SSWB 28)

Scope of Scrutiny

4. The scope of the scrutiny of this report is for the Committee Members to review the information provided to the Committee and to provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member, Corporate Director and Director of Children's Services.

Way Forward

5. At the meeting Councillor Graham Hinchey (Cabinet Member for Children and Families); Sarah McGill (Corporate Director, People and Communities); and Deborah Driffield (Director of Children's Services) will be in attendance to make a presentation and answer any questions Members may wish to ask.
6. Members may wish to review the information presented at the meeting and determine whether there are any comments, concerns or recommendations which they would like to pass on to the Cabinet Member, Corporate Director and Director of Children's Services.

Legal Implications

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. These financial implications will need to be considered before any changes are implemented.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to review the information provided in the report, appendix and at the meeting and provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member, Corporate Director and Director of Children's Services.

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