

CYPSC: BRIEFING REPORTS

Reasons for the Report

1. To provide Members with 2 Briefing reports on the following:
 - Children's Services 2022/23 Quarter 2 Performance (**Appendix A**)
 - Childcare Sufficiency – 12-month Update (**Appendix B**)

Background

2. Due to the number and breadth of items on this meeting's Agenda, and with February and March's CYPSC Agendas full, the Chair of this Scrutiny Committee recommended that both reports (attached at **Appendices A and B** to this report) be provided to Members for their information and consideration.
3. Members are requested to note that due to the limited time on the agenda, these reports will not be allocated time for consideration at this meeting (via Cabinet Member/Officer attendance, Q&A etc) but could be considered at a later date, should Members request this.
4. The reports are enclosed to provide Members with timely updates on these issues, as well as providing open and transparent access to the information by the wider public. Quarter 3 Children's Services data is scheduled to be reported to the March 2023 meeting of the Committee.
5. Further information on the reports is set out as follows:

Children's Services 2022/23 Quarter 2 Performance (Appendix A)

A 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 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)
- Intervention Hub – Adolescent Resource Centre – **new**
- Intervention Hub – Think Safe! - **new**
- Contact/ Referrals to MASH and on Open cases
- 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)
- Timeliness of Section 47s (completed in 10 working days)
- Number of children receiving Care & Support and being assessed
- Number of children receiving Care & Support in receipt of Direct Payments
- Reviewing Hub – Step Downs - **new**
- Reviewing Hub – Step Ups – **new**
- Number of children on the Child Protection Register, registrations and de-registrations
- Child Protection registration by Category of Abuse as at 30 September 2022
- Number and percentage of re-registrations of children on Child Protection Register during the period and within 12 months from deregistration (CH/024)
- The percentage of Initial Core Groups meetings held on time (CH/028)
- The percentage of visits to children on the CPR held on time (CH/030)
- % Initial Child Protection Conferences on Time
- % Child Protection Review Conferences on Time
- The number /percentage of children reported where exploitation is a factor (CH/033)
- Looked After Starts, Ends and Total Number of Children Looked After
- Timeliness of Children Looked After Reviews

- Total CLA by Placement type – comparison between 30.06.2016 (baseline number 644) and 30.09.2022 (baseline number: 1,035)
- Percentage of children in regulated placements who are placed in Cardiff (CS LAC 58)
- The Percentage of looked after children who have had three or more placements during the year (CH/043)
- Percentage of Statutory visits held on time (CH/042)
- Number of Pathway Plans completed on time
- The total number of young people during the year where a personal adviser was allocated as required
- Sickness – Children’s Services
- Percentage of social worker vacancies in all teams (Staff 1)
- Net result of Social Workers starting and leaving Council
- YOS 1 The number of first-time entrants
- YOS 2 The percentage of children re-offending within six months of their previous offence
- YJS – The number of young people in receipt of a prevention service from the Youth Justice Service

Performance data for adoption and court orders are currently under development and will be reported to a future meeting.

Childcare Sufficiency (Appendix B)

At a meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on the 18 January 2022, Members undertook a pre-decision scrutiny which Cabinet was requested to endorse the commencement to consult on the draft Cardiff Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA), to enable the Local Authority to fulfil its statutory responsibility to prepare and publish a local Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) by the 30th of June 2022. A link to the papers can be found here:

[Agenda for Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 18th January, 2022, 4.30 pm : Cardiff Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)

Following the meeting (Chair's letter can be found in the link above), it was requested that an update report be submitted to this scrutiny committee.

This is attached at **Appendix B**.

Legal Implications

6. 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

7. 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 note the Appendices attached and agree whether they wish to consider any further information at a future meeting.

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