

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

14 SEPTEMBER 2018

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Summary

1. The Chairman of the Panel has requested performance monitoring data for children's social care and has been provided with a data set for 2018/19 Q1 which is attached at Appendix 1.

Background

2. Performance information provides an overview of activity levels within the service, trends and emerging patterns of need that help identify where performance is improving and where further investigation or targeted improvement action is required.

Performance Data

3. Data has been provided for:
 - Family Front Door Social Work Assessments Timeliness
 - Family Front Door Assessment Outcomes
 - Child Protection Plans – Rate per 10,000 under 18's
 - Child Protection Plans – starts and ceases since April 1st
 - Children in Need per 10,000 under 18's – Local definition Safeguarding Teams
 - Open Cases - Main Categories at Quarter End
 - Children Missing from Home in Month
 - Children Missing from WCC Care in Month
 - Missing from Home – Return Interview Timeliness
 - Missing from WCC Care – Return Interview Timeliness
 - Child Sexual Exploitation – Numbers at Month End
 - Looked After Children – Rate per 10,000 under 18's
 - Looked After Children – Starts/Ceases since April 1st
 - Time Children had been in Care when they left the Care System
 - Looked After Children Reviews – Attendance/Participation 4+
 - Three or more placements in 12 months
 - Looked After Children Reviews – Timeliness
 - Type of Placement Costs
 - Placement Type – Comparison with National Picture
4. Commentary has also been provided by way of analysis.

Purpose of the Meeting

5. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

- consider the data provided
- agree whether any other detail is required for the Panel to carry out its performance monitoring role
- agree the frequency that the Panel will receive the data
- determine whether it would wish to carry out any further scrutiny, and
- agree whether it would wish to make any comments to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Performance Monitoring Data for 2018/19 Q1

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.

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