



**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
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**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN**  
**AND FAMILIES SERVICE**

**QUARTER 2 2016/17 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an update of the Children and Families Service performance at the end of quarter 2 of 2016/17.

**Background**

2. The report is based on the set of performance measures aligned with the Council Corporate Strategy to 2017/18. The overall performance dashboard is attached in two parts Appendix A and Appendix B. Additional information and supporting dashboards are also attached covering:
  - Appendix C supports the indicator “Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact”
  - Appendix D provides an explanation of how the Key Stage 4 Progress 8 and Attainment 8 figures are calculated.

**Report Changes**

3. Appendix B is focussed on Education indicators. Where new 2016 data is available, it is shown on the dashboard. Where 2016 data is not yet available the dashboard has been left blank for this quarter. This is to avoid confusion between 2015 and 2016 data.

**Overview**

4. From 31 measures that have new data available: 9 have improved; 15 remain at a similar level; and 7 have declined.
5. From 28 measures that have a national benchmark: 7 are in the top quartile, 9 are in the second quartile, 10 are in the third quartile and 2 are in the fourth quartile.

### **Children and young people are safe within caring family homes**

6. The number of 'Child Protection cases reviewed within timescales' was 98.6%, 0.5% lower than quarter 1 but remaining in the second quartile nationally.
7. The percentage of Child Protection plans lasting 2 years or more that were open at the end of quarter 1 was 1.87%. This represents 7 cases compared to only 2 in quarter 1. The percentage of plans lasting 2 years or more that closed during quarter 2 was 1.08%. This was lower than quarter 1 and is second quartile by national standards.
8. The percentage of 'Children becoming subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time' decreased again and is now 17.9%. This has again improved and is similar to statistical neighbour levels and no longer in the fourth quartile of all local authorities.
9. The 'percentage of children with 3 or more placements during the year' was 10%. This is 1.9% better than the quarter 1 figure and moves Leicestershire up to the second quartile nationally. The '% of children in the same placement for 2+ years or placed for adoption' was 68.4%. This is similar to quarter 1 and in the second quartile by national levels.
10. A quarterly figure is now available for Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation and was 72.7% at the end of quarter 2. This is lower than the end of 2016 figure of 83.1%. Data quality work has been undertaken to ensure that the accommodation status is correctly recorded for care leavers. It is believed that more than 72.7% of care leavers are in suitable accommodation and the quarter 3 figure is expected to reflect this.
11. Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training was 46% at the end of quarter 2. This is between England and statistical neighbour levels and third quartile by comparison.
12. There were 75 Child Sexual Exploitation referrals in Leicestershire during quarter 2. This is 12 less than the previous quarter. Social Care referrals rose from 38 to 43 whilst Police referrals fell by half from 41 to 18.

### **Supporting Leicestershire Families and Early Help**

13. The overall number of individuals who accessed any Early Help service in Leicestershire was 7,011. This included everyone who used a Children's centre across the county.
14. The number of families open to the SLF service during the quarter was 983, slightly lower than the quarter 1 figure of 1030. This includes family members with a Family Support worker, Family Outreach worker, Youth Support worker, Early Help worker or Family Steps worker.
15. There was no Payment By Results (PBR) claim this quarter. The PBR target runs over four years until 2020. Progress will not be linear due to claim periods and long term work yielding results later. Leicestershire's current figure of 364 represents 13.1% of the overall target.

16.36 Early Help cases were referred to Social Care. This is similar to the quarter 1 figure of 39.

### **Children and young people have their health, wellbeing and life chances improved**

#### **Health and wellbeing**

17. Quarterly figures for 'Children in Care who have had an annual health assessment' and 'Children in Care who have had a dental check' are both available. 'Health Check' figures are lower than end of 2016 figures, whilst 'Dental checks' are at a similar level. The current figures are 48.9% and 72.7% respectively.

18. There is a dedicated health-social care process of tracking and investigating figures for health assessment completion to ensure that individual practice issues and systems issues are identified to address health completion rates. A report is jointly written by social care and health for the LSCB and joint actions agreed to address completion rates.

19. Similarly, a process has been implemented to quality control the process of dental completion which tracks individual children.

### **Children and young people and their families live within thriving communities**

20. Safer communities data is reported a quarter in arrears due to the timescales of collection and submission from the other agencies involved (e.g. Police).

21. The majority of youth offending and crime statistics use a rolling one year figure, for example quarter 2 2015/16 to quarter 2 2016/17. None of the youth offending measures are currently rated as 'red' and most are similar or better than the previous quarter.

### **Children and young people achieve their potential**

#### **Early years**

22. The percentage of eligible 2 year olds accessing their Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) was 78%. This is 2% higher than the previously reported figure. The percentage for eligible 3 and 4 year olds was 99% after being 100% in the previous quarter.

23. The percentage of all childcare providers in Leicestershire rated as good or outstanding was 91%. This was 5% higher than quarter 1. This rise was driven by improved ratings of childminders where the proportion of good or outstanding rose by 7% to 89%.

### Ofsted outcomes

24. The percentage of Leicestershire schools rated as Good or Outstanding and the percentage of pupils in Good or Outstanding schools are both above national averages and in the second quartile of local authorities. The current figures stand at 88% and 85.7% respectively. The percentage of good or outstanding Special Schools remained at 100%.

### Key Stage Two.

25. Data for progress between Key Stage 1 and 2 has been released by the DfE. This has traditionally been an area of weakness for Leicestershire. New assessment criteria has been used, meaning data is not directly comparable with previous years.

26. Progress is measured using '0' as expected progress for each pupil. Leicestershire averaged below zero in all areas: Reading -1.04; Writing -0.73; Maths -1.12. This figure is the difference between the average scaled score of a pupil compared to an estimate based on the Key Stage 1 attainment of the pupil.

### Key Stage Four

27. Similar methodology has been used to calculate Progress 8 – the new headline figure for Key Stage Four.

28. The Progress 8 figure for Leicestershire is -0.11. To give some context to this, for Leicestershire to achieve '0', each pupil would be required to achieve one grade higher in one subject. There is no longer a focus on achieving a grade C, so this could mean for example, a pupil achieving a grade D instead of an E; or an A instead of a B. Further details of the calculation are attached as Appendix D.

### Vulnerable Groups

29. The percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals achieving a Good Level of Development rose by 4% to 43%. This is 11.4% below the national figure of 54.4% and in the fourth quartile.

30. The percentage of Children in Care working at the expected standard or above in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at the end of Key Stage Two is 17.64%. The assessment criteria have changed since 2015 and comparative figures are not yet available.

31. At Key Stage Four, pupils in receipt of pupil premium achieved half a grade lower on average (Progress 8 score -0.61). The highest performing group was again pupils whose first language is not English.

## Economy/Employment and Skills

32. The latest data from Prospects is for the end of August 2016 and shows a Leicestershire NEET figure of 3.1% (619 young people) for young people aged 16-18. This is the same percentage as the quarter 1 figure.
33. The NEET figure for SEND young people is 6.7% for August. This is a slight improvement on the quarter 1 figure of 7%.
34. Prospects have also provided data for participation in education and learning for year 12 aged young people (the first year after leaving school). This is currently 95.3%, which is in the top quartile of local authorities. Participation excludes some categories that could be classed as EET such as part time learning and employment without training.

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## Appendices

- Appendix A - Children and Families Department performance dashboard for quarter 2, 2016/17 – part 1
- Appendix B - Children and Families Department performance dashboard for quarter 2, 2016/17 – part 2
- Appendix C - supports the indicator 'Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact'
- Appendix D – Progress 8 calculation

## Equal Opportunities Implications

35. Addressing equalities issues is supported by this report. The corporate dashboard highlights a number of elements of performance on equalities issues. The education of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium is recorded in this report with other pupil groups reported on directly to the relevant Heads of Strategy.

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