



**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE: 6 MARCH 2016**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN**  
**AND FAMILIES**

**QUARTER 3 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 3 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. Appendix C provides additional information to support the indicator "Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact". The data and commentary provided refers to quarter 3 2016/17 (October 2016 to December 2016). Any subsequent changes will be notified in future reports.

**Report Changes**

3. Appendix B is focussed on Education indicators. Quartile positions are added where new national data has been released.

**Overview**

4. From 23 measures that have new data available: 10 have improved; 10 show no significant change and 3 have declined.
5. From 33 measures that have a national benchmark: 8 are in the top quartile, 6 are in the second quartile, 12 are in the third quartile and 7 are in the fourth quartile. The increase in fourth quartile indicators (lowest quartile) is due to the release of national benchmarks for education. 6 Education indicators 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 99.4%, a slight rise from quarter 2 that places Leicestershire in the top quartile nationally.

7. The percentage of Child Protection plans lasting 2 years or more that were open at the end of quarter 3 was 1.67%. This represents 7 cases, the same as quarter 2. The percentage of plans that closed during quarter 3 lasting 2 years or more was 4.59%. This is second and third quartile performance respectively.
8. The percentage of 'Children becoming subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time' increased to 23.8%. This places Leicestershire in the fourth quartile of all local authorities. This was due to a spike of 41.2% in October. However, November and December figures were lower: 17.1% and 14.3%. This area is being closely monitored and there has recently been a management audit of decision making to gain a greater understanding of the cases behind the numbers.
9. The 'percentage of children with 3 or more placements during the year' was 9%. This is 1% better than the quarter 2 figure and places Leicestershire in the second quartile nationally. The '% of children in the same placement for 2+ years or placed for adoption' was 66.6%. This is a small fall from quarter 2 and now places Leicestershire in the third quartile by national levels.
10. The percentage of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation was 85% and Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training was 50% - an improvement compared to quarter 2 in both cases. Both indicators are above the national average and above statistical neighbour comparisons.
11. There were 65 Child Sexual Exploitation referrals in Leicestershire during quarter 3. This is 10 less than the previous quarter and a fall of 22 since Q1.

### Early Help Services

12. 7124 individuals were in receipt of an Early Help Service in quarter 3. 952 families were receiving a targeted Early Help Service during the quarter through the Supporting Leicestershire Families Service and Children's Centre Programme.
13. The Payment By Results (PBR) claim increased to 425, 15.3% of the overall target. 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.
14. 20 Early Help cases were stepped up to Social Care. This is lower than the quarter 2 figure of 36.

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

#### Health and wellbeing

15. The percentage of 'Children in Care who have had an annual health assessment' within the last 12 months is 75%, a 2.3% increase on Q2. The percentage of 'Children in Care who have had a dental check' is 74.8%. This is a significant rise compared to quarter 2 when the figure was 48.9%.

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

16. 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).
17. The majority of youth offending and crime statistics use a rolling one year figure, for example quarter 3 2015/16 to quarter 3 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

18. The percentage of eligible 2 year olds accessing their Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) was 78.8%. This is 0.8% higher than quarter 2. The percentage for eligible 3 and 4 year olds was 100% after being 99% in the previous quarter.
19. The percentage of all childcare providers in Leicestershire rated as good or outstanding was 91.9%. This was 0.9% higher than quarter 2 and followed a 5% rise between quarter 1 and 2.

### Ofsted outcomes

20. 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 88.6% and 87.5% respectively. This is higher than quarter 2 in both cases. The percentage of good or outstanding Special Schools remained at 100%.

### Key Stage Two

21. National 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. Leicestershire is again in the lowest quartile of all local authorities for progress in all subjects: Reading, Writing and Mathematics.
22. Progress between Key Stage 1 and 2 in Leicestershire was generally closer to statistical neighbour levels and was: similar in Maths; better in Writing; worse in Reading.

### Key Stage Four

23. Some comparative data is now available for the previously reported Progress 8 figure for Leicestershire of -0.11. Leicestershire is lower than the statistical neighbour average of -0.04 but better than the East Midlands average of -0.14.

### Vulnerable Groups

24. National comparisons are now available for pupils eligible for Free School Meals achieving a Good Level of Development (44% in Leicestershire). The

Leicestershire level is in the fourth quartile of all local authorities and 10% below the national average of 54%. The statistical neighbour average is 52.2%

25. The percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2 was 29%. This is also in the fourth quartile of all local authorities although similar to the statistical neighbour average.
26. The percentage of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2 was 5%. This was in the fourth quartile of local authorities and lower than the statistical neighbour average of 6.4%.

### Economy/Employment and Skills

27. From September 2016 the Department for Education changed the age-range that Local Authorities are required to track for the NEET calculation. The cohort is now only year 12 and 13 pupils (pupils aged 16 and 17 at the start of term) and no longer year 14 pupils (pupils aged 18 at the start of term). This reduces the overall cohort by 1/3 from approximately 21,000 to 14,000.
28. The latest data from Prospects is for the end of December 2016 and shows a Leicestershire NEET figure of 2.2% (301 young people). This is a new figure and places Leicestershire fourth of 11 statistical neighbours.
29. The NEET figure for SEND young people is 3.4% for December 2016 which is not comparable with the previous quarters figure.
30. 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 94%. 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 3, 2016/17 – part 1
- Appendix B - Children and Families Department performance dashboard for quarter 3, 2016/17 – part 2
- Appendix C - supports the indicator 'Feedback from families and evaluation provides evidence of positive impact'

**Equal Opportunities Implications**

31. 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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