



**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**  
**COMMITTEE: 5 JUNE 2017**

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

**QUARTER 4 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 4 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”
  - The data and commentary provided refers to quarter 4 2016/17 (January 2017 to March 2017). 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 29 measures that have new data available: 10 have improved; 16 show no significant change and 3 have declined.
5. From 36 measures that have a national benchmark: 10 are in the top quartile, 11 are in the second quartile, 8 are in the third quartile and 7 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 100%, a slight rise from quarter 3 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 4 was 1.9%. This was similar to the end of quarter 3. The percentage of plans that closed during quarter 4 lasting 2 years or more was 2.45%, approximately 2% lower than quarter 3.
8. The percentage of 'Children becoming subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time' fell by 13.8% to 10%. This moves Leicestershire from the bottom quartile of all local authorities to the top quartile using available comparisons. (The top quartile boundary is 13.8% or lower, the bottom quartile is 20.7% or above).
9. The 'percentage of children with 3 or more placements during the year' was 8%. This is 1% better than the quarter 3 figure and places Leicestershire in the top quartile nationally. The '% of children in the same placement for 2+ years or placed for adoption' was 69.3%. This is a small rise from quarter 3 and now places Leicestershire in the second quartile by national levels.
10. The percentage of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation was 91.8%. This places Leicestershire in the top quartile of local authorities using available comparisons. Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training was 51.8%. This was in the second quartile by comparison.
11. There were 70 Child Sexual Exploitation referrals in Leicestershire during quarter 4. This is 5 more than quarter 3.

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

12. A total of 7,724 individuals accessed Early Help services during quarter 4. This is a significant increase of 600 compared to quarter 3. This was mainly driven by an increase in individuals visiting children's centres, which rose by 640 compared to the previous quarter.
13. The number of families receiving targeted Early Help during the quarter was 893 and the number of individuals was 2,279. This includes family members and individuals supported through Supporting Leicestershire Families and the Children's Centre Programme.
14. The Payment By Results (PBR) claim increased to 705, 25.4% 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.
15. 20 Early Help cases were stepped up to Social Care. This is the same as the quarter 3.

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

### Health and wellbeing

16. The percentage of 'Children in Care who have had an annual health assessment' within the last 12 months is 67.3%, this is lower than quarter 3 when the figure was 75%. The percentage of 'Children in Care who have had a dental check' is 75.8%. This is 1% higher than quarter 3.
17. Data for Children in Care with up to date immunisations is not yet available. Health partners record immunisations to a different standard determined by the child's date of entry into care. The confirmed percentage based on this standard is awaited.

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

18. 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).
19. 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'.

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

### Early years

20. The percentage of eligible 2 year olds accessing their Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) was 80%. This is a small rise compared to the previous figure of 78.8%.
21. The percentage for eligible 3 and 4 year olds was 95% after being 100% in the previous quarter. The actual number of 3 and 4 year olds remained constant. However, the figure is calculated as a percentage of the most recent population estimate and this has been refreshed to a higher figure.
22. The percentage of all childcare providers in Leicestershire rated as good or outstanding was continues to rise and is now 94%. This is 2.1% higher than quarter 3 and 8.7% higher than quarter 4 2015/16.

### Ofsted outcomes

23. 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 90.1% and 88.7% respectively. This is higher than quarter 3 in both cases. The percentage of good or outstanding Special Schools remained at 100%.

### Sufficiency

24. The percentage of pupils entering primary school for the first time obtaining their first choice was 91.4%. This was similar to 2016. The percentage of pupils obtaining their first choice secondary school was 93.3%. This was also similar to 2016.

### Education data

25. Some additional national data has been released for vulnerable groups to allow better benchmarking of previously reported results.

### Vulnerable Groups

26. Leicestershire Key Stage Two outcomes for Children in Care were suppressed for low numbers in the national release. However, local data suggests that 17.64% pupils reached the Expected Standard for Reading, Writing and Mathematics, compared to a published statistical neighbour average of 24.5%.

27. Key Stage Four outcomes for Children in Care have traditionally been a weak area for Leicestershire. However, relative performance was much improved for 2016. The average Progress 8 score was -1.16, the same as statistical neighbours and very close to the national average of -1.14. Leicestershire's Attainment 8 score was better than both national and statistical neighbour figures and in the second quartile of local authorities.

28. The average Progress 8 score for pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) was in the top quartile of all local authorities, a contrast to the lower performance at Key Stage 2. However, Progress 8 for disadvantaged pupils was in the bottom quartile of all local authorities.

29. New data for persistent absence in secondary schools has been published. Persistent absence is now defined as a pupil missing 10% or more sessions (previously this was 15% or more). The Leicestershire rate is 12.8%, which is similar to statistical neighbours and in the second top quartile of local authorities.

30. Local data for secondary school transfer is now available. 93.3% of children were offered a place at their first choice of secondary school. This compares to 95.7% last year.

### Economy/Employment and Skills

31. The latest data from Prospects is for the end of March 2017 and shows a Leicestershire NEET figure of 2.2% (309 young people), a similar figure to quarter 3. Leicestershire has a lower NEET figure than most of the East Midlands and is around the average of statistical neighbours.

32. The NEET figure for SEND young people was 3.4% for March 2017. This is the same as the figure reported in quarter 3.

33. Data for the percentage of young people achieving Level 2 qualifications by the age of 19 has been released. Leicestershire has an improved figure of 85.6% (85.4% last year) which places Leicestershire in the second quartile of local authorities.

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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'

### **Equality and Human Rights Implications**

34. 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 and Assistant Director.

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