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EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – SUPPLEMENT PACK

Wednesday 16 February 2022

1.30 pm

Warspite Room, Council House

Members:

Councillor Laing, Chair

Councillor James, Vice Chair

Councillors Allen, Bingley, Carlyle, Cresswell, Goslin, Loveridge, Partridge and Vincent.

Please find enclosed additional information for your consideration under agenda item number 8.

Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8. Children's Performance Report:

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Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	16 February 2022
Title of Report:	Performance Data Children's Services
Lead Member:	Councillor David Downie (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills, Children and Young People)
Lead Strategic Director:	Alison Botham (Director for Children's Services)
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Your Reference:	Feb2022Performance Report
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

Key performance information for Scrutiny Committee as previously requested to support discussion about service provision across children's social work and education, participation and skills services.

Recommendations and Reasons

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

This report is for information only.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Not applicable

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

We are committed to:

1. Keeping children and young people safe.
2. Ensuring improved schools where pupils achieve better outcomes.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Not applicable

Financial Risks:

Not applicable

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Not applicable

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

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Appendices

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A	Briefing report title – Performance Report							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (not/appl)							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 08/02/2022

Cabinet Member approval:	
Date approved: 08/02/2022	

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Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny

Quarterly Balanced Scorecard

	Reference	Indicator Name	Previous Year & Benchmarking			Current Period	Narrative
			2020/21 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q3 2021/22	
Children, Young People and Family Services	1	Number of referrals received within the last 12 months	3,616	494.1 (2020/21)	608.5 (2020/21)	3,565	In the 12 months to the end of quarter three, the Plymouth Referrals and Assessment Service (PRAS) received 3,565 referrals, this is slightly lower than the 2020/21, but 438 more referrals than 2019/20. At a rate per 10,000 children (enabling comparisons against other authorities) we were reporting at 669.0 at the end of quarter three. This is lower than our published position for 2020/21 (678.5) but higher than our statistical neighbours and considerably higher than the England average of 494.1 (2020/21 published figure). During the period of April to Dec 2021 (nine months) we received 2,708 referrals. This is at a similar level to the same period the year before (2,758) when the pandemic started, but is 420 (+18.4%) more referrals than the same nine months in 2019 (pre-pandemic).
		Referrals received within the last 12 months - Rate per 10,000 children	678.5			669.0	
	2	Number of re-referrals within 12 months (last 12 months)	873	22.7% (2020/21)	23.3% (2020/21)	817	The proportion of referrals received where we had received a referral for the same child in the 12 months prior has seen an improvement. The end of quarter three position was reported at 22.9%, down 1.3 percentage points from our published 2020/21 figure. Our improvement combined with increased re-referrals in other authorities puts our level between our statistical neighbours and the England average.
		% of re-referrals within 12 months (last 12 months)	24.2%			22.9%	
	3	Number of children subject to a Child In Need Plan (snapshot)	1,121	-	-	1,162	Although at a similar level as at the end of 2020/21, our 'Child in Need' caseload (i.e., excludes children subject to Children Protection or Looked After Children) has increased by around 38% since the end of 2019/20. This increase of children receiving a service brings an increased pressure in terms of high Social Worker caseloads and we have agreed additional capacity to address this issue.
		Children subject to a Child In Need Plan - Rate per 10,000 children	211.9	-	-	218.0	
	4	% of children subject to multiple child protection plans - Within lifetime of the child (new plans starting in last 12 months)	27.4%	22.1% (2020/21)	21.3% (2020/21)	27.0%	The proportion of children who became subject to a Child Protection Plan within the 12 months up to quarter three (i.e., January 2021 to December 2021), who have been on a previous Child Protection Plan in their life time was reported at 27.0%. Whilst this is slightly better than our published figure for 2020/21, it is higher than we would like. We are at a higher level than the published 2020/21 figures for our statistical neighbours and the England average. All local authorities experience repeat child protection planning processes for children. We have identified some key themes including concerns related to neglect and large sibling groups. We work with a number of larger families, where concerns regarding neglect can deteriorate following positive change. Child protection planning for these children provides additional support to ensure children remain safe within their families.
		Number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan (Snapshot)	332	41.4 (2020/21)	57.2 (2020/21)	338	
		Children subject to a Child Protection Plan - Rate per 10,000 children	62.8			63.4	
		Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Neglect	50.2%	-	-	53.0%	
6	Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Physical Abuse	7.8%	-	-	9.5%	Since the end of 2020/21, the proportion of children on a Child Protection Plan due to 'Emotional Abuse' has decreased by 4.9 percentage points to 32% of the 338 children subject to a CP Plan (as at 31 December 2021). The proportion of Child Protection Plans for 'Neglect' increased by 1.8 percentage points, for 'Physical Abuse' the proportion increased by 1.7 percentage points and for 'Sexual Abuse' the proportion increase was 0.5 percentage points.	
	Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Sexual Abuse	5.1%	-	-	5.6%		
	Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Emotional Abuse	36.9%	-	-	32.0%		
7	Number of children subject to a Care Plan - Looked After Children (Snapshot)	491	67.0 (2020/21)	92.2 (2020/21)	500	On the 31 December 2021, there were 500 children/young people subject to a care plan (looked after children). Although this is only nine more children than reported for the end of 2020/21 position, it is 68 more than when the pandemic started, an increase of 15.7%. As with the increase in caseloads for both Children in Need and Children subject to a Child Protection Plan outlined above, this increase in volumes has also increased Social Worker caseloads and the activity needed to support these children.	
	Children subject to a Care Plan - Looked After Children - Rate per 10,000 children	92.8			93.8		
8	% of Looked After Children placed outside of the city of Plymouth (i.e., the placement is not within PL1 to PL7 or PL9)	39.0%	-	-	39.2%	39.2% of children subject to a care plan (Looked After Children), are placed outside of the city of Plymouth. This measure is simply based on the postcode of the child's placement address. Those not within PL1 to PL7 or PL9 are considered outside of the city. For example, PL12 refers to Saltash in Cornwall, which could potentially be less than a mile from a child's home address, but it is outside of Plymouth.	
10	% of Care Experienced young people in Unsuitable Accommodation (Statutory Service (aged 18 to 20))	9.6% (Local) 15.0% (DFE)	12.0%	11.5%	6.8%	Our local figures shows that both the proportion of Care Experienced young people in unsuitable accommodation and those in Education, Employment and Training at better levels than our statistical neighbours and the England average. We continue to improve our performance and practice in both key areas. We are working closely with the Skills for Plymouth response to ensure all care experienced young people have the opportunity to engage in education, training and employment. The increase in Personal Advisors in the service is supporting this work and the plan to increase social worker capacity in the permanence service will support earlier preparation with all children in care.	
	% of Care Experienced young people in Education, Employment and Training (Statutory Service (aged 18 to 20))	52.8% (Local) 39.0% (DFE)	52.0%	51.3%	54.0%		

	Ref	Indicator Name	Previous Year & Benchmarking			Current Period	Narrative
			2018/19 Actual	Eng.	SN	Q3	
OFTED Outcomes	1	% of pupils attending Plymouth schools judged by Ofsted as good or outstanding	-	-	-	71.1%	Graded inspections resumed at the start of the 2021/22 academic year. There are 98 state-funded schools in the city and, at the end of quarter three, 71.1% of pupils are attending a school judged as good or outstanding. 76% of our schools have an overall judgement of good or outstanding (78% of Primary's, 50% of Secondary's and 100% of special schools). This is an improvement on the last available report for the 2018/19 academic year when 72% of our schools were judged as good or outstanding. Nationally, 86% were judged good or outstanding in 2018/19.
	2	% of all schools judged by Ofsted as good or outstanding	72.0%	86% (2018/19)	-	76.0%	
Attendance	3	% of all pupils attending School	73.0%	88.9% (end of Q3)	-	86.2%	"Attendance in education settings during the COVID-19 pandemic" national survey was produced quickly to obtain attendance data in response to the pandemic and replaced the school absence reporting pre-Covid. This survey is now requested fortnightly and is not mandatory. Based on the 52% of Plymouth schools that responded to the Attendance in Education Setting Survey at the end of quarter three (55% responded nationally) 86.2% of pupils were in attendance; this is currently slightly below the national average of 88.9%. For our vulnerable pupils Plymouth is on par with nationally reported attendance. It is worth noting that during lockdown two and three Plymouth had consistently higher attendance rates than was nationally reported.
	4	% of pupils with a social worker attending School	69.4%	82% (end of Q3)	-	82.4%	
	5	% of pupils with Special educational Needs and Disabilities attending School	65.9%	83% (end of Q3)	-	83.2%	
	6	% of 16 and 17 year olds in Employment, Training and Employment	90.7%	93.6% (end of Q3)	-	90.7%	
	7	% of 16 and 17 year olds with SEND in Employment, Training and Employment	84.3%	86.5% (end of Q3)	-	83.7%	
Key Stage 4 outcomes	8	Key Stage 4 - % of pupils achieving 5+ in English and Maths	47.1%	48.4% (2020/21)	50.7% (2020/21)	51.9%	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all summer 2021 exams were cancelled. This data reflects the GCSE grades awarded to pupils in August 2021, through centre (school based) assessed grades. The percentage of pupils achieving the 'basics', a 5+ in English and Maths now sits above the national and statistical neighbour average (although slightly below the regional average). This is a good reflection on the Secondary Improvement Strategic Partnership activity that has been undertaken.
	9	Key Stage 4 - Average Attainment 8 score	48.5 points	48.9 points (2020/21)	50.0 points (2020/21)	50.5 points	

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