

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Purpose of Report

To share key performance data information related to Children Services (Children, Young People and Family Services and Education, Participation and Skills)

Recommendations and Reasons

For information and discussion

Alternative options considered and rejected

Not applicable

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Not applicable

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

For information

Financial Risks

Not applicable

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

Not applicable

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

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A	Briefing report title							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Sharon Muldoon											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 05/09/2022											
Cabinet Member approval: <i>Councillor Charlotte Carlyle</i>											
Date approved: 05/09/2022											

Q1 2022/23 PERFORMANCE REPORT

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I. CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILY SERVICES

I.1. REFERRALS & RE-REFERRALS

Ref	Indicator Name	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	Previous Year & Benchmarking			Current Period
				2021/22 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
1	Number of referrals received within the last 12 months	3,164	3,616	3,285	494.1 (2020/21)	608.5 (2020/21)	2,806
	Referrals received within the last 12 months - Rate per 10,000 children	598.1	678.5	616.4			526.5
2	Number of re-referrals within 12 months (last 12 months)	772	861	743	22.7% (2020/21)	23.3% (2020/21)	631
	% of re-referrals within 12 months (last 12 months)	24.4%	23.8%	22.6%			22.5%

In the 12 months to the end of quarter one, the Plymouth Referrals and Assessment Service (PRAS) received 2,806 referrals, this is 861 less than the 12 months to June 2021 and 434 less than the 12 months to June 2020. At a rate per 10,000 children (enabling comparisons against other authorities) Plymouth is reporting at 526.5 at the end of quarter one. This is lower than Plymouth's published position for 2020/21 (678.5), lower than statistical neighbours and higher than the England average of 494.1 (2020/21 published figure as 2021/22 published figures will not be released until December 2022). With the decreases in the average monthly volume of referrals over the last six months Plymouth is now at a rate lower than at the start of the pandemic.

The proportion of re-referrals received (where a referral had been received for the same child in the 12 months prior) has seen an improvement. The end of quarter one position was reported at 22.5%, down 1.3 percentage points from Plymouth's published 2020/21 figure and 0.1 on the provisional figure for 2021/22. This improvement combined with increased re-referrals in other authorities means Plymouth is at a level lower than statistical neighbours and the England average.

I.2. CHILDREN IN NEED

Ref	Indicator Name	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	Previous Year & Benchmarking			Current Period
				2021/22 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
3	Number of children subject to a Child In Need Plan (snapshot)	841	1,121	965	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	858
	Children subject to a Child In Need Plan - Rate per 10,000 children	159.0	210.4	181.1	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	161.0

As the table above shows Plymouth's 'Child in Need' caseload (which does not include children subject to Children Protection Plans or Looked after Children) has been incrementally reducing over the last six months and the net number of children subject to a Child in Need Plan has returned to similar levels as prior to the pandemic.

With the reduction in the number of children subject to a Child In Need Plan caseloads are gradually returning to more manageable levels. The service continues to review all children in need to ensure the right support at the right time for families.

I.3. CHILDREN SUBJECT TO A CHILD PROTECTION PLAN

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Ref	Indicator Name	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
4	Number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan (Snapshot)	310	333	326	41.4 (2020/21)	57.2 (2020/21)	247
	Children subject to a Child Protection Plan - Rate per 10,000 children	58.6	62.5	61.2			46.3
5	Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Neglect	53.2% (165)	50.2% (167)	51.5% (168)	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	46.2% (111)
	Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Physical Abuse	8.7% (27)	7.8% (26)	7.7% (25)	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	8.1% (20)
	Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Sexual Abuse	3.9% (12)	5.1% (17)	3.7% (12)	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	5.7% (14)
	Category of abuse for current Child Protection Plan: Emotional Abuse	34.2% (106)	36.9% (123)	37.1% (121)	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	40.1% (99)
6	% of children subject to multiple child protection plans - Within lifetime of the child (new plans starting in last 12 months)	28.8%	27.4%	27.5%	22.1% (2020/21)	21.3% (2020/21)	29.2%

At the end of quarter one (30 June 2022) there were 247 children who were subject to a Child Protect Plan. This is a rate of 46.3 children per 10,000 children, which is lower than the 2021/22 position due to be published in December 2022. The rate per 10,000 children is currently between the England and Statistical Neighbour averages, which represents some positive progress.

The proportion of children who became subject to a Child Protection Plan within the 12 months up to quarter one (July 2021 to June 2022), who have been on a previous Child Protection Plan in their lifetime was reported at 29.2%. This has increased by 1.7 percentage points when compared to the figure for 2021/22 and is higher than statistical neighbours and the England average. All local authorities experience repeat child protection planning processes for children. The Safeguarding Service has undertaken a review of all of the children affected by this and are working with the wider service to improve practice and performance.

1.4. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN (ALSO REFERRED TO AS CHILDREN IN CARE)

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Ref	Indicator Name	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
7	Number of children subject to a Care Plan - Looked After Children (Snapshot)	434	485	490	67.0 (2020/21)	92.2 (2020/21)	493
	Children subject to a Care Plan - Looked After Children - Rate per 10,000 children	82.0	91.0	91.9			92.5
8	% of Looked After Children placed outside of the city of Plymouth (i.e., the placement is not within PL1 to PL7 or PL9)	34.9%	39.0%	38.0%	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	36.7%
9	Placement Type: Family Placement (fostering or connected carers)	326	336	325	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	332
	Placement Type: Children's Homes & Residential Care	36	53	56	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	57
	Placement Type: Hostels & other Supportive accommodation	23	31	33	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	36
	Placement Type: Lodgings or Independent living (16+)	18	12	16	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	11
	Placement Type: Other Placement	x	x	x	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	x
	Placement Type: Placed for Adoption	12	25	24	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	24
	Placement Type: Placed with Parents	13	25	28	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	28
	Placement Type: Other accommodation - NHS, Family Centres, Parent & Child	5	6	7	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	x
Placement Type: Secure Units	x	x	x	Not benchmarked	Not benchmarked	x	

On the 30 June 2022, there were 493 children/young people who are children in care. This is an increase of three children on the end of 2021/22 and only eight more children than the published figure for the end of 2020/21. Unlike the levels of children subject to a Child in Need Plan and Child Protection Plan that have seen a return to pre-pandemic levels, the net number of children in care has plateaued. A combination of increased social worker capacity (Permanence Service) and the work of the Adolescence Support Team is supporting children to return home from care where possible. This team also works to prevent children coming into care using earlier intervention and family support.

312 (63.3%) of children in care are placed within the city, the remaining 181 children (36.7%) are placed outside of the city. 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.

Please note: where the number of children is below five, the actual figure is suppressed and shows 'x'.

I.5. CARE EXPERIENCED

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Ref	Indicator Name	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
10	% of Care Experienced young people in Unsuitable Accommodation (Statutory Service (aged 18 to 20))	Not available	9.6%	6.1%	12.0% (2020/21)	11.5% (2020/21)	13.5%
	% of Care Experienced young people in Education, Employment and Training (Statutory Service (aged 18 to 20))	Not available	52.8%	56.4%	52.0% (2020/21)	51.3% (2020/21)	48.9%

Plymouth's quarter one figures show that the proportion of Care Experienced young people in unsuitable accommodation was at a higher level than statistical neighbour and the England averages (as published 2020/21).

Those in Education, Employment and Training were reported at a lower level than comparators.

The directorate is 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.

2. EDUCATION, PARTICIPATION AND SKILLS

2.1. OFSTED OUTCOMES

Ref	Indicator Name	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Actual	Previous Year & Benchmarking			Current Period
				2019/20 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
1	% of pupils attending Plymouth schools judged by Ofsted as good or outstanding	74.9%	68.0%	77.1%	-	-	78.6%
2	% of all schools judged by Ofsted as good or outstanding	New	72.0%	76.0%	86% (2018/19)	-	77.6%

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 one, 78.6% of pupils are attending a school judged as good or outstanding.

56 out of 69 Primary schools (81.1%) have been graded good or outstanding by Ofsted and 11 out of 18 Secondary schools (61.1%) have been grade as good or outstanding. This is an improvement on the last available report for the 2018/19 academic year when Ofsted judged that 72% of our schools were good or outstanding. Nationally, 86% were judged good our outstanding in 2018/19

2.2. ATTENDANCE

Ref	Indicator Name	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	Previous Year & Benchmarking			Current Period
				2021/22 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
3	% of all pupils attending School	N/A	73.0%	86.4%	88.6% (end Q4)	-	TBC
4	% of pupils with a social worker attending School	N/A	69.4%	70.1%	82% (end Q4)	-	TBC
5	% of pupils with Special educational Needs and Disabilities attending School	N/A	65.9%	77.7%	83% (end Q4)	-	TBC

The information above is from the "Attendance in education settings during the COVID-19 pandemic" national survey. The survey was introduced at speed 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, therefore the information should be used taking these caveats into account.

38.5% or 37 Plymouth school responded to the survey at the end of quarter four, with 86.4% of pupils being in attendance (versus pupils on roll). Plymouth's response rate was lower than the 43% of schools that responded nationally and the overall attendance level reported for Plymouth was 2.2 percentage points lower than the national average of 88.6%. For our vulnerable pupils Plymouth below nationally reported figures – however this will be impacted by the low response rates seen from Plymouth's secondary schools (just seven secondary schools responded).

It is worth noting that during lockdown two and three Plymouth had consistently higher attendance rates than was nationally reported.

2.3. EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

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Ref	Indicator Name	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	2021/22 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	Q1 2022/23
6	% of 16 and 17 year olds in Education, Employment and Training	93.6%	90.7%	91.4%	93.6% (end Q3)	-	90.6%
7	% of 16 and 17 year olds with SEND in Education, Employment and Training	86.5%	84.3%	82.9%	86.5% (end Q3)	-	83.3%

At the end of quarter one the proportion of 16 and 17 year olds in Education, Employment, and/or Training (EET) is 90.6%. This is similar to the EET figures at the end of quarter one in 2021/22 (90.7%).

At the end of quarter one 83.3% of young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities are in education, training and/or employment. This is 0.1 percentage points above the EET figures reported at the end of quarter one of 2021/22 (83.2%).

2.4. KEY STAGE 4 OUTCOMES

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Ref	Indicator Name	2018/19 Actual	2019/20 Actual	2020/21 Actual	England	Statistical Neighbours	2021/22 Actual
8	Key Stage 4 - % of pupils achieving 5+ in English and Maths	37.6%	47.1%	51.9%	48.4% (2020/21)	50.7% (2020/21)	TBC
9	Key Stage 4 - Average Attainment 8 score	43.7 points	48.5 points	50.5 Points	48.9 points (2020/21)	50.0 points (2020/21)	TBC

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.

Figures for 2022 have not been fully verified by schools. Should they be ready, a verbal update will be given.