

Meeting: Children's Trust

Date: 14 July 2009

Report Title: Performance Monitoring

Report of: Director of the Children & Young People's Service

Summary

The report provides information on the latest score card for the Children's Trust.

Recommendations

That the Children's Trust note and comment on the latest data.

Financial/Legal Comments

N/A.

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Background

Attached at Appendix 1 is the latest performance scorecard for the Children's Trust. This shows the results for 2008/09, the targets for 2009/10 and, where available, information for the first quarter of 2009/10. However as much of the quarterly information is not available until the middle of the month following the quarter end it has not been possible to provide information on values for many of the indicators for April-June 2009. Where a value is given this will refer only to April and / or May.

Nine of the indicators are showing a red traffic light:

- NI 59 – initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral
- NI 60 – core assessments for children's social care carried out within 35 working days of their commencement

- NI 62 – stability of placements of looked after children, number of moves
- NI 72 - Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy
- NI 73 - Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2
- NI 92 - Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest
- NI 94 - Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
- NI 112 – rate of under 18 conceptions
- NI 198b(i) - Children travelling to school – mode of transport usually used by 11-16 years - cars (including vans and taxis, even if a taxi is carrying more than one child)

Three of these indicators, NI 59, NI 60 and NI 62, are also part of the Joint Area Review (JAR) Action Plan. So that plans to improve outcomes on these indicators are included in the JAR plan and are currently monitored via the monitoring processes established for the JAR. The Trust will recall that a progress report on the JAR Action Plan was presented to the last meeting. The Area for Improvement lead on these sections of the JAR is the Deputy Director for Children and Families in the Children and Young People's Service. It is also the intention that the appropriate sections of the JAR Action Plan will form part of the detailed three year implementation plan for the Stay Safe priority in the new Children and Young People's Plan. Exception reports are attached at Appendix 2.

NI 72, 92, 73 and 94 are all indicators focused on education. The first two cover early years and the latter two refer to Key Stage (KS) 2. Work in these areas is lead by the Head of Early Years Foundation Stage Standards and the Head of Primary Standards.

Although the early years indicators are red at present it is encouraging that the long term trend is upwards. The early intervention & prevention strategy has led to a range of targeted initiatives in early years with individual children and groups who have been underachieving identified and then their schools and other early years settings can access a number of specific intervention programmes to provide earlier support. Setting review group meetings are used to identify where support, training & advice is most needed & will have the most impact. A local authority accreditation scheme is under development, designed to encourage providers to continually improve there settings and should be in place by the end of this year. The two indicators are reported annually so the data cannot be updated until later in the year.

The Trust will recall that a detailed report on the KS2 results and measures in place to support schools in improving KS2 outcomes was presented at the last meeting. It gave details on work such as the training for schools from the National Strategies and consultants; the improving Schools Programme, including Ethnic Minority Achievement and Black Children's Achievement, support for all new Head Teachers and one to one tuition for children

Work on NI 112 overall is led by the Teenage Pregnancy Strategic Partnership Board (TPSPB). The Board has an agreed action plan which includes information on arrangements for implementation and monitoring. A detailed exception report on NI 112 was included in the performance report to the last meeting of the Children's Trust. It noted that the TPSPB was reorganising and would be co chaired by the Director of Children & Young People's Services and the Joint Director of Public Health. Work in progress to included an extension of 4YP clinical services, increase in partnership work with CONEL; increased publicity for services, appointment of Teenage Father's Worker; further extension of accredited Sex and Relationship Education and Speakeasy Training Courses; development of At Risk Assessment Tool for use with young people referred to Leaving Care and Asylum Team. 272K of ABG funding is dedicated to this work