



Haringey Council

Report for:	Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee 17 September 2012	Item Number:	
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Title:	Children and Families Safeguarding – Performance for the year to July 2012
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1. Background

Performance Management data provided in this report is an update of Children and Families key safeguarding performance information at the end of July 2012. This committee has a role in scrutinising and challenging this information and should further explanation or analysis be required this can be requested and provided through a process of exception reporting.

2. Introduction

This report sets out performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to Children and Families - contacts, referrals, assessments and child protection.

Section 3 of this report provides an overall assessment of performance in the service and key performance messages.

Appendix 1 provides further detail in the form of tables and graphs for each of the agreed measures, showing monthly data, performance against target, long term trends and benchmarking where applicable. It also contains performance and service comments for each area to provide context.

3. Performance Highlights - Key Messages

The following are highlights from the graphs and tables in Appendix 1:

- There has been an increase in the **number of contacts** received since April 2012 but there is a reducing trend in the number of referrals. The number of children in care is reducing steadily, down to 551 in July from 574 at the end of March 2012. The 551 includes 27 unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
- There were 316 **children subject to a child protection plan** at July. This is equivalent to a rate of 65 per 10,000 children living in the borough. This rate is almost a third higher than our statistical neighbours' average of 43 and 15% higher than this time last year (41 more children).
- In July 42 children became subject to a plan and 25 ceased to be subject to a plan, a net increase of 17. The number of **children subject to a plan** has increased by 32 since the end of March 2012.
- Haringey **re-referral levels** (within 12 months of previous referral) are similar to those of statistical neighbours. In the year to July there were 120 re-referrals out of 695 cases, a rate of 17% which is close to our target of 16%.
- Indicators around **child protection plans lasting 2 years or more** and **children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time** are on target and compare favourably to statistical neighbours.
- Performance on **initial assessments** carried out in 10 days at 68% in the year to July is below our revised 80% target. On average 73% of **core assessments** were carried out in 35 working days.
- **Child protection visits** completed to timescale in the month of July are below target at 88%. **Children in need visits** are also below target in July at 76%.
- All **child protection plans** were reviewed within timescales.

4. Appendices

- **Appendix 1: Performance Analysis and Benchmarking** for:
 - Contact, Referrals & Assessments and Child Protection