



Haringey Council

Report for:	Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee 22 November 2012	Item Number:	
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Title:	Performance Assessment – Year to October 2012 incorporating updated comparative data for 2011/12
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1. Introduction

This report sets out performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to:

- Children and Families - Contacts, referrals and assessments and Child Protection *(these measures are reported to the Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee)*

Appendix 1 provides further detail in the form of tables and graphs for each of the agreed measures, grouped by topic, 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.

2. Performance Highlights/ Key Messages

2.1. *Contacts, Referrals and Assessments and Child Protection*

- There has been an increase in the **number of contacts** received in October (over 100 more contacts than in September). There were 608 contacts bringing levels back to those seen earlier in the year. There remains an increasing trend with a 5% increase in contacts compared with the same period in 2011.
- **Referrals** have also increased slightly in October but there remains a reducing trend in the number of referrals. Haringey's rate (per 10,000 population) of referrals is historically below that of statistical neighbours. In 2011/12 Haringey's annual rate of referrals was 436 per 10,000 population compared with 541 for our statistical neighbours. In Haringey a higher proportion of referrals to children's social care go onto an initial assessment. In the 2011/12 Children in Need Census 92% of Haringey's children went on to receive an initial assessment compared with 79% for our statistical neighbours. Haringey's rate of **re-referrals within 12 months** of the previous referral at 17% is in line with our statistical neighbour rate 2011/12.
- There were 327 **children subject to a child protection plan** at October. This is equivalent to a rate of 57 per 10,000 children living in the borough, more than a third higher than our statistical neighbour average for 2011/12 of 40 and the England rate of 38. The number of children subject to a plan is increasing, there are 58 more children on a plan than at this time last year. There has been a considerable increase in the number of children becoming subject to a plan and a significant decrease in the number ceasing to be subject to a plan, a net increase of 43 in the year to October.
- 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. 27% or 77 children were subject of a plan at 31 March for between 1 and 2 years compared with 19% statistical neighbour average and 17.2% in England, Haringey percentage is the highest in London and the 3rd highest in the country behind Bath and Wokingham. Haringey's ranking was about average in London for those subject to a plan for over 2 years and for between 6 months and 1 year.
- Performance on **initial assessments** carried out in 10 days improved to 70% in October, below our revised 80% target. Haringey's performance in 2011/12 of 67% was below that of our statistical neighbour average of 82% and England position at 77%.
- There was a huge improvement in performance in October with 80% of **Core assessments** completed in timescale (35 working days) although this position remains below the revised 85% target. Analysis of 2011/12 Children in Need published data found that Haringey had the 4th highest ranking in London for core assessments taking 61 days plus with 14% of cores taking more than 61 days to complete compared to a statistical neighbour average of 5% and 9% for England.

- Sustained improvement in line with the service focus on frequency, quality of visiting and visit recording resulted in 93% of **Child Protection visits** completed to timescale in the month of October, just below the 95% target. **Children in Need visits** have also improved considerably in recent months and now stand at 89% which although below the target is the best performance level all year and a big improvement on the peak of 82% achieved in 2011/12.
- 98% of **child protection cases** were reviewed within timescales in the year to October. The shortfall amounted to 4 cases 1 of which was done but out of time, 1 was an administration error by an agency chair and the other case (including a sibling) related to a family who were out of the country.

3. Appendices

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