

Thematic Summaries Quarter 1 2015/16

Key:

Green = On Target

Amber = Within Tolerance

Red = Off Target

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Under this theme the following indicators are included in the corporate basket: **Target**

CYP100: Uptake of free early education / childcare places	Green
CYP101: Proportion of children aged under 5 in each Children's Centre reach area registered with the centre	Red
CYP102: Early Years Foundation Stage - proportion of children with an overall good level of development	Data Not Available
CYP200a i.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS2 Reading	Data Not Available
CYP200a ii.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS2 Writing	Data Not Available
CYP200a iii.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS2 Maths	Data Not Available
CYP200b i.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS4 English	Data Not Available
CYP200b ii.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS4 Maths	Data Not Available
CYP201a: FSM Ever 6 / non-FSM Ever 6 attainment gap at KS2	Data Not Available
CYP201b: FSM Ever 6 / non-FSM Ever 6 attainment gap at KS4	Data Not Available
CYP202a i.: Measure of 2 or more levels of progress from KS1 to Key Stage 2 for LAC pupils Reading	Data Not Available
CYP202a ii.: Measure of 2 or more levels of progress from KS1 to Key Stage 2 for LAC pupils Writing	Data Not Available
CYP202a iii.: Measure of 2 or more levels of progress from KS1 to Key Stage 2 for LAC pupils Maths	Data Not Available
CYP202b i.: Measure of 3 or more levels of progress from KS2 to Key Stage 4 for LAC pupils English	Data Not Available
CYP202b ii.: Measure of 3 or more levels of progress from KS2 to Key Stage 4 for LAC pupils Maths	Data Not Available
CYP203a: Number of schools judged to be good or outstanding - primary	Green
CYP203b: Number of schools judged to be good or outstanding - secondary	Red

CYP300: Proportion of assessments completed in 45 days	Green
CYP301: Number of full CAF's initiated	Target Not Set
CYP302: Proportion of children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time, within 2 years	Red
CYP303: Proportion of child protection plans lasting 2 years or more	Red
CYP304: Long term placement stability for looked after children - proportion in current placement for 2 years or more	Green
CYP305: Proportion of care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training (EET current 16 to 21 yr olds)	Green
CYP306 (a): Adoption Timescales (average time, in days, between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted during the period)	Green
CYP306 (b): Adoption Timescales (average time, in days, between the Local Authority receiving Court Authority to place a child and the Local Authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family)	Red
CYP400: Proportion of young people aged 16-19 who are NEET / Not Known	Green

Every single child in the Borough is important to us. We will keep striving to provide the best in education, to support those who are vulnerable to poor outcomes, and to protect those children who need our care. We are determined to give them all as many opportunities as we can to improve their life chances and enable them to grow into valued and respected members of the community.

THEME PROGRESS AGAINST COUNCIL PLAN MEASURES

For Q1 2015/16, we are able to report progress against the annual target for 12 out of the 26 indicators shown above. For 6 of these indicators we have achieved, or are within the agreed tolerance for, the annual target.

Early Help

CYP100: Uptake of free early education / childcare places

As at the 25th June 2015, of the free early education / childcare places 1153 available places 758 eligible 2 year olds have accessed a place giving us a take-up of 65.74% (CYP100) this is not currently on target to meet the 85% as agreed by 2016. A further 63 young people have been approved but who have yet to start at a setting. This should help us meet our interim target reported to DfE to have 800 places filled by the end of summer term.

CYP101: Proportion of children aged under 5 in each Children's Centre reach area registered with the centre

At the end of Q1 the proportion of children under 5 in each Children's Centre area registered with a centre (CYP101) indicates an overall reach rate of 79% (9,904 children registered from an estimated 12,513 children under 5 in the borough). Performance is below the target of 85%. Of the 12 Centres, 5 achieved above 85%, 1 achieved above 80%, these centres achieved registration levels in line with Ofsted expectations to receive a grade of Good or Outstanding when inspected. 1 achieved a rate of 75% to 80%. 5 Centres were below 75%. The centres under target (85%) are:

- Barley fields (4Children)
- Elm Tree(4Children)
- Footsteps
- Frederick Natrass (Big life)

- Layfield (4Children)
- Northern (4Children)
- Star (Big Life)

All children's centres are working with partner agencies to explore strategies to enable the % for registered children to increase.

Education / Schools and Complex Needs

CYP200a i.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS2 Reading

CYP200a ii.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS2 Writing

CYP200a iii.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS2 Maths

CYP200b i.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS4 English

CYP200b ii.: Progress of Special Educational Needs Pupils at KS4 Maths

CYP201a: FSM Ever 6 / non-FSM Ever 6 attainment gap at KS2

CYP201b: FSM Ever 6 / non-FSM Ever 6 attainment gap at KS4

CYP202a i.: Measure of 2 or more levels of progress from KS1 to Key Stage 2 for LAC pupils Reading

CYP202a ii.: Measure of 2 or more levels of progress from KS1 to Key Stage 2 for LAC pupils Writing

CYP202a iii.: Measure of 2 or more levels of progress from KS1 to Key Stage 2 for LAC pupils Maths

CYP202b i.: Measure of 3 or more levels of progress from KS2 to Key Stage 4 for LAC pupils English

CYP202b ii.: Measure of 3 or more levels of progress from KS2 to Key Stage 4 for LAC pupils English

All indicators relating to educational attainment data (CYP200a, CYP200b, CYP201a, CYP201b, CYP202a CYP202b) will be provisionally reported in Q2 alongside a separate report which is produced and submitted to Cabinet to give further information regarding provisional performance.

CYP203a: Number of schools judged to be good or outstanding - primary

The percentage of Primary schools judged as good or outstanding (CYP203a) at the close of Quarter 1 was 96.3%.

Of our 61 schools (59 Primary schools and two special schools), All 52 Local Authority maintained schools are currently rated as good or outstanding, and 2 academy schools as requiring improvement, the 7 remaining do not have a judgement as they have new status as Academy converter schools, which means that they do not have a current Ofsted judgement until first inspected (usually in the 6th term after becoming an academy). This is within our local target for 2015/16 of having greater than 90% of primary schools being judged good or outstanding.

Latest available published benchmarking data from Ofsted is based on the position at 31st March 2015 indicating the percentage of primary schools rated good / outstanding at that time was:

93.0% for Stockton-on-Tees

89.7% for the NE region

82.8% for England.

Ofsted figures only include mainstream primary schools and some academy converters previous maintained school judgements.

CYP203b: Number of schools judged to be good or outstanding - secondary

The number of Secondary schools judged as good or outstanding (CYP203b) at the close of Quarter 1 was 45.5%. This has missed our target of those that have an inspection rating having no less than 50% achieving less than good. Of our 16 schools (13 Secondary schools, 2 special schools and 1 Pupil referral unit), 2 are currently rated outstanding, 3 good, 6 requiring improvement and 0 inadequate. The remaining 5 do not have a judgement, 4 have new status as Academy converter schools, 1 as a newly opened free school which means that they do not have a current Ofsted judgement until first inspected (usually in the 6th term after converting or opening).

While this performance is lower than what was reported in Q4 the measure does now include free schools, special school and pupil referral units. In Q1 three inspections took place with 2 schools requiring improvement and 1 getting a good judgment.

Latest available published benchmarking data from Ofsted is based on the position at 31st March 2015 indicating the percentage of all schools rated good / outstanding at that time was:

50.0% for Stockton-on-Tees

68.8% for the NE region

72.6% for England.

Ofsted figures only include mainstream secondary schools.

Children's Social Care, including Adoption

CYP300: Proportion of assessments completed in 45 days

Performance for Q1 shows that of the 543 assessments undertaken 537 (98.9%) were completed within 45 days of their commencement (CYP300). This is in line with the Q1 outturn for 2014/15 of 98.6%. This meets the target expectations of 95% of assessments completed within a 45 days of their commencement.

CYP301: Number of full CAF's initiated

There were a total of 238 CAF's initiated during the period (CYP 301). This shows a significant improvement on 2014/15 for the same period of 139 CAF's and meets the locally agreed target which is to improve on previous year's performance. This is the result of improved partner agency engagement due to the expansion of the CAF Team and work of the CAF Support Officers. Securing full multi-agency engagement in CAF remains a key priority in the improvement plans of the Council and the Stockton Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

CYP302: Proportion of children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time, within 2 years

Performance for the quarter shows that the proportion of children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time (CYP302), within 2 years is 15.6%, this equates to 12 children from a cohort of 77 who have been the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time. The 12 children concerned were from 9 family sibling groups. This is an improvement on the 2014/15 same quarters data of 18.6%, but remains some way below target expectations of 8% or less of children becoming the subject of a second or subsequent time within 24 months. Performance continues to be monitored on a monthly basis at the Children's Social Care Performance Clinic where individual cases are reviewed to determine whether any further actions could have prevented a second or subsequent plan.

CYP303: Proportion of child protection plans lasting 2 years or more

The proportion of child protection plans lasting 2 years or more (CYP303) for the quarter shows an outturn of 14.2% this equates to 15 children from a cohort of 106, who were the subject of a child protection plan lasting 2 years or more. This shows an increase on the same quarters data for 2014/15 of 10.3% and is significantly below target expectations of 2% or less of children becoming the subject of a plan lasting 2 years or more. Cases are reviewed at the Children's Social Care Performance Clinic to ensure that timely action is taken and robust action plans are in place to ensure cases are stepped down promptly when safe to do so. Following the last clinic no concerns were raised relating to the above 15 cases and all deemed to be appropriate.

CYP304: Long term placement stability for looked after children - proportion in current placement for 2 years or more

The long term placement stability for looked after children(CYP304) outturn for the quarter is 66.0% this equates to 103 children and young people who were living in their placement for at least 2 years from a cohort of 156 who had been in care continuously for at least 2.5 years. This is an improvement on June 2014/15 performance of 54.0% and has met and exceeded target expectations of 60% or more children living in their current placement for 2 years or more.

CYP305: Proportion of care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training (EET current 16 to 21 yr olds)

During the quarter there were 32 care leavers aged 16-21 of which 18 were in (EET) Education, Employment (CYP305) this gave an outturn of 56.3%. This shows a decrease on the performance of 61.1% for the same period for 2014/15 though current performance is within target range of 55.0% or better.

CYP306 (a): Adoption Timescales (average time, in days, between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted during the period)

CYP306 (b): Adoption Timescales (average time, in days, between the Local Authority receiving Court Authority to place a child and the Local Authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family)

During the quarter, the average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family was 611 days (CYP306 a). Although this is a decline on 2014/15 Q1 performance of 478 days, we are currently on target which is to be better than the 3 year England average and target of 628 days. During the quarter the average time in days between the Local Authority receiving court authority to place a child and deciding on a match to an adoptive family (CYP306 b) was 271 days. This is below the 2014/15 Q1 performance of 194 days and some way off our target which is to be better than the latest 3 year England average of 217 days.

Improving performance in this aspect of the adoption process has been the subject of detailed analysis, and a number of actions are in place, for example:

When matches for children cannot be found within existing provision, placements are sought without delay through the adoption register, regional consortium and national advertising. This mixed economy approach to adoption ensures that children are matched as early as possible, they experience minimal delay and permanence is secured at the earliest opportunity. Where there is delay this is scrutinized and tracked on a monthly basis via performance clinics, and supervision. Capacity issues within the Child Placement team which impact on family finding work have been addressed as part of the Children's Services Review. Work is being undertaken to streamline and update processes and documents to improve the time available for family finding to take place.

Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEETs)

CYP400: Proportion of young people aged 16-19 who are NEET / Not Known

Latest data available is local data based on a 3 month average (April to June 2015). This shows a rate of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) of 8.1% and Not Known rate of 1.0% giving a combined NEET / Not Known rate of 9.1% (CYP400).

This is an improvement on the previous year's combined NEET / Not Known rate of 10.0% and compares to a Tees Valley average for the 2015/16 Q1 period of 11.1% (NEET rate of 7.9% and Not Known rate of 3.2%) Current performance is on track to achieve target.

OVERALL THEME PROGRESS

(INCLUDING NON-COUNCIL PLAN MEASURES, COUNCIL PLAN ACTIONS, INSPECTIONS, ETC)

Looked After Children placement stability and permanence.

The following indicators are not within the corporate basket, but help to give some further insight into performance in relation to children in care and care leavers.

Shorter term placement stability (i.e. 3 or more placements during the year) – during the quarter, of the 377 children in care, 2 children (0.5%) had 3 or more placement moves. This is in line with 2014/15 quarter 1 outturn and is within target.

Other routes to permanency – of the 22 children who ceased to be in care year to date:

- 15 (68.2%) returned home (51.6% for Q1 2014/15).
- 1 (4.5%) were the subject of a Special Guardianship Order (16.1% for Q1 2014/15).
- 1 (4.5%) were the subject of a Residence Order (12.9% for Q1 2014/15).
- 2 (9.1%) children were Adopted (19.4% for Q1 2014/15).
- 3 (13.6%) children left care to live with parent or other with NO parental responsibility

Care Leavers – performance of the 32 care leavers aged 16 to 21 years during the period, all but 4 (aged 20 and over) were in suitable accommodation. Current performance of 87.5%, although below the previous year's Q1 outturn of 94.4%, is within tolerance to meet the target of at least 95% of care leavers living in suitable accommodation.

Ofsted inspections of settings.

Childminders – during the Q1 period 20 childminders were inspected. 3 childminders had no children on the roll. For the 17 with children on the roll, 15 were rated as good and 2 were outstanding. For all those childminders inspected in the year up to 30th June 2015, 92% were judged as good or outstanding.

Latest available Ofsted benchmarking information for childminders at their most recent inspection as at 31st March 2015 shows the proportion judged as good / outstanding was:

- 86% for Stockton-on-Tees
- 84% for England
- 83% for the NE Region.

Childcare – There were 7 settings inspected during the Q1 period, 1 was rated outstanding, 4 were rated as good, 1 requires improvement, 1 was deemed inadequate. For all Stockton-on-Tees providers on non-domestic premises who have an inspection judgement as at 30th June 2015, 96% were rated as good or outstanding.

Latest available Ofsted benchmarking information for inspection judgements for providers on nondomestic premises rated as good / outstanding as at 31st March 2015 was:

- 100% for Stockton-on-Tees
- 87% for England
- 91% for the NE Region.

Children's Centres – during the Q1 period, 0 Children's Centres were inspected, For all those inspected up to 30th June 2015, 66.7% of children centres were judged to be good / outstanding.

The latest available Ofsted benchmarking information (as at 31st March 2015), shows the proportion of Children's Centres rated as good / outstanding at their most recent inspection was:

- 66.7% for Stockton-on-Tees
- 66.0% for England
- 75.2% for the NE Region.

COMPLAINTS, COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

Latest data available is at Q4. During the period there were:

15 new complaints at stage 1; four were withdrawn, and 11 required a response.

3 requests for a complaint to progress to stage 2.

2 requests for a stage 3 panel. One is in the process of being set up.

When the second request was considered and it was noted that the complainants did not wish to attend a Panel, but had asked for the Panel to consider the complaints in their absence. It was also noted that there was no dispute of the findings of the investigation; the complainants' main dissatisfaction was that the financial remedy was insufficient.

The number of new complaints in quarter four is similar to that of the previous quarter after a period of 3 consecutive high quarters.

The issues raised in the new complaints are in line with previous quarters, with the most frequent concerns being related to quality of service or the provision / communication of information.

The majority of Stage 2 investigation reports were completed by Independent Investigating Officers during the period – these reflect the tendency towards more complex complaints, each covering a range of issues, often requiring lengthy investigations

Outcomes and learning from complaints are reviewed quarterly at the Children & Young People's Management Team. The Q4 report was considered at the June meeting of that group.

The key issues arising are in relation to:

Communication with parent, language used by social workers, standard of report writing, ensuring consent is in place to share information.

FINANCE

No update since last quarter

RISK

No update since last quarter