

Children's Partnership Board 2014/15 Year End Performance Review

24 June 2015

Headlines:

Strategic Objective 1: Safeguarding & Early Intervention

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- Continued implementation of the recommendations following the Ofsted inspections of Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers – Nottingham's children remain safe and effective measures in place
- Demands on Social Care remain high
- Effective work of Children Families Direct service diverting calls away from Duty service
- The new Duty model has faced initial implementation challenges but a robust management oversight and minor changes will improve the service
- Children in Need work continues to increase in Fieldwork teams
- Safeguarding activity remains high but a recent audit of Section 47 decision making concluded that threshold have been applied appropriately and those taken in the enquiry stage are correct
- Small Steps Big Changes programme is progressing well – Dolly Parton Imagination Library launched
- The supplier of our key Social Care IT system has been agreed
- Young people actively involved in decision making
- Early Intervention projects within Children's Big Ticket in delivery and now realising significant savings
- The DrugAware, Broxtowe Youth Homeless and Stronger Families programmes continue to work with vulnerable groups
- Safe Families for Children pilot progressing well
- There has been an increase on CAF closures leading to referral to Children's Social Care – Audits have identified a need to focus on quality of assessment and 'voice of the child'
- Infants breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks rates continue to improve and remain higher than the national average
- Stage 3 Baby Friendly, Breastfeeding Peer support, FNP and closer working between Midwifery and Health Visiting will continue to improve rates

Selected Improving Pls:

- 35% reduction in contacts
- 84.9% of Children's Assessments authorised within 45 days
- 2.9% of Child Protection Plans closing that lasted longer than 2 years
- 99.0% of CPPs reviewed within timescale

Selected Declining Pls:

- 3% increase in referrals
- 8.2% increase – No. Section 47 enquiries carried out
- 14.4% increase – No. children subject to a Child Protection Plan
- 4.9% less CAFs being carried out
- 46.4% of infants being breastfed at 6-8 weeks compared to 48.4% (13/14), however, still better than national picture

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Strategic Objective 2: Strong Families

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- There has been a reduction in the number of Children in Care
- There have been increased permanency rates of Adoptions
- Citywide Children's Centre rates of sustained contact across five target groups has increased
- The third state of the art play and youth facility at Green Lane (Clifton) is now fully operational
- Demands on Alternative Provision remain high especially for Key Stages 3 and 4
- Family Support Strategy and Pathway continues to be implemented
- Phase 2 of the Priority Families/FIP commenced 1st January – three months ahead of the official national launch
- 20 dedicated workers supported the PF/FIP delivery

Selected Improving PIs:

- 1.9% decrease of the number of Children in Care
- 97.6% of CiC reviewed within appropriate timescale
- 49.0% of Care Leavers (19yo) in Employment, Education or Training
- 95.0% of CiC with a Personal Education Plan
- 85.9% of CiC with an up to date health assessment
- 65.9% of CiC living in the same place for at least 2 year

Selected Declining PIs:

- KS3/4 Alternative Provision rates/targets not met (Q2)
- 76.5% of CiC with an up to date dental check
- 43.0% of Care Leavers are NEET

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Strategic Objective 3: Healthy & Positive Children & Young People

Headlines:

- Prevalence of Obesity in reception age children has remained static for the past four years. The national picture shows an increase
- Obesity rates amongst Year 6 students has increased within the City – this follows the same results nationally
- Immunisation levels for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio & HIB have dropped by 1.0% over the past year
- Public Health continues to work with NHS England to ensure that immunisation rates improve
- There is an increased number of schools engaged in the Healthy Schools 'Health & Wellbeing Improvement' model
- The Teenage Pregnancy Plan was approved and signed off and is now being performance managed by the Teenage Pregnancy Taskforce
- Although Teenage Pregnancy rates have increased throughout the year, it should be noted that the rates are achieving the 2020 target to reduce rates by half from their 1998 baselines
- The number of Offences committed by under 18s has decreased across all offence types with the exception of Drugs which has seen a slight increase
- Youth Justice Board performance remains positive with reoffending rates better than family, core cities and national averages
- The number of First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System is a fifth of what it was 7 years ago
- The number of custodial sentences for children has fallen
- More young people leaving substance misuse treatment in agreed and planned way

Selected Improving PIs:

- 10.5% of reception age children are obese
- 56.0% (Q2) of schools achieving the 'Health & Wellbeing Improvement' model
- The rate of Teenage Pregnancy amongst 15-17 years old girls is 37.5 per 1,000 pop.
- 3.6% of 10-17 year olds in custody
- 241 First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System

Selected Declining PIs:

- 23.4% of Year 6 children are obese
- 5.8% increase – No. of under 18s Drugs offences
- 67.8% decrease - No. of young people supervised by the YOT in fulltime education, training or employment

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Strategic Objective 4 & 5: Achievement & Economic Well-Being

Headlines:

- The Education Improvement Board is fully established with the aim for all children in the city to attend schools that are deemed to be good or better
- In October 2014, the Education Improvement Strategy was published
- In 2015, all parents who submitted an on-time application for a school place were offered one – the first time since pupil numbers increased in 2009 that this has happened. 85% were given their first choice place, and 6% their second choice
- Following the 2013 inspection of the city's Secondary Schools, where Ofsted judged seven as 'inadequate', monitoring visits to the schools have continued over the past year. Most are showing significant improvements, with three predicted to be rated 'good'. A further three schools have achieved academy status in the past three years so have no Ofsted rating
- 44.6% of pupils achieved 5 A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths
- The proportion of 16 and 17 year olds in education, employment or training (EET) was the highest of all eight English Core Cities, at 92.3% in December 2014
- All of the City's Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children received free school meals. Work was carried out on a number of school kitchens to ensure they coped with demand
- There was a major programme launched to heighten awareness about school attendance
- School attendance rates improved across Primary and Secondary sectors
- The percentage of 19 year old achieving level 2 or 3 qualification increased
- Based on published 2012/13 figures that were released in the summer of 2014, 34.6% of children and young people were shown to be living in households dependent on out of work benefits – an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the previous year

Selected Improving PIs:

- 6.4% of 16-18 years olds are NEET - 2.0% are Not Known
- 6.8% and 6.0% - Secondary school persistent and overall absence rates
- 2.8% and 4.4% - Primary school persistent and overall absence rates
- 91.0%, 92.0% and 90.0% of KS2 pupils making expected progress from KS1 for Reading, Writing and Maths
- 62.9% overall employment rate of the working age population
- 1,960 18-24 year old JSA claimants
- 4,234 (Nov 14) Lone Parent Income Support claimants
- 8,340 – all JSA claimants

Selected Declining PIs:

- 44.6% achieved 5 A*-C GCSE grades (not measurable against previous years)
- 3.1% of pupils left with no qualifications (not measurable against previous years)
- 64.2% of schools judged Good or Better by Ofsted

Challenges / Areas for Future Progress

1 – Safeguarding and Early Intervention:

- Ensure delivery of the post-Ofsted Safeguarding Inspection action plan
- High numbers of Children in Need
- Review of the whole of 'Front Door' services
- Review/Refresh of how data is reported in relation to Missing Children
- Future quality, cost and demand pressures around Children in Care
- Delivery of savings within the Children's Big Ticket

2 – Strong Families:

- Implementation of the 'Small Steps, Big Changes' programme
- Phase 2 of the Priority Families programme
- Work to increase the number of CAFs being initiated

3 – Healthy and Positive Children & Young People:

- Continue to implement targets within the Teenage Pregnancy Plan
- Strategic Commissioning Reviews for Health Improvement and Children 0-19
- Transfer of Public Health services for 0-5 years and Family Nurse Partnership to Local Authority
- Self Harm pathway commissioned by the CCG is currently under development
- Remodelling of CAMHS pathway
- Negative impact of the economy/deprivation on the physical and mental wellbeing of children

4 – Achievement and 5 – Economic Well-Being:

- The Education Improvement Board to continue to drive improvements in our education settings to ensure that all young people are in a good or better school.
- Continue to work on achievement and attainment, behaviour, recruitment, quality of teaching and leadership and governance
- Policies to be implemented across all schools and academies, outlining practice relating to intervention and support 2015 onwards, to include 'Education Improvement Strategy' / 'Schools Causing Concern' / 'Partnership Protocols' / 'School Improvement Service Core Offer'