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Quarter 3 Performance Report 2018/19

Children and Learning O&S Sub-Committee

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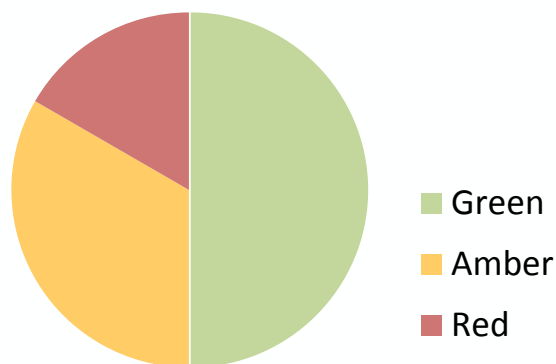
About the Children and Learning O&S Sub-Committee Performance Report

- Overview of the Council's performance against the indicators selected by the Children and Learning Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee
- The report identifies where the Council is performing well (**Green**), within target tolerance (**Amber**) and not so well (**Red**).
- Where the RAG rating is '**Red**', '**Corrective Action**' is included in the presentation. This highlights what action the Council will take to improve performance.

OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN AND LEARNING INDICATORS

- 8 Performance Indicators are reported to the Children and Learning Overview & Scrutiny sub-committee
- Performance data is available for all 8 indicators
- 6 of the indicators have been given a RAG status

Quarter 3 indicators summary



In summary, of the 6 indicators:

3 (50%) have a status of **Green**

2 (33%) have a status of **Amber**

1 (17%) has a status of **Red**

Quarter 3 Performance – Learning and Achievement

Indicator and Description	Value	Tolerance	2018/19 Annual Target	2018/19 Q3 Target	2018/19 Q3 Performance	Short Term DOT against Q2 2018/19		Long Term DOT against Q3 2017/18	
Percentage of early years providers judged to be good or outstanding	Bigger is better	±1.5%	80%	80%	96%	➡	96%	⬆	97%
Percentage of 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET), or not known	Smaller is better	±5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%	-	N/A	⬇	3.5% (2017/18)
Percentage of children in good or outstanding schools	Bigger is better	±1.5%	84%	84%	85%	⬆	83%	⬆	84% (old methodology)
Number of children missing from education at month end (average for the quarter)	Smaller is better	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	⬆	8	⬆	8

Quarter 3 Performance – Children’s Services

Indicator and Description	Value	Tolerance	2018/19 Annual Target	2018/19 Q3 Target	2018/19 Q3 Performance	Short Term DOT against Q2 2018/19		Long Term DOT against Q3 2017/18	
Percentage of Initial Child Protection conferences held within 15 days	Bigger is better	10%	90%	88%	84.8%	↑	81%	↑	78%
Number of children missing from care, missing from home or away from placement without authorisation	Smaller is better	N/A	N/A	N/A	120	↓	101	↑	140
Number of new in-house foster carers (cumulative)	Bigger is better	±10%	16	12	7	-	5	↓	14
Number of adopters approved (cumulative)	Bigger is better	7	8	6	7	-	4	↑	1

Highlights

- The **percentage of children in good or outstanding schools**, which was rated amber last quarter, is back within target. Five schools have been inspected since September 2018 and four have since been published; all receiving a 'Good' judgement.
- The **percentage of early years providers judged to be good or outstanding** also remains better than target.
- The **average number of children missing from education** has reduced in comparison to both last quarter and the same point last year.
- The **percentage of initial child protection conferences (ICPCs) held within 15 working days** continues to improve and is within target tolerance. Year to date performance remains affected by lower performance in the first half of the year but performance was consistently above the annual target of 90% during the last quarter.
- The **number of adopters approved** is better than the target for this point in the year and only one further approval is required to achieve the annual target.

Improvements Required

- The **percentage of 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET), or not known** was recently confirmed as 3.5% for 2017/18; better than the England average of 6% and placing us in the top quintile. Performance at the end of Quarter 3 is off-target but within the agreed tolerance. Action being taken to further improve performance includes increased tracking activities using admissions data and intelligence to reduce the number of 'Not Knowns', and the introduction of a new NEET to EET programme in central Romford. The programme will focus on addressing barriers to participation and supporting young people to gain English and Maths qualifications, along with engaging parents / carers to ensure successful retention and progression.
- The **number of children missing from care, missing from home or away from placement without authorisation** has increased compared to the previous quarter but is lower than at the same point last year. Our new approach to safeguarding adolescents will include a strong focus on missing children and the associated risks for this cohort.
- The **number of new in-house foster carers** is below the target set for this point in the year. Work continues to recruit high quality foster carers, with marketing targeted at the caring professions, certain faith communities and those prepared to look after older children (age 11+) and sibling groups. Assessments are more robust however, which inevitably results in some households not being progressed. A Christmas fostering campaign was undertaken and in January the service will assess the success of this and consider adjustments to the current marketing plan. Communication materials also promote the message that IFA (independent fostering agency) carers can easily transfer to the local authority.

Any questions?

