

The Highland Council

Education, Children and Adult Services Committee - 21 May 2014

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Performance Report – Children’s Services

Report by Director of Care and Learning

Summary

This report provides an update on the performance framework for Children’s Services.

1. Background

- 1.1 Highland Council and NHS Highland have agreed a performance framework for children’s services, as part of the lead agency arrangements. This performance report is presented to the Adult & Children’s Services Committee, as well as to NHS Highland.
- 1.2 All of the performance measures in the framework have been allocated to *For Highlands Children 4* Improvement Groups.
- 1.3 Performance shown in **Appendix 1** only provides new data. It does not provide an end of year report on all indicators, because some information is not yet available. Commentary is provided on the following measures, where performance is not broadly on target or better, or is otherwise of note.

2. Performance Measures

- 2.1 **3: By March 2013 no young people will wait longer than 26 weeks for access to Primary Mental Health Worker**

Information is not yet available for March, but all children seen in the first two months of the last quarter were within both the 26 week and 18 week timescales.

7: New-born babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks review to increase to 36%

There is a significant reduction in the rate of new born babies who are reported to be exclusively breastfed at 6 – 8 weeks. This follows some improvement, and also an increase in reporting rates, and is being further analysed. A number of factors may be relevant:

- the birth rate and discharge rates also fell at this time;
- changes to maternity provision;
- a high rate of admissions to the children's ward of very young children with feeding difficulties;
- higher return rates (missing data is now around 12 - 15% instead of 25 - 28%) which may also provide a more accurate breastfeeding figure.

In the meantime, the actions previously reported to Committee will continue.

15: 95% of statutory health assessments to be done within 4 weeks of becoming Looked After

16: 95% of Initial LAC health assessments to be included in Childs Plans

Sustained improvement is evident in the first two months of Quarter 4.

20: Increase in the number of LAC who attain qualification in any subject at level 3 or above

21: Increase in the number of LAC who attain qualifications in English/maths at level 3 or above

The attainment rates for looked after children will be subject to further analysis, and reported to Committee. As ever, any 'trends' should be treated with caution because they are so variable from year to year and the total numbers are variable and low.

33: Develop activities and Interventions for young people who are at risk of becoming serious and/or repeat offenders

Further to the introduction of new data collection processes, the number of persistent offenders appears to have returned to its previous low level.

41: Fewer LAC children are in out of authority placements

There was an increase in the number of children in specialist placements in the final Quarter of the year, as reflected in the revenue monitoring statement.

3. Implications arising from Report

3.1 There are a range of resource implications with regard to these performance indicators, but in most cases, performance can be addressed within current resources.

3.2 There are no legal, equality, risk, climate change/carbon clever or Gaelic implications.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Members are asked to consider and comment on this performance information.
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Appendix 1

Indicator	Measure & Detail	Target	Target date	2012/13	2013/14												Reporting Period	
				MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR		
Safe - Ensure that individual Child Protection Plans are effective in promoting safe caring and reducing concern for the child in the immediate and long term																		
1	Reduce the number of children on the child protection register who have been registered previously	reduce from baseline level	Mar-13	2.80%	3.67%	3.69%	4.93%	4.44%	4.35%	4.88%	4.47%	4.49%	5.10%	4.98%	5.08%	5.31%	monthly	
				7 of 250	9 of 245	9 of 244	11 of 223	11 of 248	11 of 253	12 of 246	11 of 246	11 of 245	13 of 255	13 of 261	13 of 256	13 of 245		
				4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	North
				1	1	1	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	South
				2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mid
				0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
3	By March 2013 no young people will wait longer than 26 weeks for access to Primary Mental Health Worker	continual reduction from baseline to zero	Mar-13	5.0%	13.6%	6.1%	13.5%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		monthly	
				2 of 40	3 of 22	2 of 33	5 of 37	0 of 39	1 of 29	0 of 22	0 of 32	0 of 35	0 of 22	0 of 20	0 of 39		data for >26	
			Dec-14	20.0%	22.7%	24.2%	18.9%	2.6%	10.3%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			data for >18 weeks (includes >26 weeks data)
				8 of 40	5 of 22	8 of 33	7 of 37	1 of 39	3 of 29	1 of 22	0 of 32	0 of 35	0 of 22	0 of 20	0 of 39			
7	New-born babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks review to increase to 36% (HEAT)	36%	Mar-12	32.8%			34.8%			28.9%							quarterly	
9	Achieve 641 interventions for child healthy weight intervention programme for 2-15 year olds over 3 years ending March 2014	641	Mar-14	334			649			649			687				quarterly cumulative	
				target			target			target			target			target		
				249			361			369			495			641		

30	Reduce the length of time it takes between LAC permanency decisions and matching	reduce from baseline level	Mar-13	12			10.8			12.2			7			9	quarterly		
				months			months			months			months			months			
Nurtured																			
31	Number of parents accessing parenting groups	Framework to be in place	Mar-13														annual		
Active - Improve the self confidence and physical health of children and young people through access to and engagement in active play, recreation and sport																			
32	Childs Plans Evidence LAC develop personal interests and hobbies	not set	not set	57.6%	58.5%	72.0%	42.3%	71.7%	83.8%	72.8%	64.3%	66.7%	74.2%	85.9%	72.0%	68.1%	annual		
				87 of	38 of	95 of	55 of	38 of	83 of	99 of	54 of	70 of	69 of	73 of	67 of	64 of			
				151	65	132	130	53	99	136	84	105	93	85	93	94			
Respected and Responsible - Reduce fear of crime through positive community interaction with young people and by maintaining low levels of youth offending																			
33	Develop activities and Interventions for young people who are at risk of becoming serious and/or repeat offenders	no increase	Mar-13										10	11	6	10	9	6	monthly
34	No increase in the number of offences by young people	no increase	Mar-13	528	43	83	128	178	202	240	273	297	329	362	390	422	monthly cumulative		
					43	40	45	50	24	38	33	24	32	33	28	32			
				target	target	target	target	target	target	target	target	target	target	target	target	target		target	
				878	73	146	220	293	366	439	512	585	659	732	805	878			
	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less	or less				
40	Reduce the number of children with Additional Support Needs who are not in school full time	30	Jul-15												84			annual	
41	Fewer LAC children are in out of authority placements	reduce from baseline	Mar-13	9.1%	8.9%	9.3%	9.9%	9.7%	9.2%	9.5%	9.4%	9.3%	8.9%	9.9%	10.3%	9.9%	monthly		
				44	43	44	46	46	43	43	43	43	43	47	48	46			
				of 483	of 484	of 473	of 466	of 472	of 468	of 455	of 459	of 461	of 481	of 476	of 467	of 465			