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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 outlined in *For Highlands Children 4*. This performance report is presented to the Education, Children & Adult Services Committee, as well as to NHS Highland.
- 1.2 All of the performance measures in the current framework have been allocated to *For Highlands Children 4* Improvement Groups.
- 1.3 The full scorecard is included at Appendix 1. As a significant proportion of the measures are comparatively new, a number of baselines and targets are still to be established. Some processes also require to be established for collecting data for new outcome targets. Other data for new outcome indicators will only be collected on an annual or other basis, that means it is not yet available.
- 1.4 Commentary is provided below on the following measures where performance is either not on target, better or otherwise of note.

2. Performance Measures

- 2.1 Achieve 36% of new born babies exclusively breastfed at 6-8 week review
The rate of new born babies who are exclusively breast fed at 6-8 weeks has remained largely unchanged over the last 5 years with figures ranging between 30.8% and 32.9%. Improvement work is being progressed through the maternal infant nutrition feeding group including the recruitment of infant feeding support workers.

% of statutory health assessments completed within 4 weeks of becoming LAC will increase to 95%

% of initial LAC health assessments included in Childs Plans within 6 weeks will increase to 95%

Health assessments are undertaken by school nurses and health visitors. Staffing shortages across the service means that achieving the timescales has been challenging. Additional support has been provided by the lead nurse for LAC through supporting learning and development of additional qualified staff and by undertaking some health assessments herself.

If Health assessments are not completed within 4 weeks, this can result in them not being included in the child's plan.

An exception report has been prepared as part of the January assurance report to NHS Highland

Waiting times for AHP services to be within 18 weeks from referral to treatment by December 2014

Although the length of time children are waiting is reducing, there is still significant variation across individual AHP specialities. This picture is reflected nationally. An exception report has been prepared as part of the January assurance report to NHS Highland

The delay in the time taken between a child being accommodated and permanency decision will decrease

There has been slippage to 12 months, from the end of year position of 9 months. This can happen because of the small numbers and where there are complex cases, but permanency for looked after children is always a high priority.

The number of LAC accommodated outwith Highland will decrease

There was an increase in the number of children in specialist placements in the first quarter of the year, from 46 to 49, and a more recent reduction.

The number of children needing to live away from the family home but supported in kinship care increases

The number of children where permanence is achieved via a Residence order increases

The increasing number of children supported by a residence order is contributing to a fall in the number in kinship care. This will be the subject of further analysis.

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.

Recommendation

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

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FHC4	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15								target	
					April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov		Dec
2. Children are well equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to keep themselves safe														
Self reported incidence of alcohol misuse will reduce (P7)		8.0%		2.9%										2%
Self reported incidence of alcohol misuse will reduce (S2)		23.4%		12.8%										12%
Self reported incidence of alcohol misuse will reduce (S4)		46.3%		30.9%										30%
Self reported incidence of drugs misuse will reduce (P7)		5.0%		1.9%										2%
Self reported incidence of drugs misuse will reduce (S2)		6.0%		4.4%										4%
Self reported incidence of drugs misuse will reduce (S4)		13.0%		8.1%										8%
Increased support for children & young people who display sexually harmful behaviour														Baseline required
Reduce the number of RTAs resulting in avoidable injuries to children and young people														Awaiting Data from NHS Highland
Hospital admissions for drug related reasons will reduce														Awaiting Data from NHS Highland
Hospital admissions for Alcohol related reasons will reduce														Awaiting Data from NHS Highland
3. Young people & families live in safer communities where antisocial & harmful behaviour reducing														
The number of children reporting that they feel safe in their community increases														Data required from 2015 Lifestyle Survey
The percentage of school staff who have up to date child protection training increases														Baseline required
The number of children and Young people reported to SCRA on anti social behaviour grounds reduces														Baseline required
The number of restorative justice warnings used for Young people who offend increases														Baseline required

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Decrease total secondary non-attendance at school	9.8%		5.2%											9%
The number of young people who are engaged in positive economic destinations will increase														not set
The percentage of schools who have a system to monitor achievement increases														5%
% schools awarded an evaluation of good or better for self-evaluation in HMI inspections increases			20%	47%										40%
% schools awarded an evaluation of good or better for curriculum in HMI inspections increases			20%	58%										45%
The number of children achieving level 3 in literacy and numeracy increases	93.25%	92.69%	93.14%	93.27%										94%
Maintain high levels of performance against National averages and comparator schools														Baseline required
% schools evaluated as good or better for Meeting learners Needs in HMI inspections increases			60%	63%										65%
No. Looked After Children in placements supported through the FF scheme (Highland Council) increases			14	24										
Number of young people with complex disability tracked post school for 3 years annually increases														Baseline required
% children and young people in schools accessing support from substance misuse workers increases														40%
% schools with a positive relationships framework, supported by curricular materials, will increase														not set
Gap between the No. of Young Carers identified by services and those who self identify will decrease														not set
The number of self identified young carers who report they are supported will increase														not set
The reduction in multiple exclusions is maintained		48 pupils	55 pupils	36 pupils										36 pupils
The exclusion rate for Looked After Children will decrease	155	84												100 per 1,000 LAC

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No. families of children with ASN supported by Chip+ through the SLA is maintained or increases				1321										1321 enquiries
The number of schools participating in the delivery of Resilient Kids training increases														not set
No. adult & children's services staff accessing the getting our priorities right training increases														not set
The number of school staff participating in equality and diversity training increases														200
14. Improvement in service provision determined by participation of children young people & families														
The number of children participating in the Highland Lifestyle Survey increases				66.2%										75%
Demonstrate involvement/engagement of service users in Improvement Group activity year on year														not set
No. consultations with children about their experiences of preschool education & childcare increases														not set
The number of children & Young People completing the youth action service evaluation form increases										30%				90% by June 2015