

Performance Report Appendix A

Quarter 3 2011/12

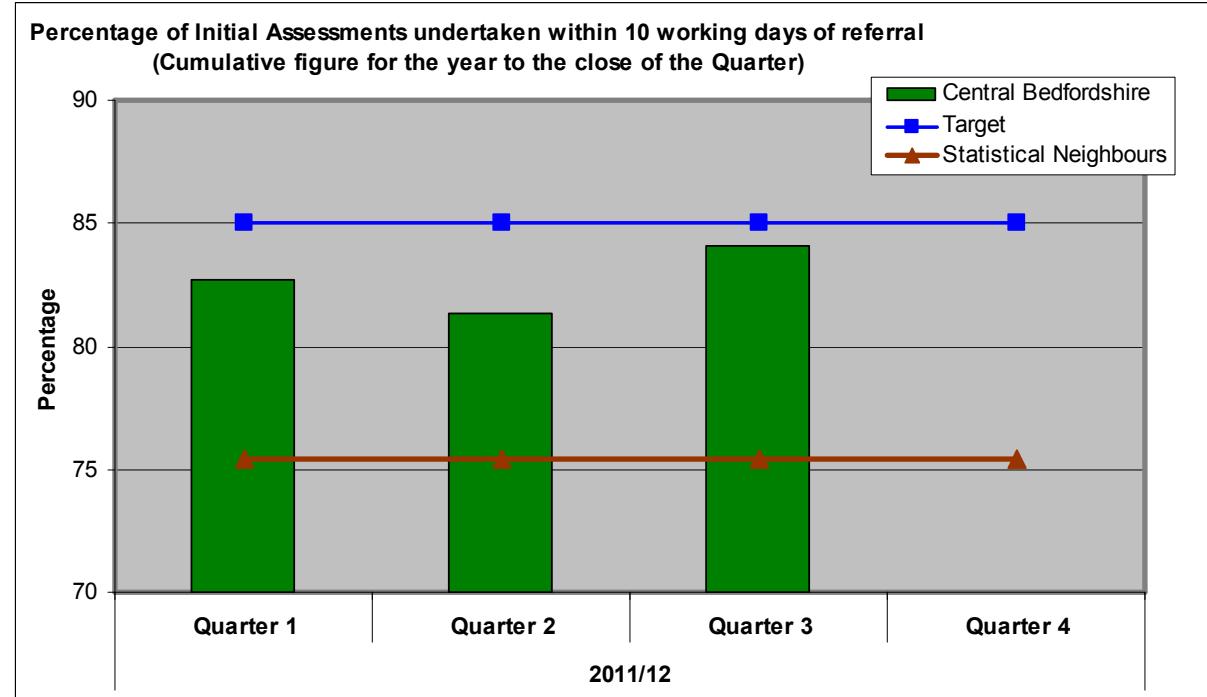
Report comparison - Depends on the nature of the indicator		Performance Judgement			
		Direction of travel (DoT)		RAG score (Standard scoring rules unless the indicator specifies alternative scoring arrangements)	
Seasonal	Compared to the same time in the previous year		Performance is reducing	R	RED - target missed / off target - Performance at least 10% below the required level of improvement
Quarter on quarter	Compared to the previous quarter		Performance remains unchanged	A	AMBER - target missed / off target - Performance less than 10% below the required level of improvement

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Seasonal = Compared to the same time in the previous year
 Quarter on quarter = Compared to the previous quarter
 Annual = Compared to one fixed point in the previous year

CS 1		Percentage of initial assessments undertaken within ten working days of referral (NI 59 Revised) (Cumulative year to close of Quarter)																			
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	75.4 NFER (2010/11)	Report Comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	æ	G
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn							
%	High	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.0	82.7	81.3	84.1									
<p>Comment: Performance for this quarter is green. Central Bedfordshire Council set challenging targets against statistical neighbours and performance is good when compared to the 75.4% average achieved by statistical neighbours. It is expected that the target of 85% will be achieved by the end of the year.</p> <p>Initial assessments are a brief assessment of any child who has been referred to social services. They are an important indicator of how quickly services can respond when a child is thought to be at risk of serious harm. Assessments involve a range of local agencies so this indicator also shows how well multi-agency arrangements are working.</p>																					



CS 2		Percentage of children looked after at 31 March with three or more placements during the year (NI 62)																			
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	11.8 NFER (2010/11)	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement		R
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn							
%	Low	9.2	10.0	1.1	2.3	4.1	5.7	6.3	10.0	2.2	6.2	11.2									

Comment: Performance for this indicator has gone from amber to red and the target will not be met at year end. However performance is still in line with statistical neighbours (11.2% compared to 11.8%).

The number of children in this cohort is 197 and the number with three or more placements during the year is 22. The current cohort includes children with complex needs and challenging behaviours. Work continues to ensure they receive appropriate support and care. Key factors that have a bearing on this performance include the range of placement choices, the enhanced levels of social care support needed for the young person and the effectiveness of multi-agency working. These are currently being reviewed to assess what changes can be made to improve stability. The decision whether a child or young person needs an alternative placement is paramount and this action will be taken to improve outcomes for the child rather than meeting the target.

Numbers for this indicator are so low that graphical comparison with statistical neighbours is not relevant.

CS 3		Percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed (NI 67)																			
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	95.9 NFER (2010/11)	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement		G
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn							
%	High	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100									

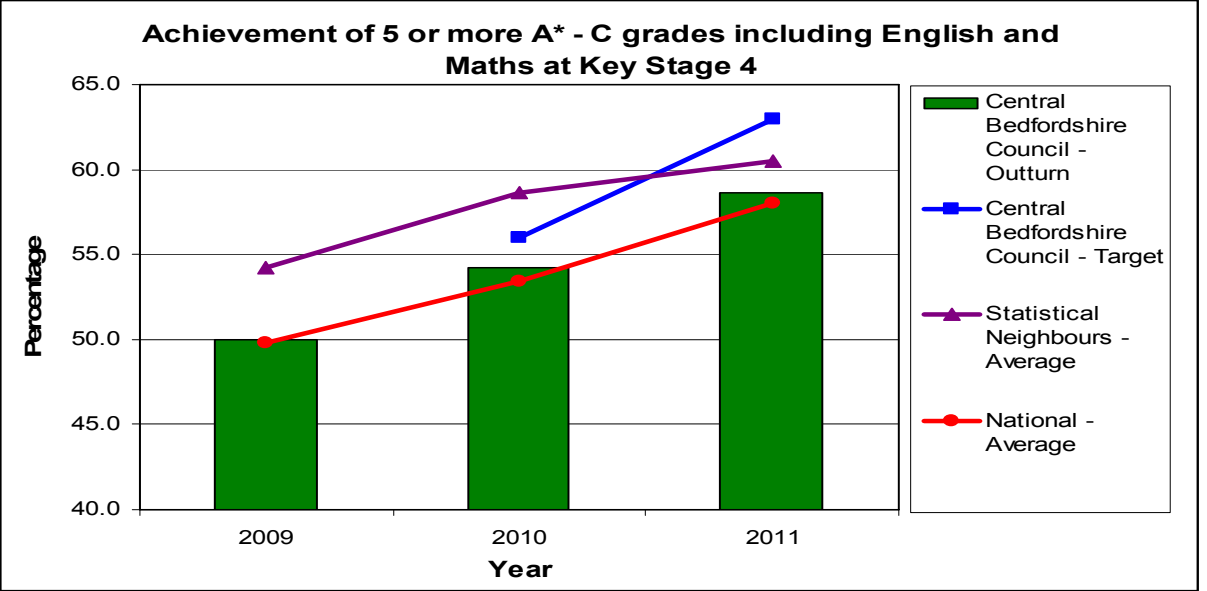
Comment: Performance remains on target. Reviews are a key element in delivering Child Protection Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions to keep children safe and protected. This target should remain on 100% and graphical representation is not relevant.

CS 4		Percentage of referrals of children in need that led to initial assessments (NI 68) (Cumulative)																			
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	75.1 NFER (2010/11)	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	æ	G
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn							
%	High	68.2	65	52.1	59.5	59.1	56.2	56.0	60	60.2	67.2	71.5									

Comment: Performance for this indicator continues to improve and is currently exceeding the target. This indicator gives a picture of the appropriateness of referrals coming into children's social care (which can show whether local agencies are working well together) and the thresholds which are being applied in Children's Social Care at a local level. The number of assessments completed has gone up by over 30% compared to last year. Performance is kept under review and the target will be reviewed for 2012/13 to take account of national guidance, our performance and the performance of statistical neighbours. As the levels of referrals across statistical neighbours are yet to stabilise nationally, graphical comparisons are not relevant.

CS 5 Achievement at Level 4 and above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (NI 73) (Annual) This annual indicator was reported in Quarter 2 ,so is not included in this report.

CS 6		Achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Key Stage 4) (NI 75) (Annual report)					Latest comparator group average	61 (DfE) 2011	Report comparison	Annual	Performance Judgement	æ	R
Unit	Good is	2009	2010		2011								
		Outturn	Target	Outturn	Target	Outturn							
%	High	50	56	54	63	59							
<p>Comment: Provisional 2011 standards have risen substantially for the second year in a row; however the Council's target was not met. It should be noted that schools were expected to set aspirational targets and the Council was required to set a target which did not fall below the aggregated schools' target. The requirement for the Council to set targets for Key Stage 4 has now been withdrawn as the School Improvement Partners that set targets have now been removed. No school falls below the Government's floor standards.</p>													



CS 7		Published Ofsted school and college classifications (New inspections during the quarter are shown by the figure in brackets)							Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	G									
Ofsted category	Unit	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12																			
		Outturn	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn															
Total	Number of schools	248 (57)	247 (62)	247 (11)	247 (2)	249 (27)																	
Outstanding	Number of schools	56 (10)	63 (11)	64 (1)	64 (0)	67 (4)																	
Good	Number of schools	140 (32)	132 (35)	131 (7)	131 (1)	127 (8)																	
Satisfactory	Number of schools	51 (14)	50 (14)	51 (3)	51 (1)	53 (14)																	
Inadequate	Number of schools	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (0)	1 (0)	2 (1)																	
<p>Comment: During this quarter there have been twenty seven inspections. This included All Saints Academy that was inspected for the first time.</p> <p>Queensbury Upper School was inspected on 13 & 14 October and was judged to require special measures. Action is being taken to move the school towards sponsored academy status. Ministerial approval has been given to sponsorship by CfBT. The school has been re-designated as a red school and the Local Authority Statement of Action has been written and sent to Ofsted.</p> <p>Ashton Middle School was given a Notice to Improve on 9 February 2011. A Local Authority monitoring meeting with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors on 10 November made adjustments to the Local Authority support plan to have a particular focus on enabling the school to become self sustaining, on securing effective leadership of governance and on setting the vision and direction for the school going forward.</p>																							
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