

Performance Report Appendix A Quarter Three 2013/14

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny

Ref	Indicator	Performance will be reported:	Performance information being reported this quarter		
			Time period	Performance	
Improved educational attainment					
B 1 MTP	Achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	Annually in Quarter 3	2012/13 Outturn	↓	R
B 2 MTP	Percentage of young people who are not in education, employment or training. (NEET)	Annually in Quarter 4	3 month average		
B 3 MTP	Number of education and training opportunities for young people made available in the Autumn	Annually in Quarter 4	Sept – Dec 2012		
B4 MTP	Published Ofsted school and college classifications	Quarterly	Quarter 3 2013/14	↑	G
Promote health and wellbeing and protect the vulnerable					
C8 MTP	The percentage of referrals of children in need that led to initial assessments	Quarterly	N/A		
C8a MTP	Percentage of referrals of children leading to the provision of a social care service	Quarterly	Quarter 3 2013/14	New	R
C9 MTP	Percentage of initial assessments within ten working days of referral	Quarterly	N/A		
C9a MTP	Percentage of children's social care assessments within 45 working days of start	Quarterly	Quarter 3 2013/14	New	A
C10 MTP	Percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed	Quarterly	Quarter 3 2013/14	↔	G
C11 MTP	Average time in days between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted	Quarterly	Quarter 3 2013/14	↓	G

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 period 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
Annual	Compared to one fixed point in the previous year	↑	Performance is improving	G	GREEN - Target achieved or performance on track to achieve target

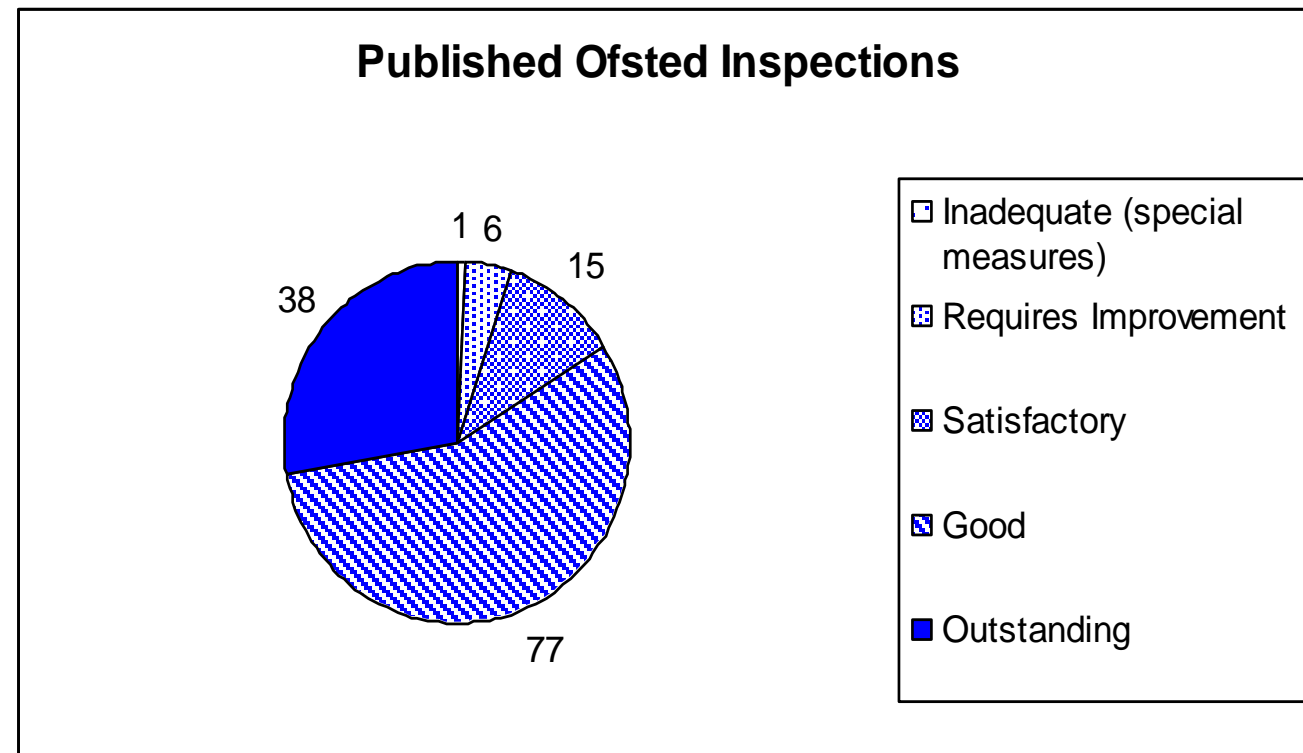
Improved Educational Attainment

B 1 MTP		Achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Annual report)														
Unit	Good is	2009 Outturn	2010 Outturn	2011 Outturn	2012 Reported Qu 3 2012/13	2013 Reported Qu 3 2013/14	2014 Reported Qu 3 2014/15	2015 Reported Qu 3 2015/16	Latest comparator group average	62.0	Report comparison	Annual	Performance Judgement	↓	R	
%	High	50.0	54.2	59.4	57.6	57.7										
Ranking Position	Number 1 is the best	Ranking Position compared to all English authorities		60 /151	91/151	113/151										
		Target			Up 4 places compared to 2011/12	Up 10 places compared to 2011/12	Up 19 places compared to 2011/12	Up 23 places compared to 2011/12								
		Actual			Down 35 places compared to 2011/12	Down 63 places compared to 2011/12										
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Final results show that 57.7% of young people achieved 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths. This is an increase of 0.1% compared to last year and a drop of 22 places in the ranking of English local authorities. In 2012 our schools were ranked 91 out of 151 and these results rank us at 113 out of 151. The England Average was 59.2%. The highest average within our statistical neighbours group is 67.1% and the lowest is 54.9%. The statistical neighbour average was 62%. Within this grouping Central Bedfordshire remains ranked 9 out of 11.</p> <p>The two LA maintained schools are receiving direct support and challenge through the School Intervention Strategy. Student progress data to date in these schools demonstrates that the actions taken by the schools will have a positive impact on improved outcomes in 2014.</p> <p>Council officers have worked with the Teaching School and the Upper School heads and Deputies group to ensure good practice is shared that will support improvements this year.</p>																

B4 MTP **Published Ofsted school and college classifications*** (Published inspection outcomes during the quarter as shown by the figure in brackets)

Ofsted category	Unit	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14			
		Outturn	Outturn	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn
Total	Number	139 (37)	140 (33)	Schools: 137(8) College: 1(0)	Schools: 137 (9) College: 1(0)	Schools: 136 (5) College: 1(0)	Schools: 136 (17) College: 1(0)	
Outstanding	Number	34 (7)	37 (3)	38 (1)	38 (1)	38 (0)	38 (1)	
Good	Number	71 (19)	67 (16)	73 (3)	71 (5)	74 (5)	77 (10)	
Satisfactory	Number	32 (9)	34 (13)	21 (0)	20 (0)	16(0)	15(0)	
Requires Improvement	Number	-	-	5 (3)	8 (3)	8(0)	6(6)	
Inadequate	Number	2 (2)	2 (1)	1 (1- Special Measures)	1 – Special Measures (0)	1 – Special Measures (0)	1 – Special Measures (0)	

Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	↑	G
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Comment:

Overall the proportion of schools being classified as good or outstanding has remained stable over the last three years. In Quarter Three published inspection outcomes show that 84% of schools and colleges are either 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

As reported in Quarter Four 2012/13, Sandy Upper School was inspected on 13th February 2013 and judged to require special measures. The Council's support for the school was recognised by the inspectors and this support has been extended to ensure the school successfully addresses the issues raised. The school is rigorously addressing the identified issues and Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI) monitoring recognises the impact of this on the school's progress. The second HMI monitoring report was extremely positive about the schools progress. The HMI suggested reducing Local Authority support. There has been a delay in academy conversion so support is continuing.

Promote health and wellbeing and protect the vulnerable

C8 MTP		Percentage of referrals of children in need that led to initial assessments (Cumulative)																	
Unit	Good is	2011/12	2012/13					2013/14					Latest comparator group average	79.1% NFER (2012/13)	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	N/A	N/A
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3							
%	High	78.5	75	82.1	82.9	79.8	80.3	82.3	75	79.8	77.6	N/A	N/A	N/A					

Comment:

Following the Munro Review of Safeguarding and publication of Working Together Statutory Guidance we have implemented a single assessment process, Initial Assessments are no longer completed and this indicator is no longer recorded in this way or monitored. The replacement indicator is below.

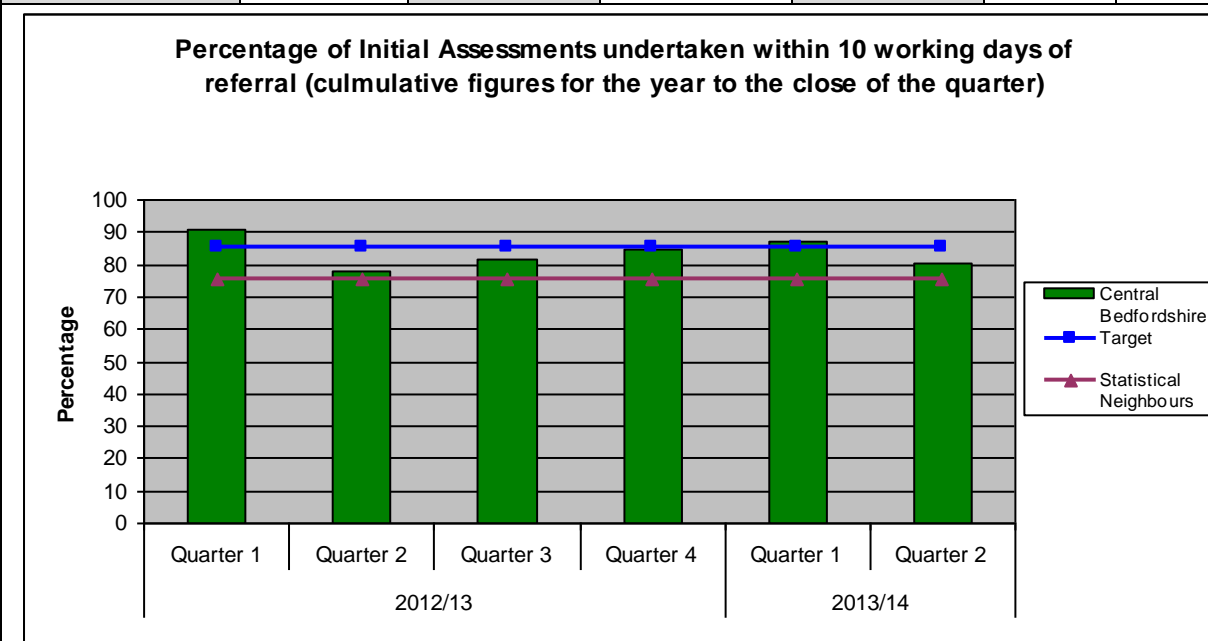
C8a MTP		Percentage of referrals of children leading to the provision of a social care service (Cumulative)																	
Unit	Good is	2011/12	2012/13					2013/14					Latest comparator group average	New	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	New	R
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3							
%	High	New						New	75	N/A	N/A	49.4							

Comment:

Following the Munro review of Safeguarding and the publication of Working Together Statutory Guidance, a new system of single assessment replaces the previously measured initial and core assessments. This means that new systems have been put in place and referrals are now progressing to a single assessment process. This new process is being implemented and early activity with a new format for identifying referrals resulted in recording errors leading to very low reported performance. All issues identified as contributing to this problem have now been addressed. Monthly monitoring is showing that performance is expected to achieve target in the final quarter. Although defined differently, performance for this new indicator is expected to be similar to MTP-C8 that it replaces, so the same target has been proposed.

This indicator reflects the proportion of referrals that go on to further social care input, in most cases this will be to start an assessment. Detailed analysis of completed referrals has shown that assessments are started where needed and continue to focus correctly on the right children who need our services.

C9 MTP		Percentage of children's social care initial assessments undertaken within ten working days of referral (Cumulative)																	
Unit	Good is	2011/12	2012/13					2013/14					Latest comparator group average	69.1 NFER (212/13)	Report Comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	N/A	N/A
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3							
%	High	86.6	85.0	90.7	78.1	81.8	84.7	84.7	85	87.0	80.5	N/A	N/A	N/A					
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Following the Munro Review of Safeguarding and publication of Working Together Statutory Guidance we have implemented a single assessment process. Initial Assessments are no longer completed and data for this indicator is no longer being produced. The replacement indicator is below.</p>																			



C9a MTP		Percentage of children's social care assessments within 45 working days of start (N14 variant) (Cumulative)																	
Unit	Good is	2011/12	2012/13					2013/14					Latest comparator group average	New	Report Comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	New	A
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3							
%	High	New	85.0					New	90.0	N/A	N/A	80.7							
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Following the Munro review of Safeguarding and the publication of Working Together Statutory Guidance, a new system of single assessment replaces the previously measured initial and core assessments.</p> <p>A high target has been proposed for this indicator, reflecting ambitious yet realistic expectations. Although this level of performance was not achieved in the initial period of this activity, this is good performance the Service is confident of future improvement. Feedback from 6 pilot authorities in 2012/13 returned an average of 78% within 45 days, our performance in Quarter 3 exceeded this.</p> <p>Initial and Core assessments have now been replaced with a new single assessment process. This indicator demonstrates that assessments are completed without delay which leads to timely identification of appropriate services for children in need.</p>																			

Chart not produced. New indicator so no comparative information from previous years for Central Bedfordshire or Statistical Neighbours.

C10 MTP		Percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed																					
Unit	Good is	2011/12	2012/13												Latest comparator group average	97.7 NFER (2012/13)	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											
<p>Comment:</p> <p>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.</p>																							

C11 MTP		Average time in days between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted															
Unit	Good is	2011/12	2012/13				2013/14				Latest comparator group average	630 NFER (2012/13)	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	↓	G
		Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn							
Days	Low																
	Target	New	631	624	616	608	593	578	562	547							
	Actual	579	576	552	604	600	539	476	548								
<p>Comment:</p> <p>Following revision to national thresholds, recently published by DfE in the Adoption Scorecard our targets have been updated. The average time from entering care and moving in with adoptive family for the 3 years ending 31/12/13 was 14 days below the nationally set target threshold and 82 days below the 2012/13 comparator average.</p> <p>Our continued performance below the threshold demonstrates that children are placed in their permanent home without undue delay which is particularly important in enabling very young children to form positive emotional attachments. Whilst there might be some fluctuation in quarterly performance through the year, with more adoptions expected in Quarter 4, the 3 year average is expected to achieve target by the year end.</p> <p>This indicator was introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) based on a rolling 3 year cohort. Targets are set nationally by the DfE. Because this is a rolling 3 year average the figure includes activity from previous years.</p>																	