Performance Report Appendix A Quarter Two (July – September) 2015/16

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny

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

Overview of performance

Ref	Indicator	Performance will be reported:	Performance information being reported this quarter		
			Time period	**Performance**	
Improved educational attainment					
B4 MTP	Published Ofsted school and college classifications	**Quarterly**	Quarter 2 2015/16	⇧	G
Promote health and wellbeing and protect the vulnerable					
C8a MTP	Percentage of referrals of children leading to the provision of a social care service	**Quarterly**	Quarter 2 2015/16	⇧	G
C9a MTP	Percentage of children's social care assessments within 45 working days of start	**Quarterly**	Quarter 2 2015/16	⇩	A
C10 MTP	Percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed	**Quarterly**	Quarter 2 2015/16	⇔	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 2 2015/16	⇧	R

Improved Education and Skills

B4 MTP	Published Ofsted school and college classifications* (Published inspection outcomes during the quarter as shown by the figure in brackets)							
Ofsted category	Unit	2012/13 Outturn	2013/14 Outturn	2014/15 Outturn	2015/16			
					Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn
Total	Number	**Schools: 137**(8) **College: 1(0)**	**Schools: 136** (10) **College: 1**(0)	**Schools: 137** (7) **College: 1**(0)	**Schools: 137** (5) **College: 1**(0)	**Schools: 138** (4) **College: 1**(0)		
Outstanding	Number	**38** (1)	37(1)	36(0)	36(0)	37(1)		
Good	Number	**73** (3)	77(5)	80(6)	80(2)	81(2)		
Satisfactory	Number	**21** (0)	4(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)		
Requires Improvement	Number	**5** (3)	18(4)	20(1)	19(2)	17(0)		
Inadequate	Number	**1** – Special Measures (1)	**1** – Special Measures (0)	1-Special Measures (0) 1-Serious weakness (0)	2-Special Measures (1) 1-Serious weakness (0)	2-Special Measures (0) 2-Serious weakness (1)		

Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	⇧	G

Comment:

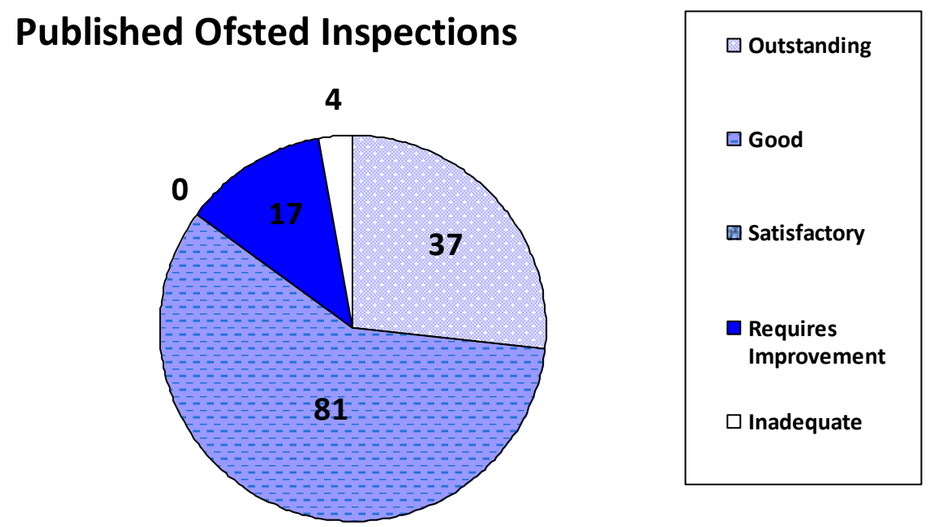
Overall the proportion of schools being classified as good or outstanding has remained stable over the last three years. In Quarter two published inspection outcomes show that 85% of schools and colleges are either 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

The Academy of Central Bedfordshire Alternative Provision was inspected for the first time on 16th June 2015 and was judged as Good.

Oak Bank School was inspected on 7 July 15 and was judged Outstanding.

All Saints Academy was inspected on 8th July 2015* and was judged to have serious weaknesses. We have been keeping up to date with the Academy following inspection, and are discussing it with the Regional Schools Commissioner.

*Inspection report published on 25th September 15.



Protecting the Vulnerable : improving wellbeing

C8a MTP	Percentage of referrals of children leading to the provision of a social care service (Cumulative)																			
Unit	Good is	2013/14	2014/15						2015/16						Latest comparator group average	N/A	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	72.5	75	81.7	81.1	82.6	84.5	84.5	80	76.8	83.5										

Comment:

This indicator reflects the proportion of referrals that go on to start an assessment, which is generally indicative of further social care input. In 2015/16 the target was increased to 80% to show that assessments are started where needed and continue to focus correctly on the right children who need our services.

Recording issues were identified in Quarter 1 and corrective action was taken, as a result Quarter 2 performance (at 83.5%) is now on track.

This is a local measure so no comparator information is available.

C9a MTP	Percentage of children's social care assessments within 45 working days of start (N14 variant) (Cumulative)																			
Unit	Good is	2013/14	2014/15						2015/16						Latest comparator group average	86.0 NFER (2013/14)	Report Comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	⇩	A
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn							
%	High	86.8	90.0	92.8	93.6	94.8	96.2	96.7	90.0	92.8	88.8										

Comment:

Although the target was not achieved in Quarter 2, this is good performance when compared to the national average of 81.5% (2014/15). To address this lower performance, a weekly report of assessments in progress that have hit a 30 day trigger is being sent to teams to highlight assessments that may go over timescales. This has resulted in 97% of assessments being completed within 45 days in October. The service is confident of future improvement.

In 2014/15 Central Bedfordshire was ranked 9th best in the country for this measure with 96.7% of all assessments completed within 45 days The average for Statistical Neighbours was 84% within 45 days, (our performance consistently exceeded this in 2014/15).

This indicator demonstrates that the majority of assessments are completed without delay which leads to timely identification of appropriate services for children in need.

C10 MTP	Percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed																		
Unit	Good is	2013/14	2014/15						2015/16						Latest comparator group average	94.0 NFER (2013/14)	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	99.2	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%.

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	2013/14	2014/15				2015/16				Latest comparator group average	624 NFER (2011/14)	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	⇧	R
Days	Low	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4 / Outturn							
Target		547	532	517	502	487	472	457	441	426							
Actual		542	541	523	512	539	522	514									

Comment:

Our performance continues to improve and 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.

The target set by Government continues to reduce reflecting the national aspiration for shorter adoption timescales. Our average time improved in Quarter 2, although this remains above target due to extended intervals in previous periods. Timeliness of adoption in Central Bedfordshire remains better than our Statistical Neighbour average, which we expect to continue (2015 data should be published by the DfE in the new year).

Of the 44 children adopted in the past 3 years, 5 of those that took the longest to be placed were in the first year. It is expected that over the next 12 months this indicator will improve as those young people are no longer included and the majority of future planned adoptions achieve shorter timescales.

There are a number of adoption order applications in process, and these are expected to lead to adoptions in the near future. Overall children are matched and placed within expected timescales, however some children with complex needs do take longer, to ensure the best interests of the child and family. In addition, the new Court of Appeal Guidance in Adoption cases has led to birth parents responses being considered in more detail, which can impact on this measure too.

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. Our performance in the past 2 years has improved significantly but the indicator takes longer to show the improvement because of the longer timescales.