

PERFORMANCE SUB-GROUP

Summary of Key Issues:

Feedback from the Performance Subgroup meeting on 25 February 2009:

- Agreement that the next Report Card will focus on NI 101: Children leaving care achieving 5 GCSEs A*-C including English and maths.
- The indicator NI 70: Hospital admissions is noted for the attention for the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board.
- Revision of the statutory indicators in LAA 2 monitored by the Children and Young People's Trust Board.
- Request to review NI 43 on custodial sentences.
- Report Card on NI 75: 5 GCSEs grades A* - C reviewed in February.

The Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Trust Board has agreed a format for receiving reports on performance against the Local Area Agreement (LAA 2) and other national indicators (NI). This format ranges from an overview of all indicators to an in-depth analysis of indicators not performing to the expected standard.

An overview of performance of the national indicators contributing to the LAA 2 is attached at Appendix 1.

Exception reports were produced for a number of indicators identified as red / amber.

This enabled a closer look at the data related to:

- NI 112: number of under-18 conceptions (2007 – 29.6 per 1000)
- NI 101: percentage of looked after children attaining five or more GCSEs graded A* to C including English and maths (2008 - 4.9%)
- NI 87: persistent absence rate at secondary schools (unverified - 5.5%);

The group agreed it would like to review more local teenage pregnancy data to better understand hotspots and maximise opportunities for working with schools. It agreed to focus on Children leaving care achieving 5 GCSEs A*-C at the next Performance

Subgroup meeting. Finally it agreed to keep a watching brief on absence rate in secondary schools as the final figures are not yet available from the Department of Children, Schools and Families.

Exception reports were not produced for a number of indicators, although they were rated as red or amber:

- NI 70: Emergency hospital admissions due to injury per 10,000. This is rated red and is noted for the attention of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board, which oversees this NI.
- The statutory national indicators that concern Key Stage 3 (NI 74, 83, 95, 96, 97, 98) some of which were amber have now been dropped from the National Indicator Set and will not be used by Ofsted.

The Subgroup had received a request from the Directorate's Integrated Youth Support Services to monitor the indicator NI 43: percentage of young people within the Youth Justice System receiving convictions sentenced to custody. It was agreed that this would be included in future monitoring.

A report card was produced on NI 75: the percentage of pupils attaining five or more GCSEs graded A* to C including English and maths (50.5%). This indicator is rated red and has been highlighted by Ofsted as an area for improvement. The initial feedback on improving performance will be forwarded to the Commissioning Subgroup before any recommendations are placed before the Board.

The Performance Subgroup agreed feedback from the Commissioning Subgroup on improving the work undertaken to address teenage mothers not in to employment, education and training.

Recommendations

1. To note the performance report for February
2. To agree the focus for the next Report Card
3. To notify the OSCB of the red status of NI 70 hospital admissions

4. To agree the inclusion of NI 43 on the percentage of young people within the youth Justice System receiving convictions sentenced to custody.

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