

PERFORMANCE SUB-GROUP

Summary of key issues from Subgroup meeting on 10.09.09:

Performance of the national indicators contributing to the Oxfordshire LAA 2 – positive trends and key performance challenges.

The national indicators contributing to the LAA 2 are attached at Appendix A. Since the last Trust Board meeting, unvalidated educational attainment data has been received showing the County's performance in summer 2009.

Positive Trends:

2008-09 results for obesity (NI 56) show an increase in the number of year 6 pupils measured and slightly better results for the county than the national figures.

The stability of placements of young people in care (NI 62) has improved greatly since 2006 with only 9% of young people having to experience more than three placements per year (a reduction of 5.8%).

Summer 2009 results for early years development, which records the progress made by children at the end of the 'foundation stage', are positive. The result for the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (NI 72) has increased to 51.5%, although this did not meet the target. The gap 'between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest' (NI 92) has reduced to 33.5%, although this too did not meet the target. Statistical neighbours and national figures will be available later in the year.

With respect to the reduction in the number of schools where fewer than 30% of pupils achieve 5 or more A*- C at GCSE (NI 78) Oxfordshire is in line with its statistical neighbours. The 2009 results show that we now have no schools below the threshold. Oxfordshire has always performed significantly better than the national figure.

The indicator for numbers of first time entrants into the criminal justice system (NI 110) is positive at the end of the first quarter.

Key Performance Challenges:

One indicator (NI 73) has moved from green to red, since the last Trust Board. Oxfordshire has seen a dip in performance of **achievement at Level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2** as have statistical neighbours. The target for 2009 was not achieved, being missed by 6.9%.

Whilst the **teenage conception** figure (NI 112) compare favourably against the national figure it also reflects the negative national trend. The latest figure indicate that Oxfordshire is not on course for the target trajectory to reduce conceptions by 45% by 2010. An action plan is in place and the data is being monitored through the OCYPT Performance Subgroup.

The **hospital admission** (NI 70) figures are at a similar level to last year and reflect the national picture. The 2009-10 Quarter 1 figure is similar to last year's. A detailed analysis of the categories of injury is being reported to the OSCB Monitoring and Evaluation Subgroup in December 2009.

The 2008-09 percentages of young people **not in education, employment and training** (NI 117) showed a 2% increase on the previous year, which reflects the national picture and is partly due to an increase in data accuracy, which has reduced the number of young people with a status of 'not known'. Figures for July 2009 maintain this trend.

The inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification (NI 81) by the age of 19 has increased very slightly since last year (*this reports the gap in attainment of level 3 at age 19 between those young people who were in receipt of free school meals at academic age 15 and those who were not*). The 2007-08 figure is at 31.9, which is not as good as statistical neighbours (31) or the national figure and does not meet the target of 29. It should be noted that the target was set prior to the establishment of a data set which could properly track pupils. This system is now in place for the current year 12.

Report Cards:

Report cards were produced for two indicators, where there had been concerns about performance. These were NI 75: 5 GCSEs A*-C including English and Maths and Elective Home Education, which are the subject of separate reports.

Recommendations for the Board:

- **Note the overall position of the performance indicators in the young people's block of the local area agreement and agree any work that they would like to take place in advance of the next board meeting**
- **Agree that the Subgroup reviews the indicators that relate to the strategic priority 'narrowing the gap' at its next meeting with a report to come to the following Trust Board.**

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