

## PERFORMANCE SUB-GROUP

Summary of key issues from Subgroup meeting on 07.05.09:

- Overview of performance of the national indicators contributing to the LAA 2.
- Report Card on the educational achievement of looked after children. Fran Fonseca and Head teacher for the Virtual School for looked after children, Venetia Mayman will be present to answer questions.
- Report Card update on actions taken to improve the numbers of young mothers in education, employment and training. Richard Savage will be present to answer questions.

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). This format includes 3 elements: an overview of all indicators, exception reporting on those raising concern and report cards on indicators not performing to the expected standard.

### Overview of performance

The national indicators contributing to the LAA 2 are attached at Appendix A, the Subgroup reviewed the trends of all indicators.

Positive trends are seen with respect to relatively low levels of obesity in year 6 children, good stability of looked after children and the Youth Offending Service's work with first time entrants in to the criminal justice system.

Some performance indicators show negative trends, e.g. the persistence absence of young people at secondary schools in Oxfordshire, which is increasing for the first time in three years; the number of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment and training, which is also increasing after a considerable period of time and under 18 conceptions, which have also begun to increase. The group looked at exception reports, which outlined the story behind the performance of these indicators.

Due to the negative trends of persistence absence of young people and the number of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment and training the Performance Subgroup agreed to look at both at its next meeting in June.

### **Report Cards**

Report cards had been produced for two indicators, where there is real concern about performance. The first report concerned the educational achievement of looked after children achieving 5 or more GCSEs (or equivalent) at key stage 4, including English and maths - only 2 out of a cohort of 41 children achieved this in the last year. This report card appears at Appendix B.

The second report concerned an update of a report card initiated in January on Teenage mothers in education, employment and training see Appendix C. This is a smaller group of just over 300 young people which shows that at least one fifth are not in any education, training or employment.

### **Recommendation for the Board:**

- Agree that the Subgroup reviews the increase in persistent absence at secondary schools and the increase in young people not in education, employment and training at its next meeting with a report to come to the Trust Board in July.

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