

NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

TITLE OF PAPER: Report of the Performance & Commissioning Sub-Group

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ORGANISATION/SUB GROUP: Performance and Commissioning

RELATED CYPP IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY: WT4 Active Performance
Management

RELATED PERFORMANCE INDICATOR(S): ALL

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF PAPER:

- Note the report

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REPORT OF THE PERFORMANCE AND COMMISSIONING SUB-GROUP

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update the Board on a range of performance issues

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Board notes the report

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 CYPP Improvement Priority WT4 commits the Board to active performance management. This report updates the Board on the following performance and related issues:

1. Post-Inspection Action Plan
2. Comprehensive Area Assessment
3. Ofsted Annual Rating / CYPP Review
4. Local Area Agreement / Sustainable Community Strategy
5. Tellus Survey
6. National Indicator Set
7. Unannounced Inspection
8. Munro Review of Child Protection
9. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

3.2 Note that on this occasion the CYPP review and the Local Area Agreement are also the subject of separate reports on the agenda

4.0 POST INSPECTION ACTION PLAN

4.1 Progress in implementing the Post-Inspection Action Plan was reported to the Board in May. The great majority of actions have been completed. The few actions that remain will be included in a successor improvement plan, which will contain a range of further actions. This successor plan is still in development.

4.2 The May progress report included early indicative performance data for the timeliness of initial and core assessments. The confirmed outturn data is as follows:

Initial assessments: **56.2%** (compared to 55.2% in 2008/09)

Core assessments: **71.4%** (compared to 69.7% in 2008/09)

4.3 The average monthly timeliness performance during the Post-Inspection Plan period was **69.8%** (711 out of 1018) for initial assessments and **76.6%** (337 out of 440) for core assessments

5.0 COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT

5.1 Comprehensive Area Assessment, the local service performance framework introduced in 2009, has been discontinued. All work on the 2010 area assessment and organisational assessments ceased in May. These assessments on the OnePlace website will not be updated. There will be no new reporting of red or green flags and no updated text for existing flags. No new assessment scores will be issued for use of resources, managing performance, or the overall organisational assessments.

6.0 OFSTED ANNUAL RATING

6.1 Ofsted introduced a revised annual rating process in 2009 as part of the CAA framework. In 2009 children's services in North Yorkshire were rated as 'performs well'. Although the CAA has been discontinued, Ofsted retains a statutory duty to publish an annual assessment of each local authority children's service. As a result, the Ofsted annual rating process will continue in 2010.

6.2 The timeline for the 2010 Ofsted annual rating is as follows:

16 July:	Deadline for receipt of CYPP and/or the CYPP review
4 Oct:	Draft assessment letter sent to Directors of Children's Services
11-22 Oct:	Factual accuracy checks and contact with councils
25 Oct	Notification of appeals to Ofsted
17 Nov:	Local authorities notified of outcome of appeal
3 Dec:	Pre-publication of assessment letter sent to local authorities
9 Dec:	Publication of children's services assessment

6.3 There is no requirement for authorities to submit the CYPP review as evidence to inform the annual rating exercise. However, the CYPP review is a valuable opportunity to present broader context and deeper insight than might otherwise be achieved, and so North Yorkshire will submit its CYPP review to Ofsted as evidence. The CYPP review appears elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

7.0 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

7.1 The Local Area Agreement performance report appears elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting. That report requires a decision concerning revisions to two indicators. Wider LAA issues to note here are as follows:

7.2 The government has halved the performance reward grant payable for the original LAA stretch targets. The revised formula means the North Yorkshire Children's Trust could receive a non-recurring reward grant of £950,000, divided equally into capital and revenue.

7.3 As part of the autumn 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review, the government is reviewing the final reward grant payable for the 2008-11 LAA.

7.4 Work to develop indicators for the 2011-14 LAA has been suspended by the NYSP, pending further national policy announcements on the future of LAAs.

7.5 Work to refresh the North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy, which informs the LAA, has been suspended by the NYSP. The Chairs of thematic partnerships, including the Children's Trust, will meet on 09 September to discuss a way forward.

8.0 TELLUS SURVEY

- 8.1 The annual Tellus survey of children and young people has been discontinued. Preparatory work for the Tellus5 survey, which would have taken place during autumn 2010, has ceased with immediate effect.
- 8.2 Tellus was an online survey of children and young people in schools across England. The survey asked children and young people for views about service provision and quality of life in their local area. In North Yorkshire, a total of 1775 pupils (381 primary and 1394 secondary) in 26 schools participated in the Tellus4 survey, carried out in autumn 2009. Although various methodological considerations limit the robustness of the Tellus data, the results have been used to inform the needs analysis and target-setting for the CYPP. This strand of intelligence will no longer be available for these purposes. The Tellus4 survey report is available from David O'Brien.
- 8.3 Ofsted uses the results of the Tellus survey to shape pre-inspection evidence and to inform the annual rating of children's services. The Tellus survey was also the source of performance data for five National Indicators:
- NI 50: emotional health and well-being
 - NI 69: children who have experienced bullying
 - NI 110: participation in positive activities
 - NI 115: substance misuse
 - NI 199: satisfaction with parks and play areas
- 8.4 These five indicators will be removed from the National Indicator Set. NI 115, concerning substance misuse, is included in the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement. This LAA target will be discontinued.

9.0 NATIONAL INDICATOR SET

- 9.1 The government has removed eighteen performance indicators from the National Indicator Set. These eighteen are in addition to the five Tellus-related indicators reported above. Two of the indicators are included in the North Yorkshire CYPP
- NI 13: migrants' English language skills and knowledge
 - NI 46: young offenders' access to suitable accommodation
- 9.2 Although NI 46 has been removed from the National Indicator Set, it is still included in the Youth Justice Board performance framework and the North Yorkshire Youth Justice Service will continue to collate the data and report the performance. This indicator is included in the North Yorkshire CYPP under Improvement Priority 5.6 (young people's access to secure housing and appropriate support). Access to suitable accommodation is an important factor in the prevention of re-offending, and the YJS wishes to retain this indicator within the CYPP.
- 9.3 The data for thirteen National Indicators is collected via the Place Survey, a biennial survey of residents' perceptions of the area in which they live and the services they receive. The next Place Survey is due to take place in autumn 2010. However, the government is reviewing the future of the Place Survey and has advised all local authorities to suspend work on the survey until further notice. None of the thirteen National Indicators collected via the Place Survey are contained in the CYPP or have a direct bearing on services for children and young people.

10.0 UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION

10.1 North Yorkshire received its first unannounced inspection of children's social care contact, referral and assessment arrangements on 30 June and 01 July 2009. Work is now underway to prepare for a second unannounced inspection.

10.2 Ofsted announced in June that it does not expect to complete its first cycle of unannounced inspections of contact, referral and assessment until the end of August.

11.0 MUNRO REVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION

11.1 The government has announced a review of child protection, to be led by Professor Eileen Munro of the London School of Economics. Amongst other things, the review will look at performance reporting and inspection issues including:

How have targets got in the way of good practice? What are better ways of using data to improve social work practice?

What approaches to inspection would better capture the quality of frontline practice and lead to better services for children?

11.2 Details of the review and its call for evidence can be found online at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/news/news/munroreview-callforevidence>

12.0 JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

12.1 The first North Yorkshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was published in 2009. An interim progress report has been published. This report has been circulated to the Board for information.

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