



Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 25 September 2018

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| REPORT TITLE: | 2018/19 Quarter 1 Wirral Plan Performance |
| REPORT OF: | Corporate Director for Children's Services |

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the 2018/18 Quarter 1 (April - June 2018) performance report for the Wirral Plan pledges under the remit of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report, which is included as Appendix 1, provides an overview of the progress in Quarter 1 and available data in relation to a range of outcome indicators and supporting measures.

Quarter One Wirral Plan Performance Summary

- The percentage of women booked to access professional maternity services on or before twelve and six week gestation is 89.5%. This is a significant improvement compared to the previous quarter (76%), is above the regional average and is just below the 90% target
- The Percentage of early years childcare providers rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted is 93%. This is a 15% improvement since the start of the Wirral Plan and an increase of 2% since December 2017. Wirral is slightly below the regional and national figure of 94%.
- The percentage of schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted is at 86%, below the very aspirational target of 100%. This is a 2% improvement since the start of the Wirral Plan, but a 3% decrease on the previous quarter. Wirral's figure is the same as the national figure, and slightly below the regional figure of 88%.
- The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the 'expected standard' at the end of key stage 2 for the academic year 2017/18 is provisionally 23.5%, 1.5% below the previous year figure.
- There has been a slight improvement at the beginning of the year on the number of children looked after. It is anticipated it will take a considerable amount of time to reduce the overall numbers due to the high proportion of children aged 10+.
- Numbers of children in need overall currently remain in line with/slightly below statistical neighbours. Given the factors that lead to children in need it is not anticipated that these numbers would decrease significantly over the next 12 months.

- The number of children subject to child protection plans has increased compared to previous year and is now a rate (per 10,000 of 0-17 population) of 52 compared to 39.3. There were concerns within the service that children were being managed as children in need or children looked after when they would have most benefited from a period of time subject to a child protection plan. The new number of children subject to a plan is comparative with statistical neighbours and therefore seen as more appropriate.
- In Quarter 1 23 more disabled people are in receipt of personal budgets; including 215 children (compared to 203 last Quarter). Being in receipt of personal budgets allows people more choice and control over their lives and the support they receive.
- The percentage of children and Young People single assessments authorised with Domestic Violence (DV) related factors is 36.2%, a slight improvement when compared to the same period last year (35.5%). The number of MARAC cases including children and young people is 334 which shows a 6% decrease from the same period last year (355).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the content of the report and highlight any areas requiring further clarification or action.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to scrutinise the performance of the Council and partners in relation to delivering the Wirral Plan.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 This report has been developed in line with the approved performance management framework for the Wirral Plan. As such, no other options were considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Wirral Plan is an outcome-focussed, partnership plan which has 18 supporting strategies that set out how each of the 20 pledges will be delivered. For each pledge, a partnership group has been established to drive forward delivery of the action plans set out in each of the supporting strategies.
- 3.2 A Wirral Plan Performance Management Framework has been developed to ensure robust monitoring arrangements are in place. The Wirral Partnership has a robust approach to performance management to ensure all activity is regularly monitored and reviewed.
- 3.3 Data for the identified indicators is released at different times during the year. As a result of this, not all Pledges will have results each quarterly reporting period. Some indicators can be reported quarterly and some only on an annual basis. Annual figures are reported in the quarter they become available against the 2018/19 year end column.
- 3.4 For each of the indicators, a trend is shown (better, same or worse). In most cases, this is determined by comparing the latest data with the previous reporting period i.e. 2017/18 year end. In some cases, i.e. where data accumulates during the year or is subject to seasonal fluctuations, the trend is shown against the same time the previous year. This is indicated in the key at the end of the report.
- 3.5 For some indicators, targets have been set. Where this is the case, a RAGB (red, amber, green, blue) rating is provided against the target and tolerance levels set at the start of the reporting period, with blue indicating performance targets being exceeded.
- 3.6 All Wirral Plan performance reports are published on the performance page of the Council's website. This includes the high level Wirral Plan overview report and the detailed pledge reports which include updates on progress on all activities set out in the supporting strategy action plans. The link to this web page is: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/council-performance>

3.7 Each of the Wirral Plan Pledges has a Lead Commissioner responsible for overseeing effective delivery. The Lead Commissioners for the Pledges in the report at Appendix 1 are as follows:

- Children are Ready for School – Paul Boyce
- Children are Ready for Work and Adulthood – Paul Boyce
- Vulnerable Children Reach their Full Potential – Paul Boyce
- Reducing Child and Family Poverty (Improving Life Chances) – Fiona Johnstone
- People with Disabilities live Independent Lives – Graham Hodgkinson
- Zero Tolerance to Domestic Violence – Mark Camborne

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 The performance management framework is aligned to the Council's risk management strategy and both are regularly reviewed as part of corporate management processes.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The priorities in the Wirral Plan pledges were informed by a range of consultations carried out in 2015 and 2016 including the Wirral resident survey.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Wirral Plan equality impact assessment can be found at:
<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2014-15/chief>

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Wirral Plan Children and Families Committee 2018/19 Quarter 1 Pledge Reports

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

| Council Meeting | Date |
|---|-------------------|
| People Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 8 September 2016 |
| People Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 28 November 2016 |
| People Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 23 March 2017 |
| Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 20 June 2017 |
| Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 26 September 2017 |
| Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 14 November 2017 |
| Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 22 March 2018 |
| Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 3 July 2018 |