

<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services and Safeguarding)	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 7 November 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Performance Dashboard		
<b>Report of:</b>	Executive Director of Children's Social Care and Education	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cabinet Member – Children's Social Care		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

**Summary:**

The report provides an overview of the September performance dashboard.

**Recommendation(s):**

- (1) Members are asked to consider the performance dashboard.
- (2) Note the intention to share education data at the next meeting.
- (3) Consider the cycle of performance reporting with a recommendation of rotation of Children's Social Care, Education and Health performance.

**Reasons for the Recommendation(s):**

For Members of the Committee to consider the performance data that relates to CSC.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)**

None.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

There are no direct revenue costs associated with the recommendations in this report.

**(B) Capital Costs**

There are no direct capital costs associated with the recommendations in this report.

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b>	
None	
<b>Legal Implications:</b>	
None	
<b>Equality Implications:</b>	
There are no equality implications	
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	No
Have a neutral impact	Yes
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes

**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: The performance dashboard gives an overview of Children's Social Care performance in the context of our improvement journey.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Children's Services work with partners to support families in need of support and improve resilience.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Children's Services work with partners to support families in need of support and improve resilience.
Place – leadership and influencer: The Council will take a lead role in work with partners to deliver change in Children's Services.
Drivers of change and reform: The Council will work with partners to deliver change in Children's Services.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: N/A
Greater income for social investment: N/A
Cleaner Greener N/A

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

## **(A) Internal Consultations**

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD. 6994) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD. 5194) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

## **(B) External Consultations**

N/A

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### **Appendices:**

Performance Dashboard

### **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

## **1. Introduction/Background**

- 1.1 The performance dashboard presents a monthly snapshot of performance data across Children's Social Care.
- 1.2 The format of the performance dashboard has recently been developed and is a key aspect of Children's Services improvement plan.
- 1.3 The dashboard provides an overview of key aspects of the Child's journey and is broken down into the following categories:
  - Contacts and referrals- this gives an indication of the volume and numbers of contacts made into the service (MASH- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) and those which progress onto a Child and Families assessment.
  - Children subject to Child In Need Plans- includes those children who have started and ended their Child In Need plan
  - Children Subject to Child Protection Plans- includes those children who have become subject to a Child Protection plan, those who have ended a plan and had a previous plan.
  - Children who become cared for- Includes data on the numbers of children who have come into care and children who are care experienced.
  - Workforce- provides an overview of our workforce data including vacancies and agency placements.
- 1.4 An overview of Septembers data is found in the appendices. The following narrative provides an overview for the 4 categories:

Contacts and referrals: contacts have increased in September which aligns to schools opening back up. This has resulted in more contacts being progressed to a Child and Family assessment. Repeat referrals are reducing slightly but will

need to be monitored for trends in the next coming months. The creation of TFS and the level of need change is anticipated to show an improvement in this trend in the coming 12 months.

Child In Need: There has been a steady decrease of Child In Need plans over the last 3 months. This is due to the number of children who start on a Child In Need plan remaining fairly static and the numbers of children where plans have ended, have increased.

Child Protection (CP): Child Protection numbers have continued to decrease, this is due to a number of children's CP plan ending and fewer children being made subject to a CP plan. Percentage of ICPCs (Initial Child Protection Conferences) remain at 100%. Percentage of CP plan for a second or subsequent time (within 24 months) has steadily decreased in the last 3 months.

Cared for Children: There has been a steady decline of children who have become cared for in the last 4 months, this is due to the number of children who have ended care compared to the number of children who have become cared for. Children who are NEET (not in education or employment) has increased last month and remained stable in September.

Workforce: narrative provided within the performance report.