

Subject:	Performance Improvement Report		
Date of Meeting:	20 July 2009		
Report of:	Director of Children's Services		
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Key Decision:	No	Forward Plan No. N/A	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report presents Performance Improvement Report (PIR) for the final quarter 2008/9.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 2.1 Notes the data and analysis in the PIR and agrees to the action being taken to improve performance.
- 2.2 Agrees to the inclusion of an additional indicator in future reports, 'The number of children with a child protection plan', in order to monitor the sharp increase in child protection activity.
- 2.3 Agrees that the indicator First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System be removed as and exception report as performance was well above target during 2008/9.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The CYPT Board has previously agreed to receive a quarterly PIR. The purpose and content of the report is set out in an introductory section to the document (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 The information in the PIR flows from, and/or informs a range of other documents including the Local Area Agreement, the council's Corporate Plan, the Strategic Commissioning Plan for NHS Brighton and Hove and the Children and Young People's Plan.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The PIR has been produced in consultation with the lead officers responsible for those areas of service.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates

Date: 07/07/2009

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The report summarises performance improvement activity over the last financial year and asks the Board to note areas of concern. The proposed actions will enable the Trust to more effectively meet its statutory duties to children and young people.

Layer Consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 07/07/2009

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 This report addresses equalities issues reflecting the principles set out in the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) that determine the delivery and commissioning of services to improve outcomes for children and young people from diverse communities and groups, and for those who live in deprived geographical communities.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 This report does not directly address sustainability issues but it underpins the CYPP which supports the council's sustainability strategy including, concern for quality of life and well being, health improvement and healthy schools, enjoyment and participation in cultural & leisure activities, achievement of economic well being and effective clinical governance and health.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 This Report includes a report on First Time Entrants into the Youth Justice System and young people who are not in employment, education and training which includes young people supervised by the Youth Offending team

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 This report directly addresses issues of risk management.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Performance Improvement Reports are the basis for performance reporting to the council's TMT, to the PCT and for monitoring the Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy. This report also informs performance report to the Local Safeguarding Children.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The alternative option would be not to review the performance of the CYPT Partnership at a strategic level. This is not recommended, as it would undermine the effectiveness of the CYPT's governance and partnership arrangements.

6.2 The content and presentation of the PIR is kept under constant review. Performance reports are presented by exception only. An alternative option would be to reduce the length of the PIR.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Children's Trust and the CYPTB have a responsibility to continuously look at ways to improve well being for children, young people and their families and rigorous, flexible performance review is part of that process.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Performance Improvement Report 2008/9

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. None

