

Subject: Performance Improvement Report
Date of Meeting: 1 February 2010
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 the Performance Improvement Report (PIR) for the financial year 2009/10 to date. The most recently available data has been used.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board notes the data and analysis in the PIR and agrees to the action being taken to improve performance.
- 2.2 That the Board notes and agrees that the new duties and governance arrangements emerging from the The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 along with the emerging performance management arrangements corporately will inform and shape the performance management arrangements for the Children and Young People's Trust.
- 2.3 In view of 2.2 above, that the Board notes and agrees that the performance reporting framework for the new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) should be developed in January 2010 in light of these changes, with a view to a bi-annual CYPP report being presented to the Board on March 22nd 2010, covering the period up to December 2009.

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 recommendation to note the report or agree the actions currently being taken. In addition it is anticipated that the costs of the new reporting framework currently being developed will be met from within existing budgets

Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates

Date: 20/01/2010

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. Future performance data will need to reflect the new duties and governance arrangements emerging from the The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, as indicated in the body of the report

Layer Consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 19/01/2010

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 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 - February 2010

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. None

