



To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

14th April 2016

Subject: Children's Social Care Performance Report two year comparison 2014/5 and 2015/6

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) of the progress with the Children's Services Performance Progress. The report compares data from the year 2014/15 with data as at February 2016.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2):
- 1) Consider the performance progress made over the last year.
 - 2) Identify any further recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Ofsted Inspection of Coventry's Children's Services and the review of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), published in March 2014, judged services and the LSCB to be inadequate. The Ofsted report identified a number of priority actions and areas for improvement. In response to the Ofsted report, a Children's Services Improvement Board was established and an Improvement Plan published on 27th June 2014. A revised and updated Improvement Plan was published on 10th March 2015. The Plan has been further updated and will be published in April 2016.
- 3.2 A Children's Services Improvement Board was established in March 2014, the Board is chaired by Mark Rogers, Chief Executive at Birmingham City Council and includes elected Members, Council representatives and representatives from partner agencies in the City as well as a representative from the Department for Education. Progress is reported to the Improvement Board every six weeks.
- 3.3 A separate report has previously been produced to highlight progress and performance to Improvement Board, as performance management was not sufficiently in place in Children's Services. The service is now able to produce one comprehensive data set for Children's Services, combining the Improvement Board progress and performance report with the children's services monthly performance report. This gives senior leaders assurance of the progress and improvements in Children's Services. This has been based on good practice examples from other Local Authorities and the data made available to Her Majesty's Inspectors prior to Inspection.
- 3.4 The Director of Children's Services and all Heads of Service, Service Managers and Team Managers have access to the performance dashboards and are able to monitor

performance on a weekly basis. This data is updated each day overnight. Work is currently underway to create a directors dashboard. Performance is actively tracked and managed each month by the Director of Children's Services.

- 3.5 This report provides a comparison of the performance in Children's Service compared with the previous year 2014/15.

4 Children's Social Care Performance Report

- 4.1 The Performance Report in **Appendix 1** compares data from the year 2014/15 with data as at February 2016.

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