

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Panel
2.	Date:	Friday 18 th March 2011
3.	Title:	Performance Indicators Children and Young People's Services Performance Indicator Report - 2010/11 Quarter Three Appendix A – Performance Assessment by Every Child Matters Outcome Appendix B – 'CYPS Performance Monitoring Table – 2010/11 Quarter Three (Sept – Dec 2010) [Wards affected – All]
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. **Summary**

This report and accompanying appendices outline performance at the end of 2010/11 Quarter three against targets, with direction of travel against previous year's performance and comparisons with statistical neighbour and national data.

6. **Recommendations**

That the Performance Report be received and performance noted.

7. **Proposals and Details**

Attention is drawn to 'Appendix A - Performance Assessment by Every Child Matters Outcome' which provides details of performance by each Every Child Matters theme including;

- Performance against targets (Comparing performance against set targets)
- Direction of travel analysis (Comparing 2010/11 quarter 3 performance to 2010/11 quarter 2 performance)
- Year to Date Performance (Judged by corporate monitoring system Performance Plus)
- Performance against Statistical Neighbours average
- Performance against National average
- Areas of Success
- Areas of Under-performance

Full details of performance and commentary at indicator level are provided in the table within Appendix B which is referenced throughout the Performance Assessment (Appendix A).

8. Finance

There are no financial implications to this report. The relevant Service Director and Budget Holder will address financial implications of the Action Plans. Members will be consulted where appropriate.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

A category of risk is applied to each Performance Indicator using the PI managers' projection of year-end performance and takes into account any known internal or external influences with comparison against targets.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

As detailed within the report the National Indicator Set forms one of the blocks of evidence (Block C) for the Ofsted Comprehensive Area Assessment for CYPS (CAA). Ofsted use it to support its process for arriving at the annual rating for Children and Young People's Services (CYPS). They also use the available NI data to ensure the rating takes account of councils' broad responsibility for children's well-being, including those aspects not inspected directly by Ofsted.

Poor performance compared to statistical neighbours and national can have a significant impact on the overall rating of CYPS. Ofsted form a provisional view/rating of CYPS by reviewing "Block A: inspected and regulated services and settings" and "Block B: inspections of safeguarding and services for looked after children; annual unannounced inspections; findings from any triggered inspection; and serious case review evaluation findings". Blocks A and B are weighted in the rating but then "Block C: National Indicator Set" is then used to support the overall rating. If there are concerns in Blocks A and B, the rating is likely to be confirmed as 'performs poorly' if performance against a large majority of indicators in the NIS, including those for staying safe and enjoying and achieving, is lower than in similar areas.

Central Government has indicated that the Comprehensive Area Assessment and the Audit Commission have been abolished. There is no indication that the CYPS/Ofsted CAA will change in the short/medium term.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- Comprehensive Area Assessment: Annual rating of Children's services – arrangements and guidance
- Children & Young People's Plan 2010- 2013
- Local Area Agreement 2008-11 (including 2009 refresh)

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