

Improving Lives Select Commission

CYPS Performance Report 2025/2026 Outturn

Our Children – Resilient Successful Safe

Introductions

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Overview

- Performance is considered against local targets, including associated 'RAG' (red, amber, green) rating tolerances. Reviewed annually and set in consideration of available national and statistical neighbour benchmarking data, and recent performance levels. It ensures focus on the effectiveness of services and achieving good outcomes for children and young people.
- Robust governance and accountability in place, including monthly Performance Board and Quarterly Assurance Board in addition to service level performance clinics, Practice Learning Days and Quality Assurance processes.
- Links to the Council Plan, Year Ahead Delivery Plan, Corporate Parenting Partnership Board, Place Board.
- Scorecard circulated quarterly to Members of ILSC, with an option to request Officers to attend with any key areas of interest.

Scorecard Overview

- Benchmarking Indicators – how do we compare?
- Activity Indicators – how much have we done?



Scorecard Overview

- Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Data
- Direction of Travel
- RAG Rating
- Targets and Tolerances
- Year on Year Performance
- Latest Benchmarking

2024/25										TARGET & TOLERANCES			YR ON YR PERFORMANCE		LATEST BENCHMARKING				
Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25 (Q4)	Q4	2024/25 OUTTURN	Good perf is	DOT (Month)	RAG (Month)	DOT (Yr on Yr)	RAG (Yr End)	Red	Amber	Green (target)	2023/24	Yr on Yr trend	Stat neigh av.	Best stat neigh	Nat av.	Top qtile threshold	RIA 2024/25
91.4%	89.1%	94.8%	92.1%	92.5%	high	↑	Green	↑	Green	<82%	82%+	90%+	88.2%		84.7%	99.8%	84.5%	90.5%	84.2%
217.9	220.0	221.2	221.2	221.2	low	↑	Green	↑	Green	227.1+	-	<227.1	194.8		229.0	111.9	187.1	-	-
315.9	316.7	310.7	310.7	310.7	low	↓	Green	↓	Green	375.5+	-	<375.5	316.8		398.8	300.2	332.9	-	329.1
79.4%	100.0%	89.2%	88.5%	80.0%	high	↓	Green	↓	Yellow	<78%	78%+	86%+	84.8%		85.0%	100.0%	79.7%	88.5%	83.2%

Family Help – What's Working Well

- Increase in the number of families engaged with Family Help, from 894 in the previous year to 1270. This means we are supporting more families at the earliest opportunity.
- Increased our timeliness of engagement with 92.7% meeting the target of 3 days from initial contact.
- Timeliness measure of completion of FAN within 45 working days for 90.5% of assessments.
- 380 of the 845 assessments were undertaken by partners, such as schools and health colleagues, ensuring support is provided at the earliest opportunity by those who know children and their families well.
- 95.2% of 0-5s living in the most deprived SO Areas registered at a Family Hub and 81.2% accessed Family Hub activities.
- Our overall combined figure for both NEET (not in education, employment, training) and Not Known young people, was 5.5% with only 1.5% not known.

Children's Social Care – What's Working Well

- Rates of CiN, CPP, and CiC all within targets and below statistical neighbour averages.
- CiC rates reduced from 83.0 to 80.8 and CPP rates reduced from 54.2 to 43.3.
- 58.5% of contacts coming through the front door were identified as Social Care and 39.1% were Family Help. Accessing Early Help services means families can access the support earlier without the need to step up to Children's Social Care.
- 19% of referrals were re-referrals, within the target of 22% (lower is better), in line with statistical neighbours at 19.9% and below the national average of 22.4%.
- 90.8% of all assessments complete within 45 working days.

Children's Social Care – What's Working Well

- Low numbers of children on a CP Plan for over 2 years (1.6%).
- High percentage and improvement for plans reviewed in time: CPP 96.8% and CiC 96.3%.
- Higher than national and statistical neighbour averages for Care Leavers in suitable accommodation at 94.9% compared to 89% nationally. However, we aim higher at 96% and strive to improve this.
- 93.3 % of children in care had an up-to-date health assessment, above the target of 92%.
- 88.2% of children had an up-to-date dental assessment, below our high target of 92% but higher than the national average of 81% and statistical neighbours at 82.5%.
- 57.9% of young people were EET, below the target of 66%, but we remain above the national average of 54% and statistical neighbour average of 50%

Education – What's Working Well

- 91.2% of eligible 2-year-olds were taking up an early education place in Rotherham, above the 80% target. This is higher than statistical neighbours at 77.9% and the national average of 74.8%.
- 99.1% of primary children were allocated a place at one of their 3 preferences on National Offer Day, and 97.7% for secondary pupils.
- At the end of term 2, 96.1% of children in care had received an up-to-date Personal Education Plan in the term, consistently remaining above the 95% target throughout the year.
- Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) primary transition reviews completed by the statutory deadline reached 99.5%. Secondary transition reviews completed by the deadline reached 90.3%.

Areas of Challenge and Focus

- 80.3% of contact decisions within 1 working day, below our 88%+ target.
- 83.4% of ICPCs were complete in time, an improvement on 80% last year, but below the target of 86%+.
- 12.2% of children becoming CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time in 2 years above the <8% target but steadily reduced from 17.3% the previous year
- Visits at year end just below target at 97.3% for CiC and 90.6% for CPP
- 58.5% of children in care for at least 2 years had remained in a stable placement, below the target of 68%+ (higher is better). 12.2% of children in care had 3 or more placement moves in 12 months, above the target of 8% (lower is better).
- 87.1% of Care Leavers had an up to date Pathway Plan (target 90%+)
- The rate of first time entrants into the criminal justice system was 184, an increase in 171 the previous period.

Areas of Challenge and Focus

- Whilst overall attendance and persistent absence remain within tolerance levels, severe absence increased in term 2 to 0.9% in primary. This is in line with the national average but is above our target of <0.8% (lower is better).
- Numbers of Elective Home Educated (EHE) children continue to rise with 901 at the end of term 2 compared to 747 at the end of term 2 last year.
- 44.6% of EHCPs issued within 20 weeks, below the 58% target for the first time in 2 years.
- 2025 attainment remained below target, but 4 out of 6 improved on the previous year. Phonics and Attainment 8 declined.

Questions