

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Children and Young People Performance Surgery Outcomes

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 21 January 2014, members received a report on the quarter two performance results for the Children's Services Council Scorecard measures. This report recommended performance measure EIISS PM16a (NI 117) 16 -19 year-olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) for review at a performance surgery in early 2014.
- 1.1 A Children and Young People (CYP) Performance Surgery was held on Tuesday 27 March 2014 to discuss the reasons for the level of performance of both indicator EIISS PM16a and the Percentage of Unknowns – 16–19 year-olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET). Due to the intrinsically linked nature of the two indicators they were both discussed together.
- 1.2 A number of outcomes resulted from the performance surgery, and these are outlined in paragraph 4.4 of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note and discuss the content of the report and to make appropriate comments or recommendations.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure that the members are kept informed of the outcomes of performance surgeries relevant to the remit of the CYP Board.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 Background information

The NEET strategy has been in place since December 2013 and there have been several multi-agency strategy group meetings to help launch the strategy. There has been sustained progress towards reducing both NEET numbers and the number of unknown destinations since the launch of the strategy but a need to drive forward continued improvement .The table below displays the reduction in the NEET

number over the past three months.

November 2013	December 2013	January 2014
7.6%	7.4%	7.3%

4.2 The table below displays improvement in the number of unknown destinations, with a particularly significant shift in January 2014 as the strategy has started to impact.

November 2013	December 2013	January 2014
24.3%	23.5%	15.8%

The above performance (In January 2014) was helped by robust follow up with Derby College and city based school 6th forms for young people who had left year 13 in September 2013.

- 4.3 Members were briefed by officers on current NEET and unknown destination figures, administrative and resource issues, and planned work that was due to be undertaken to try and reduce the number of unknown destinations. Members heard that work is being undertaken with Derby College to track year 13 leavers (Derby College has commissioned Nottingham Futures to track this cohort) from September 2013. Work is also being undertaken to develop an information sharing agreement with Staffordshire LA for Burton and South Derbyshire College who have a number of young people from Derby on their programmes and whose data Derby LA require to track potential EET destinations.
- 4.4 Following a discussion between members and officers on possible ways to increase the level of information received on post-16 destinations and reduce the numbers of 16-19 year olds that are NEET, the following resolutions were made:
 - To explore the opportunities for identifying the locations of 16-19 year olds through the electoral registration process and individual voter registration.
 - To explore how 16-19 year olds can be encouraged to inform the council of their current situation with regards to their education, employment or training status and how we can assist those who are NEET into education, employment or training.
 - To receive an update to the Children and Young People Board in around six months time.
 - To receive a report on Apprenticeship Pathways to the Children and Young People Board as this develops.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

Personnel

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and its people will enjoy a thriving

sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.