

<b>Item No.</b> 10.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 21 April 2011	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Performance Monitoring Report and proposed reporting format	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Corporate Parenting Committee agree to the proposed annual schedule for reporting performance outcomes for children in care and care leavers.
2. The Corporate Parenting Committee note interim end of year performance outcomes pending full report under schedule agreed for recommendation 1.
3. Corporate Parenting Committee to agree that the Enjoy and Achieve committee meeting (including annual report from Virtual Head Teacher) will coincide with mid year performance review (November).

## KEY POINTS

4. Proposal to have two full performance reports to Corporate Parenting Committee per annum (November and June)
5. Corporate Parenting Committee meetings in November and June allocate time for review and analysis

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

6. Services and outcomes for children looked after (CLA) are monitored through a series of national and local performance indicators.
7. The Head of Service for children in care is required to undertake an annual review of service provision and develop targeted service activities and partnerships to improve outcomes for looked after children.
8. One of the key objectives of the Corporate Parenting Committee is to ensure key council and inter agency partnerships are developed to improve performance and outcomes for looked after children and care leavers.
9. The Corporate Parenting Committee's annual work schedule (delivered under Every Child Matters service areas) requires the CLA service and identified service partners to deliver reports and interventions outlining how improved outcomes will be delivered.
10. Key data for performance indicators are drawn from a range of service databases. The primary database used is Carefirst which is the system inputted

by social workers recording their day to day activities for children and families.

11. Government reporting schedules vary with regards to data required (academic year or financial year) or by methodology i.e. ratios, annual or trends. This makes monthly reporting processes extremely difficult as each key performance indicator (KPI) will have its own cycle and may require slightly delayed reporting if time is to be given to allow social workers to input data and data cleansing activities to be completed.
12. Key data from Carefirst relating to outcomes for children in care and care leavers is automatically extracted from routine write-ups by social workers of key activities. This avoids social workers having to avoid double entry of writing up their records and separately inputting on a database (Munroe report and Social Work Taskforce). Whilst this is an advantage in terms of social work time it does build in a slight time scale delay factor for reporting purposes.
13. The government reporting process for each financial year (or academic year) is then subject to comparison at England, London and statistical neighbour levels. This enables each local authority to benchmark their own performance against local authorities with similar demographic profiles.

#### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

14. It is proposed that the Corporate Parenting Committee adopt an agreed methodology for receiving performance information.
15. These proposals are as follows:
  - Whole service performance reports will be scheduled on a bi-annual basis. The end of year performance will be a major report to the Corporate Parenting Committee for the June/July meeting. This will provide cleansed and accurate data reporting on all key performance indicators indicating trends when compared with previous service performance over the proceeding five year period. Reports will provide appropriate commentary as currently presented identifying the degree of variation and overall trend.
  - A further report will be provided after the mid year points to identify in-year progress against all indicators, especially highlighting those which were of any concern. The mid year report will be presented late Autumn (November) which will enable information to be provided through the government in comparison with England, London and statistical neighbours from the previous financial year. The mid-year report will also be an opportunity for the Virtual Head Teacher to present end of year attainment data for key stages and GCSE's.
  - By having two major performance reporting events, the Corporate Parenting Committee will be able to allocate a significant proportion of the meeting to the process and enable the children's services performance teams the opportunity to present comprehensive reports for the committee.
  - It should also be noted that throughout the year the Corporate Parenting Committee will receive reports relating to the five Every Child Matters outcomes. These reports will provide detailed performance updates relevant to the Every Child Matter outcome areas and specific case examples where appropriate.

16. Appendix 1 provides an interim report (non cleansed data) of some of the key CLA performance indicators for the 2010/11 financial year. These are for information purposes for the April Corporate Parenting Committee pending the agreement of the reporting schedule outlined above. Should the schedule proposal be agreed then a comprehensive end of year (and data cleansed) report will be available for the Corporate Parenting Committee meeting in June/July.
17. It is therefore recommended that the Enjoy and Achieve Corporate Parenting Committee be scheduled for November each academic year.

### Community impact statement

18. Whilst this represents a performance report and is judged to have no or very small impact on local people and communities clearly the quality of the service has a significant impact on children looked after and care leavers from all communities.

### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Munro Review	Department for Education (DfE) website <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/">http://www.education.gov.uk/munroreview/</a>	Chris Saunders

### APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	End of Year Performance Report (unverified)

### AUDIT TRAIL

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