

Performance Review

Members of the committee might like to consider the following performance issues when they decide on areas of questioning for the session with the Lead Executive member for health and social care.

The information below is based on the performance section of a recent draft of the Social Services business plan.

Services for Children	Performance measures	Issues
Educational achievement of children looked after	Leavers with one or more GCSE: 2000/01 24% 2001/02 34% 2002/03 38.2% Target for 2003/04 55%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The figures are increasing, but what more should the Council be doing and/or what should it be doing differently? • How is the Social Services Department working with Education? • How is the target going to be reached?
Duration on the child protection register	2000/01 31 2001/02 26 2002/03 18 Target for 2003/04 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The figure is decreasing, but what else does the Council need to do to meet the target for 2003/04?
Adoptions of children looked after	2000/01 1.7 2001/02 5 2002/03 5.6 Target for 2003/04 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the small increase last year, how is the target going to be reached?
Services for Adults	Performance measures	Issues
Unit costs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are more expensive than the target in some areas; for example, residential and nursing care for adults with learning disabilities, and home care for older people.
Delayed discharge of older people		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are Social Services working with the health sector?
Carer assessments	2000/01 11 2001/02 11 2002/03 17 Target for 2003/04 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is well below its target – why?