



Report of the Director of Children's Services

To: Inner West Area Committee

Date: 14th April 2010

Subject: Children Services – Area Committee Performance Report

Electoral Wards Affected:

All

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

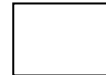
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Executive Summary

To provide the Area Committee with a dashboard of Children Services performance data.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

This report introduces a dashboard of Children Services performance data disaggregated at an Area Committee or ward level.

2.0 Background

At the last meeting of the area committee members discussed an outline of performance indicators which would support the Committee to assess local progress against the ambitions of the Children and Young People Plan. The report does not at this stage seek to provide a full commentary and interpretation of progress against each individual indicator but to provide sufficient information to enable the Committee to further inform development of effective performance reporting. Comments made by members in the last cycle of committee meetings and by Children Champions have been included in this report. It is acknowledged that further work is needed, for example, to provide a more qualitative analysis of progress particularly from the voice of children, young people, parents and carers.

3.0 Structure of the information.

Appendix 1 disaggregates information at an area committee level in 2 sections.

Section 1 - Performance of settings (e.g. Primary and Secondary schools, sixth forms, colleges, children centres, child minders) as assessed by OFSTED.

The information available in Appendix 1 covers Primary and Secondary school and sixth form OFSTED inspection judgments. Individual inspection reports can be seen on the OFSTED website.

Section 2 – is an analysis of a small number of the indicators selected from the Children and Young People Plan priorities. During the course of the next year this list of indicators will be further developed in discussion with the Area Committee Children Champions. Some data has been disaggregated at a ward level which has been included as Annexes to Appendix 1.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

There are no implications for Council policy and governance. The report supports the agreed functions of the Area Committee as outlined in the Area Function Schedule and the Council's Constitution.

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

There are no legal implications and the resource implications are a requirement for central performance management arrangements to develop local reporting arrangements, within existing resources.

6.0 Recommendations

Elected Members are asked to:

- note the report and comment on further development they would like to see;
- discuss and agree items they would like to take forward arising from the report.

Background Papers

None