

# Children's Services Portfolio - Cllr. Warren Whyte

▶ Key areas of good performance Measure	Target	Current position	RAG	Benchmarking	Commentary
1 % of Children who became the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	19%	13.7%	GREEN	Statistical Neighbours 23%, South East 22%, England 19%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children who have become subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time.</p> <p>Of the children who became subject to a child protection plan between 1 April 2018 and 30 September 2018, 13.7% were subject to a second or subsequent child protection plan. Buckinghamshire's performance is lower than England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Child Protection Advisors and Social Work teams to meet regularly to ensure that child protection plans achieve sustainable and positive change.</p>

► All areas of lower than expected performance (Red or Amber)

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1 % assessments completed in 45 working days	82%	51%	RED	Statistical Neighbours 81%, South East 84%, England 83%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of assessments that are completed within 45 working days.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 51% of assessments had been completed within the 45 working day timescale, which is below England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Robust action plans are in place with management oversight to improve this performance and ensure that assessments are completed within timeframes.</p>
2 % ICPC (Initial Child Protection Conference) held within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	80%	68%	RED	Statistical Neighbours 82%, South East 75%, England 77%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC's) that are held within 15 working days from the Strategy Discussion.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 68% of ICPC's were held within required timescales. This performance is currently below the 80% target and below the England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions To address this we are developing Safety Plans for all instances where Initial Child Protection Conferences are delayed and working closely with schools to ensure there are no delays during holiday periods.</p>
3 % repeat referrals within 12 months	28%	30%	RED	Statistical Neighbours 21%, South East 26%, England 22%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of repeat referrals we receive within 12 months.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018 our performance is 30%. This is higher than England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We have conducted an improvement review and are working closely with partners to develop a joint action plan to improve this performance. The action plan will be completed in December 2018.</p>

4 % Children Looked After (CLA) seen in the last 6 weeks	91%	80%	RED	Benchmarking information not currently available.	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children looked after who are seen at least once every 6 weeks.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 80% of children looked after had been seen within required timescales. No benchmarking information is available for this indicator.</p> <p>Improvement Actions: We are tightening up data quality and recording processes to strengthen management oversight of when children have been seen.</p>
5 % of CLA living more than 20 miles from home	47%	55%	RED	Statistical Neighbours 24%, South East 16%, England 14%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children looked after who are placed more than 20 miles from their home.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 55% of children looked after were placed more than 20 miles from their home. This performance is higher than England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>It is important to note that placements within the geographical boundary of Buckinghamshire may exceed 20 miles in some cases. However, this is still accessible compared to other areas of the country where placements are within 20 miles but less accessible.</p> <p>Improvement Actions To improve performance we have opened Buckinghamshire County Council's first new children's home and will be opening another local in-house provision in March 2019.</p>

6 % of children waiting less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family	75%	39%	RED	Statistical Neighbours 43%, South East 46%, England 47%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children who wait for less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 39% of children had moved in with their adoptive family within required timescales. This performance is lower than the England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions The adoption team continue to robustly implement planned recruitment for those children with complex needs for whom adoption is in their best interests. We have delivered a targeted campaign for National Adoption Week alongside further development of the relevant pages on the BCC website to encourage interest from prospective adopters.</p>
7 % of care leavers in employment, education, or training (EET)	60%	57%	AMBER	Statistical Neighbours 52%, South East 50%, England 50%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of care leavers who are in employment, education and/or training (EET).</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 57% of care leavers were in EET. Buckinghamshire's performance is higher than the England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We are developing a skills database to match care leavers with local opportunities and working closely with the University to deliver taster days in partnership with the Virtual School.</p>

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1 Key Stage 1 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in reading	79%	79%	GREEN	England (state-funded schools) = 75% South East = 78% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In 2018, 79% of Buckinghamshire pupils achieved at least the expected standard in Key Stage 1 Reading. Results have remained the same as in 2016, but remain above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>
2 Key Stage 1 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in writing	69%	72%	GREEN	England (state-funded schools) = 70% South East = 71% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In 2018, 72% of Buckinghamshire pupils achieved at least the expected standard in Key Stage 1 Writing. This is a 3 percentage point increase from 2017. Buckinghamshire results are above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>

3	Key Stage 1 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in mathematics	76%	78%	GREEN	England (state-funded schools) = 76% South East = 78% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In 2018, Buckinghamshire results for pupils achieving at least the expected standard in KS1 maths increased by 2 percentage points to 78%. Buckinghamshire results are above the national average, and in line with the regional average.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Action Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>
4	Key Stage 2 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	64%	66%	GREEN	England (state-funded) = 64% South East= 65% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In Buckinghamshire 66% of pupils achieved at least the expected standard in all of reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2. Buckinghamshire results have increased by 2 percentage points since last year, and are above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Action Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>

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1 Permanent exclusion rate - primary	0.03%	0.04%  This result is for the academic year 2016/17 because the data runs one year behind.	RED	England = 0.03 South East = 0.02 (2016/17 figures)	<p>This measure shows the proportion of permanent exclusions in primary schools and is reported in arrears due to national data collection and publication.</p> <p>In the 2016-17 academic year the permanent exclusions rate for primary schools in Buckinghamshire was 0.04%, which was above both national and regional averages. This is an improvement from 2015-16, with exclusions in primary schools falling from a rate of 0.05% in 2015-16.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We are implementing recommendations from the Education Select Committee report in July, including conducting a targeted Side by Side project to reduce exclusions, improving websites and promoting uptake of Educational Psychology services.</p>
2 Permanent exclusion rate - secondary	0.17%	0.25%  This result is for the academic year 2016/17 because the data runs one year behind.	RED	England = 0.20 South East = 0.13 (2016/17 figures)	<p>This measure shows the proportion of permanent exclusions in secondary schools and is reported in arrears due to national data collection and publication.</p> <p>In the 2016-17 academic year the permanent exclusions rate for secondary schools in Buckinghamshire was 0.25%, which was above both national and regional averages. The rate is slightly higher than in 2015-16, but the rate of increase has slowed significantly.</p> <p>Improvement Actions: We are implementing recommendations from the Education Select Committee report in July, including conducting a targeted Side by Side project to reduce exclusions, improving websites and promoting uptake of Educational Psychology services.</p>