

Appendix 9(a) – Council Plan Performance Summary 2023/24

Priority: Our Communities – Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience

THEME - Families are supported to provide stable home lives where children and young people can flourish

Indicator	Outturn 2022/23	Q1 23/24	Q2 23/24	Q3 23/24	Q4 23/24	Outturn 2023/24	DoT	Target	DoT
							Previous Performance		Against Target
Number/rate of Children Looked After per 10,000 population	No. 539 Rate 193.8	No. 550 Rate 197.8	No. 542 Rate 194.9				N/A	<i>Monitoring purposes only</i>	N/A
Number / % of children placed in foster care	360 (66.8%)	376 (68.4%)	365 (67.3%)				N/A	<i>Monitoring purposes only</i>	N/A
Number of statutory assessments undertaken	3,078	768	746				N/A	<i>Monitoring purposes only</i>	N/A
Number of Education, Health and Care Plans issued	174	65	59				N/A	<i>Monitoring purposes only</i>	N/A
Number of referrals to CAMHS, CYP LD, Youththerapy, CASHER and school MHSTs (under 25)	2,456	654	598				N/A	<i>Monitoring purposes only</i>	N/A
% of children in receipt of free school meals	41.4%	A	A	A			N/A	<i>Monitoring purposes only</i>	N/A

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Commentary:

- The number of Children Looked After at the close of Quarter 2 was 542, a rate of 194.9 per 10,000 population. This is a decrease compared with the previous quarter and the same period in 2022/23. Of those 542 children, 370 (68.3%) are placed within the FY postcode area.
- Of the 542 Children Looked After, 365 (67.3%) were placed in foster care. This is a decrease compared with the previous quarter (68.4%) and an increase compared with the same period in 2022/23 (63.7%)
- The number of statutory assessments undertaken in Quarter 2 was 746 bringing the total number of statutory assessments undertaken within the first 6 months of 2023/24 to 1,514, which is a reduction compared with the same period in 2022/23 (1,650).
- The number of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) issued this quarter was 59 bringing the total number of EHCPs issued within the first 6 months of 2023/24 to 124. This is an increase compared to the same period in 2022/23 (81). Of the 59 EHCPs issued in Quarter 2, 88.1% were issued within the statutory 20-week timescale, which is an improvement on the previous quarter (80%) and the same period in 2022/23 (73.1%).
- Comparative data for children’s social care measures is published annually and will be included in the Quarter 3 Council Plan performance report.
- The KPI on the number of referrals to Blackpool CAMHS, Youththerapy and CASHER has been amended to cover a broader range of mental health services for children and young people. The KPI now includes referrals to CAMHS, CYP LD, Youththerapy, CASHER and school mental health support teams (MHSTs) for those under 25. Data for Quarter 2 shows that the number of referrals was 598 which is a decrease compared to the previous quarter (654) but an increase compared to the same period in 2022/23 (473).
- Data for the proportion of children in receipt of free school meals is an annual measure and will be reported in Quarter 4 2023/24.

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THEME - Good quality education provision in Blackpool supporting all children and young people to develop skills and obtain qualifications which set them up for a range of employment options

Indicator	Outturn 2022/23	Q1 23/24	Q2 23/24	Q3 23/24	Q4 23/24	Outturn 2023/24	DoT	Target	DoT
							Previous Performance		Against Target
Proportion of schools in Blackpool that are rated as good or better by OFSTED	86%	A	86%	A	A	86%	↔	100% by 2030	N/A
Percentage of pupils who achieved a 9-4 pass in GCSE English and maths	<i>No data available</i>	A	A	44.9%	A	44.9%	N/A	<i>No target set</i>	N/A
Percentage of pupils who achieved a 9-5 pass in GCSE English and maths	<i>No data available</i>	A	A	26.4%	A	26.4%	N/A	<i>No target set</i>	N/A
Progress made by pupils across 8 GCSE subjects at KS4, relative to others with similar prior attainment	<i>No data available</i>	A	A	-0.86	A	-0.86	N/A	<i>No target set</i>	N/A
Percentage of 16-17 year olds who are not in education, employment or training	7.5%	A	A	A			N/A	<i>No target set</i>	N/A

Commentary:

- Data for the following KPIs is included in the Educational Attainment update:
 - Proportion of schools in Blackpool that are rated as good or better by OFSTED
 - Percentage of pupils who achieved a 9-4 pass in GCSE English and maths
 - Percentage of pupils who achieved a 9-5 pass in GCSE English and maths
 - Progress made by pupils across 8 GCSE subjects at KS4, relative to others with similar prior attainment

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- Data for the proportion of 16–17-year-olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) will be reported at year end. However, the latest verified data (August 2023) shows NEET levels are currently at 7%. This is a higher rate than our closest statistical nearest neighbour authority, Hartlepool (5.9%) and the North West rate (4.4%).