



Meeting: *Children Sport & Leisure Policy and Scrutiny Committee*
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Title: *City for All, Children and Young People Progress Report*
Report of: *Councillor Chalkley, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People*

1 City for All Priorities

1.1 We will improve our approach to joint safeguarding with the Police in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation [CSE]. This will be done by ensuring 100% of referrals, related to CSE, are jointly investigated by the Council and Police.

- As of the 30th September 2016, fourteen cases remained open in Westminster and 100% of cases have had joint investigations with the police, this compares to twelve in April 2016. The Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) panel has revised its terms of reference, in order to improve case monitoring and increase focus on perpetrators.

1.2 We will improve safeguarding actions by Children's Services, Health and Police in relation to FGM.

- Since April 2016, 41 cases have been referred for early intervention, statutory assessment or child protection intervention. This includes: referrals to Children's Services, women who are seen at clinics and cases still under assessment in the pilot process.
- Clinics continue to run at two sites and discussions are on-going with partner agencies (schools, GPs), regarding individual cases. As a result, the profile of FGM amongst professionals continues to rise.

1.3 We will improve the life chances of children and young people in Westminster by intervening as soon as children show signs of not reaching their full potential or getting into trouble. To achieve this, we will ensure that 80% of the identified young people are engaging in one to one and/or group work sessions. We will also increase positive questionnaire responses to self-esteem, confidence and feeling safe, to 50%.

- High levels of support are continuing to be given to ten Westminster young people, identified as victims or witnesses of crime and who are being educated at Tri-borough alternative provision schools (Beechcroft, Latimer or The Bridge).
- Since April 2016, 15 Westminster young people, educated at the Tri-borough alternative provision schools, have been identified as victims and/or witnesses of crime. 100% of the young people identified have engaged via 1-to-1 and group sessions. Nine of the young people (60%) have already reported an increase in self-esteem, confidence and feeling safe. Those that have not reported positive outcomes will continue to be worked with.

1.4 We will increase the proportion of children, across Westminster Primary Schools, who reach the expected national standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We will also continue to perform above the national averages, as measured by the new Standard Attainment Tests and Assessments [SATs].

- Following the introduction of the new national method of reporting Standard Attainment Tests and Assessments (SATs), Westminster set a target above the national standard in reading, writing and mathematics.

- The 2016 percentage of pupils achieving as expected in reading, writing and mathematics for Westminster is provisionally 58%. This is the percentage we are expecting to see in the Performance Tables, following the DfE checking exercise, although the DfE published percentage for Westminster is currently 56% (unvalidated data). The national figure is provisionally 53% and Westminster is currently ranked 34th by the DfE.

	2013	2014	2015	2016 <i>(new national method of reporting)</i>
Westminster LA	79%	86%	84%	<i>(58% projected final result.)</i>
National	76%	79%	80%	53%

1.5 We will work with and challenge the City's schools to exceed GCSE pass rates of 2015 and to be above the new National average.

- Following the introduction of the new national GCSE grading structure, the 2016 Attainment 8 target is: **55.0** and the Progress 8 target is: **0.4**. Both targets are above expected to be above national average.
- The 2016 provisional figure for Attainment 8 is **54.2**, which is just short of the target score for attainment 8. However, it must be noted that this is unvalidated data and is likely to change.
- Using the previous measure of percentage 5+ A*-C, including English and mathematics, current provisional figures indicate a 66% pass rate for 2016, a slight decrease when compared to the provisional 68% in 2015. Currently, Westminster is ranked 10th for this indicator and is 2nd highest within Inner London.
- The 2016 provisional figure for progress 8 is 0.32, which represents good performance and is above both the national (0.00) and Inner London (0.17) rates. Nationally Westminster is currently ranked 4th for this indicator and is 3rd highest of the Inner London boroughs.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2016 <i>(new national method of reporting)</i>	
	% 5+ A*-C including English and mathematics				Attainment 8 score	Progress 8 measure
Westminster LA	70%	68%	68%	66%	54.9 <i>(provisional)</i>	0.32 <i>(provisional)</i>
National	59%	53%	54%	53%	48.2	0.00
Inner London	63%	60%	60%			0.17

1.6 We will ensure vulnerable children, in their early years, get the best start in life through implementation of the Early Help Strategy. As part of this, we will ensure that 75% of 2 year olds, in Westminster, will receive a developmental review.

- Public Health England (PHE) has published their annual statistics for 2015/16 and the first quarter of 2016/17. These statistics have indicated that for the year 2015-16, **53.9%** (1293 of 2397) of 2.5 year reviews were completed in Westminster. This is below the national rate of 73%, but above the London rate of 43.6%. At the end of quarter one, 2016-17, the completion rate had improved to **70.2%**. This remains below the national rate of 76.3%, but continues to be above the London rate of 49.4%. Data for the second quarter is due to be published by Public Health England (PHE) at the end of January 2017.

1.7 Improve school readiness:

- **We will ensure there are sufficient and flexible two year old places to meet demand from eligible families, increasing the availability of childcare places by 10% to 550 places by March 2017.**
- **We will actively market the targeted 2 year offer to increase take up of places against the national expectation of 70% take-up.**
- **We will ensure 95% of Children in childcare settings, at age 2 years old, have an integrated review.**
- In July 2016, take up of places increased to 56%, from the previous 37%. During 2015-16, 32 additional places were provided at Essendine (Harrow Road), Paddington Green and Micky Star Children's Centre's.
- In the summer term, 3 & 4 year will be moving into school places during the autumn term, thus, the 2 year old take up rate is anticipated to increase during the Autumn Term.
- A comprehensive marketing campaign is now fully embedded and targeted outreach is being delivered through Family Lives, in conjunction with children's centres. This activity has resulted in an increased number of 2 year old applications being received.
- Capacity building is still ongoing; the places pending at Bayswater Children's Centre are planned to increase, once the remaining capital works have been completed. In addition, the Early Help Service is exploring options for 2 year old delivery at Westbourne and Queensway Children's Centres. Opportunities with other schools are still being explored.
- Contractually, CLCH are commissioned to provide 75% of children, aged 2 years old, with a development review. CLCH have a range of actions underway to improve performance reporting on 2 year checks, which includes ensuring the review is integrated within the Local Authority requirements. At the end of the Summer Term, 65% (144 of 220) of 2 year olds, in the fifteen Westminster nurseries, had an integrated review.

1.8 We will strengthen preventative support within the universal offer, by increasing access to classes during the antenatal period, with 50% attendance of those invited.

- Pilot classes from March/April 2016 were rolled out across Westminster from June 2016; this should lead to an incremental increase in numbers attending the universal offer. Since April 2016, 39 parents have attended Antenatal classes. A Baby Steps group was run between May 2016 and September 2016 and as a result, five parents attended the group and two completed the entire programme. Further discussions are planned to consider if there will be a further roll out of the programme.

1.9 We will reduce the numbers of young people in Westminster, in school years 12, 13 and 14, whose education status is 'not known.' The target will be set at 10% (375 young people) or below.

- Comparing the months of May, June and July, for the rate of young people whose education status was 'not known', a reduction of -1% has been recorded between the three months average for two years. Overall numbers have reduced by 33, when comparing July 2015 and July 2016. The most recent published national rates indicate that Westminster continues to be above the London and national rates.

	Academic Age 16 -18 (year 12-14)					
	2016-17			2015-16		
'Not known'	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15
Westminster	10.7%	10.6%	11.1%	12.5%	12.1%	12.2%
Number of young people	395	392	410	458	441	443
LONDON	7.4%	7.2%	7.6%	7.5%	6.9%	8.1%
ENGLAND	6.6%	6.3%	7.0%	7.1%	7.3%	13.2%

- Comparing the rates of NEET at July 2015 (2.7%) and July 2016 (2%), there has been a reduction of 23 young people. The July 2016 rate is continues to be below both the London and National rates.
- DfE have confirmed that local authorities, from September 2016, will no longer be required to track young people of academic age 18. Local Authorities will only be required to include information about young people up to the end of the academic year, in which they have their 18th birthday.

	Academic Age 16 -18 (year 12-14)					
	2016-17			2015-16		
	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15
NEET						
Westminster	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%
Number of young people	66	66	66	95	95	89
LONDON	3.4%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
ENGLAND	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%	4.9%	5.4%

1.10 We will create a Young Westminster Foundation (YWF), to allow businesses and individuals to play a part in providing services for young people in the borough.

- The foundation has now been registered as an independent charity and the founding trustees were confirmed in May 2016. Currently, recruitment for the CEO has been unsuccessful, but recruitment will kick-start again in the New Year. Recruitment of membership organisations has been added to the list of key priority tasks for the CEO, once in post.
- Funding from the John Lyon’s Charity (JLC) has been secured for 3 years and funding from Westminster City Council has been confirmed for 2 years.
- Business and other stakeholders are involved in supporting the Foundation and some financial support has been secured. The target is to recruit twenty-five organisations and seventy-five Businesses into the foundation’s membership. A launch event is planned, once the CEO has been recruited.

1.11 Phase 2 Troubled Families programme: 17% (385) of families will achieve significant and sustained improvement against their qualifying criteria.

- Work has commenced with 1205 families, with a first year target of achieving significant and sustained progress (SSP) for 364 families. At the end of September, the first Payment By Results (PBR) claim for Troubled Families Phase two was submitted to DCLG. The claim showed significant and sustained improvement against the DCLG qualifying criteria, as 79% of the 182 families have met their mid-year target. Evidencing sustained and significant progress remains one of the main challenges in achieving our target. The next PBR claim date is January 2017, with an additional claim window between February 2017 and March 2017.

1.12 Young Carers: Number of newly identified young carers referred to the Westminster Access team for assessment.

- From the 1st February 2016, all newly identified young carers are referred to the Access Team for assessment. Since April 2016, nine young carers have received an early help intervention.

1.13 We will reduce the number of resident adolescents needing to come into care

- In 2015-16, 23 Westminster resident adolescents, aged 14 to 17 years (excluding UASC status or remand), needed to come into care. This represented a reduction from 28 at year end in 2014-15. Since April 2016, eight Westminster resident adolescents, aged 14 to 17 years (excluding UASC status or remand), have been required to come into care.
- There are a number of actions ongoing to meet this indicator, this includes: examining alternatives to remand for young offenders, the development of a range of interventions linked to the ‘Focus On Practice’ initiative and the development of robust rehabilitation home support packages.

1.14 Parental Employability Programme: We will encourage parents to attend all sessions and encourage 80% of the original cohort to complete the course

- The first cohort of fifty-seven learners completed the first ten weeks of the programme in early July and the majority continued the programme in September. Two learners from Queens Park Children’s Centre and one learner from Portman Children’s Centre have progressed to the Level 1 qualification course.

1.15 We will support looked after children, of working age and where the council is the corporate parent, into secure adult life. We will ensure: 75% of Care Leavers are in Education, Employment and Training [EET], 50% of Care Leavers participate in Apprenticeships and at least 95% of Care Leavers are in suitable accommodation.

- At the end of the academic year 2015-16, **76%** of 16 and 17 year olds, and **69%** of 18 to 25 year olds, were in EET. In addition, **26** (15%) were attending university, **19** (11%) were in employment and **6** (3.4%) had completed apprenticeships. **74%** of care leavers are also in suitable accommodation.
- Since the launch of the Tri-borough work experience programme, steady progress has been made in addressing the issues and barriers around sustained education and training/employment for 16 LAC and care leavers. Despite fluctuating data, analysis of EET performance, at the end of the academic year 2015/16, shows performance is better than the national level for care leavers (58% EET).
- Young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) are tracked and monitored through a monthly Transitions Panel. Young people are referred to an EET Personal Adviser, who then works intensively with the young person and in addition, each of these young people will receive an EET Action Plan.

1.16 We will train fifteen young people with special educational needs to enable them to travel to/from school independently.

- To date, nine young people have been enabled to travel to and from school independently. This means that the service is on track to meet this target and exceed last year's performance (10). Updates for this pledge are based on the academic school year; the next progress update will be reported at the end of the autumn term.

1.17 Twenty-five young people, with special educational needs statements, will transfer to EHC plans.

- Under the new legislation, all local authorities have reported difficulties in delivering the transfer review programme. These difficulties have been recognised by the DfE and this has been reflected in their amendments to the process. In response, a revised and improved 18-week transfer review process is to be delivered between now and 2018. The SEN Service continues to develop both its own practice and processes to support both LA and CCG partners in delivering their statutory duties under the Children and Families Act 2014. The target of 25 transfer reviews, completed for 2016-17, represents an increase on last year and is expected to be achievable. Since April 2016, there have been 23 transfer review process completed.

1.18 We will ensure that children continue to have a choice of nutritious school meals, which achieve and maintain all legislative standards.

- In 2016-17, Westminster continues to aim for 88% take up of free school meals, by eligible children in Nursery and KS2. We also continue to pursue 55% take up of paid school meals in Nursery and KS2. For overall take up of school lunches within the Council's central contract, the target remains at 70% and 87% for overall take up. At the end of the summer term, the overall take up school lunches, within the Council's central contract, was 76%. This was above the 70% target and is encouraging for the new contract.

1.19 We will be more creative in our approach to foster carer recruitment and increase the number of foster carers recruited to 25, by September 2016.

- The Commissioning Service entered into a partnership arrangement in October 2015 with Cornerstone, a social enterprise organization, to undertake targeted marketing and recruitment for foster carers. This will aim to increase foster carer numbers by September 2016. Cornerstone is now actively working with the Fostering Service to develop new approaches to recruitment; particularly for sibling groups and children with more complex needs. Since October 2015, a new website has been launched, six households have been approved and twelve households are currently under assessment. The number of enquiries for the duration of the project is up at 236, compared to 153 at the same time in 2014/15.