



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 Holloway, Cabinet Member for Children, Families 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 November 2016, twelve cases remained open in Westminster and 100% have had joint investigations with the police, this compares with fourteen from the last P&S update. The Multi-Agency Sexual Exploitation (MASE) panel has revised its terms of reference to improve case monitoring and focus on perpetrators.

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

- Since April 2016, 47 cases have been referred for an early intervention, statutory assessment or child protection intervention. This includes referrals to Children's Services with FGM concerns, women who are seen at clinic and cases still under assessment in the pilot process.
- Clinics continue to run at two sites and discussions continue with partner agencies regarding individual cases, indicating that 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%.

- 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 through both one-to-one and group sessions. Nine of the young people (60%) have already reported an increase in self-esteem confidence and feeling safe. The initial funding has now concluded, where it was identified that some young people could benefit from further support, they were linked into other Professionals to continue the support.
- The Missing and Absent workers project (MAP) will conclude running this month. The project, which is funded by MOAPC, worked closely with young people who we deemed vulnerable and spent significant periods absent from school. The project was initially meant to end in September, but extra funding meant that it could be continued to this month.

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 58%. The national figure is 53% and Westminster is currently ranked 32nd by the Department for Education.

	2013	2014	2015	2016 <i>(new national method of reporting)</i>
Westminster LA	79%	86%	84%	58%
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 the 2015 and 2016 national levels.
- The 2016 figure for Attainment 8 is **54.5**, which is just short of target score for Attainment 8. In addition, when compared to a national average of 48.5, Westminster continues to perform above the national average.
- Using the previous measure of percentage 5+ A*-C including English and mathematics, figures show a slight decrease from 2015 (68%), with **66%** achieved in 2016. However, the 2016 figure continues to remain above the national average of 53%. Nationally, Westminster is currently ranked 13th for this indicator and 2nd highest of the Inner London boroughs.
- The 2016 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 5th for this indicator and 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%	54.5	0.32
National	59%	53%	54%	53%	48.5	0.00
Inner London	63%	60%	60%	58%	51.3	0.17

1.6 We will ensure 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.

- Contractually, CLCH are commissioned to provide 75% of children, aged 2, with a development review. Public Health England (PHE) is due to publish 2016-17 its quarter two information at the end of January 2017. In addition, PHE have confirmed improvements in the completion rate of developmental reviews, which now amount to 86% of children in Westminster aged 2½ years. This represents an improvement from 70% at the end of quarter one and is above the CLCH target rate of 75%, the national rate of 76.3% and the London rate of 49.4%.

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.**
- We now have 400 two year old places and all planned capital works are now complete. A comprehensive marketing campaign is now fully embedded, with targeted outreach being delivered through Family Lives, in conjunction with children’s centres. This activity has resulted in an increased number of applications being received and as a result, it is anticipated the take up rate will increase.
- In July 2016, take up increased to 56% from 37% in February, due to larger numbers of children blocking current capacity. There have also been a large number of pending applications, at time of data submission. The next DWP eligible cohort list is due to be released at the end of January 2017.

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

- Antenatal classes piloted in March/April 2016 were rolled out across Westminster from June 2016 and it is hoped that this should lead to an increase in numbers attending the universal offer. Since April 2016, 39 parents have attended Antenatal classes. A baby steps group ran between May 16 and September 16 in Westminster. During this period, six parents were referred, five attended and two completed the whole programme. Further discussions are planned to consider if the programme will be rolled out further.

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 three 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 month 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, although the gap has reduced. The latest DfE information is due to be published in January 2017.

	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 continues to be below both the London and national rates.
- The 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

NEET	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15
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%

- Westminster has achieved a year-on-year reduction against the new headline measure included in the DfE NEET Scorecard. The percentage of 16 and 17 year olds, who are either NEET or not known, was 5.7% at the end of 2015. Westminster has achieved a marginal reduction in both NEET and not known by three percentage points, this places Westminster within the top performing 40% of councils, but below the national average of 7.1%. Data indicating the end of year position for 2016 will be available in early spring. Early indications suggest there will be further improvement against the headline measure, with the proportion of 16-17 year olds NEET or whose activity is not known in the region of 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.

- Following an application and a two-stage interview process, founding trustees concluded that they were not sufficiently satisfied with the candidates for the position of CEO. As a result, the second recruitment phase is currently underway and this is expected to attract a broader range of candidates. An interim resource manager is to be recruited for the duration of the second recruitment phase. Recruitment of membership organisations remains a key priority tasks for the CEO, once in post.
- Funding from John Lyon’s Charity (JLC) has been secured for 3 years and the Council has also provided funds for up to 2 years. Plans are in place to transfer initial funding from the Council and John Lyons Charity to a separate bank account, in order to enable the foundation to become independently operational as soon as possible.

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

- The programme has commenced work with 1205 families, with a year one 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. As worklessness affects a significant majority of the families identified within the programme, evidencing sustained and significant progress is one of the main challenges we face in achieving our target. The next PBR claim date is this month, with an additional claim window from February 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 have been referred to the Access Team for an assessment. Since April 2016, 22 young carers have been newly identified.

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 57 learners completed the first 10 weeks of the programme in early July and the majority continued the programme in September. Two learners from Queens Park Children Centre and one learner from Portman Children Centre 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 EET. **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 in January 2016, steady progress has been made in addressing the issues and barriers around sustained education, training and employment for post 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 each young person to ensure EET Action Plans are in place.
- Accurate reporting on the 2016-17 academic year will begin from January 2017, once take up of offers are confirmed for the Autumn term.

1.16 We will train 15 young people, with special educational needs, to enable them to travel to and from school independently.

- To date, nine young people have been enabled to travel to and from school independently. This performance means that the service is on track to meet this target and exceed last year's performance (10).

1.17 25 young people, with special educational needs statements, will transfer to Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans.

- During the first year of delivery under the new legislation, all Local Authorities have reported difficulties in delivering the transfer programme. These difficulties have been recognised by the DfE and this has been reflected in their amendments to the programme. In response to the DfE amendments, 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 help support both Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning Groups in delivering their statutory duties and improving performance.
- 25 transfer reviews have been completed for 2016-17, representing an increase on last year's performance. Since April 2016, the transfer review process has been completed for 44 children and young people.

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 the school lunch within the council's central contract, the target remains 70% and 87% for overall take up. At the end of the summer term, the overall take up of the school lunch, within the Council central contract, was 76%. This is 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.