

Children, Education and Families Scrutiny - Performance Index 2023/24

No.	Performance Indicators	Why is this important?	Polarity	Target or Range of acceptable performance	Benchmarking and trend																	Year to Date	Notes
					Bromley 2022/23	Bromley 2021/22	Bromley 2020/21	England 2021/22	London 2021/22	RAG rating	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24		
Early Help																							
1	Total Footfall Children & Family Centres	Data provides an indication of early identified support and help provided.	n/a	95000	52059	28,613	6,668	Local Measure	Local Measure	GREEN	3742	9122	15316	20338	24649	30779					30779		
2	Children supported by the Bromley Children's Project (Children referred)		n/a	1700	1063	1,755	1,869	Local Measure	Local Measure	GREEN	97	109	123	168	95	92						684	
3	% outcome of School Ofsted inspections good or outstanding (overall effectiveness)	Schools are subject to regulation and inspection from Ofsted. Our ambition is that LB Bromley schools are at least good or better. This measure, to be considered alongside e.g. Key Stage results, progress measures, attendance and exclusion data.	High	95-90%	96%	97%	97%	89%	93%	GREEN			96%			97%					97%	School year is academic year not financial year	
4	Number of Primary permanent exclusions (Bromley schools) (Number YTD Academic year)	Permanent exclusion can severely disrupt a pupil's education and social networks. It can be extremely challenging to find alternative school/alternative education for pupils excluded in the secondary phase because of the nature of the factors leading to the exclusion. However, the LA has mechanisms in place to both minimise time out of education and to identify alternative provision for pupils who are permanently excluded.	Low	0	0	1	0 (rate: 0.00)	Rate: 0.01	Rate: 0.00	GREEN	Data suppressed, see part 2 report											School year is academic year not financial year	
5	Number of Secondary permanent exclusions (Bromley schools) (Number YTD Academic year)		Low	22-36 (rate of 0.10-0.16)	33	Provisional (47)	17 (rate:0.07)	Rate: 0.1	Rate: 0.09	GREEN	3	1	16	3		3						3	School year is academic year not financial year
Safeguarding and Child Protection																							
6	Number of 'Referrals' to Children's Social Care	Measure of demand for CSC services and an identification of the effectiveness of early help, as well as if thresholds are understood by partners.	n/a	Not a target measure	4513	4032	3,827	650,270	113,320	This is not a target measure	268	412	525	408	263	370						2246	
7	% of statutory Assessments authorised within 45 days (Year to Date)	Assessments are undertaken in order to identify whether or not statutory thresholds for children's social care have been met and statutory services are required. There is a 45 day statutory timescale for completion - this is a measure of efficiency and effective management oversight. It is also a reflective of manageable caseloads.	High	95 - 83%	93%	96%	85%	84%	86%	GREEN	96%	95%	93%	94%	94%	93%						93%	
8	Number of Childred in Need (Statutory threshold Section 17)	This is not a performance measure but indicates prevalence of need for intensive social care intervention. Also volume of intensive casework and social worker capacity required to fulfil statutory duties.	n/a	Not a target measure	920	890	615	104,940	17,860	This is not a target measure	895	849	850	832	860	873							including DCT
9	Number of children subject of a Child Protection Plan		n/a	Not a target measure	315	345	283	50,920	7,670	This is not a target measure	312	282	288	300	337	344							
10	% of Children subject of a Child Protection Plan with an allocated Social Worker	It is a statutory requirement that all Child Protection Plan casework is allocated to qualified social workers. This is a proxy for high quality interventions undertaken by qualified practitioners who are subject to national professional standards	High	100%	100%	100%	100%	Local Measure	Local Measure	GREEN	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%						100%	
11	% of reviews completed within timescale for Children with Child Protection Plans	There is a national framework of expectations around interventions with children requiring safeguarding. This measure is a proxy for appropriate management/IRO (Independent Reviewing Officer) oversight of complex casework and decisive social work planning.	High	100 - 95%	86%	90%	100%	92%	96%	GREEN	100%	97%	100%	99%	99%	99%						99%	

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12	% of Children that became the subject of a Child Protection Plan for the second or subsequent time (year to date)	If a second child protection plan is required for similar reasons, this could indicate potential lack of impact of earlier Child protection interventions. It can often demonstrate multiple risks/challenges faced by children and families. It prompts enquiry into whether or not other statutory interventions should be/should have been considered. Was the child removed from the plan too early? Was practice too optimistic?	Low	25 - 15%	23%	20%	14%	23%	18%	GREEN	14%	18%	12%	17%	23%	23%								23%	
12b	% of Children that became the subject of a Child Protection Plan for the second or subsequent time within 2 years of their previous plan (year to date)		Low	Not a target measure	9%	9%		Local Measure	Local Measure	This is not a target measure	0%	5%	2%	11%	15%	14%									14%
13	Average number of weeks taken to complete Care proceedings against a national target of 26 weeks (CAFCASS definition)	It is imperative to avoid 'drift' in making permanency plans for CLA. Time taken to undertake care proceedings is a proxy for decisive casework and can be looked at alongside timeliness of achieving adoptions. The measure can be affected by issues beyond professional control e.g. court delays.	Low	26 weeks	Provisional (45)	Provisional (44)	49	41	32				41		49									49	Awaiting publication
Children Looked After and Care Leavers																									
14	Children Looked After rate per 10,000	This is a prevalence measure to be looked at alongside others including CIN/CP rates and should also be, broadly, in line with London and statistical neighbours.	n/a	Not a target measure	45	45	45	70	52	This is not a target measure			46		45									45	
15	Number of Children Looked After	Actual numbers of looked after children should be considered alongside demand pressures on social work capacity and placements/budgets required to fulfil statutory responsibilities.	n/a	Not a target measure	342	328	341	82,170	9,960	This is not a target measure	336	340	344	347	353	342								342	
16	% of Children Looked After with an allocated Social Worker	It is a statutory requirement that all CLA casework is allocated to qualified social workers. This is a proxy for high quality interventions undertaken by qualified practitioners who are subject to national professional standards.	High	100%	100%	100%	100%	Local Measure	Local Measure	GREEN	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%								100%	
17	% of Children Looked After cases which were reviewed within required timescales	There are statutory requirements for reviewing the care plans for CLA within set timescales. This measure is a proxy for appropriate management/IRO (Independent Reviewing Officer) oversight of complex casework and decisive social work planning.	High	100- 95%	94%	95%	93%	Not available	Not available	GREEN	100%	96%	95%	94%	91%	92%								92%	
18a	Number of in-house foster households recruited (YtD)	We have set ambitious targets for increasing the number and range of in-house foster carers. Although placements with foster carers are, almost invariably, the first option to be considered for CLA, a shortage of 'in house' carers i.e. recruited and approved by Bromley, can result in placements being commissioned from independent sector providers. Recruitment processes can take 5 to 7 months. Agency foster carers are often profit making organisations, carers are often not local and carers are not supported or managed by Bromley services. Also, placements are typically significantly more expensive thus adding to pressure on placement budgets. Our aim is to reduce dependency on IFA placements. This indicator should be reviewed with the numbers of children in care at any given point, the profile of these children and their likely needs and our progress in recruiting In-house foster carers.	High	15	6	11	10	Local Measure	Local Measure	GREEN	Data suppressed, see part 2 report														
18b	Number of in house fostering households in the assessment process (Stage 1 & Stage 2)		High	Not a target measure	Not a target measure	Not a target measure	Not a target measure	Local Measure	Local Measure	This is not a target measure	Data suppressed, see part 2 report														
18c	Number of in house fostering households currently approved and in the assessment process		High	Not a target measure	Not a target measure	Not a target measure	Not a target measure	Local Measure	Local Measure	This is not a target measure	Data suppressed, see part 2 report														

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27	% of CYP (16 - 17 year olds) education, employment or training status 'not known'	The EET status of young people can be difficult to ascertain e.g. once pupils leave school. The aim is to have a low number of young people whose EET status is 'not known'. This indicator should be reviewed alongside the NEET outturn.	Low	0.7%-1.1%	0.4% (31/7145)	0.3% (19/7144)	0.2% (17/7042)	2.8%	2.7%	AMBER	0.4% (31/7140)	0.6% (46/7134)	0.7% (53/7135)	1.1% (79/7128)	1.6% (113/7126)									
28	Number of First Time Entrants (FTEs) to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17	Offending can be linked to factors such as truancy, low attainment, substance misuse, employability etc. and the challenge to the council, schools and partner agencies in a local area is to prevent young people from entering the youth justice system.	Low	Not a target measure	44	31	30	15182	3090	This is not a target measure	Data suppressed, see part 2 report													
29	Proportion of offenders that are proven to re-offending in the youth justice system	This indicator measures the re-offending of specific cohorts of young people following an initial pre-court or court disposal.	Low	42% - 35%	20%	20%	26%	42%	48%	GREEN	14%	16%	17%	17%	17%	17%								
30	Number of children/Young People open to MEGA	This indicator provides a guide as to the awareness of CSE and gang risk.	n/a	Not a target measure	Local Measure	Local Measure	Local Measure	Local Measure	Local Measure	This is not a target measure	35	35	31	27	44	41								
31	% of Education, Health and Care plans issued within statutory 20 week timescale (excluding exception cases)	In line with Children and Families Act 2014 Reform requirements, EHC plans replaced SEN Statements. They result from a multi-dimensional assessment of education, health and care needs. They specify outcomes to be achieved for a child and identify provision to meet those outcomes. There is a 20 week statutory timescale for completion, although there is a balance to be found between quality and timeliness.	High	75 - 65%	Data pending	65%	62%	51%	63%	RED	53% (9/17)	29% (7/24)	4% (1/28)	18% (5/28)	12% (3/26)	17% (5/29)	16% (10/61)	33% (10/30)	46% (21/46)					25% (71/289)
32	% of Education, Health and Care plans issued within statutory 20 week timescale (including exception cases)		High	Not a target measure	Data pending	37%	43%	59%	60%	This is not a target measure	26% (9/35)	14% (7/50)	3% (1/39)	15% (5/34)	10% (3/30)	15% (5/33)	13% (10/77)	27% (10/37)	44% (21/48)					18% (71/385)