

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES COMMITTEE 20  
AUGUST 2008**

**SUBJECT: CHILDREN & FAMILIES PERFORMANCE REPORT, FIRST  
QUARTER, APRIL – JUNE 2008**

**BY: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The Committee is invited to scrutinise the Performance Indicators for Children & Families for the quarter, 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, as detailed in **APPENDIX 1** to the report.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising the functions of the Council as Social Work Authority under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee scrutinise the performance information contained within APPENDIX 1.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Children and Families indicators are presented across four areas of activity. Targets were presented for each indicator, at the Education & Social Services Committee meeting on 13 February 2008. The “traffic light” code has therefore now been applied in respect of the indicators for which a previous baseline and target had not been established. The Committee is asked to note the following:

3.1.1 Care Placement Services CommS506  
Reported performance for this first quarter is below target. The sample size (4 young people) was small and it is still perfectly possible for the annual target to be realised. The one young person for whom there was no evidence of progress at review had also been placed only fairly recently.

3.1.2 CommS507a  
Although no assessments were completed in the first quarter there are currently eight assessments underway.

3.1.3 CommS516b  
The young person in question returned from residential school and was provided with interim accommodation for a week prior to a secure tenancy being available.

3.1.4 Community Support Services CommS521b

Reported outcomes for all service users at review were below target for this quarter. The group included in the review sample was relatively small. Achievement of the annual target remains entirely feasible. Building relationships and making measurable progress can take several months.

- 3.1.5 Social Work Training Comms192  
Placements are not normally started during quarters 1 and 3; nevertheless we can expect to meet the requirement for the year.

#### 4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan**

This report is in line with the Working Principles – Delivering the Plan, Objective 5, Accountable to the Public, within the Corporate Plan.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

This report covers the Children & Families reporting requirements for Audit & Performance Committee.

**(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

None

**(d) Consultations**

Consultation has taken place with the Head of Children & Families and the Quality Assurance Manager who are in agreement with the information set out in **APPENDIX 1**.

#### 5. **CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Committee scrutinise the Performance Indicators for Children & Families as detailed in **APPENDIX 1** to the report.

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Background Papers: Held by Author

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