

Children and Families Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Monitoring – 23 November 2023

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28/09/23	Children and Families Performance	1) That information highlighting the performance of the fostering service and the recruitment of foster carers is attached to the performance dataset for 23 November Panel meeting.	Performance report updated	Complete																																																																									
		2) That, following a spike in sickness absence, the latest HR report summarising the reasons for staff absence in Children's Services is circulated to the Panel.	Attached as Appendix 2	Complete																																																																									
		3) That, reflecting concerns about health assessment performance, the indicator is returned to the performance dataset for the November meeting.	Performance report updated	Complete																																																																									
28/09/23	Educational Attainment	1) That the school absence spreadsheet, detailing absence levels for each secondary school in the city, is circulated to the Panel.	Circulated by Scrutiny Manager – 29/09/23	Complete																																																																									
		2) That free school meals trend data, broken down by secondary school, is circulated to the Panel.	<p align="center">FSM Secondary Summary 2021-2023 (January Census)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DfE</th> <th>School</th> <th>2021</th> <th>2022</th> <th>2023</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4003</td> <td>Oasis Academy Sholing</td> <td>27.6%</td> <td>30.8%</td> <td>31.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4262</td> <td>Regents Park Community College</td> <td>27.3%</td> <td>28.1%</td> <td>31.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4270</td> <td>Redbridge Community School</td> <td>43.6%</td> <td>46.9%</td> <td>49.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4004</td> <td>Weston Secondary School</td> <td>46.7%</td> <td>50.8%</td> <td>51.0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4275</td> <td>Upper Shirley High School</td> <td>20.3%</td> <td>24.4%</td> <td>27.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4278</td> <td>Bitterne Park School</td> <td>22.2%</td> <td>23.6%</td> <td>26.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4306</td> <td>Woodlands Community College</td> <td>44.5%</td> <td>49.7%</td> <td>50.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4311</td> <td>Cantell School</td> <td>29.2%</td> <td>33.5%</td> <td>34.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5415</td> <td>Saint George Catholic College</td> <td>12.4%</td> <td>14.5%</td> <td>13.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5417</td> <td>St Anne's Catholic School</td> <td>20.2%</td> <td>22.5%</td> <td>24.2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6905</td> <td>Oasis Academy Lord's Hill</td> <td>40.2%</td> <td>41.1%</td> <td>43.3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6906</td> <td>Oasis Academy Mayfield</td> <td>30.2%</td> <td>35.7%</td> <td>37.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Southampton</td> <td>28.5%</td> <td>31.6%</td> <td>33.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>National</td> <td>18.9%</td> <td>20.9%</td> <td>22.7%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>St Marks had their first secondary year group in 2022/23. The overall FSM eligibility for the school at the Spring Census 2023 was 38.9%</p>	DfE	School	2021	2022	2023	4003	Oasis Academy Sholing	27.6%	30.8%	31.0%	4262	Regents Park Community College	27.3%	28.1%	31.7%	4270	Redbridge Community School	43.6%	46.9%	49.1%	4004	Weston Secondary School	46.7%	50.8%	51.0%	4275	Upper Shirley High School	20.3%	24.4%	27.4%	4278	Bitterne Park School	22.2%	23.6%	26.4%	4306	Woodlands Community College	44.5%	49.7%	50.8%	4311	Cantell School	29.2%	33.5%	34.7%	5415	Saint George Catholic College	12.4%	14.5%	13.3%	5417	St Anne's Catholic School	20.2%	22.5%	24.2%	6905	Oasis Academy Lord's Hill	40.2%	41.1%	43.3%	6906	Oasis Academy Mayfield	30.2%	35.7%	37.8%		Southampton	28.5%	31.6%	33.6%		National	18.9%	20.9%
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		3) That PRMA (Parental Responsibilities Measures for Attendance) for the 2022/23 academic year are circulated to the Panel.	Service Manager: EWS in the process of collecting the PRMA data for 2022/23 to submit to Department for Education in accordance with their deadline: Friday 20th October 2023 and Service Manager EWS will send a copy of the submission on/after this date.	Complete
		4) That information detailing the link between school absence and the Elective Home Education cohort in Southampton is provided to the Panel.	Update from Children not in School Manager: The current data that we hold might suggest a link between poor attendance and a subsequent decision to electively home educate, however, we are in the process of requesting that our IT colleagues build a report to allow this to be investigated in more detail. In the past, last attendance was not obtained for all EHE children, but this is information which is now being collated.	Partially complete
		5) That the NEET level for Southampton's Looked After Children cohort is provided to the Panel.	August 2023, number was 12 out of 61 (19.7%). This includes UASC newly arrived. September register there are 119 year 12 and 13 and 23 flagged as NEET. (19.3%) October: 115 Year 12 and 13 19 flagged as NEET (16.5%). This includes UASC (3), New to care (2) and New parent (1)	Complete
		6) That, to help develop Panel Members understanding of the school system in the city, the Panel are provided with a table classifying Southampton schools by type – eg Trust, Maintained etc	Schools List attached as Appendix 3	Complete