

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE 2016/17

HOW ARE WE DOING?

In 2013, we published our Corporate Plan, with eight priorities to work towards over a five year period. This summary provides an overview of performance during 2016/17, under each of the 8 Corporate Priorities. We continue to make significant progress across a number of key areas such as the economy and education, but recognise that there are ongoing challenges to face in the coming years. Reviewing performance information regularly is a vital part of ensuring we stay focused on what is important; **ensuring the best quality of life for everyone in the Scottish Borders, prosperity for our businesses and good health and resilience for all our communities.**

KEY

A mixture of performance information is provided under each priority:

The top half of each page contains high level performance indicators that show, for example, the general health of the economy. For comparison we have included last years figure and any Scottish data (where applicable). While the Council may have influence over these indicators, they are largely contextual in nature, and the information is displayed within a grey box.

EMPLOYMENT RATE

76.2%
of people **aged between 16-64**
are now in employment

Scotland	73.1%
SB last year	78.3%

The bottom half of each page contains performance indicators that we have more influence over, for example, how quickly we process planning applications.

Information for each indicator is displayed within a white box above a coloured section. This coloured section (where applicable) will be either Green, Amber or Red and shows where performance has improved or reduced against the **previous year.**

103,761

phone interactions were logged by our **Contact Centres** in 2016/17



(up from 102,342 in 15/16)

green - improved performance

amber - a minor change in performance

red - area for improvement

OUR CORPORATE PRIORITIES



03

PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY SUPPORT, CARE AND PROTECTION TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, ADULTS, FAMILIES, AND OLDER PEOPLE HOW ARE WE DOING?

April 2016 - March 2017:

SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT APPROACH 59% of adults are using the Self-Directed Support approach (2016/17)	DOMESTIC ABUSE 871 reported incidents of domestic abuse	CRIMES AND OFFENCES 3,053 group 1-5 crimes and offences were recorded	WELFARE BENEFITS SERVICE 2,949 people contacted our Welfare Benefits Service receiving over £8.4m in additional benefits
SB last year 20.6%	SB 15/16 904	SB last year 2,916	SB last year 2,754

Supporting Victims of Domestic Abuse

The Pathway 2 Project (2017-20) continues to provide specialist domestic abuse support to victims and their families. Funding has been secured from the Big Lottery, Scottish Government (pending) and partner agencies such as SBC, Police Scotland, NHS Borders, Borders Housing Alliance and Children1st. The funding has enabled the development of two new resources – a “Court Advocate” and “Community Engagement Officer”, identified as gaps in the current response and will provide vital support for both victims and communities.

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Our performance during Q3 2016/17

CARE AT HOME 76% of adults (aged 65yrs+) received care at home compared to a care home/residential setting (2016/17) (above our target of 70%)	LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN 251 looked after and accommodated children (at end 2016/17)  (up from 215 at end 2015/16)	87% of looked after children (across all ages) were living within a community family-based placement (at end 2016/17) (up from 85% at end 2015/16)	CHILD PROTECTION 53 inter-agency discussions (Initial Referrals Discussions) concerning the safety of a child held, on average, a month (Apr'16-Mar'17) (up from 40 from Apr' 15 - Mar' 16)
NEW SERVICE USERS 100% of new service users received a service within 6 weeks of assessment (2016/17) (up from 95% in 2015/16)	children looked after on 31 July 2016 as a percentage of the 0-17yr old population 1.0% Scottish Borders 1.5% Scotland 1.1% Family Group* (up from 0.9% at end of July 2015)	76% of looked after children aged 12yrs+ were living within a community family-based placement (at end 2016/17) (up from 72% at end 2015/16)	54 children on the Child Protection Register (2016/17)  (up from 28 in 2015/16)



Corporate Priority 3: Care, Support and Protection

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% of Adults 65+ receiving care at home to sustain an independent quality of life as part of the community compared to those in a care home.	<p>CP03-P02bP % of Adults 65+ receiving care at home to sustain an independent quality of life as part of the community compared to those in a care home.</p> <table border="1"> <caption>Data for CP03-P02bP</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Quarter</th> <th>Value (%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Q4-2016/16</td> <td>72%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q1-2016/17</td> <td>73%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q2-2016/17</td> <td>76%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q3-2016/17</td> <td>76%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q4-2016/17</td> <td>76%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Legend: ■ Quarters, ■ Target (Quarters), — Family Group (previous yr) - Av., — SBC (previous yr) - Av., — Scotland (previous yr) - Av.</p>	Quarter	Value (%)	Q4-2016/16	72%	Q1-2016/17	73%	Q2-2016/17	76%	Q3-2016/17	76%	Q4-2016/17	76%	76%	<p>How are we performing: Performance in this area shows stabilisation and continued consistency during 2016/17.</p> <p>Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: With an aging population we continue to support and sustain an independent quality of life for the changing population.</p>		Elaine Torrance
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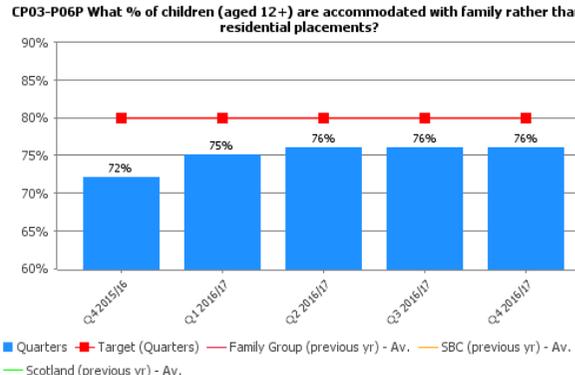
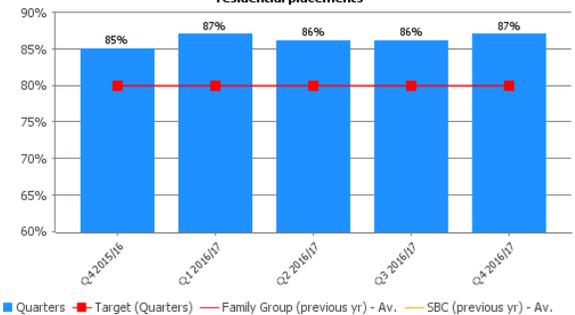
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<p>Looked After Children (aged 12+) in family-based placements compared to those in residential placements</p>	<p>CP03-P06P What % of children (aged 12+) are accommodated with family rather than residential placements?</p> 	<p>76%</p>	<p>How are we performing: This indicator has now reached the point where it been 76% for the last 3 quarters. Continued action is underway to increase the number of children in family-based placements in comparison to residential.</p> <p>Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: The target of 80% is ambition and continues to drive this performance area.</p> <p>We have seen a continued increase in the number of foster carers within the Scottish Borders. In the past year we have increased and maintained the number of foster carer and with continued support and recruitment the ambitious target of 80% will be achievable.</p>		<p>Ann Blackie</p>
<p>Looked After Children (All ages) in family-based placements compared to those in residential placements</p>	<p>CP03-P06bP Looked After Children in family-based placements compared to those in residential placements</p> 	<p>87%</p>	<p>Observations: Continued stabilisation in this indicator, above target.</p>		<p>Ann Blackie</p>

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Year	Q4 Value														
2014/15	185														
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% of children looked after as a % of 0-17 year old population (with national comparators)	<p>CP03-P84P % of children looked after as a % of 0-17 year old population (with national comparators)</p> <table border="1"> <caption>CP03-P84P % of children looked after as a % of 0-17 year old population (with national comparators)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Q4 Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2012/13</td> <td>0.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013/14</td> <td>0.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014/15</td> <td>0.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015/16</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Q4 Value	2012/13	0.8%	2013/14	0.8%	2014/15	0.9%	2015/16	1%	1%	<p>Observations: While there is a slight increase in the %, our Looked After Children rate continues to be significantly less than the National % and the “Family Group” average (other local authorities similar to us)</p>		Ann Blackie
Year	Q4 Value														
2012/13	0.8%														
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Number of Inter-agency Referral Discussions (IRDs) held about a child	<p>CP03-P85P Number of Inter-agency Discussions (IRDs) held</p> <table border="1"> <caption>CP03-P85P Number of Inter-agency Discussions (IRDs) held</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Q4 Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2014/15</td> <td>90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015/16</td> <td>85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016/17</td> <td>165</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016/17 (Q4)</td> <td>161</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Q4 Value	2014/15	90	2015/16	85	2016/17	165	2016/17 (Q4)	161	161	<p>Observations: The number of Interagency Referral Discussions (IRD) continues to fluctuate over the quarters. Q4 2016/17 (161) is less than the previous years Q4 2015/16 (180). As IRDs are established they continue to be ratified as being appropriate via the scrutiny of Child Protection Reviewing Officers (CPROs) as well as being audited at the IRD review group.</p>		Ann Blackie
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Welfare Benefit - Monetary Gain	<p>CP03-P36 Welfare Benefit - Monetary Gain</p> <table border="1"> <caption>CP03-P36 Welfare Benefit - Monetary Gain</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Q4 Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2014/15</td> <td>~£900,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015/16</td> <td>~£2,100,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016/17</td> <td>£1,851,144.86</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Q4 Value	2014/15	~£900,000	2015/16	~£2,100,000	2016/17	£1,851,144.86	£1,851,144.86	<p>Our trained advisors will continue to help people through the complex system.</p> <p>Even the more able customers are often uncertain as how to resolve situations. Jobcentre Plus no longer offer benefits advice to customers (now focused on job coaching). Work is ongoing to train a range of SBC and NHS staff.</p> <p>In addition to our own Welfare Benefits service, our contract with CAB sees them dealing with between 250 and 300 live benefit cases each quarter. Q4 saw just over £439k in monetary benefit gains for customers (up from £371k in Q3). And 2016/17 saw just over £1.5m in benefit gains for clients working with the CAB.</p>		Cathie Fancy
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