

# SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE Q3 2017/18 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 Q3 2017/18, 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

21,855

phone interactions were

(down from 21.657 in Q3 16/17)

logged by our **Contact** 

**Centres** in Q3 2017/18

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.



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**.

green - improved performance amber - a minor change in performance red - area for improvement

# **OUR CORPORATE PRIORITIES**



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# **PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY SUPPORT, CARE AND PROTECTION** TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, ADULTS, FAMILIES, AND OLDER PEOPLE **HOW ARF WF DOING?**

# October 2017 – December 2017:

of adults (aged 65vrs+) received

care at home compared to a care

home /residential setting

(above our target of 70%)

of **new service users** received

assessment (at end December 2017)

a service within 6 weeks of

(at end December 2017)

**NEW SERVICE USERS** 

97%

looked after and

accommodated

children (at end

December 2017)

84%

(down from 235 at end of Sept 2017)

of looked after children (across

placement (at end December 2017)

all ages) were living within

a community family based

### don't buy it, don't supply it underage drinking campaign

inter-agency discussions (Initial

the safety of a child held

(down from 165 in Q3 16/17)

children on the Child

**Protection Register** 

at end December 2017

32

Referrals Discussions) concerning



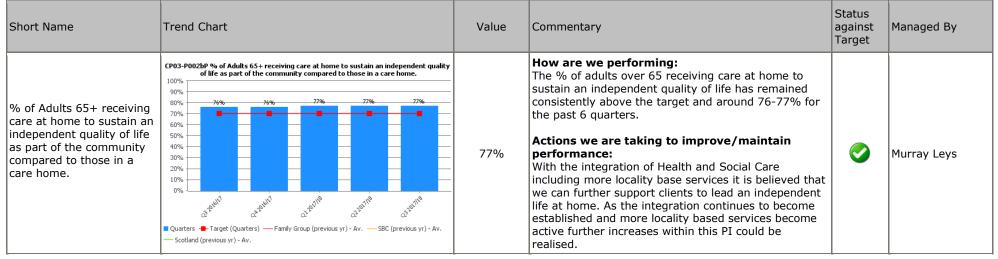
(down from 98% in Sept 2017) (down from 85% in Sept 2017) (down from 25 in Q3 16/17) (down from 35 at end of Sept 2017) For more on performance visit www.scotborders.gov.uk/performance or email performance@scotborders.gov.uk Correct at time of publication: 13 February 2018. \*Performance indicators with a guarter lag in data. # Cumulative Figure in year.

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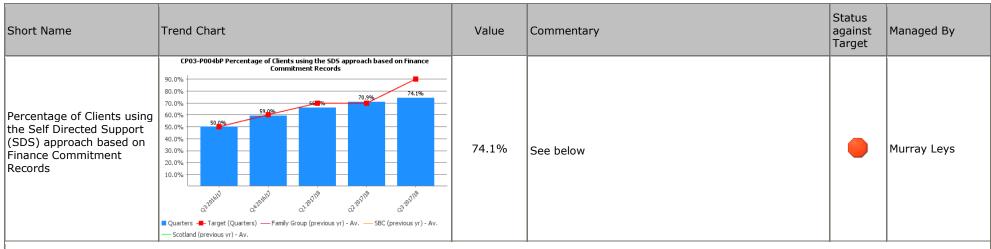
concerns were raised

(up from 52 in Q3 16/17)

investigations were carried out



### Priority 3: Care, Support and protection – Executive Quarterly PIs



#### How are we performing:

The % of adults who are now directing their own care and support has increased in Q3. We continue to strive to meet our ambitious targets and meet the goal of all clients using the SDS approach by the end of 2018 (internal target increased to 90% this quarter and will increase further to 100% in Q4 17/18 as per Government Directive).

#### Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance:

All new clients are assessed using the Self Directed Support (SDS) and SBC is continuing the progression of existing clients, during reassessment, onto the Self Directed Support (SDS) approach. Bi monthly performance clinics are held and this measure is monitored and discussed to ensure continued progression towards target.

Recent publication by the Scottish Government show the Variation in SDS implementation rates by local authority, 2015-16. The current Scottish Average is 26% however Scottish Border Council is listed as 16%. This measurement takes into account all clients receiving any service and may count them multiple time. It then compares this to the number receiving a care package (which will include multiple services within one unit). This information is taken from our annual data return and is not truly representative of the implementation within the Scottish Borders.

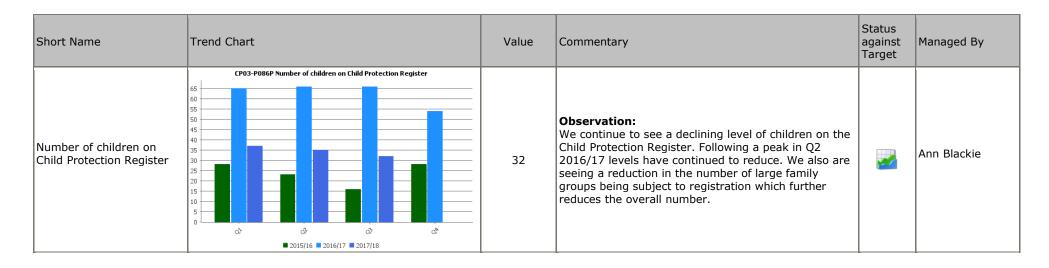
This measurement compares the number of clients who receive a financial commitment which would be considered a package of care with those who are assessed using the SDS approach. This is a more representative measure of the SDS implementation within the Scottish Borders.

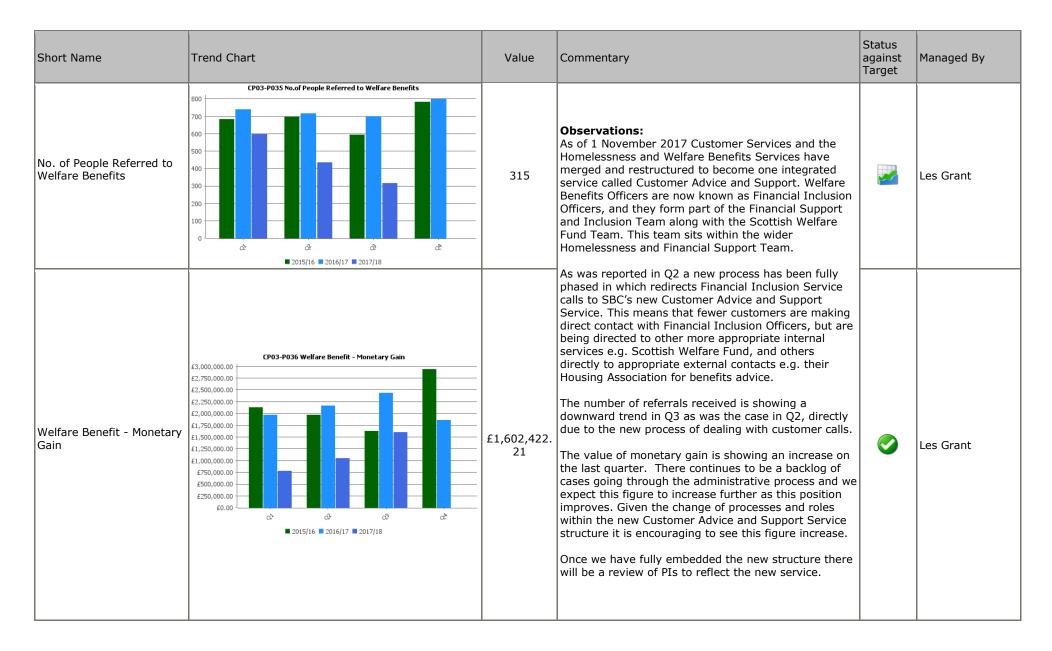
Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Adults with self-directed care arrangements per 1,000 population	CP03-P004P How many adults have self-directed care (5D5) arrangements? (rate per 1,000 people)           25.00         22.50           20.00         17.78           18.39         18.59           15.00         17.78           15.00         17.78           15.00         15.58           10.00         14.29           15.58         16.59           10.00         18.59           2.50         2.50           0.00         2.50	18.59	<b>Observations:</b> By the end of 2018 there is an expectation that all clients will be assessed using the SDS approach. At present all new clients are using the SDS approach and we continue to review and reassess existing clients using the SDS approach. The expectation is therefore that the rate of individuals using SDS arrangements per 1,000 population will increase. At present this measurement is no longer nationally published. As the SDS implementation continues the main measurement used by the Scottish Government to compare Local Authorities is the SDS implementations from the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) show that Scottish Borders has one of the highest rates of take up in Scotland.		Murray Leys
Proportion of new service users who receive a service within 6 weeks of assessment (year to date)	CP03-P028P What % of people contacting Social Work receive a service within 6 weeks of their assessment?	97%	<ul> <li>How are we performing: The % of new service users receiving a service within 6 weeks of assessment continues to meet and exceed target. The majority of clients exceeding the 6 week delivery time are clients with complex needs. This increased delivery time is due to the need for multiple levels of service support.</li> <li>Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: With new process embedded and methods of recording assessments understood this indicator has shown a steady recovery and is now maintained above the target of 95%.</li> </ul>	<b>©</b>	Murray Leys

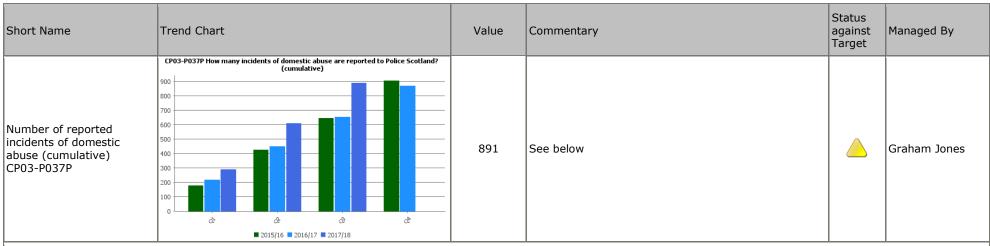
Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Adult protection - Number of Concerns	CP03-P149 Adult protection - Number of Concerns	79	<b>Observations:</b> We continued to see an increasing trend in the number of concerns raised. Q3 has seen the highest number of concerns raised within any quarter and 2017/18 appears to have some of the highest level experienced.		Murray Leys
Adult protection - Number of Investigations	CP03-P150 Adult protection - Number of Investigations	40	<b>Observations:</b> We continue to see a rise in the number of investigations undertaken for Adults at Risk. Traditionally Q2 shows a peak in the number of investigation however this year the number of investigation continue to rise and Q3 is currently shows the highest number of investigations.	2	Murray Leys

Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Status against Target	Managed By
Looked After Children (aged 12+) in family-based placements compared to those in residential placements	CP03-P006P What % of children (aged 12+) are accommodated with family rather than residential placements?	72%	<ul> <li>How are we performing: Although the overall % trend has been declining over the past 3 quarters (which is also true of the overall number of children being looked after) we have seen a small increase during the last month of Q3. The placement of children above the age of 12 in a family setting remains challenging and is consistently lower than our overall ability to place all ages in a family setting.</li> <li>Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: 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. We continue to focus on the promotion of foster care and kinship care specifically for the teenage age group.</li> </ul>		Ann Blackie
Looked After Children (All ages) in family-based placements compared to those in residential placements	CP03-P006bP Looked After Children in family-based placements compared to those in residential placements 100% 95% 90% 86% 87% 85% 86% 85% 85% 86% 85% 85% 85% 86% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85% 85	84%	How are we performing: We continue to meet and exceed this indicator and ensure the majority of looked after children are placed within a family setting. Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: We have seen a continued increase in the number of foster carers within the Scottish Borders. We continue to focus on improving the number of family settings available and specifically those who are able to accept children over the age of 12 years.	<b>©</b>	Ann Blackie









#### Where we are currently

- An increase of 162 reported incidents of domestic abuse to the end of the third quarter of 2017/18 when compared to the same time period in 2016/17, which equates to a 22.2% increase.

#### **Our Successes/Our Issues**

- Since starting on 30th October the Court Advocacy Service has received 85 referrals, including re-referrals for breaches of bail. This has significantly exceeded the expectations in the first quarter of reporting. The Court Advocate has worked extremely hard to develop effective partnerships with COPFS (Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service), VIA (Victim Information and Advice) and Victim Support and the anecdotal feedback is that the court system is finding the new service extremely valuable. Sheriffs are now beginning to see the benefit of additional information relating to domestic abuse risk.

- The CEDAR (Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery) Participation worker has been in post for 3 months and is working with CEDAR Graduates to find a way to raise awareness of CEDAR within schools.

- The CEDAR Borders Conference was a great success with delegates from all sectors attending and guest speakers providing valuable contributions. The VOMO (Voice of My Own) /CEDAR production was premiered at the conference and will be further developed as a training and awareness raising tool.

- The Safe Housing Options service continues to deliver an effective partnership approach to enable victims of domestic abuse to remain safely in their own homes. Exit Interviews have shown that the vast majority of clients felt safer, more supported and had increased confidence as a result of support from the service. The Domestic Abuse Advocacy Outreach service suffered from significant staffing issues in 2016/17 but recruitment to the service is now underway, funders have been very supportive during this challenging time.

- The DAAS (Domestic Abuse Advocacy and Support Service) has taken the decision to offer a Modern Apprenticeship position to resource the administrator role, this offers an exciting opportunity for a young person to gain the skills and experience in a specialist service, undertaking an SVQ Level 3 in Health and Social Care.

#### What we are doing

- The Pathway Project and its partner agencies are now able to offer a range of courses to frontline practitioners on domestic abuse, MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), Risk Assessment, Responding to Trauma and FGM (Female Genital Mutilation). Evidence from evaluations is showing that there is a significant need for basic domestic abuse awareness courses, which has been built into an annual training framework, utilising e-learning where possible.

- The DAAS service was specifically mentioned in First Ministers Questions in December in response to the increase in domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police. The CEDAR project also had a visit from Paul Wheelhouse, Minister, in light of the Big Lottery Award.

#### Service Update

- Referrals to DAAS are significantly higher than last year for the same time period.

- MARAC continues to discuss high risk victims every four weeks. As at 12 January 2018 the number of cases discussed at MARAC is at 108 – the highest number since the process was introduced to the Borders in April 2013. By year end this number will have increased further. The MARAC Annual Report has now been published.

