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Vulnerable Children & Families Programme Highlight Report



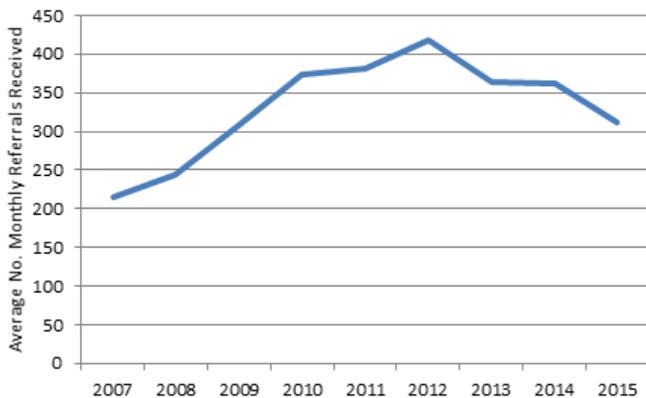
Programme Details:				Programme Status Dashboard		
Programme Name:	Vulnerable Children & Families	Programme ID:	VCF	Previous <input type="checkbox"/> Red	CURRENT <input type="checkbox"/> Red	Future <input type="checkbox"/> Red
Senior Responsible Officer: Tony Young Director Children's Services, City of Cardiff Council				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red/Amber	<input type="checkbox"/> Red/Amber	<input type="checkbox"/> Red/Amber
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This reporting period: Oct-Dec 2015		Next Period: Jan-Mar 2016				

Overview of Workstreams:			
ID	Workstreams within this Programme:	Lead Officer	Current RAG status
VCF.EYI	Early Childhood	Nick Batchelar, Director Education and Lifelong Learning	
VCF.VF	Vulnerable Families	Tony Young, Director Children's Services	

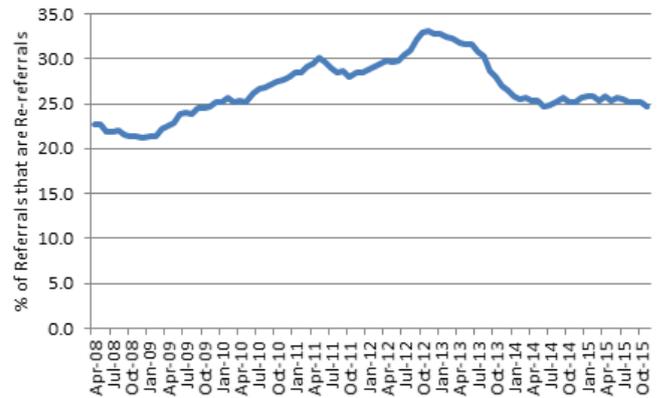
Programme and Key Workstream Indicators:
 Work stream SRO to agree with the leads of each work stream activity which issues need to be escalated to the attention of the programme lead. This will be done where negative trends are evidenced or a number of red/red amber RAG status are being identified throughout the work stream activities.

Workstream activity: Early intervention and prevention, troubled families

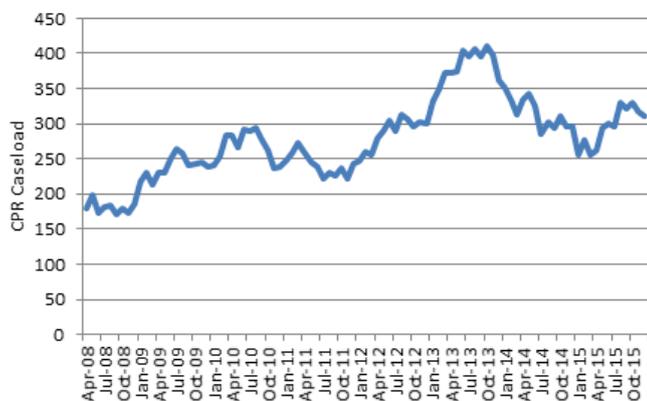
1 Average Number of Monthly Referrals to Children's Services, 2007 to 2015



2 Percentage of Referrals that are Re-referrals within 12 months, April 2008 to November 2015



3 CPR Caseload (not including temporary registrations), April 2008 to December 2015



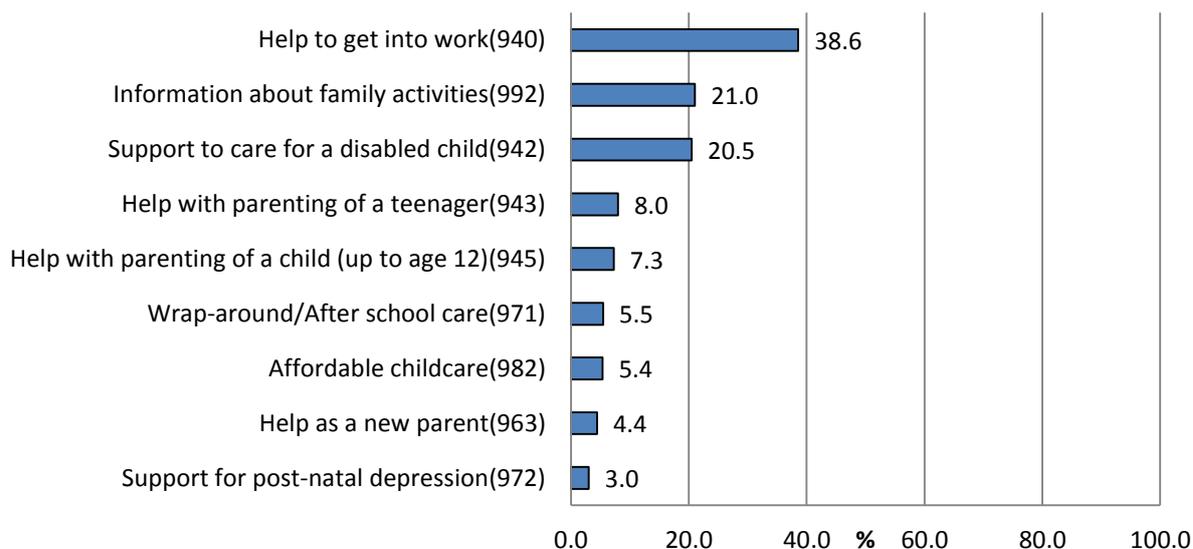
Story and context for current trend

1. In 2015 there was an average of 312 referrals per month; a decrease of 25.5% on 2014 and the lowest figure since 2009. The average number of monthly referrals to Cardiff Council's Children's Service followed an upward trend between 2007 and 2012. However, since this time it has declined.
2. In November 2015 the percentage of referrals to Children's Services that are re-referrals within 12 months stood at 24.7%; down from 25.1% in November 2014. Between April 2008 (22.7%) and November 2012 (33.1%) the percentage however followed an upward trend. The rate subsequently declined and since January 2014 has remained relatively stable at around 25%.
3. In December 2015 the CPR caseload stood at 311, this represented a drop of 24.1% on October 2013, but was up 4.7% from December 2014. Between April 2008 and October 2013, there had generally been an upward trend in the number of children on the Child Protection Register (not including temporary registrations), despite a decline in the caseload during 2011, with growth of 129.1% over this time. However, numbers fell back between October 2013, when it was at a peak of 410, and did not start to rise again until 2015.

Source: City of Cardiff Council Children's Services Performance Indicators

Ask Cardiff Survey

If you have parental responsibility for a child/children under 18, have you needed any of the following in the last 12 months?



This question was aimed at respondents with parental responsibilities and was completed by 1,060 respondents (23.9% of the total respondents).

38.6% have sought 'Help with getting into work', ahead of 21% who needed 'Information about local family activities' and 20.5% needing 'Support to care for a disabled child or young person'. Residents in South West Cardiff had the greatest need for support, significantly above the level for all respondents. The area polled highest for the top three priorities; Information about family activities (49.7%), Wrap-around/After school care (29.8%) and Affordable childcare (27.8%).

Milestones Achieved

ID	Milestones Achieved in this reporting period
VCF.CPB	What Matters Refresh conducted by Cardiff Partnership Secretariat during Q2 & Q3. Consultation undertaken with partners and final draft of strategy, needs assessment and related documents completed by end of December for pre-decision Scrutiny on 12 th January.
VCF.EYI.1	Full delivery and financial information for the Communities for Work program submitted to Welsh Government and signed off on 21 st December. Milestones for delivery and implementation have been established.
VCF.VF.1	Families First funding received notification by WG of a 15% reduction of funding in 2016/17 – lead providers are working through revised budget proposals for submission to WG at end of January 2016.
VCF.VF.1	Young Inspectors are working with Families First Healthy Lifestyles & Disability Focus packages, inspections completed as of Q3.
VCF.VF.1	Official launch of the Early Help Strategy to take place in October, pilot group has been established for implementation of Joint Assessment Family Framework (JAFF) including schools and other service providers.
VCF.VF.1	Cardiff South West Neighbourhood Partnership Supporting Families sub-group delivered a White Ribbon fundraising campaign and event on 23 rd November, the successful format of this trial will be used to template further activity in the South-West.
VCF.VF.2	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) project manager and board confirmed venue as Cardiff Bay Police Station with assistance from Police & Crime Commissioner's office, who are working on a victim process to feed into MASH referrals.
VCF.VF.3	Adolescent Respite Centre (ARC) project board have begun to draw up Job Descriptions and Person Specifications for the roles required within the centre and have begun discussions with Barnardo's regarding delivery of therapeutic elements.
VCF.VF.3	Discussions between the (ARC) project board and City of Cardiff Council Commissioning & Procurement have resulted in a decision moving forward to conduct a market sounding exercise with potential providers involved in the project. This consultation will include a question regarding the model and proposed delivery methods.

VCF.VF.3	Job descriptions and person specifications for the design of a front-line Primary Mental Health Service incorporating Part 1 of the mental Health measure have been drawn up during Q3, with a Service model to be finalised in Q4.
VCF.VF.4	Stakeholder group established in relation to Reshaping Services for Disabled Children Cardiff during Q3, this group will serve as a way of sharing progress to the wider networks working with disabled children.
VCF.VF.4	A new Reshaping Services for Disabled Children Cardiff project board was convened during Q3 with a managing officer appointed in October 2015.
VCF.VF.4	Following establishment of Reshaping Services for Disabled Children & Young Adults management and project board, a brief has been drawn up during Q3 and a number of priority outcomes have been established, aligned to two themes. Work towards two of these priority outcomes is underway as of the end of Q3.

Milestones Not Achieved		
ID	Milestones Not achieved (including those with Red or Red Amber Status)	Status <small>Delete as appropriate</small>
VCF.VF.1	Work has been delayed in phase 1 of the Vulnerable Families Project to establish an Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) amongst partner organisations due to the need to clarify the legal position. Legal advice has been sought and is due to report back on 13 th January.	

Next Reporting Period:			
ID	Key milestones for Next Reporting Period:	Baseline delivery date	Status <small>Delete as appropriate</small>
VCF.CPB	What Matters Refresh to be sent to City of Cardiff Council scrutiny during January. The Strategy will be finalised for partners' decision making processes in March 2016 and a launch event is then to be scheduled in Q1. Work will also be undertaken on development of an Action Plan by April 2016.	31/01/16	
VCF.VF.1	If legal position is determined and the Vulnerable Families project proceeds, analysis of data will be undertaken by March 2016	31/03/16	
VCF.VF.1	First meeting of JAFF pilot group has been established for Q4 in order to agree methodology and training model for the pilot.	31/03/16	
VCF.VF.1	Young Inspectors' evaluation report from Families First due by end of Q4.	31/03/16	
VCF.VF.1	Cardiff is set to submit report to the Welsh Government regarding its 'early adopter' status for the Combined Outcome Framework for Communities First, Families First and Flying Start by January 11 th . The Welsh Government set to provide feedback on these findings by the end of February.	28/02/16	
VCF.VF.1	Communities for Work implementation and delivery will be conducted through the Communities First clusters, commencing during Q4 and scheduled for full operational delivery by Q1.	31/03/16	
VCF.VF.1	ARC project board have been conducting site visits during Q3, a frontrunner has been decided upon and final location for the centre will be announced in Q4.	31/01/16	
VCF.VF.2	MASH project board working on a timeline to tackle logistical issues associated with the project, at the moment timeline extends to February 2016, completion date and launch to be announced.	28/02/16	
VCF.VF.3	A service specification for a front-line 'Emotional and Mental Health & Well-being' service has been completed and is out for tender to be awarded in Q4.	31/03/16	
VCF.VF.4	Job descriptions and person specifications for positions contained within the Integrated Team aspect of the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service Neuro-Developmental integrated team project are due to be drawn up by end of Q4, with a view to progressing to advert during Q1 16/17.	31/03/16	
VCF.VF.4	As a priority of the Reshaping Services for Disabled Children project, the establishment of a Disability Index for Cardiff is due to be progressed during Q3, this model will be based on the Vale model with a view to having it in place to commence delivery during Q4.	31/03/16	
VCF.VF.4	Reshaping Services for Disabled Children Project Brief is due to be presented for sign-off by the Cardiff & Vale Joint Local Safeguarding Children Board Executive and later full board in February.	28/02/16	
VCF.VF.4	Reshaping Services for Disabled Children project board is due to come together in February in order to establish governance arrangements and bring multiple funding streams together in relation to established priority outcomes.	28/02/16	
VCF.VF.4	Job descriptions and person specifications for positions contained within the Integrated Team aspect of the Reshaping Services for Disabled Children project are due to be drawn up by end of Q4, with a view to progressing to advert during Q1 16/17.	31/03/16	

Significant Current Workstream Risks:					
ID	Date Raised	Description (clearly highlight impact)	Owner Initials	Countermeasure(s)/Contingency	Status <small>Delete as appropriate</small>
VCF.VF.1	14/01/16	Delay in determining legal position means that analysis may not be undertaken by March 2016 and grant funding to support capacity will be unable to be utilised.	RJ	Legal advice sought – reporting back 13/01/16	

Decisions Required from the Cardiff Partnership Board:	
1	Issue around delay in Vulnerable Families project highlighted and commitment re-confirmed that this is supported strategically within partner organisations

Author Sign-Off and Assurance:			
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