

**Children's Social Care  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Agenda  
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**January 2021**

**9.**

**Children's Data – an interactive session**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Cllr T Wilson – Children's Services

**Executive Summary:**

This is a covering report for a presentation which outlines key indicators in children's social care, reporting on the 2019-20 out-turns as reported to the Department for Education (DfE) in the Children in Need (CiN) Census which reports key data about children in need and child protection activity and outcomes and the Children Looked After (CLA903) Return which reports key data about children in care and care leavers.

In addition to Walsall outcomes and changes in performance when compared to previous years, benchmarking data is also included which compared Walsall's performance to that of overall national performance, regional West Midlands performance and performance against our statistical neighbours.

**Reason for scrutiny:**

The report is intended to provide the scrutiny committee with an overview of the 2019-20 performance outcomes within children's social care.

**Recommendations:**

That the committee notes the 2019-20 out-turn performance of Walsall's Children's Services against performance in previous years and benchmarking against national regional and statistical neighbour comparators.

**Background papers:**

There are no background papers related to this report.

**Resource and legal considerations:**

There are no resource and legal considerations relating to this report.

### **Council Corporate Plan Priorities:**

This report links to the following Corporate Plan Priorities:

**Children have the best possible start and are safe from harm, happy, healthy and learning well.**

Right children looked after, for the right length of time in the right placement

### **Citizen impact:**

This report has no direct impact on the citizens of Walsall, however, it does highlight performance and indicators which outline demand for services, how well those services were provide and outcomes for children.

### **Environmental impact:**

There is no environmental impact to this scrutiny exercise.

### **Performance management:**

This report and presentation is a key report for the council how children's social care is performing by providing an overview of the 2019-20 children in need, child protection and children in care performance, benchmarked against Walsall's comparators.

### **Reducing inequalities:**

This report does not have any direct impact on reducing inequalities.


No Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out.

### **Consultation:**

There has been no previous consultation in relation to this report.

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