

## Appendix Three: Children and Young People's Plan 2008/2009

### Performance Management Commentary Report Quarter Two (1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 and 30<sup>th</sup>

September 2008)

This report shows provides information on the current status and performance commentary on the indicators considered to be key in improving services for Children's and Young People in Staffordshire.

The key indicators considered important to assessing improvements in services for Children's and Young People are focussed around the five outcomes of *Every Child Matters*, to ensure that Staffordshire's children and young people can: Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy & Achieve, Make a Positive Contribution and Achieve Economic Wellbeing.

#### Be Healthy

Staffordshire Childrens Trust has identified that a key priority for Children and Young Peoples Services in Staffordshire is that all children and young people get the best start in life and are physically healthy, have emotional and mental well-being and stability. The key priorities for Being Healthy are as follows

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.1.1 – LAA Indicator NI 112 (CTP1)</b>
	<b>Under 18 conception rate</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Lesley Gerhardt / Sue Mulroy
<b>Current Target</b>	30.9
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	41.5
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Red
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that this rating has been given because, as at the end of June 2007, provisional data showed performance of against this indicator to be 42.0 per 1000 per 17 years olds, this performance is travelling in the wrong direction to achieving the target of 30.9 per 1000, and has increased against the baseline of 38.0 per 1000, it is projected that there will be some improvement against the target: projected outturn 2008/09 of 41.5 per 1000.</p> <p>Sexual Relationship Education in schools is still an important development area, however, some schools do not deliver Sexual Relationship Education to a significant standard and do not allow preventative services into the schools, to support its improvement.</p> <p>Other areas highlighted as concerns in support of this rag rating, are: Poor uptake of Sexual Relationship Education delivery in High schools; A lack of alignment of accessible contraceptive services in hot spot wards and schools through out Staffordshire. A lack of uptake by the childrens workforce in accessing relevant training to ensure that young people get appropriate Information Advice and Guidance around Sexual Health. There is an under resourcing in some areas of the school nurse service impacting on delivery of Clinic in a Box and Information Advice and Guidance, and in relation to operational staff to deliver sexual health information in flexible and young person centred methods.</p> <p>It is important to note that the increase in rates cannot be taken in isolation, or blamed on any one part, as the duty for corrective action is the responsibility of all key stakeholders and strategic partners.</p>	
<b>Actions taken</b>	

There are areas of strength that will drive the delivery against this indicator forward, moving it in the right direction, these are: Sexual Relationship Education forum, this will enable a coordinated approach to Sexual Relationship Education in school and other settings. Care matters strategic group, this group will address the needs of children in care in relation to this indicator. The integration of the South Staffordshire Youth Forum into the Integrated Youth Support Services. The coordination of data locally to maximise knowledge of localities which will be more up to date than information currently sourced from the Office for National Statistics data. The Strengthening of the prevention agenda with both Primary Care Trusts, School Improvement Division and Schools. The West Midlands Government Office and National Support Team came in to review Teenage Pregnancy Service on the 16 September, feedback from this review is expected in and around the 21 November. As a result of this review an action plan will be drawn up to improve the delivery of services relating to Sexual Health and Teenage Pregnancy, the meeting date for this has already been set.

**Actions proposed**

The following actions are planned to be delivered during quarter three: Locality plans are to be drawn up and in place to ensure responsibility in addressing issues that impact on the reduction of Teenage Pregnancy's in Staffordshire. The Sexual Relationship Education Forum led by the School Improvement Division, will be working with High Schools to ensure that they provide quality assured Sexual Relationship Education. School nurses are being employed in the areas that currently have none in place or a reduced service to support young people in the school setting. The Teenage Pregnancy service will be working with the Vulnerable Childrens Division to development a Sexual Relationship Education policy and guidance document for children in care. Work will also be undertaken to develop a risk assessment tool kit to identify young people at risk of becoming teenage parents. As part of the review undertaken by the Government Office of the West Midlands it is likely that stretch floor targets will be set for the service.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Delay in SRE delivery in schools	5	5	Locality TP groups
Enhanced school nurse drop ins	5	5	Lack of FP trained school nurses and SRE policies in High schools
Resources to use risk assessment tool kit in school settings	5	5	Risk assessment tool not taken up and training to use it delayed.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.2.1 – LAA Indicator NI 56 (CCT2)</b> <b>Obesity in primary school age children in Year 6 DCSF DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Judith Bell
<b>Current Target</b>	Obese: 17.66% [Measured: 87.0%]
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	17.66%
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as actions to support the delivery of this indicator are in line with the activities included within the LAA Delivery Plan which has been agreed by the multiagency group.

This indicator continues to be taken forward in conjunction with NI 55 (Obesity in primary school age children in Reception). Staffordshire Childrens Healthy Weight Group, which is the multiagency group established in the last quarter continue to have regular meetings. The group is now taking forward the actions outlined in the signed off the delivery plan from quarter one addressing coverage and uptake of the National Child Measurement Programme with key partners.

A task and finish sub group has been formed from the Childrens Healthy Weight Group to develop a strategic framework for commissioners and providers of services. This will be used to address the local gaps in provision and achieve the indicator target. This framework covers key messages, standards, interventions and example programs across all four tiers of the obesity pathway encompassing both diet, physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Once signed off in December a detailed action plan will be agreed. Staffordshire Childrens Healthy

Weight Group is also working closely with the voluntary sector in this developmental stage to review how they can contribute to the target through assisting in planning a future Local Area Agreement third sector event in November.			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Please see above commentary for actions in quarter two.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key actions to be delivered during quarter three: Sign off Strategic Framework for Commissioners and Providers and draft briefing sheet to accompany framework. Continue to implement action plan to improve coverage. Agree detailed action plan based on strategic framework as above, immediate actions for Staffordshire's Children's Healthy Weight Group, work with stakeholders to agree these. Work up details for an event to launch the Strategic Framework within the sub region to get full wider partner and stakeholder buy in. Attend Local Area Agreement third sector event as stated above.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Obesity levels do not fall	3	5	The action plan will promote the most effective interventions as stated in the Strategic Framework for Commissioners and Providers. Ensure full partner buy in through Key stakeholder and partner event to launch the strategic framework.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.2.2 - NI 55 (CCT1)</b> <b>Obesity in primary school age children in Reception</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Judith Bell & Cheryl Sherratt
<b>Current Target</b>	Obese: 12.4% [measured: 85.0%]
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	12.4%
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as actions to support the delivery of this indicator are in line with the activities included within the LAA Delivery Plan which has been agreed by the multiagency group.</p> <p>This indicator continues to be taken forward in conjunction with NI 56 (Obesity in primary school age children in year 6). Staffordshire Childrens Healthy Weight Group, which is the multiagency group established in the last quarter continue to have regular meetings. The group is now taking forward the actions outlined in the signed off the delivery plan from quarter one addressing coverage and uptake of the National Child Measurement Programme with key partners.</p> <p>A task and finish sub group has been formed from the Childrens Healthy Weight Group to develop a strategic framework for commissioners and providers of services. This will be used to address the local gaps in provision and achieve the indicator target. This framework covers key messages, standards, interventions and example programs across all four tiers of the obesity pathway encompassing both diet, physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Once signed off in December a detailed action plan will be agreed. Staffordshire Childrens Healthy Weight Group is also working closely with the voluntary sector in this developmental stage to review how they can contribute to the target through assisting in planning a future Local Area Agreement third sector event in November.</p>	
<b>Actions taken</b>	
Please see above commentary for actions in quarter two.	
<b>Actions proposed</b>	
Key actions to be delivered during quarter three: Sign off Strategic Framework for Commissioners and Providers and draft briefing sheet to accompany framework. Continue to implement action plan to improve coverage. Agree detailed action plan based on strategic framework as above, immediate actions for	

Staffordshire's Children's Healthy Weight Group, work with stakeholders to agree these. Work up details for an event to launch the Strategic Framework within the sub region to get full wider partner and stakeholder buy in. Attend Local Area Agreement third sector event as stated above.			
Risks identified to achieving indicator			
Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Obesity levels do not fall	3	5	The action plan will promote the most effective interventions as stated in the Strategic Framework for Commissioners and Providers. Ensure full partner buy in through Key stakeholder and partner event to launch the strategic framework.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.3.1 - NI 115 (CCT3)</b>
	<b>Substance misuse by young people PSA 14 - Young Peoples perception of substance misuse through the Tell Us Survey</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Martyn Baggeley
<b>Current Target</b>	N/A – New National Indicator to be set in 2009
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	N/A
<b>Polarity</b>	To be confirmed in 2009
<b>RAG Rating</b>	N/A
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.3.2 (CCT9) (Local Indicator)</b>
	<b>Substance misuse by young people PSA 14 - accessing support</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Martyn Baggeley
<b>Current Target</b>	265
<b>Quarter Result</b>	170
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	265
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 1 Quarter

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given because, the services (Tier 3 treatment services, young people with complex drug and alcohol problems) being delivered in support of this indicator, are travelling in the correct direction to ensure that young peoples perception of substance misuse and their access to support is improved.

No targets have currently been set for indicator CYP 1.3.1 – NI 115 as we are awaiting the publication of the Tell Us 3 Survey data from which the baseline and targets for this indicator will be set, this information is expected to be received November 2008. These targets will then be measured from 2009/10, through the Children and Young Peoples Plan.

Proxy measure (CYP 1.3.2): substance misuse by young people: accessing support: target 2008/09: 265; quarter two performance against target is 170 young people access support year to date (this is a cumulative figure), from a baseline of 66.

The Drug and Alcohol Team has continued to make solid progress through the first two quarters of 2008/09 following an improvement of over 40% in the numbers of young people with complex drug and alcohol issues supported by the service in 2007/08 compared to any the five years previous.

The actions put in place to respond to the lower than projected young people accessing alcohol treatment numbers in previous years is now also showing considerable improvement.

The year to date figure of 53% of all Drug and Alcohol team presentations have been for alcohol (Tiers 2/3) so

this gives confidence that the actions put into place are ensuring these issues are now being much more effectively picked up and referred on appropriately by referral agencies, especially complex cases at Tier 3 where 56% of presentations are now for alcohol.

This work will also makes an important contribution to the Local Area Agreement priority indicator NI39 Alcohol related harm hospital admissions by ensuring complex cases for alcohol are quickly referred into effective treatment.

In addition to the data from the Tell Us survey suggested as the vehicle for monitoring progress against NI115 (over which we have real concerns relating to objectivity), we are also including figures on planned discharge (young people leaving the service in a supported way, ideally into EET options but in any case into a tracked & supported post care pathway). This is always challenging with the complex needs of our clients, so the target figure for 2008/-09 has been set at 60%. For Q2 the T3 service has achieved a planned discharge figure of 79% - well above target, and a 23% improvement over the last 12 months.

The process Staffordshire DAAT followed when commissioning this service has recently been added as a case study on the Every Child Matters website as an example of good practice. The improved results for the service since the new provider took over delivery 12 months ago have vindicated the process and time invested by the DAAT partnership fully.

#### **Actions taken**

The Drug and Alcohol Action Team, have recently undergone a full quarter one review against the treatment plan, service performance and quality assurance, this review was co-ordinated jointly by the National Treatment Agency and Department for Children Schools and Families, also present was the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Young Peoples Commissioner and Drug and Alcohol Action Team Young Peoples Commissioning Group Chair. The review was very favourable, and the service was complimented on the strength of its joined up working with partners, the level of co-operation across the partnership, and the sophisticated use of local (district) level treatment and other data to inform service provision. This data has been used to produce a measured reduction in the use of class A drugs amongst young people presenting to services this year compared to last (2007/08), the commissioning of specialist workforce development to address Solvent/Volatile Substance Abuse in specific locations amongst other issues. Further multi-agency awareness events have also been delivered across the county with through commissioned services to further clarify referral pathways and understanding of what services are able to offer

#### **Actions proposed**

Key actions to be delivered throughout quarter three include the following: Continuing work with service providers to develop much improved care pathways for transition from young peoples to adult services at 18/19, through the use of a time limited task and finish group. A further time limited task and finish group to complete protocols and policies for clinical management. Post care tracking arrangements to be reviewed with support of Connexions for those leaving specialist treatment, to further develop pathways into Education, Employment and Training outcomes. Development of improved arrangements for Hepatitis screening and vaccination in accordance with National Treatment Agency guidelines. Following the appointment of New education/prevention officers commissioned within Schools Improvement Divisions and ReSolv, these officer should commence in post. Develop multi agency response to spike in Stafford district figures apparent from both hospital admissions data for intoxicification and treatment numbers for Stafford district which have both risen sharply just in the last twelve months. Ongoing work on Drug and Alcohol Action Team Annual Needs Assessment which will in turn inform the Treatment plan for 2009/10. This will be completed by mid December. Continued focus on improving waiting times of young people accessing services, currently 96% of clients access the service within the 10 working day target, the aim for quarter three is to achieve 100%. Analysis of Tell-us survey data to provide baseline for targets set in the light of this when available. Final Double District awareness events to be held early October.

#### **Risks identified to achieving indicator**

<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
Lower referral numbers over August –if trend were to continue	1	4	Our collective feeling across both the Joint Commissioning Group and delivery partners is that the low August referrals were a temporary seasonal blip related to the fact that nearly 70% of our referrals come from schools and childrens services (most of the rest come from Youth Offending Teams / Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service), and that many of this workforce are required to take their holidays in August. We will closely monitor the October figures to confirm this.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.4.1 - LAA Indicator NI 51 (CLA14)</b> <b>Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Peter Gray
<b>Current Target</b>	13
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	13
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green be given because, early assessment of the effectiveness of Staffordshire's child and adolescent mental health services indicators that the service is on track to deliver against the target.</p> <p>The four (Public Service Agreement) targets which underpin this indicator form part of the newly refreshed Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Strategy. High level action plans have now been developed to improve services, and these are currently being consulted upon across the multi-agency partnership. Four of the key areas are:</p> <p>Developing accessible tier three and four services for children and young people with learning difficulties and / or disabilities and their families / carers.</p> <p>Improving access for 16 to 17 year olds to mental health services and developing better transitional arrangements with adult mental health services.</p> <p>Improving the access to 24 hour, seven days a week mental health services through improved pathways. Supporting the delivery of early intervention through delivery of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in schools and community settings, and developing the knowledge and confidence of frontline practitioners (Tier One) through training.</p> <p>Commissioners have identified further investment in 2008/2009 to support developments, particularly in response to the deficits/gaps in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services provision for children with learning difficulties and / or disabilities in South Staffordshire, Autism services, and Early Intervention services in North Staffordshire. Negotiations are current and service specifications are in development. Funding has been secured across multi-agency partners to ensure that all children in the looked after system (for four months or more) will receive a mental health screening assessment to ensure that they receive appropriate signposting and support.</p>	
<b>Actions taken</b>	
<p>Some of the key areas during quarter two (some carried over from quarter one) of progress in relation to these elements are (as detailed above):</p> <p>The 2007/2008 final evaluation of the Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services training programme Raising Awareness of mental health (delivered to over 500 frontline practitioners across Staffordshire by locality based trainers) demonstrated significant impact on increasing confidence and knowledge of participants. Funding to ensure sustainability of the programme has been secured through the Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services multi-agency partnership. A Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services training coordinator, funded through the multi-agency partnership, has been recruited to take forward this agenda.</p> <p>An internal review of Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services has been carried out in Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and this is expected to lead to improvements in services. A further report is expected to be provided to the Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Strategic Commissioning Group in September 2008</p> <p>South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust have begun a process to develop service specifications to underpin its commissioning (and consequently) the delivery of Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services across the area. Ways are being explored to make this a joint initiative (where appropriate) with the local authority.</p>	

Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Strategic structures have been reviewed and two partnership groups established to ensure robust monitoring of the strategic action plans and to enhance joint agency planning and commissioning of Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services provision.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: The Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in School Settings framework will be reviewed. Progress will be made toward developing new services in relation to Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services provision for children, Autism services recommendations from Service, and Early Intervention services in North Staffordshire. Staffordshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Strategic Action Plans will be signed-off by partner agencies and a monitoring framework agreed.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.5.1 - NI 198 (DRS 12)</b> <b>Children travelling to school – mode of transport usually used</b> (To have no increase in the percentage of journeys to school by single occupancy cars as a proportion of all modes.)
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Nick Lloyd
<b>Current Target</b>	32.10%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	32.10%
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
Continued to promote sustainable travel initiatives and resources to schools. 35 schools engaged in travel plan process. Monitoring of all schools with a travel plan is under way to ensure that schools are on target to implement initiatives and achieve their travel plan targets.	
Delivery of Bikeability cyclist training continued this quarter and we are on track to achieve our target of training 4000 children this year. This will encourage more children to cycle on their journey to school.	
Re-branding of old cycle courses complete, increasing the choice of cycle skills courses available to all schools (courses now cover Years 3 -7).	
Delivered train the trainer course to increase number of cycle instructors to meet demand for Bikeability Level 2 training (including street wardens and Police Community Support Officers).	
Cycle Fit launched at Rugeley and Cannock Fire Stations (partnership between Staffordshire County Council / Street wardens) providing free cycle maintenance drop in sessions for children and adults to encourage more cycling and safe cycling. Total of 60 children over three events.	
<b>Actions taken</b>	
Please see above commentary.	
<b>Actions proposed</b>	
Promotion of walk to school week month. Train 1500 to Bikeability Level 2 national standards training. Engage a further 15 schools in travel plan process. Organise and deliver two further train the trainer cycle instructor courses to train Police Community Support Officers up to national standards with a view to supporting delivery of Bikeability. Street wardens to start delivering Bikeability in Cannock quarter three.	
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>	

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.5.2 - NI 57 (CSI58)</b> <b>Children and young people's participation in high quality PE and sport DCSF DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Dewar
<b>Current Target</b>	90.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	86.25%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green be given because, although performance against target data for this indicator is not available until October 2009 (results of national assessment of service are published), milestone target information that has been provided based on delivery during the academic year 2007, indicates that we are well on track to deliver the 2009/10 (academic year 2008) target of 90.0%. Milestone data: 86.25% against a target of 85.0%, variance from 2009/10 target of 90.0% is 3.8%.

The national Physical Education, School Sport & Club Links (PESSCL) programme has been re badged to Physical Education, School Sport and Young People (PESSYP) and is now focussing on five hour provision to fit with the department for health message about an hour a day of physical activity for young people.

At present physical education / physical activity is not embedded into the school improvement discussion with schools through key partners such as School Improvement Partnerships, this will need to be addressed to ensure that the future targets are met.

#### Actions taken

Key actions delivered during quarter two: District based Partnership, Evaluation Development Plans are now written by Partnership Development Managers and are being embedded in work programmes. A pilot project is being undertaken at key stage one, the pilot will ensure that children receive 2 hours support which concentrates on their physical development.

There has been an appointment of a secondment Advanced Skills Teacher for next academic year to develop this work, with a focus on using parents to support work around physical development. Competition Managers are now in place, these are to support a national programme to identify the local and national competitions for young people.

Further Education Sports Coordinators development: There has been the appointment of a Further Education Sports Coordinator in a Further Education settings to promote activity and to provide links between young people and schools in order to support physical development work.

Leadership Academies: Within the school sports partnerships there is to be an increased focus on sports leadership, in order to support young people and develop a volunteering culture.

Headteacher briefings: The School Improvement Officer is in the middle of addressing Heads through the update forums around the importance of Physical Activity for children. Innovations Officer appointed to lead on selected projects such as boys in dance.

Subject Moderation Progress Check visits: There is in place a secondary school support system to help with self evaluation for schools including the review of Physical Education, School Sport & Club Links data.

#### Actions proposed

Key actions to be delivered during quarter three: Development of boys in dance project, to be supported by the innovations officer. Development of the competitions manager post. Continued support around the

delivery of the Partnership, Evaluation Development Plans through the Partnership Development Managers. Developing and maintaining robust links with the Local Area Agreement Priorities around Obesity. Continued work on establishing links within school improvement discussions, raising the profile of physical education / physical activity in these discussions.

Risks identified to achieving indicator			
Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.7.1 - NI 53 (CCT4)</b> <b>Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 – 8 weeks from birth PSA 12</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Cheryl Sherratt
<b>Current Target</b>	Prevalence 26.1%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (currently annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	20.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Red
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of red has been given for this indicator, as currently no robust data is available therefore it is not possible at this current time to be able to robustly demonstrate that we are delivering against this indicator and the proxy measure indicates that performance is well below the target. Variance against target is 23.4%. However proxy data does demonstrate an increase on the baseline of 0.7%, although there is some distance to travel to the target (6.1%).

Like most Primary Care Trusts, South Staffordshire and North Staffordshire Primary Care Trusts are continuing to develop systems for monitoring continuation of breastfeeding. As confirmed data is not available, this data should be published on a quarterly basis however the Department of Health has recognised that as there is no robust data available proxy data can be used.

**Actions taken**

Key activities delivered during quarter two:  
Breastfeeding strategy has been ratified in South Staffordshire. Both Primary Care Trusts are developing their plans to support the initiation of breastfeeding and for continuing support post birth, including peer support programmes, better liaison with midwifery and tightening commissioning arrangements with provider services.

**Actions proposed**

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:  
Continuation of the development of data collections systems to provide robust information to inform service delivery and improvement around breastfeeding.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 1.7.2 - NI 54 (CDO1)</b> <b>Services for disabled children PSA 12</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sally Rowe

<b>Current Target</b>	N/A – New National Indicator to be set in 2009 following Survey		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	N/A		
<b>Polarity</b>	To be confirmed in 2009		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, and that progress against project objectives is, as although it is not possible to set targets for this indicator at present (awaiting completion of annual survey, which will allow for baseline to be established and targets set (see below)) this rating has been given because, with the project manager now in place and the project board established to deliver against this indicator, assessors from Together for Disabled Children are happy with Staffordshire's performance at this stage.</p> <p>Methodology for the collection of data for this indicator has not been finalised and published by the Department Children Schools and Families. Draft recommendations are available and these are to be considered at the Aiming High Project board 17 October. The indicator is likely to measure the satisfaction of parents of disabled children with information, participation, transparency, feedback and assessment. All of these elements have been incorporated into the workstreams of the Aiming High project.</p> <p>The Aiming High Programme must fulfil readiness criteria in order to draw down funding for 2009-2010. Together for Disabled Children (TDC) are monitoring authorities readiness on behalf of the Department Children Schools and Families. Together for Disabled Children are currently happy with Staffordshire's progress against readiness criteria.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key activities delivered throughout quarter two: A Participation and Engagement Group has been established as part of the Staffordshire Aiming High Programme. An Assessment Group has been established as part of the Aiming High Programme. The Childrens Trust has been made aware of progress against Aiming High. Staffordshire County Councils website includes information on Aiming High. A draft Communications Plan has been developed. A consultation event with parents has taken place.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities delivered throughout quarter three: Engagement with parents to be developed through existing parent groups and /or parent events. Draft strategy for Aiming High to be developed. Recommendations for this indicator are to be considered at Aiming High Board.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

## Stay Safe

Staffordshire Childrens Trust has identified that a key priority for Children and Young Peoples Services in Staffordshire is that all children and young people stay safe and free from maltreatment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitation; protected from situations where they could receive accidental injuries; injuries that could cause death; are free bullying and discrimination; are not touched by crime or anti-social behaviour, whether as an offender or a victim; and have a secure and stable home. The key priorities for Staying Safe are as follows

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.1.1 –NI 48 (DRS 11)</b> Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents DfT DSO		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Nick Lloyd		
<b>Current Target</b>	No target has been set for this indicator by the indicator lead		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	Not possible to give as no target has been set		
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	N/A		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
No Targets have been set for this indicator Currently there is a proxy indicator being used to measure performance against NI48, this is as follows: DRS 2: Number of children (aged under 16 years) killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions. This is a local indicator which will be used to monitor performance as a proxy indicator as NI 48 is based upon a 3 year rolling average comparison.(This target is calculated over the calendar year). Proxy Indicator performance: quarter 2 performance which equated to April to May is 7.			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key quarter two activities: 1348 children in years one, two, three and four took part in roadside pedestrian training, giving a total of 7028 participating for the year so far. Six new Walking Buses were established, giving a total of 26 for the year so far. A new Walking Bus DVD has been distributed to all volunteer co-ordinators at schools across the county, along with a new volunteers information leaflet which has been developed. The roll out of Health Visitor road safety training has been agreed in principle by South Staffs Primary Care Trust, awaiting further information re dates to progress this further. As feedback received in the evaluation of road safety messages for school newsletters was very positive, the use road safety messages in school newsletters has been rolled out across all districts from September, with messages sent out on a monthly basis. 818 children have received lorry safety training. Resources have been distributed to schools to promote October's Walk to School month.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities for quarter three: Work planning for Child Safety Campaign in Spring 2009. Completion of leaflet for Headteachers interested in setting up a Walking Bus at their school.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.2.1 –NI 62 (CLA15)</b> <b>Stability of placements of looked after children: number of placements DCSF DSO</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Andrew Brunt		

<b>Current Target</b>	12.0%
<b>Quarter result</b>	11.7%
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	12.3%
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 2 Quarters

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as although there has been some concern over whether we would achieve the performance target by the end of the year, given the recent increase in our figures. However, performance during this current reporting period has improved and we are now on track to achieve our 2008/2009 target and still performing within national expectations of between 0 to 16%.

Overall performance represents an improvement since the 2007/2008 outturn with less children experiencing three or more placement moves and therefore more children in stable care. This reflects the services continuing good work to undertake effective assessments of children's needs and to match those needs to appropriate placements.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.2.1 –NI 63 (CLA16)</b> <b>Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement DCSF DSO</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Andrew Brunt		
<b>Current Target</b>	65.0%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	68.9%		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	68.9%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 2 Quarters		

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as the performance of this indicator is within national expectations and travelling in the correct direction to deliver the end of year (2008/2009) target (65%).

Performance of this indicator has improved during this quarter and is currently exceeding our 2008/2009 target. This reflects the services continuing good work to improve the stability of placements for Staffordshire's looked after children.

#### Actions taken

Key activities delivered during quarter two:

The Adoptions Services Manager has been appointed and is currently completing an internal audit of the service. The findings will be used to develop and improve the service; The Special Guardianship Support Policy has now been finalised and signed off; The Placement Strategy has been approved by Cabinet and the working groups are meeting to complete by April 2009; An external audit into short term admissions and discharges is taking place.

#### Actions proposed

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:

The Family & Friends (Kinship Care) Strategy is being developed and is due for completion in December 2008; The Placement Strategy Implementation Plan has also been developed for each of the Placement Strategy's three strands and will be live from 1st April 2009.

#### Risks identified to achieving indicator

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Increasing demand for child care placements	3	5	Weekly monitoring meetings to manage admissions, exit planning and placement finding activities

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.3.1 – NI 65 (CSS3)</b> <b>Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time DCSF DSO</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Deborah Ramsdale		
<b>Current Target</b>	11.0%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	15.0%		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	14.3%		
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Red		
<b>Trend</b>	↓ 2 Quarters		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of red has been give for this indicator, as current performance (15.0% against a target of 11.0%) and subsequent project outturn (14.3% against a target of 11.0%, variance against target is 30.0%) indicates that the target will not be achieved (lower outturn is positive).</p> <p>The average monthly performance of this indicator since April has been maintained at a level of 14.4% with the direction of travel moving in the opposite direction required to achieve the target, however there are plans in place to improve the performance of this indicator.</p> <p>To support the focus on raising awareness of children suffering from or at risk from suffering from neglect, a challenging target was set for 2008/09, following improvements in 2007/08, nationally the performance of this indicator sits with the expected level of between 10 – 15%.</p> <p>There has been an increase in the numbers associated with this indicator due to increased awareness of the impact of neglect and abuse, recognition amongst all professionals has increased. With increased focus and support going into families, conditions frequently improve to an acceptable level where a child protection plan is no longer required. However, when this focus is removed, some families inevitably transgress to previous care standards and re-registration occurs.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two:</p> <p>The number of children subject of a child protection plan has increased and there has been improved support and monitoring of packages whenever a child's name is removed from the Child Protection Register. Ongoing service plans, Team Around the Child meetings, the use of the Common Assessment Framework and continued support packages for the child by all agencies has resulted in fewer children reaching the threshold for repeated registration.</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:</p> <p>To ensure that the impact of long term neglect and emotional abuse in children continues to be recognised and to ensure that Team Around the Child meetings and Common Assessment Framework are used to help children and families who were formally subject of a child protection plan. We will also ensure that the performance of teams is systematically monitored and appropriate support is provided where necessary.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.3.3 – NI 64 (CSS5)</b> <b>Child Protection Plans lasting 2 years or more DCSF DSO</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Deborah Ramsdale		
<b>Current Target</b>	4.5%		

<b>Quarter Result</b>	5.0%		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	4.5%		
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	↘ 1 Quarter		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as performance against this indicator has improved since the 2007/2008 outturn (5.6%, lower outturn is positive) and despite a slight increase during September (5.0%) we are confident that we will achieve our 2008/2009 target.</p> <p>Practice recognises that children and young people should not require a child protection plan for more than two years as this would indicate a failure to positively address the abuse being experienced by children. Therefore, when these timescales are being approached these cases receive additional scrutiny from the case worker and their manager, with appropriate action being taken to progress their plan or to deregister them. The development of specialist safeguarding teams has continued to ensure that child protection plans are properly implemented and managed. Children who have a plan over 15 months are being reviewed by the Team Manager before the two year timescale is reached, to ensure there are proactive plans in place</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two: The development of specialist Safeguarding Teams has continued to ensure that child protection plans are properly implemented and managed.</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: We are currently looking at cases on an individual basis to see what can be done to improve performance. Active monitoring and management of cases where children are subject of a child protection plan will ensure the best outcomes for these children and young people are achieved.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.3.4 – NI 67 (CSS6)</b> <b>Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales DCSF DSO?</b> (The percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed regularly as a percentage of those cases that should have been reviewed during the year. PAF CF/C20)		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Deborah Ramsdale		
<b>Current Target</b>	100.0%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	100.0%		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	100.0%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	→ 2 Quarters		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, activity and delivery relating to this indicator is on track and confident that it will be so at the end of the year.</p> <p>Performance against this indicator is excellent with 100% of reviews taking place as required. This reflects the acceptance by all professionals and agencies involved of the importance of reviewing all child protection plans in timescale.</p>			

<b>Actions taken</b>			
Please see above commentary.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: To ensure that current excellent performance is maintained.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.4.1 (CSC1)</b> <b>Improved compliance to child protection standards by all Local Safeguarding Board Partners</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Vonni Gordon
<b>Current Target</b>	85.0% (Address gaps identified in compliance )
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	85.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as Staffordshire Safeguarding Childrens Board agencies/partners are currently completing the second Section 11 audit on compliance with child protection standards, a review of the early return rate indicates that the target will be achieved. The audit is not due to be completed until 31st October 2008, following which an analysis of the returns will be undertaken.			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key activities delivered during quarter two: 2008/2009 audit tool forwarded to Staffordshire Safeguarding Childrens Board agencies with a stipulated return date (end of October 2008)			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: Undertake analysis of Section 11 compliance with child protection standards audit returns.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.6.1 LAA Indicator – NI 68 (CSS4)</b> <b>Percentage of referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment DCSF DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Deborah Ramsdale
<b>Current Target</b>	79.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	81.6%
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	81.4%
<b>Polarity</b>	Higher outturn positive

<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 2 Quarters		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as although current performance against this indicator has fallen slightly since the 2007/2008 outturn (83.5%), we are still achieving beyond the 2008/2009 target and are confident that we have robust plans in place to maintain this performance by the end of the year.</p> <p>The majority of referrals received by Vulnerable Children Division (Social Care) result in an Initial Assessment and an evaluation of the child or young persons needs. Current performance is within nationally expected levels and this illustrates that referring agencies have an appropriate understanding of the multi-agency Children and Young Peoples Threshold Framework.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two: The roll out of the Common Assessment Framework and the Common Assessment Framework Training has resulted in a greater understanding of childrens needs. In addition, they have prompted earlier and more appropriate referrals to Vulnerable Children Division (Social Care).</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: To continue with the roll-out of the Common Assessment Framework and the Common Assessment Framework Training and provide early intervention and support to families, so preventing them reaching our thresholds and requiring Social Care involvement.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator .			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.6.2 – NI 59 (CSS7)</b> <b>Percentage of initial assessments for children’s social care carried out within 7 working days of referral DCSF DSO</b> (Initial assessments completed within seven working days of referral.)		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Deborah Ramsdale		
<b>Current Target</b>	85.0%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	82.2%		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	82.2%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 2 Quarters		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as performance of this indicators has continued to improve against the 2007/08 baseline of 75.3% with current performance at 82.2%. This demonstrates continuous improvement in the completion of assessments within timescales.</p> <p>There has been continued and sustained improvement in the completion of Initial Assessments in timescale and this is a reflection of the greater understanding and ownership of assessment timescales across the Area Based teams. Following the service restructure in 2007 teams have shown gradual improvement in their understanding of performance management as a whole and this is being embedded as a key responsibility for team managers and team co-ordinators. New structures have been developed and with the introduction of Pisces Project it is anticipated that further improvements will be made and in particular that targets for completing Initial Assessments in timescale will be maintained.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key activities delivered during quarter two:			

Team Managers have continued to embed a culture of performance in their teams and to monitor and manage assessments completed within timescale, both on a team and on an individual practitioner basis.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: To continue to monitor and manage the performance of initial assessments completed in timescale and to maintain our current good practice. Also to increase management and quality assurance capacity to bring about improvements in practice.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 2.6.3 – NI 60 (CSS8)</b> <b>Percentage of core assessments that were completed within 35 working days of their commencement (PAF CF/C64)</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Deborah Ramsdale
<b>Current Target</b>	75.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	75.3%
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	78.4%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	▲ 2 Quarters

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as although current projected outturn indicates that the target will not be achieved (projected outturn 78.4% against a target of 85.0%, variance of 7.8% from target) performance has been steadily increasing from the baseline of an average of 2.8% a quarter.

Performance is steadily improving in the completion of Core Assessments within timescale and reflective of a general improvement in the understanding and ownership of performance management within Area Based Teams. New structures have been developed and with the introduction of Pisces it is anticipated that further improvements will be made and in particular that our 2008/2009 target for completing Core Assessments in timescale will be met.

**Actions taken**

As with the completion of initial assessments within timescale, similarly with core assessments, team managers have continued to embed a culture of performance in their teams and have been more effectively monitoring and managing assessments completed within timescale, both on a team and on an individual practitioner basis. The requirements of the Public Law Outline is having an impact on the work of the Area Based Teams as it requires practitioners to prepare all evidence, including all assessments (including some specialist assessments), prior to care proceedings. A greater emphasis therefore, is being made on the completion of core assessments in timescale.

**Actions proposed**

To continue with the improvement in performance in the timeliness of Core Assessments and to continue focussing on the quality of Core Assessments for children and families.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

## Enjoy and Achieve

Staffordshire Childrens Trust has identified that a key priority for Children and Young Peoples Services in Staffordshire is that all children and young people are well prepared for school, achieve well at all stages of their education and thoroughly enjoy their childhood and youth. Our ambition is to continue improve the proportion of students who achieve at or above the expected levels at the end of each Key Stage. In particular, we must continue to improve performance at the end of Key Stage 4 and for vulnerable and disengaged young people.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.1.1 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 72 (CSI36)</b> <b>Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy PSA 10</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Indian		
<b>Current Target</b>	58.5%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	59.5%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as current unconfirmed data indicates that the target has been achieved. Performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 59.5% against target of 58.5% (Source Department of Children Schools and Families 2008), This is an increase by 2.2 percentage points and now places Staffordshire 14th out of 150 local Authorities against the baseline of 57.3%. 10% above the national average (49.0%)</p> <p>The Early Years and Foundation Stage Strategic plan is on track, supporting improvements in attainment, progress continues to be excellent, with services delivered in support of early years and foundation stage attainment closely aligned with the work of the early years and childcare unit this has added to the improved performance, with the Staffordshire's performance showing two years consistent improvement since 2006.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key actions delivered during quarter two, implementation of the early years operational plan to support childcare settings and schools in maintaining improvements.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key actions delivered during quarter three, continue to implement the early years operational plan; support the development of and engage in buddying project to build capacity in non maintained early years settings.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
Need to continue to secure resources from Service Level Agreement to maintain capacity to support maintained and non-maintained settings in context of roll out of Early Years Foundation Stage.	5	5	None provided
Need to secure appropriate resources from Early Years and Childcare Unit to deliver joint training plan and initiate and productively engage in 'Buddying' project.	5	5	None provided

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.1.2 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 92 (CSI45)</b> <b>Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.1.2)</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Indian
<b>Current Target</b>	29.6%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	30.1%
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as current unconfirmed data indicates that although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 30.1% against target of 29.6% (lower outturn is positive), there has been a reduction in the gap between lowest and highest achieving by 2.1%, Staffordshire has improved its nationally ranking by 8 places to 10th out of 150 local authorities. Staffordshire is also performing well against the national average which is 36%.

There has been continued good progress of the implementation of Early Years and Foundation Stage, this progress is supported by the delivery of Early Years and Foundation Stage Strategic plan being on against its key activities, There has also been improvement in pupil achievement for those children living in the 30% most deprived areas in Staffordshire, this is due to the positive impact of targeted support by Quality Liaison staff and project work linked to the Children and Lifelong Learning directorate.

The targets for 2008 are seen as expressions of high ambition and not guaranteed destinations. The direction of travel continues to be positive reflecting a sustained upward trend which is better than the national trend.

#### Actions taken

Key actions taken during quarter two; the continuation of targeted Quality Liaison supported to early years and childcare settings, with this work being integrated with targeted work in the Children and Lifelong Learning Directorate.

#### Actions proposed

Key actions delivered during quarter three, continue to implement the early years operational plan; support the development of and engage in buddying project to build capacity in non maintained early years settings; engage in the 0 to 7 year partnership project with the early years and childcare unit.

#### Risks identified to achieving indicator

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Need to continue to secure resources via Service Level Agreement to maintain capacity to support maintained and non-maintained sectors	5	5	None provided
Need to secure resources from Early Years and Childcare Unit to support 0-7 Partnership project	5	5	None provided

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.2.1 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 73 (CSI37)</b>
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	<b>Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 PSA 10</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Indian
<b>Current Target</b>	77.2%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	74.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as current unconfirmed data indicates that although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 74.0% against target of 77.2%, there has been an improvement of 1.6% against last years attainment (72.4%), Staffordshire has further improved its position against the national average, Staffordshire performance is 2.0% against the national average. Based on this provisional data Staffordshire performance is now ranked 42nd out of 150 Local Authorities, this is an improvement of three places on last years position.

It should be noted that this is on provisional data and not yet fully complete therefore it may change, although this change is only likely to be small.

The targets for 2008/2009 are seen as expressions of high ambition and not guaranteed destinations. The direction of travel continues to be positive reflecting a sustained upward trend (improvement has been maintained for three years) which is better than the national.

Staffordshire has continued to narrow the gap between free school meals and non free school meals pupils at level four by 3.3% for English and by 4.4% in Maths.

#### Actions taken

Key actions taken during quarter two include; implementation of agreed targeted support for stuck schools and stuck pupils, this target support is also to address the narrowing the gap agenda

#### Actions proposed

Key actions delivered during quarter three include, continuation of targeted support for stuck schools and stuck pupils, this target support is also to address the narrowing the gap agenda.

#### Risks identified to achieving indicator

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Crucial to retain funding for Primary Strategy Central Co-ordination via the area based grants to support schools in reaching the aspirational and challenging target for 2009	None provided	None provided	None provided

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.2.2 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 93 (CSI46)</b> <b>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Indian
<b>Current Target</b>	86.9%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	80.8%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently there is no provisional data available for this indicator, this information is expected during November. There is a national delay in the publication of the provisional data for this indicator. The direction of travel, is in a steady state but there is no clear trend, the projected outturn for this indicator is 80.8%, this is a variance of 7.01% from target.

**Actions taken**

Key activities delivered during quarter two include; Primary Strategy Managers working with District Strategic Improvement Managers have identified schools for targeted support to boost there conversion rates.

**Actions proposed**

Key actions delivered during quarter three include, continuation of targeted support for stuck schools and stuck pupils, this target support is also to address the narrowing the gap agenda. It is anticipated that this support offered will be reviewed and revised in line with the 2008 academic year results once these have been released.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Crucial to retain funding for Primary Strategy Central Co-ordination via the area based grants to support schools in reaching the aspirational and challenging target for 2009	None provided	None provided	None provided

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.2.3 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 94 (CSI47)</b> <b>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1and Key Stage 2 PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Indian
<b>Current Target</b>	81.1%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	75.4%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently there is no provisional data available for this indicator, this information is expected during November. There is a national delay in the publication of the provisional data for this indicator. The direction of travel, is in a steady state but there is no clear trend, the projected outturn for this indicator is 74.4% against a target of 81.1%, this is a variance of 7.03% from target.

**Actions taken**

Key activities delivered during quarter two include; Primary Strategy Managers working with District Strategic Improvement Managers have identified schools for targeted support to boost there conversion rates.

**Actions proposed**

Key actions delivered during quarter three include, continuation of targeted support for stuck schools and stuck pupils, this target support is also to address the narrowing the gap agenda. It is anticipated that this support offered will be reviewed and revised in line with the 2008 academic year results once these have been released.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Crucial to retain funding for Primary Strategy Central Co-ordination via the area based grants to support schools in reaching the aspirational and challenging target for 2009	None provided	None provided	None provided

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.2.4 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 99 (CSE1)</b>		
	<b>Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2 PSA 11</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Julie Stevenson		
<b>Current Target</b>	47.3%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	44.0%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently information is only provisional with results based on only 16 out of a possible 26 children in care. Information should be available in November 2008. The projected outturn for this indicator is 44.0% against at target of 47.3%, this is a variance of 6.97% which indicates Amber.</p> <p>There are designated teachers in schools to monitor attainments and target support as necessary to improve the attainment of looked after children. Looked after children education co-ordinators and learning mentors provide support to individual children referred by schools. The dowry fund provides additional targeted support.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Please see above commentary for support and activities provided during quarter two.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three include; the GCSE monitoring group will widen its remit to monitor Key Stage 2 results in the academic year 2008. This will ensure robust monitoring on a case by case basis and ensure that support is targeted where it is needed.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.2.5 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 100 (CSE2)</b>		
	<b>Looked after children reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2 PSA 11</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Julie Stevenson		
<b>Current Target</b>	47.3%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	44.0%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently information is only provisional with results based on only 16 out of a possible 26 children in care. Information should be available in November 2008. The projected outturn for this indicator is 44.0% against at target of 47.3%, this is a variance of 6.97% which indicates Amber.</p> <p>There are designated teachers in schools to monitor attainments and target support as necessary to improve the attainment of looked after children. Looked after children education co-ordinators and learning mentors</p>			

provide support to individual children referred by schools. The dowry fund provides additional targeted support.			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Please see above commentary for information relating activities delivered during quarter two.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three include; the GCSE monitoring group will widen its remit to monitor Key Stage 2 results in the academic year 2008. This will ensure robust monitoring on a case by case basis and ensure that support is targeted where it is needed.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.3.1 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 74 (CSI38)</b> <b>Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3 PSA 10</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sue Bardwell
<b>Current Target</b>	73.9%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	69.8%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national delay relating to the publication of Key Stage 3 results, information for this indicator will not be available until the winter term (January 2009). The projected outturn for this indicator is 69.8% against at target of 73.9%, this is a variance of 6.0% which indicates Amber, currently this does indicate that performance will maintain the previous years outturn, however this is only a projected outturn, and performance is expected to maintain the 1% increase in seen since 2006.</p> <p>The School Improvement Division provides ongoing support to schools in respect of this indicator. Schools are monitoring pupils progress with regard to their attainment in both English and maths and intervening/supporting pupils where necessary.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Please see above commentary for information on activities delivered during quarter two for this indicator.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities for quarter three: Detailed analysis of 2008 results (when available and sufficiently reliable and robust, there is a national delay in the publication of KS3 results for 2008) at local authority and school level will be made available to identify successes, areas for development, support or intervention. Resources will be deployed according to need.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.3.2 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 83 (CSI42)</b> <b>Achievement at level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3 DCSF DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sue Bardwell

<b>Current Target</b>	80.0%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	75.2%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national delay relating to the publication of Key Stage 3 results, information for this indicator will not be available until the winter term (January 2009). The projected outturn for this indicator is 75.2% against at target of 80.0%, this is a variance of 6.0% which indicates Amber, currently this does indicate that performance will maintain the previous years outturn, however this is only a projected outturn, and performance is expected to maintain the 1% increase in seen since 2005.</p> <p>The School Improvement Division provides ongoing support to schools in respect of this indicator. Schools are monitoring pupils progress with regard to their attainment in Science and intervening/supporting pupils where necessary.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Please see the above commentary for information on key activities delivered during quarter two (summer 2007 and autumn term 2008)			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Detailed analysis of 2008 results (when available and sufficiently reliable and robust, there is a national delay in the publication of Key Stage 3 results for 2008) at local authority and school level will be made available to identify successes, areas for development, support or intervention. Resources will be deployed according to need.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.3.3 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 75 (CSI39)</b> <b>Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths PSA 10</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sue Bardwell		
<b>Current Target</b>	52.0%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	49.5%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as current unconfirmed data indicates that although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 49.5% against target of 52.0%, there has been an improvement of 3.8% against last years attainment (45.7%), Staffordshire has further improved its position against the national average, Staffordshire's performance is 2.3% against the national average (47.2%).</p> <p>The 3.8% improvement rate from 2007, shows a greater increase than that of the national average which is 0.4%. Staffordshire's national ranking has improved by 13 places to 59 out of 149 Local Authorities and also improved to fourth in the Statistical Neighbours league table of 11 Local Authorities.</p>			

The targets for 2008/2009 are seen as expressions of high ambition and not guaranteed destinations. The Department of Children Schools and Families has a clear expectation that, local authorities will set challenging targets. The direction of travel continues to be positive reflecting a sustained upward trend (improvement has been maintained for three years).			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key actions taken during quarter two include; Local Authority support has been provided to schools in respect of this indicator. Schools are monitoring pupils progress with regards to their attainment in GCSE, especially the likelihood of their gaining at least a C grade in English and Maths and intervening / supporting pupils where necessary. Based on the analysis of 2008 results, the Local Authority is directing support to those schools in greatest need.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key actions delivered during quarter three include, based on the analysis of 2008 results, the School Improvement Division will during quarter three (autumn and winter term 2008/09) direct support to those schools in greatest need, especially the four schools below the floor target of 30%.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.3.4 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 95 (CS148)</b> <b>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sue Bardwell
<b>Current Target</b>	32.8%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	30.8%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national delay relating to the publication of Key Stage 3 results, information for this indicator will not be available until the winter term (January 2009). The projected outturn for this indicator is 30.8% against at target of 32.8%, this is a variance of 6.1% which indicates Amber.			
The School Improvement Division provides ongoing support to schools in respect of this indicator. Schools are monitoring pupils progress with regard to their attainment in English and intervening/supporting pupils where necessary.			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Please see above commentary for information about activities delivered during quarter two.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: Detailed analysis of 2008 results (when available and sufficiently reliable and robust, there is a national delay in the publication of Key Stage 3 results for 2008) at local authority and school level will be made available to identify successes, areas for development, support or intervention. Resources will be deployed according to need.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.3.5 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 96 (CSI49)</b> <b>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sue Bardwell
<b>Current Target</b>	64.9%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	59.8%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national delay relating to the publication of Key Stage 3 results, information for this indicator will not be available until the winter term (January 2009). The projected outturn for this indicator is 61.0% against at target of 64.9%, this is a variance of 6.0% which indicates Amber.

The School Improvement Division provides ongoing support to schools in respect of this indicator. Schools are monitoring pupils progress with regard to their attainment in Maths and intervening/supporting pupils where necessary.

#### Actions taken

Please see above commentary for information on key activities delivered during quarter two.

#### Actions proposed

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:

Detailed analysis of 2008 results (when available and sufficiently reliable and robust, there is a national delay in the publication of KS3 results for 2008) at local authority and school level will be made available to identify successes, areas for development, support or intervention. Resources will be deployed according to need.

#### Risks identified to achieving indicator

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.3.6 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 87 (CEW1)</b> <b>Secondary school persistent absence rate DCSF DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Julie Stevenson
<b>Current Target</b>	5.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	5.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as currently unvalidated two terms data from the Department of Children Schools and Families indicates that performance against target is 5.0% (2008/09 target is 5.0%), this indicates that the target will be met this is supported by the direction of travel of this indicator, relating to services being delivered in line with the indicator, which is travelling in the right direction to achieve.

The Department of Children Schools and Families have lowered the criteria for persistent absence schools and for 2007/08 changed the methodology due to the early Easter in 2008 which affected Staffordshire schools. The Education Welfare Service are working with more priority schools to reduce persistent absence,

but continue to offer universal support to reduce persistent absence in all schools.			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key activities delivered during quarter two included: The Education Welfare Service continued to support and challenge school practice to reduce the numbers of pupils with persistent absence, including working with other support services, across the local authority and children services.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: To further the support networks to the primary schools, supporting those who are identified as having a level of persistent absence above the national average.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.4.1 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 97 (CSI50)</b> <b>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sue Bardwell
<b>Current Target</b>	59.5%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	57.4%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as current unconfirmed data indicates that although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 57.4% against target of 59.5%, there has been an improvement of 4.4% against last years attainment (53.0%).

The 4.4% improvement rate on the 2007 outturn, shows excellent progress towards achieving the 2009 Department of Children Schools and Families target of 66.0%, although the achievement of this target will still be challenging. However, the targets for 2008/2009 are seen as expressions of high ambition and not guaranteed destinations. The Department of Children Schools and Families has a clear expectation that, local authorities will set challenging targets. The direction of travel continues to be positive reflecting a sustained upward trend (improvement has been maintained for two years).

Local Authority support has been provided to schools in respect of this indicator. Schools are monitoring pupils performance with regard to making two levels progress in English and intervening/supporting pupils where necessary to ensure all pupils make two levels progress.

**Actions taken**

Please see above commentary for information on activities delivered during quarter two.

**Actions proposed**

Key actions delivered during quarter three:  
Detailed analysis of 2008 results at Local Authority and school level will be made to identify successes, areas for development, support or intervention. Resources will be deployed according to need.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.4.2 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 98 (CSI51)</b>
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	<b>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sue Bardwell
<b>Current Target</b>	30.4%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	18.6%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Red
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of red has been given for this indicator, as current unconfirmed data indicates that the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 18.6% against target of 30.4%, there has been a drop in performance on the previous year of 5.2%, (from 23.8% to 18.6%), this indicates that performance is not travelling in the correct direction to maintain the improvements made over the last 3 years (travelling from 21.4% in 2005 to 23.8% in 2007).

This target is a milestone target to provide information on direction of travel towards the Department of Children Schools and Families 2009 target of 37.0%, this target is seen as very challenging. However, the targets for 2008/2009 are seen as expressions of high ambition and not guaranteed destinations. The Department of Children Schools and Families has a clear expectation that local authorities will set challenging targets.

The school improvement division is undertaking new measures to support the improvement of performance of this indicator and to support schools who are adjusting their processes to ensure they are able to meet their targets, it should be noted that nationally this is seen as a very challenging target for all local authorities.

This local authority support is targeted on supporting schools re adjustments to schools monitoring and tracking of pupils progress of 2 levels in maths between key stage 3 and 4.

#### Actions taken

Key actions delivered during quarter two:  
Local Authority support has been provided to schools in respect of this indicator. Schools are monitoring pupils performance with regard to making two levels progress in Maths and intervening/supporting pupils where necessary to ensure all pupils make two levels progress.

#### Actions proposed

Key actions to be delivered during quarter three:  
Detailed analysis of 2008 results at Local Authority and school level will be made to identify successes, areas for development, support or intervention. Resources will be deployed according to need.

#### Risks identified to achieving indicator

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.4.3 – LAA Statutory Attainment Indicator – NI 101 (CSE3) Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths) PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Julie Stevenson
<b>Current Target</b>	21.6%
<b>1st Quarter Result</b>	15.9%
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	20.1%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber

<b>Trend</b>	↗ 1 Quarter		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been given for this indicator, as current unconfirmed data indicates that this quarter performance of 15.9% against the target of 21.6% is a marked improvement on quarter one. The projected outturn for the year is at the end of quarter one 20.1%, as this progress is expected to be maintained. (this is an annually reported figure, however processes have been put in place to track progress of looked after children throughout the year, in reviewing this data, it should be noted that this is a very mobile population).</p> <p>The cohort represents a very mobile population, currently there are 49 young people (compared to 69 in May 2008). Of these 49 young people, 15 have statements of special educational need and nine are at school action / school action plus. Thus, 49% of the cohort have special educational needs and the target of 5 A+ - C GCSEs including English and Mathematics is very aspirational. We were required to set this aspirational target by the Department of Children Schools and Families and was based on the cohort at that time. This group has changed and will change again in September.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
Key activities delivered during quarter two: Progress of these pupils is monitored through robust systems.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
Key activities for quarter three: Continue robust monitoring and targeted work.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
Monitoring of the population	5	5	None possible as it depends on young people entering and leaving the care system.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.5.1 (CCT5) (local indicator)</b> <b>Number of 16 year olds attendances at sport and cultural activities/ facilities</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Janene Cox
<b>Current Target</b>	1347320
<b>Quarter Result</b>	384607
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	1349402
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 1 Quarter
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, performance for the first six months of the year show that delivery against the indicator is on target, with target expected to exceeded at the end of the year, 1349402 against the target of 1347320. Figures for one authority that were unavailable for quarter one have been included in this return, although performance was ahead of target for the quarter without including this additional figure.</p> <p>The Stafford Gatehouse Youth Theatre has achieved higher than expected attendances for this quarter. Staff have recently worked with both parents and the children to encourage awareness that other children have been turned away for these sessions as there is a limited number and that those who have gained a place should make every effort to attend every session. This seems to have had an effect with an increase in attendances. Stafford Gatehouse Summer School has achieved higher than expected attendances for this quarter. The Summer School is open to 7 to 18 year olds who attend auditions to gain a place. This year out of the 80 places available 76 were taken up by under 16 year olds.</p> <p>Staffordshire Performing Arts have started a number of lower level ensembles to provide a broader access in more locations in the county.</p>	

The Summer Reading Challenge was successfully implemented in all libraries between July and September. The number of children participating exceeded the target by 748. 10934 children started the challenge compared to the target of 10186 and 849 more children participated than last year, an increase of 8%.

A new set of historical skills modules has been developed by the Archive Service, in partnership with Blessed William Howard High School, to engage year 7 pupils in their local history and increase a sense of identity with Staffordshire. A new project for primary schools called Thinking Space has been created with the aim of challenging pupils in terms of research skills, encouraging use of their creative imagination, becoming confident in discussing and presenting ideas and developing a sense of identity with their community.

The Museum on the Move has been touring schools and achieving an excellent booking rate. The opening of the school focused exhibition; Urban Places Open Spaces at the Shire Hall Gallery attracted a larger than expected number of teachers and parents and is now also attracting school visits. Staffordshire Arts and Museums have successfully gained two teacher placement grants to support Shugborough education development and create school resources, which will increase the value of the educational offer and encourage schools to visit.

Stafford Borough Council have lost both Badminton and Squash coaches, so courses are currently not running.

Cannock Chase District Council offered free swimming to under 16 years old during the summer. At Rugeley Leisure Centre the pool opened during the summer and some new equipment has been added to the Fitness Suite.

East Staffordshire Borough Council: attendances were down during quarter two by 5,684 on quarter two of 2007/08. Attendances were adversely affected at Shobnall Leisure Complex (outdoor facility) by the poor weather over the summer. However, attendances at Meadowside and Uttoxeter held up strongly. A recent facility survey of the Childrens activity area at Meadowside has shown a number of health and safety related issues and for this reason the Cove will close to the public from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008. The refurbishment project for Meadowside Leisure Centre is well under way and during the next quarter it is expected that consultants will be appointed and refurbishment options developed.

Attendance at all four of South Staffordshire Leisure Centres has been lower than expected. Both swimming and swimming instruction are lower than expected and it is thought that this has been affected by the poor weather throughout the summer, and neighbouring authorities offering free/reduced swimming throughout the holidays. The crèche at Wombourne Leisure Centre has also experienced closure due to staffing issues in the summer. The lack of an Easter holiday this financial year will impact on the final figures at the end of the year, and the figures reported while they will increase between now and March, are not likely to increase that significantly.

#### **Actions taken**

Key activities in quarter two: The Stafford Gatehouse Youth Theatre and the Stafford Gatehouse Summer School have achieved higher than expected attendances for this quarter. The Summer Reading Challenge was successfully implemented in all libraries, the target for participants was exceeded; 10934 children participated compared to the target of 10186 and there was an 8% increase on last year. The Archive Service have developed two new projects for schools to engage pupils in their local history and to increase a sense of identity with Staffordshire and their community. The Museum on the Move has been touring schools and achieving an excellent booking rate. The opening of the school focused exhibition; Urban Places Open Spaces, at the Shire Hall Gallery attracted a larger than expected number of teachers and parents and is now also attracting school visits. Staffordshire Arts and Museums have successfully gained two teacher placement grants to support Shugborough education development and create school resources, which will increase the value of the educational offer and encourage schools to visit. Staffordshire Performing Arts have started a number of lower level ensembles to provide a broader access in more locations in the county.

#### **Actions proposed**

Key activities to be delivered in quarter three: An adult and junior sports hall and squash court promotion will run in East Staffordshire Borough Council from November 2008 to February 2009. East Staffordshire have begun to take responsibility for operating community use periods at Robert Sutton High School. This arrangement will see East Staffordshire Borough Council leisure centre staff operating all the schools sports facilities during the evenings, at weekends and during the school holidays. Restarting Swimming Teacher training courses at Stafford Borough Council will have the long-term benefit of more swimming lessons. Evaluation of the 2008 Summer Reading Challenge and identifying actions to develop the 2009 Challenge. Delivery of the Learners to Leaders project at Blessed William Howard High School and promotion of the Thinking Space project across the county by the Archive Service. The end of the Museum on the Move tour for the year and evaluation. Further school visits to the Urban Places Open Spaces exhibition at Shire Hall

Gallery.			
Risks identified to achieving indicator			
Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
East Staffordshire - A recent facility survey of the Children's activity area (Pirates Cove) at Meadowside has shown a number of health and safety related issues. For this reason the Cove will close to the public from 1st November 2008.	5	2	Meadowside Leisure Centre is due to be completely refurbished. The Borough Council expect to appoint consultants and develop refurbishment options during the next quarter.

Indicator	<b>CYP 3.5.2 (CCT6) (local indicator)</b> <b>Number of young people aged 16 and under participating in Local Authority organised sports development and active recreation programmes</b>
Responsible Officer	Mark Thornewell
Current Target	84537
Quarter Result	39774
Projected Outturn	84537
Polarity	High outturn positive
RAG Rating	Green
Trend	1 Quarter

#### Indicator Quarterly Commentary

The indicator lead has outlined that this rating has been given because, as during quarter two performance against the annual targets has been better than expected with some areas exceeding their individual targets. The performance of this indicator is travelling in the correct direction to deliver the target, therefore the projected outturn has been given as 84537.

It should be noted that as Newcastle under Lyme and Lichfield Districts sports information was not included within quarter one this information has been submitted with quarter twos figure.

Quarter one data added to quarter two: 12258. Quarter two data only (without quarter one addition): 27516.

#### Actions taken

Key activities delivered during quarter two: Cannock: Free Swimming has been offered to under 16 years old during the summer; Rugeley Leisure Centres pool was open during the summer period, to increase access, in addition to this, there has been some new Cardio Vascular equipment added to the Fitness Suite at Rugeley Leisure Centre.

East Staffordshire: Introduction of satellite playday at Rocesters, Streets Ahead project started in Shobnall ward. Quest score recommended at 87%, top in West Midlands, this is to be confirmed. Good partnership working with Health and Social Care.

Newcastle: Football Development summer programme affected by the Stoke City / Primary Care Trust programme during the school holidays, 800 down on last year.

South Staffordshire: SUSSED (childrens activity scheme in South Staffordshire) Out and About has been affected this year by not having Easter holidays falling within this financial year. There are no more SUSSED Out and About activities planned for this financial year (it only happens at Easter and Summer holidays). The Big Summer Event took place this August with just over 300 children attending. Places booked up quicker than ever before. The highest percentage of bookings was children from South Staffordshire, at 99%. Participation in the Big Summer Event is continuing to improve, with very positive reports from parents, the Big Summer Event is funded through Staffordshire Childrens Fund.

Stafford: Participation in the summer holiday scheme has been excellent with large numbers of young people accessing various schemes on offer. Activities accessed by young people included, Sports Development, Big Lottery and Childrens Fund projects.

Staffordshire Moorlands: Summer Activities were down due to less direct delivery though we did support

Community Learning Partnership and Rugby Football Union activities which do not count on our totals. We need to address measuring people on accredited courses as a number exist across the district that we support but don't directly provide.			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
East Staffordshire: Development of a new after school programme with Streets Ahead. Community Sports Network developments in Sport Unlimited. Introduction of new Healthy Lifestyles Team in partnership with South Staffs Primary Care Trust. South Staffordshire: Get Set Competitions & Get Set Schools.			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.5.3 - NI 199 (CEY1)</b> <b>Children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Jim Brady
<b>Current Target</b>	N/A – New National Indicator to be set in 2009
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	N/A
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	N/A
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as although there is currently no target for this indicator, performance is monitored through the delivery of programmes related to improving play opportunities for children and young people in Staffordshire. Delivery is on track for eight playbuilder projects by March 2008, all milestones to date have been met.

(this is a new indicator that will be measured through the Tell Us Survey)

The play builder project board continues to meet monthly. The project board have agreed that an implementation group is no longer required, the management of the development of the play areas will be overseen by the project manager.

A review of the different groups has been undertaken and amendments made to membership. Janet Dean MP has agreed to chair the project board from January 2009 onwards. 19 playbuilder applications were received for 2008/2009 and eight will be delivered by mid March 2009.

**Actions taken**

Key activities delivered during quarter two: A play tour was held for Play Champions and elected members in August, to share good practice. First quarterly progress report was submitted to the Department of Children Schools and Families. A sub regional play partnership meeting has been held. Staffordshire attended the Play England national event. Three year playbuilder programme plan has been submitted to the Department of Children Schools and Families. Launched 2009/2010 playbuilder applications. Commenced roadshows in eight districts. Expressions of interest for Pathfinder Bid and the identification of the Pathfinder Sites been received. Playbuilder Web Site has been set up. Playbuilder application packs designed and printed.

**Actions proposed**

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: Submission of the Pathfinder Bid in November 2008; Continue to hold roadshows during October 2008; Press releases on Playbuilder in Staffordshire Newspapers during October / November 2008; Opening of the first Playbuilder Project in Denstone during November / December 2008; Closing date for expressions of interest are due 28th November 2008 and then a review of these will take place. To support this a Expressions of Interest Day's will be arranged during October 2008. Scrutiny with Pathfinder Site, November 2008 and West Midlands Sub Regional Meeting to be held in November 2008.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.6.1 - (CCF1) (local Indicator)</b> <b>Increased number of opportunities available within the community to participate in a variety of recreational, social and health focused activities - Number of outreach support sessions offered across in South Staffordshire</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Margaret Crook
<b>Current Target</b>	2000
<b>Quarter Result</b>	495
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	2000
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 1 Quarter

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that this rating has been given because, having underperformed in quarter one, 430 against an expected 480, in quarter two performance has improved to 495 against an expected 480, at this mid point in the year, performance of the indicator is on track to deliver the target. In addition to this, the Childrens Fund have established clear and robust performance monitoring processes that provide up to date and accurate performance information supporting current service delivery.

**Actions taken**

The Carers Association South Staffs, provides a service to Young Carers in the south of the county (six districts). A new member of staff has been recruited to cover the district of East Staffs and as a result of this an increased number of support sessions can be seen this quarter.

Minimum of 480 outreach support sessions delivered across 6 districts within South Staffordshire, this target has actually been exceeded for quarter two.

**Actions proposed**

Contracted services delivered by North Staffs Young Carers and Carers Association South Staffs will continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis by the Childrens Fund team for the duration of the their current contracts 2008/2010.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Schools in the north of the county may have insufficient gaps within their school timetable to fit in the `awareness raising` sessions offered by North Staffs Carers.	1	2	North Staffs Carers have trained additional staff to deliver the sessions and liaise with schools
Carers Association South Staffs are showing fluctuations in the number of support sessions they are offering across 6 districts and this may result in considerable variance to the annual target.	3	3	Although CASS have now recruited a new member of staff to help with service delivery outreach sessions, Children's Fund will now carry out more rigid monitoring of this indicator to try to stabilise all future service delivered by CASS.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.6.1 - (CCF2) (local Indicator)</b> <b>Increased number of opportunities available within the community to participate in a variety of recreational, social and health focused activities - Number of schools having Awareness raising sessions delivered</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Margaret Crook

<b>Current Target</b>	20
<b>Quarter Result</b>	2
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	20
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 1 Quarter
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
The indicator lead has outlined that this rating has been given because, performance of the indicator is on track to deliver the target. In addition to this, the Childrens Fund have established clear and robust performance monitoring processes that provide up to date and accurate performance information supporting current service delivery.	
<b>Actions taken</b>	
Minimum of 20 schools in total across two districts within North Staffordshire.  Awareness raising sessions carried out in schools in the north of the county (Newcastle & Staffs Moorlands) have been less than expected due to the Summer holiday period taking up most of the quarter. Sessions are mostly timetabled into the 3rd and 4th quarter of the year, therefore this will ensure that the target is met.	
<b>Actions proposed</b>	
Contracted services delivered by North Staffs Young Carers and Carers Association South Staffs will continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis by the Childrens Fund team for the duration of the their current contracts 2008 to 2010.	
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>	
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b> <b>Impact</b> <b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
Schools in the north of the county may have insufficient gaps within their school timetable to fit in the `awareness raising` sessions offered by North Staffs Carers.	1                      2                      North Staffs Carers have trained additional staff to deliver the sessions and liaise with schools
Carers Association South Staffs are showing fluctuations in the number of support sessions they are offering across 6 districts and this may result in considerable variance to the annual target.	3                      3                      Although CASS have now recruited a new member of staff to help with service delivery outreach sessions, Children's Fund will now carry out more rigid monitoring of this indicator to try to stabilise all future service delivered by CASS.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.6.1 - (CCF3) (local Indicator)</b> <b>Increased number of opportunities available within the community to participate in a variety of recreational, social and health focused activities - Number of young carers involved in positive activities across the county.</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Margaret Crook
<b>Current Target</b>	400
<b>Quarter Result</b>	405
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	405
<b>Polarity</b>	High
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 1 Quarter
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
The indicator lead has outlined that this rating has been given because, performance of the indicator is on track to deliver the target. This figure represents the number of young carers engaged in positive activities across the County (both North and South) at the end of the quarter, the young people included within this figure will be the same in each quarter and are not new presentations. For example in quarter one 361 young	

carers were engaged in positive activities during quarter two this figure increased by 44 with. 405 young carers being engaged in positive activities (North Staffordshire: 132 young carers; South Staffordshire: 273 young carers).

In addition to this, the Childrens Fund have established clear and robust performance monitoring processes that provide up to date and accurate performance information supporting current service delivery.

**Actions taken**

Continued engagement of young carers in positive activities, this indicator also links into the LAA priority NI 110: Young Peoples engagement in positive activities.

**Actions proposed**

Contracted services delivered by North Staffs Young Carers and Carers Association South Staffs will continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis by the Childrens Fund team for the duration of the their current contracts 2008 to 2010.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Schools in the north of the county may have insufficient gaps within their school timetable to fit in the `awareness raising` sessions offered by North Staffs Carers.	1	2	North Staffs Carers have trained additional staff to deliver the sessions and liaise with schools
Carers Association South Staffs are showing fluctuations in the number of support sessions they are offering across 6 districts and this may result in considerable variance to the annual target.	3	3	Although CASS have now recruited a new member of staff to help with service delivery outreach sessions, Children's Fund will now carry out more rigid monitoring of this indicator to try to stabilise all future service delivered by CASS.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 3.6.1 - (CCF3) (local Indicator)</b> <b>Increased number of opportunities available within the community to participate in a variety of recreational, social and health focused activities - South Staffs Young carers aged 11 plus voice and who attend the CASS representation group</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Margaret Crook
<b>Current Target</b>	20
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	21
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that this rating has been given because, based on established clear and robust performance monitoring processes that provide up to date and accurate performance information supporting current service delivery in relation to this indicator, it is clear that performance of this indicator in travelling in the correct direction to meet the target, in fact early indications are that this target will be exceeded. It is projected that the final outturn will be 21, against a target of 20.

**Actions taken**

Continued engagement of South Staffordshire young carers aged 11 plus voice and who attend the Carers Association of South Staffordshire (CASS)representation group.

**Actions proposed**

Contracted services delivered by North Staffs Young Carers and Carers Association South Staffs will continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis by the Childrens Fund team for the duration of the their current contracts 2008 to 2010.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Schools in the north of the county may have insufficient gaps within their school timetable to fit in the `awareness raising` sessions offered by North Staffs Carers.	1	2	North Staffs Carers have trained additional staff to deliver the sessions and liaise with schools
Carers Association South Staffs are showing fluctuations in the number of support sessions they are offering across 6 districts and this may result in considerable variance to the annual target.	3	3	Although CASS have now recruited a new member of staff to help with service delivery outreach sessions, Children's Fund will now carry out more rigid monitoring of this indicator to try to stabilise all future service delivered by CASS.

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## Make a Positive Contribution

Staffordshire Childrens Trust has identified that a key priority for Children and Young Peoples Services in Staffordshire is that all children and young people feel confident enough to have and make a positive contribution towards the society that they live in; the area they live in and in their everyday life.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 4.1.1 - (CCT7) (Local indicator)</b> <b>Number of children and young people's services who have signed up and done a self assessment for the hear by rights standard</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Gill Stanford		
<b>Current Target</b>	10		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	10		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as performance of this indicator is on track to deliver against the target, the projected outturn is ten, against target of ten. (Ten individual agencies have started their self assessment.)</p> <p>The Children and Young Peoples Participation sub group has begun to map and plan against the Hear by Right standards, with a standing agenda item at each meeting, to progress and manage this work. The participation and involvement of children and young people in the work of the Children Trust and its partners continues to progress well in all areas, with excellent partnership working.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two: Dedicated time at the Children and Young Peoples Participation sub group has removed the anxiety around the completion of the self assessment mapping tool within the Hear by Right standards. This provides staff with sufficient time to complete what can be perceived as an arduous task.</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: The participation network will have a dedicated agenda item to allow for the continued mapping/self assessment using the Hear by Right standards. This will ensure that performance against this target stays on track.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 4.2.1 – LAA Indicator NI 110 (CLI1)</b> <b>Young people's participation in positive activities PSA 14</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Janene Cox		
<b>Current Target</b>	N/A – New National Indicator to be set in 2009		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	N/A		

<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	N/A		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as although there is no target currently set for this indicator, good progress has been made against the Local Area Agreement Delivery Plan, including the completion of the Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) geographical audit, volunteering team staff and Competition Managers in place and positive activities held for young people.</p> <p>Disaggregated target information in relation to this indicator; data has now been received for the target for the number of children receiving two hours physical education and sport provision during the academic year 2007/2008 and it has exceeded the national Public Service Agreement target of 85%, achieving 86.25%. from 2008/2009, the national programme is to focus on five hours of PE/sport provision.</p> <p>Data for the proxy indicators shows that 2710 young people participated in positive activities provided by the Youth Service and partners this quarter (6534 to date), and 16374 under 16s participated in cultural activities (25592 to date). Information for the other proxy indicators is not yet available because the number of young people taking part in inter schools competitions is collated annually and the Extending Activity programme will start in October.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two:</p> <p>The Integrated Youth Support Service geographical audit has been completed and mapped against each District and ward populations.</p> <p>Young peoples research survey to be undertaken by BMG (Bostock Marketing Group Research Division) commenced in September 2008.</p> <p>A Project Officer has been appointed to develop the Promoting Positive Activities website. The Newcastle volunteering pilot has also engaged with young people with disabilities so the target of 20 care leavers will now also include these young people. All volunteering team staff are now in place.</p> <p>Progress for 5 to16 year olds participation in high quality physical education and sport has included the appointment of a role within Further Education which will promote activity and provide links between older young people and schools and work commencing on Leadership Academies in order to support young people to develop a volunteering culture. 45 schools held events to mark the Paralympic handover, the London 2012 Get set Education Programme was launched, events were held to mark the launch of the 2012 Cultural Olympiad and a working group met to look at developing Community Games events for children in care.</p> <p>The Summer Reading Challenge was held in all libraries and exceeded the targets with 10934 children participating in the Challenge, an increase of 8% on the previous year.</p> <p>The Museum on the Move has toured schools and achieved an excellent booking rate.</p> <p>Two new projects have been developed by the Archive Service to engage pupils and develop a sense of identity in young people with their local community.</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:</p> <p>Meetings with South Staffordshire Council and East Staffordshire Borough Council to develop a youth offer particular to the demographics and needs of their localities.</p> <p>(Bostock Marketing Group Research Division) BMG young people's research survey to be complete by December and work on the Promoting Positive Activities website.</p> <p>Development of boys in dance project .</p> <p>Development of Competition Managers.</p> <p>Start of the Extending Activities programme.</p> <p>Further schools visits to the Urban Places, Open Spaces schools focused exhibition at the Shire Hall Gallery.</p> <p>Completion of the touring programme for the year for the Museum on the Move.</p> <p>Delivery of new Archive Service project in partnership with Blessed William Howard High School to engage Year 7 pupils and increase a sense of identity with Staffordshire.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 4.3.1 – LAA Indicator NI 111 (CYO2)</b> <b>First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10–17 PSA 14</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sharon Moore		
<b>Current Target</b>	N/A – New National Indicator to be set in 2009		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	N/A		
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	N/A		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as although there is no baseline for this indicator and the direction of travel is down by 6% from last quarter, there has been a significant reduction in the number of first time entrants from the same period last year. If current performance continues, this indicator could achieve over a 50% reduction by the end of the year.</p> <p>The performance of this indicator compared to the same quarter last year still indicates a substantial decrease in first time entrants overall from 265 (quarter two, 2007/08) to 99 (quarter two, 2008/09), a 62% reduction. The Community Resolution initiative and other core prevention activities continue to support the improvement for this indicator. Community Resolution is a joint programme between Staffordshire Police and the Youth Offending Service which diverts young people away from the youth justice system by offering young people, who are arrested for the first time for a relatively minor offence, and offers them an intervention which aims to prevent re-offending as well as including a restorative justice approach to address victim satisfaction and confidence with the system.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two: The Youth Crime and Anti Social Behaviour Prevention Steering Group, meets on a quarterly basis to review performance of this indicator and monitor delivery. This group has representation from all Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, the Safer and Stronger Hub and the Youth Offending Service. A performance report is presented and details of first time entrants are given at District level including gender, age, ethnicity and type of offences and outcomes. This enables programmes to be appropriate to the needs of young people and targeted in the right areas of the County: The Community Resolution Programme continues to be reviewed on a quarterly basis: First time entrants mapping exercise completed: A Police Officer has been seconded to Staffordshire Youth Offending Service Prevention team. Restorative justice training with the police has been undertaken</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: Monitoring mechanisms to ensure Community Resolution programme is offered to a young person before a police reprimand is given: Further information about Community Resolution to be communicated to all relevant staff: Continue to monitor and promote ONSET prevention referral process (Onset is the name for the Youth Justice Boards, referral and assessment framework): Develop prevention work in schools.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
Community Resolution is a relatively new initiative within Staffordshire so impact and continuing progress in performance is still unknown.	3	3	Robust performance management in partnership with Staffordshire Police. Any downward trends in performance to be reported and addressed promptly.

## Achieve Economic Well Being

Staffordshire Childrens Trust has identified that a key priority for Children and Young Peoples Services in Staffordshire is that all children and young people have high aspirations and are well prepared to take advantage of the opportunities available to them when they enter the world of work. We want them to appreciate and value the importance of continued training and learning. In particular, we want to ensure that sustained support is in place for vulnerable groups, such as young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, especially at points of transition, and ensure appropriate support is in place to enable them to reach their full potential. We will equip our young people with the employability skills to succeed and ensure they can access the high quality information, advice and guidance they need, when and where they need it.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.1.1 – NI 91 (CSI54)</b> <b>Participation of 17 year-olds in education or training DCSF DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Carol Jones
<b>Current Target</b>	78.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	78.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as performance of this indicator is expected to achieve the target (0.2% raise on the baseline of 77.8% to 78.0%), this is based on the preliminary Year 12 September Guarantee results (one of our indicators for progression at 17). Confirmation of take up of offers of learning and training made through the Guarantee will continue into quarter three.</p> <p>This year for the first time the September Guarantee has been extended to include 17 year olds. Extensive monitoring and tracking has taken place to ensure that young people receive an appropriate offer of learning to achieve a positive outcome. Management of the Guarantee for 16 and 17 year olds has taken place with 14 to 19 partnerships at County and District level.</p>	
<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.1.2 – (CSI55) (local Indicator)</b> <b>Tracking progression of 17 year olds in any structured learning (One year on after completing compulsory education)</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Carol Jones
<b>Current Target</b>	82.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	82.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>	
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as performance of this indicator is expected to achieve the target (0.3% raise on the baseline of 81.7% to 82.0%), this is based on the preliminary Year 12 September Guarantee results (one of our indicators for progression at 17). Confirmation of take up of offers of learning and training made through the Guarantee will continue into quarter three.</p>	

<p>This year for the first time the September Guarantee has been extended to include 17 year olds. Extensive monitoring and tracking has taken place to ensure that young people receive an appropriate offer of learning to achieve a positive outcome. Management of the Guarantee for 16 and 17 year olds has taken place with 14 to 19 partnerships at County and District level.</p>			
<p><b>Actions taken</b></p>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two: September Guarantee; 14 to 19 partnerships successfully secured European Social Fund / Learning and Skills Council funding (pre and post 16 provision across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent from September 2008-December 2010); Branded Activ8, this provision will specifically target 16-18 Not in Education Employment and Training hotspot areas and young people with Learning Difficulties and / or Disabilities. Identification of at risk (of becoming NEET (Not in Education Employment and Training)) young people in Year 12 in learning and training; Increased activity with young people in vulnerable groups, e.g. Busy Mummy e-learning and coaching programme in Cannock Chase and East Staffordshire for young mothers; Support for young people and parents in claiming Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and other benefits; Connexions attendance in all schools and colleges on results days; Support for learners during enrolment and induction at college and training provision; Clarification of new student finance service process (on line application system for Higher education loans, grants and bursaries) to be launched in Autumn 2008.</p>			
<p><b>Actions proposed</b></p>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: Continue support for learning providers to increase retention and prevent drop out; Roll out Activ8 provision in October to engage young people who are Not in Education Employment and Training and those without an appropriate offer in the September Guarantee cohort.</p>			
<p><b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b></p>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.2.1 – LAA Indicator NI 80 (CSI41)</b> <b>Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 PSA 10</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Dewar
<b>Current Target</b>	49.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	46.2%
<b>Polarity</b>	High
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

<p><b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b></p>	
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of Amber has been given for this indicator, the post 16 action plan is one year into action, it is expected to take two years to see results as a cohort of young people move through. Also there is a required 4% increase in order to achieve the target, this target has been set as aspirational, the targets are seen as expressions of high ambition and not guaranteed destinations. The direction of travel continues to be positive reflecting an upward trend of improvement.</p>	
<p>The positive direction of travel is supported and monitored through effective collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data to support progress and achievement at level 3. Students are provided with impartial information and guidance at key transition points. There are clear support strategies in place that focus on developing a range of teaching and learning strategies to support student attainment, this is further emphasised in the range of courses that are available to Post 16 students, the range reflects their interest and abilities, encouraging better take up. Skills and expertise of all staff teaching Post 16 are developed and shared through a programme of Continuing Professional Development.</p>	
<p><b>Actions taken</b></p>	
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two: in order to better support the monitoring progress at level 3, a range of reports and data tolls have been added to the Education Research Analysis website available to all</p>	

schools, including subject regression graphs that will allow rapid target setting on results day, and effective induction information onto courses. Reports are shared with School Improvement Partnerships and District Strategic Improvement Managers. There are now established lines of communication for School Improvement Partnerships to Post 16 focus group and District Strategic Improvement Managers, to further support this area. Two training sessions have taken place for School Improvement Partnerships. Training has been provided by the Education Research Analysis and School Improvement Division on funding changes and data analysis.

**Actions proposed**

Key activities delivered during quarter three: 35 schools signed up to Synoptic Inclusion Analysis (SIA) for 3 years (data analysis tool) to include Post 16. This will allow analysis of data by a range of criteria and support sharing of best practice across schools.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
Lack of subject specific support in vocational areas such as health and social care.	5	3	None

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.2.2 – NI 79 (CS140)</b> <b>Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 PSA 10 (originally LAA non designated indicator)</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Dewar
<b>Current Target</b>	74.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target, academic year)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	72.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as although the performance data for this indicator is not yet available, the curriculum offer in 14-19 in partnerships is beginning to provide a broad and relevant mix of opportunities, including for those with Special Educational Needs/disadvantaged groups. The uptake of the vocational offer pre 16 across Staffordshire has increased over the last three years. School Leaver Activity Survey shows an increase of young people with statements in Further Education. Overall young people with statements going into learning has increased 80.7% 2005 85.5% 2006. Latest progress check undertaken by Ofsted rated Staffordshire 14 to 19 Partnership, delivery, green throughout, making Staffordshire, one of only two Local Authorities in the West Midlands to achieve this score.

**Actions taken**

Key activities delivered during quarter two:  
Training has been provided for staff on curriculum development Post 16 at level 2. Increased data analysis Post 16 and the introduction of alternative curriculum options e.g. Citzenships and ASDAN Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (COPE) awards. Further development of the Quality Mark for Information Advice and Guidance in schools to encourage impartial guidance that ensures young people are on the right programmes. School Engagement programme on offer in all partnerships to 200 young people. European Social Fund project Active8 (alternative curriculum for disengaged) on offer to 40 young people. Expansion of the curriculum offer on the areas prospectus. Increased vocational offer in districts e.g. South Staffordshire Wightwick provision. Staffordshire Moorlands Indigo Trade Skills provision, Level 2 provision which has led to a 95% progression to Further Education at 16.

**Actions proposed**

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:  
Expansion of the Apprenticeship offer, planning for apprenticeship entitlement 2013 with planned taster days for young people: Development of the school engagement programme to re engage disaffected young people in learning and progression beyond 16: Audit and disseminate progression opportunities for young people at 16, in particular young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities.

<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.3.1 – (CSI56) (Local Indicator)</b> <b>Percentage of those who had a Statement who are NEET (aged 16 - 19)</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Carol Jones
<b>Current Target</b>	11.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	12.1%
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	11.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	↓ 1 Quarter

#### **Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as performance has fallen against quarter one (quarter one 11.9%, quarter two 12.1%, a lower outturn is positive for this indicator).

The annual leaving cycle of school and college leavers has a particular distorting influence upon the Not in Education Employment or Training figures. The September Guarantee for Year 11 indicates that more young people had an offer of appropriate learning this year than last. Confirmation of take-up of offers goes on throughout September and October. This year, the Guarantee was also introduced for 17 year olds (Year 12). The 14-19 Partnership has monitored school and college leaver progression throughout the summer and managed the Guarantee. During the 2007/08 academic year 286 Section 140 assessments have been completed for young people with statements moving on to new learning provision, and for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities but without a statement, where appropriate.

#### **Actions taken**

Key activities delivered during quarter two: September Guarantee for 16 and 17 year olds; 14-19 partnerships secured European Social Fund / Learning and Skills Council funding to target innovative work with young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in Not in Education Employment or Training hotspot areas (pre and post-16 provision across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent from September 2008-December 2010); Support for young people and parents in claiming Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and other benefits; Connexions attendance in all schools and colleges on results days; Connexions support for students on enrolment and during induction in education and training provision

#### **Actions proposed**

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: Roll out Actvi8 in October; Review individual Section 140 assessments with learners and providers to ensure appropriate support is in place; Identify young people who are not engaged in a positive outcome and provide additional support through District 14-19 partnerships; Compile Staffordshire's school leaver activity survey and report on first destinations of summer leavers.

<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.4.1 – NI 90 (CSI57)</b> <b>Take up of 14-19 learning diplomas DCSF DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Bill Dewar
<b>Current Target</b>	No target has currently been set for 2008/09

<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	N/A		
<b>Polarity</b>	Low		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	N/A		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, although there is currently no target set for this indicator, diplomas are due to start being delivered in September 2008, working is being delivered now in line with the 14 to 19 strategy, the latest progress check of the 14 to 19 strategy was rated as green throughout, Staffordshire is one of only two authorities within the West Midlands to achieve this score in relation to the 14 to 19 agenda.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key Activities delivered during quarter two: Agreed protocols for delivery costs agreed. Gateway two completed and successful. Information Advice and Guidance quality mark rolled out across Staffordshire to support diplomas. Diploma promotion material produced with Connexions. Education Business Partnership programme in place to support employer Engagement at district level. Programme of support through Continuing Professional Development agreed for 2008-2009. Pilot of attendance software (CLM) expanded to Cannock Chase, East Staffordshire and Tamworth to monitor attendance across partnerships.</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key Activities to be delivered during quarter three: Functional Skills training. Continuing Professional Development programme delivered. Tracking template produced to monitor progress of diploma youngsters.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.4.2 – LAA Indicator NI 117 (CSI53)</b> <b>16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) PSA 14</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Carol Jones		
<b>Current Target</b>	9.8%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	14.2%		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	9.8%		
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	↘ 2 Quarters		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as although the performance of this indicator has been temporarily distorted due to the annual leaving cycle of school and college leavers which has a particularly strong distorting influence upon the Not in Education Employment or Training figures, this is only a seasonal variation and delivery against the indicator is still on track to achieve the target. The impact is that the September Not in Education Employment or Training rate is higher (as is the Not Known rate) in quarter two, 14.2%, following performance of 11.3% in quarter one.</p> <p>The September Guarantee for Year 11 indicates that more young people had an offer of appropriate learning this year than last. Confirmation of take-up of offers goes on throughout September and October. This year, the Guarantee was also introduced for 17 year olds (Year 12). The 14 to19 Partnership at County and District level has monitored school and college leaver progression throughout the summer and managed the Guarantee.</p> <p>This indicator focuses on 20 hotspot areas, and does not cover all of Staffordshire</p>			

<b>Actions taken</b>								
Key activities delivered during quarter two: September Guarantee delivered to all 16 to 17 year olds. The 14 to 19 partnerships have successfully secured European Social Fund / Learning Skills Council funding (pre and post 16 provision across Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent from September 2008 to December 2010). Branded 'Activ8', this provision will specifically target 16 to 18 year old Not in Education, Employment or Training hotspot areas and young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities. There has been work to identify 'at risk' (of becoming not in education, employment or training) young people in Year 12 in learning and training. There has been increased activity with young people in vulnerable groups, e.g. Busy Mum e-learning and coaching programme in Chase and East Staffordshire for young mothers. Support for young people and parents in claiming Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and other benefits has also been completed. Connexions has also ensured attendance of their advisors in all schools and colleges on results days, throughout the summer. Support for learners during enrolment and induction at college and training provision. Work with North Staffordshire Regeneration Zone and Jobcentre Plus on adult worklessness interventions to address intergenerational Not in Education, Employment or Training hotspot areas.								
<b>Actions proposed</b>								
Key activities delivered during quarter three: Roll out 'Activ8' in hotspot areas during October. Continue to provide additional support to young people not engaged in a positive outcome through 14 to 19 partnership. Further development of worklessness interventions in hotspot areas, to reduce intergenerational Not in Education, Employment or Training. Compile Staffordshire's school leaver activity survey and report on first destinations of summer leavers.								
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<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.4.3 –NI 106 (CSI52)</b> <b>Young people from low income backgrounds progressing to higher education</b> <b>PSA 11</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Judith Robinson
<b>Current Target</b>	N/A New Indicator – target to be set in 2009
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	N/A
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	N/A
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>
The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been given for this indicator, although there is currently no target set for this indicator, working is being delivered through the Aim Higher Programme, which is progressing well.
Activities delivered in this period were partly aimed at improving progression in September 2008 as well as in future years. The first opportunity to assess performance will not be until February 2009, when early data will be available with regard to progression into Higher Education at age 18 in 2008. However this will only give a general indication of direction of travel, as we do not have the data at a local level that will enable us to assess progress directly against this indicator. Updated information from Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, once provided, will only be available annually and will always be retrospective, the data provided in 2009 will be for entry to Higher Education in 2007.

<b>Actions taken</b>
Progress has been made during quarter two in introducing the Aimhigher Learner Progression Framework to schools and other partners. The framework sets out learning outcomes with regard to aspiration, motivation and attainment and progression that are linked to the phases of secondary education and can be tailored to the individual school/college context, and personalised to each individual learner. The framework has formed the basis for discussions that have been taking place with schools regarding the Aimhigher activities that they would like to access during the year. In addition, a range of activities were delivered to learners, including Higher Education campus visits and subject tasters, mentor support, Higher Education CARD activities (linked to the guarantee of the offer of a place at a range of Higher Education institutions)

participating in the scheme) and Higher Education Challenge activities (an Higher Education aspiration-raising and preparation module for year 12 learners). A comprehensive set of resources, Resource in a box, to support work with students in relation to progression to Higher Education, was produced and distribution to schools, colleges and training providers began in September.

**Actions proposed**

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: Work to roll out and begin to embed use of the Learner Progression Framework will continue, along with the further distribution of Resource in a box. In addition, activities requested by schools, linked to the Learner Progression Framework, will be delivered. These will include campus visits, Higher Education student ambassadors in schools and master classes. Preparation for the first of the annual career progression events will also be undertaken. These events, in January and June, are targeted at schools in Newcastle, the Moorlands and Stoke. Discussions are also under way to run at least one large event elsewhere in the county, while South Staffordshire schools are being invited to a similar event being run by Aimhigher Shropshire in Telford. Also in this period, recruitment will begin for Higher Education summer schools aimed at years 10, 11 and 12. In the Moorlands and Newcastle, transition events will be run focusing on learner expectation versus experience of transition from year 11 into post-16 education and from level 3 into Higher Education. It is hoped that the learning gained from these events will help to highlight where the transition process could be improved and contribute to improved Information Advice and Guidance and potentially retention at 17.

Planning will also take place in this period for a half day conference for school, Further Education and Higher Education staff in January focusing on transition and retention issues and sharing of practice.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
The present economic climate may impact negatively on the decisions made by young people and their families regarding progression to HE, given concerns about cost and perceptions of student debt.	5	5	The guarantee of HE student finance packages linked to EMA eligibility is highlighted in the new 14-19 Next Steps document. This will need to be promoted vigorously to eligible students and staff in schools and FECs will need to be made aware of this also. Discussions are taking place with local HE providers with regard to promoting this link and also with providing information locally on funding for HE study.
The national changes to the administration of student finance will result in the eventual demise of the County's student finance department. The immediate effect is the loss of their ability to undertake finance presentations and provide information and specialist support to Staffordshire students and parents, which leaves a significant gap in local knowledge and capacity to provide information on funding. This is supposed to be filled by the Student Loans Company, but there are deep concerns that their web-based approach will not reach the young people and their parents who fall into the NI 106 target group.	5	5	Discussions are taking place with local HE providers with regard to providing information locally on funding for HE study. Work undertaken by HE Student Ambassadors and Aimhigher Parent Ambassadors as well as by other Aimhigher staff and partners will also aim to provide as much information as possible about the finance packages available to students from lower income backgrounds. Resource information provided to schools will also include information about funding.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.4.4 – LAA Indicator NI 45 (CYO1)</b> <b>Young offenders engagement in suitable education, training and employment.</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sharon Moore
<b>Current Target</b>	84.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	78.4%

<b>Projected Outturn</b>	78.9%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber		
<b>Trend</b>	↓ 1 Quarter		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as although performance for this indicator has improved from the baseline (an increase of 6.8%), it is now faltering and further partnership work is required to get performance back on track, currently performance is projected at 78.9% against a target of 84.0% (this is a variance of 6.1%).</p> <p>Ensuring that young people who are supervised by Staffordshire Youth Offending Service are given equal opportunities to access appropriate Education Training Employment is a priority for the Service and the Head of Service and managers have been working hard to ensure that other partnership agencies take responsibility for their roles to improve this indicator.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two:          Youth Offending Team Education Officers in post in all Staffordshire Youth Offending Service area teams.          Joint meeting held with Staffordshire Youth Offending Service, Connexions and School Improvement Division to discuss delivery plan for this indicator. Decision made to integrate delivery of this indicator with existing strategic groups i.e. 14 to 17 strategic partnership and Integrated Youth Support Service governance board.          Youth Offending Team Education Officers attended all District Inclusion Panels.          Data sharing between Staffordshire Youth Offending Service and Connexions to ensure ongoing provision.</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:          Performance data to be disaggregated by District as well as by school age and post school age.          Update indicator Local Area Agreement Delivery Plan and circulate to partnership agencies.          Integration of Staffordshire Youth Offending Service Not in Education Employment Training requirements in refresh of 14 to 19 Partnership Plan.          Continued monitoring of Education Training and Employment recording for young offenders.          Staffordshire Youth Offending Service representative on Staffordshire Providers Association.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.4.5 – NI 148 (CLA17)</b> <b>Care leavers in education, employment or training PSA 16</b>		
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Andrew Brunt		
<b>Current Target</b>	64.0%		
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)		
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	62.9%		
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive		
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as although data is collected annually, local monthly data available for September places: 92% of eligible young people having a Personal Advisor and 66% having a Pathway Plan, if the proportion of care leavers in education, employment or training increases or remains the same we shall be confident of achieving our 08/09 performance target. Projected outturn: 62.9% against target of 64.0%.</p> <p>Currently there is no data available to assess how care leavers in education, employment or training are</p>			

performing in comparison to the overall population of Staffordshire.								
<b>Actions taken</b>								
Key activities delivered during quarter two: All care leavers are allocated a Social Worker or a Personal Advisor who provides advice and support about education, employment and training; Work has been continuing with SOVA (an national organisation working with Social Services, recruiting, training and deploying volunteers to offer support and advice to young people within local communities) to provide mentors for care leavers, who also support them in their education, employment and training; Service Level Agreement with Staffordshire Partnership (to employ care leavers) is currently being reviewed.								
<b>Actions proposed</b>								
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: We will continue to provide support to care leavers, including the allocation of a Social Worker or Personal Advisor: We will continue to provide care leavers with a Pathway Plan which assesses the young persons needs and plans for their future.								
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<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.5.1 – (CCT8) (local Indicator)</b> <b>Number of young people in serious housing need.</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Carol Jones / Roy Oakes
<b>Current Target</b>	230
<b>Quarter Result</b>	325
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	250
<b>Polarity</b>	Low outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Amber
<b>Trend</b>	↓ 2 Quarters

<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>								
The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been given for this indicator, as although performance of this indicator has steadily declined from the baseline (baseline 249, quarter one, 290, quarter two, 325), there are clear and robust plans in place to move forward this indicator, currently the data represented is only provided by Connexions, as a more collaborative approach is undertaken more accurate and representative data should emerge, this collaborative approach will also have an effect on the numbers of young people in serious housing need, through more partnership working.								
<b>Actions taken</b>								
Key activities delivered during quarter two: An Action Plan for the development of Countywide Strategy has been approved by the County Young Peoples Working Group. The issue of youth homelessness has been raised at four of the eight District Childrens Trust Boards and consequently Partnership Groups have been established in those Districts to develop a more collaborative approach locally. Accommodation Officers have been appointed by the Youth Offending Service and the Leaving Care Service. A bid to offer a Child Poverty Pilot to support teenage parents in supported accommodation has been submitted to Department Children Schools and Families / Department of Communities and Local Government.								
<b>Actions proposed</b>								
Key activities to be delivered during quarter three: A Joint Protocol is to be developed to support collaboration in the delivery of support to young people in housing need. District Young Peoples Housing Partnerships to be developed in the four remaining Districts. A Housing Brokerage scheme to be investigated to support young people.								
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No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator.			
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<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.5.2 – NI 147 (CLA18)</b> <b>Care leavers in suitable accommodation PSA 16</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Andrew Brunt
<b>Current Target</b>	90.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	N/A (annual target)
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	88.7%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green
<b>Trend</b>	Not calculated

**Indicator Quarterly Commentary**

The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as although data for this indicator is reported annually as part of the (903) Local Authority report to Department Children Schools Families, internally we also collect data on the numbers of care leavers in suitable accommodation. Data from our monthly reports indicate that performance is well on track to achieve our end of year target. (Sept – 92.7%).

Improvements are being made within both the Looked after Children Services and within the Children and Lifelong Learning Directorate as a whole to improve the quantity and quality of suitable accommodation for care leavers. Strategies are being developed and partnerships with housing providers are being improved to create better access for vulnerable young people and help in their transition into adulthood.

**Actions taken**

Key activities delivered during quarter two:  
The Accommodation Officer, whose particular role will be to establish effective partnerships with registered landlords, took up their appointment in quarter two; Proposals to improve housing for 16 to 17 year olds, including care leavers, have been put forward as part of the Housing Strategy; Vulnerable Children Division Policy and Procedures for Through Care Service (including accommodation for care leavers), have been reviewed. The Integrated Care Services Pathway plan exemplar is being rolled out across Through Care Teams.

**Actions proposed**

Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:  
Continuation of our work with colleagues in Children and Lifelong Learning to develop a Housing Strategy to improve access for vulnerable children (including care leavers) in Staffordshire.

**Risks identified to achieving indicator**

Brief description of risk:	Probability	Impact	Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>CYP 5.5.3 – NI 46 (CYO3)</b> <b>Young offenders' access to suitable accommodation MoJ DSO</b>
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Sharon Moore
<b>Current Target</b>	98.0%
<b>Quarter Result</b>	95.0%
<b>Projected Outturn</b>	96.0%
<b>Polarity</b>	High outturn positive

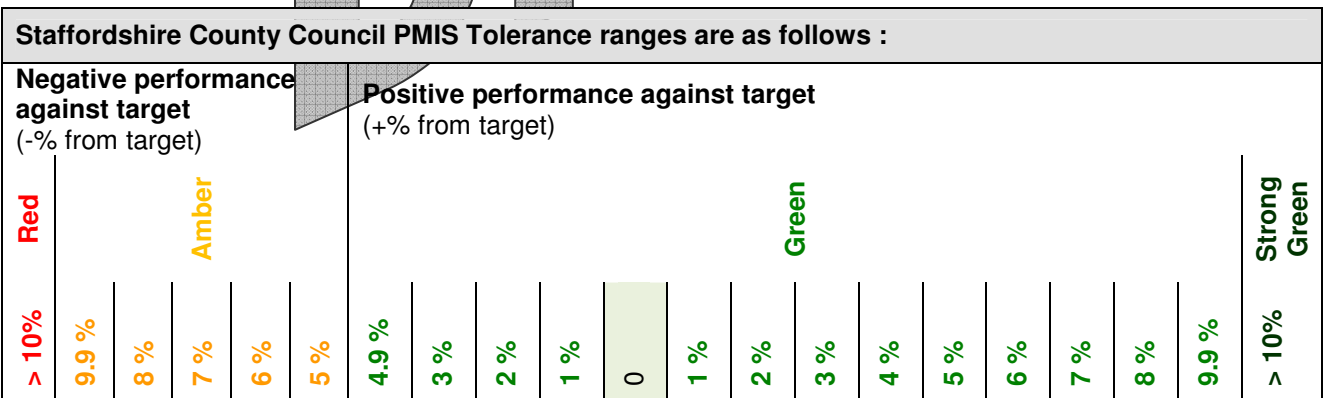
<b>RAG Rating</b>	Green		
<b>Trend</b>	↗ 1 Quarter		
<b>Indicator Quarterly Commentary</b>			
<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as although direction of travel is in the right direction and robust plans are in place, there is a concern that the performance target may not be achieved by the end of the year. The current projected outturn is 96.0% against the target of 98.0% (variance of 2.0%).</p> <p>It is a Service priority that young people have access to suitable (and supported) accommodation and managers and practitioners have been working hard to ensure more appropriate accommodation is made available for young offenders so that they are reintegrated into their communities. Performance for this indicator has improved by 1% since quarter one and now that there is a dedicated post of Accommodation Officer more progress should be made to further improve young peoples access to appropriate accommodation.</p>			
<b>Actions taken</b>			
<p>Key activities delivered during quarter two:  Accommodation Officer has been appointed; Accommodation Officer to establish and maintain links with councils and hostels in order to find out policies and to build positive partnerships; Attendance of Accommodation Officer at the County Housing partnership group conference; Monthly Asset report for accommodation needs scoring two or more to identify client group.</p>			
<b>Actions proposed</b>			
<p>Key activities to be delivered during quarter three:  Action carried forward from last quarter, to be completed during quarter three: review of how accommodation is recorded so that figures can be interpreted and analysed better and a true picture can be revealed, for example: Living with friends and temporary accommodation; Review of Joint Housing Protocols; Linking in with Supporting People re funding; Reviewing placement arrangements and funding for Children in Care; Make links with District Councils re housing benefit entitlements.</p>			
<b>Risks identified to achieving indicator</b>			
<b>Brief description of risk:</b>	<b>Probability</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Please outline the mitigating actions put in place to reduce the risk</b>
No additional risks to delivery of against the indicator			

**Key:**

Risk Assessment for Performance Indicators:	
<b>RED</b>	There is a high risk that the performance target will not be achieved by the end of the year.
<b>AMBER</b>	There is concern about the likelihood of achieving the performance target by the end of the year.
<b>GREEN</b>	The performance target is on track to be achieved at the end of the year.

Direction of Travel for Performance Indicators:		
Corporate direction of travel	Description	PMIS Exception Report direction of travel
↓	Travelling in the opposite direction from that which would be expected if the target were to be delivered.	↓
→	In a steady state, some minor variations, but no clear trend.	→
↑	Travelling in the correct direction to deliver indicator target.	↑

Risks against Delivery against Indicator	
<b>Probability</b>	Score as 1,2,3,4,5 (1 being Low Probability - 5 being High Probability)
<b>Impact</b>	Score as 1,2,3,4,5 (1 being Low Impact - 5 being High Impact)



An example of how to calculate the variance against projected outturn is as follows:

- Current Target = 95.0%
- Projected Outturn = 85.0%
- Projected variance against Target: -10.5%
- PMIS generated RAG rating = **RED**
- Percentage variance calculation:  $((\text{Projected} - \text{Target})/\text{Target}) * 100\%$   
 $((85.0 - 95.0) / 95.0) * 100.0 = -10.5\% = \text{RED}$