

Appendix One

Children and Young People's Plan 2008/2009 - Quarter Four (1st January 2009 – 31st March 2009)/ 2008/09 Outturn

Indicator Risk Assessment & Direction of Travel and Performance Commentary – 2008 / 2009 Quarter Profile

Indicator highlighted as green: there has been a positive move in the risk assessment of this indicator
Indicator highlighted as yellow: there has been a negative move in the risk assessment of this indicator, for example green to amber or red.
Indicator highlighted in orange is showing continued poor performance – Rated as RED

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CCF1	N/A	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 (CYP 3.61)	High Positive	1800	2000	430	G	↓ 1 Quarter	495	G	↑ 1 Quarter	473	G	↓ 1 Quarter	458		1856	R	↓ 2 Quarters	<p>The automatically generated PMIS RAG rating for this indicator is amber as current performance falls within the amber variance of between 5.0% - 10.0% (target 2000, outturn 1856, variance from target 7.2%). However, the target has not been achieved for this indicator, therefore the RAG rating has been amended to RED. This is supported by the decline in performance of the indicator from quarter two with an average decrease in the number of outreach sessions of 19 over quarters three and four, there is still some distance to travel to the target, (an additional 144 sessions) this would require an average increase of 36 sessions per quarter.</p> <p>Carers Association South Staffordshire Staffing issues in quarter one were addressed and this can be seen in quarters two where there has been a steady increase in performance, however this was not maintained over quarter three and four, so performance fell short of the target. The maintenance support sessions offered to all Young Carers have provided them with a supportive environment as part of a larger Carers network in which they have the opportunity to voice their feelings and concerns and receive appropriate advice and guidance. Support sessions enable Young Carers to make informed choices about issues that directly concern them and thereby enable them to lead healthy and enjoyable lifestyles. Through participation in positive activities Young Carers not only have a chance to mix with their peers and have fun but it also provides them with opportunities to take time out from their everyday caring responsibilities. Awareness raising sessions in schools not only highlight to both staff and pupils the issues that Young Carers face in their everyday lives but they often bring to light new Young Carers who can then be offered a variety of support mechanisms through Young Carers initiatives in the local area.</p>
CCF2	N/A	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 (CYP 3.61)	High Positive	15	20	2	G	↓ 1 Quarter	2	G	→ 1 Quarter	5	R	↑ 1 Quarter	12		21	G	↑ 2 Quarters	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator as the target has been met and performance has improved immensely from the previous quarters. (target 20 awareness raising sessions). It was the lack of school timetable capacity rather than the service provider's ability to deliver that gave concerns about meeting targets in the early quarters of the year. The full programme was planned and implemented in the third & fourth quarter.</p> <p>The maintenance support sessions offered to all Young Carers have provided them with a supportive environment as part of a larger Carers network in which they have the opportunity to voice their feelings and concerns and receive appropriate advice and guidance. Support sessions enable Young Carers to make informed choices about issues that directly concern them and thereby enable them to lead healthy and enjoyable lifestyles. Through participation in positive activities Young Carers not only have a chance to mix with their peers and have fun but it also provides them with opportunities to take time out from their everyday caring responsibilities. Awareness raising sessions in schools not only highlight to both staff and pupils the issues that Young Carers face in their everyday lives but they often bring to light new Young Carers who can then be offered a variety of support mechanisms through Young Carers initiatives in the local area.</p>
CCF3	N/A	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 (CYP 3.61)	High Positive	367	400	361	G	↓ 1 Quarter	405	G	↑ 1 Quarter	384	G	↓ 1 Quarter	376		376	R	↓ 2 Quarters	<p>The automatically generated PMIS RAG rating for this indicator is amber as current performance falls within the amber variance of between 5.0% - 10.0% (target 400, outturn 376, variance from target 6.0%). However, the target has not been achieved for this indicator, therefore the RAG rating has been amended to RED. This is supported by the decline in performance of the indicator from quarter two with an average decrease in the number of outreach sessions of 14.5 over quarters three and four, although there has been some improvement on the baseline of 367, this is only 9 carers engaged in positive activities, this consistent decline could indicate a fall in the number of young carers or that young carers are not engaged in participating in the current positive activities on offer (are we offering the right things).</p> <p>The figures shown above are a combined annual figure for North Staffordshire Carers Association & Carers Association South Staffordshire. Targets for North Staffordshire Carers Association in the north of the county were met in full. Targets for Carers Association South Staffordshire have not been moving in the right direction but this was not met due to staff shortages in quarter one. These staff shortages have been addressed by Carers Association South Staffordshire.</p>

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CCF4	N/A	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 (CYP 3.61)	High Positive	20	20	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A		20	G	→ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator as the target for 2008/09 has been achieved, there has been no improvement on the 2007/08 baseline for this indicator as it is aimed to maintained the current level of attendance. (Target 20, performance 20)</p> <p>The maintenance support sessions offered to all Young Carers have provided them with a supportive environment as part of a larger Carers network in which they have the opportunity to voice their feelings and concerns and receive appropriate advice and guidance. Support sessions enable Young Carers to make informed choices about issues that directly concern them and thereby enable them to lead healthy and enjoyable lifestyles. Through participation in positive activities Young Carers not only have a chance to mix with their peers and have fun but it also provides them with opportunities to take time out from their everyday caring responsibilities. Awareness raising sessions in schools not only highlight to both staff and pupils the issues that Young Carers face in their everyday lives but they often bring to light new Young Carers who can then be offered a variety of support mechanisms through Young Carers initiatives in the local area.</p>
CCT1	NI55	Obesity in primary school age children in Reception PSA 12 (CYP 1.2.2)	Low Positive	12.4%	10.6%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	9.9%		G	→ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as based on the 2007/2008 National Child Measurement Programme data compared to the baseline data for 2006/2007 there has been a decrease in the number of children recorded as obese in reception year in North Staffordshire (12.4% to 10.7%) and an increase in South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust area (8.4% to 9%). This information is based on trend only and not the true data set. This data set will not be available until 2009/2010.</p> <p>This indicator has been marked as green due to the trends seen in the 2007/2008 data set compared to the 2006/2007 baseline data. There has been a rise in South Staffordshire's recorded Reception year obesity levels by 0.6%. This is likely to be due to their increase in coverage from 60.6% to 79%. North Staffordshire's have seen a reduction of 1.7% which is likely to be due to the decrease in coverage from 83.1% to 80.2%. It must be noted that the cohort that was measured for this dataset is prior to the establishment of the 2008/2011 Local Area Agreement target.</p> <p>The indicator still continues to move forward in conjunction with NI 56 (Year 6 obesity levels). The delivery plan to increase coverage continues to be monitored and driven forward by both North Staffordshire and South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust in conjunction with key partners and the School Health Improvement Partners. Service specification and data governance have been agreed by both North Staffordshire and South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust for this measurement programme.</p>
CCT2	NI56	Obesity in primary school age children in Year 6 DCSF DSO (CYP 1.2.1)	Low Positive	17.4%	17.7%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	R	N/C	N/A	19.5%		R	→ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of red has been given for this indicator, as based on the 2007/2008 National Child Measurement Programme data compared to the baseline data for 2006/2007 there has been an increase in the number of children recorded as obese in year 6 both in the North and South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust area (16.8 to 19% in south Staffordshire and 18.8% to 19.4% in north Staffordshire). This information is based on trend only and not the true data set. This true data set will not be available until 2009/2010.</p> <p>This indicator remains marked as red due to the trends seen in the 2007/2008 data set compared to the 2006/2007 data where both NHS North Staffordshire and South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust areas have seen a rise in year 6 recorded obesity levels. This is potentially due to the increase in coverage that has occurred in South Staffordshire 76.9% to 84.7%. This data is within the confidence intervals set at 5% but is determined as a downward trend by the Department of Health and hence has been stated as red for this quarter return based on the data that has been received. It must be noted that the cohort that was measured for this dataset is prior to the establishment of the 2008/2011 Local Area Agreement target.</p> <p>The indicator still continues to move forward in conjunction with NI 55 (Reception Year). The delivery plan to increase coverage continues to be monitored and driven forward by both North Staffordshire and South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust in conjunction with key partners and the School Health Improvement Partners. Service specification and data governance have been agreed by both North Staffordshire and South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust for this measurement programme.</p>
CCT3	NI115	Substance misuse by young people PSA 14 - Young Peoples perception of substance misuse through the Tell Us Survey (CYP1.3.1)	Low Positive	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/C	<p>This indicator has been rated as green, as the numbers entering Tier 3 treatment services, demonstrates that our services are meeting (on behalf of the county) the needs of young people with complex drug and alcohol problems. We have continued to build on the improvement seen in service performance last year, and are rated green by the National Treatment Agency for value for money (cost per person, see below). Quarter three cost per person (confirmed) is £1,850.245, which comfortably fits with the National Treatment Agency guidance (which states that for a green rating cost per person should fall within the £1000 - £3000 provisional quarter four cost (from local data) is projected at £1,527 As such we are outperforming most of our regional neighbours on value for money. Our Service budget for this service for 2008/09 is £384,85, the target cost is £1542 per person</p> <p>There has been continued progress through quarter four. Confirmed quarter three National Drug Treatment Monitoring System data has confirmed we are maintaining (and still improving on) last years substantially improved performance for young people accessing Tier 3 treatment. 54% of presentations have been for alcohol (overall tiers 2 & 3) so we continue to be confident at these issues are being effectively picked up and referred on appropriately by referral agencies, especially at tier 3 where 57% of presentations are now for alcohol. This work will also make an important contribution to the NI 39 alcohol related harm hospital admissions Local Area Agreement target by ensuring complex cases for alcohol are quickly referred into effective treatment.</p>

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CCT9	N/A	Substance misuse by young people PSA 14 - accessing support	High Positive	260	265	143	G	↓ 1 Quarter	170	G	↑ 1 Quarter	192	G	↑ 2 Quarters	252		252	G	↑ 3 Quarters	Please see above commentary – CCT3
CCT4	NI53	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 - 8 weeks from birth PSA 12 (CYP 1.7.1)	High Positive	19.3%	26.1%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	R	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	19.3%		R	→ 1 Year	<p>This indicator has been risked assessed as red, as it is not possible to determine how we are performing against this indicator, no confirmed quarterly performance data has been provided to date. As no clear data has been available throughout the year, and only unvalidated proxy data was reported in quarter three, maintaining the baseline level has been given as the projected outturn, 19.6%.</p> <p>Confirmation has been received from south Staffordshire Primary care Trust that data will be available for quarter four/year end after the 28th April, they are currently validating their child health data.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The ability to provide both data and commentary relating to activities being delivered to support the improvement of this indicator has been an ongoing concern since 2007.</p>
CCT5	n/a	Number of 16 year olds attendances at sport and cultural activities/facilities (CYP 3.5.1)	High Positive	1331302	1372134	300330	G	↓ 1 Quarter	384607	G	↑ 1 Quarter	334318	G	↓ 1 Quarter	343609		1362864	G	↑ 1 Quarter	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as although the target has not been met, performance has improved on the baseline (2007/08: 1331302; outturn 1362864) and the outturn is within an acceptable variance from target to indicate green (0 - 4.9%) (2008/09 target 1372134; outturn 1362864, variance from target, -0.7%).</p> <p>The lack of an Easter holiday during this financial year and the five week closure of a swimming pool in Stafford Borough this quarter have impacted on attendances. Some pre planned school trips to museums and galleries also had to be cancelled at the start of the year due to the snow. The economic recession may also have affected attendances.</p> <p>As a result of this performance, children and young people have been given increased opportunities to participate in a wide range of sport, cultural and learning activities during the year. Evidence demonstrates that participation in such activities can raise aspirations and plays an important role in community cohesion and community involvement. Sport and leisure activities provide the opportunity to develop social skills and increase self esteem and the activities offered have enabled children and young people to enjoy and achieve in a safe environment.</p> <p>Due to the maternity leave of an Arts Development Officer in Cannock District, only a limited number of projects have been delivered. In East Staffordshire the children's play area (Pirates Cove) at Meadowside Leisure Centre was withdrawn due to the need to refurbish and update, actions that will be undertaken when the full leisure centre refurbishment has been completed. If attendance figures were added back in to the overall attendance figures, the target for East Staffordshire would have been achieved. Performance across all South Staffordshire leisure centres for swimming has been low this year, it is thought this is due to two main reasons – free swimming being offered at nearby leisure centres drawing customers elsewhere, and the poor weather.</p>
CCT6	n/a	Number of young people aged 16 and under participating in Local Authority organised sports development and active recreation programmes (CYP 3.5.2)	High Positive	59266	60499	10150	G	↓ 1 Quarter	39774	G	↑ 1 Quarter	23533	SG	↓ 1 Quarter	24843		98300	SG	↑ 1 Quarter	<p>Performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of green should be given, as the target for this indicator has been exceeded (higher outturn is positive). (2008/09 Target: 60499, Outturn: 98300).</p> <p>Cannock: Due to the maternity leave of an Arts Development officer, only a limited number of projects have been delivered but targets have still been achieved. East Staffordshire: All plans delivered and achieved. Newcastle: Increase due to additional PPA (these are schools session, usually multi-sports, with each week teaching children a new or different sport/activity) time being commissioned through schools. To keep the target of 14674 for next year. South Staffordshire: Get Set Schools has been the only activity this quarter, and has gone well. Partnership working between the District Council and the School Sports Partnership to have shared coaches, has increased the number of coaches available and therefore, activities that are offered through the Get Set Scheme. This has made communication for the coaches much easier, and has strengthened the offer for schools. Stafford: The attendances on our holiday courses this quarter did not quite meet the target. This was due to the fact that there was only one week of school holidays that fell within this quarter compared to other quarters where there are a lot more holidays. During this holiday we also ran our Chill-out project. Tamworth: Coaching is high due to mobile leisure.</p> <p>Young people have had access to a wide range of positive activities which has helped enrich their lives and encourage them to take part in activities which contribute to a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Participation in sports and leisure activities provides the opportunity to develop social skills and increase their self-esteem. The programmes offered at the facilities offer the opportunity for young people to enjoy and achieve in a safe environment.</p>

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CCT7	n/a	Number of children and young people's services who have signed up and done a self assessment for the hear by rights standard (CYP 4.1.1)	High Positive	4	10	N/A	R	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		10	G	↑ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as the target has been achieved, the achievement of this target is a considerable improvement from the baseline of 4 services, (increase from 4 to 10 services).</p> <p>Individual agencies continue to map and plan against the Hear by Right standards, with this being a standing agenda item at the Participation Network. Staffordshire Police Force is the latest partner to plan to use these standards.</p> <p>Staffordshire Childrens Commissioner has recently established an executive level group which includes senior managers from most of the partners with a duty to cooperate. It is accountable to the Executive and Trust Board for the participation strategy and developing and implementing an annual action plan based on clear participation priorities across the partnership and down to services both managed in house and those commissioned.</p> <p>Using the standards has increased the understanding and awareness of staff and therefore there is an increased readiness to work directly with children and young people.</p> <p>At a recent event over 160 children and young people were supported by the Participation Network, to have their say at an event, this feedback will directly improve services as it will feed into the 2009 refresh of the Children and Young Peoples Plan.</p> <p>By using the standards, this has identified a need for even more robust systems across the Childrens Trust, which will in turn, formalise and improve the opportunities for children and young people to be able to have a say.</p> <p>Working within these standards has meant that staff across the Trust now recognise the need to involve children and young people in everything that they do; children and young people are involved in decisions that affect their lives; their views are taken seriously and acted upon. Examples are services opening when young people want to see them open; oppressive restrictions/orders being removed and strategy rewritten</p>
CCT8	n/a	Number of young people in serious housing need. (CYP 5.5.1)	Low Positive	262	230	290	G	↓ 1 Quarter	325	A	↓ 2 Quarters	294	R	↑ 1 Quarter	339		339	R	↓ 1 Quarter	<p>A rating of red has been given for this indicator, as the target has not been met; target 230, performance 339 (lower outturn is positive) (variance of -47.4% from target), the final outturn of this indicator does show that there is a considerable distance to travel in order to improve outcomes for young people. However it should be noted that there are robust actions are being taken to address the issue relating to young people in serious housing need, a multi-agency Young Persons Housing Steering Group has been developed with the aim to develop a strategy that will identify a consistent, robust mechanism to identify, support and track young people presenting with serious housing needs.</p> <p>A needs analysis has been produced to establish Staffordshire's position. Agencies (such as Connexions, Youth Offending Services and Districts/Boroughs) have been approached to find out what housing information is being collated relating to young people and housing.</p> <p>On 23rd March 2009, a visioning exercise was carried out with the steering group to establish what success looked like in relation to the future experiences of young people in housing need across the County. A draft consultation document has been produced which will be circulated on behalf of the Children's Trust to all partner agencies which will seek to clarify roles and responsibilities and shared actions to reduce the numbers of young people becoming homeless and quick access to support for those who do. The development of an Integrated Youth Support Service for Staffordshire will include a focus upon Targeted Youth Support Services for young people experiencing difficulties and requiring advice and support and will make a significant contribution to this area of work.</p>
CDO1	NI54	Services for disabled children PSA 12 (CYP 1.8.1)	High Positive	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, and that progress against project objectives is travelling in the correct direction to delivery against the indicator, 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 have assessed Staffordshire's performance as 'fully met' against nine readiness criteria to be achieved by 31 March 2009, and are likely to be recommending that 4.6 million Aiming High funding be released to Staffordshire over the next two years.</p> <p>Methodology for the collection of data for NI54 has not been finalised and published by the Department of Children Schools and Families. It is currently being piloted with 30 or more Local Authorities who have included NI54 in their Local Area Agreement (not Staffordshire). It will be reviewed based on this experience. NI54 will seek 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. During January and February four events consulting with parents of disabled children on Aiming High, particularly participation and short term break services plus current satisfaction with services were held.</p>

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CEW1	NI87	Secondary school persistent absence rate DCSF DSO (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.3.6)	Low Positive	5.1%	5.0%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	4.95%		G	↑ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator as unvalidated census data for the Autumn term shows persistent absence in secondary schools to be 4.95%, against the target of 5.0% (lower outturn is positive). This indicates that the target will be achieved and is supported by the direction of travel of this indicator, relating to school support services being delivered in line with the indicator which is travelling in the right direction.</p> <p>The current performance is on target. The Education Welfare Service are working closely with priority secondary schools to reduce persistent absence, and also early indicator primary and secondary schools whilst continuing to offer universal support to reduce persistent absence in all schools.</p> <p>The reduction in numbers of persistent absence pupils in Staffordshire schools means that more secondary pupils are in school for more of the time, and as a result have better opportunities to achieve success in their secondary education</p>
CEY1	NI199	Children and young peoples satisfaction with parks and play areas (CYP 3.5.3)	High Positive	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/C	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been give for this indicator, as the Playbuilder programme is delivering against plan and in 2008/09 delivered eight new/refurbished play areas over the Department Children Schools and Families target of six play areas. For 2009/10 the Department Children Schools and Families have asked that we deliver eight new/refurbished play areas and we will deliver ten. The project manager continues to oversee the programme and reports monthly to the project board. The 2009/10 applications have been agreed and ten will be delivered by March 2010. Applications for 2010/11 have been launched and a series of roadshows planned.</p> <p>The Playbuilder programme has implemented new/refurbished sites during 2008/10 which has provided additional play opportunities for 3000 children aged 8-13. Children have been consulted on the approved applications to ensure that the Playbuilder projects deliver what the children want and need. By providing better outside play provision the Children and Young People have access to more attractive play spaces that are accessible to all children including disabled and those from minority groups.</p>
CLA14	NI51	Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services (CYP 1.4.1)	High Positive	10	13	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	13		G	↑ 1 Year	<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, current performance is recorded as 10.</p> <p>The Child Health Strategy was due to be released during the summer of 2008, this was subsequently been delayed and has now been published in February 2009. One of the priority areas identified within this document is the need to address the health needs of adolescents. Primary Care Trusts and Local Authorities have been tasked with developing a strategy and associated 5 – 10 year health improvement action plan to meet the needs of these young people and their families.</p> <p>A multi-agency working group has been established to develop this work. The key areas of work have been identified as follows: participation and engagement, services for children who are ill, disabled, and/or have life limiting conditions, transition, teenage pregnancy and sexual health, risk taking behaviour, mental health, agreed understanding of universal, targeted and complex services (including young people's mental health in secure settings), development of integrated pathways of care and integrated services, commissioning and the workforce.</p> <p>This is an initial identification of priorities and all of the above require further significant work to identify the current provision and the gaps which need to be addressed.</p> <p>The strategy seeks to add value to the plans and strategies already in place and provide the opportunity for further integration of services for this group. It will also provide the opportunity to look at transition in its broadest sense and support the development of transition strategies across agencies. The Strategy will be completed by the end of March 2009 and will be integral to the Primary Care Trusts Strategic Plans as well as the County Children and Young Peoples Plan.</p>
CLA15	NI62	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of placements DCSF DSO (CYP 2.2.1)	Low Positive	13.6%	12.0%	13.1%	A	↑ 1 Quarter	11.7%	G	↑ 2 Quarters	11.5%	G	↑ 3 Quarters	13.2%	13.2%		A	↓ 1 Quarter	<p>Current projected performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of amber should be given, as the target may not be achieved, (2008/09 Target: 12.0%, Projected Outturn: 13.2%) (lower outturn is positive). There has been a steady improvement in performance against this indicator throughout the last 12 months and the indicator has continued to perform within national expectations i.e. 0 -16% (current performance is towards the higher end). Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>Overall performance for this indicator represents an improvement since the 2007/2008 outturn with fewer children experiencing three or more placement moves and therefore more children and young people in stable care. This reflects the Looked After Children services continuing good work in undertaking effective assessments of children and young peoples needs and matching those needs to appropriate placements.</p> <p>This indicator is an important measure of the stability of care that a child has experienced. Stability is connected to better outcomes, with placement instability highlighted as a key barrier to improving educational outcomes for looked after children. Effective assessment of a child's needs and an adequate choice of placements to meet the varied needs of different children are essential if appropriate stable placements are to be made. Inappropriate placements often break down and lead to frequent moves. The circumstances of some looked after children in Staffordshire will require three or more separate placements during the year if they are to remain safe, but the recent improvement in performance has demonstrated that much is being done locally to improve stability and reduce the number of moves.</p>

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CLA16	NI63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement DCSF DSO (CYP 2.2.1)	High Positive	63.0%	65.0%	66.1%	G	↗ 1 Quarter	68.9%	G	↗ 2 Quarters	70.2%	G	↗ 3 Quarters	71.3%	71.3%		G	↗ 4 Quarters	<p>Current projected performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of green should be given, as the target expected to be exceeded by 6.3% (an increase of 8.3% on the 2007/08 outturn), (2008/09 Target: 65.0%, Projected Outturn: 71.3%) (higher outturn is positive). Overall performance for this indicator represents an improvement over the past 12 months. This reflects the service's continuing good work to improve the stability of placements for Staffordshire's looked after children. Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>This indicator is an important measure of the stability of care that a child has experienced. Stability is connected to better outcomes, with placement instability highlighted as a key barrier to improving educational outcomes for looked after children. Effective assessment of a child's needs and an adequate choice of placements to meet the varied needs of different children are essential if appropriate stable placements are to be made. Placement breakdown has a significant impact on children's wellbeing and their friendships, as well as disrupting their education and the continuity of access to other key services. The continued improvement in performance locally has demonstrated that much is being done in Staffordshire to reduce the number and frequency of placement moves we are confident that this will continue in 2009/10.</p>
CLA17	NI148	Care leavers in education, employment or training PSA 16 (CYP 5.4.5)	High Positive	63.0%	64.0%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	62.9%		G	↘ 1 Year	<p>Current projected performance indicates that a rating of green should be given for this indicator, as although data for this indicator is reported annually as part of the (SSDA903) Local Authority report to Department Children Schools Families, internally measures within the Through-Care Service report that at the end of March 2009, 89.9% of eligible young people had a Personal Advisor and 58.8% had a Pathway Plan, indicates that we should be track to meet the target. Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>This indicator measures levels of participation in education, employment or training for young people formally in care – a key group at risk of social exclusion. The indicator is part of the Social Exclusion PSA and is intended to drive improvements in long-term outcomes for care leavers, by ensuring they receive the support they need to access education, employment or training.</p>
CLA18	NI147	Care leavers in suitable accommodation PSA 16 (CYP 5.5.2)	High Positive	88.7%	90.0%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	88.7%		G	↘ 1 Year	<p>Current projected performance indicates that a rating of green should be given for this indicator, as although data for this indicator is reported annually as part of the (SSDA903) Local Authority report to Department Children Schools Families, internally measures on the numbers of care leavers in suitable accommodation, indicates that we should be track to meet the target. Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This indicator measures accommodation outcomes for young people formally in care, a key group at risk of social exclusion. This indicator is intended to increase the proportion of former care leavers who are in suitable accommodation which will help minimise the risk of care leavers being in unsuitable housing or becoming homeless. Many care leavers experience homelessness and problems finding decent, affordable accommodation. The Children Leaving Care Act 2000 gives local authorities the duty to accommodate young people 'in need' and the Homelessness Act 2002 classes young people leaving care as having priority need of housing. Even after the introduction of these measures to provide support to young people leaving care, research still shows that a high proportion of young homeless people are care leavers. Without intervention such as that provided by Staffordshire Looked After Children's Foundation Project, the numbers of young people at risk of social exclusion will increase and we are unlikely to be able to improve our performance in relation to the key indicator NI 147.</p>
CLI1	NI110	Young people's participation in positive activities PSA 14 (LAA Designated Indicator) (CYP 4.2.1)	High Positive	71.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	<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, with delivery in a steady state, with some minor variations.</p> <p>The first results were received in January 09 and Staffordshire achieved a score of 71.2%, which is above the average for all England (69.5%), above the average for the West Midlands (69.7%) but below the average for English Counties (72.2%).</p> <p>The disaggregated target for 5-16 year olds participating in 5 hours high quality physical education/sport is still under national discussion. However, the latest figures for those participating in 2 hours for the 07-08 academic year are 86.25%, compared to the 2008 Public Sector Agreement target of 85%.</p> <p>Data for the proxy indicators shows that: 8576 young people participated in positive activities provided by the Youth Service and partners this quarter, resulting in an annual total of 19834 which has exceeded the target of 12700. 3,646 under 16s participated in cultural activities this quarter, making a total of 36187 for the year, which is slightly below the target of 36281. The number of young people taking part in inter school competition in the academic year 2007/08 was 40%, compared to the target of 38.8%. Data is currently only available for the Autumn Term for participation in the Sport Unlimited programme, this was 762 young people compared to the target for the year of 3518.</p>

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CSC1	n/a	Improved compliance to child protection standards by all Local Safeguarding Board Partners (CYP 2.4.1)	High Positive	69.0%	85.0%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		69.0%	R	→ 1 Year	<p>The performance of this indicator has outlined that a red rating should be given as the end of year report for this indicator shows that performance has not improved from the 2007/08 baseline (69.0%), this is directly attributable to the failure of all eight district councils to submit section 11 audit returns, this has had an impact on the achievement of this indicator.</p> <p>(the eight district councils represent at least a quarter of the agencies required to submit, because of the small numbers involved any nil returns have a greater impact on performance). (2008/09 target 85.0%, outturn 69.0% , this is a variance of -18.8%).</p> <p>However, it should be clearly highlighted that (with the above exception of the eight district councils) all other Staffordshire Safeguarding Child Broads statutory members completed the section 11 audit, which measures compliance with statutory safeguarding standards, and all agencies had increased their levels of compliance since 2007/08.</p> <p>If we exclude the eight district councils, performance has been exceptional for all other agencies, with the majority improving compliance to 80% or more, with a range of agencies now 95% compliant. All statutory members submitted returns and performance from all these agencies has improved since 2007/08. Only two agencies reported standards that are red (not met); North Staffs Primary Care Trusts (four red) and South Shropshire healthcare NHS Trust (one red).</p> <p>Effective strategic safeguarding arrangements are at the core of agencies commitment, particularly at a senior level, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, improved compliance by all agencies with a duty to co-operate under section 11 of the Children Act 2004 will result in a safer workforce, a better skilled workforce and greatly enhance and improved senior management commitment to safeguarding. This should have a positive impact upon the delivery of services for children.</p>
CSE1	NI99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator)(CYP 3.2.4)	High Positive	35.2%	47.3%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A		23.1%	R	↘ 1 Year	<p>This indicator has been rated as red, as based on the current performance against target, the target has not been achieved, and there is considerable distance to travel to the target. (Target 2008/09: 47.3%. Current cohort performance: 23.1%, variance 51.2% from target).</p> <p>Target setting for this indicator is open to enormous differences between the cohort who are in care when the target is set and the actual cohort on which the attainment is based. For example, for 2010/11 a target has to be set in January 2009, for children who would have been in care for at least twelve months on 30th September 2009.</p> <p>The direction of travel indicator is also unhelpful as the results achieved are very specific to a very small cohort where each child has a large impact on overall results, (in this year's cohort there were 43 children which equates to 2.3% per child and there can be significant variation in relevant factors such as the number of children in the cohort with a full statement of special educational needs, for 2008/09 the official cohort, 39.5% had a full statement compared to 23.9% in the previous cohort.)</p> <p>In a wider context of course a successful our early intervention strategy will raise the threshold for entry into care producing a greater disparity between the attainment of the general school and looked after children's populations</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 (This fund is short term, extra financial support made available in order to help a looked after child better access education in school. This dowry will fund things such as additional classroom support, providing a learning mentor to aid integration, providing specialist equipment or visits) provides additional targeted support.</p>

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CSE2	NI100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.2.5)	High Positive	41.2%	47.3%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A		38.5%	R	↓ 1 Year	<p>This indicator has been rated as red, as based on the current performance against target, the target has not been achieved, and there is considerable distance to travel to the target. (Target 2008/09: 47.4%. Current cohort performance: 38.5%, variance 18.8% from target).</p> <p>Target setting for this indicator is open to enormous differences between the cohort who are in care when the target is set and the actual cohort on which the attainment is based. For example, for 2010/11 a target has to be set in January 2009, for children who would have been in care for at least twelve months on 30th September 2009.</p> <p>The direction of travel indicator is also unhelpful as the results achieved are very specific to a very small cohort where each child has a large impact on overall results, (in this years cohort there were 43 children which equates to 2.3% per child and there can be significant variation in relevant factors such as the number of children in the cohort with a full statement of special educational needs, for 2008/09 the official cohort, 39.5% had a full statement compared to 23.9% in the previous cohort.)</p> <p>In a wider context of course a successful our early intervention strategy will raise the threshold for entry into care producing a greater disparity between the attainment of the general school and looked after childrens populations</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 (This fund is short term, extra financial support made available in order to help a looked after child better access education in school. This dowry will fund things such as additional classroom support, providing a learning mentor to aid integration, providing specialist equipment or visits) provides additional targeted support.</p>
CSE3	NI101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths) PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.4.3)	High Positive	13.0%	21.6%	8.0%	G	↓ 1 Quarter	15.9%	A	↑ 1 Quarter	9.5%	R	↓ 1 Quarter	13.9%		13.9%	R	↑ 1 Quarter	<p>This indicator has been rated as red, as based on the current performance against target, the target has not been achieved, and there is considerable distance to travel to the target. (Target 2008/09: 21.6%. Current cohort performance: 13.9%, variance 55.4% from target).</p> <p>Target setting for this indicator is open to enormous differences between the cohort who are in care when the target is set and the actual cohort on which the attainment is based. For example, for 2010/11 a target has to be set in January 2009, for children who would have been in care for at least twelve months on 30th September 2009.</p> <p>The direction of travel indicator is also unhelpful as the results achieved are very specific to a very small cohort where each child has a large impact on overall results, (in this years cohort there were 43 children which equates to 2.3% per child and there can be significant variation in relevant factors such as the number of children in the cohort with a full statement of special educational needs, for 2008/09 the official cohort, 39.5% had a full statement compared to 23.9% in the previous cohort.)</p> <p>In a wider context of course a successful our early intervention strategy will raise the threshold for entry into care producing a greater disparity between the attainment of the general school and looked after children's populations</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 (This fund is short term, extra financial support made available in order to help a looked after child better access education in school. This dowry will fund things such as additional classroom support, providing a learning mentor to aid integration, providing specialist equipment or visits) provides additional targeted support.</p>
CSI36	NI72	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 (CYP 3.1.1)	High Positive	57.3%	58.5%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		59.4%	G	↑ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as confirmed data indicates that the target has been achieved.</p> <p>Performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 59.4% against target of 58.5% (Source Department of Children Schools and Families 2008), this is an increase of 2.1% from the 2007/08 baseline of 57.3%. and now places Staffordshire 14th out of 150 local Authorities for performance of this indicator. 10.4% above the national average (49.0%). Staffordshire is ranked 2nd amongst its statistical neighbours with Derbyshire top performing statistical neighbour at 60% (0.6%) above Staffordshire.</p> <p>Staffordshire reached the national target for 2008 of 53% of children achieving a score of 6 or more in each of the assessment scales for Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy and also achieving a total score of 78 points in 2007, but has increased the gap to this target further in 2008 to 59.4%, 6.4 percentage points above the national PSA target. Nationally this target has still not been achieved with only 49% of children achieving the measure.</p> <p>The significance of this positive performance on children entering key stage one is that those pupils entering with a positive reservoir of language and social skills provides strong impetus to their learning, which is supported by Staffordshire ranking for pupil achievement at the end of key stage one. (Top 10 Local Authority's).</p>

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CSI37	NI73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 PSA 10 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.2.1)	High Positive	72.4%	77.2%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		75.0%	G	↗ 1 Year	<p>This indicator has been given a rating of green, as confirmed data indicates that although the target has been not been achieved (75.0% against target of 77.25%, variance of -2.8%) the variance from target is within acceptable parameters (0-4.9%) for a green rating. This performance is also an increase of 2.6% on the 2007/08 baseline of 72.4%.</p> <p>The Free School Meal gap has narrowed by 3.3% at Level 4 in English and 4.4% in level 4 Maths. Positive RAG ratings of Green (good)(December 08), from National Strategies, for all aspects of, impact of local authority on Raising Standards and Improving Progress and Risk Management and Intervention.</p> <p>Please note this is a new indicator. Schools and Local Authorities did not have to set Department of Children Schools and Families targets for this indicator for 2008, these targets were set as part of the corporate performance framework (best practice guidance) and are milestone figures, which will allow Staffordshire to assess the direction of travel of this indicator in relation to 2009 onwards set Department of Children Schools and Families targets.</p> <p>Staffordshire performance is +3% above national figure (72.0%). National Public Service Agreement (PSA) target for this indicator is 78% for 2011, based on the performance against the milestone target, Staffordshire well placed in relation to achieving this. Staffordshire is ranked 42nd Nationally (up 3 places) and sixth against Statistical Neighbours. (Warwickshire top ranked Statistical Neighbours with 76%). This reflects increased numbers of eleven years old entering High School with the nationally expected level in both English and Maths.</p>
CSI38	NI74	Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3 PSA 10 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.3.1)	High Positive	69.8%	73.9%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	69.8%		A	→ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national problem relating to the publication of key stage 3 results, it is unclear from the Department Children School and Families when the information for this indicator will be available.</p> <p>The indicator lead has provided a projected outturn for this indicator is 69.8% against at target of 73.9% (this is based on unvalidated national data), 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 seen since 2006.</p> <p>In 2008 a new contractor was given the job by the National Assessment Agency to deliver and mark the Key Stage 2 and 3 SATs. As many processes and procedures were not in place and it now being clear that there were also not enough good quality markers, this resulted in many papers going missing before they were marked, and of those papers that were marked many schools sent them back for appeal as they believed they had been marked incorrectly. At the present moment Local Authorities have still yet to receive the validated data for both key stages. The decision to abolish the key stage three SATS was made by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families. From Summer 2009 (financial year 2009/10), children will no longer sit Key Stage 3 SATs, therefore as these SATs no longer exist there will be no information to report.</p> <p>Please note that from 2009 all key stage three indicators are being removed from the national indicator set as directed by the Department Children School and Families, therefore these will no longer be monitored/reported on.</p>
CSI39	NI75	Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths PSA 10 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.3.3)	High Positive	45.7%	52.0%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		49.7%	G	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as performance indicates that although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008) is 49.7% against target of 52.0% (variance from target 4.4%), the variance from target is within acceptable parameters (0 - 4.9%) for a green rating. This performance is also an increase of 4.0% on the 2007/08 baseline of 45.7%.</p> <p>The 2008 figure is Staffordshire's best ever result and is above the national figure (47.6%) by 2.1%. Staffordshire has improved its national rankings to 59 out of 150 Local Authorities an improvement of 13 places from 2007, and improved its statistical neighbours ranking to sixth out of 11, compared with ninth in 2007. Staffordshire's rate of improvement in this indicator is greater than national and is the largest in the West Midlands over the period 2004 to 2008.</p> <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).</p> <p>The progress made in this indicator has ensured more Staffordshire pupils achieved success at GCSE. This achievement will enhance their life chances and enable them to progress further in their choice of education, employment or training from a secure educational base.</p>

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CS140	NI79	Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 PSA 10 (originally LAA non designated indicator) (CYP 5.2.2)	High Positive	70.9%	74.0%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		73.0%	G	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, also there is a required 3.1% 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. There are concerns over the distance that performance of this indicator has to travel.</p> <p>Level 2 at 19 shows a widening gap in comparison with national targets and significant progress needs to be made. Progress check shows Level 2 at 19 was 68.9% in 2006, increasing by 2 percentage points to 70.9% in 2007. This shows a widening of the gap with national performance in 2007 at 73.9%. Attainment at Level 2 and Level 3 for learners in receipt of free school meals has improved significantly and now exceeds national averages but national targets remain a challenge.</p> <p>The direction of travel of this indicator is supported and monitored through effective collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data to support progress and achievement at level 2. 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>
CS141	NI80	Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 PSA 10 (LAA Designated Indicator) (CYP 5.2.1)	High Positive	45.0%	49.0%	N/A	R	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A		45.0%	R	→ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of red has been given for this indicator, the post 16 action plan has been reviewed and is now into phase two which includes further education provision as well as schools, it is still 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.</p> <p>A step change in attainment at level 3 is required in order to position Staffordshire on a trajectory to achieve the national target of 54.0% by 2011.</p> <p>Staffordshire has closed the gap in Average Point Score per entry. Staffordshire per candidate score declined by 4.5 points, compared to the national picture increasing by 2.3 points. Staffordshire per Entry score improved by 3.5 points compared to the national picture increasing by 1.6 points. Staffordshire schools are currently below national by 50.8 (41.9) points per candidate and 11.0 (12.6) per entry. Ranking per entry 121 (from 118) out of 147 Local Authorities, whilst per candidate ranked 91st (from 81)</p> <p>The direction of travel of this indicator is positive, and should be in line to meet the target, this 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>
CS142	NI83	Achievement at level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3 DCSF DSO (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.3.2)	High Positive	75.2%	80.0%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	75.2%		A	→ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national problem relating to the publication of key stage 3 results, it is unclear from the Department Children School and Families when the information for this indicator will be available.</p> <p>The indicator lead has provided a projected outturn for this indicator is 75.2% against at target of 80.0% (this is based on unvalidated national data), 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 seen since 2006.</p> <p>In 2008 a new contractor was given the job by the National Assessment Agency to deliver and mark the Key Stage 2 and 3 SATs. As many processes and procedures were not in place and it now being clear that there were also not enough good quality markers, this resulted in many papers going missing before they were marked, and of those papers that were marked many schools sent them back for appeal as they believed they had been marked incorrectly. At the present moment Local Authorities have still yet to receive the validated data for both key stages. The decision to abolish the key stage three SATS was made by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families. From Summer 2009 (financial year 2009/10), children will no longer sit Key Stage 3 SATs, therefore as these SATs no longer exist there will be no information to report.</p> <p>Please note that from 2009 all key stage three indicators are being removed from the national indicator set as directed by the Department Children School and Families, therefore these will no longer be monitored/reported on.</p>

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CS145	NI 92	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)	Low Positive	32.2%	29.6%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		30.1%	G	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09: 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. Also 2008/09 performance is within close proximity to the channelling target set 0.5%. Staffordshire is also performing well against the national average which is 36%. Staffordshire is ranked second amongst its statistical neighbours for this indicator, East Yorkshire is the top performing statistical neighbour at 29.5% against a target of 36.7%.</p> <p>There has been continued good progress of the implementation of Early Years and Foundation Stage, this progress is supported by the effective delivery of Early Years and Foundation Stage Strategic plan with a strong focus being on against its key activities to narrow the gap. National Strategies have identified that Staffordshire's Communication Language and Literacy Development programme (Phonic development) has made a strong start. There has been a strong start to the programme with good strategic engagement. There is good alignment between Literacy and Early Years teams. Targeted, differentiated support has had positive impact on narrowing the gap agenda</p> <p>National Strategy RAG ratings received December 2008 have rated Staffordshire as Green (Good) in all aspects for, impact of local authority in raising standards and improving progress, risk management and intervention. The targets 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.</p>
CS146	NI 93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.2.2)	High Positive	82.7%	86.9%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A		81.3%	R	↘ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of red has been given for this indicator, as current data indicates that the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 81.3% against target of 86.9%, there has been a drop of 1.4% against last years attainment (82.7%). Based on this data Staffordshire performance is now ranked 98th out of 150 Local Authorities.</p> <p>A positive RAG ratings of Green (good) has been received from National Strategies (December 2008) for all aspects relating to; impact of the local authority on raising standards and improving progress in Primary Schools and Risk Management and Intervention in Primary Schools.</p> <p>National Strategies stated that there has been good improvement in the number of pupils making 2 levels progress in English and Mathematics since 2005, closing the gap against national in both subjects.'</p> <p>This new indicator can be misleading, as an overall Key Stage 1 level for English does not exist and is a combination of the Key Stage 1 Reading and Writing Level. The Department of Children Schools and Families have also created a conversion chart, which means any child with a point score of 18 is given an overall Key Stage 1 Level 3. Whilst in fact a Level 3 is the equivalent of 19 points. There is also the issue that the Department of Children Schools and Families has treated Level 2C (weak) children the same as Level 2A (Strong) and both are expected to reach Level 4 at Key Stage 2. The issue here, is the cohort profile based on the percentage of the cohort that is Level 2C compared to those that are Level 2A, will have a significant impact on this indicator. The distance to travel from Level 2c to level L4 is not the same as Level 2a to Level 4. This is a flawed indicator, and should carry a health warning when reviewing the data.</p>
CS147	NI 94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.2.3)	High Positive	76.1%	81.1%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A		79.6%	G	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as current data indicates that although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008): 79.6% against target of 81.1%, there has been an improvement of 3.5% against last years attainment (76.1%).</p> <p>Positive RAG ratings of Green (good)(December 2008), from National Strategies, for all aspects of, impact of local authority on Raising Standards, Improving Progress and Risk Management and Intervention in primary schools.</p> <p>There is an issue that the Department of Children Schools and Families has treating Level 2C (weak) children the same as Level 2A (Strong) and both are expected to reach Level 4 at Key Stage 2. The issue here, is based on the percentage of the cohort that is Level 2C compared to those that are Level 2A, will have a significant impact on this indicator. Pupils making two levels progress between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 enter high schools with strong impetus to their learning.</p> <p>Please note this is a new indicator. Schools and Local Authorities did not have to set Department of Children Schools and Families targets for this indicator for 2008, these targets were set as part of the corporate performance framework (best practice guidance) and are milestone figures, which will allow Staffordshire to assess the direction of travel of this indicator in relation to 2009 onwards set Department of Children Schools and Families targets.</p>

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CSI48	NI 95	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.3.4)	High Positive	26.5%	32.8%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	30.8%		A	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national problem relating to the publication of key stage 3 results, it is unclear from the Department Children School and Families when the information for this indicator will be available.</p> <p>The indicator lead has provided a projected outturn for this indicator is 30.8% against at target of 32.8% (this is based on unvalidated national data), this is a variance of 6.1% which indicates Amber, this indicates that performance of this indicator has improved on the previous years outturn of 26.5% (an increase of 4.3%), however this is only a projected outturn, and performance is expected to maintain the 1% increase seen since 2006.</p> <p>In 2008 a new contractor was given the job by the National Assessment Agency to deliver and mark the Key Stage 2 and 3 SATs. As many processes and procedures were not in place and it now being clear that there were also not enough good quality markers, this resulted in many papers going missing before they were marked, and of those papers that were marked many schools sent them back for appeal as they believed they had been marked incorrectly. At the present moment Local Authorities have still yet to receive the validated data for both key stages. The decision to abolish the key stage three SATS was made by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families. From Summer 2009 (financial year 2009/10), children will no longer sit Key Stage 3 SATs, therefore as these SATs no longer exist there will be no information to report.</p> <p>Please note that from 2009 all key stage three indicators are being removed from the national indicator set as directed by the Department Children School and Families, therefore these will no longer be monitored/reported on.</p>
CSI49	NI 96	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.3.5)	High Positive	59.8%	64.9%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	61.0%		A	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give for this indicator, as currently due to a national problem relating to the publication of key stage 3 results, it is unclear from the Department Children School and Families when the information for this indicator will be available.</p> <p>The indicator lead has provided a projected outturn for this indicator is 61.0% against at target of 64.9% (this is based on unvalidated national data), this is a variance of 6.0% which indicates Amber, this indicates that performance of this indicator has improved on the previous years outturn of 59.8% (an increase of 1.2%), however this is only a projected outturn, and performance is expected to maintain the increase seen since 2006.</p> <p>In 2008 a new contractor was given the job by the National Assessment Agency to deliver and mark the Key Stage 2 and 3 SATs. As many processes and procedures were not in place and it now being clear that there were also not enough good quality markers, this resulted in many papers going missing before they were marked, and of those papers that were marked many schools sent them back for appeal as they believed they had been marked incorrectly. At the present moment Local Authorities have still yet to receive the validated data for both key stages. The decision to abolish the key stage three SATS was made by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families. From Summer 2009 (financial year 2009/10), children will no longer sit Key Stage 3 SATs, therefore as these SATs no longer exist there will be no information to report.</p> <p>Please note that from 2009 all key stage three indicators are being removed from the national indicator set as directed by the Department Children School and Families, therefore these will no longer be monitored/reported on.</p>
CSI50	NI 97	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.4.1)	High Positive	53.0%	59.5%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	59.0%		G	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as confirmed data indicates that although the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008) is 59.0% against target of 59.5% (variance 0.8%), this is within the acceptable variance parameters for a rating of green (0.0% - 4.9%). There has also been an improvement of 6.0% against last years attainment (53.0%).</p> <p>This is now equal to the national figure and has increased Staffordshire's national ranking from 100 in 2007 to 73rd in 2008 (out of 150 Local Authorities)</p> <p>The progress pupils are making from key stage 3 to key stage 4 ensures they attain good results in GCSE English. This achievement will enhance their life chances and enable them to progress further in their choice of education, employment or training from a secure educational base.</p> <p>In 2008 a new contractor was given the job by the National Assessment Agency to deliver and mark the Key Stage 2 and 3 SATs. As many processes and procedures were not in place and it now being clear that there were also not enough good quality markers, this resulted in many papers going missing before they were marked, and of those papers that were marked many schools sent them back for appeal as they believed they had been marked incorrectly. At the present moment Local Authorities have still yet to receive the validated data for both key stages. The decision to abolish the key stage three SATS was made by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families. From Summer 2009 (financial year 2009/10), children will no longer sit Key Stage 3 SATs, therefore as these SATs no longer exist there will be no information to report.</p> <p>Please note that from 2009 all key stage three indicators are being removed from the national indicator set as directed by the Department Children School and Families, therefore these will no longer be monitored/reported on.</p>

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CSI51	NI 98	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 PSA 11 (DCSF Statutory Early Years and Attainment Indicator) (CYP 3.4.2)	High Positive	23.8%	30.4%	N/A	A	N/C	N/A	R	N/A	N/A	R	N/C	N/A		19.2%	R	↓ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of red has been given for this indicator, as performance indicates that the target has not been achieved, performance for 2008/09 (academic year 2008) is 19.2% against target of 30.4%, there has been a drop in performance on the previous year of 4.6%, (from 23.8% to 19.2%), 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).</p> <p>This is below the national figure (23.4%) by 4.2% which has decreased Staffordshire's national ranking from 110th in 2007 to 113th in 2008 (out of 150 Local Authorities)</p> <p>In 2008 a new contractor was given the job by the National Assessment Agency to deliver and mark the Key Stage 2 and 3 SATs. As many processes and procedures were not in place and it now being clear that there were also not enough good quality markers, this resulted in many papers going missing before they were marked, and of those papers that were marked many schools sent them back for appeal as they believed they had been marked incorrectly. At the present moment Local Authorities have still yet to receive the validated data for both key stages. The decision to abolish the key stage three SATs was made by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families. From Summer 2009 (financial year 2009/10), children will no longer sit Key Stage 3 SATs, therefore as these SATs no longer exist there will be no information to report.</p> <p>Please note that from 2009 all key stage three indicators are being removed from the national indicator set as directed by the Department Children School and Families, therefore these will no longer be monitored/reported on</p>
CSI52	NI106	Young people from low income backgrounds progressing to higher education PSA 11 (CYP 5.4.3)	High Positive	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/C	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber has been give 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, and based on the latest available Aimhigher data for entry to Higher Education, which looks at similar young people, the direction of travel is positive</p> <p>This is a new indicator and is being produced for local authority areas nationally by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. The baseline data has now been published, but is for 2004/5 entry into Higher Education at 18 for pupils who were aged 15 in 2001/2. The proportion of students from that year eligible for Free School Meals going to HE was 11%. The proportion of students not eligible for Free School Meals was 32%. The gap (and therefore the baseline) was 22%. Data for 2005/6 entry is due to be published shortly.</p> <p>Although baseline data has recently become available, it is not helpful in enabling a target to be set. It is therefore not possible to assess the risk in any meaningful way. Based on other similar data regarding entry to Higher Education, it is likely that the gap has closed since 2004/5, but there is no way of verifying this without nationally produced data, therefore the Amber rating has been chosen.</p> <p>The first opportunity to assess performance will not be until April 2009, when early data will be available with regard to progression into Higher Education at age 18 in 2008. Similar data on progression to Higher Education in 2009 will not be available until March/April 2010. 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.</p>
CSI53	NI117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) PSA 14 - This indicator focuses on 20 hotspot areas (LAA Designated Indicator) (CYP 5.4.2)	Low Positive	10.9%	9.8%	11.3%	G	↓ 1 Quarter	14.2%	G	↓ 2 Quarters	9.9%	G	↑ 1 Quarter	9.9%		9.9%	G	→ 1 Quarter	<p>Performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of green should be given, as although the target has not been met, it has been missed by only 0.1%, this is within the acceptable variance for a green rating (0 – 4.9%). (2008/09 Target: 9.8%. Outturn: 9.9%).</p> <p>The Local Area Agreement Delivery Plan is monitored through the 14 to 19 Strategic Partnership. Both the overall Winter 08/09 not in education employment or training target and the not in education employment or training hotspot targets have been met. The numbers of 16 to 18 year olds whose outcome is not known remains low. There are however, improvements still to be made for some vulnerable groups within the not in education employment or training cohort and we need to achieve consistency in performance across the hot spot areas. We are now seeing impact of the economic downturn and acknowledge that it will be a struggle to maintain this level of improvement in coming months, hence a flat direction of travel indicator.</p> <p>The focus on not in education employment or training hot spots is particularly challenging. This is a clear example of narrowing the gap, given that not in education employment or training rates in these wards have been high over a number of years, despite meeting overall not in education employment or training targets. Also there are intergenerational issues, and taking a different approach through community based responses and linking to adult worklessness, we are seeing improvements. There is evidence of improved early intervention work that has resulted in fewer young people becoming not in education employment or training and a reduction in the period of time spent in the not in education employment or training cohort.</p>

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CSI54	NI91	Participation of 17 year-olds in education or training DCSF DSO (CYP 5.1.1)	High Positive	77.8%	78.0%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	78.0%		G	↗ 1 Year	<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%, reported in quarter three), 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 be published at the end of June 2009.</p> <p>This year for the first time the September Guarantee was 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 - 19 partnerships at County and District level.</p> <p>Increased retention in learning at 17 has the potential to significantly improve the life chances of young people and narrow the gap. It supports improvement in attainment and qualifications i.e. the numbers achieving Level 2 and Level 3 at 19, and numbers progressing into Higher Education and Apprenticeships. This improvement shows that for some young people, sustained support, into, through and out of appropriate learning provision, whilst resource intensive, is necessary. This has been the focus of targeted 14 to 19 partnership activity across Staffordshire.</p>
CSI55	N/A	Tracking progression of 17 year olds in any structured learning (One year on after completing compulsory education) (CYP 5.1.2)	High Positive	81.7%	82.0%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	84.3%		G	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as provisional performance data shows that the target will be exceeded. (target 82.3%, projected outturn 84.3%)(2.6% raise on the baseline of 81.7%), 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 be published at the end of April.</p> <p>This year for the first time the September Guarantee was 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 - 19 partnerships at County and District level..</p> <p>Increased retention in learning at 17 has the potential to significantly improve the life chances of young people and narrow the gap. It supports improvement in attainment and qualifications, i.e. the numbers achieving Level 2 and Level 3 at 19, and numbers progressing into Higher Education and Apprenticeships.</p> <p>This improvement shows that for some young people, sustained support, into, through and out of appropriate learning provision, whilst resource intensive, is necessary. This has been the focus of targeted 14-19 partnership activity across Staffordshire</p>
CSI56	n/a	Percentage of those who had a Statement who are NEET (aged 16 - 19)(CYP 5.3.1)	Low Positive	12.7%	11.0%	11.9	G	↗ 1 Quarter	12.1%	G	↘ 1 Quarter	10.6%	G	↗ 1 Quarter	11.1%	11.1%		G	↘ 1 Quarter	<p>The performance of this indicator has outlined that a green rating should be given as although performance against target indicates that it has not been met, the final year outturn is only 0.1% from target, and this an acceptable variance from target (green is 0 – 4.9%) (indicator variance is -0.9%). Performance of this indicator is at a similar point to last year 2007/08: 10.9%, however it should be noted that there is marked improvement on the previous year to that 2006/07 was 14.1%.</p> <p>Over the last two years there has been an increased focus on this vulnerable group. There has been extensive analysis of progression data by 14 to 19 partners at county and district level and this has resulted in significant improvements in key areas such as information sharing and transition.</p> <p>For some considerable time there has been a higher propensity for young people in this vulnerable group to become Not in Education Employment or Training. This ratio is reducing but there is still more to do. There has been improvement in transition support and in provision for young people in this cohort, recognising both the wide range of need and the importance of sustained support.</p>
CSI57	NI90	Take up of 14-19 learning diplomas DCSF DSO	High Positive	N/A	Introduction of new initiative 0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	684		SG	↗ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of green has been given for this indicator, as currently working from a starting point of 200 diplomas being taken up by young people, Staffordshire is now delivering 684 diplomas to young people across eight consortia's. (this is 684 young people working towards a diploma). This is an big increase in the numbers taking up diplomas, and shows good coverage across Staffordshire.</p> <p>Staffordshire is on target to delivery its 2009/10 target by the autumn 2010, 36 diploma offers across 8 consortia, thereby increasing the opportunity for young people to access diploma qualifications.</p>

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CSI58	NI57	Children and young peoples participation in high quality PE and sport DCSF DSO (CYP 1.5.2)	High Positive	86.25%	90.0%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	90.0%		G	↑ 1 Year	<p>The indicator lead has outlined that a rating of amber 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%. Two years ago, Staffordshire was 3% below the PSA target (from a baseline of 72.0%), now (2008 PSA target 85.0%) Staffordshire is 1.25% above the target based on this milestone data. This is a significant improvement and the Physical Activity agenda. However we are still performing below the national average of 90.0%. The direction of travel continues to be positive but the move towards 90% and 100% of young people is now about reaching schools which may not identify this as a key priority for them. As schools have the decision around the curriculum content this means the way forward to 90% and 100% is about winning hearts and minds of decision makers</p> <p>The Physical Activity agenda is now reaching a point, where the figures of 90% and 100% will need some whole directorate / School Improvement Division messages around the importance of physical activity within schools curriculum. Without this some schools may continue to decide that this minimum two hours provision is not a priority for them.</p> <p>The Workforce in this area are working hard on the ground with schools and teachers. The issue is now the challenge to school leaders around their provision within Staffordshire, some of this is already occurring e.g School Improvement Officers input at School Improvement Partner days and Head teachers briefings. The Ofsted criteria on Well Being should support work in this area.</p>
CSS3	NI65	Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time DCSF DSO (CYP 2.3.1)	Low Positive	12.1%	11.0%	14.9%	A	↓ 1 Quarter	15.0%	R	↓ 2 Quarters	12.9%	R	↑ 1 Quarter	13.0%	13.0%		R	↓ 1 Quarter	<p>Current projected performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of red should be given, as the target has may not be achieved met, performance (2008/09 Target: 11.0%, Projected Outturn: 13.0%) (lower outturn is positive) (variance from target 21.8%). Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>The negative increase in performance from quarter three to quarter four, is to be expected given the current climate (Baby P' crisis and the Laming Report) and with the re-focus on child protection following this. Targets for 2009/10 onwards will be reviewed and will be set in accordance with current performance of this indicator. As outlined in the Area Based Services Service Delivery Plan (2009-10) various actions are proposed to ensure that we achieve our 2009-10 targets.</p> <p>The overall number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan has increased significantly over the last few months, which is likely to be attributed to increased awareness and concern following the 'Baby P' crisis. It is therefore unsurprising that the corresponding number of children who are subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time has increased slightly. Increased awareness and concern about safeguarding by its raised profile has meant that all professionals working with children are more vigilant. Therefore, it is to be expected that those children previously subject to a Child Protection Plan will experience extra scrutiny and oversight and concerns that are identified will be more quickly addressed through further implementation of child protection procedures.</p>
CSS4	NI68	Percentage of referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment DCSF DSO (LAA Designated Indicator) (CYP2.6.1)	High Positive	79.0%	79.0%	81.1%	G	↑ 1 Quarter	81.6%	G	↑ 2 Quarters	77.0%	G	↓ 1 Quarter	74.1%	74.1%		A	↓ 2 Quarters	<p>Current projected performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of amber should be given, as although the target has may not be met, performance is within the acceptable variance for an amber rating (5.0 – 9.9%). (2008/09 Target: 79.0%, Projected Outturn: 74.1%) (variance from target 6.2%), and there are robust plans in place to ensure that performance maintains on track to deliver improvements. Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>The majority of referrals received by the Vulnerable Children Division (Social Care) result in an Initial Assessment and an evaluation of the child or young person's needs. Although recent performance against this indicator has dipped against the 07/08 baseline (79%), during the first part of the year performance had increased. Performance during the past year has been within nationally expected levels and this has illustrated that referring agencies are working well together and have an appropriate level of understanding of the multi-agency Children and Young People's Threshold Framework. However, as current performance has slipped we will be working with our partners to ensure that targets set for 2009/10 are achieved.</p> <p>Performance against this indicator has slipped, particularly during the last two reporting periods. This in part is due to the First Response Service changing their procedures for undertaking Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) since the end of September 2008. Each enquiry is now counted as a contact rather than a referral for an Initial Assessment. Also, an increasing number of referrals are being re-referred for a Common Assessment Framework, and in addition, the First Response Service have been receiving a higher number of enquiries that are already open cases. All of these factors have in part attributed to the slightly lower number of referrals going on to an Initial Assessment.</p>

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CSS5	NI64	Child Protection Plans lasting 2 years or more DCSF DSO (CYP 2.3.3)	Low Positive	4.7%	4.5%	3.9%	G	↓ 1 Quarter	5.0%	G	↓ 2 Quarters	7.3%	R	↓ 3 Quarters	8.6%	8.6%		R	↓ 3 Quarters	<p>Current projected performance of this indicator outlines that a rating of red should be given for this indicator, as performance against this indicator has fallen considerable on the 2007/2008 outturn a decline of 3.9% (lower outturn is positive) and a fall of 1.3% on quarter three reported performance. Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</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 de-register 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> <p>However, the media attention around the issues relating to Baby P has raised anxieties across all professionals working with children. It is therefore not surprising that there is increased reluctance to remove children from a Child Protection Plan where risks have been identified within the family. These cases are routinely monitored by the Independent Chairs (ICCs) and the Heads of Service this does mean that they are closely scrutinised and practice is overseen. However, with the chronic nature of neglect, it is appropriate in a number of these situations that children do remain subject to a Child Protection Plan.</p> <p>Currently this indicator does not count the children until they are actually removed from a Child Protection Plan, therefore the actual number of children currently subject to a Child Protection Plan, for longer than two years, is not accurately reflected by the indicator.</p>
CSS6	NI67	Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales DCSF DSO (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)	High Positive	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	G	→ 1 Quarter	100.0%	G	→ 2 Quarters	100.0%	G	→ 3 Quarters	100.0%	100.0%		G	→ 4 Quarters	<p>Current projected performance of this indicator outlines that a rating of green should be given for this indicator, as the target has been achieved. Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>Activity and delivery relating to this indicator is on track and confident that this performance will be maintained throughout 2009-2010.</p> <p>Performance against this indicator is excellent with 100% of reviews taking place as required. This has been a reflection of staff and agencies' acceptance of the importance of reviewing all Child Protection Plans in timescale which will be maintained during 2009/10.</p>
CSS7	NI59	Percentage of initial assessments for childrens social care carried out within 7 working days of referral DCSF DSO (Initial assessments completed within seven working days of referral.)	High Positive	75.3%	85.0%	79.3%	G	↑ 1 Quarter	82.2%	G	↑ 2 Quarters	82.8%	G	↑ 3 Quarters	81.4%	81.4%		G	↓ 1 Quarter	<p>Current projected performance of this indicator outlines that a rating of green should be given for this indicator, as it is expected that the target will be, despite a dip in performance from quarter three to quarter four, of the percentage of initial assessments completed within seven working days of referral (82.8% in Quarter three to 81.4% in Quarter four (variance from target of 85.0% is -4.2%)), as during the past 12 months there has been continued and sustained improvement in the completion of Initial Assessments in timescale, this is a reflection of the greater understanding and ownership of assessment timescales across the area based teams. Final outturn data for this indicator will be available at the end of May 2009.</p> <p>The service restructure in 2007 resulted in teams gradual improvement in their understanding of performance management as a whole and this continues to be embedded as a key responsibility for both Team Managers and Team Co-ordinators. With these new structures in place, as well as the introduction of Pisces, it is anticipated that further improvements will be made, and in particular that targets for completing Initial Assessments will be maintained. Given the significant increase in the number of referrals being received in Vulnerable Children Division during the last Quarter (Jan – Mar 09), we can positively reflect on the recent marginal deterioration in the performance of this indicator.</p> <p>The media attention and subsequent directions from Ed Balls (Secretary of State) has had a significant impact on the referrals coming into the service, and an increase in concerns regarding child protection. It is anticipated that this focus will continue or the next few months, and in recognising the significant impact that baby p has had on the work coming into the division needs to encourage all Childrens Trust member agencies to work together with Children and Lifelong Learning in addressing childrens needs at an earlier stage.</p>

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CSS8	NI 60	Percentage of core assessments that were completed within 35 working days of their commencement (PAF CF/C64)	High Positive	69.7%	85.0%	72.4%	G	↑ 1 Quarter	75.3%	G	↑ 2 Quarters	80.4%	A	↑ 3 Quarters	80.6%	80.6%		A	↑ 4 Quarters	<p>Current projected performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of amber should be given, as the target may not be achieved, (outturn 80.6% against a target of 85.0%, variance of -5.2% from target). However, performance of the indicator has been steadily increasing from 69.7% (07/08 outturn) to 80.6% over the past 12 months.</p> <p>This overall performance is reflective of a general improvement in the understanding and ownership of performance management with area based teams. New structures have been developed and with the introduction of Pisces it is anticipated that further improvements will be made. Due to a significant increase in the number of referrals into the division, particularly over the last reporting period (January – March 2009), this is likely to continue and have a negative impact on the performance of this indicator in the forthcoming months.</p> <p>Also the increased number of referrals into the division is likely to impact negatively on this indicator in the coming months. We have experienced an increase in children subject of a Child Protection Plan, the numbers of children looked after and the number of care proceedings. This intense statutory work will inevitably reduce capacity to complete core assessments effectively within timescale.</p>	
CTP1	NI112	Under 18 conception rate (CYP 1.1.1)	Low Positive	43.2	30.9	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	R	N/C	N/A	R	N/C	N/A	42.0		R	↑ 1 Year	<p>This indicator has been rated as red, as based on the current performance against target, the target has not been achieved, and there is considerable distance to travel to the target. (Target 2008/09: 30.9 per 1000 17 year olds. Current performance: 42.0 per 1000 17 years olds), however current data does show an improvement on the 2007/08 baseline of 43.2 per 1000 17 year olds. The direction of travel has been sustained throughout this financial year (provisional data reported in quarter two show performance at 41.5 per 1000 17 year olds).</p> <p>Activities have taken place to ensure a change in direction for 2009/10. an Executive Steering Group has been re-established and chaired by Peter Traves, Director of Children Services. Following National Support Team visit an action plan is being developed to address the gaps and weaknesses identified. Recruitment to the post of a full time Teenage pregnancy co coordinator has commenced. A multi-agency visioning event held where commitment was given to improving performance through shared ownership of the agenda.</p>	
CYO1	NI45	Young offenders engagement in suitable education, training and employment (CYP 5.4.4)	High Positive	71.6%	84.0%	80.1%	G	↑ 1 Quarter	78.4%	A	↓ 1 Quarter	85.8%	G	↑ 1 Quarter	80.6%		79.0%		G	↓ 1 Quarter	<p>The automatically generated PMIS RAG rating for this indicator is amber as current performance falls within the acceptable amber variance of between 5.0% - 10.0%, (79.0% against a target of 84.0%, this is a variance of 5.0%% from target). This rating has been amended to GREEN due the variance from target and performance from the baseline. However, please note the caution of giving this indicator a GREEN - 2008/09 target of 84% has not been met, however out turn is 79% (a variance of 5%). Performance for this indicator has improved significantly from the baseline of 71.6% (2006/07), but remained static from last years performance also, 79%. The target for this indicator is ambitious and based on the premise that all young people should be in suitable Education Training and Employment, especially those of school age where it is a statutory requirement.</p> <p>The live chances of more young people that are being supervised by Staffordshire Youth Offending Service has improved as they are now in full time Education Employment or Training and this will have a positive effect on their personal and social development. Gaining vital skills and qualifications for employment are widely recognised as major positive factors in reducing re offending.</p> <p>Quarter 4 performance for this indicator is fallen from last quarter with 80.6% of young people in appropriate Education Employment or Training. This breaks down to 88.6% of young people of statutory school age and 75.0% of young people above statutory school age. Ensuring that young people who are supervised by Staffordshire Youth Offending Service are given equal opportunities to access appropriate Education Employment or Training is a priority for the Service and the Head of Service, managers and seconded Connexions workers have been working hard to ensure that partnership agencies take responsibility for their roles to improve this indicator. As can be seen young people of statutory school age in education remains positive, however, young people that are 16 and 17 years old accessing appropriate Education Employment or Training is more difficult especially in the current local economic climate.</p>

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CYO2	NI111	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 PSA 14 (LAA Designated Indicator) (CYP 4.3.1)	Low Positive	1800	899	122	G	↗ 1 Quarter	125	G	↘ 1 Quarter	108	G	↗ 1 Quarter	108		463	SG	↗ 1 Quarter	Performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of green should be given, as the target for this indicator has been exceeded (lower outturn is positive). (2008/09 Target: 899, Outturn: 463). There has been a 69% reduction of FTEs when comparing 07/08 to 08/09. The DCSF have published statistics from the Police National Computer database and baselines and targets have now been agreed with the Strategic Partnership and Government Office of the West Midlands for the Local Area Agreement refresh. Figures are expressed as First Time Entrants aged 10 to 17 years old per 100000 of the overall local 10 to 17 year old population. Police National Computer data shows that there is a difference of -17.7% when comparing it to the Youth Offending Information System. Currently, the Department of Children Schools and Families will be reporting six monthly to local authorities on this indicator and performance will be reviewed annually. The Youth Offending Service can report quarterly from their database, however the difference in data must be noted and will be updated when Police National Computer data is made available. The Police Notification to Youth Offending Teams (PENY) project should improve data sharing quality which should resolve this discrepancy. The Community Resolution Initiative is still working well to divert young people away from the Youth Justice System. This is a joint programme between Staffordshire Police and the Youth Offending Service aimed at young people who are arrested for the first time for a relatively minor offence, and offers them an intervention which aims to prevent reoffending as well as including a restorative justice approach to address victim satisfaction and confidence with the system. Other crime prevention work carried out across the County is also having a positive impact on this indicator.
CYO3	NI46	Young offenders access to suitable accommodation MoJ DSO (CYP 5.5.3)	High Positive	96.3%	98.0%	94.0%	G	↘ 1 Quarter	95.0%	G	↗ 1 Quarter	94.0%	G	↘ 1 Quarter	95.0%		95.0%	G	↗ 1 Quarter	Performance of this indicators outlines that a rating of green should be given, as although the target has not been met, the outturn is within the acceptable variance for a green rating (0 – 4.9%). (2008/09 Target: 98.0%. Outturn: 95.0%, variance from target is 3.1%). 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 not met the target for the year, with performance remaining steady across the four quarters. There is a dedicated post of Accommodation Officer and steady progress is being made to further improve young people's access to appropriate accommodation. For young people to improve their chances it is essential for them to be in appropriate accommodation. Improvements in the type of accommodation young people are living in have been made, and work continues to ensure this is sustained and further improved.
DRS 11	NI 48	Number of children aged under 16 killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions	High Positive	9.2%	3.0%	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	N/C	N/A	N/A	21.2%	SG	↗ 1 Year	Please note that for this indicator a higher outturn is positive because the outturn figure relates to percentage change reduction from one three year rolling average to the next. Currently there is a proxy indicator being used to measure performance against NI 48, 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 four performance = 5. The total outturn figure for 2008/09 is 17.
DRS 2 CAS04		Proxy measure to NI 48 – CYP 2.1.1: Number of children (aged under 16 years) killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions.	Low Positive	21	31	4	G	↗ 1 Quarter	7	G	↘ 1 Quarter	1	G	↗ 1 Quarter	5		17	SG	↘ 1 Quarter	Please see above commentary for DRS 11
DRS 12	NI 198	Children travelling to school – mode of transport usually used (To have no increase in the percentage of journeys to school by single occupancy cars as a proportion of all modes.)(CYP 1.5.1)	Low Positive	30.8	32.10%	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	N/C	N/A	G	Not Calculated	N/A	32.10%		G	↗ 1 Year	Submitted 53 travel plans for Department Children Schools and Families grant. Trained 4200 children to Bikeability Level 2. More than 1500 children participated in Basic Skills and Introduction to on road. 3058 children received pedestrian training (13324 in the year). 3 Walking Buses established in the quarter, 36 within the year. There are currently 148 buses running throughout the county. Waiting data to confirm outturn for 2008/09

N/C = not calculated : Where not calculated (N/C) has been entered, this is due to either there being no target yet agreed for this indicator as it is a new indicator, or that it is an annually reported indicator and therefore no data is available on a quarterly basis.

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