

Fewer children at risk										
2007/08 outturn	PI ref	PI description	Q1	Q2	Q3	compared to target	2008/09 year-end target	predicted performance to target	Progress to date	Remedial Action
58.40	CYPP SS 1.4	% children entering care as result of parental substance misuse					46.50			
78.77	NI 063	% of looked after children aged under 16 at 31 March who had been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years, or are placed for adoption and their adoptive placement together with their previous placement together last for at least 2 years	65.31	62.07	60.14		75.00			
9.47	NI 065	% of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	9.47	12.04	15.15		10.00		There have been 16 children and young people who have been added to the list of children subject to a Child Protection (CP) Plan who have previously had a CP Plan. Of these 16, 1 child returned to the area after a placement breakdown with extended family, 4 children (1 family) returned from a neighbouring local authority, 7 (including 2 groups of siblings) are subject to new plans due to different concerns/issues than before and 4 are subject to plans for the same issues as before. Of this latter group, the span between periods subject to a CP Plan is 3 - 6 years. The performance data for this quarter reflects the volatile nature of this indicator, given the impact that a small number of children has on the figures.	

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CP SC 2.1	We will ensure risk management and consistency of decision making to remove children from child protection plans. This will be achieved through our Independent Review Officer and Service Manager having oversight of cases and case file audits.					
CP SC 2.2	We will work with partners in adult services and health to ensure services are targeted at vulnerable parents by creating 3 early intervention teams and through the development of local Hidden Harm networks – initially piloted in the Stanley area (parental substance misuse / mental health).				All three family Pathfinder teams will be operational on 1st April 2009. The next Hidden Harm Network to become operational in Easington in Spring 2009. Hidden Harm Networks will be established across the County by 2009.	
CP SC 2.3	Looked after children benefit from stable placements. We will work to improve recruitment, selection and the matching of foster carers to young people to ensure that placements have stability					
CP SC 2.4	Fully supported foster placements reduce the risk of placement breakdown. Such foster placement support is provided through the Multi-Agency Looked After Partnership (MALAP).					
CP SC 2.5	In support of this outcome, our Permanence Strategy ensures that children who cannot return home or be adopted are placed in permanent foster families.					