

NI Theme: Health and Wellbeing										
2007/08 outturn	SCS contributory outcome	Description	Q1	Q2	Q3	compared to target	2008/09 year end target	predicted performance to target	Progress to date	Remedial Action
	Reduce Death Rates	NI121 mortality rate from all circulatory diseases, per 100,000 population aged under 75			83.42		88.80			
	Reduce Death Rates	NI122 mortality rate from all cancers, per 100,000 population aged under 75			131.42		125.70		This is the latest data for this indicator and relates to 2007	
	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI119 self-reported measure of people's overall health and wellbeing (place survey)			70.50				Place Survey Indicator weighted result	
	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI040 change in the number of drug users, using crack and/or opiates recorded as being in effective treatment, when compared with the number of drug users using crack and/or opiates recorded as being in effective treatment in the baseline year of 2007/08.					1,952.00		This indicator will be updated at year end 2008/09.	
2,772.14	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI039 rate of alcohol related admissions per 100,000 population			2,772.14		1,636.00		This is the latest data available and relates to Q4, 2007/08	
	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI020 number of Actual Bodily Harm (assault with injury) crimes per 1000 population	0.48	1.38	3.24				There were an additional 695 assault with injury crime offences during quarter 3 resulting in 1,625 between 1 April and 31 December.	
9.60	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI055i % of children in Reception with height and weight recorded who are obese			9.60		10.70		The data for this indicator is released annually with a delay after the end of the academic year for data collection and analysis by the National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP). The latest data relates to year-end 2007/08	
20.90	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI056i % of children in Year 6 with height and weight recorded who are obese			20.90		20.00		The data for this indicator is released annually with a delay after the end of the academic year for data collection and analysis by the National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP). The latest data relates to year-end 2007/08	
	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI008 % of the adult (aged 16 plus) population who participate in sport for at least 30 minutes on 3 or more days week			21.00				Data relates to 2007/08 survey. Although the percentage has increased since the 2006/07 survey (20.4%), this increase is not statistically significant due to the sample size. Therefore, there has been no change in performance, indicating there is a high probability the participation rates are static. District authority performance (incl 2006/07) is listed below: Chester-le-Street, 22.3% (24.7%) Derwentside, 19.8% (21.4%) Durham City, 26.8% (24.5%) Easington, 17.0% (16.6%) Sedgefield, 17.8% (19.6%) Teesdale, 22.3% (23.7%) Wear Valley, 18.2% (19.7%) No district results are statistically significant so there is a high probability the participation rates are static. Data for 2008/09 survey will be available during November 2009.	
5,413.00	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI123 self reported 4 week smoking quitters per 100,000 population		490.00	490.00		1,190.00		This is the latest performance data and relates to the first 6 months of 2008/09. It equates to 2,038 quitters. Target has not been profiled	
	Increased number of residents enjoy physical wellbeing	NI112 % change in the rate of conceptions per 1000 girls aged 15-17 years, compared with the 1998 baseline					-36.60			
	Increased number of residents enjoy mental wellbeing	LAA HW % of people with mental health problems progressing from employment	114.00	326.00	559.00		272.00		In the last 3 months an additional 27 people with mental health problems have entered employment, 41 have taken up voluntary work or work placements and 51 have accessed education or training. This brings the total number of people with mental health problems achieving a positive outcome after employment support to 559.	
	Vulnerable people are supported and protected	NI125 % of older people discharged from hospital to their own home or to a residential or nursing care home or extra care housing bed for rehabilitation with a clear intention that they will move on/back to their own home (including a place in extra care housing or an adult placement scheme setting) who are at home or in extra care housing or an adult placement scheme setting three months after the date of their discharge from hospital.	81.00	80.70	82.80		80.00		This indicator measures the percentage of people discharged from hospital into intermediate care or rehabilitation services that are still living at home 3 months after discharge. Work has taken place to improve access to therapy services in areas where there were shortfalls, improve access to intermediate care from acute beds within University Hospital North Durham and improve access to intermediate care for older people with mental health needs. Performance has increased to 82.8% against a target of 80%.	
	Vulnerable people are supported and protected	NI141 % of service users (i.e. people who are receiving a Supporting People Service) who have moved on from supported accommodation in a planned way accommodation in a planned way, as a percentage of total service users who have left the service.	74.40	68.30	69.60		69.00		This indicator measures the percentage of people that have moved on from supported housing in a planned way to independent living i.e. a supported housing scheme, permanent accommodation or back to family. Since April 2008, there have been 411 departures from Supported Living 286 of which were in a planned way to independent living. Performance is in line with LAA target. To further improve performance work is taking place to identify providers that are not achieving the service target. This will include identifying key issues with providers, benchmarking best practice and targetted action planning.	

NI Theme: Safe										
2007/08 outturn	SCS contributory outcome	Description	Q1	Q2	Q3	compared to target	2008/09 year end target	predicted performance to target	Progress to date	Remedial Action
	Reduced incidents of crime	NI020 number of Actual Bodily Harm (assault with injury) crimes per 1000 population	0.48	1.38	3.24				There were an additional 695 assault with injury crime offences during quarter 3 resulting in 1,625 between 1 April and 31 December.	
	Reduced incidents of domestic abuse	LAA SC % of the population covered by MARAC			18.80		50.00			
	Reduction in rate of re-offending	NI030 change in convictions for Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPOs) over a 12 month period								
1,129.00	Reducing first time offenders	NI111 number of first time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17	194.00	367.00	509.00		952.00		Indicative figure of 142 for Quarter 3, which will be validated by 31/1/09. Between April-Dec 2008 we have had 509 First Time Entrants (FTE's), which represents 53.5% of our LAA Stretch target (952), with only 25% of the reporting year remaining and compares favourably with our FTE's for the same period last year (822). Even taking into account our 147 Pre-Reprimand Disposals (PRD's) this still represents a reduction of 20%. The Youth Justice Board counting rule changed for 2008-9 requiring Youth Offending Teams to resubmit the previous quarter's data within the current return. The aim is to capture any cases that may have been recorded late – resulting in small changes in previously reported FTE rates. The PRD age range was extended to young people aged 16 years (up to 17th birthday) from 1 October 2008 with full support from the LCJB, Children's Trust and County Durham Community Safety Board. We continue to receive excellent support from Durham Constabulary and this is an excellent example of partnership work. The PRD has been implemented across Co Durham and Darlington and continues to operate well, with 147 PRD's up to 31/12/08. The Steering Group reviewed recording procedures in December 2008 to count PRD's when they have successfully completed, not when they are first referred. This is a more robust recording system and has been supported by the Police and Darlington YOS. A further 28 PRD's are currently within the system. There have been 9 PND's from Oct-Nov 2008	
	Reducing the number of people concerned about anti-social behaviour	NI021 % of respondents who think the police and local council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area			26.50				Place Survey Indicator weighted result	

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	Safe Roads	LPI 99a number of fatal and serious casualties (road traffic collisions)	39.00	98.00	149.00	▲	184.00		Annual road traffic casualty targets which form the basis of the indicator have been established with regard to the government's 2010 casualty reduction targets and have been stretched through the County Durham Local Transport Plan 2 process. In the Jan-Sept 2008 period 149 people were killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents. Accidents cannot however be predicted. Analysis is undertaken regularly through the Casualty Reduction Partnership which look carefully for patterns ie location, demographic, road condition, weather conditions. Training this year has been targeted at child pedestrians, young and inexperienced drivers, older drivers and motorcyclists	

NI Theme: Achieve

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69.80	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI079 % of young people attaining a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19					74.00		Data will be available in February 2009.	
	Reduced number of young people not engaged in education, training or employment	NI117 % of 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	10.40	16.10	11.30	▲	10.00		The official measure of 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) is the November-January average which should be available in late February 2009. Quarterly information can only be used to compare against the same period in previous years. There was an increase in the percentage of NEETs when compared with the same period in 2007 as a result of higher numbers becoming NEET, especially during October and November, as a consequence of discontinuing courses in Further Education plus young people leaving employment, including apprenticeships. In total 129 more young people joined the NEET group in 2008 than in 2007. At the same time 132 fewer young people left the NEET group, with a major reduction in the numbers entering employment, including apprenticeships [133] and those entering further education [46 fewer]. Of the NEET group, the percentage of 16 year olds who are NEET has reduced by 1.2% [55 fewer young people], but increases among 17 year olds [+1.2%] and 18 year olds [+1.8%] have resulted in the overall increase.	
	Increased levels of adult education and skills	NI164 % of working age population qualified to at least level 3	45.20	46.10	46.10	▲	47.70		The latest data from 2007 shows that within the County 134,000 people (males between 19-64 and females between 19-59) are qualified to level 3 or higher. National changes to training programmes such as Train to Gain should help residents to continue to upskill during the downturn	

NI Theme: Economic Wellbeing

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23.00	Strengthened competitiveness and productivity of our businesses	NI171 % of business registrations per 10,000 resident population aged 16 and above			25.87	★	23.00		performance relates to 2007 data. A breakdown of district performance is as follows; Chester-le-Street, 27.52% Derwentside, 28.67% Durham City, 25.43% Easington, 16.30% Sedgefield, 29.49% Teesdale, 31.40% Wear Valley, 29.18%	
	Improved employability and economic activity	NI151 % of the working age population (16-59 for females and 16-64 for males) who are in employment.	73.40	73.40	71.70	▲	73.30		The latest available figures are for the period July 07 - June 08 and show that of the 310,600 working age people in the County 222,700 of them are in work. The district breakdown is listed below; Chester-le-Street, 78.7% Derwentside, 79.7% Durham City, 71.6% Easington, 62.8% Sedgefield, 69.5% Teesdale, 68.3% Wear Valley, 72.1%	
	Improved employability and economic activity	NI166 Median gross weekly pay of full-time employees	335.90	335.90	344.50	▲	364.40		The latest data from 2008, recently released, shows a slight increase in the median earnings of employees in the County.	
	Improved employability and economic activity	NI173 % of the working population living in the local authority who move directly from employment to incapacity benefits (IB)		0.88	0.94	★	1.22		Data for this indicator has a six month time lag, therefore the latest available data relates to the period up to May 08. This data shows that 2,100 people in the County moved from employment to incapacity benefit. The district breakdown is listed below; Chester-le-Street, 0.67% Derwentside, 0.95% Durham City, 0.78% Easington, 1.12% Sedgefield, 1.35% Teesdale, 0% Wear Valley, 1.10%	
	Improved employability and economic activity	NI152 % of the working age population who are claiming out of work benefits.	18.60	18.80	18.50	●	18.60		The latest available data is that for May 08 which shows that 57,870 working age people in the County were claiming out of work benefits. The data shows a slight improvement from the February 08 data reported in September 08. However, the data should be viewed with caution, the datasets have a six month timelag and the full effects of the economic downturn will not be shown until future datasets are available. The district breakdown is listed below; Chester-le-Street, 15.3 Derwentside, 19.1 Durham City, 11.3 Easington, 25.7 Sedgefield, 20.3 Teesdale, 12.3 Wear Valley, 21.5	

NI Theme: Positive Contribution

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	Communities are diverse	NI023 % of respondents who perceive people not treating one another with respect and consideration to be a problem in their area			39.00				Place Survey Indicator weighted result	
	Individuals make a positive contribution to their local community	NI004 % of the adult population who agree that they feel able to influence decisions affecting their local area			23.00		23.60		Place Survey Indicator weighted result	
	Individuals make a positive contribution to their local community	NI006 % of respondents taking part in formal volunteering at least once a month in the previous 12 months.			20.10				Place Survey Indicator weighted result	
	Individuals make a positive contribution to their local community	NI110 % of young people in school year 10 responding 'yes' to the question 'In the last 4 weeks, have you participated in any group activity led by an adult outside school lessons?' (TellUs survey)		64.20						Quarter 2 value amended following publication of results by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. Durham County Council was ranked 10th out of 11 local authorities in comparison to our Statistical Neighbours. Average North East performance was 67.7 and national performance was 69.5.

NI Theme: Physical Place

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	Improved public satisfaction with environmental and street cleanliness	NI195a % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter that fall below an acceptable level.		4.70			9.80		It is not possible to obtain numerators and denominators for this indicator so no countywide figure is available. However, each district's performance can be calculated, Chester-le-Street, 3% Derwentside, 9% Durham City, 2% Easington, 7% Sedgefield, 19% Teesdale, 2% Wear Valley, 3%	
	Improved public satisfaction with environmental and street cleanliness	NI195b % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of detritus that fall below an acceptable level.		7.28			14.40		It is not possible to obtain numerators and denominators for this indicator so no countywide figure is available. However, each district's performance can be calculated, Chester-le-Street, 9% Derwentside, 4% Durham City, 6% Easington, 9% Sedgefield, 29% Teesdale, 9% Wear Valley, 3%	
	Improved public satisfaction with environmental and street cleanliness	NI195c % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having levels of graffiti that fall below an acceptable level.		2.00			3.50		It is not possible to obtain numerators and denominators for this indicator so no countywide figure is available. However, each district's performance can be calculated, Chester-le-Street, 5% Derwentside, 0% Durham City, 1% Easington, 2% Sedgefield, 0% Teesdale, 1% Wear Valley, 0%	
	Improved public satisfaction with environmental and street cleanliness	NI195d % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having levels of fly-posting that fall below an acceptable level.		0.14	0.00	★	0.60		Each district's performance is shown below, Chester-le-Street, 0% Derwentside, 0% Durham City, 0% Easington, 0% Sedgefield, 0% Teesdale, 0% Wear Valley, 0%	
	Improved public satisfaction with environmental and street cleanliness	NI196 assessment of fly tipping by comparing year on year change in total incidents and year on year change in enforcement actions. (grades 1-4, 1 being most effective)					3.00			
	Decent Homes	NI158 % of non-decent council homes			42.65	▲	41.00		Of those districts responsible for council homes, % of non-decent council homes is as follows; Durham City 27% Easington 90% Sedgefield 16% Teesdale 0.1% Wear Valley 24%	
	Diversity and choice of housing	NI154 net increase in dwelling stock over one year		538.00	1,202.00	▲	1,753.00		Performance of this indicator has been affected by the slowdown in the housing market due to the tightening of bank lending which has resulted in difficulties in obtaining mortgages. The number of net additional homes provided in each district is as follows; Chester-le-Street, 73 Derwentside, 333 Durham City, 228 Easington, 182 Sedgefield, 90 Teesdale, 75 Wear Valley, 221	
	Affordable homes	NI155 total supply of social rent housing and intermediate housing affordable housing as including social-rented and intermediate housing.		36.00	104.00	▲	150.00		Performance of this indicator has been affected by the slowdown in the housing market due to the tightening of bank lending which has resulted in difficulties in obtaining mortgages. The number of affordable homes delivered (gross) in each district is as follows; Chester-le-Street, 20 Derwentside, 0 Durham City, 32 Easington, 8 Sedgefield, 28 Teesdale, 10 Wear Valley, 6	
	Affordable homes	NI1871 % of households on income related benefits for whom an energy assessment of their housing has been carried out, living in homes with low energy efficiency			9.46				Performance of this indicator has been calculated using data from surveys carried out in partnership with the Energy Saving Trust. Data relating to each district authority is listed below, Chester-le-Street, 3.65% Derwentside, 5.35% Durham City, 6.00% Easington, 12.2% Sedgefield, 3.54% Teesdale, data was not provided Wear Valley, 5.97%	
	Reduced levels of homelessness and hidden homelessness	NI156 number of households living in temporary accommodation provided under the homelessness legislation.	34.00	36.00	30.00	★	44.00		Performance for each district is as follows; Chester-le-Street, 2 Derwentside, 6 Durham City, 2 Easington, 4 Sedgefield, 4 Teesdale, 0 Wear Valley, 12 Performance is continuing to improve. This is due to focusing on early intervention and prevention initiatives.	
70.52	Accessible transport	NI175 access to core services and facilities by individuals via non-private modes of transport, e.g. public transport, walking and cycling	82.93	85.19	84.39	★	64.60			

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	Conservation of natural resources	NI186 % reduction from the 2005 baseline, of the per capita CO2 emissions in the local authority area			-0.76	▲			Data relates to the difference between 2005 and 2006 and good performance is typified by a positive number. A breakdown of CO2 emissions for each district authority is listed below; Chester-le-Street, 0.44% Derwentside, 0.54% Durham City, -0.16% Easington, -1.75% Sedgefield, -1.89% Teesdale, -2.35% Wear Valley, 0.17% Data for NI186 is taken from emissions emitted two years previously. This means that any schemes or installations are not measured until at least 2 years after they have been completed. The most recent NI186 report from Defra has shown a slight increase in carbon emissions across the County in 2006. In 2006 work was being carried out by the eight Councils in County Durham. The focus of the District was on housing while the County Council carried out work to its own stock. While the councils were all successful at reducing primary energy (energy used for heating and hot water) and it can be seen in a reduction in the amount of Coal, Gas and Oil usage, electricity consumption rose dramatically due to increased sales in high energy consuming white goods such as plasma and LCD TV's, American style Fridge Freezers and also the usage of portable air condition due to the summer heatwave which saw temperatures go above 100oF in the UK. It is impossible to say how these figures will change in 2007 and 2008 though it is expected that the rise in fuel prices over this time and the economic downturn will see an overall reduction in energy consumption. The New Authority will be able to have a more co-ordinated approach to reducing emissions. A carbon reduction business Plan which will form the Sustainable Energy Action Plan required by the mayors Covenant will dovetail work being carried out, allow it to be measured under performance management and allow the Council to understand if it is on target to achieve its goals before data is released two years later.	
837.00	Conservation of natural resources	NI191 number of kilograms of household waste collected per household.	211.70	420.36	420.36	▲	741.00		The validated data for quarter 2 shows that 48098.38 tonnes of household waste was sent to landfill between June and September 2008, this equates to 208.66kg for every household in County Durham. This indicator is directly linked to the performance of NI192 % household waste sent for reuse/recycling/composting which in turn has been significantly affected by the ongoing issues surrounding the digester	The Interim Waste Action Plan approved by JIT and Cabinet will roll out an increased green waste recycling scheme to divert additional household waste from landfill.
24.99	Conservation of natural resources	NI192 % of household waste arisings which have been sent by the Authority for reuse, recycling, composting or treatment by anaerobic digestion.	29.80	29.86	29.86	▲	35.00		The validated data for quarter 2 shows that the increase of 5 percentage points on performance from the 2007/08 year end has been maintained and this is attributable to the increased recyclables being collected through the new kerbside collection service. However, the issues surrounding the waste disposal contractor's aerobic digester, which has been non-operational for the whole of the financial year to date, remain. The contractor is working with the relevant government agencies to resolve the problem but no date can as yet be given as to when the output from the digester will be able to be counted towards the composting rate.	The Interim Waste Action Plan approved by JIT and Cabinet contains a number of schemes and projects which will increase the performance of all the new national indicators. Most of the schemes identified in the Action Plan such as the rolling out of an increased green recycle collection service will commence in 2009/10. It will be later into the next financial year when the effects of these new schemes are known
	Reduced emissions	NI188 level of preparedness the authority has reached in planning to adapt to climate change (graded 0-4, where 4 is good performance)			1.00	●	1.00			

LAA: Statutory Education and Early Years Indicators

2007/08 outturn	SCS contributory outcome	Description	Q1	Q2	Q3	compared to target	2008/09 year end target	predicted performance to target	Progress to date	Remedial Action
81.60	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI093 % of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 making 2 levels progress in english between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2		80.44	80.71	▲	83.00		The proportion of pupils making two levels of progress in English has fallen by 0.9%. Current programmes of support include a writing project involving targeted schools. In line with national programmes, Durham is working with all schools to ensure detailed understanding of assessment levels and checking that pupils are on track to make two levels of progress.	
79.80	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI094 % of pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 making 2 levels progress in maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2		79.93	79.71	▲	80.00		The proportion of pupils making two levels of progress in mathematics has remained static but the target for 2008 is matched to the nearest percentage point. Increased effort with support to schools centres around the use of the Framework which set out the expectations for 2 levels of progress and on the continued development of teachers' subject knowledge in mathematics. There is additional focus on the tracking of pupil progress and on accurate assessment.	
	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI095 % of pupils at the end of Key Stage 3 making 2 levels progress in english between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3	19.00				35.00		This indicator is not currently available as pupil matching of data between Key Stage 2 and 3 is not possible at present due to problems with Key Stage 3 results.	
	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI096 % of pupils at the end of Key Stage 3 making 2 levels progress in maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3	54.70				65.00		This indicator is not currently available as pupil matching of data between Key Stage 2 and 3 is not possible at present due to problems with Key Stage 3 results.	
	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI097 % of pupils at the end of Key Stage 4 making 2 levels progress in english between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4	52.10		63.91	●	60.00		Good progress has been made, with the target exceeded by 4 percentage points, and an 11.8 percentage point rise on the 2006-2007 figure. Schools benefit from good strategic advice in English and are well supported by English consultancy and school-based work provided by the Local Authority. There is effective networking to share good practice.	
20.50	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI098 % of pupils at the end of Key Stage 4 making 2 levels progress in maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4			16.38	▲	29.00		The target was not met and the proportion of pupils making 2 levels of progress in mathematics between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 fell by 4 percentage points on the 2007 figure. The introduction of the new 2-tier entry in mathematics GCSE for 2008 with little specimen exemplification and some guidance from examination boards which has subsequently been revised caused problems for schools. Those in County Durham electing to use AQA board were also affected by the 10% discrepancy with another board in the proportion of A*-C grades awarded. These factors particularly affected 2 levels of progress from Level 6 to grade B, Level 7 to grade A and from Level 5 to grade C. Intensive support with analysis and strategic entry policy has been given by Local Authority consultants and mathematics inspector to those schools most affected in 2008. Nationally the discrepancy between the exam boards has been noted and action is promised for 2009. Schools are tracking progress in mathematics in order to ensure that a much higher proportion of pupils make 2 levels of progress in 2009.	
72.00	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI073 % of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in both english and maths at Key Stage 2		73.06	75.66	▲	76.00		Durham's figure of 73.9% is approximately 2 percentage points above the national figure for 2008. There is a recognition that the target set for the Local Authority was aspirational.	
47.60	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI099 % of looked after children who achieved at least level 4 in english at Key Stage 2	52.00		50.00	★	44.00		This is an improvement of 6 percentage points on the target set 2 years ago and 2.4 percentage points improvement on the previous academic year (2006/2007) outcome.	
52.40	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI100 % of looked after children achieving at least level 4 in maths at Key Stage 2	42.00		100.00	★	40.00		This is an improvement of 17.14 percentage points on the target set 2 years ago and 4.74 percentage points improvement on the previous academic year (2006/2007) outcome.	

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66.00	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI074 % of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in both english and maths at Key Stage 3		64.94	64.76	▲	74.00		The proportion of pupils at Level 5 or above in both English and mathematics at Key Stage 3 has fallen by 1 percentage point in County Durham and is well below the target figure. This was not helped by the 1 percentage point fall in 2008 in the proportion gaining Level 5 or above in mathematics in County Durham which mirrored the 1 percentage point fall nationally. There is an increased focus on pupils at Key Stage 3 gaining both English and mathematics at Level 5 or above, with increased tracking of pupil progress by both senior leaders and subject staff. Pupils in danger of getting one of the subjects but not both are identified for specific intervention.	
42.20	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI075 % of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C GCSEs or equivalent including english and maths		44.36	44.56	▲	48.00		The proportion of students gaining 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and mathematics has continued to rise due to the significant levels of support and challenge provided by the Local Authority in the form of guidance regarding exam entry and consultancy to support GCSE courses and targeted groups of students. Strategies for early entry into English have allowed borderline students to focus on other subjects, having secured A*-C grades in English early.	
9.09	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI101 % of looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) including english and maths	5.30	4.35	4.17	▲	22.60		Each young person is provided with individual support to ensure they achieve the best possible outcomes. Only those looked after children (LAC) who were in care from 1 October the year before their exams and who stayed in care until 30 September after their exams are included in the calculations for this indicator. However, the more successful the young people are the greater the likelihood they will leave care before the count date and therefore cannot be included in the calculation. 12.5% were successful but some left care before the count date. Some LAC have severe learning difficulties and GCSEs would not be appropriate for them. Trauma and abuse are some of the causes of disengagement from learning. 57% who sat exams achieved their estimated grades. The target of 22.6% was set by DCSF to be a 4% increase year on year from 2002 and didn't have to include English and Maths. The reported figure does now have to include these subjects. 19.2% of LAC achieved at least 5 A* to Cs not necessarily including English and Maths, of which 8.7% stayed in care until the count date.	
	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI105 percentage point gap between pupils who are identified as having special educational needs who achieve 5 A*-C GCSE grades or equivalent including english and maths and their peers (pupils who have not been identified as having special educational needs).	42.20	44.23	44.26	▲	41.80		The gap has widened from that in 2007 and the target has not been met. Whilst attainment has risen for all pupils when considering 5 A*-C GCSEs, including English and mathematics, it has included increases for higher attaining pupils. Pupils with SEN have made progress but struggle to achieve this particular indicator due to the inclusion of English and mathematics.	
72.48	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI083 % of pupils achieving level 5 or above in science at Key Stage 3	72.40	71.05	71.10	▲	76.00		The performance of 71.1% is a drop of 1% from the previous year and mirrors the 1% drop in the national percentage. For the second year running the number of pupils achieving at Level 5 or above is identical to the national number. There are considerable concerns about the reliability and validity of this value. Along with the national concerns about the standard of marking, there is still a view that the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) paper was not a true indicator of the pupils achieving this level of understanding in science. The number of pupils achieving level 6 or above increased in Durham by 2% to 41%. This also mirrored the national value which had remained static from the previous year. A considerable amount of Local Authority support and guidance has been provided to schools, which is reflected in the County percentages mirroring the national percentages. These results should also be seen in the light of how much progress our pupils have made. Value added analysis (Fisher Family Trust data) indicates that the percentage of pupils gaining Level 5 or above is significantly higher than expected compared to similar pupils in similar schools throughout the country. The national target of 76% was also considered by the Secondary National Strategies to be overly optimistic. The County target was linked to the national target.	
37.10	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI072 % of children assessed against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profiles (EYFSP) achieving 78 points across all 13 scales with at least 6 points or more in each of the Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) and Communication, Language and Literacy (CLL) scales		40.40	40.48	▲	45.00		Although the target of 45% was missed the performance of 40.5% was an improvement on the 2007 figure of 37.1%. 45% was acknowledged to be an extremely ambitious target. This improvement was achieved by more targeted support to schools where outcomes, particularly in Communication, Language and Literacy, were low. The authority was also involved in a project developing Parents as Partners in Early Learning (PPEL) but because this involved mainly nursery children the impact will be felt more in 2009. This year we have extended this targeted approach and currently have several initiatives in schools where data indicates outcomes could be better. Both Every Child a Talker and Communication, Language and Literacy Development are Primary Strategy programmes aimed at improving Communication, Language and Literacy outcomes. We also are working with groups of schools to improve Physical Development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World and Personal, Social and Emotional Development as appropriate. For this year we have also clarified assessment procedures for Reception classes and discussed school outcomes in Foundation stage with teachers and head teachers. We are confident that the new systems will make it easier for teachers to track progress and identify children who are underachieving. Schools only submit Foundation Stage profile data in June so we have no data to indicate likely outcomes in 2009 but qualitative feedback is indicating that there will again be an improvement although we may still not achieve our target.	
41.70	Increased educational attainment for all young people (up to 19 years)	NI092 gap between the median Foundation Stage Profile score of all children locally and the mean score of the lowest achieving 20% of children		40.60	40.48	▲	39.00		The gap between the lowest achieving 20% of children as measured by the Foundation Stage Profile and the rest narrowed last year from 41.3 in 2007 to 40.5 so although the target of 39% was missed we moved in the right direction. We feel that several factors contributed to this but that the focused work in Communication, Language and Literacy in some schools and an increasing awareness of the significance of Profile data among teachers and head teachers were important factors. We are aware of the need to focus more directly on improving outcomes for these lowest achieving children. We now have detailed data about these children showing both which schools have large numbers of the lowest achieving children and in which schools a large proportion of the cohort fall into this category. This will enable us to work with these schools in a focused way to improve outcomes for these groups of children. We are also working closely with strategic colleagues within Children and Young People's Services and other services to improve alignment and ensure all colleagues are aware of the importance of their work contributing to this Outcomes Duty. The Foundation Stage Regional Advisor who supports us acknowledges that this work is going well. There should be some improvement in narrowing the gap again this year but we are unlikely to meet the target as the full impact of these strategies will not be felt until 2010.	