



Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date **Monday 2 July 2018**
Time **9.30 am**
Venue **Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham**

Business

Part A

Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend. Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's agreement.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 2018 (Pages 3 - 8)
4. Declarations of Interest, if any
5. Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties
6. Media Relations
7. Progress Update on Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision Review - Report of Director of Transformation and Partnerships (Pages 9 - 14)
8. Draft Children's Strategy (Pages 15 - 18)
 - a) Report of Corporate Director of Children's Services
 - b) Presentation by Head of Strategy
9. Child Poverty - Report of Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services (Pages 19 - 30)
10. Performance Management Quarter 4 2017/2018 Report of the Corporate Management Team (Pages 31 - 54)
11. Refresh of the Work Programme - Report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships (Pages 55 - 66)

12. Summary of Minutes from Children and Families Partnership (Pages 67 - 70)
13. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

Helen Lynch
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

County Hall
Durham
22 June 2018

To: **The Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor C Potts (Chairman)
Councillor H Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B Bainbridge, D Bell, J Blakey, P Brookes, J Charlton, J Considine, R Crute, S Durham, N Grayson, C Hampson, K Hopper, I Jewell, L Kennedy, L Mavin, A Patterson, A Reed, M Simmons, A Willis and M Wilson

Faith Communities Representatives:
Mrs C Craig and Mrs C Johnston

Parent Governor Representatives:
Mrs J Norman and Mr R Patel

Co-opted Members:
Ms R Evans and Mrs P Parkins

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of **Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 2 - County Hall, Durham on **Monday 9 April 2018 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor C Potts (Chairman)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors H Smith, B Bainbridge, D Bell, P Brookes, J Charlton, R Crute, C Hampson, K Hopper, I Jewell, L Kennedy, L Mavin and M Simmons

Faith Community Representative:

Mrs C Johnston

Also Present:

Councillor M McKeon

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Blakey, J Considine, N Grayson, A Patterson, A Willis, M Wilson and Mr J Conlon and Ms C Craig.

2 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members in attendance.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2018 and of the special joint meeting with Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 5 February 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest, if any

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Any items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties

There were no items from Co-opted Members or Interested Parties.

6 Media Relations

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer presented Members with recent press articles relating to the remit of Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

- Durham County Council staff helping thousands of families praised for 'unrelenting positivity'
- Social Workers recognised for making a difference
- Children's centres restructured to offer targeted support
- Child poverty: Pale and hungry pupils 'fill pockets with school food
- Special needs children 'paying price' for education funding 'crisis'
- Infant school children suffering from mental health problems, teacher poll finds

Resolved:

That the presentation be noted.

7 One Point Service Update

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which presented Members with an update on the One Point Services (for copy see file of minutes).

The Strategic Manager of the One Point Service gave a joint presentation with regards to One Point Service Update and Impact of the Children's Centres Review (for copy see file of minutes) therefore please refer to item no. 8 for record of discussion.

Resolved:

That the report and presentation be noted.

8 Impact of the Children's Centres Review

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and Director Children and Young Peoples Services which presented Members with an update on the performance of the Children's Centres following the Council's decision to change the way in which they operated (for copy see file of minutes).

The Strategic Manager of the One Point Service gave a joint presentation with regards to One Point Service Update and Impact of the Children's Centres Review (for copy see file of minutes).

Councillor Brookes referred to the £1m reduction in the budget and the rise in the number of referrals and assessments. He queried how the Service had significantly increased the number of assessments when the service had lost staff and funding and had 300 more Looked After Children (LAC's). The Strategic Manager of the One Point Service confirmed that the service was much better at targeting more families in need and had improved the way information was recorded.

The Head of Early Help, Assessment & Safeguarding confirmed that many families which had previously accessed Children Centres in the past had not required intervention. Work had been targeted to the County's most deprived areas and to those most vulnerable.

Early Intervention had enabled the service to reduce the number of Children in Need, however there were more LAC's and this could be attributed to continuing austerity, which was now in its eighth year.

Councillor Crute suggested that it would be beneficial for a Working Group to consider whether economical factors may have contributed to the increase in LAC's.

Councillor Charlton queried the impact of having lost 60 members of staff, the impact this had on Social Workers and caseloads. The Strategic Manager of the One Point Service confirmed that there were approximately 200 staff remaining and most of the staff had left through the ER/VR process, only one who had been made compulsory redundant. Social Workers had 24 caseload on average, or 10-15 families, which would allow enough time to carry out comprehensive assessments.

Councillor Charlton was concerned that it could be difficult for some families to access Children's Centres and queried whether funding was available to enable them to travel. The Strategic Manager of the One Point Service confirmed that the Outreach Programme enabled staff to go out to community buildings to deliver services and should parents agree to attend the Parenting Programme, there was a budget to assist with the cost of attending.

Finally, Councillor Charlton referred to the instability of PCSO's in her own locality as movement caused some issues with consistency. The Head of Early Help, Assessment & Safeguarding confirmed that she had written to the Chief Constable and complimented the valuable work that PCSO's were doing in Durham, however it was a role that was naturally used as a stepping stone to becoming a Police Officer and therefore the turnover was high.

Councillor Jewell queried the referral process of One Point and the Strategic Manger confirmed that as well as self-referral, multiple agencies would monitor patients from the outset of pregnancy. Midwives would identify vulnerability as early as the first appointment and health visitors completed pre-birth home checks (the Home Environment Assessment Tool) to confirm that a parent had baby essentials and a clean and sleeping area. The Head of Early Help, Assessment & Safeguarding confirmed that where possible One Point was co-located with Families First Teams and regular meetings ensured that nobody was overlooked.

In response to a question from a Member of the Public, the Strategic Manager confirmed that One Point did offer volunteer opportunities and had a recruitment process for anyone interested.

Resolved:

That the report and presentation be noted.

9 Quarter 3 2017/18 - Performance Management Report

The Committee considered a joint report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented Members with progress against the Council's Corporate

Performance Framework for Altogether Better for Children and Young People for the third quarter of the 2017/18 Financial Year (for copy see file of minutes).

The Head of Early Help, Assessment & Safeguarding made reference to the Stronger Families Programme. Funding had previously been payment by results, however the financial framework had been updated to include an alternative funding model, Earned Autonomy. 40 Local Authorities had been given the opportunity to apply for up front funding and Durham was one of 11 successful applicants. Earned Autonomy status would permit Durham to move away from the current payment by results arrangements, allowing the Council to make more flexible use of the funding.

In relation to Teenage Pregnancy, Councillor McKeon confirmed that there were areas in the County with limited access to GP's and unable to access information regarding preventative measures. She queried whether there was a further breakdown which could be provided. The Head of Early Help, Assessment & Safeguarding confirmed that there was a data lag and the data reported was 30 months out of date. Figures for local areas were not published as there was a chance that individuals could be identified in certain age brackets, however the outcome for children with teenage parents were much worse and so it was important to try and identify contributing factors.

Councillor McKeon stated that in relation to educational attainment the whole North East region had endured a drop in attainment and asked how closely Durham County Council worked with other North Eastern local authorities to address this. The figures tell us that the North East region is the worst in England for educational attainment and DCC sits within the middle within the North East for secondary attainment.

Councillor Crute confirmed that The North East Regional Employers' Organisation were in the midst of developing their Work Programme and he would put forward the comments regarding the need for more current information on educational attainment.

Councillor Bainbridge referred to the increase in the number of LAC's compared to previous years but pointed out that it was stable and significantly lower than other regions. She praised the success of the Council's social media campaign which had generated a lot of interest from potential foster carers and adopters. The Head of Early Help, Assessment and Safeguarding advised that the recent campaign to recruit foster carers and adopters had generated a lot of interest but checks would be needed to be carried out before this would impact on the number of foster carers in place.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

10 Quarter 3 2017/18 - Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Finance and Transactional Services which provided details of the updated 2017-18 forecast outturn budget position for the CYPS service grouping, highlighting major variances in comparison with the budget for the year, based on the position to the end of December 2017 (for copy see file of minutes).

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

11 Refresh of the Work Programme

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided Members with information contained within the Council Plan 2016-2019, relevant to the work of Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, allowing Members to refresh the Committee Work Programme to reflect the three objectives and subsequent outcomes identified within the Council Plan for Altogether Better for Children and Young People.

The Chair suggested that she would like a piece of in-depth scrutiny to be done on elective home education looking at the numbers and reasons for children and young people educated at home. The Head of Early Help, Assessment & Safeguarding confirmed that many children were being home schooled and Councillor Crute confirmed that it would be interesting to assess the quality of education and consider the affect on safeguarding.

Councillor Brookes confirmed that as Chairman of Corporate Parenting he would be keen for the Committee to consider the addition of private children's homes, to the Work Programme.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

12 Summary of Minutes from Children and Families Partnership

The Committee noted the summary of minutes from Children and Families Partnership meeting on 15 January 2018.

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**Children & Young People's
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**



2 July 2018

**Update on Progress of
Recommendations of the Take up
of Free School Meals and Holiday
Provision Review Report**

**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and
Partnerships**

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this report is to update members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the progress made against the recommendations from the committee's review of Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision.

Background

- 2 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee decided to undertake a review to focus on an aspect of Child Poverty that would complement the work of Durham County Council's Poverty Action Group.
- 3 At a special meeting of the committee on 3 February 2016, members agreed the terms of reference for the Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision review. The objective of the review was to raise awareness of the need to claim free school meals (FSM) for those parents who are eligible, ensuring their children receive a midday meals and the school receives pupil premium funding and to increase awareness of holiday hunger activities taking place in County Durham communities.
- 4 Five key lines of inquiry were considered:
 - What benefits to schools of using DCC eligibility checking service?
 - How can this service better help schools?
 - How can take up of free school meals be increased in secondary schools?
 - What challenges/barriers are preventing take up in secondary schools and how can they be overcome?
 - What is available to help families feed and entertain their children during school holidays?

- 5 The review found that there is still stigma associated with free school meals and therefore consideration is needed to the use of language to describe groups of people who are experiencing poverty.
- 6 Overall take up of free school meals in County Durham is good and most schools within the county use the DCC FSM checking service and found it to be a quick and efficient system freeing up administrative staff to carry out other duties. Twenty-one schools outside of County Durham that use the service too.
- 7 The review group met with young people and asked them for their views on free school meals and holiday provision. Some of the young people indicated they did not take the FSM because they did not like the choices or they wanted to eat their lunch with friends offsite. They also indicated that holiday provision should not focus on the free food but on the activities otherwise it just becomes another handout and they would be reluctant to become involved.
- 8 East Durham Area Action Partnership provided evidence of their work with third sector partners to access funding streams and deliver holiday provision projects.
- 9 The review group's report on Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision was presented to Cabinet at their meeting on 16 November 2016 and was shared with the Children and Families Partnership at their meeting on 2 December 2016.
- 10 The action plan attached at appendix two provides a detailed response to each of the committee's recommendations with a timescale as to when the tasks will be complete.

Recommendation

- 11 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the progress update on the recommendations from Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision review report and comment accordingly.

Background Papers

- Cabinet Report: Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision Scrutiny Review report – 16 November 2016

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing – None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – The review report takes into consideration Equality and Diversity; an Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out.

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – None

Procurement - None

Disability Issues – None

Legal Implications – None

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT – Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Provision
REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED BY CABINET ON: 16 November 2016
UPDATE ON RECOMMENDATIONS – 02/07/2018

Review Recommendation	Progress report of action taken to implement recommendation	Resib'ty	Timescale
1. Durham County Council uses considerate and positive language in all its communications so as not to stigmatise or disadvantage any person experiencing poverty and encourage partners to do the same,	All catering support staff & cooks are reminded by DCC & T/S the need for confidentiality, respectful language to be used with pupils and parents. Training of cooks during school holiday July 2017. Ongoing review with area managers in regular update training.	School Meals Team	July 2017 Ongoing
Review Recommendation	Progress report of action taken to implement recommendation	Resib'ty	Timescale
2. The Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services explore school admissions procedures and give consideration to the inclusion of an option for parents' National Insurance number on the admission forms to enable Free School Meals eligibility checks on all children with the aim of : a. Reducing the need for eligible parents to complete additional forms or from eligible parents missing out on claims b. Improving school funding.	Free School Meal checking procedures circulated to schools. Ongoing encouragement to schools to use these to reduce submission of paperwork by parents. Increased activity Dec 2017 to April 2018 in run-up to introduction of Universal Credit: including extranet reminders. FSM team participate in Universal Credit working group to ensure strategies, which support maximum FSM uptake.	School Meals Team Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services	Ongoing

Review Recommendation	Progress report of action taken to implement recommendation	Resib'ty	Timescale
3. The Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services encourage schools to check all their biometric terminals to ensure PIN code details are kept secure and that information cannot be seen by others when carrying out transactions and to take measures to remove a pupils lunch money balance from the customer screen and to consider alternative options for pupils to keep a check on their balance such as a receipt system,	Correspondence with schools as part of the catering support SLA (including some termly meetings and discussions with head teachers) during Autumn term 2017 to raise awareness of issues.	School Meals Team Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services	Autumn Term 2017
Review Recommendation	Progress report of action taken to implement recommendation	Resib'ty	Timescale
4. The Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services and Director of Transformation and Partnerships ensure all information on community projects providing holiday provision to communities is recorded and mapped centrally to ensure joined up working of all services and partners. Following the mapping exercise that a short electronic guide is produced and shared with schools, AAPs and Councillors to show where activities are located, types of activities offered, if food is included and cost.	Baseline exercise is currently underway to map current and planned provision across the County and will include: council provision including schools; AAP projects/schemes; and voluntary and community sector schemes. Once we have the baseline data we will be looking to see how we can join this up with other work AAP colleagues have already carried out on this issue to design options for improving the issue, which can be presented to the PASG and members.	Corporate Director of Children & Young People's Services and Director of Transformation & Partnerships	June/July 2018

Review Recommendation	Progress report of action taken to implement recommendation	Resib'ty	Timescale
<p>5. The Director of Transformation and Partnerships explore additional external funding opportunities for areas that experience levels of child poverty and holiday provision issues similar to those in East Durham and ensure that the model of best practice used by East Durham Area Action Partnership to help communities deliver holiday provision is promoted with other Area Action Partnerships.</p>	<p>Since the last update the Child Poverty Group is in existence. There has been a meeting of Cllr Jane Brown - Portfolio Holder for Social Exclusion and AAP Co-ordinators on 02/10/17 to update on the work of the AAPs, how we engage with Children & Young people in our areas and how particularly we were addressing the issue of Holiday Hunger/ Holiday Provision. Information relating to how each AAP engages with Children & Young People was updated at the end of October '17. An exercise is currently underway assessing the impact and effectiveness of the East Durham AAP provision as a model of best practice prior to wider promotion.</p>	<p>Director of Transformation and Partnerships</p>	<p>Jan 2018</p>

**Children and Young People's
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

2nd July 2018



**Proposal for a new Children and Young
People's Strategy for County Durham**

**Report of Margaret Whellans, Corporate Director of Children and
Young People's Services**

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the draft vision, aims and objectives of the proposed new Children and Young People's strategy.

Background

- 2 Due to recent inspections and significant changes in context for children's delivery nationally and in Durham a renewed Children and Young People's strategy is being developed to set the future direction and by doing so, ensure we are achieving the best possible outcomes for children, young people and their families.
- 3 The proposed vision of the strategy is that County Durham will be a great place for children and young people to grow up in and for Durham to be a place where all children are healthy, happy and achieving their potential. A key focus of the strategy will be to ensure the voice of children, young people and their families is listened to and acted upon.
- 4 To achieve this vision, the strategy proposes four key aims:
 - (a) All children and young people have a safe childhood
 - (b) Children and young people enjoy the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing
 - (c) Young people can access good quality education, training and local employment
 - (d) Achieve the best possible outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
- 5 Some of the underpinning principles to support us in achieving the proposed aims and objectives will include participation and engagement of children, young people and families in service development and design, adopting a

'Think Family' approach, improving transitions between children's and adult services and tackling the effects of inequality.

Recommendations and reasons

- 6 Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:
- a) Receive the report and presentation and comment accordingly

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – To be considered as the strategy develops

Staffing – To be considered as the strategy develops

Risk – To be considered as the strategy develops

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – To be considered as the strategy develops

Accommodation– NA

Crime and Disorder– To be considered as the strategy develops

Human Rights– To be considered as the strategy develops

Consultation– Consultation will take place with partners, children and families

Procurement– NA

Disability Issues– To be considered as the strategy develops

Legal Implications– To be considered as the strategy develops

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Children and Young People's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2 July 2018



Child Poverty Update

Margaret Whellans, Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to update the Children and Young People's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee members on the progress of the Child Poverty Working Group (CPWG) since the last report in September 2017. The CPWG aims to develop and implement a single coherent and coordinated approach to addressing and mitigating child poverty across County Durham.

Background

- 2 Poverty can affect every area of a child's development - social, educational, health and personal. Living in a poor household can reduce children's expectations of their lives and lead to a cycle where poverty is repeated from generation to generation. As adults they are more likely to suffer ill health, be unemployed or homeless, and become involved in offending, drug and alcohol abuse, and abusive relationships.
- 3 The introduction of Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 placed a duty on government to report on child poverty. However, the act repealed parts of the Child Poverty Act 2010, including the duty placed on local authorities to prepare and publish an assessment of the needs of children living in poverty in their area. The new act also introduces new measures of child poverty with an emphasis taken away from income; these include:
 - (a) the proportion of children living in workless households as well as long-term worklessness households; and
 - (b) the educational attainment of children (and disadvantaged children) in England at end of Key Stage 4 (GCSE).

Levels of Child Poverty

- 4 Latest national data shows child poverty is relatively high in the North East and is increasing. Over the three years from 2014/15 to 2016/17, data from the HMRC estimate that around 1 in 4 children (24%) in the North East live in a household with a relatively low income, higher than the UK average of 19%. For the North East this represents a four percentage point change from 20% for the three year period from 2013/14 to 2015/16 increasing compared to the UK trend which was flat. Increasing poverty is generally attributed to a range of factors including wages not keeping up with cost of living, such as increases in

housing, child care, transport, utilities and food as well as changes to tax credits and child tax credits.

- 5 Local proxy data for child poverty within County Durham tends to reflect trends in out-of-work poverty which have shown recent improvements as the employment rate has improved over recent years. The proportion of children living in workless families in County Durham fell to 13.4% in 2016 (from 19.3% in 2015) and the proportion of children in County Durham schools eligible for free school meals has steadily declined over the last six years to 18.1%. However, it should be recognised that two-thirds (66%) of children in poverty live in households where at least one adult is in work (HBAI 2014/15-2016/17 BHC) so local proxy data only presents part of the picture of child poverty.
- 6 The introduction of Welfare Reform, alongside reductions in local government funding, requires a coordinated multi agency strategic approach to address the causes of and impact of poverty on children, young people and families living in County Durham.

Progress of the County Durham Child Poverty Working Group

- 7 The Child Poverty Working Group (CPWG) use the Joseph Rowntree definition of poverty: '**When a person's resources are well below their minimum needs, including the need to take part in society**'. The group agreed this definition describes not only monetary and resource poverty but also poverty of opportunity.
- 8 Dr Deborah Harrison, North East Child Poverty Commission has supported the group to formulate an approach to Child Poverty in County Durham in which three key strands have emerged:
 - (a) **Language and values associated with child poverty:** this will focus on our attitudes and beliefs towards poverty and will involve the development of a shared language and a media strategy;
 - (b) **Poverty Management in communities linked to early help:** this will focus on understanding County Durham's child poverty cohort, developing and implementing targeted, accessible support to families. This strand will also focus on the learning and development needs of frontline staff across the partnership to ensure they are confident to provide access to support to address poverty;
 - (c) **Economic - Good Jobs for young people and families in County Durham:** this will focus on the economic partnership and secondary school sector to ensure major economic developments in County Durham are seen as key opportunities to provide local young people and adults with routes into good jobs and apprenticeships.
- 9 The Child Poverty Working Group has developed a Plan on a Page (see appendix 2) and associated action log, which outlines the vision, key priorities, measures of success and key deliverables to address child poverty across County Durham.

10 A number of key deliverables have been achieved to date; these include:

- (a) **‘Cutting the cost of the school day’ programme;** The CPWG identified the need to address poverty within education settings as a priority. As evidence suggests the cost of the school day to be significant on low-income families and can affect the ability for the child to take part in educational opportunities. Workshops were held in six County Durham schools to understand the potential cost impact of school, focusing specifically on areas such as school uniform, meals, resources and equipment, after school clubs, trips, charity and fun events. As a result of the findings, a top tips leaflet (see appendix 3) and training package has been developed to support schools to minimise costs and remove potential barriers to accessing educational opportunities. The ‘Cut the cost of the school day: Raising awareness of child poverty’ training package is available for schools to attend from the autumn term 2018 and a roll out plan has been designed to ensure the majority of schools across the county are able to take part over the next two academic years. The training aims to raise awareness of child poverty across County Durham, supports schools to gain a deeper insight into the scale and impact of child poverty, challenges the stigma associated with living in poverty and supports schools to develop practical steps in which to cut the cost of the school day. To monitor the outcomes of the training, schools will be requested to complete an action plan, evidencing how they have implemented the training into their own setting to address the needs of their pupils and families.
- (b) The development and implementation of **‘Smarter Budgeting’** training for Children Services Social Workers and practitioners across the County Durham Partnership. This training aims to help staff to identify and address financial exclusion with the families they work with. To date over 200 staff have undertaken this training.
- (c) A second round of **‘Routes out of Poverty’** multi-agency workshops have been delivered with 280 participants. Participants reported overwhelmingly the information shared at the session would change their practice and they had an increased knowledge of the help and support available to families affected by poverty.
- (d) Development and implementation of the **Voluntary and Community Sector Alliance programme** within Children Services. This sets out to develop closer working relationships between local VCS provision and Children Services to “*ensure optimum involvement of the voluntary and community sectors in delivering services to families*” and recognises the significant impact the VCS can have in supporting families’ longer term within their own communities. In February 2018 a VCS Alliance Coordinator and four VCS Alliance workers were appointed within the One Point Service to develop effective pathways to VCS provision across local communities.
- (e) The commencement of collating and coordinating all planned **‘Holiday Activities with Food’** across County Durham. This work aims to ensure a comprehensive programme of holiday activities with food are available

in areas of high deprivation in order to address 'holiday hunger'. A project group has been identified and will lead and develop this work.

- (f) A recent review of **financial support** provided by Children Services such as S17 for children and families in receipt of statutory support, the Family Fund (including Greggs Fund) available to families on the Stronger Families programme and Welfare Assistance Scheme payments, has developed more robust probity to ensure the most appropriate source of funds are provided to families who require financial assistance.

Next Steps

- 11 Planned next steps for the Child Poverty Working Group include the following:
 - (a) The development and implementation of a Child Poverty Charter.
 - (b) Further development and implementation of a coordinated and evidence based Holiday Activities with Food programme across County Durham. Cllr Brown and Cllr Gunn are planning to visit North Lanarkshire Council to ascertain key elements of their successful 365 Holiday Food programme. These findings along with an evaluation undertaken by Northumbria University of holiday activities with food: A 'day out' not a 'handout' undertaken across the North East will be utilised to develop an evidence base for County Durham's future holiday activities with food programme.
 - (c) Develop accessible promotional materials to promote the availability of financial support to help families with childcare costs.
 - (d) Development of a 'Local Early Help Offer' in and through County Durham Family Centres which will provide range of support addressing inequalities and financial exclusion in order that all children and young people get the best start in life.
 - (e) Continue to implement and deliver actions as set out in Child Poverty plan on a page.

Recommendation

- 12 Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee members are requested to:
 - (a) note the progress of the Child Poverty Working Group; and
 - (b) agree the planned next steps.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – none

Staffing – none

Risk – none

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – none

Accommodation – none

Crime and Disorder – addresses impact of poverty on increased criminal behaviours

Human Rights – addresses inequalities

Consultation – none

Procurement – none

Disability Issues – none

Legal Implications – none

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Child Poverty: Plan on a Page (2018-2020)

Vision: Children, young people and families have the resources to meet their basic needs, including accessing opportunities to take part in society

What are our priorities?

1. Promote positive language and values associated with child poverty

2. Poverty management in communities linked to early help

3. Economic- Good Jobs for our young people and families in County Durham

Outcome Measures: How we will know if we have been successful?

- a) Less negative coverage of child poverty in the media/more positive coverage [baseline to be developed];
- b) Evidence of good practice where positive language / values are shared
- c) Staff perception of child poverty in organisations across Children and Families Partnership

- a) Number of family referrals to credit unions;
- b) Number of referrals to the Advice in County Durham (ACD) portal;
- c) Number of front line practitioners registered with AiCD portal;
- d) Number of families using Food Banks/Welfare Assistance/ Section 17 Funds/ Stroger Families Fund;
- e) Number of schools implementing 'Cutting the Cost of the School Day' programme;
- f) Reported financial difference made to the lives of children, young people and families following contact with agencies service user satisfaction survey];
- g) Number of initiatives/tools taken up by landlords to improve homes in the private rented sector;

- a) Number of children accessing 30 hour nursery placements in top 30% SOA;
- b) Number of workless households;
- c) Free school meals eligibility;
- d) Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at GCSE;
- e) Number of young people EET;
- f) Number of adults with a minimum level 2 Literacy and Numeracy qualification;
- g) Number of adults supported into employment as a result of our interventions; (Stronger Families Measure);

Deliverables: What are we going to do?

Reduce negative perceptions of child poverty by the public, managers and practitioners:

1. Develop a Child Poverty Communications Plan to include:

- a) Challenge negative perceptions of poverty by managers and staff across Children and Families Partnership;
- b) Develop a staff survey which captures values and beliefs held by staff related to child poverty;
- c) Celebrate educational success in deprived areas;
- d) We will include a position statement in all relevant strategies, policies, procedures and training programmes which promote our expectations and reflect our ambitions for the children and families living in County Durham regardless of their socio-economic circumstances;

2. Develop a Child Poverty Charter through the Children & Families Partnership

Ensure that practitioners across the County Durham Partnership have the skills and knowledge to help support families who have poverty related needs:

- a) Develop and promote 'Cutting the Cost of the School Day' programme;
- b) Train front line staff to open conversations with families on financial literacy to include joining credit unions to avoid debt and encourage a savings culture;
- c) Provide financial literacy and debt advice in and through Family Hubs;
- d) Train staff and provide access to Advice In County Durham portal;
- e) Develop and implement the next stage of 'Roots Out Of Poverty' programme;
- f) Promote Durham Savers scheme and raise awareness of budgeting from a young age;
Promote support to mitigate fuel poverty –Warmer Homes provision
- g) Promote financial assistance by raising awareness and use of Welfare Campaign Team to maximise income for families including assistance to support child care costs
- h) Coordinate countywide 'Holiday Activity with Food' programme in 2018

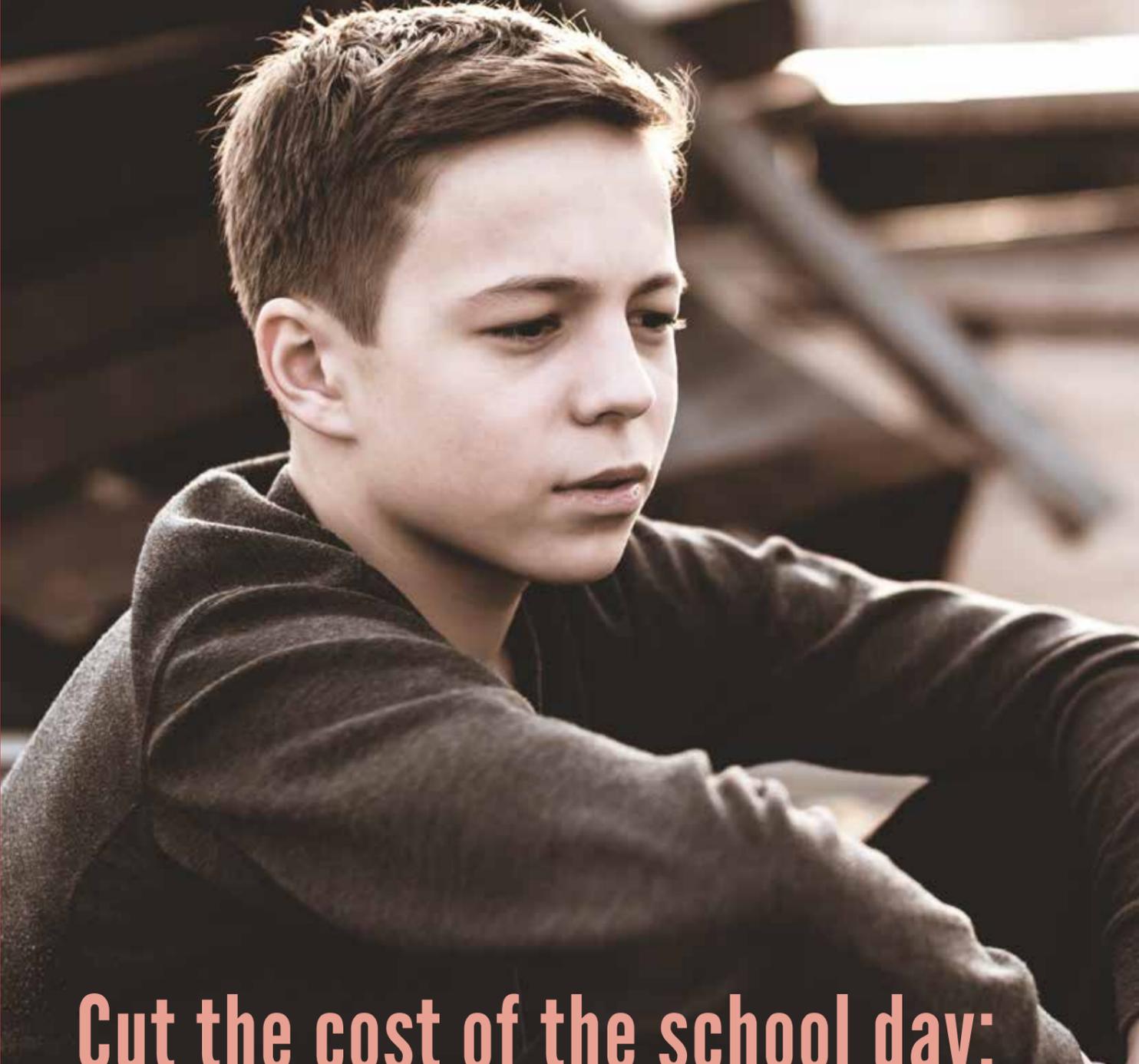
Empower families to maximise opportunities to support them in the workplace:

- a) Promote access to high quality, flexible and affordable childcare to parents on low incomes;
- b) Provide targeted advice and guidance to vulnerable young people to support their progression;
- c) Target support for those most distant from the labour market to develop employability skills in response to economic opportunity (including English and maths) through accessible community venues, including Family Hubs;
- d) Support young people who are unemployed/NEET progress into sustained education, employment and training pathways, including Apprenticeships;
- e) Support young people from deprived areas to access higher education.

Enabling Factors: What will make our outcomes possible ?

- Whole system approach to ensure effective interventions
- Workforce development based around making every contact count
- Strong leadership and leading by example across all areas e.g. councillors, leaders, education. County Durham Area Action Partnerships

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Cut the cost of the school day: Raising awareness of child poverty



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Introduction

Poverty can have a massive impact on people's lives! It can affect a child's social, educational, health and personal development. Living in a poor household can reduce children's expectations of their lives and lead to a cycle where poverty is repeated from generation to generation. The Children and Families Partnership welcomes work to address the cause and impact of poverty on families across the county.

We understand the importance of addressing poverty and offering help as early as possible, and acknowledge the valuable work undertaken by the Child Poverty Working Group in identifying ways to cut the cost of the school day, helping to give young people the best start in life and enabling them to reach their full potential.

"To tolerate children and their families living in poverty is morally wrong. No civilised society should permit it. To invest in children is to invest in the future. I'm sure we would all commit to that. Let's do it"

Cllr Olwyn Gunn

Cabinet member for Children and Young People's Services

Cut the cost of the school day: Raising awareness of child poverty

Top tips to minimise costs

These top tips have been developed by staff and pupils who took part in the 'Cut the cost of the school day: Raising awareness of child poverty' workshops. The areas for consideration were most commonly identified as placing financial pressure upon families. The top tips aim to provide schools with a list of suggestions to attempt to minimise the cost of the school day on all families. Some ideas may already be in place but these recommendations allow schools to further develop good practice.

School uniform and PE kits

- Allow uniform to be purchased from a range of suppliers as opposed to one single supplier with a set cost.
- Explore 'bulk buy/sibling deals' with suppliers to minimise costs.
- Explore the option of having sew on school logo badges to allow parents to buy generic uniform.
- Regularly hold upcycle school uniform/swap shop events and encourage pupils to take part in organising these events (avoid negative language such as second hand uniform sale).
- Have upcycled uniform readily available in reception everyday as well as during parents evenings, opening evenings etc.
- Link in with local charity shops to encourage them to have a school uniform section.
- Open these events to everyone: avoid targeting only Free School Meal/Pupil Premium (FSM/PP) pupils and families as personal circumstances may not have been disclosed.
- Allow for generic PE kit to be worn.
- Revise behaviour policies linked to incorrect uniform.
- Sign-post families to school clothing grants and vouchers (School Benevolent Fund) www.durham.gov.uk/schoolbenevolentfund



Training requests

If you would like your school to take part in a 'Cut the cost of the school day: Raising awareness of child poverty' training session please contact cpd@durham.gov.uk

Food in school

Is the cost of your breakfast club a barrier for some pupils attending?

- Consider having volunteers run the club to reduce staffing costs.
- Contact local supermarkets/businesses for donations.
- Offer daily/weekly sibling deals for families to attend breakfast club.
- Consider providing all pupils with a basic packed lunch for trips not just those on FSM.
- In addition to the KS1 free fruit for schools scheme, explore the option of having fruit in the classroom each morning, available to everyone.
- Save uneaten fruit, yoghurts, cereal bars from packed lunches and have these available for pupils to take home if they would like them.



After school clubs and trips

- Ensure that dates and costs of trips are given out at the start of the academic year (or earlier) to give plenty of advance warning. Consider spacing trips out across the year more evenly.
- Set up payment schemes for parents/carers to pay towards school trips in instalments (link in with Durham Savers www.durham.gov.uk/durhamsavers) - ask parents to return financial contributions not pupils.
- Pupils to take part in fundraising events for school trips to minimise the amount of financial contribution needed.
- Consider each year group trips against one another to account for families with more than one pupil in school to avoid extra financial pressure.
- Revise any first-come first-served policies (with payments) as this may be excluding pupils from low income families from taking part.
- Review the range of clubs on offer to minimise the amount of charged activities.
- Have a weekly token scheme to enable free access once per week to any charged school clubs.
- Consider the equipment required for after school clubs (football boots, rugby kit, dance uniform) and whether these could be borrowed/rented from school to ensure all can take part.
- Avoid sending letters home with pupils that request financial contributions. Send these direct to parents/carers.

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**Children and Young People
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

2 July 2018



**Quarter Four 2017/18
Performance Management Report**

**Report of Corporate Management Team
Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships
Councillor Simon Henig, Leader of the Council**

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present progress against the council's corporate performance framework by Altogether priority theme for the fourth quarter of the 2017/18 financial year.

Performance Reporting Arrangements for 2017/18

- 2 Our performance reporting arrangements have been developed around a series of key performance questions aligned to the Altogether framework of six priority themes, and are designed to facilitate greater scrutiny of performance. The set of performance measures provides an indication to help answer these questions for those with corporate governance responsibilities.
- 3 There are other areas of performance that are measured through more detailed monitoring across service groupings and if performance issues arise, these will be escalated for consideration by including them in the corporate report on an exception basis.
- 4 The performance indicators are still reported against two indicator types which comprise of:
 - (a) key target indicators – targets are set for indicators where improvements can be measured regularly and where improvement can be actively influenced by the council and its partners; and
 - (b) key tracker indicators – performance is tracked but no targets are set for indicators which are long-term and/or which the council and its partners only partially influence.
- 5 This report sets out our key performance messages from data released this quarter. A visual summary per Altogether priority theme presents key data messages from the new performance framework showing the latest position in trends and how we compare with others. A comprehensive table of key performance questions and performance data is presented in Appendix 4. An explanation of symbols used and the groups we use to compare ourselves is in Appendix 2.

- 6 To support the complete indicator set, a guide is available which provides full details of indicator definitions and data sources for the 2017/18 corporate indicator set. This is available to view and can be requested from the Corporate Planning and Performance Team at performance@durham.gov.uk.

Key Performance Messages from Data Released this Quarter

- 7 Since the Ofsted inspection in spring 2016, children's services have made good progress in some areas, but much more remains to be done. There are emerging strengths in the council's approach to early help, our support for children in care and political and senior management oversight of our practice. Leadership focus is on accelerating improvements in the quality and consistency of our casework, continuing to reduce caseloads by ensuring fully staffed and skilled social work teams, and driving Durham's new culture and associated behaviours across the whole children and young people's workforce within the council and partner services.
- 8 From January 2018, a new universal inspection framework was introduced by Ofsted. The ILACS (Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services) focuses on the council's functions regarding the help, care and protection of children and young people. A 12 month plan to improve the quality of social work practice in Durham has been developed as the service prepare for inspection under the ILACS framework.
- 9 In February 2018, Early Help, Assessment and Safeguarding Services were restructured to create an edge of care service (Supporting Solutions) and pre-birth social work team. The service now provides a more targeted offer of early help for children and young people aged 0-19 years, delivered through early help teams known as One Point, alongside statutory social work teams known as Families First. The teams will work with children, young people and their families and continue to build strong links with schools, GP practices and partners, ultimately leading to better, more sustainable outcomes for children and young people.

Universal Services and Early Help

- 10 We continue to perform well across many key areas of universal services and early help. Improvement continues with slightly more children aged 0 to 2 years in deprived areas (89.8%) registered with a children's centre and having sustained contact compared to last year (88.1%). In relation to child health, under 18 conceptions continue to reduce; they are now at the lowest level since recording began in 1998. However, the level in County Durham remains significantly higher than the England rate. The Public Health Intelligence Team are to analyse data to identify hotspots in the County and enable targeted action to be taken. County Durham's Teenage Pregnancy Partnership Board continues to implement the 2016-18 action plan delivering both universal and targeted interventions.
- 11 Good progress continues with the timeliness of education health and care plans for children with special educational needs and disabilities, exceeding the target set. Despite poor performance at quarter one, and concern this

would affect performance throughout the reporting year, the progress made has meant this is not a performance issue any longer.

- 12 A key issue throughout this year has been the Ofsted rating of Durham's secondary schools. During this quarter, one extra school was judged as requires improvement. Only 19 of the 31 secondary schools (61.2%) in Durham are now judged as outstanding or good, worse than the regional average (66%) and significantly worse than the national average (80%). This translates as 72.8% of Durham's secondary school pupils studying at outstanding or good schools, better than the regional average (67.2%) and significantly worse than the national average (82.4%). Schools are now judged on the new progress 8 accountability measure in addition to the inspection outcome. Schools with a progress 8 score that is average or below average are invariably classed as Requires Improvement or Inadequate in their inspection outcome. The council is coordinating joint projects to address key issues and sharing best practice regionally.

Assessment and Safeguarding Services

- 13 Improvement has continued in the re-referral rate, with 900 (17.3%) of the 5,195 children in need referrals occurring within 12 months of the previous referral. Performance has improved on the same period last year (18.5%) and is lower than national, regional and statistical neighbour comparisons.
- 14 There are continued performance issues that still need to be addressed and kept under scrutiny:
- (a) Social worker caseload levels;
 - (b) Quality of assessment and casefiles;
 - (c) Timeliness of single assessment;
 - (d) Timeliness of initial child protection conferences;
 - (e) Rate of children subject to a child protection plan.
- 15 Some progress has been made in reducing caseload levels per social worker, improving from the baseline of February 2016, when the Ofsted inspection took place but further improvement is still required. Social workers with fewer than 20 cases has improved from 41% to 44% and those with more than 30 has decreased from 17% to 9%. Senior management are focusing on this issue as a top priority and operation and team managers are formulating new actions in order to improve.
- 16 Between January and March 2018, 33 case file audits were undertaken within statutory children's social work teams. This is a significant reduction from the previous quarter due to workloads associated with the restructuring of Children's Services. Of the 33 conducted during quarter 4, 18 (54%) were judged to be good or outstanding. This is in line with performance last quarter, and a 15% point improvement from 40% in March 2016 (following the Ofsted inspection) but the target to achieve at least 80% of audited cases by March 2018 has not been met. Although it is too early to produce evidence, further improvements are anticipated following the restructure, with social work consultants having increased capacity to provide rigorous oversight and direction into cases to ensure quality.

- 17 A performance issue that emerged last quarter is the completion rate for single assessments. The rate completed within 45 working days has slightly decreased from 83.3% last year to 79.6% this year. Performance is lower than the latest available national and regional benchmarking data. On average, the 3,571 Single Assessments undertaken in the year to date were completed within 39 working days, an increase from 37 days in 2016/17. To manage the work within the statutory social work teams effectively, a pilot of a sample set of cases is underway to complete single assessments within 25 working days. If the quality of these pilot cases is proved to be up to standard, it will be rolled out across the Families First service from June 2018.
- 18 Continued focus has been placed on the timeliness of initial child protection conferences (ICPC)¹. In 2017/18, 66.9% of strategy meetings initiated led to an ICPC being held within 15 working days timescale. Performance is below the target of 75%, worse than last year and national and regional benchmarks (2016/17). A large proportion of those that went out of timescale were due to late requests for a conference following the strategy discussion. Practice issues have been addressed with individual teams and strategies have been implemented to ensure requests for initial conferences are made within 6 days of the strategy meeting.
- 19 As of the 31 March 2018, there were 498 children subject to a child protection plan, which equates to a rate of 49.7 (per 10,000 under 18 population). Although Durham's rate has stabilised over the last year (see appendix 5, chart 3) and remains lower than the North East average, ranking fifth lowest out of 12 North East local authorities, it has increased significantly from two years ago and is still higher than the national average. Variations in practice between social work teams are being reviewed by management to assure consistency of decision making.

Looked After Children and Care Leavers

- 20 There were 798 looked after children (LAC) at the end of March 2018 in County Durham. The number of looked after children has plateaued during 2017/18 following a steady increase, with numbers each quarter remaining close to 800 (see appendix 5, chart 2). The rate of children looked after per 10,000 (0 to 17 years) population remains significantly higher than the national average but below the average rate for the North East and statistical nearest neighbours. Between April 2017 and March 2018, 54 (15%) children were adopted from care, in line with the target set.
- 21 Good progress has been made in relation to looked after children's health with 89.9% having had the required number of health assessments and 94.8% having had a dental check. Rates are better than last year and are now better than national averages.

¹ An initial child protection conference (ICPC) must be convened following a Section 47 enquiry to safeguard and promote the welfare of a child who is suspected of, or likely to be, suffering significant harm.

- 22 As of March 2018, the council had corporate parenting responsibility for 264 young people (aged 17 to 21) who had left care, a particularly vulnerable cohort of young people. The wide range of support the council offers is good, with figures showing more care leavers in County Durham are in suitable accommodation and in education, employment or training (EET) compared to both North East and national counterparts. The council has routinely provided young people who are looked after or care leavers the opportunity to participate in work experience placements during the school holidays. In addition, work is ongoing with Jobcentre Plus, who have introduced a marker that allows care leavers to be identified on their system and receive additional help when claiming benefits. Apprenticeships are now available for care leavers within council departments. The council is also developing a training programme for hard to reach young people, who are 18+ and termed as being long term NEET. It is hoped that through this development, five young people will be supported to gain longer term employment opportunities. There are currently 41 young people in full time further education, 21 attending university as undergraduates and two embarking on a Master's degree.
- 23 A key performance issue highlighted previously that requires continued scrutiny is external residential accommodation for looked after children. The use of external residential placements for looked after children (LAC), including residential care and residential schools, still requires continued focus even though the use of these placements has stabilised over the last year; from 25 (3% of placements) last year to 27 (3.4% of placements) at 31 March 2018. Work is ongoing to ensure a good mix of placements are available for looked after children and avoid the need for external placements, unless for the need of specialist individual requirements.

Key performance messages reported to other overview scrutiny committees which may be of interest to this committee are as follows:

- 24 Although breastfeeding prevalence has increased from last year, this is still an issue, as levels remain low. Evidence clearly shows that breastfeeding improves the health of both mother and baby and yet there remains inequalities in women choosing to breastfeed. Plans to support the active promotion of breastfeeding across the County include a multi-agency communication plan and a review and relaunch of the breastfeeding friendly business scheme in June 2018. Revised public health priorities and ambitions identify aspirational improvement targets for the next 10 years to reduce inequalities and narrow the gap both within the County and against England.
- 25 Mothers smoking at time of delivery has increased and is significantly higher than national and regional rates. Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield (DDES) has the second highest rate in the North East and sixth highest of all CCGs in England. The best start in life is a public health strategic priority for County Durham, which aligns with national and regional policy direction. Reducing smoking at time of delivery will impact significantly on clinical and safety outcomes for both mothers and babies and will work to address significant health inequalities. The incentive scheme to reduce smoking in pregnancy, currently being implemented in DDES, aims to address the high

variance in smoking in pregnancy between DDES and North Durham. Early data is showing good retention in the stop smoking service amongst these women. However, the challenges of reducing smoking in pregnancy is evident as 61% of those recruited to the scheme live with a smoker. The full evaluation of the incentive scheme will be available late summer 2018. Between April and December 2017, 179 pregnant women set a quit date with the Stop Smoking Service of whom 119 (66%) women quit (self-reported) which is an improvement from the same period in 2016/17 (56%).

Risk Management

- 26 Effective risk management is a vital component of the council's governance arrangement. The council's risk management process sits alongside our change programme and is incorporated into all significant change and improvement projects.
- 27 The key risk in delivering the ambitions of this priority theme and how we are managing it is; failure to protect a child from death or serious harm (where service failure is a factor or issue). Management consider it possible that this risk could occur which, in addition to the severe impacts on children, will result in serious damage to the council's reputation and to relationships with its safeguarding partners. To mitigate the risk, actions are taken forward from Serious Case Reviews and reported to the Local Safeguarding Children Board. Lessons learned are fed into training for front line staff and regular staff supervision takes place. This risk is long term and procedures are reviewed regularly (Critical / Possible).

Key Data Messages by Altogether Theme

- 28 The next section provides a three-page summary of key data messages for the Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme. The format of the Altogether theme provides a snap shot overview aimed to ensure that key performance messages are easy to identify. The Altogether theme is supplemented by information and data relating to the complete indicator set, provided at Appendix 3.

Altogether Better for Children and Young People

Early Help and Universal Services

Achieving Aspiration



Schools judged outstanding or good

92% Primary **61.2%* Secondary**

*12 out of 31 schools judged as Requires Improvement or Inadequate (2 more than last year and 1 more than last quarter). 7 LA maintained schools and 5 academies (As of Mar 2018).



1.9% of Durham children with at least one fixed exclusion, lower than last year (2%) (2016/17) and lower than both regional (2.01%) (2015/16) and national (2.11%) (2015/16) comparators.



92.2% of Education Health and Care Plans processed in 20 weeks (Jan-Mar 2018) for children or young people with a special educational need or disability. This is more than regional (78.8%) and national (64.9%) averages, target of 90% has been achieved.

Not in Education, Employment or Training

4.5% of 16-17 year olds in Durham are not in education, employment or training, higher than national (2.7%) and North East (4%) averages

Health

Teenage Pregnancy (Jan—Dec 2016)

Relationship Education		Targeted Intervention
Under 18		
<p>21.6 per 1,000 female population (173 conceptions), fewer than last year (26.4 and 219 conceptions) and lowest since 1998, but still significantly more than England (18.8).</p>		

Early Help support



Sustained contact with Children's Centre

89.8% of Durham 0-2 year olds in the top 30% IMD* having sustained contact, more than last year (88.1%) (Jan / Dec 2017)



* Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2010

Altogether Better for Children and Young People

Assessment and Safeguarding

Safeguarding (Apr 2016- Mar 2017) (Apr 2017 - Mar 2018)

Child's journey

Our response

Statutory referrals processed in one working day

73.4%	✓
85.4%	✓

CiN referrals occurred within 12 months of previous referral

18.5%	✓
17.3%	✓

Single assessments completed in 45 days

83.3%	✗
79.6%	✗

5,195 Children in need referrals (CiN), more than last year (5,112)

3,571 Single Assessments, more than last year (3,481)

498 Children with a child protection plan (CPP) (As of Mar 2018) fewer than last year (501)

CPP rate = 49.7 per 10,000 lower than North East average (60.5) but higher than England average (43.3)

Practice week: 5 to 9 March 2018

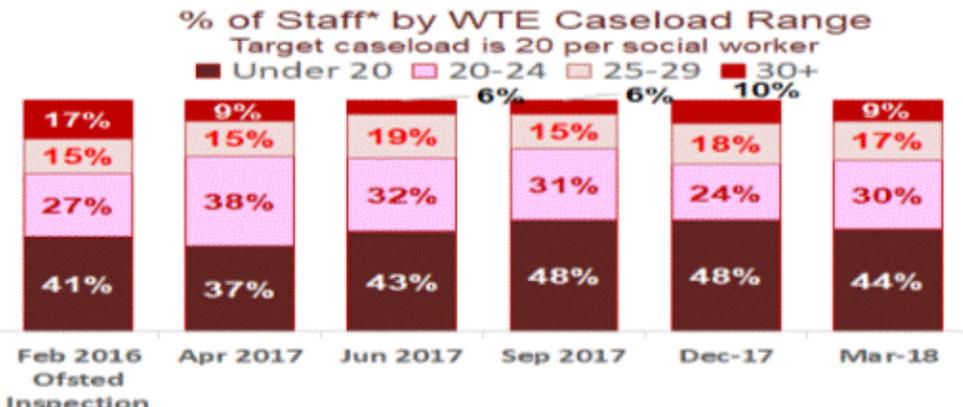


- DCC senior managers went out and about to see first-hand how our social workers provide support to families in Durham.
 - A good opportunity for managers to understand of the strengths and capabilities of our organisation.
- To find out more, visit DCC YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckgLZp4VzGE

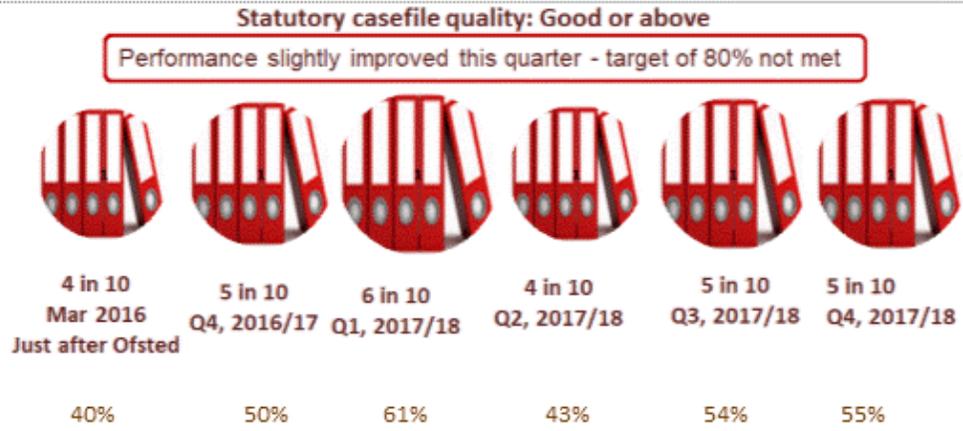
Social Work Practice

Social Worker Caseload (Feb 2016 - Mar 2018)

A target caseload is 20 per social worker



*All Agency Staff and Students assumed to be 1.0 WTE. Team Managers, Social Work Consultants, ASYE's, and Students Social Workers have been excluded from the WTE of Staff and any cases they hold have also been excluded.



Altogether Better for Children and Young People

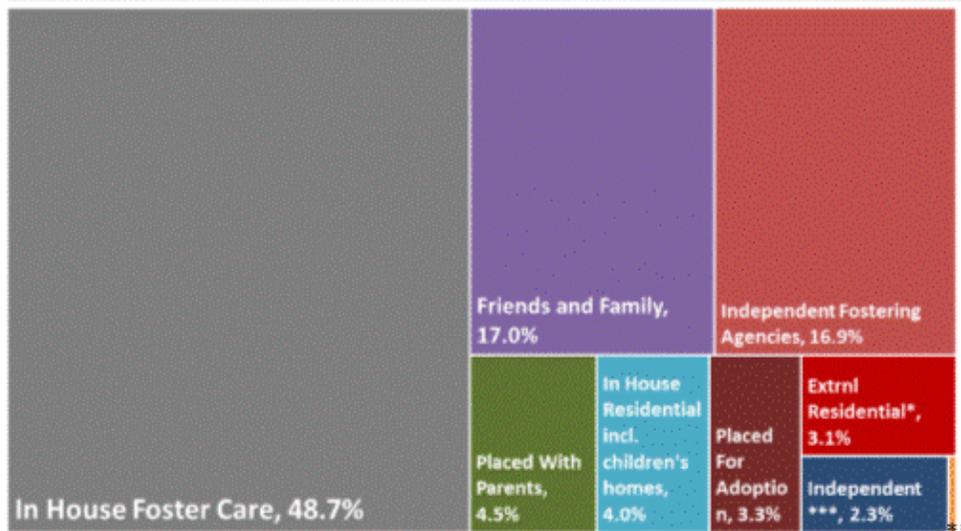
Looked after Children

Safeguarding (31 Mar 2018)



- **798** children currently looked after (LAC). The number of LAC over the last year has plateaued, remaining close to 800.
- **264** care leavers are also receiving support

Looked after children placements as at 20 Apr 2018



* External residential incl. children's home and residential schools
 **secure incl. Youth offenders institutions and prisons
 ***Independent Living incl. supported lodgings

Social Work Practice

- **660** LAC (83%) who are in a foster placement, compared to 668 (82.1%) last year—As at Mar 2018
- **27** LAC (3.4%) have external residential placements, compared to 25 (3%) last year—As at Mar 2018
- **54** children (15%) adopted of those leaving care (Apr 2017—Mar 2018), compared to 53 (17.3% - Apr 2016—Mar 2017)
- **26** children are waiting for adoption (Apr 2018).

Achieving Aspiration

Care leavers aged 17-21

	Durham	North East	England
In suitable accommodation	89% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	86% (2015/16 ac yr)	84% (2015/16 ac yr)
Education, Employment or training (EET)	61.4% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	50% (2015/16 ac yr)	52% (2015/16 ac yr)

Our Care leavers—beyond school education (March 2018)



- Support care leaver apprenticeships
- 5 care leaver apprenticeships in DCC departments
- Maintain contact with young care leavers up to the age of 25
- A dedicated worker to support care leaver's university entry

Health of looked after children

	Durham	North East	England
A dental health check	94.8% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	83% (2016/17)	83% (2016/17)
Health assessments	89.9% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	91% (2016/17)	89% (2016/17)

Recommendations and reasons

29 That the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the report and consider any performance issues arising there with.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Appendix 2: Report Key

Appendix 3: Summary of key performance indicators

Appendix 4: Volume measures

Appendix 5: Secondary Schools Require Improvement and Inadequate

Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - Latest performance information is being used to inform corporate, service and financial planning.

Staffing - Performance against a number of relevant corporate health Performance Indicators (PIs) has been included to monitor staffing issues.

Risk - Reporting of significant risks and their interaction with performance is integrated into the quarterly monitoring report.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - Corporate health PIs are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Accommodation - Not applicable

Crime and Disorder - A number of PIs and key actions relating to crime and disorder are continually monitored in partnership with Durham Constabulary.

Human Rights - Not applicable

Consultation - Not applicable

Procurement - Not applicable

Disability Issues - Employees with a disability are monitored as part of the performance monitoring process.

Legal Implications - Not applicable

Appendix 2: Report key

Performance Indicators:

Direction of travel/benchmarking

Same or better than comparable period/comparator group

GREEN

Worse than comparable period / comparator group (within 2% tolerance)

AMBER

Worse than comparable period / comparator group (greater than 2%)

RED

Performance against target

Meeting/Exceeding target

Getting there - performance approaching target (within 2%)

Performance >2% behind target

- ✓ Performance is good or better than comparable period/benchmark
- ✗ Performance is poor or worse than comparable period/benchmark
- ↔ Performance has remained static or is in line with comparable period/benchmark

National Benchmarking

We compare our performance to all English authorities. The number of authorities varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils, for example educational attainment is compared to county and unitary councils however waste disposal is compared to district and unitary councils.

North East Benchmarking

The North East figure is the average performance from the authorities within the North East region, i.e. County Durham, Darlington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-On-Tees, South Tyneside, Sunderland. The number of authorities also varies according to the performance indicator and functions of councils.

Nearest Neighbour Benchmarking:

The nearest neighbour model was developed by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), one of the professional accountancy bodies in the UK. CIPFA has produced a list of 15 local authorities which Durham is statistically close to when you look at a number of characteristics. The 15 authorities that are in the nearest statistical neighbours group for Durham using the CIPFA model are: Barnsley, Wakefield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Wigan, Kirklees, St Helens, Calderdale, Dudley, Northumberland, Tameside, Sheffield, Gateshead, Stockton-On-Tees and Stoke-on-Trent.

We also use other neighbour groups to compare our performance. More detail of these can be requested from the Corporate Planning and Performance Team at performance@durham.gov.uk.

Appendix 3: Summary of Key Performance Indicators

Table 1: Key Target and Tracker Indicators

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered		
Altogether Better for Children and Young People												
1. Are children, young people and families in receipt of universal services appropriately supported?												
22	CYPS 24	Average attainment 8 score/score for LA (all pupils at the end of key stage 4 in state-funded mainstream and special schools and academies - replacing GCSE attainment) [1]	44.6	2016/17 ac yr (final)	Tracker	NA	NA	46.4	RED	44.6*	GREEN	2016/17 ac yr (final)
23	CYPS 27	Average point score per A level entry of state-funded school students	31.9	2016/17 ac yr (final)	Tracker	31.9	GREEN	31.1	GREEN	30.8*	GREEN	2016/17 ac yr (final)
24	CYPS 28	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths (at KS2) [2]	64.0	2016/17 ac yr (final)	Tracker	59.0	GREEN	62.0	GREEN	65*	AMBER	2016/17 ac yr (final)
25	CYPS 2	Percentage of 16 to 17 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) [3]	4.5	Dec 17 - Feb 18	Tracker	4.3	RED	2.7	RED	4*	RED	Dec 17 - Feb 18
Page 26 43	CYPS 25	Gap between the average Attainment 8 score of Durham	-13	2016/17 ac yr (final)	Tracker	NA	NA	-12.8	AMBER	-14.8*	GREEN	2016/17 ac yr (final)

Page 44 Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
		disadvantaged pupils and the average Attainment 8 score of non-disadvantaged pupils nationally (at KS4)[1][2]								
27	CYPS 26	Percentage of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage achieving a Good Level of Development	72	2016/17 ac yr (final)	64.0	69.0	GREEN	70.7	70.7*	2016/17 ac yr (final)
28	CYPS 29	Gap between the percentage of Durham disadvantaged pupils and the percentage of non-disadvantaged pupils nationally who achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths (at KS2)	-18	2016/17 ac yr (final)	Tracker	-16.0	GREEN	-20	-15*	2016/17 ac yr (final)
29	CYPS 30	Ofsted percentage of primary pupils in good or better schools	92	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	90	GREEN	90	91*	As at Mar 2018
30	CYPS 31	Ofsted percentage of secondary pupils in good or better schools	61.2	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	67	RED	80	66*	As at Dec 2017
31	CYPS 32	Exclusion from school of All Durham children - percentage of children with at least one fixed exclusion	1.9	2016/17 ac yr	Tracker	2.0	GREEN	2.11	2.01*	2015/16 ac yr

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered		
32	CYPS 38	Percentage of all school pupils eligible and claiming for Free School Meals (FSM) - Child Poverty Proxy	20.2	2016/17 ac yr	Tracker	20.2	GREEN	14.7	RED	19.9*	AMBER	2016/17 ac yr
33	AHS1	Under 18 conception rate per 1,000 girls aged 15 to 17	21.6	Jan 2016 - Dec 2016	Tracker	26.4	GREEN	18.8	RED	24.6*	GREEN	Jan 2016 - Dec 2016
34	AHS2	Proportion of five year old children free from dental decay	64.9	2014/15	Tracker	New indicator	NA	75.2	RED	72*	RED	2014/15
35	AHS3	Alcohol specific hospital admissions for under 18's (rate per 100,000)	67.5	2013/14 - 2015/16	Tracker	72.8	GREEN	37.4	RED	66.9*	AMBER	2013/14 - 2015/16
36	AHS4	Young people aged 10-24 admitted to hospital as a result of self-harm	489.4	2011/12 - 2013/14	Tracker	504.8	GREEN	367.3	RED	532.2*	GREEN	England - 2011/12 - 2013/14 NE - 2010/11 - 2012/13
37	AHS5	Percentage of children aged 4 to 5 years classified as overweight or obese	24.1	2016/17 ac yr	Tracker	24.3	GREEN	22.6	RED	24.5*	GREEN	2016/17 ac yr
38	ASH6	Percentage of children aged 10 to 11 years classified as overweight or obese	37.7	2016/17 ac yr	Tracker	37.0	AMBER	34.2	RED	37.3*	AMBER	2016/17 ac yr
39	CYPS 33	Percentage of Education Health and Care Plans completed	92.2	Jan - Mar 2018	90.0	70.5	GREEN	64.9	GREEN	78.8*	GREEN	2017

Page 46 Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered		
		in the statutory 20 week time period										
2. Are children, young people and families in receipt of Early Help services appropriately supported?												
40	CYPS 22	Percentage of successful interventions (families turned around) via the Stronger Families Programme (Phase 2)	30.3	Sep 2014 - Jan 2018	50.4	13	GREEN	23.1	GREEN	27*	GREEN	Mar 2018
41	CYPS 23	Percentage of children aged 0-2 years in the top 30% IMD registered with a Children's Centre and having sustained contact	89.8	Jan - Dec 2017	60	88	GREEN					
3. Are children and young people in receipt of social work services appropriately supported and safeguarded?												
42	CYPS 14	Percentage of First Contact & EDT enquiries processed within 1 working day	85.4	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	73.4	GREEN					
43	CYPS 15	Percentage of statutory children in need referrals received which occurred within 12 months of a previous referral	17.3	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	18.5	GREEN	21.9	GREEN	20.1*	GREEN	2016/17
44	CYPS 16	Percentage of statutory single assessments	79.6	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	83.3	RED	82.9	RED	83.1*	RED	2016/17

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered
		completed within 45 working days								
45	CYPS 17	Rate of children subject to a child protection plan per 10,000 population aged under 18	49.7	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	50.0	NA	43.3	60.5*	As at Mar 2017
46	CYPS 18a	Rate of children in need (proxy) per 10,000 population aged under 18 (L4 open cases ONLY)	341.0	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	340.7	NA	312	339*	2016/17
47	CYPS 18b	Level 2/3 cases open to One Point Service - Rate per 10,000 population aged under 18 [4]	NA	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	NA	NA			
48	CYPS 18c	Level 3 cases open to Families First Teams - Rate per 10,000 population aged under 18	228.4	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	210.7	NA			
49	CYPS 19	Percentage of strategy meetings initiated which led to an initial child protection conference being held within 15 working days	66.9	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	75.0	73.6	RED	77	86*	2016/17
50	CYPS 20	Percentage of Social Workers with fewer than 20 case	44.3	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	42.0	GREEN			

Page 48 Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure		Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure		Period covered
51	CYPS 21	Percentage of Case File Audits which are rated as good or better	54.5	Jan - Mar 2018	80.0	50.0	GREEN					
4. Are we being a good corporate parent for Looked After Children?												
52	CYPS 3	Rate of looked after children per 10,000 population aged under 18	79.6	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	80.8	NA	62		92*		As at Mar 2017
53	CYPS 4	Percentage of children adopted from care (as % of total children leaving care)	15.0	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	0.0	17.3	RED	14	GREEN	14*	GREEN	2016/17
54	CYPS 5	Percentage of LAC who are in a foster placement	83.0	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	82.1	GREEN					
55	CYPS 6	Percentage of independent residential placement	3.4	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	3.0	RED					
56	CYPS 7	Percentage of children looked after continuously for 12 months or more who had a dental check	94.8	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	87.1	GREEN	83	GREEN	83*	GREEN	2016/17
57	CYPS 8	Percentage of children looked after continuously for 12 months or more who have had the required number of health assessments	89.9	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	84.8	GREEN	89	GREEN	91*	AMBER	2016/17

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered		
58	CYPS 9	Emotional and behavioural health of children looked after continuously for 12 months or more (SDQ)	16.0	2016/17	Tracker	14.9	RED	14.1	RED	14.7*	RED	2016/17
59	CYPS 10	Average Attainment 8 score of Looked After Children [1][2]	21.9	2016/17 ac yr (final figure)	Tracker	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2016/17 ac yr
60	CYPS 11	Percentage of LAC achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths (at KS2)	35.0	2016/17 ac yr (final)	Tracker	44.0	RED	32	GREEN	33*	GREEN	2016/17 ac yr
61	CYPS 12	Percentage of care leavers aged 17-21 in education, employment or training (EET)	61.4	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	69.5	RED	52	GREEN	50*	GREEN	2015/16 ac yr
62	CYPS 13	Percentage of care leavers aged 17-21 in suitable accommodation	89.0	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	90.4	AMBER	84	GREEN	86*	GREEN	2015/16 ac yr

[1] Due to a change in methodology, 2016/17 Ac Yr data cannot be compared to the previous academic year.

[2] Previous period data amended /refreshed

[3] The high number of school leavers whose status is 'not known' impacts significantly on this indicator

[4] Due to the restructure in One Point and Family First Teams, this indicator is no longer available. A new measure will be introduced from the new year.

Table 2 - Other additional relevant indicators

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure	Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure	Period covered		
Altogether Wealthier												
1. Do residents have good job prospects?												
6	CYPS 1	Percentage of 16 to 17 year olds in an apprenticeship	9.6	As at Mar 2018	Tracker	9.1	GREEN	5.9	GREEN	8.1*	GREEN	As at Mar 2018
Altogether Healthier												
1. Are our services improving the health of our residents?												
63	AHS1 2	Percentage of mothers smoking at time of delivery	17.8	Oct - Dec 2017		17.4	RED	10.8	RED	16.3*	RED	Oct - Dec 2017
71	AHS3 8	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks from birth	28.9	Jan - Mar 2018	Tracker	26.8	GREEN	43.7	Not comparable	33*	Not comparable	Oct - Dec 2017
Altogether Safer												
1. How effective are we at tackling crime and disorder?												
84	CYPS 35	First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10 to 17 (per 100,000 population of 10 to 17 year olds) [5]	277	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018		382	GREEN	357	Not comparable	413**	Not comparable	2015/16
88	CYPS 36	Proven re-offending by young people (who offend) in a 12 month period (%)	43.8	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016	Tracker	0.0	RED	41.5	RED	47.6*	GREEN	Jul 2015 - Jun 2016
4. How well do we tackle abuse of vulnerable people, including domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation and radicalisation?												

Ref	PI ref	Description	Latest data	Period covered	Period target	Data 12 months earlier	Performance compared to 12 months earlier	Performance compared to National figure		Performance compared to *North East figure **Nearest statistical neighbour figure		Period covered
101	CYPS 34	Number of child sexual exploitation referrals [5]	177	Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	Tracker	155	NA					

[\[5\] Data 12 months earlier amended/refreshed](#)

Appendix 4: Volume Measures

Chart 1. Children in need referrals within 12 months of previous referral

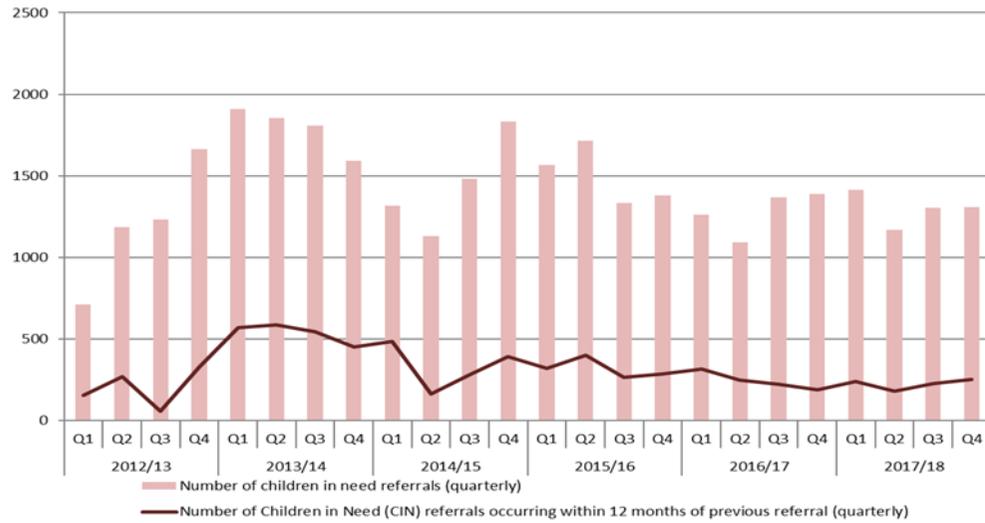


Chart 2. Looked after children cases

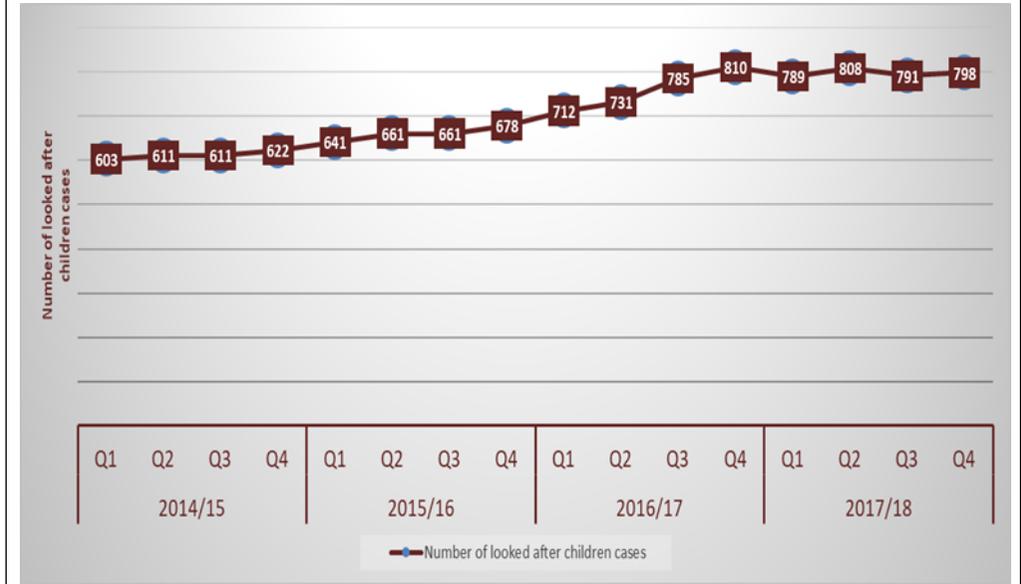


Chart 3. Children with a child protection plan

Rate and number of CPP per 10,000 population under 18

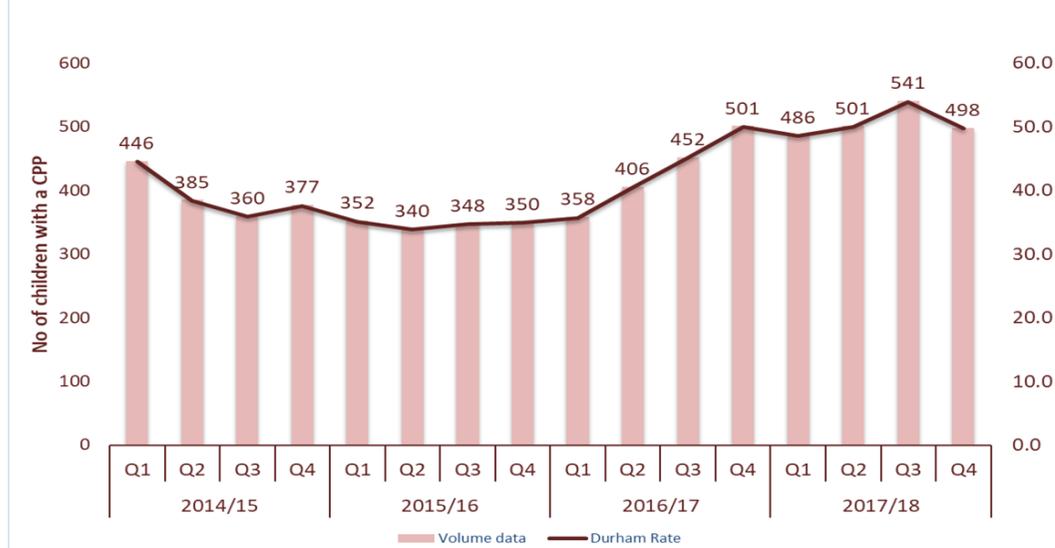
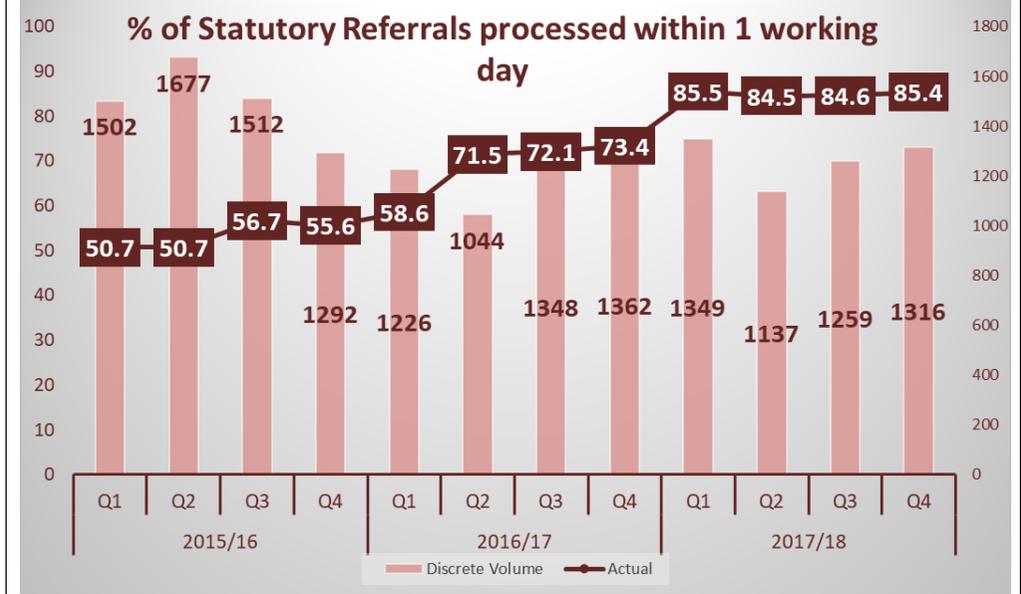
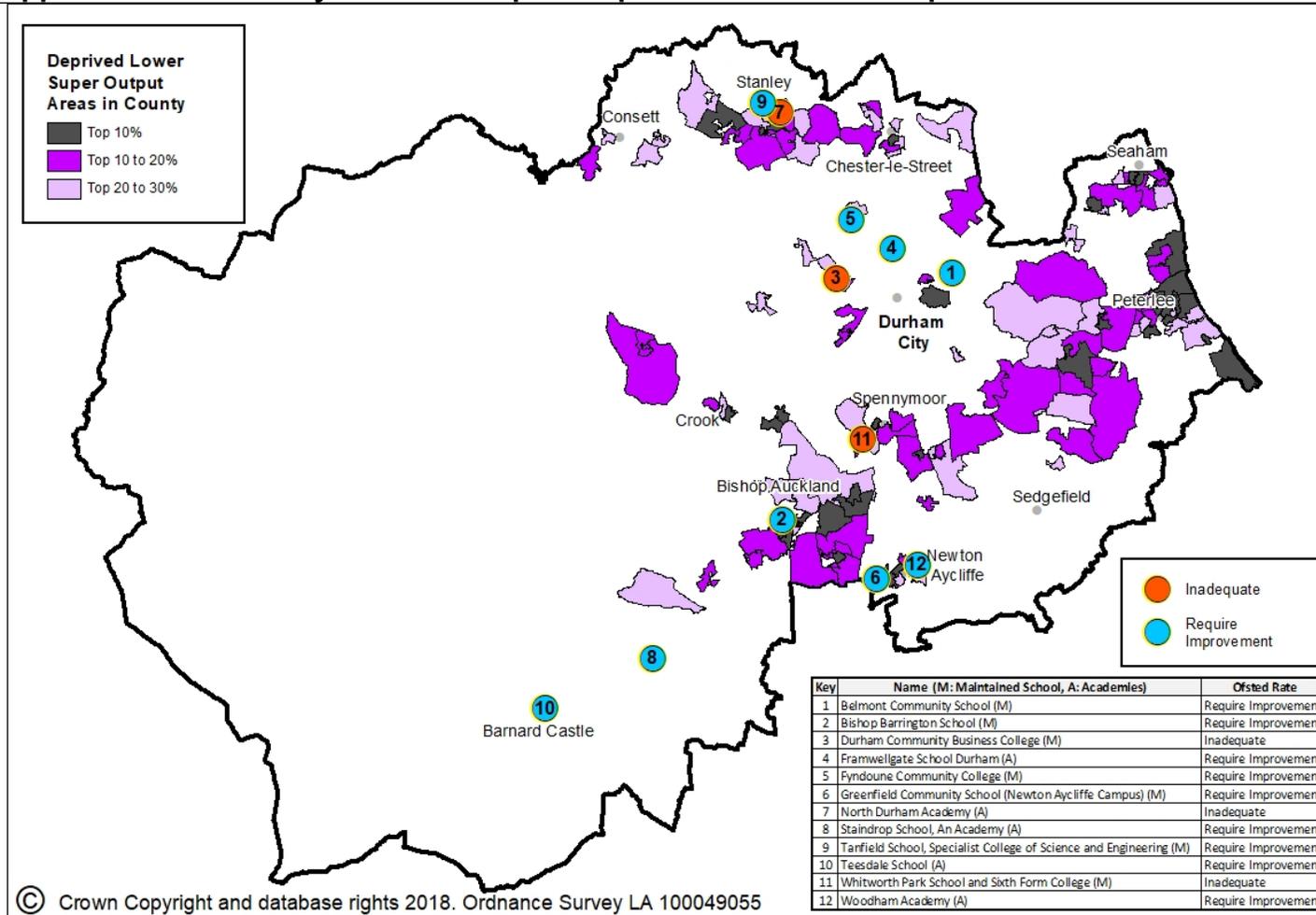


Chart 4. First Contact Volume and Process Rate



Appendix 5: Secondary Schools Require Improvement and Inadequate



Ofsted ratings are as of 31 March 2018, 12 out of 31 schools judged as Requires Improvement or Inadequate

(M): Maintained Schools, (A): Academy

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Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee



2 July 2018

Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme 2018 - 2019

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2018-19.

Background

- 2 At its meeting on 9 April 2018 the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 for the Altogether Better for Children and Young People priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, Cabinet Notice of key decisions, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budget control data and government legislation.

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2018 – 2019 has been prepared and is attached at appendix two. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible in respect that topics can be added throughout the year.
- 4 Members are encouraged to identify areas of scrutiny investigation (in depth and light touch reviews) from the work programme. Members have previously identified the following areas for consideration as scrutiny investigations:
 - a) Private Children's Residential Care Homes – This will be a joint review with Safer Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The review will look at the impact of Private Children's Residential Care Homes. A review group will be made up of members from Children and Young People's and Safer Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
 - b) Elective Home Education - This review will carry out a data analysis looking at the numbers of children involved and the reasons behind home

schooling decisions. It will also explore statutory duties and safeguarding measures.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
 - a) Discuss and agree the new work programme 2017 – 2018 as detailed in appendix two.
 - b) Identify a topics for in depth scrutiny review.

Background Papers

Council Plan 2016 – 2019

Report to Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 7 April 2017

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Tel: 03000 268143

Appendix 1: Implications (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on 16th March 2016)

Finance - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next three years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

Staffing - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Risk - Consideration of risk is undertaken in the preparation of the Council Plan and Service Plans.

Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty - A full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions underpinning the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

Accommodation - The council's Accommodation programme is a key corporate programme contained within the Council Plan.

Crime and disorder - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder.

Human rights – None

Consultation - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the council's budget.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues - Accessibility issues are considered in the design of our planning document.

Legal Implications- None

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<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2018 TO 2019</p> <p>Children and Young People’s OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Ann Whitton</p> <p>IPG contact: Helen Fergusson/Phil Hodgson</p>	<p>Note:</p> <p>O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – In-depth Review</p> <p>Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
<i>O/S Review Updates</i>				
Take up of Free School Meals and Holiday Hunger	2 July 2018	Roger Goodes, Phil Hodgson Alison Young/ Karen Sproates	Increase awareness among parents, carers and school administration of the availability of DCC eligibility checking system and awareness of holiday hunger activities taking place in County Durham.	Members will have an awareness of the systems used by DCC to promote the take up of free school meals. Members will be aware of where holiday hunger activities have taken place and will receive an evaluation of them.
<i>Scrutiny/Working Group</i>				

In depth review				
Private Children's Homes <i>Joint with Safer Stronger Communities OSC</i>		Karen Robb	Members will consider evidence from DCC, Partners, Children's Homes and Children in Care Council.	Members will have an awareness of the number of private children's homes in County Durham and their impact on service in County Durham
Elective Home Education		Phil Hodgson	Awareness of how many children in County Durham are home educated and why. Has there been an increase in numbers and if so what are the reasons for this. What safeguarding checks are in place? What are our statutory duties? Are children who are home educated ready for further education or work?	Presentation to CYP OSC Sept 2017, members wanted to explore in more detail the number of children being home educated and reasons why.
Overview/Progress				
Child Poverty Overview	2 July 2018	Karen Davison	Members will receive a progress update on the authority's plans to address child poverty.	Members will have an increased awareness of the various activities and plans provided by the Council and its partners.
Stronger Families Update	2 July 2018	Karen Davison	Members will receive an update on the Stronger Families Programme	Members will be aware of how the County Council has delivered the Stronger Families programme to vulnerable families in County Durham to date.
Draft Children's Strategy	2 July 2018	Jenny Haworth	Members will receive information on the objectives	Members will have the opportunity to provide comment on the draft Children's Strategy prior to it going to Cabinet.

			of the draft Children's Strategy	
ERASE	SPECIAL 24 July 2018	Andrea Houlahan	Members will be updated with ERASE activities and the impact the initiative is having on County Durham's children and young people.	Members will be aware of work that has been done to keep children and young people safe in county Durham and of future projects.
Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing	SPECIAL meeting 10 September 2018	Gill O'Neil	Members given opportunity to provide comment and feed into comments on Green Paper.	Members will be aware of Green Paper relating to Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing and have an understanding of what help and support is given to Children and Young People in County Durham and have an opportunity to provide comment.
Education Services Update	26 September 2018	Phil Hodgson	Members will receive a summary of Educational Services matters (this report is initially presented to Cabinet)	Members will be conscious of educational services highlights and have an opportunity to put questions in relation to the service.
Not in Education, Employment or Training	26 September 2018	Linda Bailey	Members will receive data on what is being done by DCC to address the number of young people who are NEET	Members will be mindful of the current figures and the help provided to young people who are NEET. <i>Members of EEOSC will be invited to attend the session.</i>
Corporate Parenting Annual Report	26 September 2018	Jayne Watson/ Cllr Brookes	Members will receive the first CPP annual report	Members will be aware of the work of CPP and its priorities going forward.
LSCB Annual Report	26 September 2018	Jacqui Docherty	Members will be appraised of the achievements of the LSCB over the last 12 months and of their priorities for the coming year.	Members will have the opportunity to raise questions with the LSCB rep in relation to the Annual Report.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	7 November 2018	Paul Shadforth	Members will receive information on what the service is doing to address the recent Ofsted Inspection	Following the recent Ofsted inspection of SEND members will be aware of what measures are being undertaken to address Ofsted's recommendations and have an opportunity to ask questions.
Summary of Ofsted Inspections of County Durham Schools	7 November 2018	Phil Hodgson	Members will receive a summary of Ofsted inspection results of County Durham schools both primary and secondary.	Members will be mindful of how schools in the county are performing in relation to Ofsted, how the inspection regime is changing and what help and support is given to maintained schools.
Young Carers Overview	7 November 2018	Julie Scurfield	Members will be updated on the numbers of young carers in County Durham and how the Council is working in partnership to support them.	Members will be aware of what assistance and support is available to young carers and how DCC work in partnership to achieve this.
Teen Pregnancy and Sexual Health	11 January 2019	Michelle Baldwin	Members will be provided with information in relation to sexual health provision provided for young people and what is being done to address teen pregnancy.	Members will be conscious of the opportunities and challenges of addressing teen pregnancy and sexual health including the issue of reporting data.
Growing Healthy 0-19	11 January 2019	Michelle Baldwin	Members will receive information on health visiting and school nurses and actions taken in relation to the new contracts.	Members will receive progress in relation to 0-19 programme in County Durham and information about the new contract process.
Operation and Compass	11 January 2019	Gill O'Neil	Members will receive information on the work done to help children, young	Members will have an awareness of how children, young people and families are benefiting from Operation and Compass.

			people and families in domestic violence situations	
Looked after Children and Care Leavers	SPECIAL Meeting February 2019	Helen Fergusson / Karen Robb	Members will receive an overview of the Looked after Children service and will receive information on the help and support the service gives to its care leavers	Members will have an understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the service. Members will be aware of the support provided, challenges and the opportunities for care leavers.
Childhood Obesity	28 February 2019	Karen McCabe	Members continue to monitor childhood obesity and will receive a progress update on the work being carried out to help children and families.	Members will be aware of the progress being made and of new and ongoing projects to help children and families. <i>Members of AWH OSC will be invited to attend this session.</i>
Education Services – Educational Attainment and Secondary Schools	28 February 2018	Phil Hodgson	Members will receive information relating to educational attainment performance and secondary schools	Members will have an appreciation of how the county is performing in relation to educational attainment and aware of some of the challenges and opportunities of secondary schools.
Neglect in County Durham	28 March 2019	Helen Fergusson	Members will continue to monitor neglect in the county and receive information how the County Council is addressing child neglect	Members will Have an awareness of the number of child neglect cases and what the service is doing to help children and families.
Edge or Care and Pre Birth teams	28 March 2019	Andrea Houlahan/ Helen Monks	Members will be provided with information on how these service areas are doing after their initial year.	Members will have an understanding of the progress made in the new service areas and how this has impacted on the lives of children and young people.
School Funding		Paul Darby	Members will receive a progress update on school funding	Members will be aware of the latest school funding position.

Analysis of CIN and CP numbers	28 March 2019	Stephen Tracey	Members have requested to receive analysis of CIN and CP figures	Members will receive an analysis of the background behind the number of referrals
DPH Annual Report	Send electronically		Members will be invited to attend AWH OSC and will receive the DPH report electronically	
HWB Annual Report	Send electronically		Members will receive the annual HWB annual Report electronically	
Fostering & Adoption Annual Report	Send electronically	Helen Fergusson	Members will receive the annual report that highlights the work of Fostering and Adoption Service	Members are aware of the challenges and opportunities of the service.
Children's Services Update		Helen Fergusson	Members will receive a report updating them on all aspects of Children's Services including progress made against the Ofsted recommendations	From this, members will be able to identify specific areas where they may request more information. Members will be have an understanding of how work is progressing to meet the recommendations of the Ofsted report.
Performance & Quality Q 4 Q 1 Q 2 Q 3	2 July 2018 26 Sept 2018 11 January,2019 28 March 2019	Tom Gorman		Ongoing – to provide members with information on performance of the service grouping and highlight areas of prominence (those going well, and those giving cause for concern). From quarter 1 2016 members will receive information on the quality of services such as social work.

Budget Outturn Report Q 4 (16/17)&Q1(17/18) Q 2 Q 3	26 Sept 2018 11 January 2019 28 March 2019	Andrew Baldwin		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings
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**Children & Young People’s
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

2 July 2018

**Summary of Minutes from Children
and Families Partnership**

6 March 2018



**County Durham Children
and Families Partnership**

Children and Young People’s Mental Health, Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience Local Transformation Plan

Following initial discussions at the CFP meeting in January 2018, Gill O’Neill, Consultant in Public Health led further discussions at the March 2018 meeting to consult on the refresh of the Children and Young People’s Mental Health, Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience Local Transformation Plan (CYP LTP) for 2018/19. Representatives from Success North East and Investing in Children supported these discussions.

The CYP LTP reflects the vision and principles of the national ‘Future in Mind’ strategy and the 5-year forward view for mental health. It enables partners and stakeholders to see the progress being made.

The CYP LTP has a real ambition to develop the workforce so that everyone working with children, young people and their families is ambitious for them to achieve appropriate goals.

The vision for County Durham is that:

‘We want Children, Young People and their Families in County Durham to be supported to achieve their optimum mental health and wellbeing. Every child and young person will have access to early help in supporting their emotional and mental health needs. We want to develop children and young people’s resilience and coping strategies. We will transform the quality and availability of our services from early help through to specialist provision. Local services will be locally delivered within communities, closer to home, targeted to the most vulnerable ensuring fewer children and young people require specialist mental health services.’

The following 12 ambitions are to be realised by 2020 to achieve this vision:

1. Every young person in County Durham has access to a graduated and timely response to emotional health issues, ranging from maintaining a healthy mind to acute crisis.
2. County Durham has a joined up system for early help that operates based on the THRIVE approach and harnesses the capacity of the third sector.
3. All County Durham educational settings are better equipped to support the emotional health of their populations working within the getting advice and getting help quadrants of the THRIVE approach.
4. Access to getting more help and risk support is available through local settings including primary, acute and specialist care, and that this is timely, and based on clear pathways of care linked to different types of need.
5. We will have one single point of access.
6. Coordinated robust risk support is available for the most vulnerable between partners including youth justice.
7. By 2020/21, in-patient stays for children and young people will only take place where clinically appropriate, and will have the minimum possible length of stay, and will be as close to home as possible and be commissioned on a 'place-basis'
8. Everyone in contact with children and young people feels equipped to actively support their mental health and wellbeing.
9. Well informed commissioners with comprehensive intelligence about needs and provision who strive to co-produce with children, young people and their families leading to innovative, creative and responsive support across a range of services from primary to inpatient and secure settings.
10. Support services to seek the views of our most vulnerable.
11. Maximise opportunities to capture feedback, incorporate this into discussions and work to improve quality.
12. Perinatal mental health service supporting the needs of our population to ensure timely assessment, early intervention and appropriate referral into specialist services when required.

Successes to date include:

- Delivery of Youth Aware Mental Health (YAM) to year 9 students in mainstream schools, which was showcased to the Children's Commissioner for England when she visited Durham in September 2017.
- A flexible and responsive service 24/7, 365 days a year for children and young people experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Bereavement support service provision.
- Enhanced community eating disorder service for children and young people.
- Rollercoaster Parent support project.
- Durham is a Local Government Association peer learning site, with mental health as a prevention at scale priority

- Establishment of the Young Adult Support Café (YASC) and peer mentoring programme in schools.
- Development of SPACE for mental health support for children, young people and families.

Engagement will continue until July 2018, with the refreshed CYP LTP being completed for submission to NHS England in October 2018.

Area Action Partnership (AAP) update

Sandy Denney, Area Action Partnership Coordinator provided an update on the work taking place across the county, which is supported by Area Action Partnerships, to address the three priorities of the Children and Families Partnership:

- Reducing Child Poverty
- Building Resilience
- Best Start in Life

The Children and Families Partnership were requested to let the AAPs know of any specific emerging issues, which AAP task groups should be aware of when developing their initiatives for 2018/19.

Members were also asked to be mindful of the media that AAPs have access to, and to suggest any proposals for the utilisation of these channels.

For information on any of the projects, please contact Jayne.watson@durham.gov.uk

You can find out more about the work of AAP's [here](#)

Special Educational Needs, and Disability (SEND) Local Area Inspection

Phil Hodgson, Head of Education, Durham County Council provided an update on the recent Ofsted SEND Local Area Inspection, which measured how effectively the SEND reforms, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014, have been implemented.

The inspectors spoke to children and young people with SEND, parents & carers, the local authority, National Health Service (NHS) and Public Health officers. They visited a range of providers, spoke to leaders, staff and governors about the implementation of the reforms and reviewed a range of performance information and data.

The findings from the inspection saw strengths in the following areas:

- Identifying children's needs
- Providing high quality services for vulnerable young people
- Preparing care leavers for adulthood
- Making sure children feel safe and well cared for

The findings from the inspection highlighted a number of areas for development, including:

- Improving leadership and governance across the local area

- Improving access to some services
- Engaging young people and their families in the co-production of SEND provisions
- Response to the reforms has been too slow
- The view of the local area's effectiveness is inaccurate
- Long waiting times to access services or receive treatment, with variable experiences
- Strategic coproduction of the written statement is necessary to secure the required improvements. Work on the written statement has already begun.

As a result of the findings, a written statement of action is required. The local authority and Clinical Commissioning Groups are jointly responsible for submitting the written statement, and work on this has already begun.

The Children and Families Partnership acknowledged that the inspection was hard work, and the outcome disappointing – but felt that it was positive to see SEND receiving this push to ensure outcomes are improved for children and young people with SEND across the county.

The Partnership were informed that feedback will be shared through a number of mechanisms, including service user groups, head teacher forums, Durham County Council website, Clinical Commissioning Group websites as well as being hosted on the Ofsted website.