

Appendix 1

Wirral Plan Children and Families Committee 2018-19 Quarter 3 Reports



Children are ready for school

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

Work undertaken by the Early Years Quality Improvement and Training Team to support providers continues to have an impact, with 97.7% providers judged good or better by Ofsted. The Team continue to provide bespoke packages of support to providers to reach good or better and have widened their offer to include pre-inspection preparation for those already at good or above. Cluster meetings are bringing providers together to consider transition arrangements for children and promote sector-led improvement. The Early Years Team review the outcomes and recommendations from all early years setting inspections and consider findings and trends through the Cluster Meetings. A Quality Framework and Toolkit has been rolled out to providers, receiving positive feedback.

Strategies to increase take up of early years education are working. The take up of the 2-year old offer is at 93.1% This has been achieved through improved data management and analysis, continued use of face-to-face contact with those families not accessing it, work with partners to understand reasons for not engaging and responding appropriately, partnership promotion in particular relationship with Health Visitors. There has been good take up of the 30-hour offer, with an additional 14,000 hours of entitlement being accessed. We were successful in a grant application to support the roll out of the 30-hour offer and have provided workshops on the practicalities of delivering the offer and bespoke 1:1 business support for providers.

Better use of data is leading to more targeted approaches for groups and individual children. We have implemented a provider portal for 30-hour eligibility checks, 2 year old funding applications, headcount submissions, self-updates, Better Start cohort tracking, Early Years Census, and Disability Fund Applications. The centralising of this data is enabling more effective support for children and improved tracking data for funded children. Cluster Meetings and Advisory Boards are using this data more effectively to monitor outcomes.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Foundation Stage - % achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	62.8% (2013-14 Acad Year)	England: 71.5% (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 68.9% (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: 69.9% (2017-18 Acad Year)	69.4% (2016-17 Acad Year)					70.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	This is the finalised figure of that provisionally reported on in Q2 and represents very good progress. The % of Foundation stage children now achieving a good level of development has surpassed a milestone (70%) that has been worked towards for the last 3 years, and the progress in this area received favourable comment during the recent Ofsted visit. In addition to showing an increase upon the 2016-17 Academic year figure of 69.4%, Wirral is also ahead of that of the North West (68.9%). Whilst our figure is 1% below that of England as a whole (71.5%), work is on going to meet and surpass this in the future. The next provisional figures will become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year.
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The percentage of women booked to access professional maternity services on or before 12+6 weeks gestation	Quarterly Higher is better	80.8% (Q3 2014-15)		76.0% (2017-18)	Amber Actual: 89.5% Target: 90.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 78.0% Target: 90.0% (Q2 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 75.0% Target: 90.0% (Q3 2018-19)			Worse	The reason for the decrease since Q1 is that, at that time, booking and scans were completed during the first visit, which had to take place on/around 12 weeks. The process was then changed due to the high demand on scans and lack of flexibility for women booking. Now, women generally have a scan before the 12th week of pregnancy but the booking, which this PI measures, takes place after, when the gestation of the pregnancy is confirmed. Women are also triaged when they refer and choose a booking appointment that fits in with their availability. This may be after 12+6 gestation. Despite not all women have a booking in appointment before 12.6 weeks they do, in the main, access services before this gestation. The standard nationally is women accessing services not necessarily completion of the booking.
Take up of 2 year old offer by eligible families as identified by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)	Quarterly Higher is better	70.0% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 72.0% (Jan 2018) North West: 83.0% (Jan 2018) Statistical Neighbours: 91.3% (Jan 2018)	91.3% (Jan-Mar 2018)		91.0% (Apr-Jul 2018)	93.1% (Sept-Dec 18)			Better	Based on Headcount/Census for Autumn Term 2018/19 Total Children: 1165 Eligible Children: 1251 Performs favourably against National Average of 72% (Jan 18) and is a slight increase from Q2 figure of 91.0% due to better processes enabling better targeting of interaction with eligible families. Increase in cross team working with SEND team to increase SEND applications. The offer is still being promoted as much as possible and reviewing take up of target groups e.g. CLA and children with SEND.
The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving a Good Level of Development in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile	Annual Lower is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)	England: 17.0% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 18.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)	22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)					18.0% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	This is a 4% reduction on the previously reported academic year and represents very good progress in this area. Work has continued on the progress tracker to ensure that as many providers as possible are using it to identify those children who need additional support to improve their school readiness. The next provisional figures will become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year.

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Percentage of children aged 4-5 classified as overweight or obese	Annual Lower is better	22.40% (2014-15)	England: 22.60% (2016-17) North West: 23.90% (2016-17)	25.60% (2016-17 Acad Year)					25.10% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	Training is being rolled out for early Years settings in relation to nutrition and has a focus on managing obesity for 0-5 year olds. An expression of interest was submitted to the Local Government Association to become a childhood obesity trailblazer site. The expression focused on healthy eating support for 0-5s and their families. Results are due by the end of January. 2018-19 figures will become be available in October 2019.
Percentage of infants who received a 6-8 week Development Check by the time they were 8 weeks	Quarterly Higher is better	84.6% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 84.9% (Q4 2017/18) North West: 87.0% (Q4 2017/18)		Amber Actual: 84.0% Target: 90.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 81.0% Target: 90.0% (Q2 2018-19)				Worse	Latest figure available: (Q2 2018-19). Q2 performance has reduced slightly from the previous quarter due to the impact of summer holidays of both families and service providers (GPs) and the tight time-frame for completion.
Percentage of children who received a 12 month Health Visitor review by the time they turned 12 months	Quarterly Higher is better	66.4% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 77.6% (Q4 2017/18) North West: 82.8% (Q4 2017/18)		Amber Actual: 80.0% Target: 85.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 77.0% Target: 85.0% (Q2 2018-19)				Worse	Latest figure available: (Q2 2018-19). Q2 often leads to increased lack of attendance (DNAs) due to the school summer holidays. This was managed by offering weekend reviews during Q3 which have been very popular and ensures that children have the opportunity to have their development assessed so that onward referrals can be made where necessary. This has resulted in increased attendance in Q3 (not yet reported). Nurseries continue to have a link practitioner who attends the setting regularly, this has enabled earlier identification for children requiring additional intervention to support their needs. In Q3 there were 185 referrals made as a result of nursery contacts which enables early identification of need. In addition there has been an increase in home visits over the summer following the above-mentioned DNAs, however the initial DNAs will still have impacted on the Q2 performance.
Percentage of children who received a 2-2½ year Health Visitor review	Quarterly Higher is better	73.0% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 76.4% (Q4 2017/18) North West: 79.9% (Q4 2017/18)		Green Actual: 82.0% Target: 85.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 79.0% Target: 85.0% (Q2 2018-19)				Worse	Latest figure available: (Q2 2018-19). Q2 often leads to increased lack of attendance (DNAs) due to the school summer holidays. This was managed by offering weekend reviews during Q3 which have been very popular and ensures that children have the opportunity to have their development assessed so that onward referrals can be made where necessary. This has resulted in increased attendance in Q3 (not yet reported). Integrated reviews continue and in Q3 the service has completed 586 2 year reviews. Nurseries continue to have a link practitioner who attends the setting regularly, this has enabled earlier identification for children requiring additional intervention to support their needs. In Q3 there were 185 referrals made as a result of nursery contacts which enables early identification of need. In addition there has been an increase in home visits over the summer following the above-mentioned DNAs, however the initial DNAs will still have impacted on the Q2 performance.
Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (aged 0-4 years), rate per 10,000	Annual Lower is better	133.5 (2014-15)	England: 126.3 (2016-17) North West: 184.4 (2016-17)	143.7 (2016-17)						n/a	Latest figure available: 143.7 (2016-17)
Percentage of early years childcare providers rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	78.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 94.0% (Mar 2018) North West: 94.0% (Mar 2018)	91.0% (Dec 2017)	93.0% (Mar 2018)		97.7% (Jan 2019)			n/a	The latest data available from Ofsted DataView is as at 31 March 2018 (93.0%). This shows a 15% improvement since the start of the Wirral Plan. This figure shows an increase of 2% in the percentage of early years childcare providers rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted, since December 2017. Wirral's figure is slightly below the regional and national figure of 94%. Data for August 2018 will become available in November 2018.
Foundation Stage - % of children who are looked after achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)		47.8% (2016-17 Acad Year)					61.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	Please note 'Year end' figures refer to the end of the 2017-18 Academic year. This is an improvement on the provisional figure of 60.0% supplied in Q2. This reflects a very small cohort of children (>15) and therefore can be a volatile figure. The next figures will provisionally become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year.

Young people are ready for work and adulthood

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

Validated Key Stage 4 data has highlighted some real successes:

- There are more pupils achieving a grade 4 or above in English with attainment above the national average.
- More students achieve the expected standard in English than in mathematics.
- This year more disadvantaged pupils attained grade 4+ in English so the gap narrowed by 1.1%.
- More disadvantaged pupils attained grade 4+ in mathematics so the gap narrowed by 1.6%.
- More Wirral pupils achieved a Grade 4+ in English and Mathematics with attainment being well above the national average and an improvement from last year.
- Attainment of both boys and girls in Wirral and nationally has increased. The gender gap in Wirral has widened because more girls achieved higher grades than the boys, Nationally the gender gap has decreased.
- In 2018 more pupils with an EHCP met the standard grade 4+ in English and mathematics with attainment being above the national average.

Overall the Progress 8 measure for Wirral increased slightly to 0.04 and is above the national average of -0.02 and the North West average of -0.16. Wirral ranks 2nd in the North West. Six Wirral schools are featured in the top ten highest performing schools in Merseyside. However the individual school Progress 8 measures indicate wide disparity with four Wirral secondary schools listed in the lowest 346 schools in the country.

Wirral has a complex post 16 education and learning landscape with a number of options and pathways including school sixth form, further education (including study programme provision) and Apprenticeships. Post 16 opportunities are accessible locally however, young people may choose to travel for specialist learning to a neighbouring local authority or beyond.

Locally, post 16 participation rates are good with 93.5% (August 2018) of the 16 and 17 year old cohort (7,134 young people) participating in some form of employment, education and training (EET). The proportions of Wirral young people not in employment, education and / or training (NEET) have been maintained at a low level for the last 4 years. In 2018 NEET is 3.2% and Not Known 1.7% with Northwest figures higher - NEET 3.4% and Not Known 3.1%. Challenges exist with recognised apprenticeship participation which is at an all-time low. To support this, schools and academies must meet their statutory duty to provide robust, impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance. The Council must also ensure there is sufficient and suitable education and training provision to meet young people's needs.

The number of young people aged 16 to 18 attend Wirral Met College increased over the last three years to 1,957 in 2017/18. Between 2017 and 2018 level overall achievement rates improved by 8.2 percent. Early indications are that this has improved again in 2018. Outcomes for young people attending the College are in line with national averages.

The numbers of young people accessing post 16 education at the Birkenhead Sixth Form College are the highest ever in 2017 at 1,278, with achievement rates at Level 2 improved year on year (2017 89.9%) and constantly above national averages (86%). Level 3 long programme success rates have also improved year on year but remain 1 percent below the national average (2017, -1.1% at 86.6%). The college performing in the top 15% of all schools / colleges nationally for adding value to learners outcomes between Key Stage 4 and finishing at the college.

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Percentage of schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	84.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 86.0% (Mar 2018) North West: 88.0% (Mar 2018)	89.0% (Dec 2017)	Red Actual: 86.0% Target: 100.0% (Mar 2018)	Red Actual: 84.0% Target: 100.0% (Aug 2018)				Worse	The latest data available is at 31st August 2018. This figure has continued to decrease in to Q3, and is now below both the national and North West benchmarks. It has now returned to the same level as at the start of the Wirral Plan, having increased to 89% at year end 2017-2018.
The % of young people aged 16 and 17 who are not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) or categorised as 'not known' - Post Sept 2016	Monthly Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 6.0% (2016-17) North West: 6.7% (2016-17)	5.3% (2017-18)	5.5% (May 2018)	6.4% (Aug 2018)	5.3% (Nov 2018)			Worse	Reported as at November 2018: NEET 3.0% and Not Known 2.3% = overall 5.3%. Wirral NEET & Not Known performance remains strong at just 0.6% up on November 2017. The slight increase compared to the same period last year in NEET and Not Known is attributed to the recent loss of the Vocational College training provider and reduction in apprenticeships starters. This trend has been noted on a national scale resulting from national policy change and Apprenticeship reform.
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Progress 8 Score for Wirral	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	North West: -0.17 (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: -0.30 (2017-18 Acad Year)	0.01 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.04 (P) (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	Please note 'Year end' figures refer to the end of the 2017-18 Academic year. Whilst an improvement on the previous academic year, Wirral still lags behind the region and our statistical neighbours.
The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the 'expected standard' in English, reading, English writing and mathematics at the end of key stage 2.	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)	22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)					23.0% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Worse	Please note 'Year end' figures refer to the end of the 2017-18 Academic year. A slight increase upon the previous academic year, however this figure is in line with England and the North West.

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The percentage of children in good or better schools as rated by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	81.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 85.0% (Mar 2018) North West: 84.0% (Mar 2018)	88.0% (Dec 2017)	84.0% (Mar 2018)	84.0% (Aug 2018)				Same	Most recent available figures relate to August 2018, and is the same as the position in March 2018. There has been a decrease of 4% compared to the end of 2017, but an improvement on the Wirral Plan start. Wirral has similar levels to that of the North West and England.
The gap in progress between disadvantaged pupils and their peers at Key Stage 4	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 0.66 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 0.43 (2016-17 Acad Year)	0.60 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.74 (P) (2017-18 Acad Year)	Worse	Non Disadvantaged 0.25, Disadvantaged -0.49
The gap in progress between pupils with a SEN statement/EHCP and their peers at Key Stage 4	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 1.11 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: -1.05 (2016-17 Acad Year)	1.21 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.97 (P) (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	Non SEN 0.13, Statement/EHCP -0.84
The percentage of persistent absence in Wirral Schools (post 2016)	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 10.80 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 11.10 (2016-17 Acad Year)	13.10 (2016-17 Acad Year)						n/a	Latest data available: 13.10 (2016-17) Next data to become available is for 2017-18 and will be available in March 2019.
The percentage of Children Looked After who attained a grade 4 or above in English and Maths at the end of Key Stage 4	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	England: 17.5% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 16.8% (2016-17 Acad Year)	16.7% (2016-17 Acad Year)						n/a	Indicator not yet available. 2017-18 Academic year figure will become available in March 2019.
Progress 8 Score for Children Looked After in Wirral	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	England: -1.18 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: -1.37 (2016-17 Acad Year)	-1.17 (2016-17 Acad Year)					-1.35 (P) (2017-18 Acad Year)	Worse	Provisional figures show an improvement compared to the previous academic year. Wirral is performing better than nationally but our score is slightly lower than that of the North West.
Reduce the percentage of permanent exclusions in Wirral - primary schools	Annual Lower is better	(2012-13)	England: 0.03% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 0.03% (2016-17 Acad Year)	- (2015-16 Acad Year)						n/a	Latest Published data is for 2016-17 and became available in August 2018. In accordance with the Department for Education policy on confidentiality, percentages based on 5 pupils or fewer have been suppressed to reduce the risk of disclosing the identities of individuals. This is shown as a dash (-).
Reduce the percentage of permanent exclusions in Wirral - secondary schools	Annual Lower is better	0.11% (2012-13)	England: 0.20% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 0.31% (2016-17 Acad Year)	0.25% (2015-16 Acad Year)					0.28% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	Latest published data of 0.28% is for 2016-17 and became available in August 2018. This is an increase of 0.03% from previously reported figures. Permanent Exclusions 2012/13 to Present. More recent but unpublished figures however reflect an improvement this academic year 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 to date 24 30 26 52 64 40 21 Based on these, Permanent exclusions reduced by 37% last academic year. This was due to a number of strategies implemented effectively such as:- a) Working with secondary school head teachers to determine alternatives to permanently excluding pupils b) Holding head teachers to account for the permanent exclusions c) Reintegrating permanently excluded Key Stage 3 pupils into mainstream secondary schools.
Rate of hospital admissions due to substance misuse in young people (15-24 years) - per 100,000	Annual Lower is better	166.5 (2011/12 - 2013/14)	England: 89.8 (2014/15-16/17) North West: 131.0 (2014/15-16/17)	179.2 (2014/15 - 2016/17)					179.2 (2014/15 - 2016/17)	Same	Directly standardised rate per 100,000 population. The latest figures show that Wirral is significantly higher than England's average. This is in part due to the accuracy of recording locally by comparison to other areas. There is considerable work currently underway to better understand and address local issues underlying these admissions.
Under 18 conceptions - rate per 1,000	Annual Lower is better	33.7 (2013)	England: 18.8 (2016) North West: 22.3 (2016)	25.9 (Sep 2016)					20.5 (P) (Sept 2017)	Better	The most recent figure for the rate of under 18 conceptions was 20.5. For England as a whole, comparing Quarter 3 2017 with Quarter 3 2016, there has been a decline from a rate of 17.7 per 1,000 15-17 year old females (4,012 conceptions) in 2016 to 16.5 (3,684 conceptions) in 2017. In Wirral there has been a decline from 26.9 per 1,000 in 2016 to 14.7 in 2017.

Vulnerable children reach their full potential

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

Ensuring vulnerable children reach their potential has two strong elements to the pledge. The first element is around ensuring that children and young people are safe, and this is the main focus of the plan's performance indicators. This needs to be achieved before children can make best use of services to reach their potential. Since the creation of the pledge plan external scrutiny identified that services required to keep children safe were ineffective. Therefore, the original targets within the plan were not achievable as they were not based on a sound knowledge of the needs of children in Wirral. Progress within the plan is therefore being considered since the true position was established.

The direction of travel for the first two indicators the rate of children looked after and the rate of children in need is showing a small decrease in the number of children that need high-level services. This indicates an improvement in services to support these children. The higher rate of children who've become subject to a child protection plan was deliberate and anticipated as part of our improvement strategy as we recognise how to more effectively deal with risk in a shared way with our local partners.

In supporting vulnerable children to achieve their potential it is positive to note that the indicators around children being ready for school continue to improve. Further work has been done at our integrated front door which, as the partnership gateway to services, has supported the improved performance in the section around children accessing services. In addition, this agenda has been strengthened through 'Community Matters', introduced in January 2019, which sees Early Help and Prevention Services commissioning a number of providers to deliver support directly to families.

Work continues to be done to support key area of development around securing sufficient services for children and young people experiencing mental health issues. Work is in progress, but this area is a priority for both young people and services.

Overall the actions with in the pledge remain on target with a review of pledge actions planned to ensure a strong focus on improving outcomes in the last 12 months the pledge.

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Rate of Looked After Children per 10,000	Monthly Lower is better	99.3 (2014-15)	England: 64.0 (2017-18) North West: 91.0 (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 97.0 (2017-18)	125.6 (2017-18)	123.5 (Jun 2018)	124.5 (Sep 2018)	124.1 (Dec 2018)			Better	As at end of December 2018. Numbers of children looked after this month have dropped to the lowest so far this year at 829 as at the end of November 2018. However, in early December we have had two large sibling groups admitted to care, so this number will not be maintained next month. A very high proportion of our children looked after still enter the care system as a result of a court order and work continues to look at ways in which we can manage children more safely without resorting to court intervention. The recent monitoring visit has highlighted improved practice for children in care. There is now a stronger focus on permanence with 34 care orders discharged, and 19 children who have been adopted so far this year. However, there is still more to do to ensure there are no delays.
Children in Need rate per 10,000 0-17 population	Monthly Lower is better	426.3 (2014-15)	England: 341.0 (2017-18) North West: 379.0 (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 423.0 (2017-18)	397.9 (2017-18)	393.6 (Jun 2018)	404.8 (Sep 2018)	398.8 (Dec 2018)			Better	As at end of December 2018. The rate of Children in Need (CiN) has reduced compared to the previous quarter, but remains above that of the North West and England. The figure is comparable to that of YE 2017-18, albeit slightly higher. Overall the rate of CiN in Wirral is much reduced compared to the start of the Wirral Plan, and the trend is better.
Rate of children who became the subject of a child protection plan per 10,000 children 0-17 population	Monthly Lower is better	34.5 (2014-15)	England: 45.3 (2017-18) North West: 53.7 (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 50.0 (2017-18)	39.3 (2017-18)	52.0 (Jun 2018)	65.6 (Sep 2018)	68.8 (Dec 2018)			Worse	As at end of December 2018. The number of children on Protection Plans (CPPs) is anticipated to remain high in the short term as a result of efforts by Children's social care to reduce the number of children who are, unnecessarily, subject of Care Orders. The focus being Care Orders where in actual fact the Order is causing no improvement for the child, and the legal threshold to remove a child from their parents care will not be met in court. Social workers are now being challenged more appropriately as to the benefits and necessity of these orders. As a result, where appropriate, these cases will be managed as part of the Child Protection System.

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The percentage of referrals to Children's Social Care that are within 12 months of one or more previous referrals.	Monthly Lower is better	22.80% (2014-15)	England: 21.90% (2017-18) North West: 22.30% (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 18.00% (2017-18)	18.70% (2017-18)	24.20% (Jun 2018)	24.30% (Sep 2018)	24.30% (Dec 2018)			Same	% Re-referrals annualised. The number of repeat referrals remains just above the anticipated amount. Suggesting that, despite initial referrals being received and assessed, referring agencies still believe that cases require further intervention, and refer them back. Understanding and managing this (demand management strategy) is a significant piece of work over the next 12 months. Almost all referrals (94%) are subject to an assessment and the data book shows that following assessments, 48.9% of cases close with no further action. Early help data suggests that we need to examine more carefully the interaction (step-up and step-down) between Preventative and Social Care services. There has been a recent introduction of a transfer meeting to look weekly at cases moving between the two services. It is believed that, over time, this will give us a better understanding and more control of how cases move in and out the social care system. Tighter management will also have an impact on the number of cases that are re-referred, as these often occur within this step-up and step-down group.
Children's Centre's sustained contact with priority groups in early years	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		65.18% (2017-18)	66.20% (Jul 2017 - Jun 2018)	62.53% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018)	65.01% (Jan 2018 - Dec 2018)			Better	Q3 figure is 65.01%, an improvement of 2.48% on last quarter and about the same as year end 2017/18. In Q3 weekend appointments have been made available at Children's Centres' which may have also had an impact on this measure.
Percentage of individuals subject to Team Around Family episodes closed with needs met	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)			73.0% (Q1 2018-19)	48.2% (Q2 2018-19)	55.0% (Oct - Dec 19)			Better	This figure has reduced considerably due to various factors. The main reason is likely to be related to the disbandment of the Early Help Team announced end June 2018. The team, consisting of 11 Early Help Social Workers and administrators, would track and challenge closures of TAF support that closed without needs being met, such as family disengaged, closure due to gaps in service provision or lack of appropriate professional support. Without challenge, recording of such instances have been recorded as 'needs not met'. To address the gap left by the Early Help Team, 'Community Matters' has been introduced in January 2019, under this banner Early Help and Prevention Services have commissioned providers to deliver support directly to families. Community Matters providers will be able to provide challenge and support when reviewing family plans /TAF closures and direct support to Key Workers and Lead Professionals to enable challenge through the Wirral Allocations and Stuck Case meetings. In addition, where it would benefit a family to have the support of a Key worker to complete an EHAT and Family plan, the Community Matters providers will be able to allocate same to enable effective family plans and promote needs being met.

People with disabilities live independent lives

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

The number of adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation has increased again to 85% this quarter (up from 83.5% in Q2 and from 82.7% from the start of the year). Wirral is on track to deliver more than the original target of 300 units of additional care homes however original timescales won't be met due to the impact of the significant delay on the Government decision regarding funding for Extra Care schemes. Four schemes are completed or on site (75 units) and four more schemes are due to be fully completed by the end of 2021/22 (387 units).

We're working hard to meet the national target of 75% disabled people completing annual health checks by 2020. Currently around 50% of disabled people complete annual health checks in Wirral however anecdotal evidence indicates that this figure is under-reported. We are working with Wirral Intelligence Service to address potential coding issues with GP practices and providing an information pack to practices to raise awareness of the importance of this task. We will undertake a cross check with payments and number of health checks reported. Health passports will increase proportionally as they are an outcome of the annual health checks.

Merseyside Jobcentre Plus has made great inroads into increasing the number of employers who are now signed up to being Disability Confident. As of 30th November there are 80 Wirral based employers signed up to being Disability Confident with 1 at level 3 Disability Confident. Employer sign up events are being held by Jobcentre Plus and their staff are advising employers that being Disability Confident can support their recruitment and retention policies. Wirral Council is already a Disability Confident employer and working towards Level 3.

The Live Well Directory has been developed to provide easy access to information and support vacancy management. Live Well will share basic service profile content with the Best You App so that users of the app can identify services "near me" and can easily access comprehensive information on the service. Reviews of how Live Well supports carers and how autism services are represented are planned in the new year. A specification has been produced for a self-help tool to support social prescribing.

We're pursuing a 'payment by results' Travel Training option with HCT Group and the National Lottery with the formal award expected in June 2019. A programme will be ready for delivery last quarter of 2019.

A number of settings have been agreed to trial home smart monitoring and extra-care facilities will be included, incorporating people with dementia, people with learning disabilities and older people. Opportunities to deploy medication management technologies are being explored as well as platforms to support the safe and secure use of GPS tracking technologies. Following positive results, a pilot scheme examining the use of electronic care planning with domiciliary care providers has been extended until May 2019 and the residential home version of Safe Steps, a falls risk reduction app has been launched.

The first items from the "innovation" fund are about to be purchased to test an interactive projector system to aid learning / memory and provide stimulation to people with disabilities and people with dementia and a biometric locking system for an extra care facility to improve security.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Health related quality of life for people with long term conditions	Annual Higher is better	0.698 (Jul 2014 - Mar 2015)	England: 0.737 (Jan-Mar 2017)	0.700 (Jan-Mar 2017)						n/a	Health-related quality of life for people with long-term conditions improved to 0.700 in Jan-Mar 2017 compared to 0.695 the previous period but falls short of the average for the rest of England (0.737). This data is captured by NHS England through the GP Patient Survey and reported as part of the NHS Outcomes Framework.
Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled	Quarterly Higher is better	37.5% (Jul 2014 - Jun 2015)	England: 54.1% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018) North West: 50.4% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018)	44.1% (Jan - Dec 2017)	47.5% (Apr 2017 - Mar 2018)	48.8% (Jul 2017 - Jun 2018)	45.8% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018)			Worse	The Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled measure from the Office for National Statistics has dipped in Q3 from it's high last quarter to 45.8%. It's up 3.8% since the start of the year and 22.1% since the start of the plan.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
The gap in progress between pupils with a SEN statement/EHCP and their peers at Key Stage 4	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 1.11 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: -1.05 (2016-17 Acad Year)	1.21 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.97 (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	Non SEN 0.13, Statement/EHCP -0.84
Proportion of people with long term conditions who feel supported to manage their condition	Annual Higher is better	66.7% (Jul 2014 - Mar 2015)	England: 59.6% (Jan-Mar 2018)	67.2% (Jan-Mar 2017)					60.1% (Jan- Mar 2018)	Worse	The proportion of people who are feeling supported to manage their condition is 60.1% for the period January 2018 - March 2018. This has reduced from 67.2% the previous year. Whilst this reduction is disappointing it reflects the sentiment across the rest of the country. The national average is 59.6%, down from 64% last year.
The number of disabled people in receipt of personal budgets (including Direct Payments and Personal Health Budgets)	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		Total: 808 Adults: 605 Childrens: 203 (Q4 2017-18)	Total: 831 Adults: 616 Childrens: 215 (Q1 2018-19)	Total: 779 Adults: 606 Childrens: 173 (Q2 2018-19)	Total: 801 Adults: 610 Childrens: 191 (Q3 2018-19)			n/a	22 more people are in receipt of personal budgets this quarter. 610 adults were reported by the Department of Adult Social Services to be in receipt of personal budgets (up from 606 last quarter). 191 young people were in receipt of personal budgets, up from 173 last quarter.
Adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)	North West: 87.8% (Q2 2018-19)	82.7% (2017-18)	82.8% (Q1 2018-19)	83.5% (Q2 2018-19)	85.0% (Q3 2018-19)			Better	Ensuring people with disabilities have stable and appropriate accommodation improves their safety, increases their independence and reduces their risk of social exclusion. The Q3 figure of 85% has increased again from last quarter (83.5) and has increased by 2.3 percentage points from the start of the year. However we're still behind the latest available North West benchmark (87.8% at Q2). There has been an increase in Extra Care schemes throughout the borough, which aims to increase the number of adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation.

Zero tolerance to domestic violence

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

In October we held the first Wirral Zero Tolerance towards Domestic Abuse Conference. It was pleasing to open the conference by announcing that Wirral Council will be following the example of New Zealand and Canada by providing leave to support employees who are experiencing Domestic Abuse. Moving forward we will be encouraging organisations to tackling Domestic Abuse in their own workforce or communities around them, offering training toward a Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse Business Quality Mark. The training run by Involve North West, covers recognising the signs that someone may be subject to Domestic Abuse, providing a safe space and the opportunity to disclose and where to refer if a disclosure is made (using 'Recognise/Respond/Refer'). A number of organisations having completed their training received the Quality Mark award during the conference.

The conference also saw the launch of www.Itsneverokwirral.org, a website designed to provide information and support for Domestic Abuse victims, survivors and practitioners in one place. It aims to clearly signpost resources available to residents. A communications and marketing campaign was run alongside this and highlight that domestic abuse is not only physical with a key message that It's Never Ok.

Wirral supported 16 days of Activism in November aimed at to dispel harmful myths and misconceptions around Domestic Abuse, which may hamper survivors from accessing vital support. Wallasey and Birkenhead Town Hall glowed orange for the weekend from 23rd - 25th November, in solidarity with the campaign theme and colours. Tranmere Rovers Football Club also dedicated a home game to the day, on 24th November, supporting the #ItsNeverOk campaign.

In addition we have launched the pilot of an out of hours IDVA provision over high/peak demand periods (eg weekends and bank holidays). The IDVA service is now back to a fully staffed service and we are able to deal with the demand of new cases.

As part of our priority for Prevention and Early Intervention of Domestic Abuse, we have commissioned a social research group, Revealing Reality to work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify the scale, size and complexity of BAME and LGBT populations who have experience Domestic Abuse in Wirral.

There are a number of risks and challenges that the board are proactively addressing, these include

- MARAC cases continue to rise when compared to last year. Following a reduction in staffing in the Family Safety Unit over the previous quarter, the IDVA service is now back to a fully staffed service and we are able to deal with the demand of new cases. Repeat rate of Domestic Abuse show a worsening trend over the previous 12 months. This increase was expected due to national changes in repeat criteria and we will continue to monitor over the remainder of the plan.
- It is disappointing to note a joint LCR bid to purchase licences for all Merseyside Local Authorities to use an updated Barnardos tool assessing the impact of Domestic Abuse on children was not successful. Securing funding to purchase this tool remains a priority and alternative funding channels are being explored.
- Following the publication of a draft specification to review the effectiveness of the Integrated Offender Management programme, Liverpool John Moores University have applied for funding to support their research. We are awaiting confirmation of this funding being secured and this priority remains at risk whilst we explore funding options.

We are delighted that the Safer Wirral Hub has been shortlisted for the highly prestigious Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards for 2019 in the Public/Public Partnership category. This is a great testament to this unique partnership which brings together all the public and community safety functions of Wirral Council, Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service into one single management structure and operations base.

It is good to see that in February a workshop has been arranged for the Domestic Abuse Alliance to agree next years priorities and work programme.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Number of domestic abuse Wirral MARAC cases per 10,000 adult females (annualised)	Quarterly	54.0 (2014-15)	Most Similar Force Group: 52.0 (Oct 2017-Sep 2018) National: 38.0 (Oct 2017-Sep 2018)	52.3 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	52.5 (Jul 2017-Jun 2018)	59.3 (Oct 2017-Sep 2018)	63.7 (Jan-Dec 2018)			n/a	There were a total of 873 cases that were dealt with at MARAC in the 12 months prior to December 2018. This equates to 63.7 cases per 10,000 female population and is a significant increase on the same in the previous year (53.2). The volume of cases at MARAC was highlighted at the MARAC self-assessment and will be an agenda item at the next MARAC steering group.
Children and young people experience domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly	1,289 (2014-15)		1,302 (2017-18)	334 (Apr-Jun 2018)	394 (Jul-Sep 2018)	264 (Oct-Dec 2018)			n/a	Data is for the period October-December 2018 and is higher than the same period last year (208). We now have a Children and Young Peoples (CYP) Safeguarding Advisor agency worker in the Family Safety Unit who will complete checks on all MARAC cases. This means the figure is likely to increase in future as extra children are identified from CYP databases.
Percentage of incidents of repeat domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly Lower is better	16.0% (2014-2015)	Most Similar Force Group: 33.0% (Oct 2017-Sep 2018) National: 28.0% (Oct 2017-Sep 2018)	28.3% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	26.1% (Jul 2017-Jun 2018)	32.0% (Oct 2017-Sep 2018)	32.9% (Jan-Dec 2018)			Worse	Data is for repeat MARAC cases over the previous 12 month period and shows an increase compared previous quarter (32.9% compared to 29%). This equate to 287 out of 873 cases. We are also expecting an increase to around 40% (predicted by SafeLives) in the coming year due to a change in the criteria for repeat referrals.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
Number of Domestic Abuse cases referred to the Family Safety Unit (FSU)	Quarterly	949 (2014-15)		928 (2017-18)	276 (Apr-Jun 2018)	258 (Jul-Sep 2018)	282 (Oct-Dec 2018)			n/a	From October to December 2018 there were 282 referrals to the Family Safety Unit. This is an increase of 27.6% compared to the same quarter last year (221). Referrals from police form the majority of referrals and have increased slightly from 65% to 67% of total referrals.
% of children and Young People single assessments completed with Domestic Violence (DV) related factors	Quarterly Lower is better	(n/a)		33.3% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	35.2% (Apr-Jun 2018)	32.4% (Apr-Sep 2018)	28.2% (Apr-Dec 2018)			Better	Data is for the period April - December 2018. At 28.2% shows an improvement on the same period in the previous year (34.3%) and overall performance for 2017-18 (33.3%). Statistics for children subject to a second or subsequent child protection plan for 2018-19 is 32.4%, further analysis identifies key issues for these families such as drug/alcohol issues and domestic abuse.
Rate of referrals to social care presenting Domestic Violence issues (adults aged 18+ years) per 100,000	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		21.30 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	3.42 (Apr-Jun 2018)	6.52 (Apr-Sep 2018)	8.40 (Apr -Dec 2018)			Worse	Data is for the period April-December 2018. This is significantly lower when compared to the same period last year (16.56) and represents 27 referrals for Domestic Violence which represents 2.7% of total Safeguarding enquiries for the period.

Report Key

Trend - Performance is shown as Better, Same or Worse compared with the last reporting period except for: The % of young people aged 16 and 17 who are not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) or categorised as 'not known' - Post Sept 2016, % of children and Young People single assessments authorised with Domestic Violence (DV) related factors, Rate of referrals to social care presenting Domestic Violence issues (adults aged 18+ years) per 100,000 which are compared with same period the previous year.

Target - Where targets apply, these are shown as either Blue, Green, Amber, Red based on the agreed tolerance range for individual measures.

Action - These are shown as either:

- Green (on track to deliver on time)
- Amber (off track but action being taken to deliver on time)
- Red (off track and won't deliver on time)