

## Appendix 1

### Wirral Plan Children and Families Committee 2019-20 Quarter 1 Reports

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## Children are ready for school

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member											
<p>The quarter 1 performance reporting shows positive outcomes in most areas. Specifically the overwhelming % of childcare settings achieving "good" or "better" by Ofsted gives confidence to the quality of early education across Wirral for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. This will impact on their school readiness and achievement of "good level of development" (GLD), in the longer term.. The positive reporting in engagement in early childhood services through health visiting developmental checks and children centre activities outlines better integration of the offer and better alignment of services. Specifically, the co-working to deliver Saturday opportunities for families either working or unable to engage on a weekday has contributed to the improved take up of 9-12 month checks, which had been stubborn previously.</p> <p>However, there are some measures showing a reduction on achievement not only from last quarter performance reporting but against the onset of reporting at start of Wirral Plan. For instance, infants receiving their 6-8-week development check is the lowest this measure has been since the start of the Wirral plan. The Pledge Partnership group acknowledged further analysis of the reasons is required and as this measure is reported on by GP's a question will be raised to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). In addition, the take up of 2-year old offer has seen a significant decline on last quarter which anecdotally is a result of the increased take up of Universal Credit which has resulted in a higher number of children eligible and thereafter the increased work needed to engage with them. These areas will remain a key focus for the Pledge Partnership.</p> <p>For those areas that are making small steps towards the target demonstrate a wealth of activity and ambition to achieve by the end of the 2020 plan. Subsequently outcome improvements are well planned for and along with the improved membership of the Pledge Partnership group, aspirations are high for achievement of measures.</p>											

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	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)	70.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	<p>The next provisional figures will become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year.</p> <p>This is the finalised figure, reported in Q3 and represents very good progress.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	Trend	Comment
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)	-	88.0% (Jan - Mar 2019)	Amber Actual: 86.0% Target: 90.0% (Q1 2019-20)					Worse	There are varying reasons for this slight decrease which from an IT perspective are being investigated further.
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: 68.0% (Jan 2019) North West: 74.0% (Jan 2019) Statistical Neighbours: 76.3% (Jan 2019)	84.0% (Jan - Mar 2019)	Red 79.6% (P) Target: 96.0% (May 2019)					Worse	Decrease of 4 percentage points is in line with the national average. In real terms, there are more children accessing 2 year funding this term (+19 children) however, the eligible population has increase by a greater number (+93 families).
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)	18.0% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	<p>The next provisional figures will become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. This figure was initially reported in Q3 2018-19.</p> <p>This is a 4% reduction on the previously reported academic year (2016-17) and represents very good progress in this area.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>% of children achieving good level of development in Foundation Stage - Eligible for FSM = 56.00. % of children achieving good level of development in Foundation Stage - Non FSM = 74.00</p>
Percentage of children aged 4-5 classified as overweight or obese	Annual Lower is better	22.40% (2014-15)	England: 22.40% (2017-18) North West: 23.90% (2017-18)	25.10% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	2018-19 figures will become be available in October 2019. This Figure was first reported in Q3 2018-19.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	Trend	Comment
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: 85.5% (Q3 2018-19) North West: 88.7% (Q3 2018-19)	78.0% (2018-19)	Red Actual: 78.0% Target: 90.0% (Q4 2018-19)					Worse	<p>This is the lowest this measure has been since the start of the Wirral plan (84.6%), and is 6% lower than at Q1 2018-19 (84.0%).</p> <p>This indicator will be closely monitored during this quarter (Q1 as reporting for this is a quarter behind) to ensure that there is no further slippage. Whilst we are confident that the 6-8 week reviews are happening, it is clear that they are not occurring within the required timescales (by the time the child is 8 weeks old) and this is reflected in the current figure. The reviews in this measure are undertaken by GPs. GP Practices administer the reviews in different ways, for example some carry out the reviews on one specified day a month, others offer more flexible appointments. Therefore further analysis is being conducted to examine the figures at a neighbourhood level to establish if the decline is more prevalent in specific neighbourhoods, and identify why. Health Visitors complete a 6-8 week maternal mood reviews which provides some reassurance that contact with the family in the early stages is happening, the data for this was 96%.</p> <p>In addition the issue will be raised at the upcoming GP link Meeting to inquire of any changes in procedures, or barriers that have affected the timeliness of the reviews.</p>
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: 77.9% (Q3 2018-19) North West: 84.3% (Q3 2018-19)	89.0% (2018-19)	Green Actual: 89.0% Target: 85.0% (Q4 2018-19)					Better	<p>This measure continues to perform well having recovered from a slippage in Q2 2018-19 (77.0%) and is a 1% improvement on the previous quarter, Q3 2018-19. It is well above the Wirral Plan Start figure (66.4%) and also outperforms the England &amp; North West Benchmarks.</p> <p>The Q2 slippage in 2018-19 was attributed to the school holidays; to avoid a decline in attendance during this upcoming holiday period, the following measures are in place: Clinics will continue over the school holiday period. The Saturday reviews implemented last year will continue, and Level 4 Health Visitors are being trained to carry out universal reviews to ensure staff resilience in case of leave.</p>
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)	84.0% (2018-19)	Green Actual: 84.0% Target: 85.0% (Q4 2018-19)					Same	<p>There has been a small decrease of 1% between Q3 to Q4 2018-19, however overall the measure is performing well and is close target. The measure is well above Wirral Plan Start figure of 73.0% and also outperforms the England and North West benchmarks.</p>
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: 121.2 (2017-18) North West: 172.8 (2017-18)	160.6 (2017-18)	-					n/a	<p>Latest figure available is 160.6 (2017-18)</p> <p>The 2018-19 figure will become available in November 2019.</p>
Percentage of early years childcare providers rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	78.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 87.0% (Mar 2019) North West: 98.0% (Mar 2019) Statistical Neighbours: 93.6% (Mar 2019)	97.6% (2018-19)	Blue Actual: 97.6% Target: 95.0% (July 2019)					Same	<p>The 2.39% not rated Good or Outstanding equates to 7 settings – 4 are waiting for their inspection this cycle (3 requires improvement and 1 not met)</p> <p>3 settings inspected last year (2 requires improvement and 1 not met) quality officers are working with settings to improve provision.</p>
Foundation Stage - % of children who are looked after achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)		61.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	<p>The next figures will provisionally become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. This figure was first reported at Q3 2018-19. Please note 'Year end' figures refer to the end of the 2017-18 Academic year.</p> <p>This reflects a very small cohort of children (&gt;15) and therefore can be a volatile figure.</p>

## Young people are ready for work and adulthood

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

Twenty Ofsted school inspections and three monitoring visits took place during the academic year 2018/19. There were nineteen inspections of schools and one inspection of a nursery. Two of the schools were secondary schools, two inspections were of special provision, ( a hospital school and a school catering for young people with social, emotional and mental health issues) and fifteen primary schools.

Of the two secondary schools one remained graded at requires improvement and on was upgraded to good. The two education settings for students with additional needs remained outstanding. Three primary schools were upgraded to good and one was upgraded to outstanding. Three primary schools were downgraded to requires improvement and one school was downgraded to good. There are currently no schools in special measures.

Unvalued education for primary school children outcomes are currently being received. Phonic outcomes have improved and are now in line with the national average. Outcomes for both boys and girls increased. Girls improved at a greater rate which widened the gender gap. The attainment of pupils with free school meals increased so narrowing the free school meal gap.

Significant partnership work has been undertaken to support children and young people with special educational needs/disabilities. A key focus has been the preparation to adulthood the result of which has been the sign off and implementation of a Multi Agency Transition Protocol and a Transition to Adulthood guide to prepare young SEND for adulthood coproduced with partners and the input from SEND young people. The guide is an interim document and it is planned to coproduce a further version in the autumn term involving all stakeholder groups. Careers advice and guidance throughout secondary school is a key area of focus particularly with young people categorised as SEN support as feedback from this group indicates they would like further help and guidance.

The 14-19 Service has been focusing on driving up participation and has commissioned the following:-

- Working with Wirral Met Colleges SEND team to on a two year project to create 20 additional recognised internship places for SEND young people seeking employment. The council Adult Learning Service is about to employ the intern they have worked with during this academic year (2018/19) as a recognised business administration apprentice. There are a number of video case studies on the Wirral Met College website evidencing the success of the SEND internship programme
- The 14-19 team has supported Wirral Met College's SEND department to put together a bespoke careers experience for SEND young people in year 11 at Meadowside, Foxfield and Clarendon special schools. The experience is unique and tailored to engage and raise the aspirations of SEND young people. Part of the programmes uniqueness is that peers / ex-students from Wirral Met College's SEND internship programme that have gone on to successfully gain employment are brought in to the sessions to talk about their own experiences and raise aspirations. There is also a degree of parental / carer engagement with the programme which includes educating parents on what jobs there son / daughter can access and some myth busting regarding benefits.
- Provided 1:1 careers advice and support for all SEND young people 16 to 24. More intensive coaching support is also available for the SEND group where traditional careers advice is not sufficient and the young person / family need additional support.
- European Social Funding has also been ringfenced to support both young people with SEND and employers keen to engage and employ young people from this cohort. Employment grant funding has been extended from the normal 3 to 6 month grant to 12 months full grant / salary funding at the living wage rate. The working hours option has also been flexed to enable greater inclusiveness. Disability positive employers are also given priority when they apply for funding.
- Wirral Council employer apprenticeship grant programme also prioritises young care leavers and those young people with diagnosed / un-diagnosed SEND. The council incentivises Wirral employers through the provisions of a small grant to take on Wirral young people as recognised apprentices.

There have been some challenges. A post 16 study provider went into liquidation resulting in the 14-19 team having to support the current and September 2019 cohort of students into alternative placements. The College was unsuccessful in accessing non levy apprenticeship funding as part of the new digital services. Work is being undertaken to lobby for a change in decision. Currently there are 130 apprentices waiting to start.

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Percentage of schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	84.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 85.0% (Dec 2018) North West: 86.0% (Dec 218)	83.0% (YE 2018-19)	Red Actual: 83.0% Target: 100.0% (Mar 2019)					Same	The latest data available is at 31st Mar 2019 (Q4 2018-19) and is 83%, which is the same as the previous reporting period Dec 2018 (Q3 2018-19), when this figure reached its lowest point since it was introduced. This is 2% below the England bench mark and 3% below that of the North West.
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% (2017-18) North West: 6.5% (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 5.4% (2017-18)	5.3% (YE 2018-19)	Red Actual: 6.4% Target: 4.8% (June 2019)					Worse	During Q1 one individual Wirral based education provider notified the council of 30 young people leaving their courses in one data return, which has had the impact of pushing the % of NEET up this quarter. In addition the Council commissioned tracking service made a technical error in the data return which has negatively impacted on the 'not known' figure. This should be rectified in the June 2019 data return. Insufficient apprenticeship opportunities across a variety of sectors also have an impact on number of young persons who are NEET.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	Trend	Comment
Progress 8 Score for Wirral	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	North West: -0.17 (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: -0.28 (2017-18 Acad Year)	0.03 (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported measure and the latest available figures are for the 2017-18 Academic Year. This figure was reported on in Q4 2018-19. Provisional figures for the 2018-19 Acad year will be available in October 2019.
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% (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 23.0% (2017-18 Acad Year) Similar Peer Group: 22.8% (2017-18 Acad Year)	23.0% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported measure and the latest available figures are for the 2017-18 Academic Year. This figure was reported on in Q3 2018-19. Provisional data for the 2018-19 Academic year will become available in Q2.
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)	83.0% (YE 2018-19)	83.0% (Q4 2018-19)					Worse	This is the latest figure available as at 31st March 2019 and is a 1% decrease from the previous reporting period (Q3 2018-19). Although higher than at Wirral plan Start (81% 2015-16) this represents a continuing decrease from the 90% this measure achieved at YE 2016-17. We are below both the England (85%) and North West (84%) benchmarks.
The gap in progress between disadvantaged pupils and their peers at Key Stage 4	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 0.67 (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 0.63 (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: 0.70 (2017-18 Acad Year)	0.73 (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported measure and the latest available figures are for the 2017-18 Academic Year. This figure was reported on in Q4 2018-19. Provisional figures for the 2018-19 Acad year will be available in October 2019.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	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: 1.17 (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 1.12 (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: 1.04 (2017-18 Acad Year)	0.97 (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported measure and the latest available figures are for the 2017-18 Academic Year. This figure was reported on in Q4 2018-19. Provisional figures for the 2018-19 Acad year will be available in October 2019.
The percentage of persistent absence in Wirral Schools (post 2016)	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 11.2% (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 11.6% (2017-18 Acad Year)	13.3% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is the most recent data available which became available in July. There has been a small increase of 0.20% since the previously reported academic year 2016-17 (13.10%), however we are working on a new Attendance Strategy, following an organisation re-structure. A new Attendance Team has been created which will commence operations in September 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)	14.3% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported measure and the latest available figures are for the 2017-18 Academic Year. This figure was reported on in Q4 2018-19. Provisional figures for the 2018-19 Acad year will be available in December 2019.
Progress 8 Score for Children Looked After in Wirral	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	England: -1.20 (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: -1.26 (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: -1.31 (2017-18 Acad Year)	-1.58 (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported measure and the latest available figures are for the 2017-18 Academic Year. This figure was reported on in Q4 2018-19. Provisional figures for the 2018-19 Acad year will be available in December 2019.
Reduce the percentage of permanent exclusions in Wirral - primary schools	Annual Lower is better	(2012-13)	England: 0.03% (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 0.03% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-	-					n/a	This is the latest data published on 25/07/2019 and relates to the 2017-18 academic Year. 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% (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 0.29% (2017-18 Acad Year)	0.19% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					Better	This is the most recent available data, published 25/07/2019 and relates to the 2017-18 Acad year. This represents a 0.09% decrease from the previous academic year, 2016-17 (0.28%). This figure is better than the North West benchmark by 0.10% and better than the England benchmark by 0.01%.
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)	183.8 (2015/16 - 2017/18)					Worse	There has been a slow increase across the country for this indicator. At the start of this pledge, the rate in Wirral was higher than other regions and this gap has been maintained, neither decreasing nor improving. Work is currently underway to better understand the age group where there is a particular issue to enable more targeted work to be undertaken.
Under 18 conceptions - rate per 1,000	Annual Lower is better	33.7 (2013)	England: 18.8 (2016) North West: 22.3 (2016)	20.5 (Sept 2017)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported figure the latest figures available are from September 2017 and were reported on in Q4 2018-19. The next published performance is for 2018 and is expected to be available in March 2020.

## Vulnerable children reach their full potential

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

Children's services were inspected in June 2019 and the report was published on the 29 July 2019. Opening headline of the report noted that improvement had been made in all areas since the inspection in 2016. This is an endorsement of the work that is currently being undertaken to keep vulnerable children safe. The indicators set at the beginning of the pledge did not appropriately or fully capture or evidence the direction of travel required to improve services for children. The Ofsted shows that services for children in need and those in need of protection have improved. The report highlights that children in Wirral are now responded to appropriately and have their needs met in a timely way. Services for children looked after have also improved and although numbers of children in care remain high the inspectors found that children are only looked after when it is appropriate they are. Improved planning for permanency is beginning to ensure that our looked after children have the stability they need. Plans in place to improve services beyond the pledge are robust. The report recognises the commitment across the council and the success achieved in improving services for children.

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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)	123.2 (2018-19)	123.3 (Jun 2019)					Worse	Whilst the rate of children in care in June (123.3/10,000) was similar the previous quarter, (Q4 2018-19 123.2). The overall number of children in care increased at the end of June because the number of children discharged has decreased. Some of our planned discharges of care orders were not agreed in court, as the court are requesting much more comprehensive packages of support, particularly around education, before they are willing to discharge the order. Concerningly again, numbers of children entering a public law process is again increasing. This potentially leads to an increase in court cases. Work is underway to review the latest guidance to see if any more can be done to reduce those progressing to care orders.
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)	387.1 (2018-19)	387.9 (Jun 2019)					Worse	The Children in Need (CiN) rate has increased very slightly compared to Q4 2018-19, by 0.8. This is a decrease of 10.0 compared to plan start and 5.7 compared to Q1 2018-19. Wirral's CiN rate remains above that of England and the North West, but is better than that of our Statistical Neighbours.
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)	63.8 (2018-19)	59.2 (Jun 2019)					Better	The rate of Children becoming subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP) in Q1 is 59.2/10,000 children population, this is an improvement on Q4's figure of 63.8, but still higher than our benchmarks.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	Trend	Comment
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: 68.0% (Jan 2019) North West: 74.0% (Jan 2019) Statistical Neighbours: 76.3% (Jan 2019)	84.0% (Jan - Mar 2019)	Red 79.6% (P) Target: 96.0% (May 2019)					Worse	Decrease of 4 percentage points is in line with the national average. In real terms, there are more children accessing 2 year funding this term (+19 children) however, the eligible population has increase by a greater number (+93 families).
Foundation Stage - % of children who are looked after achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)		61.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	-					n/a	This is an annually reported figure, last reported in Q3 2018-19 and relates to the 2017-18 Academic year. The next figures will provisionally become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. This is an improvement on the 2016-17 Academic year figure of 47.8%, and the Plan start figure of 20.0% but reflects a very small cohort of children (>15) and therefore can be a volatile figure.
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)	24.70% (YE 2018-19)	26.20% (Jun 2019)					Worse	The Q1 figure is a 1.5% increase on that of Q4 2018-19 (24.7%). This measure has seen a continuing upward trend since the earliest WP figure available (17.6% Oct 2017-18), an 8.6% increase. We are also 2% higher in Q1 than at Q1 last year (24.2%). We have a pattern of the same families being repeatedly referred to children's social care. Over the last 12 months on average 65% of all referrals are about children who at some point in their history have been previously referred to children's social care, with 26% of these having been referred to children's social care at least three times during their lives. Repeat referrals within 12 months of the last referral are not uncommon and at the end of the first quarter this accounted for 26.2% of all referrals into the service.

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Children's Centre's sustained contact with priority groups in early years	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		60.81% (YE 2018-19)	Red Actual: 60.31% Target: 75.00% (Jul 2018 - Jun 2019)					Worse	
Percentage of individuals subject to Team Around Family episodes closed with needs met	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		67.7% (YE 2018-19)	88.0% (Q1 2019-20)					Better	<p>There has been a marked increase in the number of children whose needs have been met by an early help assessment and intervention. We regard this increase as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Community Matters contract becoming established and allocation of Key Worker to complete EHAT and support needs through a family plan.</li> <li>• Professionals from partner agencies advise they are better enabled to access support to progress early help interventions due to support provided from the community matters early help team (Lot1), there has been a marked increase in closure notification returns.</li> <li>• Early Help support is more 'visible' via revision of early help pages on WLSCB website, establishing VCF Link forum and Home-School Worker Link Forum, and Networking events.</li> <li>• Early Help advice is more accessible – recent appointments of two additional Social Work call advisors and two Early Help Triage workers at Integrated Front Door, to enable appropriate early help support earlier in the problem, increasing the likely outcome of early success.</li> <li>• Stuck case Allocation Meeting has discussed 29 cases, 79.4% of cases discussed remained at level 3 within a family plan, the remainder met the threshold for L4 social care.</li> </ul>

## People with disabilities live independent lives

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

The Employment rate for people aged 16-64 who are Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled in Wirral continues to rise with this quarters figure at 51%, the highest rate since the Wirral Plan began. It's up 1 percentage point since the previous quarter and 12.5 percentage points since the start of the plan. Wirral's rate has now overtaken the North West average and continues to close the gap on the National average.

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is to meet with Wirral Council in quarter 2 to look at Wirral Council's progression to level 3. Wirral Council are also keen to look at how this can best filter down through all departments so it's fully imbedded in the organisation which is really encouraging. April to June saw Wirral increase the in number of businesses signed to the Disability Confident Scheme by 17 at Level 1 and 5 at Level 2. This makes a total of 109 live Disability Confident businesses in Wirral (88 at level 1, 20 at level 2 and 1 at level 1).

25 less people are in receipt of personal budgets this quarter. 591 adults were reported by the Department of Adult Social Services to be in receipt of personal budgets (down from 601 last quarter). 178 young people were in receipt of personal budgets (down from 193 last quarter). Despite the drop this quarter, 134 more people are in receipt of personal budgets than at the start of the plan.

The percentage of adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation in Wirral has improved to 85.5% in quarter 1 (up from 84.1% last quarter). We're now performing better than the latest North West benchmark (85.17%). There has already been an increase in Extra Care schemes throughout the borough and we will be delivering over the original target of 300 units, however timescales will not be met due to the impact of the significant delay on the government decision regarding funding for extra care its review of funding for supported housing schemes. Ensuring people with disabilities have stable and appropriate accommodation improves their safety, increases their independence and reduces their risk of social exclusion.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	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 (2018-19)						n/a	We're awaiting the 2019-20 data. 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)	49.0% (Jan - Dec 2018)	51.0% (Apr 18 - Mar 19)					Better	The Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled measure from the Office for National Statistics increased again to 51% its highest level since the Wirral Plan began. It's up 1 percentage point since the previous quater and 12.5 percentage points since the start of the plan.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	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: 1.17 (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 1.12 (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: 1.04 (2017-18 Acad Year)	0.97 (2017-18 Acad Year)						n/a	
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)	60.1% (Jan- Mar 2018)						n/a	We're awaiting the 2019-20 data. 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)		794 (2018-19)	769 (Q1 2019-20)					Worse	25 fewer people are in receipt of personal budgets this quarter. 591 adults were reported by the Department of Adult Social Services to be in receipt of personal budgets (down from 601 last quarter). 178 young people were in receipt of personal budgets (down from 193 last quarter).  Despite the drop this quarter, 134 more people are in receipt of personal budgets than at the start of the plan.
Adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)	North West: 85.2% (Q1 2019-20)	84.1% (2018-19)	85.5% (Q1 2019-20)					Better	Ensuring people with disabilities have stable and appropriate accommodation improves their safety, increases their independence and reduces their risk of social exclusion. The Q1 figure of 85.5% has improved from last quarter (84.1%) and has improved by 1.5 percentage points from the start of the plan. We're also now performing better than the latest North West benchmark (85.17%). 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

Through a strong coordinated partnership approach, Wirral has developed a range of strategies to tackle the complex issue of Domestic Abuse including, helping children who suffer the effects of domestic abuse, supporting victims and rehabilitating offenders.

Putting children and young people at the heart of our response to Domestic Abuse we are researching into an appropriate young persons early intervention and prevention programme. A Reducing Parental Conflict Partnership Event was held in July to raise awareness of the need to reduce parental conflict.

Involve North West were commissioned to deliver a third sector outreach programme to train an additional 20 Domestic Abuse Peer through 'Got the Tee Shirt' initiative, based on victims gaining support from domestic abuse survivors who have 'been there and come out the other side'. The focus is about the client rediscovering who they were prior to the relationship and helping them move safely forward; back into the community, further education, work self-esteem, parenting support or additional volunteering roles.

Critical to making victims and children safer is to reduce the likelihood of re-offending. This year we will deliver a programme to support 10 of the most prolific offenders to bring about behaviour change. Also, we have commissioned a programme with the Youth Offending Service and the Hive to support young people who have shown violence and aggression towards their parents/guardians - to prevent these young people becoming perpetrators in adulthood.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	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: 54.0 (Jan 2017-Dec 2018) National: 38.0 (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	52.4 (2018-19)	44.2 (Jul 2018 - Jun 2019)					n/a	SafeLives sets an expected level of 40 cases per 10,000. This is not a target but reflects expected demand based on analysis carried out by Safelives analysing the prevalence of high risk victims including both those who report and do not report to the police.  The number of Wirral MARAC cases heard were 44.2 females per 10,000 population (this includes repeat victims within the 12 month period).  885 referrals were made between July 2018 - Jun 2019, 641 (72.4%) were heard at MARAC. 619 female, 22 male. 172 did not meet MARAC threshold and 48 deleted as errors.
Children and young people experience domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly	1,289 (2014-15)		1,192 (2018-19)	226 (Apr - Jun 2019)					n/a	226 Children and young people Wirral MARAC cases during Q1. This compares 334 during the same period last year (-32.3%)
Percentage of incidents of repeat domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly Lower is better	16.0% (2014-2015)	Most Similar Force Group: 34.0% (Jan 2017-Dec 2018) National: 28.0% (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	27.1% (2018-19)	22.3% (Apr 2018 - Mar 2019)					Better	This is an improving trend. The percentage of incidents of repeat domestic abuse Wirral MARAC cases was 22.3%. This compares to 26.1% during the same period last year and 27.1% year  Total number of repeats 37 out of 166 cases were repeats at MARAC in Q1.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2018-19	2019-20 Q1	2019-20 Q2	2019-20 Q3	2019-20 Q4	Year End 2019-20	Trend	Comment
Number of Domestic Abuse cases referred to the Family Safety Unit (FSU)	Quarterly	949 (2014-15)		295 (2018-19)	224 (Apr - Jun 2019)					n/a	This figure is for Q1 equates to 224 referrals in total. Of these 166 Where heard at MARAC, 163 where female, 3 where male, 42 did not meet MARAC threshold and 21 deleted as errors
% of children and Young People single assessments completed with Domestic Violence (DV) related factors	Quarterly Lower is better	(n/a)		27.0% (2018-19)	21.1% (Apr - Jun 2019)					Better	This compares to Q1 2018 35.2% and Q1 2017 35.5% Prevention of violence and abuse is a critical element in tackling many other issues as it impacts on mental wellbeing, physical health and quality of life. Violence is contagious. Exposure to violence and abuse, especially as a child, makes individuals more likely to be involved in this behaviour later in life.  The Assessment Factors - Domestic violence are: 3A - Concerns about the child being the subject of DV 3B - Concerns about the child's parent/carer being the subject of DV 3C - Concerns about another person living in the household being the subject of DV 3D - Teenage DV (local factor).
Rate of referrals to social care presenting Domestic Violence issues (adults aged 18+ years) per 100,000	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		12.12 (2018-19)	1.24 (Apr - Jun 2019)					Worse	This compares to Q1 2018 rate of 3.42 and Q1 2017 rate of 3.15  Prevention of violence and abuse is a critical element in tackling many other issues as it impacts on mental wellbeing, physical health and quality of life. Violence is contagious.  Question: Is higher still better? Target is to increase the reporting of domestic violence in the first year(s) of the strategy, as under-reporting is addressed. However, after a period of growth (e.g. 3 years) there should be a tipping point and a reducing figure would be both expected and desired. The insight gained will further identify interventions to reduce domestic abuse and the target will be adjusted downwards as this tipping point is reached.

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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.

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