

1.0 Background

Wirral's Local Area Agreement (LAA) is monitored by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). Wirral Children's Trust represents the Children's Block of the LSP and is responsible for the delivery of LAA targets related to children and young people. Quarterly reports related to the LAA targets are presented to the Board for scrutiny. This report provides an update on progress towards targets, in addition information is provided to supply context to the indicators and to highlight any issues with reporting.

2.0 Reporting at Quarter 1



At quarter 1 there is limited data available and all of the Key Stage data is provisional. For reporting purposes the LAA indicators can be separated into three groups:

1. Reward indicators
- Non-reward indicators:
2. Attainment indicators
3. Local indicators

Reward indicators carry a financial reward if the targets set for these indicators are met.

3.0 Reporting

Reward Indicators

PI No.	Title	Yr End Target	Yr End Forecast	Quarter 1 Target	Quarter 1 Actual	On Target	Direction of Travel
NI 68	Percentage of referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment	75%	75%	75%	90.7% (P)	Over Performing	
NI 117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	6.9% (Lower is Better)	6.9%	6.9%	8.2% (P)	Red	

For NI 68 significant improved performance in 2009/10 has been maintained in quarter 1. Current trajectory analysis indicates that the year end target will be met. For NI 117 although there has been sustained improvement the current economic climate impacts heavily on this indicator. Although continuing intervention work is underway and the direction of travel is improving economic uncertainty makes achieving the 2010/11 target challenging.

Reward Indicators with no data at quarter 1









PI No.	Title	08/2009 Actual	09/2010 Actual	2010/2011 Actual	2010/2011 Target
NI 55	Obesity in primary school age children in Reception (lower is better)	9.57	9.3%		9.50%
NI 111	First time entrants into the YJS aged 10 – 17 (lower is better)	1578	N/A		1500
NI 112	Percentage reduction in the under 18 conception rate	-6.3	-21%		-39%

NI 55 is determined by an annual measurement programme. Wirral did achieve the 2010/11 target in 2009/10 however the expectation is for obesity to increase and the target set is to reduce this increase.

Data from the Youth Justice Board for NI 111 is not yet available. The impact of partnership intervention programmes particularly police involvement in restorative justice indicates that improvement on the 2008/09 figure will be possible.

For NI 112 although significant improvement was achieved in 2009/10 and intervention programmes are in place the 2010/11 year end target remains extremely challenging.

Provisional attainment indicators for 2009/10 academic year (reported in the 2010/11 Financial Year)



PI No.	Title	Yr End Target	Yr End Forecast	Quarter 1 Target	Quarter 1 Actual	On Target	Direction of Travel
NI 72	Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	57%	57%	57%	57.1% (A)	Green	
NI 73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	78%	75.0%	78%	75.0% (P)	Green	
NI 75	Achievement of 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	57.0%	58.3%	57.0%	58.3% (P)	Green	
NI 92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	28.6% (Lower is Better)	27.9%	28.6%	27.9% (A)	Green	
NI 93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	87%	84%	87%	84% (P)	Green	
NI 94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	82%	83%	82%	83% (P)	Green	
NI 99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	53.1%	51.9%	53.1%	51.9% (P)	Green	n/a
NI 100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in maths at Key Stage 2	56.3%	55.6%	56.3%	55.6% (P)	Green	
NI 101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and maths)	6.3%	6.1%	6.3%	6.1% (P)	Green	

Attainment data for 2009/10 academic year is reported in the 2010/11 financial year. Provisional data for attainment indicators shows that although challenging DCSF set targets have not been achieved for all indicators, the direction of travel is positive. Small numbers and cohort mobility of looked after children affect the indicators NI 99, 100 and 101.

Attainment indicators with no data at quarter 1

PI No.	Title	09/2010 Actual	2010/2011 Actual	2010/2011 Target
NI 87	Secondary school persistent absence rate	4.5%		5.5%

Local Indicators

PI No.	Title	Yr End Target	Yr End Forecast	Quarter 1 Target	Quarter 1 Actual	On Target	Direction of Travel
LOCAL 1400	Number of looked after children	565 (Lower is Better)	In development	565	644 (P)	Red	
LOCAL 1701	Number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour	17207 (Lower is Better)	16488	3487	4122 (A)	Red	

Nationally the numbers of looked after children are increasing. Current trajectory indicates that the 2010/11 target for 1400 will not be met.

For 1701 the quarter 1 target was not achieved the warm June weather impacted on this quarters data and that the cumulative total will even out over the year. Although budget cuts and proposed government policy changes will impact on this indicator the current trajectory suggests that the year end target will be met.

Local Indicators with no data at quarter 1

PI No.	Title	09/2010 Actual	2010/2011 Actual	2010/2011 Target
LOCAL 1700a	Participation in and outcomes from youth work: Participation	18%		22%

In 2009/10 significant changes in the Youth Service including a restructure impacted on participation and the year end figure did not achieve the target set. Although the new youth hub structure is now in place, reduced budget proposals including 2010/11 in-year cuts to youth grants will impact significantly on this indicator.

Data source: PIMS Report, 8 September 2010

4.0 Additional Detail of Reward Indicators

Further detail regarding reward indicators that have data at quarter 1 and indicators that are red or amber are included in appendix 1.

5.0 Recommendations:

5.1 That Wirral Children's Trust Board note the report.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Local Area Agreement 2010/11 Quarter 1 Position

Appendix 1

2010/11

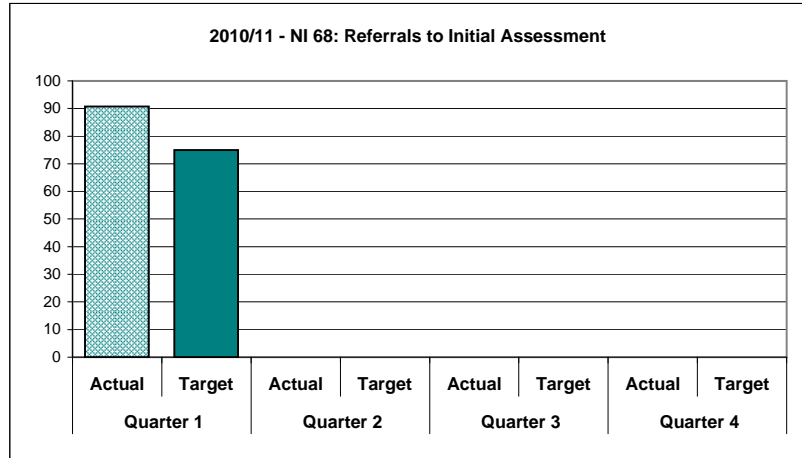
Quarter 1: April - June

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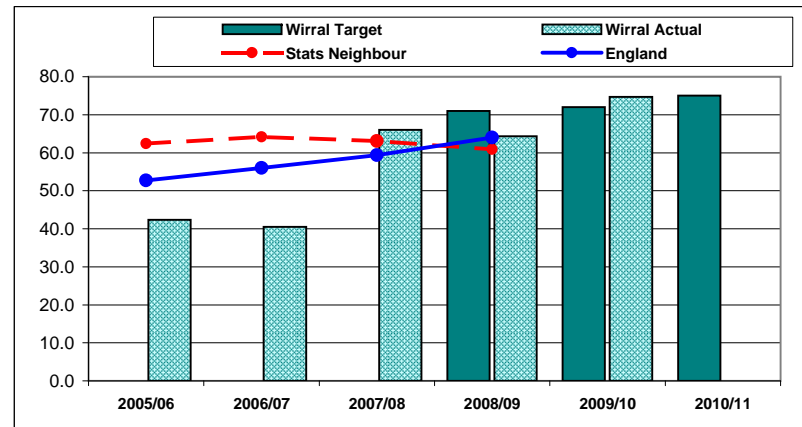
LAA Improvement Priority	Safely Reducing the Number of Children Looked After
Performance Indicator	NI 68: Referrals to Initial Assessment
Sponsor	Howard Cooper
Lead Organisation	Children's Social Care
Service Area	Children and Young People's Department

Context
There has been an improved understanding of the threshold for referrals going on to assessment across the multi-agency partnership.

Improvement Direction: Up							
Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4	
Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
90.7	75	-	-	-	-	-	-



	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Wirral Target	-	-	-	71.0	72.0	75.0
Wirral Actual	42.4	40.5	66.0	64.3	74.7	
Stats Neighbour	62.4	64.1	63.1	60.9	-	
England	52.7	56.0	59.4	64.0	-	



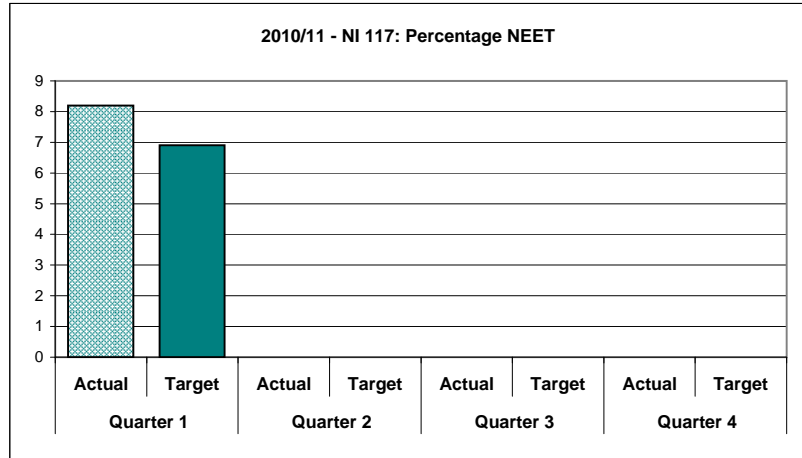
Position Statement	RAG
Quarter One	Green
Quarter Two	Green
Quarter Three	Green
Quarter Four	Green

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LAA Improvement Priority	Reduction in the numbers of NEETs
Performance Indicator	NI 117: Percentage NEET
Sponsor	Sheila Lynch
Lead Organisation	Connexions
Service Area	Children and Young People's Department

Context
Performance has improved from 8.9% reported at 2009/10 year end.

Improvement Direction: Up							
Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4	
Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
8.2	6.9	-	-	-	-	-	-



Position Statement **RAG**

Quarter One **Red**

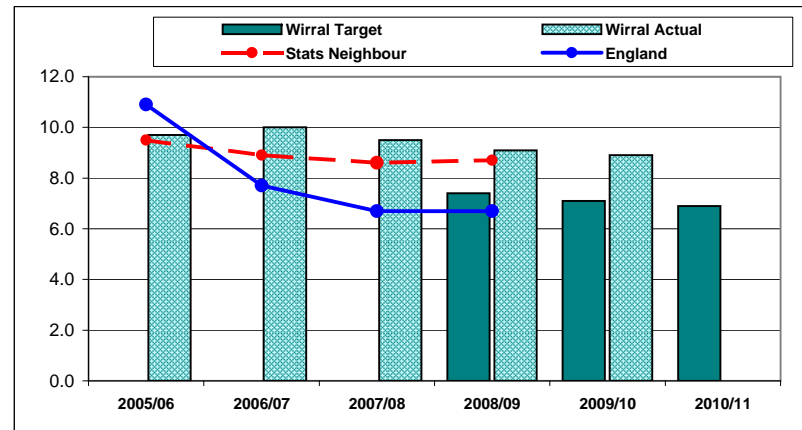
A range of initiatives through the Tiger Group are on going. Connexions and Jobcentre Plus advisers are working together to support 18 year olds into an opportunity that best meets their needs.

Quarter Two **Red**

Quarter Three **Red**

Quarter Four **Red**

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Wirral Target	-	-	-	7.4	7.1	6.9
Wirral Actual	9.7	10.0	9.5	9.1	8.9	
Stats Neighbour	9.5	8.9	8.6	8.7	-	
England	10.9	7.7	6.7	6.7	-	

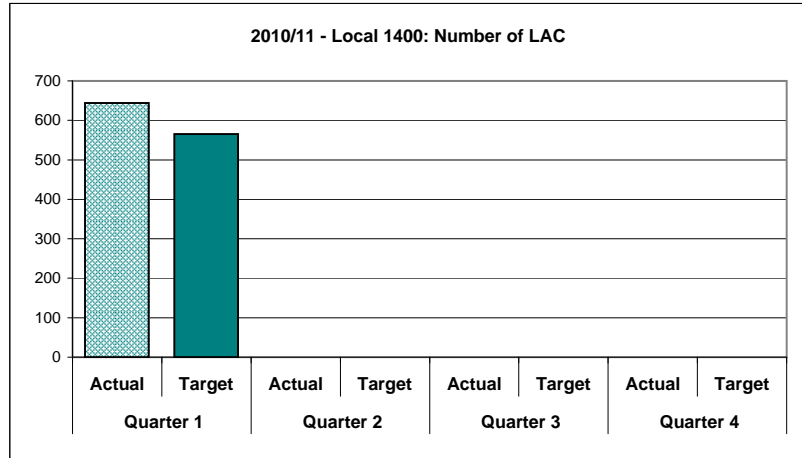


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LAA Improvement Priority	Safely Reducing the Number of Children Looked After
Performance Indicator	Local 1400: Number of LAC
Sponsor	Julia Hassall
Lead Organisation	Children's Social Care
Service Area	Children and Young People's Department

Context
The increase in children becoming looked after is a national trend, reported in the most recent Association of Director of Children's Services survey.

Improvement Direction: Down							
Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4	
Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
644	565	-	-	-	-	-	-



Position Statement **RAG**

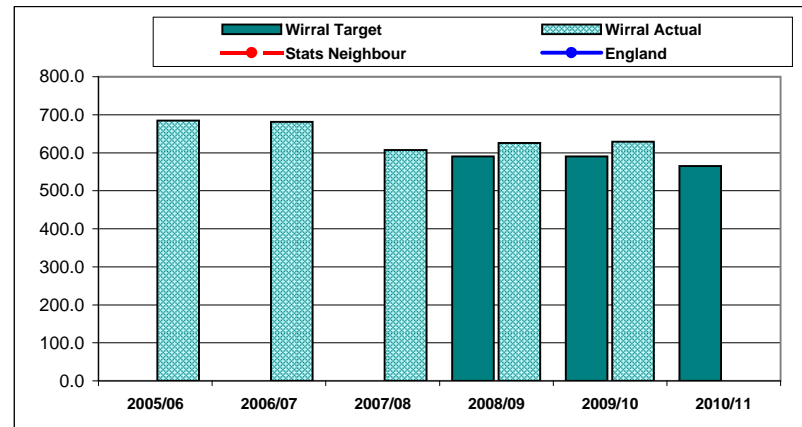
Quarter One **Red**
 Specific action to reduce the trajectory includes focused preventative activity; specifically multi-systemic therapy, increased family group conferencing capacity and refocusing the work of the Adolescent Crisis Team. The focus on improving permanence planning for children who cannot return home is strengthened by the recruitment to new management posts in the revised Social Care Branch structure.

Quarter Two **Red**

Quarter Three **Red**

Quarter Four **Red**

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Wirral Target	-	-	-	590.0	590.0	565.0
Wirral Actual	685.0	681.0	607.0	626.0	629.0	-
Stats Neighbour	-	-	-	-	-	-
England	-	-	-	-	-	-

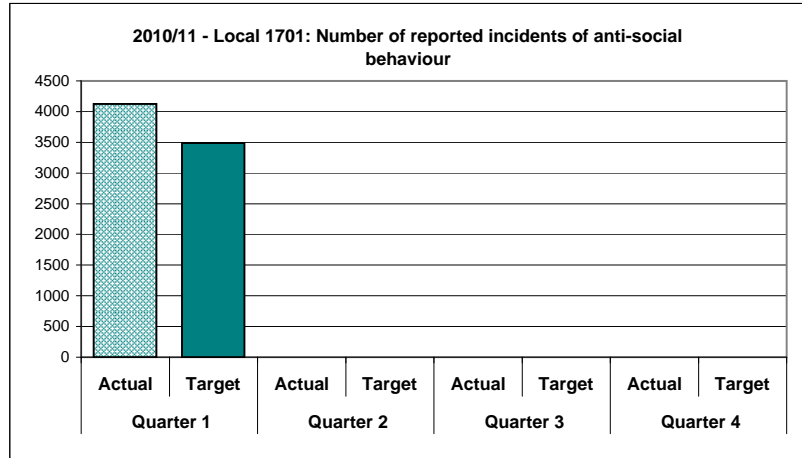


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LAA Improvement Priority	Number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour
Performance Indicator	Local 1701: Number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour ▼
Sponsor	Steve McGilvray
Lead Organisation	Safer Communities
Service Area	Children and Young People's Department

Context
Performance against this indicator is better than for the same period in 2009/10 (4129.00 cumulative incidents) however the target is challenging when set against already significant reductions in incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB). This is further complicated by a sustained period of warm dry weather.

Improvement Direction: Same							
Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4	
Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
4122	3487.25	-	-	-	-	-	-



Position Statement RAG

Quarter One Red

In addition to normal governance and monitoring processes (as set out in the Community Safety Partnership's ASB Strategy 2009-2012), a weekly Police Governance Meeting is taking place, attended by the Council's ASB Manager, to review hot-spots of ASB and deploy resources accordingly. Officers within the ASB Team have also commenced ad hoc evening enforcement patrols in hot-spot locations (which is being done on a purely voluntary basis as the team has no spare capacity to off set this time from normal working hours.)

Quarter Two Red

Quarter Three Red

Quarter Four Red

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Wirral Target	-	-	21152.0	17917.0	17558.0	17207.0
Wirral Actual	-	21994.0	18414.0	15524.0	14125.0	
Stats Neighbour	-	-	-	-	-	
England	-	-	-	-	-	

