

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 NOVEMBER 2012

SUBJECT:	2012/13 Quarter Two Performance and Financial Review
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
REPORT OF:	Acting Director of Children's Services
KEY DECISION:	No

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out performance of the Council's Corporate Plan 2012-13 and Departmental Plan 2012-13 for July 2012 - September 2012, in relation to children and young people and provides members with an overview of performance, resources and risk monitoring.

For Quarter two 2012/13 37 performance indicators can be reported upon, of these 70% are achieving or exceeding their target.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Performance Summary

This report provides an overview of 2012-13 quarter two performance including corrective action for performance issues.

2.2 What's working well?

- Educational attainment in Wirral continues to improve with the best ever provisional results for children and young people recorded in the academic year 2011/12.
 - Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage improved by 3.1%;
 - The attainment gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the early years Foundation Stage and the rest decreased by 1.7%;
 - Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and maths at Key Stage 2 improved by 2.2%;
 - The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peer achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2 reduced by 2.4%;
 - The achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and maths improved by 1%;
 - The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 4 reduced by 4.5%


- Looked after children achieving 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and maths improved by 1% whilst those gaining 5 or more A*-C improved by 16%.
- 100% of child protection cases were reviewed within required timescales.
- Provisional data related to teenage conceptions indicates a reduction in quarter two to a rate of 34.3 per 1,000 15-17 year olds compared to 53.5 in quarter one.


2.3 Performance against Strategic Change Projects


There are no children and young people strategic change projects.

2.4 Performance against Corporate Plan Indicators:

The following indicators have missed the quarter two target and are therefore assessed as **red**:

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	70.3%	70%	63.2% (E)	Amber	
		(Higher is Better)					
Corrective Action:	A particular concern is related to teenage placements. A wrap around service for foster carers has been put in place to work with fostering to identify placements at risk of breakdown at an early stage and provide appropriate interventions. The number of long term foster placements where a Special Guardianship order has secured permanence for a child impacts negatively on this indicator						
Context	Performance is following a similar trajectory to 2011/12; performance is expected to improve during the year and is on track to achieve the year end target.						

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and maths)	10.9%	20.0%	12.0% (P)	Red	
		(Higher is Better)					
Corrective Action:	A full review has been undertaken regarding the GCSE results of Looked After Children by the Virtual School Headteacher. As a result a number of additional actions have been put in place. Enhanced pupil tracking by the Educational Progress Officers has been instigated. Additional work with schools to ensure LAC funding is optimised targeting LAC who require additional assistance is being introduced to impact on future outcomes. Individual LAC will be monitored more frequently to track potential outcomes for 2013. This individualised data will also be used when 2013 expectations are discussed.						
Context	Although the challenging target was not achieved out of a cohort of 33 Looked After Children (LAC) a range of GCSE awards were achieved. 4 out of 33 (12%) achieved 5 A*-C EM ; 1 student achieved 4 A*-C EM; 8 further looked after children achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including a grade D in English and/or Mathematics; 3 of these 8 children achieved a grade D in both English and Maths; 3 of these 8 looked after children achieved a C in English but a D in Maths and 2 of these 8 looked after children achieved a C in Maths but a D in English.						

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	102a	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 2	20.8%	17.0%	18.3% (E)	Amber	
		(Lower is Better)					
Corrective Action:	Measures put in place both in schools and by the Council have continued to narrow the gap at Key Stage 2 although the challenging target was not achieved. This area is a continued focus for development. The Local Authority will continue to work with schools in all areas including targeting of pupil premium funding.						
Context	Attainment for FSM pupils has increased in all areas. Attainment for non FSM pupils increased in Maths but decreased in English. The gap has narrowed in all areas. The gap has narrowed by 3% points in English to 14.3%. The gap has narrowed in Maths by 0.9% to 14.5%. The English and Maths combined gap has narrowed by 2.4% to 18.3%. All results are significantly narrower than the gap nationally. The Eng/Ma Level 4 + results for the last 3 years indicate a year on year narrowing of the gap.						


Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	1400a	Number of looked after children	673	645	692	Amber	
				(Lower is Better)			
Corrective Action:	The Looked After Children Project has put in place a high level of scrutiny to children's plans in each of the social work teams, ensuring objectives and timescales are clear and managers are held to account. Social workers and managers have had training on the court pre-proceedings protocol which is designed to reduce delay in care proceedings. This area is under constant scrutiny.						
Context	Whilst the number of looked after children has remained relatively stable in Wirral, other Local Authorities nationally and regionally have experienced increases in numbers.						


Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	1411	Percentage of children ceased to be Looked After who become adopted	11.4%	15%	10.5%	Red	
				(Higher is Better)			
Corrective Action:	There is a pre-proceedings protocol in place that will positively affect available Court time but this has yet to take effect and there are still delays in applications for adoption being heard by the courts. There are a small number of children in this category and therefore small variations in number have a significant impact on performance. Wirral also still has a high number of children looked after generally and this has a negative impact on this indicator.						


Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	1600	% SEN attainment at Key Stage 2	n/a	18%	14.7%	Red	n/a
				(Higher is Better)			
Corrective Action:	All schools are required to track the progress of vulnerable pupil groups regularly and take corrective action to address under achievement. Principal Managers in the Primary Team are currently working with twenty schools to ensure pupils make a minimum of 2 levels progress by the end of Key Stage 2.						
Context	Attainment in L4+ English has improved from the previous year, whereas attainment in L4+ maths has decreased slightly. The percentage of pupils attaining both English and Maths L4+ has increased. Attainment is showing an upward trajectory.						


2.5 Performance against Departmental Plan Indicators:


The following indicators have missed the quarter two target and are therefore assessed as red or amber:

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	60	Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement	67.1%	75%	58.9% (E)	Red	
				(Higher is Better)			
Corrective Action:	Managers now have to report on a weekly basis their compliance and give reasons for out of date assessments and their proposed corrective action. Prompts have been added to the case record to reduce data errors and the procedures in this area have been reviewed. There are still a number of out of date assessments to be completed but this is reducing and additional capacity has been agreed on a short-term basis. This area is under continued oversight.						
Context	Quarter one performance was 49.1% and as a result of the corrective action put in place an improvement has been made to 58.9% in Quarter two. This figure is also an improvement on 2011/12 Quarter two performance of 48.4%.						

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	64	Child Protection Plans lasting 2 years or more	3.5%	4.0%	6.0%	Red	
				(Lower is Better)			
Corrective Action:	Reviews for all children on a child protection plan are in place and required activity is addressed.						
Context	There are no more children who will have a plan at year end that exceeds 2+ years. This figure will reduce as more children are no longer subject to CP Plans and is likely to meet the year end target.						

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	65	Percentage of children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.	18.6%	15.0%	20.0%	Red	
				(Lower is Better)			
Corrective Action:	A full review of the cases has been undertaken. When children are referred with the same concern for a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time the cases are referred for consideration to a Legal Gatekeeping Meeting. This has been instigated for these cases. Throughout the process there is a clear focus on the children's long term future.						
Context	Keeping children safe is the highest priority and the immediate risk is being appropriately dealt with by placing the children subject to a Child Protection Plan.						

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	103a	The percentage of final SEN statements issued within 26 weeks (excluding exceptions)	100%	100%	85.7%	Red	
				(Higher is Better)			
Corrective Action:	This is a temporary fluctuation due to the complexity of a small number of cases. Closer monitoring is in place to keep these to a minimum.						
Context	Three cases out of 31 were not issued within the required timescales.						

Portfolio	PI no	Title	2011/12 Year End Actual	2012/2013 Quarter 2		On target	Direction of travel
				Target	Actual		
Children's Services & Lifelong Learning	103b	The percentage of final SEN statements issued within 26 weeks (including exceptions)	100%	100%	90.0%	Amber	
				(Higher is Better)			
Corrective Action:	Reconfiguring of services is underway to increase the number of assessments completed within statutory timescales.						
Context	The volume of assessments has increased by 25% in the last 12 months with the bulk of assessments in the first half of the year. There is increasing demand for assessment particularly in primary schools.						

2.6 Performance Against Department Plan Actions

In addition to outcomes identified by performance indicators 9 actions were identified for delivery in the 2012-13 Department Plan. A quarter two update on activity delivery and rag rating of potential achievement is shown below.

We will focus on... (Corporate Plan focus)	2012-13 Actions / Milestones	Relevant performance measures / indicators	Final Report Quarter	EIA	Quarter 2 Progress update. Please add information regarding the status of delivery of the project at the end of Q2	RAG	Dept Lead
Improving outcomes for children and young people in need of protection.	Commencing the delivery of Munro reforms to ensure that systems are centred on the needs of children and young people.	Project plan approved by the LSCB and Wirral Children's Trust Board by the end of March 2013.	4	Yes	This project is on track with development work underway. A joint event between the Children's Trust and the Wirral Safeguarding Children Board is planned for 19 October 2012.	Amber	T Coffey/ C McKenna
Working to ensure children live in communities where they feel safe, and where harmful behaviour is actively addressed and reduced	Review the operation of Family Support Services.	Pilot changes implemented from January 2013	4	Yes	Following initial scoping, this project has now evolved to a review of all preventative services of which family support is a part. Three workstreams each with a team of staff have been established to develop the basis for consultation of various aspects of the delivery model.	Amber	J Hassall

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Implementing and evaluating the new School Improvement Strategy ensuring that we meet our statutory duties.	Further improve capacity within and across schools by developing a framework for school-to-school support which includes Academies and Teaching Schools by the end of March 2013.	Framework embedded in schools by the end of March 2013.	4	No	This project is on track. Preparations are underway to consult with schools on the requirement for the Council to take a strategic role in developments. Early indications are that schools are not looking for the Council to take a strategic lead on this at the moment. Circumstances and the imperative to develop a framework have changed as the Council does not have a Teaching School. The Council is also consulting on whether schools wish us to set up a directory for good practice.	Green	Acting HOB LAT
	Reviewing the provision of behaviour support and reducing school exclusion.	Transparent co-ordinated pathway through behaviour services published to all service users by end of March 2013.	4	Yes	This project is on track. A Consultant Headteacher is now in post and is arranging to meet stakeholders to develop the co-ordinated pathway.	Green	Acting HOB LAT

We will focus on... (Corporate Plan focus)	2012-13 Actions / Milestones	Relevant performance measures / indicators	Final Report Quarter	EIA	Quarter 2 Progress update. Please add information regarding the status of delivery of the project at the end of Q2	RAG	Dept Lead
Increasing the numbers of 16-18 young people in education, employment and training including vulnerable groups	Deliver voluntary placement opportunities for NEET young people in the voluntary, community and faith sector.	Delivery of the programme with engagement of 10% of the NEET cohort	4	Yes	<p>Project offer now established with 86 young people being referred. Work placement opportunities have been risk assessed and secured with 23 voluntary, community and faith sector organisations.</p> <p>Two cohorts of young people (26 in total) have completed the full programme. Learners work towards an accredited employability award whilst on placement – 100% of cohort participant's achievement the qualification. Overall 73% of the young people participating across the two cohorts have progressed in to a positive destination, for example, employments, Apprenticeship, further education or continuing with placement.</p> <p>Cohort 3 recruitment has commenced following the establishment of a waiting list.</p>	Green	V Stafford
Providing children and young people with access to a range of appropriate developmental opportunities which meet their needs.	Deliver to project initiation stage the Birkenhead Youth Hub development by end of December 2012.	Project initiation document approved by Cabinet by end of December 2012.	3	Yes	The project is now named Wirral Youth Zone. In February 2012 Wirral Council Cabinet recommended that work was undertaken to investigate the feasibility of the facility. In order to progress this work a steering group is in place consisting of a range of partner organisations and Councillors. A visit to Oldham Youth Zone was carried out in September 2012 which included Councillors and potential investors. A Cabinet report is due on the 29 th November in order for Cabinet decision on future developments.	Green	S Pimblett
	Review the structure and provision of integrated youth support by the end of December 2012.	Proposals approved by Cabinet by end of December 2012.	3	Yes	This project is not on track as we have had to suspend it as a result of the budget review which may impact on the future requirements of the service.	Red	S Pimblett

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 The management of children's safeguarding arrangements is a high priority and is under constant review. There continues to be particular issues relating to social care operation in the Wallasey District, these are still being addressed through the deployment additional staff and management. This area is under constant oversight by senior managers.
- 3.2 The continuing adverse economic climate placing further demand pressures on services especially children's social care creates additional challenges. The department continues to face pressures in managing within its budget.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Not applicable for this report.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation in relation to the draft Corporate Plan engaged individuals and organisations from across Wirral's diverse communities.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 6.1 The Corporate Plan sets out commitments and clear actions in relation to working with voluntary, community and faith sector organisations to improve outcomes for local people. The VCF sector is a key partner within Wirral Children's Trust Arrangements and their expertise is utilised in the Early Intervention Grant (EIG) commissioning process.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

- 7.1 Pressures of £4.4 million have been identified by the Children and Young People's Department. The main areas of pressure relate to looked after children including residential placements and foster care allowances and home to school transport. Numbers of children in care continue to remain high compared to similar Councils. Budgetary control measures are in place and expenditure is closely monitored.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Legal implications relating to the actions set out in the Corporate Plan will be addressed by departments as appropriate.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(c) No because this report relates to quarterly reporting on the Councils plans which have appropriate equality impact assessments in place.

9.2 The Corporate Plan has a clear focus on supporting those who are disadvantaged, including the delivery of specific services and through ensuring that all of Wirral's diverse communities are equally able to access services.

9.3 Equalities implications relating to the actions set out in the Corporate Plan will be addressed by departments as appropriate, and details set out in individual departmental plans. This work is also monitored by the Corporate Equalities and Cohesion Group and the Council Excellence Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Carbon reduction is a specific goal in the Corporate Plan, with associated actions and measures.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Planning and Community Safety is a specific goal in the Corporate Plan, with associated actions and measures.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

12.1 That the content of this report be noted.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 This report provides quarterly progress on delivering the children and young people's section of the Council's Corporate Plan and the outcomes framework of the Children and Young People's Department Plan. It includes the performance of relevant projects and indicators and the associated financial and risk monitoring information.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Children and Young People Performance Indicator Summary

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY

Council Meeting	Date
CYP OSC – 2012/13 Quarter One Performance and Financial Review	11 Sept 2012
CABINET – 2011/12 Year End Performance and Financial Review	21 June 2012
CYP OSC – 2011/12 Year End Performance and Financial Review	6 June 2012
CABINET – 2012/13 Draft Corporate Plan	29 March 2012
CYP OSC – 2011/12 Q3 Performance and Financial Review	21 March 2012
CABINET – 2011/12 Q3 Performance and Financial Review	02 Feb 2012

CYP OSC – 2011/12 Q2 Performance and Financial Review	16 Nov 2011
CABINET – 2011/12 Q2 Performance and Financial Review	03 Nov 2011
CYP OSC – 2011/12 Q1 Performance and Financial Review	20 Sept 2011
CABINET – 2011/12 Q1 Performance and Financial Review	21 July 2011
CABINET - Delivering the Corporate Plan	17 April 2011
COUNCIL - Adoption of Corporate Plan 2011-14	14 April 2011
CABINET - Draft Corporate Plan for 2011-14	17 March 2011

APPENDICES



Appendix 1 Children and Young People Performance Indicator Summary





Direction of Travel Summary







% PIs	No. of PIs	
45.95%	17	Improved by more than 2.5% on previous year's performance
21.62%	8	Deteriorated by more than 2.5% on previous year's performance
24.32%	9	Stayed within +/-2.5% of previous year's performance
0.00%	0	Awaiting data
8.11%	3	Not applicable
100.00%	37	(Note: percentages rounded to 2 decimal places)





Target Summary



% PIs	No. of PIs	
51.35%	19	Green (within +10/-5% of the target)
10.81%	4	Amber (missed target by between 5% and 10%)
18.92%	7	Red (missed target by more than 10%)
18.92%	7	Over-performing (more than 10% of the target)
0.00%	0	Awaiting data
0.00%	0	Target not set
0.00%	0	Not Applicable
100.00%	37	(Note: percentages rounded to 2 decimal places)





PI No.	Title	Yr End Target	Yr End Forecast	Quarter 2 Target	Quarter 2 Actual	On Target	Direction of Travel	Corrective Action
NI 53	Prevalence of breast-feeding at 6-8 wks from birth	35.1%	35.1%	33.1%	31.6% (E)	Green		
NI 60	Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	58.9% (A)	Red		Managers now have to report on a weekly basis their compliance and give reasons for out of date assessments and their proposed corrective action. Prompts have been added to the case record to reduce data errors and the procedures in this area have been reviewed. There are still a number of out of date






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								assessments to be completed but this is reducing and additional capacity has been agreed on a short-term basis. This area is under continued oversight.
NI 61	Timeliness of placements of looked after children for adoption following an agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption	90%	90.0%	80%	90.0% (A)	Over Performing		This has been an area of increased focus following the Governments publication of the Adoption Action Plan and Balanced Scorecard for adoption.
NI 62	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of placements	9.0% (Lower is Better)	9.0%	10.3%	9.8% (A)	Green		
NI 63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	70%	70.0%	70.0%	63.2% (E)	Amber		A particular concern is related to teenage placements. A wrap around service for foster carers has been put in place to work with fostering to identify placements at risk of breakdown at an early stage and provide appropriate interventions. The number of long term foster placements where a Special Guardianship order has secured permanence for a child impacts negatively on this indicator.
NI 64	Child Protection Plans lasting 2 years or more	4.0% (Lower is Better)	4.0%	4.0%	6% (A)	Red		There are no more children who will have a plan at year end that exceeds 2+ years. This figure will reduce as more children





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								are no longer subject to CP Plans and is likely to meet the year end target.
NI 65	Percentage of children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.	15.0% (Lower is Better)	15.0%	15.0%	20.0% (A)	Red		A full review of the cases has been undertaken. When children are referred with the same concern for a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time the cases are referred for consideration to a Legal Gatekeeping Meeting. This has been instigated for these cases. Throughout the process there is a clear focus on the children's long term future.
NI 66	Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales.	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	95.0% (E)	Green		
NI 67	Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0% (A)	Green		
NI 68	Percentage of referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment	90.0%	90%	97%	100.1% (A)	Green		
NI 70 a	Reduce emergency hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in 0-4 years	240 (Lower is Better)	240	243	223 (A)	Green		
NI 72	Achievement of at least 78 points	60%	61%	60%	61% (P)	Green		



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	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							
NI 73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	80%	79%	80%	79% (P)	Green		
NI 75	Achievement of 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	64%	65.3%	64%	65.3% (P)	Green		
NI 92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	27% (Lower is Better)	28.1%	27%	28.1% (P)	Green		
NI 99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	50 %	64.3%	50%	64.3% (P)	Over Performing		In a cohort of 28 children the improved performance represents 4 additional Looked after Children achieving L4+ in English. The reasons for this include improved monitoring, tracking and awareness of the Looked After Children in Primary Schools. Primary Schools have used the Personal Education Allowance to support Looked After Children, not only this year but in

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								previous years with targeted Looked After Children, this will also have contributed to the success.
NI 100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in maths at Key Stage 2	50 %	57.1%	50%	57.1% (P)	Over Performing		In a cohort of 28 children the improved performance represents 2 additional Looked after Children achieving L4+ in Maths. The reasons for this include improved monitoring, tracking and awareness of the Looked After Children in Primary Schools. Primary Schools have used the Personal Education Allowance to support Looked After Children, not only this year but in previous years with targeted Looked After Children, this will also have contributed to the success.
NI 101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and maths)	20%	20.0%	20%	12.0% (P)	Red		4 out of 33 (12%) looked after children achieved 5 A*-C EM in 2012. 1 looked after child achieved 4 A*-C EM. 8 further looked after children achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including a grade D in English and/or Mathematics. 3 of these 8 children achieved a grade D in both English and Maths. 3 of these 8 looked after children achieved a C in English but a

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								D in Maths and 2 of these 8 looked after children achieved a C in Maths but a D in English
NI 102a	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 2	17% (Lower is Better)	18.3%	17%	18.3% (P)	Amber		Attainment for FSM pupils has increased in all areas. Attainment for non FSM pupils increased in Maths but decreased in English. The gap has narrowed in all areas. The gap has narrowed by 3% points in English to 14.3%. The gap has narrowed in Maths by 0.9% to 14.5%. The English and Maths combined gap has narrowed by 2.4% to 18.3%. All results are significantly narrower than the gap nationally. The Eng/Ma Level 4 + results for the last 3 years indicate a year on year narrowing of the gap. This is a continued focus for development.
NI 102b	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stages 4	29% (Lower is Better)	29.7%	29%	29.7% (P)	Green		
NI 103a	Percentage of final SEN statements issued within 26 weeks (Excluding exceptions).	100.0%	89.5%	100.0%	85.7% (A)	Red		Temporary fluctuation due to complexity of small number of cases. Closer monitoring to try to keep these to a minimum.
NI 103b	Percentage of final SEN statements	100.0%	90.7%	100.0%	90.0% (A)	Amber		Reconfiguring of services is underway to

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	issued within 26 weeks (Including exceptions)							increase the number of assessments completed within statutory timescales.
NI 113	Prevalence of Chlamydia in under 25 year olds	30.00%	30.00%	11.0%	10.5% (E)	Green		
LOCAL 117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	9% (Lower is Better)	9.0%	8.7%	8.8% (P)	Green		
LOCAL 1400a	Number of looked after children	615 (Lower is Better)	650	645	692 (A)	Amber		The Looked After Children Project has put in place a high level of scrutiny to children's plans in each of the social work teams, ensuring objectives and timescales are clear and managers are held to account. Social workers and managers have had training on the court pre proceedings protocol which is designed to reduce delay in care proceedings. This area is under constant scrutiny.
LOCAL 1405	Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 10 working days of referral	75.0	75.0	75.0	71.4 (A)	Green		
LOCAL 1406	Number of Foster Carers	35	35	18	22 (A)	Over Performing		Initial enquiries to foster are managed effectively through a call centre approach, the team manager monitors the assessment process, and the foster panel has

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								been strengthened by the appointment of a new independent chair.
LOCAL 1411	Percentage of children ceased to be Looked After who become adopted	15 %	15%	15%	10.5% (A)	Red		There is a pre-proceedings protocol in place that will positively affect available Court time but this has yet to take effect and there are still delays in applications for adoption being heard by the courts. There are a small number of children in this category and therefore small variations in number have a significant impact on performance. Wirral also still has a high number of children looked after generally and this has a negative impact on this indicator.
LOCAL 1503	Number of Early Years settings judged as inadequate	0 (Lower is Better)	0	0	0 (A)	Green		
LOCAL 1504	Number of Early Years settings delivering flexibility in relation to the 15 hour free entitlement	42.0%	50.0%	42.0%	50.0% (A)	Over Performing		Increased interest in flexibility from parents has encouraged more pre-schools and day nurseries in particular to consider offering flexibility. The Early Years funding formula incorporates a flexibility payment to providers which incentivises delivery of flexible provision.
LOCAL 1505a	Percentage of 0 - 4 year olds	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	79.4% (A)	Green		

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	registered at a Children's Centre							
LOCAL 1505b	Percentage of 0 - 4 year olds registered at a Children's Centre (Disadvantaged Backgrounds)	80.0%	85.0%	80.0%	85.0% (A)	Green		
LOCAL 1507	Percentage uptake of schools receiving School Improvement Services.	85.0	94.0	85.0	94.0 (A)	Over Performing		The success of the Education Quality package from the initial launch year of 2011/12 has continued into 2012/13. Although a slight reduction in schools purchasing the service was estimated this has not occurred and buy back has remained at a relatively high level. Fundamental to the success of EQ is the business model adopted of a joint partnership between the Local Authority and schools ensuring the product is fit for purpose and valued by schools.
LOCAL 1600	% SEN attainment at Key Stage 2	18%	14.7%	18%	14.7% (P)	Red	n/a	All schools are required to track the progress of vulnerable pupil groups regularly and take corrective action to address under achievement. Principal Managers in the Primary Team are currently working with twenty schools to ensure pupils make a minimum of 2 levels progress by the end of Key Stage 2.
LOCAL 1601	% SEN attainment at	10%	10.5 %	10%	10.5% (P)	Green	n/a	

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	KS4							
NI 1702	Reduce the under 18 conception rate per 1,000 15-17 year olds	44.9 (Lower is Better)	44.9	44.9	34.3 (E)	Over Performing	n/a	The Wirral Teenage Pregnancy Steering Group continues to implement the Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan with a targeted approach. Plans include implementing a dedicated vulnerable young women's worker (through secondment agreement with the LA) to work with those young women most at risk of becoming pregnant and targeting those wards with the highest number of conceptions recorded.
LOCAL 7031	Percentage of under-age sales of alcohol during test purchase exercises	15% (Lower is Better)	15%	0%	0% (A)	Green	