

Appendix 1

Wirral Plan Children and Families Committee 2017-18 Quarter 4 Reports



Children are ready for school

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

Whilst the analysis of trends in this report indicates a downturn in several areas, for most the drop is slight and does not represent significant change. However, there are two areas which will require more intensive focus over the coming months: the % of women booked to access professional maternity services on or before 12+6 weeks gestation and achievement of a Good Level of Development for disadvantaged children (this includes those eligible for Free School Meals and those who are looked after children).

As described in the report below, changes to the booking pathway for pregnant women have had an impact in the timeliness of this function. As part of the national drive to deliver booking appointments in community venues, services in Wirral have been moving to new venues, which is proving to be better for women and their families. There have however been issues with the IT system for bookings which were appropriately escalated to senior leaders and are being resolved. Where a community venue is well established, such as in Seacombe, performance against this target is 100%. It is our ambition to achieve this performance across Wirral.

With regards to achievement of Good Levels of Development for disadvantaged children, the recent refresh of the pledge provided an opportunity to review our collaborative approach to the work plan, and it was agreed that for the remaining 2 years of the Wirral Plan, we will focus our combined efforts on children belonging to a disadvantaged group. Use of the progress tracking tool to monitor the cohort will be important to improving outcomes, as will improving the quality of Personal Education Plans for children looked after, the uptake of the Integrated Review at 2 years, and a focus on the home learning environment to ensure that children taking up funded nursery places are well-supported in their development by parents. Collaborative work across agencies and forming new partnerships with regional and national groups will enable better progress to be made in this area.

In March, a Birthing Suite opened in Seacombe Children's Centre. This is the first of its kind nationally, and marks excellent progress for providing community-based care. Seacombe Children's Centre, through collaboration between Local Authority and Health services, now offers co-ordinated care through pregnancy, childbirth, post-natal care and early years child development. This holistic approach is expected to improve sustained engagement with families and have a positive impact on outcomes for under 5's. We will be monitoring the impact throughout the coming months and years.

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Foundation Stage - % achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	62.8% (2013-14 Acad Year)	England: 70.7% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 67.9% (2016-17 Acad Year)	69.6% (2015-16 Acad Year)					69.4% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	Provisional data for the 2016-17 Academic Year is 69.4%. This is a slight drop in performance from the previous year (69.6%).
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	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)		83.3% (2016-17)	Amber Actual: 81.2% Target: 90.0% (Q1 2017-18)	Amber Actual: 81.6% Target: 90.0% (Q2 2017-18)	Amber Actual: 81.2% Target: 90.0% (Q3 2017-18)	Amber Actual: 76.0% Target: 90.0% (Q4 2017-18)	Amber Actual: 76.0% Target: 90.0% (2017-18)	Worse	This figure is currently provisional. Awaiting finalisation of March data but overall performance has reduced due to changes to booking pathway.
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)		88.1% (2016-17)	92.6% (Apr-Jul 2017)		95.0% (Sep-Dec 2017)	91.6% (Jan-Mar 2018)	91.6% (Jan-Mar 2018)	Worse	Funding data is collected on a termly basis. The current figure of 91.58% is from the Spring headcount and is currently provisional. Families on Universal Credit (UC) are not on the list from the DfE that inform us of families eligible for two year funding, therefore the slight reduction in take up is expected. We are working with partners to try and ensure that the implementation of UC does not have a greater impact, for example health visitors / marketing / Job Centre Plus etc. DfE have assured that families on UC will be on the list in the future, however a date has not yet been confirmed. We are continuing to ensure that families have knowledge of the entitlement and take it up.
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: 20.0% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 18.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)	18.0% (2015-16 Acad Year)					22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	Final data for the 2016-17 Academic Year is 22.0%. This shows an increase in the gap of 4% from the previous year (18%).
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)	22.90% (2015-16)					25.60% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	2016/17 results published in October 2017. Although this shows an increase from the previous year, guidance for interpreting the data suggests that figures should be analysed as a 5 year average to avoid natural variation. The 5 year rolling average for Wirral is still below the North West average. Further analysis is underway to understand the distribution across Wirral.
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: 83.5% (Q2 2017/18) North West: 87.8% (Q2 2017/18)	84.9% (2016-17)	Amber Actual: 82.0% Target: 90.0% (Q1 2017-18)	Amber Actual: 84.0% Target: 90.0% (Q2 2017-18)	Green Actual: 86.0% Target: 90.0% (Q3 2017-18)			Better	Figures not yet released but submitted to NHS England. Quarter 3 2017/18 latest performance available. The latest quarter shows an improvement in performance from Quarter 2 2017/18.
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: 74.9% (Q2 2017/18) North West: 83.4% (Q2 2017/18)	75.9% (2016-17)	Green Actual: 86.0% Target: 85.0% (Q1 2017-18)	Green Actual: 83.0% Target: 85.0% (Q2 2017-18)	Green Actual: 87.0% Target: 85.0% (Q3 2017-18)			Better	Figures not yet released but submitted to NHS England. Quarter 3 2017/18 latest performance available. The latest quarter shows an improvement in performance from Quarter 2 2017/18.

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Percentage of children who received a 2-2½ year Health Visitor review	Quarterly Higher is better	73.0% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 75.6% (Q2 2017/18) North West: 84.2% (Q2 2017/18)	76.7% (2016-17)	Green Actual: 82.0% Target: 85.0% (Q1 2017-18)	Green Actual: 81.0% Target: 85.0% (Q2 2017-18)	Green Actual: 81.0% Target: 85.0% (Q3 2017-18)			Same	Figures not yet released but submitted to NHS England. Quarter 3 2017/18 latest performance available. The performance has remained static when compared to quarter 2's 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)	158.6 (2015-16)					143.7 (2016-17)	Better	Latest data is for 2016-17 which became available in 2017-18.
Percentage of early years childcare providers rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	78.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 94.0% (Dec 2017) North West: 91.0% (Dec 2017)	90.0% (Dec 2016)		89.0% (Aug 2017)	91.0% (Dec 2017)		91.0% (Dec 2017)	Better	The latest data available from Ofsted DataView is as at 31 Dec 2017 (91.0%). This shows a 13% 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. Wirral's figure is equal to the regional North West figure, and is only slightly below the national figure of 93%.
Foundation Stage - % of children who are looked after achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)		52.6% (2015-16 Acad Year)					47.8% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	Provisional data for the 2016-17 Academic Year is 47.8%. This is reduction of 4.8% from the previous year (52.6%), however with a larger cohort more Children Looked After attained a good level of development (12) than in the previous year.

Young people are ready for work and adulthood

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

There have been some really good successes during 2017/18. The Locality model of school to school support has been further developed. Senior HMI have endorsed this model providing bespoke training for the headteachers involved in the process. There is more cross school support and collaboration than ever.

The new format of the Personal Education Plans (PEPs) has resulted in a clearly documented journey for each child who is looked after. Training has been provided to improve the quality of PEPs so that the targets focus on outcomes which will improve children's resilience, mental health and behaviour as well as academic progress and attainment. Quality assurance processes have ensured that every effort is made to continually improve the plans.

Persistent absence (attendance of 90% or less) remains stubbornly high with some schools focusing relentlessly on improving attendance. The percentage of free school meal pupils who are persistently absent is higher than the national average so there is more work to do.

The following case study exemplifies the impact of the Advice Line:

The biggest users of the Advice line are parents, followed by school staff. A mother contacted the Advice line due to concerns about her son's low mood and anger issues. Following an anger outburst he would make statements such as 'I wish I was dead' and 'everybody hated him'. Whilst the son had always struggled to manage his emotions, this had exacerbated following the separation of his parents and his dad had recently had another baby. It was agreed that the Primary Mental Health Link worker for the boy's school would liaise his school regarding low level support that could be put in place for him. The Primary Mental Health link worker subsequently met with the schools emotional well-being worker and discussed the school conducting some work around emotional labelling, to help the boy recognise the early signs of anger. Resources were provided to the school and to parents. Both school and family were advised that they could contact the advice line if they required any more advice or support. There was no further action for CAMHS and to date, there has not been any further contact via the advice line.

Here is a case study to exemplify good practice supporting vulnerable young people into employment and training:

An Employability Coach in the 14-19 service, started supporting a Year 11 student who was living in a women's refuge with her mother and 4 younger sisters and had a very disruptive home life. She was supported in looking at various colleges and courses as she wanted to work with vulnerable children or older people in a care work environment. She started a Health and Social Care course but found it overwhelming and left within the first half term.

At this time the Get Real Programme, an Employability Programme aimed at supporting Care Leavers and Children Looked After into education, employment or training started. This young person was identified as perfect candidate. She needed to build on her confidence, employability and interpersonal skills, and careers guidance support to help her figure out what she wanted to do next. A compulsory part of the programme was a two night residential at Brathay Hall in the Lake District. With a lot of encouragement she attended the residential. This was a real turning point. She showed fantastic teamwork and leadership skills, and really pushed herself. She completed a 4 week Internship at Leverhulme Hall and was immediately signed up on a 12 month Intermediate Labour Market Programme (ILM). This programme offers support to employers to employ young people who are making their first steps into the world of work, allowing them time to develop skills and behaviours to be successful in the workplace. The young person made excellent progress including winning an employee of the month award. When the ILM programme came to an end the employer decided to train her through an Apprenticeship. The 14-19 team were able to support the employer to do this through the Wirral Apprentice Programme, aimed at supporting local business to invest in apprentices. She is still there now. Over the last two years this young person has transitioned from being a school leaver lacking confidence, having anxiety and low self esteem to a young adult who has a real belief in her future being positive and successful.

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Percentage of schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	84.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 89.0% (Dec 2017) North West: 85.0% (Dec 2017)	90.0% (Mar 2017)		Amber Actual: 90.0% Target: 100.0% (Aug 2017)	Amber Actual: 89.0% Target: 100.0% (Dec 2017)		Amber Actual: 89.0% Target: 100.0% (Dec 2017)	Worse	The latest data available from Ofsted DataView is as at 31 December 2017. This shows a 5% improvement since the start of the Wirral Plan. This is a 1% decrease since the figure as at 31 August 2017, but compares favourably to national performance of 89%.
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% (2016-17)	7.0% (Jun 2017)		4.7% (Dec 2017)	5.8% (Mar 2018)	5.3% (2017-18)	Same	The figure for March 2018 was 5.8% (3.6 NEET and 2.2 'not known'). The year-end figure for Wirral was 5.3%, which is equal to the same period last year (2016-17). This figure is favourable when compared to local Liverpool City Region statistical neighbours, Sefton Council, where the rate was 5.2. This figure was similar to the national figure of 5.6%, but significantly lower than the 6.3% figure for the Northwest region.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	Trend	Comment
Progress 8 Score for Wirral	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	North West: -0.14 (2016-17 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: -0.21 (2016-17 Acad Year)	-0.04 (2015-16 Acad Year)					0.01 (2016-17 Acad Year)	Better	The Progress 8 score for Wirral is 0.01. The average P8 score is 0, Wirral is slightly above the average. Wirral's P8 score is better than the North West and 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)	27.0% (2015-16 Acad Year)					22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Better	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 was 22%. This is a 2% improvement compared to the previous year (27% in 2015-16).
The percentage of children in good or better schools as rated by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	81.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 87.0% (Dec 2017) North West: 85.0% (Dec 2017)	90.0% (Mar 2017)			89.0% (Aug 2017)	88.0% (Dec 2017)	88.0% (Dec 2017)	Worse	The latest data available from Ofsted DataView is as at 31 December 2017. This shows an 7% improvement since the start of the Wirral Plan.
Reduction in use of medication for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) - Number of items prescribed, rate per 10,000	Quarterly Lower is better	1.55 (Q4 2014-15)								n/a	Latest update is for Q3 2016-17 (1.80). The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is currently unable to provide updated data.

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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)	0.75 (2015-16 Acad Year)					0.60 (2016-17 Acad Year)	Better	The gap in progress between disadvantaged pupils and their peers at Key Stage 4 is 0.60 (this figure is -0.38 for disadvantaged pupils, and 0.22 for their peers). This is a reduction of 0.25 in the gap since 2015-16, which is in line with the reduced gap regionally. The national gap has increased. Wirral's gap of 0.60 is in line with the national gap of 0.66, however it is not as good as the regional figure of 0.43. Wirral's disadvantaged pupils are performing better than those nationally (-0.40) and regionally (-0.55). Likewise, Wirral's non-disadvantaged pupils are performing better than those nationally (0.11) and regionally (0.03).
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)	0.86 (2015-16 Acad Year)					1.21 (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	The latest 2016-17 figure shows that the gap in progress between pupils with a SEN Statement/EHCP and their peers at KS4 is 1.21 (this figure was -1.08 for pupils with SEN Statement/EHCP and 0.13 for their peers). This is an increase in the gap since 2015-16. Wirral's gap is in line with the national figure of 1.11. The latest figures show that Wirral's children without a SEN Statement/EHCP are performing better than those regionally (-0.06). Wirral's children with a SEN Statement/EHCP are performing in line with those regionally and nationally.
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)	12.50 (2015-16 Acad Year)					13.10 (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	Latest published performance is for 2016-2017 and shows an increase in the percentage of persistent absence compared to the previous year. This is the same as the figures regionally and nationally, which both saw an increase in the percentage of persistent absence in schools.
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	Latest data is for the 2016-17 academic year and shows that 16.7% of children looked after attained a grade 4 or above in English and Maths at the end of Key Stage 4. This figure is in line with North West (16.8%) and England (17.5%).
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)	-1.52 (2015-16 Acad Year)					-1.17 (2016-17 Acad Year)	Better	This measure monitors the progress for all children who are looked after from Primary School to the end of Key Stage 4. The Progress 8 score for Children Looked After in Wirral was -1.17 in 2016-17 academic year. This is an improvement of since 2015-16, which shows that Wirral is performing better than those nationally and regionally (both of which have seen a decrease in the average Progress 8 score for children looked after).
Reduce the percentage of permanent exclusions in Wirral - primary schools	Annual Lower is better	(2012-13)	England: 0.02% (2015-16 Acad Year) North West: 0.03% (2015-16 Acad Year)	- (2014-15)					- (2015-16 Acad Year)	Same	Latest published performance data is for 2015-16 and became available in September 2017. 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: 0.17% (2015-16 Acad Year) North West: 0.24% (2015-16 Acad Year)	0.12% (2014-15)					0.25% (2015-16 Acad Year)	Worse	Latest published performance data of 0.25% is for 2015-16 and became available in July 2017. This is an increase of 0.13% from previously reported figures. Discussions have taken place with the Regional Schools commissioner regarding the increasing number of permanent exclusions in academies. All exclusions are being closely monitored by the Local Authority (LA) and schools challenged appropriately.
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)	171.9 (2013/14-15/16)					179.2 (2014/15 - 2016/17)	Worse	There has been an increase in the rate of hospital admissions due to substance misuse in young people aged 15-24 years. The most recent figure was 179.2 (2014/15 - 16/17), a 7.3 increase from the previous reporting period (2013/14 - 15/16). England saw a slight decrease in the rate of admissions, from 95.4 in 2013/14 - 15/16 to 89.8 in 2014/15 - 16/17. The North West also saw a slight decrease in the rate of admissions, from 139.6 in 2013/14 - 15/16 to 131.0 in 2014/15 - 16/17. This local increase is being examined closely by Public Health and partners, and possible causes are being investigated, including an understanding of the age breakdown as this data includes young adults up to 24 years of age.
Under 18 conceptions - rate per 1,000	Annual Lower is better	33.7 (2013)	England: 18.8 (2016) North West: 22.3 (2016)	25.7 (2015)					26.2 (2016)	Worse	Under 18 conception rate was 24.8 (December 2016), this is a slight decrease on the previous quarter (26.9, Sept 2016). The rolling annual rate for 2016-17 is 26.2, which is higher than the North West rate, but lower than both Liverpool and Knowsley.

Vulnerable children reach their full potential

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

There has been a range of activity ongoing this quarter to support the Vulnerable Children pledge.

The MASH has been reviewed and recommendations have been fully implemented to launch an Integrated Front Door (IFD). The Ofsted March 2018 monitoring visit found the IFD to be coherent and effective.

Wirral continues to support a large population of children looked after, the rate having risen for a substantial period of time and is in excess of 100 higher than was the case at the start of the previous fiscal year. High levels of admissions coupled with lower levels of discharges are the primary causes for our increases in numbers. One of the key reasons for increases in children becoming looked after has been an increased focus on improved safeguarding practice and a number of legacy cases where the department has now taken legal proceedings.

Senior officers are working to ensure key strategies are put in place a) to provide support aimed at preventing admissions to care b) ensuring that children only remain in care for as long as necessary, and that timely reunification to birth families or extended family members is achieved. Targets have been set to safely reduce the number of looked after children in Wirral. January and February saw the first reduction in the number of CLA however there has been a rise in the last month of the year.

The Adolescent Support Team, Response, Family Group Conferencing and Targeted Youth Support have been reviewed and consultation with staff has been completed. The realigned services will come into operation on 1st May 2018. This new offer will include a dedicated adolescent edge of care team. A multi-agency edge of care panel has been established to ensure children and young people who are at the edge of care or edging towards care receive the most appropriate timely support.

An Early Help Social Worker has been allocated to every school in Wirral. Schools are now receiving regular support to ensure there is a co-ordinated approach to supporting all children in need of additional help.

The current position of accommodation within the borough has been reviewed and this has identified the need for a comprehensive Sufficiency Strategy which is currently in the process of being drafted.

The take-up of 2 year old offer by eligible families as identified by Department of Work and Pensions has slightly decreased since the last quarter and is now 91.6% take up, however there has been an overall increase of 3.5% since quarter 1.

The Regional Adoption Agency "Adoption in Merseyside" is now operational. This has resulted in closer partnership working across the Liverpool City Region with improved intelligence and understanding of need and the market position.

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Rate of Looked After Children per 10,000	Monthly Lower is better	99.3 (2014-15)	England: 62.0 (2016-17) North West: 86.0 (2016-17) Statistical Neighbours: 92.3 (2016-17)	113.0 (2016-17)	115.0 (Jun 2017)	120.9 (Sep 2017)	124.4 (Dec 2017)	125.6 (Mar 2018)	125.6 (P) (2017-18)	Worse	Wirral continues to support a large population of children looked after, the rate having risen for a substantial period of time and is in excess of 100 higher than was the case at the start of the previous fiscal year. High levels of admissions coupled with lower levels of discharges are the primary causes for our increases in numbers. One of the key reasons for increases in children becoming looked after has been an increased focus on improved safeguarding practice and a number of legacy cases where the department has now taken legal proceedings. A workgroup of senior officers is working to ensure key strategies are put in place a) to provide support aimed at preventing admissions to care b) ensuring that children only remain in care for as long as necessary, and that timely reunification to birth families or extended family members is achieved. Targets have been set to safely reduce the number of looked after children in Wirral. January and February saw the first reduction in the number of CLA however there has been a rise in the last month of 2017/18.
Children in Need rate per 10,000 0-17 population	Monthly Lower is better	426.3 (2014-15)	England: 330.4 (2016-17) North West: 372.3 (2016-17) Statistical Neighbours: 419.0 (2016-17)	423.2 (2016-17)	400.9 (Jun 2017)	393.5 (Sep 2017)	371.3 (Dec 2017)	397.9 (Mar 2018)	397.9 (P) (2017-18)	Worse	The CiN rate has risen since January 2018 following 5 consecutive months reducing, albeit below that of our statistical neighbour group. The year end rate is slightly higher than it was in March 2017, and is in-line with statistical neighbours. However, it is rated as amber due to the need to review the link between CiN/CP Plan numbers and CLA. The CiN rate is now more inline with the target range and below that of our statistical neighbour group. It is worth noting that is inline with that of the most recent comparator data for the North West Region. This will need to be set against the falling number of CP Plans and the number of children looked after. A review is underway of children on long-term CiN plans i.e. 9 months and over, to ensure that they are receiving the right levels of support.
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: 43.3 (2016-17) North West: 54.1 (2016-17) Statistical Neighbours: 53.8 (2016-17)	55.7 (2016-17)	57.6 (Jun 2017)	50.2 (Sep 2017)	43.4 (Dec 2017)	39.3 (Mar 2018)	39.3 (P) (2017-18)	Better	There has been a significant reduction in the CPP rate over the last 12 months. Whilst there have been slight variations from month to month there has been a significant downward trend, with end of year figures lower than the rate for March 2016. The rate was just within +1 standard deviation of the 2015-2016 statistical neighbour group average. A review of decision making at the point of consultation and where a conference has been held and a Protection Plan has not been put in place has been undertaken. The review has not highlighted any concerns with regards to decision making and therefore is not felt to be a contributory factor to the decline in figures. The decline in CPP needs to be considered alongside the increased numbers of children looked after.

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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)		88.1% (2016-17)	92.6% (Apr-Jul 2017)		95.0% (Sep-Dec 2017)	91.6% (Jan-Mar 2018)	91.6% (Jan-Mar 2018)	Worse	Funding data is collected on a termly basis. The current figure of 91.58% is from the Spring headcount and is currently provisional. Families on Universal Credit (UC) are not on the list from the DfE that inform us of families eligible for two year funding, therefore the slight reduction in take up is expected. We are working with partners to try and ensure that the implementation of UC does not have a greater impact, for example health visitors / marketing / Job Centre Plus etc. DfE have assured that families on UC will be on the list in the future, however a date has not yet been confirmed. We are continuing to ensure that families have knowledge of the entitlement and take it up.
Foundation Stage - % of children who are looked after achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)		52.6% (2015-16 Acad Year)					47.8% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	Provisional data for the 2016-17 Academic Year is 47.8%. This is reduction of 4.8% from the previous year (52.6%), however with a larger cohort more Children Looked After attained a good level of development (12) than in the previous year.
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% (2016-17) North West: 21.70% (2016-17) Statistical Neighbours: 19.20% (2016-17)	21.00% (2016-17)	17.80% (Apr-Jun 2017)	16.00% (Apr-Sept 2017)	18.40% (Apr-Dec 2017)	18.70% (Apr 2017 - Mar 2018)	18.70% (P) (Apr 2017 - Mar 2018)	Worse	The 2016-2017 year-end repeat Referral rate was the lowest for three years and was well within the range of our statistical neighbours. The rate fell further in the first part of the year but has increased since and is similar to the most recently available statistical neighbour value. Children who have been the subject of a Repeat Referral represent a diminishing proportion of all Referrals. This is good, although the converse interpretation of performance is that approximately a sixth of all children whose Referral ends become the subject of a further one within a year.
Number of Team Around Family episodes closed with needs met	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)			343 (Apr-Jun 2017)	350 (Jul-Sept 2017)	428 (Oct-Dec 2017)	271 (Jan - Mar 2018)	1,392 (2017-18)	n/a	This is a new measure, the end of year figure will be used as a baseline for 2018-19 trend. Performance is reported for the number of individual cases by children and not by family. This is consistent with other reporting measures within the Local Authority. As part of the process for collating YE figures the data has been quality assured. This QA has amended the quarterly figures, as the data is snapshot data and only as accurate as the day the report was run.
Children's Centre's sustained contact with priority groups in early years	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)			54.91% (Jul 2016 - Jun 2017)	57.80% (Oct 2016 - Sept 2017)	63.83% (Jan-Dec 2017)	65.18% (Apr 2017 - Mar 2018)	65.18% (2017-18)	Better	The performance in quarter 4 is 65.18% based on sustained contact between April 2017 and March 2018. This shows a 1.35% increase from the previous reporting period.

Reduce child and family poverty

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

The Improving Life Chances (ILC) Steering Group has continued to work to tackle child poverty collectively in Wirral and build on the positive initiatives established in the community pilot areas.

There has been significant progress in Seacombe during the last quarter. The Improving Life Chances pilot has set up a new brand called 'Seacombe Lives'. A door knock was delivered in February 2018 by residents and key stakeholders in the area, including Merseyside Police, Connectors, and Wirral Environmental Network. Wirral Environmental Network made soup and sandwiches at the community catch-up in Seacombe library. The library has agreed for the 'Seacombe Lives' project to use their space as a community hub for 2 days per week. This is a significant step forward for the 'Seacombe Lives' project because there has been a request for community space in the area. 'Seacombe Lives' used its February door knock to ask residents to get involved in volunteering in the area. They now have a database of volunteers who will get involved in clean-ups, litter picks and in bloom.

An evaluation of the ILC community pilots has been completed and the findings presented to the Steering Group in February. The discussion concluded that the pilot areas have been successful in community engagement and increasing volunteering, however, the impact on actual child poverty has been limited beyond tackling the immediate impact of poverty. Therefore, it was agreed that an alternative approach needed to be developed to tackle child poverty. There is clear evidence that reducing worklessness and improving the skills and opportunities for parents and young people is critical in linking economic growth and poverty reduction which clearly link to the Growth pledge as an example. It was proposed and agreed at the Steering Group Meeting that it would be more effective to have child poverty as a strand running through appropriate pledge areas and for a 'champion' to be identified within those pledges to ensure that actions within other pledges seeks to address child poverty. It was also agreed that in order to sustain the efforts that have gone in to establishing the pilots that they should be transitioned into the Wirral Together community engagement and volunteering strategy. The Steering Group will continue to meet to ensure that progress is made within the alternative pledge areas.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	Trend (See Key)	Comment
The Proportion of children in low income families	Annual Lower is better	21.5% (Aug 2013)	England: 16.6% (Aug 2015) North West: 18.5% (Aug 2015)	23.3% (Aug 2014)					19.9% (Aug 2015)	Better	The latest update available is a snapshot as at 31st August 2015. This was published in February 2018 due to a two year time lag. Further updates will be reported when they become available.
Increase the employment rate in Wirral	Quarterly Higher is better	66.7 (2014-15)	England: 78.4 (Jan 2017 - Dec 2017) North West: 76.5 (Jan 2017 - Dec 2017)	69.7 (Apr 2015 - Mar 2016)	70.8 (Apr 2016 - Mar 2017)	71.3 (Jul 2016 - Jun 2017)	71.2 (Oct 2016 - Sept 2017)	72.6 (Jan 17-Dec 17)	72.6 (Jan 17-Dec 17)	Better	Wirral's employment rate this quarter is 72.6% this is the highest recorded figure since reporting started in 2004. Wirral has increased by 1.4% this quarter which is more than triple the regional and national average. This has resulted in Wirral narrowing the gap with the NW to just 0.4% for the first time since September 2015.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	Trend	Comment
Percentage of smokefree pledges that are still active with those people who have been smokefree for 6 months in Community Pilot areas	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)								n/a	'A Better Life' (ABL) has changed their service offer and each client is required to sign up to a smokefree pledge when joining the service. This approach ensures that the client is able to decrease the dangers of second and third hand smoke within their home and maximise their chances of remaining smokefree. In 2016/2017 500 people were still smokefree at 6 months and had signed up to a smokefree pledge. Using this as a proxy indicator against the number of people who have set a quit date in 2017/2018, it can be estimated that 700 people will still be smokefree at 6 months each with a smokefree pledge.
Take up of the 2-2½ year Health Visitor child development reviews in the Community Pilot areas	Quarterly Higher is better	65.6% (Q1 2015-16)	Wirral: 76.7% (2016-17)	70.5% (2016-17)	84.0% (Q1 2017-18)	83.1% (Q2 2017-18)	77.6% (Q3 2017-18)			Worse	Quarter 3 2017/18 latest figure available. Performance has been improving steadily over the last 12 months but the latest quarter has shown a decrease in performance (83.1% in q2). Anecdotal feedback from parents has also indicated that parents were not prioritising the reviews in December. It has also been suggested that this decrease may be due to the pressure on the service in delivering the flu immunisation programme. The service is working to get uptake of the reviews back up to the previous level and developing plans to ensure that this dip is not repeated in q3 next year.
Increase number of organisations signed up to Wirral Credit Union	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)		21 (2016-17)					24 (Apr 2016 - Mar 2018)	Better	2 new companies signed up to our payroll deduction scheme in Q4: Autism Together and Wirral Women's & Children's Aid.

People with disabilities live independent lives

Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

It's pleasing to see that the health related quality of life for people with long term conditions has improved for our residents since March 2016. Wirral is closing the gap on the average across the country.

The Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled measure from the Office for National Statistics has increased from 37.5% since the start of the plan to 44.1% and has remained the same over the course of this year. Work continues to attempt to increase this figure further which falls short of national and north west averages. Wirral Metropolitan College's Supported Internship Programme has now successfully supported 25 people with a Learning Disability into full time employment and uptake is increasing and The Institute of Leadership and Management scheme supported 24 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities young people. A conference is planned in May with the Department of Work and Pensions to engage local businesses to support more disabled people to employment.

36 Small to Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) employers across Wirral are Disability Confident accredited; 22 at Level 1, 12 at Level 2 and one at Level 3. Plans are in place to include Disability Confident as part of Wirral Council's new Supplier / Contractor code of practice. The Council became a Disability Confident Employer in July 2017 (Level 2).

It's really positive to see that the number of disabled people in receipt of personal budgets has increased from 669 to 808 people this year. A key driver of this was the introduction of pre-payment cards.

Adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation has decreased slightly this year from 84.0% to 82.71% however Wirral is above the latest National average of 75.4%. A number of sites are being considered for Extra Care housing which if progressed would see 300 units developed and there has been an increase in Extra Care schemes throughout the borough. A Liverpool City region coordinated return has been completed and submitted to Government in relation to them announcing a supported housing assessment plan will be required as part of the new funding model.

The proportion of people who are feeling supported to manage their condition is 67.2% for the period January 2017 - March 2017. Whilst this has reduced from 68% the previous year it's higher that 66.7% at the start of the plan and also higher than the National average of 64%. The implementation date of the All Age Disability and Mental Health service has been reviewed to allow for further service modelling and a report to be submitted to the Council's Cabinet in July 2018 will include the full details of the proposal with an expected date of completion of the 19th August 2018. The Council are working collaboratively with Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership Trust over the arrangements. The service will lead to improved quality and consistency of service provision and reduce service barriers related to age and eligibility.

Additionally as a result of reviewing other authorities models of travel training provision and considering what Wirral residents' need a decision has been made to develop an all age travel training service.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	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)	0.695 (July 2015 - Mar 2016)					0.700 (Jan-Mar 2017)	Better	Health-related quality of life for people with long-term conditions improved to 0.700 from 0.695 the previous year but falls short of the average for the rest of England (0.737). For the 2016/17 reporting period, the timing of the GP Patient Survey (GPPS) fieldwork has changed. Historically two waves have been run, one wave between July and September one year, and the next wave between January and March the following year. The 2016/17 GPPS survey condensed these two fieldwork periods into a single period between January and March. They have maintained the overall sample size of the survey.
Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled	Quarterly Higher is better	37.5% (Jul 2014 - Jun 2015)	England: 52.9% (Jul 2016 - Jun 2017) North West: 47.9% (Jul 2016 - Jun 2017)	44.0% (Jan-Dec 2016)	43.1% (Apr 2016 - Mar 2017)	42.2% (Jul 2016 - Jun 2017)	45.3% (Oct 2016 - Sep 2017)	44.1% (Jan - Dec 2017)	44.1% (Jan - Dec 2017)	Better	The Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled measure from the Office for National Statistics has increased since the start of the plan but remained the same over the course of the year.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	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)	0.86 (2015-16 Acad Year)					1.21 (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	The latest 2016-17 figure shows that the gap in progress between pupils with a SEN Statement/EHCP and their peers at KS4 is 1.21 (this figure was -1.08 for pupils with SEN Statement/EHCP and 0.13 for their peers). This is an increase in the gap since 2015-16. Wirral's gap is in line with the national figure of 1.11. The latest figures show that Wirral's children without a SEN Statement/EHCP are performing better than those regionally (-0.06). Wirral's children with a SEN Statement/EHCP are performing in line with those regionally and nationally.
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: 64.0% (Jan-Mar 2017)	68.0% (Jul 2015 - Mar 2016)					67.2% (Jan-Mar 2017)	Worse	The proportion of people who are feeling supported to manage their condition is 67.2% for the period January 2017 - March 2017. Whilst this has reduced from 68% the previous year it's higher that 66.7% at the start of the plan and also higher than the National average of 64%. For the 2016/17 reporting period, the timing of the GP Patient Survey (GPPS) fieldwork has changed. Historically two waves have been run, one wave between July and September one year, and the next wave between January and March the following year. The 2016/17 GPPS survey condensed these two fieldwork periods into a single period between January and March. They have maintained the overall sample size of the survey.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	Trend	Comment
The number of disabled people in receipt of personal budgets (including Direct Payments and Personal Health Budgets)	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		669 (2016-17)	863 (Q1 2017-18)	852 (Q2 2017-18)	824 (Q3 2017-18)	808 (Q4 2017-18)	808 (2017-18)	Better	More people are in receipt of personal budgets this year mainly due to the introduction of prepayment cards. 605 adults were reported by the Department of Adult Social Services to be in receipt of personal budgets (which is down from 621 last quarter). 203 young people were in receipt of personal budgets which includes 192 direct payments, 3 Education, Health and Care Plan and 8 personal budgets. (the same as last quarter).
Adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)	England: 75.4% (2015-16) North West: 85.6% (Q3 2017-18)	84.0% (2016-17)	83.7% (Q1 2017-18)	84.1% (Q2 2017-18)	84.0% (Q3 2017-18)	82.7% (Q4 2017-18)	82.7% (2017-18)	Worse	Ensuring people with disabilities have stable and appropriate accommodation improves their safety, increases their independence and reduces their risk of social exclusion. The year end figure of 82.71%, is ahead of the National average but slightly down from the start of the year and is behind the latest available North West averages. 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

During 2017/18 significant progress has been made around our key priorities and a number of impressive outcomes have been achieved. An overview of these key achievements is provided below.

Key achievements by end of Quarter 4 include:

- 14 Peer Mentors have been recruited since January 2018 with a further 15 participants attended training in April. From April 2018, both Seacombe and Brassie Street Childrens Centres will be used for Peer Mentor outreach. We are also working with Wirral Ways to Recovery trialling a peer mentor at a hub where male victims present. To support this work the Peer mentor programme has been funded until March 2020.
- Very pleasing to announce that funding for an Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA) has been approved by Wirral University Teaching Hospital. This will allow for domestic abuse victims who present themselves to have immediate access to professional support through an IDVA

There are a number of risk and challenges which the board are proactively addressing, these include:

- There has been limited progress delivering programme of interventions across domestic abuse services through joint commissioning approach. We will be look to address this in 2018-19.
- Mapping of domestic abuse service provision in Wirral to ensure that effective services are commissioned will be carried out in 2018-19.
- In 2018-19 an independent review of the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Cohort will be commissioned and will be reported to the Domestic Abuse Committee and Safer Wirral Partnership Board.

Following a successful workshop in February, the Domestic Abuse Alliance agreed next years priorities and work programme which is set out in the 2018-19 action plan.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Number of domestic abuse Wirral MARAC cases per 10,000 adult females	Quarterly Higher is better	54.0 (2014-15)	Most Similar Force Group: 44.0 (2016-17) National: 35.0 (2016-17)	51.7 (2016-17)	Green Actual: 13.3 Target: 13.0 (Apr-Jun 2017)	Green Actual: 27.3 Target: 27.0 (Apr-Sept 2017)	Green Actual: 37.7 Target: 36.0 (Apr-Dec 2017)	Green Actual: 52.3 Target: 52.0 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Green Actual: 52.3 Target: 52.0 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Better	The number of domestic abuse Wirral MARAC cases between April 2017-March 2018 was 717 which was higher than the same period last year (709). This is further evidence to support that our zero tolerance campaign is resonating with the public leading to increased referrals.
Children and young people experience domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly Higher is better	1,289 (2014-15)		1,211 (2016-17)	355 (Apr-Jun 2017)	727 (Apr-Sept 2017)	936 (Apr-Dec 2017)	1,302 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	1,302 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Better	This is a 7.5% increase on the same period last year (1,211). We have invested in training front line staff to identify signs and symptoms of domestic abuse and this increase in reporting would seem to evidence that this training is effective.
Percentage of incidents of repeat domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly Lower is better	16.0% (2014-2015)	Most Similar Force Group: 31.0% (2016-17) National: 26.0% (2016-17)	28.0% (2016-17)	Green Actual: 31.1% Target: 25.0% (Jul 2016 - Jun 2017)	Green Actual: 29.3% Target: 25.0% (Oct 2016 - Sept 2017)	Green Actual: 28.5% Target: 25.0% (Jan-Dec 2017)	Green Actual: 28.3% Target: 25.0% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Green Actual: 28.3% Target: 25.0% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Worse	There were 717 MARAC cases from April 2017 to March 2018 of which 203 were repeat incidents (28.3%). This is similar to the previous period when there were 28.5% of incidents of repeat domestic abuse. We are monitoring this statistic which represent those high risk repeat perpetrators to ensure that the effective risk control measures plus the prevention/behaviour change programmes are effective.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2016-17	2017-18 Q1	2017-18 Q2	2017-18 Q3	2017-18 Q4	Year End 2017-18	Trend	Comment
Number of Domestic Abuse cases referred to the Family Safety Unit (FSU)	Quarterly Higher is better	949 (2014-15)		1,092 (2016-17)	221 (Apr-Jun 2017)	462 (Apr-Sept 2017)	682 (Apr-Dec 2017)	916 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	916 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Worse	Between April 2017 to March 2018, the number of domestic abuse referrals made to the FSU was 916 which is a reduction of 16% when compared to the same period last year (1,092). 2017-18 has seen the lowest number of referrals overall and lowest monthly average over the past 3 years (928 for year, average of 77 per month). Work is underway across the Zero Tolerance to Domestic Abuse pledge to ensure that all domestic abuse cases are reported and agencies are able to respond appropriately.
% of children and Young People single assessments authorised with Domestic Violence (DV) related factors	Quarterly Lower is better	(n/a)		36.7% (2016-17)	35.5% (Apr-Jun 2017)	33.8% (Apr-Sept 2017)	34.3% (Apr-Dec 2017)	33.3% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	33.3% (P) (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Better	Data is for the period April 2017- March 2018. This shows a reduction from the same period last year (36.7%).
Rate of referrals to social care presenting Domestic Violence issues (adults aged 18+ years) per 100,000	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		12.62 (2016-17)	3.15 (Apr-Jun 2017)	7.49 (Apr-Sept 2017)	16.56 (Apr-Dec 2017)	21.29 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	21.30 (P) (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	Better	Data is for the period April 2017-March 2018. This shows a significant increase from the same period last year (12.62) which is in line with the objective to raise awareness of domestic abuse in the first years to address under reporting.

Report Key

Trend - Performance is shown as Better, Same or Worse compared with the last reporting period except for: Number of domestic abuse Wirral MARAC cases per 10,000 adult females, Children and young people experience domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC Cases), Number of domestic abuse cases referred to the FSU, % 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.