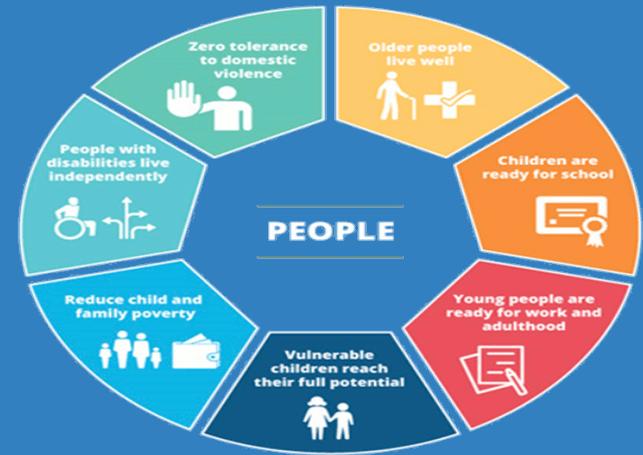


# Appendix 1

## Wirral Plan Children and Families Committee 2018-19 Quarter 4 Reports

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## Children are ready for school

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

The quarter 4 performance reporting shows that 4 measures have improved and are doing better since quarter 3, which includes women booking into maternity services, infants receiving their 6-8-week development check, children receiving their one-year review and children receiving their 2-year review. A successful strategy for these improvements has been realised through strong partnership working between midwifery, 0-19 health visiting teams and children centres through co-location of services and in addition a delivery model of Saturday developmental check clinics, for those parents who could not necessarily engage in week day clinics.

The quarterly report also shows that three measures haven't improved since the last quarter specifically including 2-year old offer, hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children; this can be difficult as attendance is higher for those living close to Arrowe Park Hospital and finally Early Years childcare providers which are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted. In terms of take up of 2-year old offer the 9% (44 children) reduction from last reporting is as a result of the overall eligible cohort having significantly risen, which had pressured capacity for robust targeting. As a result internal processes have been reviewed and quality assured to ensure future maximisation of take up can be realised in this instance.

Overall outcomes at the end of Early Years Foundation stage profile (EYFSP) have improved and moreover the gap closed for those identified as most disadvantaged, by 4%. This is celebrated through the continued commitments by partners with shared aspirations for the children and families in Wirral. In addition continued community awareness of school readiness and building of skills capacity across the early years sector, inclusive of voluntary organisations has resulted in a better co-ordination of early responses to barriers for children who need interventions for school readiness. Finally, the recent Early Years Peer Review (Feb:2019) led by the Local Government Association (LGA) reported positively on the quality of services being strong, staff are committed and highly skilled, leaders are ambitious and give clear direction which is as a demonstration of the GLD being improved.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Foundation Stage - % achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	62.8% (2013-14 Acad Year)	England: 71.5% (2017-18 Acad Year) North West: 68.9% (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: 69.9% (2017-18 Acad Year)	69.4% (2016-17 Acad Year)					70.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	The next provisional figures will become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year.  This is the finalised figure, reported in Q3 and represents very good progress. The % of Foundation stage children now achieving a good level of development has surpassed a milestone (70%) that has been worked towards for the last 3 years, and the progress in this area received favourable comment during the recent Ofsted visit.  In addition to showing an increase upon the 2016-17 Academic year figure of 69.4%, Wirral is also ahead of that of the North West (68.9%). Whilst our figure is 1% below that of England as a whole (71.5%), work is on going to meet and surpass this in the future.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
The percentage of women booked to access professional maternity services on or before 12+6 weeks gestation	Quarterly Higher is better	80.8% (Q3 2014-15)		76.0% (2017-18)	Amber Actual: 89.5% Target: 90.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 78.0% Target: 90.0% (Q2 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 75.0% Target: 90.0% (Q3 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 88.0% Target: 90.0% (Q4 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 88.0% Target: 90.0% (Jan - Mar 2019)	Better	January – March 2019: January = 85% February = 91% March = 87%  Scanning capacity has improved and the compliance against target has improved significantly.
Take up of 2 year old offer by eligible families as identified by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)	Quarterly Higher is better	70.0% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 72.0% (Jan 2018) North West: 83.0% (Jan 2018) Statistical Neighbours: 91.3% (Jan 2018)	91.3% (Jan-Mar 2018)		91.0% (Apr-Jul 2018)	93.1% (Sept-Dec 18)	84.0% (Jan - Mar 2019)		Worse	Based on headcount figure from January 2019 over the DFE eligibility figure for Spring Term.  The early years team receives 7 lists per year of eligible families for two year funding. The lists have always gone up and down as families fall in and out of eligibility. Due to this the early years team have always used the lowest number of eligible families from the lists. However more recently the number of families on the list has increased quite substantially to over 100, and there has been a slight decrease in take up (around 50 families). Anecdotally, families are refusing as they feel their child is too young.  The team will be reviewing the process to promote funding to families and further analysing how the take up is spread across the eligibility criteria, to understand the dip and ensure we can plan for improvement in take up.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving a Good Level of Development in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile	Annual Lower is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)	England: 17.0% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 18.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)	22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)					18.0% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	The next provisional figures will become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. This figure was initially reported in Q3.  This is a 4% reduction on the previously reported academic year and represents very good progress in this area.  Work has continued on the progress tracker to ensure that as many providers as possible are using it to identify those children who need additional support to improve their school readiness.  % of children achieving good level of development in Foundation Stage - Eligible for FSM = 56.00. % of children achieving good level of development in Foundation Stage - Non FSM = 74.00
Percentage of children aged 4-5 classified as overweight or obese	Annual Lower is better	22.40% (2014-15)	England: 22.60% (2016-17) North West: 23.90% (2016-17)	25.60% (2016-17 Acad Year)					25.10% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	2018-19 figures will become available in October 2019. This Figure was first reported in Q3 2018-19.
Percentage of infants who received a 6-8 week Development Check by the time they were 8 weeks	Quarterly Higher is better	84.6% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 84.9% (Q4 2017/18) North West: 87.0% (Q4 2017/18)		Amber Actual: 84.0% Target: 90.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 81.0% Target: 90.0% (Q2 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 82.0% Target: 90.0% (Q3 2018-19)			Better	Provisional Quarter 3 figures for 2018/19. Not yet published but submitted to PHE February 2019.  Performance has improved from Q2 to Q3 by 1%
Percentage of children who received a 12 month Health Visitor review by the time they turned 12 months	Quarterly Higher is better	66.4% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 77.6% (Q4 2017/18) North West: 82.8% (Q4 2017/18)		Amber Actual: 80.0% Target: 85.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 77.0% Target: 85.0% (Q2 2018-19)	Green Actual: 88.0% Target: 85.0% (Q3 2018-19)			Better	Provisional Quarter 3 figures for 2018/19. Not yet published but submitted to PHE February 2019.  Performance has improved from Q2 to Q3 by 11%.  The service is continuing to offer developmental reviews on Saturdays which has been very successful in engaging families where the main care giver works during the week, or the family requires support to attend the appointments.
Percentage of children who received a 2-2½ year Health Visitor review	Quarterly Higher is better	73.0% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 76.4% (Q4 2017/18) North West: 79.9% (Q4 2017/18)		Green Actual: 82.0% Target: 85.0% (Q1 2018-19)	Amber Actual: 79.0% Target: 85.0% (Q2 2018-19)	Green Actual: 85.0% Target: 85.0% (Q3 2018-19)			Better	"Provisional Quarter 3 figures for 2018/19. Not yet published but submitted to PHE February 2019.  performance has improved from Q2 to Q3 by 6%.  The service is continuing to offer developmental reviews on Saturdays which has been very successful in engaging families where the main care giver works during the week, or the family requires support to attend the appointments."
Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in children (aged 0-4 years), rate per 10,000	Annual Lower is better	133.5 (2014-15)	England: 126.3 (2016-17) North West: 184.4 (2016-17)	143.7 (2016-17)					160.6 (2017-18)	Worse	Wirral's rate has been statistically worse than the England's for the past 3 reported years now. The latest reported period shows Wirral's performance decreasing in 2017/18. Wirral remains lower (better) than the North West rate.
Percentage of early years childcare providers rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	78.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 94.0% (Mar 2018) North West: 94.0% (Mar 2018)	91.0% (Dec 2017)	93.0% (Mar 2018)	N/A	97.7% (Dec 2019)	97.6% (Mar 2019)	97.6% (2018-19)	Same	Zero providers in Wirral have been assessed as inadequate, and only 7 providers are below the 'good' or 'better' threshold.  The Early Years Quality Input Team are supporting settings that receive a judgement below good and now offering face to face support to increase the universal offer to all providers. The Team have also extended their target group to include providers that are currently assessed as good, offering pre-inspection support. This is designed to help maintain their standards in between inspections, which is having an impact on the continuing increase in providers rated good or outstanding compared to the Wirral Plan Start figure of 78% in 2015-16.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
Foundation Stage - % of children who are looked after achieving a good level of development	Annual Higher is better	20.0% (2013-14 Acad Year)		47.8% (2016-17 Acad Year)					61.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	The next figures will provisionally become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. This figure was first reported at Q3 2018-19. Please note 'Year end' figures refer to the end of the 2017-18 Academic year. This is an improvement on the provisional figure of 60.0% supplied in Q2. This reflects a very small cohort of children (>15) and therefore can be a volatile figure.

## Young people are ready for work and adulthood

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

In quarter 4, there were 466 substance misuse and 446 alcohol interventions to young people. These interventions took place in a variety of settings including drop in clinic, one to one and targeted group work sessions. During this period substance misuse awareness sessions were also delivered to 2 whole year groups in one specific school where there have been previous issues. Eight secondary schools received bespoke support and guidance when addressing, reviewing or revising the school drug policy. Four schools were supported around a specific drug related incident. There has been a good uptake of staff attending training around substance misuse with 169 professionals attending training events.

Sessions have been delivered to over a hundred parents as part of 'Working Together' The feedback from the parents and carers who attended these events was fantastic and really shows the impact of these events.

A follow up session to the 'Children, young people, families and substance misuse' event held in November to discuss more effective ways of working during the current year, while consultation with young people and key stakeholders is completed.

The Internship programme is being delivered in collaboration with Wirral Met College as the regulated provider of the Wirral ESFA funded internship programme. Currently the college has 26 supported interns registered and is finalising 11 students into paid employment. This figure will increase as further employment opportunities are secured and confirmed over the coming weeks. The programme has delivered 6 additional places against a target of 10 and council officers are speaking to college staff to understand and overcome barriers to delivery.

A multi-agency task and finish group has started work on developing a Wirral wide multi-agency parenting strategy and pathway.. Regular consultation with parents/ carers has ensured that co-production is included in the pathway work.

Work on the neurodevelopmental pathway is continuing, and the early help offer for this pathway is closely linked to the overall parenting strategy. Implementation timescales are currently being worked out as well as capacity and gaps for the new pathway.

Significant work has been undertaken to improve the quality of the PEPs. This includes bespoke visits to schools to train staff. There has been a relentless focus on ensuring looked after children's education targets are aspirational but realistic. Most recent school Ofsted inspections have commented very favourably on the PEPs. The Virtual Headteacher is consulting with headteachers regarding the most effective use of Pupil Premium Plus funding in improving outcomes for looked after children.

At the age of 11 more SEN pupils met the standard for reading and writing and mathematics combined (RWM). However the gap between SEN and non-SEN pupils widened because more non-SEN pupils met the expected standard.

In Reading more SEN pupils met the expected standard, an increase of 5.5% with the gap between all SEN pupils and non-SEN pupils narrowing. The improvement of SEN pupils was greater than non-SEN pupils but the attainment gap remains wide. More SEN pupils with and without EHCP met the expected standard in reading. SEN groups such as those pupils with moderate learning difficulty, physical disability, visual impairment and specific learning difficulty had more pupils achieving the standard.

In writing the gap between all SEN and non-SEN pupils has narrowed. The gap between all pupils and pupils with SEN or an EHCP narrowed. Most SEN groups showed an improvement in writing from 2017 outcomes. There were significant increase for pupils with a hearing impairment and those with a physical disability.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Percentage of schools rated 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	84.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 86.0% (Mar 2018) North West: 88.0% (Mar 2018)	89.0% (Dec 2017)	Red Actual: 86.0% Target: 100.0% (Mar 2018)	Red Actual: 84.0% Target: 100.0% (Aug 2018)	Red Actual: 83.0% Target: 100.0% (Dec 2018)			Worse	The latest data available as at 31st December 2018, and shows a continued decrease since Q1. As of Dec 2018 Wirral is 2% below the England figure, and 3% below that of the North West.
The % of young people aged 16 and 17 who are not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) or categorised as 'not known' - Post Sept 2016	Monthly Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 6.0% (2016-17) North West: 6.7% (2016-17)	5.3% (2017-18)	5.5% (May 2018)	6.4% (Aug 2018)	5.3% (Nov 2018)	5.7% (Mar 2019)	0.0% ( )	Better	3.5% NEET plus 2.2% Not Known = Overall 5.7%  Compared to March 2018 we are reporting a 0.1% improvement in the combined NEET and Not Known figure. The Wirral Ways to Work programme, supporting the most vulnerable to access employment, is continuing to have a positive impact alongside the mainstream education and training offer.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
Progress 8 Score for Wirral	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	North West: -0.17 (2017-18 Acad Year) Statistical Neighbours: -0.30 (2017-18 Acad Year)	0.01 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.03 (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	This is the actual figure, provisionally reported on in Q3 as 0.04.
The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the 'expected standard' in English, reading, English writing and mathematics at the end of key stage 2.	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)	22.0% (2016-17 Acad Year)					23.0% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Worse	Please note 'Year end' figures refer to the end of the 2017-18 Academic year. A slight increase upon the previous academic year, however this figure is in line with England and the North West.
Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
The percentage of children in good or better schools as rated by Ofsted	Quarterly Higher is better	81.0% (Aug 2015)	England: 85.0% (Mar 2018) North West: 84.0% (Mar 2018)	88.0% (Dec 2017)	84.0% (Mar 2018)	84.0% (Aug 2018)	84.0% (Dec 2018)			Same	30% Outstanding, 54% Good (as at 31 Dec 2018)
The gap in progress between disadvantaged pupils and their peers at Key Stage 4	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 0.66 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 0.43 (2016-17 Acad Year)	0.60 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.73 (2017-18 Acad Year)	Worse	This is the confirmed figure for the 2017-18 Acad Year, provisionally reported in Q3 as 0.74
The gap in progress between pupils with a SEN statement/EHCP and their peers at Key Stage 4	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 1.11 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: -1.05 (2016-17 Acad Year)	1.21 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.97 (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	This is the Confirmed 2017-18 Academic Year figure, which is the same as that which was provisionally reported in Q3.
The percentage of persistent absence in Wirral Schools (post 2016)	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 10.8% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 11.1% (2016-17 Acad Year)						13.3% (2017-18 Acad Year)	n/a	These figures represent the absences for the previous academic year. Since then a whole service review has taken place and a restructure of the service is underway. 2017-18 full year figures Wirral Primary PA 11.52% (national 8.7%) Wirral Secondary PA 14.72% (national 13.9%) Wirral Special PA 29.1% (national 29.6%)  Primary Schools PA figures for 2017-18 show an increase of 0.62% (compared to national increase of 0.4%) and a decrease in LA ranking from 145 to 147/152.  Secondary Schools PA figures for 2017-18 show a decrease of 0.48% ( compared to national increase of 0.4%) and an increase in LA ranking from 120 to 94/152.  Special Schools PA figures for 2017-18 show an increase of 1.42% (compared to national increase of 1.1%) and a decrease in LA ranking from 52 to 77/152.
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)					14.3% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Worse	

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
Progress 8 Score for Children Looked After in Wirral	Annual Higher is better	(n/a)	England: -1.18 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: -1.37 (2016-17 Acad Year)	-1.17 (2016-17 Acad Year)					-1.58 (2017-18 Acad Year)	Worse	This is the confirmed figure for the 2017-18 academic year, that was provisionally reported as -1.35 in Q3
Reduce the percentage of permanent exclusions in Wirral - primary schools	Annual Lower is better	(2012-13)	England: 0.03% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 0.03% (2016-17 Acad Year)	0.00% (2015-16 Acad Year)					- (2016-17 Acad Year)	-	The next available data will be available in August 2019, for 2017-18.  Latest Published data is for 2016-17 and became available in August 2018. In accordance with the Department for Education policy on confidentiality, percentages based on 5 pupils or fewer have been suppressed to reduce the risk of disclosing the identities of individuals. This is shown as a dash (-).
Reduce the percentage of permanent exclusions in Wirral - secondary schools	Annual Lower is better	0.11% (2012-13)	England: 0.20% (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: 0.31% (2016-17 Acad Year)	0.25% (2015-16 Acad Year)					0.28% (2016-17 Acad Year)	Worse	The next available data will be available in August 2019, for 2017-18 Academic Year.  Latest published data of 0.28% is for 2016-17 and became available in August 2018. This is an increase of 0.03% from previously reported figures. Permanent Exclusions 2012/13 to Present.  More recent but unpublished figures however reflect an improvement this academic year  2012-13    2013-14    2014-15    2015-16    2016-17    2017-18    2018-19 to date 24            30            26            52            64            40            21  Based on these, Permanent exclusions reduced by 37% last academic year. This was due to a number of strategies implemented effectively such as:- a) Working with secondary school head teachers to determine alternatives to permanently excluding pupils b) Holding head teachers to account for the permanent exclusions c) Reintegrating permanently excluded Key Stage 3 pupils into mainstream secondary schools.
Rate of hospital admissions due to substance misuse in young people (15-24 years) - per 100,000	Annual Lower is better	166.5 (2011/12 - 2013/14)	England: 89.8 (2014/15-16/17) North West: 131.0 (2014/15-16/17)	179.2 (2014/15 - 2016/17)					179.2 (2014/15 - 2016/17)	Same	Directly standardised rate per 100,000 population. The latest figures show that Wirral is significantly higher than England's average. This is in part due to the accuracy of recording locally by comparison to other areas. There is considerable work currently underway to better understand and address local issues underlying these admissions.
Under 18 conceptions - rate per 1,000	Annual Lower is better	33.7 (2013)	England: 18.8 (2016) North West: 22.3 (2016)	25.9 (Sep 2016)					20.5 (Sept 2017)	Better	The most recent figure for the rate of under 18 conceptions was 20.5. For England as a whole, comparing Quarter 3 2017 with Quarter 3 2016, there has been a decline from a rate of 17.7 per 1,000 15-17 year old females (4,012 conceptions) in 2016 to 16.5 (3,684 conceptions) in 2017. In Wirral there has been a decline from 26.9 per 1,000 in 2016 to 14.7 in 2017.

## Vulnerable children reach their full potential

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

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

That numbers are stable and beginning to reduce. Three indicators demonstrating the level of demand for children's social care services number of children looked after, numbers of children in need and numbers of children subject to a child protection plan or all showing that numbers are stable and beginning to reduce. Significant work has been undertaken in the last 12 months to establish a new range of services which are focused on preventing the need for children to require a social care intervention. These new service offers will be live between April and May 2019 and it is hoped that they will then have a significant impact on not only the three key indicators but some of the other indicators that support reducing the number of vulnerable children in Wirral.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Rate of Looked After Children per 10,000	Monthly Lower is better	99.3 (2014-15)	England: 64.0 (2017-18) North West: 91.0 (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 97.0 (2017-18)	125.6 (2017-18)	123.5 (Jun 2018)	124.5 (Sep 2018)	124.1 (Dec 2018)	123.2 (Mar 2019)	123.2 (2018-19)	Better	Children looked after numbers although stable remain high. A more comprehensive report in this area is provided in addition to the performance report at this month's improvement board, looking at the plans to ensure that children are appropriately discharged. Care leavers data remains consistently positive. Completion rates for SDQ and health checks show improved performance on last year.
Children in Need rate per 10,000 0-17 population	Monthly Lower is better	426.3 (2014-15)	England: 341.0 (2017-18) North West: 379.0 (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 423.0 (2017-18)	397.9 (2017-18)	393.6 (Jun 2018)	404.8 (Sep 2018)	398.8 (Dec 2018)	387.1 (Mar 2019)	387.1 (Mar 2019)	Better	The Children in Need (CiN) rate has improved compared to Q3, having reduced by 2.9%. This is a decrease of 9.1% compared to plan start and 2.7% from 2017-18 year end. Wirral's CiN rate remains above that of England and the North West, but is better than that of our Statistical Neighbours.
Rate of children who became the subject of a child protection plan per 10,000 children 0-17 population	Monthly Lower is better	34.5 (2014-15)	England: 45.3 (2017-18) North West: 53.7 (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 50.0 (2017-18)	39.3 (2017-18)	52.0 (Jun 2018)	65.6 (Sep 2018)	68.8 (Dec 2018)	63.8 (Mar 2019)	63.8 (2018-19)	Better	The number of children subject to child protection plans peaked in February and as predicted will begin to fall over the next six months with the reduction beginning in March's figures. This reduction has continued in April, as at 10/4/19, the figure is down to 428. The rise earlier in the year was due to proactive action taken to review the threshold of child in need cases and to ensure those who would benefit from a child protection plan were subject to one. There is now greater confidence that the threshold is right and consistent. The overall percentage of children subject to a plan for the second time at the end of the year remains high. Overall, a high percentage of children in Wirral prior to the last inspection in 2016 did not receive the quality of safe service they required. It is therefore not surprising that these children have again come to Wirral's attention and have required a further period child protection plan. What is pleasing to note is a significant change in the pattern of data in the last quarter. The percentage of the overall children becoming subject to a plan for a second time ever each month is lower than the pattern in previous quarters. Most significantly in the last quarter, no children who have been subject to a plan in the last two years have again become subject to a plan. Thus, suggesting that the improvements in practice in the last two years are now beginning to have a major impact on the safety and well-being of children in Wirral.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
Take up of 2 year old offer by eligible families as identified by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)	Quarterly Higher is better	70.0% (Q1 2015-16)	England: 72.0% (Jan 2018) North West: 83.0% (Jan 2018) Statistical Neighbours: 91.3% (Jan 2018)	91.3% (Jan-Mar 2018)		91.0% (Apr-Jul 2018)	93.1% (Sept-Dec 18)	84.0% (Jan - Mar 2019)		Worse	Based on headcount figure from January 2019 over the DFE eligibility figure for Spring Term.  The early years team receives 7 lists per year of eligible families for two year funding. The lists have always gone up and down as families fall in and out of eligibility. Due to this the early years team have always used the lowest number of eligible families from the lists. However more recently the number of families on the list has increased quite substantially to over 100, and there has been a slight decrease in take up (around 50 families). Anecdotally, families are refusing as they feel their child is too young.  The team will be reviewing the process to promote funding to families and further analysing how the take up is spread across the eligibility criteria, to understand the dip and ensure we can plan for improvement in take 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)		47.8% (2016-17 Acad Year)					61.5% (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	The next figures will provisionally become available in September 2019 for the 2018-19 academic year. This figure was first reported at Q3 2018-19. Please note 'Year end' figures refer to the end of the 2017-18 Academic year. This is an improvement on the provisional figure of 60.0% supplied in Q2. This reflects a very small cohort of children (>15) and therefore can be a volatile figure.
The percentage of referrals to Children's Social Care that are within 12 months of one or more previous referrals.	Monthly Lower is better	22.80% (2014-15)	England: 21.90% (2017-18) North West: 22.30% (2017-18) Statistical Neighbours: 18.00% (2017-18)	18.70% (2017-18)	24.20% (Jun 2018)	24.30% (Sep 2018)	24.30% (Dec 2018)	24.70% (Mar 2019)	24.70% (YE 2018-19)	Worse	% Re-referrals (annualised). Analysis of current practice has told us that we need to do more to sustain children and families in the community and prevent them escalating in a repeating pattern to children social care. To enable this, there has been a large restructuring exercise taking place across our early help in preventative services. The consultation of this exercise closed in December. The plan is to create a much larger preventative service at tier 3, which will be able to support families who require more than the general early help offer, but have not quite yet reached the threshold for children's social care. Being able to provide services at this level will help us 'catch families' before they deteriorate to the point at which children social care and child protection response is the only possibility.
Children's Centre's sustained contact with priority groups in early years	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		65.18% (2017-18)	66.20% (Jul 2017 - Jun 2018)	62.53% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018)	65.01% (Jan 2018 - Dec 2018)	60.81% (Apr 2018 - Mar 2019)	60.81% (YE 2018-19)	Worse	
Percentage of individuals subject to Team Around Family episodes closed with needs met	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)			73.0% (Q1 2018-19)	48.2% (Q2 2018-19)	55.0% (Q3 2018-19)	67.7% (Q4 2018-19)		Better	This excludes any individuals who closed to TAF due to withdrawn consent, disengaged or moved area. Therefore 32.3% of interventions resulted in a referral to children's social care. Early Help tracking was hindered by the disbanding of the Early Help Team administration, resulting in a dip in TAF closure returns. However, Community Matters Early Help team are now supporting tracking of closures but are reliant upon partners ensuring family plans and closure notifications are completed and returned regularly to CM Early Help team.

## People with disabilities live independent lives

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

The Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled measure from the Office for National Statistics increased to its highest level since the Wirral Plan began (49%) in January to December 2018. It's up 4.9 percentage points since the start of the year and 11.5 percentage points since the start of the plan.

28 new employers signed up to be Disability Confident in Q4. 25 at Level 1 and 3 at Level 2. The total number of Wirral employers signed up to Scheme is now 101 which is a huge improvement on the 37 from the start of the year. 9 less adults but 2 more young people were reported to be in receipt of personal budgets since last quarter. 794 people were reported to be in receipt of personal budgets at the end of 2018-19, 159 more people than when we started in 2016-17 (635).

Ensuring people with disabilities have stable and appropriate accommodation improves their safety, increases their independence and reduces their risk of social exclusion. Whilst the percentage of adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation has decreased slightly in Q4 to 84.1% (down from 85% last quarter) it's increased by 1.4 [percentage points since the start of the year. 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.

A total of 440 extra care units should be fully completed (subject to planning) by the end of 2021/22 which, whilst delivering more units than our target is behind schedule due to the impact of the significant delay on the Government decision regarding funding for Extra Care schemes as part of its review of funding for supported housing schemes.

The percentage of annual health checks undertaken has increased to 58%. There is now a specific delivery plan in place with regular communication with GP practices.

The original Travel Training service plan with HCT has unfortunately been cancelled as costs were prohibitive. Working alongside key organisations (mainly Third Sector) a business case for a consortium approach will now be developed.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Health related quality of life for people with long term conditions	Annual Higher is better	0.698 (Jul 2014 - Mar 2015)	England: 0.737 (Jan-Mar 2017)	0.700 (Jan-Mar 2017)						n/a	Health-related quality of life for people with long-term conditions improved to 0.700 in Jan-Mar 2017 compared to 0.695 the previous period but falls short of the average for the rest of England (0.737).  This data is captured by NHS England through the GP Patient Survey and reported as part of the NHS Outcomes Framework.
Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled	Quarterly Higher is better	37.5% (Jul 2014 - Jun 2015)	England: 54.1% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018) North West: 50.4% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018)	44.1% (Jan - Dec 2017)	47.5% (Apr 2017 - Mar 2018)	48.8% (Jul 2017 - Jun 2018)	45.8% (Oct 2017 - Sep 2018)	49.0% (Jan - Dec 2018)	49.0% (Jan - Dec 2018)	Better	The Employment rate aged 16-64 - Equality Act core or Work Limiting Disabled measure from the Office for National Statistics increased to its highest level since the Wirral Plan began (49%) in January to December 2018. It's up 4.9 percentage points since the start of the year and 11.5 percentage points since the start of the plan.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
The gap in progress between pupils with a SEN statement/EHCP and their peers at Key Stage 4	Annual Lower is better	(n/a)	England: 1.11 (2016-17 Acad Year) North West: -1.05 (2016-17 Acad Year)	1.21 (2016-17 Acad Year)					0.97 (2017-18 Acad Year)	Better	This is the Confirmed 2017-18 Academic Year figure, which is the same as that which was provisionally reported in Q3.
Proportion of people with long term conditions who feel supported to manage their condition	Annual Higher is better	66.7% (Jul 2014 - Mar 2015)	England: 59.6% (Jan-Mar 2018)	67.2% (Jan-Mar 2017)					60.1% (Jan- Mar 2018)	Worse	The proportion of people who are feeling supported to manage their condition is 60.1% for the period January 2018 - March 2018. This has reduced from 67.2% the previous year. Whilst this reduction is disappointing it reflects the sentiment across the rest of the country. The national average is 59.6%, down from 64% last year.
The number of disabled people in receipt of personal budgets (including Direct Payments and Personal Health Budgets)	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		808 (2017-18)	831 (Q1 2018-19)	831 (Q2 2018-19)	801 (Q3 2018-19)	794 (Q4 2018-19)		Worse	7 less people are in receipt of personal budgets this quarter. 601 adults were reported by the Department of Adult Social Services to be in receipt of personal budgets (down from 610 last quarter). 193 young people were in receipt of personal budgets, up from 191 last quarter.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
Adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)	North West: 87.8% (Q2 2018-19)	82.7% (2017-18)	82.8% (Q1 2018-19)	83.5% (Q2 2018-19)	85.0% (Q3 2018-19)			n/a	

## Zero tolerance to domestic violence

### Overview from Lead Cabinet Member

Wirral has developed a range of strategies to combat the pernicious effects of domestic abuse including rehabilitating offenders, supporting victims, and helping children to understand and come to terms with the effects of domestic abuse. The Integrated Offender Management Team intensively manages those offenders most likely to re-offend with a range of enforcement, support and rehabilitative services working with an average of 80 domestic abuse perpetrators each month. The charity 'Tomorrows Women Wirral' provides a safe environment for women to address their issues to help lead happier, healthier more fulfilled lives. Of the 24,440 visits and 1,910 referrals, 786 women disclosed domestic abuse and 926 women disclosed mental health issues. They received 9,067 volunteer hours, including one of the world's most famous women's advocates, Megan Windsor.

"When you feel desperate and there's no one you can turn to they get you through and are there for you."

The above is the quote from a domestic abuse victim being supported by the Wirral Family Support Unit. Combining a wide range of support and enforcement agencies, the Unit now operates a 7 day a week service in order to contact all referred victims within 24 hours, including offering 1,145 children support to overcome the effects of domestic abuse, including the 'Brave the Rage' anger management programme.

The Early Help service for domestic abuse supports victims whose situation may not be a priority for social care or domestic abuse services, but through combined issues are on the cusp of crisis. Early Help support victims to understand the repercussions of legislation e.g. Domestic Abuse Protection Order and support male victims in league with agencies such as the Paul Lavelle Foundation, a Wirral charity for male domestic abuse to offer support specific to the needs of male victims of domestic abuse.

A newly developed initiative called #GotTheTeeShirt is based on victims gaining support from domestic abuse survivors who have 'been there and come out the other side'. The focus is about the client rediscovering who they were prior to the relationship and helping them move safely forward; back into the community, further education, work self-esteem, parenting support or additional volunteering roles.

Wirral Plan Indicator	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend (See Key)	Comment
Number of domestic abuse Wirral MARAC cases per 10,000 adult females (annualised)	Quarterly	54.0 (2014-15)	Most Similar Force Group: 54.0 (Jan 2017-Dec 2018) National: 38.0 (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	52.3 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	52.5 (Jul 2017-Jun 2018)	59.3 (Oct 2017-Sep 2018)	63.7 (Jan-Dec 2018)	52.4 (Q4 2018-19)	52.4 (2018-19)	n/a	This figure is for Q4 equates to 295 referrals in total. Of these 166 were heard at MARAC; 164 were female, 2 were male. 111 did not meet MARAC threshold and 17 were deleted as errors.
Children and young people experience domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly	1,289 (2014-15)		1,302 (2017-18)	334 (Apr-Jun 2018)	394 (Jul-Sep 2018)	264 (Oct-Dec 2018)	200 (Q4 2018-19)	1,192 (2018-19)	n/a	This includes children of victims and perpetrators eg Perpetrators children who live with another parent but have contact.
Percentage of incidents of repeat domestic abuse (Wirral MARAC cases)	Quarterly Lower is better	16.0% (2014-2015)	Most Similar Force Group: 34.0% (Jan 2017-Dec 2018) National: 28.0% (Jan 2017-Dec 2018)	28.3% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	26.1% (Jul 2017-Jun 2018)	32.0% (Oct 2017-Sep 2018)	32.9% (Jan-Dec 2018)	27.1% (Q4 2018-19)	27.1% (2018-19)	Better	Total number of repeats 45 out of 166 cases where repeats at MARAC in Q4.

Supporting Measure	Indicator	Wirral Plan Start	Benchmark Data	Year End 2017-18	2018-19 Q1	2018-19 Q2	2018-19 Q3	2018-19 Q4	Year End 2018-19	Trend	Comment
Number of Domestic Abuse cases referred to the Family Safety Unit (FSU)	Quarterly	949 (2014-15)		928 (2017-18)	276 (Apr-Jun 2018)	258 (Jul-Sep 2018)	282 (Oct-Dec 2018)	295 (Q4 2018-19)	1,111 (2018-19)	n/a	295 Total referrals. 17 were deleted as errors/duplicates 111 did not meet MARAC threshold, assessed as medium risk and signposted/stepped down.
% of children and Young People single assessments completed with Domestic Violence (DV) related factors	Quarterly Lower is better	(n/a)		33.3% (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	35.2% (Apr-Jun 2018)	32.4% (Apr-Sep 2018)	28.2% (Apr-Dec 2018)	27.0% (Q4 2018-19)	27.0% (2018-19)	Better	
Rate of referrals to social care presenting Domestic Violence issues (adults aged 18+ years) per 100,000	Quarterly Higher is better	(n/a)		21.30 (Apr 2017-Mar 2018)	3.42 (Apr-Jun 2018)	6.52 (Apr-Sep 2018)	9.33 (Apr-Dec 2018)	12.12 (Jan - Mar 2019)	12.12 (2018-19)	Better	As of March Merseyside Police have centralised the VPRF's and are taking account of the threshold of need. Previously the Integrated Front Door would get all Domestic Abuse VPRF's and the vast majority would close at Level 1. With the police applying the threshold then, they will only send over what is required for Early Help or MASH. This enhanced scrutiny of VPRF's prior to their being referred may lead to a decrease in referrals.

#### Report Key

Trend - Performance is shown as Better, Same or Worse compared with the last reporting period except for:

The % of young people aged 16 and 17 who are not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) or categorised as 'not known' - Post Sept 2016,

% of children and Young People single assessments authorised with Domestic Violence (DV) related factors,

Rate of referrals to social care presenting Domestic Violence issues (adults aged 18+ years) per 100,000 which are compared with same period the previous year.

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

Action - These are shown as either:

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