
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE REPORT 2ND QUARTER 2009/10

Purpose of Report

1. For members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to:
 - (a) scrutinise the four service plans for which this Committee is responsible for monitoring, i.e. Children & Families, Partnerships, Planning & Resources and School Improvement & Development, and;
 - (b) scrutinise those elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy, One Darlington : Perfectly Placed and Local Area Agreement for which the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee have responsibility for.

Summary

2. This report takes a slightly different approach to previous reports in that it includes performance for previous periods, where data is not available for this quarter. The National Indicator Set (NIS) is not readily updated on a quarterly basis and so it is felt that this approach will provide more useful information. In addition the latest data is also shown for SCS and LAA indicators. The pie charts will therefore show this information although the overall status of the service plans will just be based on quarter 2 data as will the exception reporting.
3. The overall aggregated target for the four service plans is being achieved, with the Partnerships plan showing above target performance. Data is available for 97 indicators at quarter 2. There are 150 indicators in the four service plans and of these 45 are above target, 68 on target and 32 are showing below target performance. Data is unavailable for five indicators.
4. There are seven indicators performing below target in Children & Families. These are: looked after children absent from school, young offenders engaged in education, training or employment, the percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within seven days, the percentage of core assessments for children' social care carried out within 35 days, children missing from home or care, care leavers in suitable accommodation and care leavers in education, employment or training.
5. There are also seven indicators performing below target in the Partnerships service plan. These are adults learners from targeted wards, number of childcare web hits, number of public IT sessions provided by the library service, the percentage of schools that have a drug and alcohol policy delivering related education, the percentage of schools achieving National Healthy Schools Status, percentage of schools providing access to extended services and 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).

6. In Planning and Resources service plan there is one indicator performing below target, which is the percentage of schools satisfied with the authority's home to school transport.
7. There are five indicators below target in the School Improvement & Development service plan. These are the percentage of pupils achieving at least 5 GCSE A*-C including English and Mathematics, the number of schools in special measures, narrowing the gap between lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage and the rest, key stage 2 attainment for BME groups and the rate of permanent exclusions from school
8. Data is also presented for this Committee's scrutiny responsibilities with regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA).
9. Three indicators are reporting performance for the SCS: the percentage of pupils achieving five or more GCSE grades A*-C including English and Mathematics is performing below target, whilst the two indicators measuring the achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at key stage 2 and key stage 4 are above target.
10. With regard to the LAA there are 16 indicators in total with eight reporting performance at quarter 2 and of these six are on target and two below target.
11. Finally, those national indicators aligned to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee are presented, with any areas of underperformance highlighted.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to:
 - (a) consider performance against the service plans and use this to inform their scrutiny of services;
 - (b) set up task and finish groups as necessary to scrutinise performance in identified services and/or for individual performance indicators as decided;
 - (c) consider performance against the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement for those indicators which the Committee is responsible for scrutinising and note the overall performance, with reasons for under performance detailed in **Appendix 1**, and ;
 - (d) note the performance of all national indicators linked to all this scrutiny committee where data is available, as outlined in **Appendix 2**.

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Background Papers

Service Plans and Service Plan Posters
PerformancePlus system


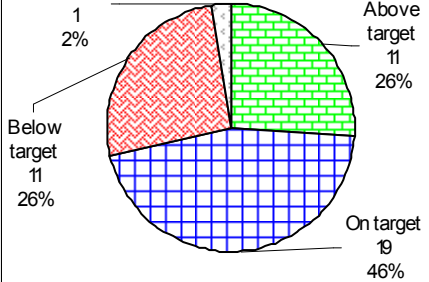

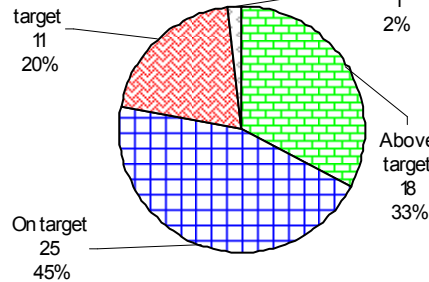

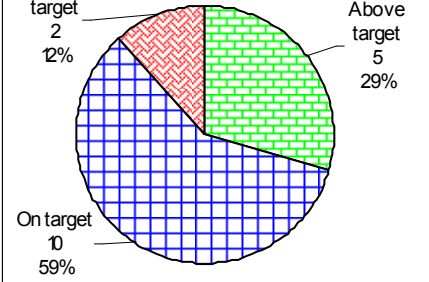
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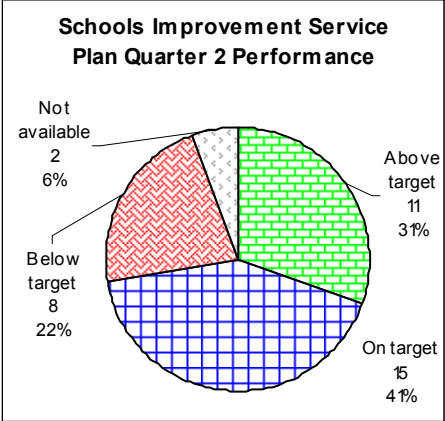
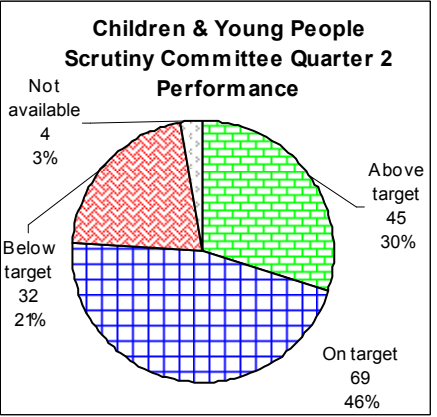
S17 Crime and Disorder	Relevant service plan(s) contribute to reducing crime and disorder, for example absenteeism from school
Health and Well Being	Relevant service plan(s) contribute to health and well-being impact on young people in terms of learning and health
Sustainability	Relevant service plans contribute to sustainability
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework.
Efficiency	The service plans are integral to delivering services efficiently (and effectively) although this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Key Decision	This is not classed as a key decision and has not been included in the forward plan.
Urgent Decision	For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This report highlights areas of performance linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

13. For 2009/10 the service plans that this Committee has responsibility for monitoring are Children & Families, Partnerships, Planning & Resources and School Improvement & Development.
14. Overall, aggregated performance of the four service plans is on target as are the individual service plans apart from Partnerships which is showing above target performance.

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<p>School Improvement</p>	<p>●</p>	
<p>Children & Young People (Overall service view)</p>	<p>●</p>	

Trend information

15. Performance against target and trend is summarised in the following table. The trend column shows the trend from the same quarter in the previous year. Quarter trend data is shown but is based on a more limited number of indicators.

Service Plan	Quarter 4 2008/09		Quarter 1 2009/10		Quarter 2 2009/10	
	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend
Children & Families	●	↓	●	↑	●	↑
Partnerships	★	↑	★	↑	★	↑
Planning & Resources	●	↑	●	↑	●	↑
School Improvement & Development	●	↑	▲	↓	●	↑
Children and Young People	●	↑	●	↑	●	↑

Areas of underperformance

16. There are a total of 20 indicators currently below target, reasons for which are detailed in **Appendix 1**.

Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington : Perfectly Placed

17. This report gives a high level overview of performance against relevant indicators contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy. Of 15 high level indicators contained within the Strategy, four (one has two parts) are linked to Children & Young People Scrutiny.
18. Data is available for three indicators: NI 102i achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2 and NI 102ii achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4 are performing above target. NI 75 achievement of 5 or more GCSE A*-C including English and Mathematics is below target.

		Qtr 2	Latest data
(i)	One Darlington : Perfectly Placed – Sustainable Community Strategy (overall across all Scrutiny Committees)	★	★
	- Sustainable Community Strategy – Children & Young People contribution	★	★
	- NI 075 Achievement of 5 or more GCSE including English and mathematics	▲	▲
	- NI 082 Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 2 qualification by age 19	Not available	▲
	- NI 102i Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2	★	★
	- NI 102ii Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4	★	★
	- NI 112 Under 18 conception rate	Not available	▲

Local Area Agreement

19. The Local Area Agreement is made up of 35 negotiated indicators and ten statutory early years and children and young people indicators, of which sixteen linked to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. Eight indicators are reporting performance, with two showing under target performance. Reasons are outlined in **Appendix 1**. Any previous performance for those indicators not reporting at quarter 2 can be seen in **Appendix 2**.

(ii)	One Darlington : Perfectly Placed – Local Area Agreement	●
	- Local Area Agreement – Children and Young People	●

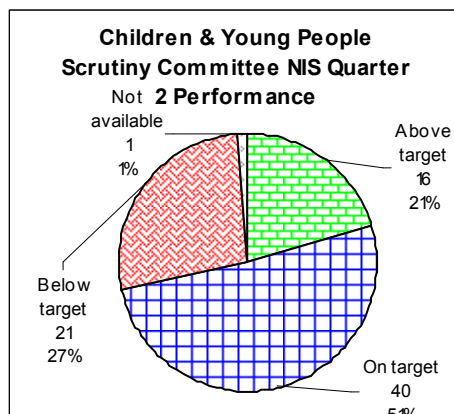
LAA indicator	Target	Actual	Status	Latest data
- NI 050 Emotional health of children	No data	No data	No data	●
- NI 057 Children and young people's participation in high quality PE and sport	No data	No data	No data	●
- NI 063 Stability of placements of children looked after (length of placement)	69.0	74.6	●	●
- NI 072 Achievement of 78+ points across EYFS with 6+ in each scale of PSED and CLL	55.8	50.6	●	●
- NI 073 Achievement at level 4+ in both English and Maths at KS2	78.0	77.6	●	●
- NI 075 Achievement of 5+ A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and mathematics	58.7	51.6	▲	▲
- NI 080 Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	No data	No data	No data	●
- NI 087 Secondary school persistent absence rate	4.6	4.4	●	●
- NI 091 Participation of 17 year-olds in education or training	No data	No data	No data	●
- NI 092 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the EYFSP and the rest	34.3	38.0	▲	▲
- NI 093 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	88.0	84.2	●	●
- NI 094 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	83.0	85.3	●	●
- NI 099 Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at KS2	No data	No data	No data	▲
- NI 100 Looked after children reaching level 4 in maths at KS2	No data	No data	No data	★
- NI 101 Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C at KS4 (including English and maths)	No data	No data	No data	●
- NI112 Under 18 conception rate	No data	No data	No data	▲

National Indicator Set

20. There are currently 188 national indicators of which 64 are linked to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. It should be noted that a number of indicators have

more than one part so the actual number reported on is 78. Overall across the entire basket of national indicators, performance is on target for those indicators reporting data.

21. Of the 78 Children & Young People related National Indicators, analysis shows that there are ten above target, 21 on target, twelve below target and 35 where data is unavailable. As previously the pie chart below uses previous data in lieu of quarter 2 data.



22. The twelve indicators 'below target', are detailed as follows:

Indicator	Target	Actual
NI 045 - Young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training	75.0	66.7
NI 059 - Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out in less than 7 days	72.0	49.5
NI 060 - Percentage of core assessments for children's social care carried out in less than 35 working days	88	75
NI 075 - Achievement of 5 or more GCSE A*-C grades or equivalent including English and mathematics	58.7	51.6
NI 088 - Percentage of schools providing access to extended services	97.5	79.5
NI 089a - Number of schools requiring special measures	0	1
NI 092 - Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile compared to the rest	34.3	38.0
NI 107 - Key stage 2 attainment for black and minority ethnic (BME) groups	25.0	31.2
NI 114 - Rate of permanent exclusions from school	0.12	0.20
NI 117 - Percentage of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET)	6.3	8.8
NI 147 - Care leavers in suitable accommodation	100.0	85.7
NI148 - Care leavers in education, employment or training	75.0	66.7







23. A full list of national indicators linked to this Scrutiny Committee is in **Appendix 2**. This list contains the latest performance data if current data is not available including applicable dates. Question marks will still appear if there is no data in the system. There is still no data available for some of the national indicators and a number were introduced in 2009/10.

Conclusion

24. Overall performance is on target for the four service plans.

LIST OF INDICATORS WHERE TARGETS NOT BEING ACHIEVED AND LIST OF NATIONAL INDICATORS FOR THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

YTD	Performance Year to Date
	Above target performance
	On target performance
	Below target performance
?	No actual data
!	No target data
Trend (same period previous year)	Performance trend from the same period in the previous year
	Performance improving (represented by a tick)
	No change in performance
	Performance declining (represented by a cross)
?	No data