
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE REPORT 4TH 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 (SCS), One Darlington : Perfectly Placed and Local Area Agreement (LAA) for which the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee have responsibility.

Summary

2. This report includes analysis of data available at quarter 4 (year-end 2009/10) and also uses the latest data available represented in the pie charts, although the overall status of the service plans will just be based on cumulative quarter 4 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 139 indicators at quarter 4 with 39 performing above target, 67 on target and 36 below target. Using latest data there are 152 indicators in the four service plans and of these 43 (29%) are above target, 70 (46%) on target and 38 (25%) are showing below target performance. Data is not available for one indicator.
4. There are 11 indicators performing below target in Children & Families:
 - Final warnings, reprimands and convictions for looked after children;
 - Looked after children absent from school;
 - Total remand episodes;
 - Young offenders engaged in education, training or employment;
 - Emotional health of children;
 - The percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within seven days;
 - The percentage of core assessments for children's social care carried out within 35 days;
 - The number of moves of looked after children;
 - Looked after children cases reviewed within the required timescale;
 - Looked after children reaching Level 4 in mathematics at Key Stage 2;
 - Care leavers in education, employment or training.
5. There are ten indicators performing below target in the Partnerships service plan:
 - Adult learners from targeted wards;

- Pregnant women attending ante-natal clinics and examinations at Children's Centres;
 - Number of accredited breast feeding peer supporters;
 - Number of childcare web hits;
 - Library service materials acquisitions;
 - Percentage of schools achieving National Healthy Schools Status;
 - Use of public libraries;
 - Children and young people's participation in high quality PE and sport;
 - Under 18 conception rate;
 - 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).
6. In Planning and Resources service plan there are three indicators performing below target:
- Percentage of schools satisfied with the authority's home to school transport;
 - Percentage of complaints resolved at stage 1;
 - Percentage of invoices processed on time.
7. There are 12 indicators below target in the School Improvement & Development service plan:
- The percentage of permanently excluded pupils provided with more than 21 hours of alternative tuition;
 - The percentage of pupils with at least 78 points at Early Years Foundation Stage;
 - The percentage of pupils achieving level 4 or above in both English and mathematics at Key Stage 2;
 - The percentage of pupils achieving at least 5 GCSE A*-C including English and Mathematics;
 - Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19;
 - The number of schools in special measures;
 - Time taken for schools to come out of special measures;
 - Participation of 17 year olds in education or training;
 - Narrowing the gap between lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage and the rest;
 - Progression by 2 levels in English between key stages 1 and 2;
 - 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. All five indicators are reporting performance for the SCS: the percentage of pupils achieving five or more GCSE grades A*-C including English and Mathematics and teenage conceptions are 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. The indicator measuring the inequality gap in achievement of a level 2 qualification by age 19 is performing on-target.
10. With regard to the LAA there are 16 indicators in total all reporting performance at quarter 4 and of these two are above target, nine on target and five 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

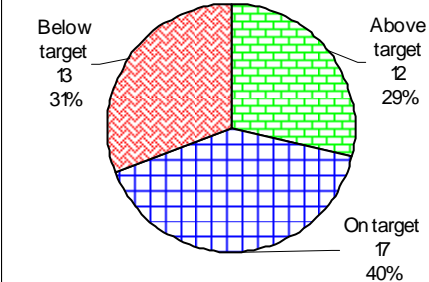
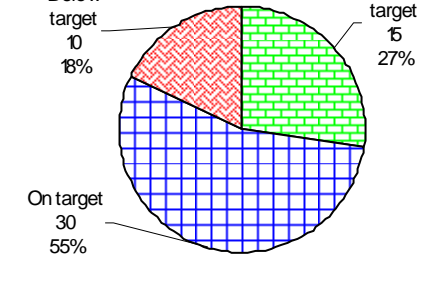
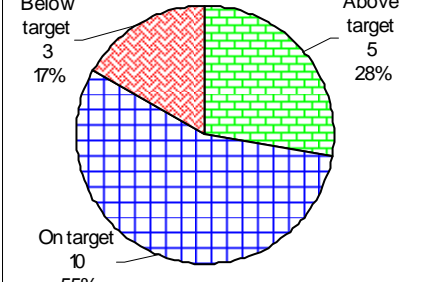
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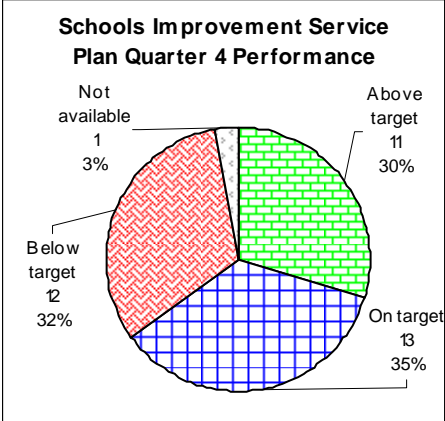

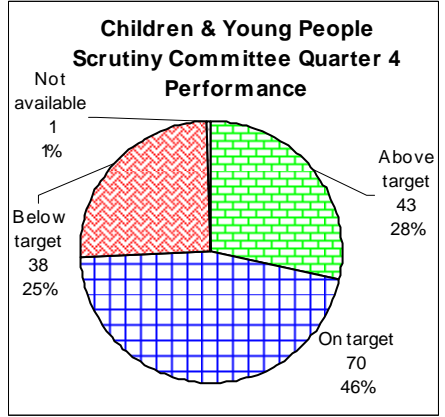
S17 Crime and Disorder	Relevant service plan(s) contribute to reducing crime and disorder, for example absenteeism from school
Health and Well Being	Relevant service plan(s) contribute to health and well-being impact on young people in terms of learning and health
Sustainability	Relevant service plans 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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School Improvement		
Children & Young People (Overall service view)		

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. In-year quarter trend data may be based on limited number of indicators.

Service Plan	Quarter 1 2009/10		Quarter 2 2009/10		Quarter 3 2009/10		Quarter 4 2009/10	
	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend
Children & Families								
Partnerships								
Planning & Resources								
School Improvement & Development								
Children and Young People								

Areas of underperformance

16. In the overall service view there are 38 indicators showing below target performance. However, in terms of 4th quarter performance, there are a total of 32 indicators below target. Reasons for these levels of performance 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 all indicators with two reporting above target performance, one on target performance and two below target performance.

	Target	Actual	Qtr 4
(i) One Darlington : Perfectly Placed – Sustainable Community Strategy (overall across all Scrutiny Committees)	Not applicable	Not applicable	●
- Sustainable Community Strategy – Children & Young People contribution	Not applicable	Not applicable	●
- NI 075 Achievement of 5 or more GCSE including English and mathematics	58.7	51.6	▲
- NI 082 Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 2 qualification by age 19	55.4	54.2	●
- NI 102i Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2	28.0	20.7	★
- NI 102ii Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4	39	31.5	★
- NI 112 Under 18 conception rate	-46.2	-20.1	▲

Local Area Agreement

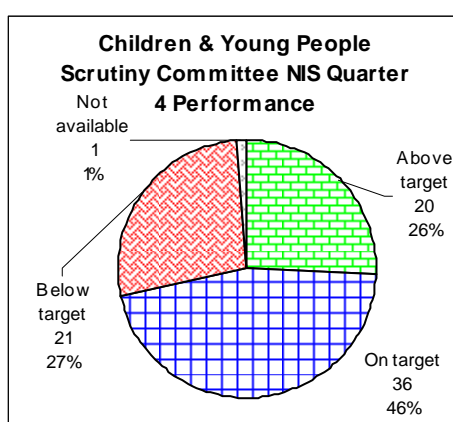
19. The Local Area Agreement is made up of 35 negotiated indicators and ten statutory early years and children and young people indicators, of which sixteen are linked to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. All indicators are reporting performance, with five showing under target performance. Reasons are outlined in **Appendix 1**.

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

LAA indicator	Target	Actual	Qtr 4
- NI 050 Emotional health of children	63.3	56.4	
- NI 057 Children and young people's participation in high quality PE and sport	90	75	
- NI 063 Stability of placements of children looked after (length of placement)	60.0	68.4	
- 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	77.5	
- 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	46.1	47.2	
- NI 087 Secondary school persistent absence rate	4.6	4.4	
- NI 091 Participation of 17 year-olds in education or training	83	79	
- NI 092 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the EYFSP and the rest	34.3	38.1	
- 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	60	71	
- NI 100 Looked after children reaching level 4 in maths at KS2	60	57	
- NI 101 Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C at KS4 (including English and maths)	0	0	
- NI112 Under 18 conception rate	-46.2	-20.1	

National Indicator Set

20. There are currently 188 national indicators of which 64 are linked to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. One of these: Migrants English skills and knowledge (NI013) has been suspended. 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 at quarter 4 there are 16 above target, 32 on target, 19 below target and 11 where data is unavailable. For ten of the latter previous data is available showing four above target, four on target and two below target. As previously the pie chart below uses previous data in lieu of quarter 4 data.



22. The 19 indicators ‘below target’ at quarter 4, are detailed as follows:

Indicator	Target	Actual
NI 009 - Percentage of adult population who say that that they have used a public library service at least once in the last 12 months	43.2	38.8
NI 045 - Young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training	75.0	66.4
NI 050 - Emotional health of children	63.3	56.4
NI 057 - Percentage of children participating in high quality PE and sport	90	75
NI 059 - Percentage of initial assessments for children’s social care carried out in less than 7 days	72.0	53.4
NI 060 - Percentage of core assessments for children's social care carried out in less than 35 working days	88.0	70.9
NI 062 - Percentage of looked after children with three or more placements during the year	11.0	16.1

NI 065 - Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	9.0	10.1
NI 066 - Percentage of looked after children cases reviewed within timescale	100	87
NI 075 - Achievement of 5 or more GCSE A*-C grades or equivalent including English and mathematics	58.7	51.6
NI 081 - Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	25.9	30.0
NI 089a - Number of schools requiring special measures	0	1
NI 089b - Average time spent by schools in special measures (months)	0	25
NI 092 - Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile compared to the rest	34.3	38.1
NI 107 - Key stage 2 attainment for black and minority ethnic (BME) groups	25.0	31.4
NI 112 - Under 18 conception rate (% change over 1998 baseline)	-46.2	-20.1
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	7.1
NI148 - Care leavers in education, employment or training	75.0	46.2







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.

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