

Reasons for below target performance

Service area	Indicator	Target	Actual
Children & Families	LI 1508 - Percentage total remand episodes	9.0	18.9
	Reasons - Large variance due to the low number of remand episodes, i.e. below target by 4 young people.		
Children & Families	NI 043 - Young people within the YJS receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody	5.0	6.1
	Reasons - Large variance due to the low number of remand episodes, i.e. below target by 3 young people.		
Children & Families	NI 051 - Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHs) services	16	14
	Reasons - Large variance due to small numbers involved, i.e. below target by 2.		
Children & Families	NI 060 – Percentage of core assessments for children's social care carried out <35 working days	86.0	73.5
	Reasons - Due to an unprecedented increase in referrals following Baby P, and the recording of everything as a referral. ACTION: Information input at time contact is made with duty team has been amended to reflect more accurately the nature of action, i.e. contact or referral.		
Children & Families	NI 068 - Percentage of referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment	35	21.7
	Reasons - Due to an unprecedented increase in referrals following Baby P, and the recording of everything as a referral. ACTION: Information inputted at time contact is made with duty team has been amended to reflect more accurately the nature of action, i.e. contact or referral.		
Children & Families	NI 069 - Children who have experienced bullying	32.0	52.2
	Reasons - Baseline to be set from TellUs3 survey (carried out in 2008/09). Targets set using TellUs2 survey, which does not match the analysis carried out for TellUs3 survey.		
Children & Families	NI 099 - Children in care reaching Level 4 in English Key Stage 2	33.3	28.6
	Reasons - Large variance due to low number of looked after children, and movement within this cohort, i.e. target set 18 months prior to exams.		
Partnerships	LI 1255 - Percentage of adult learners from targeted wards	32	25.9
	Reasons - Adult Community Learning have only recently commenced doing the ESOL courses, and the service needs to look at changing the marketing/delivery of courses in the targeted wards.		
Partnerships	LI 1258 - Percentage of NVQ learners completing NVQ successfully	66	57.9
	Reasons - Large variance due to small number of learners.		
Partnerships	LI 1262 - Percentage of pregnant women	65	57.2

	attending antenatal clinics and examinations at children's centres		
	Reasons - Although the outturn figure is below target more pregnant women are attending antenatal clinics and/or examinations at children's centres this year than in the previous year. The reason for the decrease in performance is because more pregnant women are registered at children's centres in Darlington this year compared to last.		
Partnerships	LI 1282 - Percentage of 18/19 year olds progressing to higher education	30	17.1
	Reasons - There are only 17% of 18 and 19 year olds in higher education, however, there are a further 34% of 18 and 19 year olds in further education.		
Partnerships	LI 1293 - % of schools that have a drug and alcohol policy to be delivering related education	82.0	57.9
	Reasons - Below target due to school capacity to develop plans and policies. ACTION: Additional support to be provided by Durham and Darlington PCT, and planning to take place with School Improvement team.		
Partnerships	LI 1294 - Percentage of schools achieving the National Healthy Schools Status	82.0	57.9
	Reasons - As for LI 1294		
Partnerships	NI 112 - Under-18 conception rate	-37.5	-13.7
	Reasons - Increase in under-18 conceptions expected, as figure reported for this NI is for 2007. Increase reflected at both national and regional level. Darlington is still performing well and is above national and regional performances for this NI. Analysis into the increase has identified hot spot areas within the town that need targeting. PCT and Teenage Pregnancy Unit will work on further education of young people as well as on the role of parents, with services planned at Darlington College.		
Partnerships	NI113i - Percentage of the resident population aged 15-24 accepting a test/screen for chlamydia	4.3	1.9
	Reasons - This figure (which is not the 2008/09 outturn) is representative of national position. Investigations are currently underway at SHA/ DH level into the reason behind the national poor performance.		
Planning & Resources	LI 1751 - Percentage of secondary schools satisfied with the LA's home to school transport	60	33
	Reasons - Large variance due to only 3 secondary schools completing the survey, with 2 of these schools answering this question as 'Unable to comment'.		
Planning & Resources	LI 1766 - Percentage of schools with excess of 10% surplus places	16.9	20.0
	Reasons - Large variance due to small numbers involved - below target by one school.		
Planning & Resources	LI 3001ch - Percentage of Children's Service Department invoices paid with 30 day	96.5	80.2
	Reasons - This indicator is below target due to set up problems within the partnership and also problems with Agresso.		

School Improvement	LI 1002 - To 10% LA for APS per student for GCSE and VCE results (post-16)	10	14
	Reasons - Large variance due to small percentages involved. Below target by 6 places in the LA rankings (out of 147 LAs). Darlington's average points score of 766.5 was below the top 10% LAs by 12 points.		
School Improvement	LI 1006 - Narrowing the gap between disadvantaged and peers in EYFSP PSED	18	24
	Reasons - Significant gap in gender achievement is particularly pronounced in Social Development. ACTION: Targeted activity using the SEAD materials		
School Improvement	LI 1013 - Achievement at level 5+ in English at KS3	79.0	69.1
	Reasons - 'Assessing pupil progress' programme only just embedding in English and recently introduced in maths. This is projected to have impact on standards at KS3 in 2010.		
School Improvement	NI 072 - Achievement of 78+ points across EYFS with 6+ in each scale of PSED and CLL	62.5	48.1
	Reasons - Gap between Threshold Target and achievement in 2007 was 22.6%. Gap between Threshold Target and achievement in 2008 is 14.4%. Darlington closer to meeting Threshold Target than in 2007. ACTION: Targeted activity regarding improving in-school/setting moderation. Links to the SEF and School Improvement Planning. The use of on-entry data to track progress and to measure improvements in the EYFS period.		
School Improvement	NI078 - Schools where under 30% of pupils achieving 5+ A*-C grades including GCSEs in English & Maths	0	2
	Reasons - This is still a reduction on 2007/08. In one school there have been significant staffing issues in English and maths directly impacting on standards in the English and maths benchmark. The other school is the Eastbourne Academy, which has alternative school improvement arrangements to those brokered through the Local Authority.		
School Improvement	NI 081 - Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	28	36.8
	Reasons - The non FSM cohort is improving faster than the FSM cohort. Further analysis is required to identify whether the FSM cohort is improving and if so the % rise. ACTION: A request has been made to GONE for data. The Raising Level 3 Working Group will interrogate the data to identify actions to improve the situation.		
School Improvement	NI 082 - Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19	53	46.6
	Reasons - Level 2 attainment has increased overall but the number of young people in the FSM cohort achieving a Level 2 qualification has reduced by approximately 6 children in 2007-8. Further data analysis is required to identify the reasons. ACTION: A request for data has been made to GONE. The Raising Level 2 Attainment Working group will interrogate the data to identify actions to address the issue.		
School Improvement	NI 085ii - Post-16 participation in physical sciences (A Level Chemistry)	85	75

	Reasons - Large variance due to small number of entries - below target by 10 entries.		
School Improvement	NI 086 - Secondary schools judged as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour	83.0	66.7
	Reasons - Large variance due to small number of secondary schools. LA is now performing at 83.3% following Longfield's latest inspection in March 2009 - 4th quarter figure reported for NI 86 is at 31/12/08.		
School Improvement	NI 102ii - Achievement gap between disadvantaged and peers at Key Stage 4	33.0	40.1
	Reasons - Tracking of vulnerable pupils needs to improve. The introduction of Assessing Pupil Progress initiative across Darlington schools will improve this situation.		