

Children's Services Scorecard - Quarter 3, 2017-18

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Safeguarding																
1.1	Number of contacts					10,681	2600	2809	2127	2140				The reduction in contacts has been sustained for a second quarter. This may more accurately reflect demand, together with a consistency in the reporting of Vulnerable Persons Assessments (VPAs) by the police. The continued challenge to early help services and individual agencies when consultations take place may reflect a change in threshold decision making by partner agencies. Interface meetings continue to be held with prevention services and CIN/CP service. This has led to increased discussions regarding threshold of need across the continuum as well as work with the Cheshire East Family Service whereby workers discuss potential escalations to Social care with their own manager in the first instance rather than a contact to Checs. As the signs of safety model is embedded, contacts will continue to be monitored.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.2	Number of referrals					3432	758	952	631	654				Referrals have continued at a reduced level during quarter 3. This is a reflection of the work being completed with the police to improve quality assurance processes around VPA's, relaunch of the LSCB threshold of need document and work to support a number of agencies to use their internal procedures and safeguarding leads to discuss whether a consultation with the integrated front door is required.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.3	% contacts to referrals					32%	29%	34%	30%	31%				The conversion rate continues to be consistent and evidences that thresholds are being appropriately applied in line with the revised threshold of need document. This continues to be quality assured through regular interface meetings between early help and social work teams as well as regular auditing.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.4	Number of repeat referrals					875	227	232	129	142				There has been a positive reduction in repeat referrals maintained for two quarters now, which suggests that work with closed cases has resulted in long term positive changes being maintained. The implementation of Signs of Safety should support a further reduction of repeat referrals over the next twelve months.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.5	% repeat referrals	Low is good	22.1%	21.9%	<20%	25%	30%	24%	20%	22%				Although there has been a small increase in quarter 3, and higher than our target, re-referrals are still lower than the year end outturn and in line with statistical neighbour and national averages.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.6	Number of children that went missing 5 times or more from home (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in any quarter)	Low is good				11	supressed	supressed	5	supressed				The year end position is the number of children that went missing from home more than 5 times in the reporting year 2016-17. The quarterly figures has been amended to reflect the number of individuals that went missing 5 or more times in the quarter. This is monitored closely on a monthly basis and scrutinised for emerging patterns, together with ensuring plans are revised to reflect needs and the reasons for missing episodes fully understood and addressed. All children are known and there is a risk management and reduction plan in place to minimise the risks.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.7	% of assessments completed within 45 days	High is good	85%	83%	85%	88%	87%	88%	82%	82%				Quarter 3 has levelled off in terms of assessment timescales, but is still slightly lower than our target. This is due to a higher proportion of cases at child protection and pre-proceedings level, although these are now also beginning to stabilise. This continues to be highlighted at challenge sessions.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.8	Number of children in need (CIN) - local definition					880	880	985	831	810				This purely relates to the individuals open to the 2 CIN/CP teams, including those within the FACT 22 service that are being assessed or supported at the CIN level. It excludes those open to the disability service. The reduction in figures is due to the increased numbers seen with more complex needs at child protection and cared for level.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.9	Rate of children in need (CIN) per 10,000 - local definition					116.7	116.7	130.6	110.2	107.4				Following a review this indicator and the one above will be revised for Q1 18/19 to reflect the national data set and therefore will include benchmarking data too. Overall our rate per 10,000 of Child protection, cared for children and care leavers is below national average, this is the benchmarking data set, as CiN only is not benchmarked .	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.10	% initial child protection conference (ICPC) within 15 days of Section 47 enquiry (S47)	High is good	83%	77%	90%	77%	91%	92%	83%	81%				14 initial conferences pertaining to 32 children were not held within 15 days of the S47 enquiry; 88% were held within 20 days of the S47. A similar number of conferences were held in quarter 3 compared to quarter 2. Where the conference is delayed due to late notifications, the Chairs discuss with the worker the interim safety plan in place for the child so the identified risk is managed. This information is provided on a weekly basis and the small number are considered at each monthly performance and challenge meeting to identify any emerging trends. Some of the delays have been agreed to allow parents to be directly involved in the conference process about their child. However, performance is below the target and therefore a number of measure have been taken to strengthen compliance with the timescales. The procedure for arranging an ICPC and escalation process, if delayed, has been reiterated to all staff.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.11	Number of children subject to child protection (CP) plan [includes child sex exploitation (CSE) Plans ]				260-300	275	275	288	333	344				Although the number of young people coming onto a plan in quarter 3 was slightly less than quarter 2, the cumulative effect is a small but continued rise in the overall number of plans. An audit of cases confirms the appropriate action has been taken in these cases and this will continue to be closely scrutinised and challenged where more effective CIN planning could have prevented escalation. The LSCB and partners have also been sighted on the significant rise. As Signs of Safety becomes embedded, we would expect fewer children requiring formal child protection processes to safeguard them. Currently the number has reduced back down toward 300.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.12	Rate of children subject to child protection (CP) plan per 10,000		38.8	43.3	35-40	36.5	36.5	38.2	44.2	45.6				Although the number of young people coming onto a plan in quarter 3 was slightly less than quarter 2 the cumulative effect is a small continued rise in the overall number of plans. An audit of cases confirms the appropriate action has been taken in these cases and this will continue to be closely scrutinised and challenged where more effective CIN planning could have prevented escalation. The LSCB and partners have also been sighted on the significant rise. As Signs of Safety becomes embedded, we would expect fewer children requiring formal child protection processes to safeguard them. Currently the rate per 10,000 has reduced to 40.1 and is now better than the national average.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.13	% children becoming subject to a child protection (CP) plan for 2 <sup>nd</sup> / subsequent time	Low is good	21.4%	18.7%	<15%	17.4%	14.8%	17.1%	11.0%	18.9%				This relates to 13 families; 4 of which were previously subject to a plan over 5 years ago. Despite the increase in this quarter, for the year to date we are at 15.3% which is still better than latest statistical neighbour and national data available and in line with our internal target. This will continue to be monitored closely through monthly performance discussions.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.14	Number of child protection (CP) plans over 2yrs	Low is good	supressed	3.4%	0%	0.5%	2.9%	3.7%	0%	0.9%				For the year to date 1.6% of the cases closed were open for just over 2 years at point of closure. All children where they are on a plan for longer than 9 months continue to be actively tracked to prevent delay.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.15	Number of children on a child sexual exploitation (CSE) plan					10	10	6	7	7				Individuals on a CSE plan are closely monitored at the CSE Operational group, together with those individuals who, whilst not meeting the threshold for a formal CSE plan, present with issues that may put them at risk of CSE.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.16	% child protection (CP) children reviewed in timescales (year to date fig)	High is good	92.8%	92.2%	100%	99.0%	100%	99.0%	100%	99%				In quarter 3 there were 2 individuals whose reviews weren't held in timescales; in both cases they were both only just out of timescales, 1 by just a few days and 1 by 2 weeks. This is despite a continued increase in CP numbers and workload.	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5

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Cared for Children																
2.1	Number of cared for children				400-450	422	422	438	466	470			↑	The overall population of cared for children has increased, however at a significant slower pace than that observed in quarter 2. The increase was not envisaged due to a high number of unaccompanied asylum seekers supported (9 in quarter 3). In context we only accommodated 11 in the whole of 2016/17. The service are focused on ensuring that children that require safeguarding via care have that option, but also that support is available for those children who require intense support to remain at home, or with family members. Cheshire East are not unique in the region in experiencing increased demand, however the operational strategy to managing this is evidenced in the plateauing out of overall numbers. At third quarter review the children's social care service was predicting an overspend of £3.4m and this formed part of the report to February 2018 Cabinet. The key driver for this pressure is the rise in the number and costs of children in care which have increased at a greater rate than the budget. In December 2017 the number in care stood at 470 compared to 420 in December 2016 and 394 in December 2015. That is a 20% increase over two years. The increase in numbers has been recognised in the budget process with +£2.1m being included in 2017/18 and +£3m in 2018/19 to provide additional funding. The positive news is that the number of children in care reached 466 in August 2017 and has stayed at broadly that level since then. Despite the increase in cared for children, we continue to be towards the lower end of our statistical neighbour group and nationally for rate of cared for children (per 10,000), in particular lower than Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington Councils. A number of initiatives are being taken forward to reduce the pressures such as commissioning residential children's homes, expanding Project Crewe, establishing Project Macclesfield,	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.2	Rate per 10,000 cared for children		58	62	53.1 - 59.7	56	56	58.1	61.8	62.3			↑	As above	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.3	% cared for children with 3 or more placements in year	Low is good	data not yet released	10%	<12%	13.6%	This data will be presented annually. See comments for quarterly							Of the current cared for cohort there are 55 individuals who have had 3 or more placements. This gives an indicative position of 11.7% which is an improvement on last year and below our internal target. This needs to be treated with an element of caution as it will not reflect final outturn. A robust resource allocation panel and placement review process in in place for all children who are at risk of experiencing three or more placement or in fact any unplanned placement move.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.4	% cared for children in long term stability placement	High is good	data not yet released	68%	75%	69.0%	This data will be presented annually. See comments for quarterly							Of the 164 children currently under 16 who have been in care for over 2.5 years at the end of December 2017, there were 118 who had been in the same placements for 2 years. This gives an indicative figure of 72%. However this should be taken with an element of caution as it will not reflect the final outturn.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.5	% cared for children reviews in timescales	High is good			95%	90%	98%	95%	96%	99%			↑	This is a considerable improvement given the increase in number of individuals in care and therefore reviews required. There will always be occasions where due to unforeseen circumstances a review cannot be held when planned. Ongoing scrutiny ensures that where this occurs there is evidence that the reason are understood and the young person is receiving the right support.	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5
2.6	Number of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	High is good			215	209	209	210	207	199			↓	The number of available fostering households does not meet the current demand for placements. The Cheshire East fostering collaboration with 3 neighbouring authorities goes live in April 2018, with a targeted recruitment strategy aimed at increasing in-house provision. The reasons for a reduction in in-house placements is complex and there are often a range of reasons why a household can either not accommodate the number of individuals it is registered for or that the needs of individuals are not compatible with the placements available.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.7	Number of cared for children in external foster care	Low is good			85	95	95	102	118	114			↓	Although a small reduction, the number of individuals in external foster care is higher than we would like due to an ongoing increased demand for placements faster than we can recruit new carers. The Cheshire East fostering collaboration with 3 neighbouring authorities goes live in April 2018 with a targeted recruitment strategy and shared agreement regarding use of internal vacancies across the collaboration.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.8	Number cared for children placed over 20 miles from home address (Cheshire East and out of borough)	Low is good				91	91	105	112	107			↓	Whilst this figure represents 23% of the individuals in care (excluding UASC), 11 of these children are placed with family/friends, 4 in adoption placements and an additional 23 are in long term foster placements. In addition a further 25 are in specialist school/ home provision and there is ongoing work with commissioning to increase the level of locally available specialist provision and residential homes.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.9	Number of cared for children that went missing 5 times or more (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in quarter)	Low is good				30	9	13	7	9			↑	The year end position is the number of cared for children that went missing more than 5 times in the reporting year 2016-17. The quarterly figures has been amended to reflect the number of individuals that went missing 5 or more times in the quarter. This includes CE children who are placed in CE and those placed in other local authorities. This is monitored closely on a monthly basis and scrutinised for emerging patterns together with ensuring plans are revised to reflect needs and the reasons for missing episodes fully understood and addressed.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.10	% of initial health assessments requested within 48 hours of coming into care	High is good			70%	71%	64%	78%	41%	84%			↑	This is an exceptional improvement with 37 of the 44 individuals who entered care in quarter 3 having their initial health assessment requested within 48 hours. This demonstrates the success of the new process and will ensure that individuals are having their needs identified at an early stage. There is further work to do with aspirations of ensuring that all children entering care are supported to have their health care needs met in a timely way.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
2.11	% of initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 days	High is good			100%	39%	58%	41%	32%	61%			↑	There has been a considerable improvement in quarter 3 with 27 of the 44 health assessments requested being completed within 20 days. Whilst this may not yet be on target, it demonstrates the success of the new process and a willingness for partnership working to support our most vulnerable individuals. A review of the process by senior officers in health and social care has enabled blockages in the system to be unblocked.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
2.12	% of children in care over 12 months with a health check in the last year	High is good	84%	90%	100%	91%	91%	87%	79.0%	89%			↑	As at the end of December there were a total of 319 children who had been in care for 12 months or more, of which 284 had a completed health assessment. The new process and partnership working is expected to see this percentage continue to improve.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
Care Leavers																
3.1	Number of care leavers					199	199	202	198	196			→	This represents all eligible, relevant and former relevant care leavers who are supported with access to a Personal Advisor (PA) to offer help and guidance as they move to independence together with financial support as appropriate to individual needs.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
3.2	% NOT In education, employment or training (NEET)	Low is good			38%	43%	43%	43%	37%	36%			↓	The indicator for quarter 3 reports the latest known activity so may differ from year end as that captures what an individual was doing on or around their actual birth date. If you include those engaging in positive activities in order to progress towards education, employment and training then this drops to 21%. The recruitment of a dedicated individual in the Care leavers team supporting those at high risk of NEET is contributing to this improvement together with a corporate response to prioritising care leavers for apprenticeships across Cheshire East where appropriate.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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3.3	% in suitable accommodation	High is good			96%	94%	94%	96%	96%	98%			↑	There are 3 individuals considered to be in unsuitable accommodation -2 are in custody and the other 1 we are either unable to contact and whereabouts are unknown or have refused to disclose at present.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Adoption																
4.1	% of children ceased to be looked after due to adoption - year to date fig	High is good			20%	18%	18%	18%	16%	10%			↓	A cumulative figure of 13 out of 124 children in 2017-18 ceased to be cared for due to the granting of an adoption order. An additional 39 individuals have a decision of adoption with 11 awaiting placements orders and a further 13 with families. Cheshire East arrangements within the new Regional Adoption Agency are developing with a performance framework which robustly scrutinises drift and delay for children who are placed within their prospective adoptive family.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.2	% of children ceased to be looked after due to granting of special guardianship order (SGO) - year to date fig	High is good			12%	17%	17%	20%	17%	23%			↑	A cumulative figure of 28 out of 124 children in 2017-18 ceased to be cared for due to granting of SGO. A designated Special Guardianship Support Team offers support to these children up until the child reaches 18 if required. There are also financial implications for the Local Authority in the increase in Special Guardianship Orders.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.3	Number of children adopted (ytd)	High is good			30	26	26	8	13	13			→	The total number of children adopted by the end of quarter 2 was 13. An additional 39 individuals have a decision of adoption with 11 awaiting placements orders and a further 13 with families.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.4	% children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with adoptive family	High is good			59%	62%	62%	74%	69%	67%			↓	Please note that this indicator has reduced to being monitored at 14 month rather than 16 months in previous scorecards. Despite a small reduction in the performance by the end of quarter 3, it still remains ahead of the target. The target is based on the England average that was provided by DfE on the adoption scorecards.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.5	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family (A1 national indicator)	Low is good		558	426	541	541	383	391	391			→	Cheshire East performance has improved steadily year on year since this became monitored through the Adoption data set, from an initial position of over 700 days down to 391 in the latest quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.6	Average number of days between placement order and match with adoptive family (A2 national indicator)	Low is good		226	121	66	66	62	88	88			→	We continue to out-perform the England average of 226 days and the national target of 121 days.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.7	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family/ foster carer who becomes adoptive family	Low is good			426	284	284	373	391	377			↓	Cheshire East performance has improved steadily year on year since this became monitored through the Adoption data set, from an initial position of over 700 days down to 391 in the latest quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Education and 14-19 Skills																
Virtual School - NB attendance will be reported by academic year NOT financial year. Year end fig 2016-17 will be last academic year																
5.1	% of Primary pupils with less than 90% attendance (ytd)	Low is good				9%	12%	9%	9%	6%				There has been a reduction in the percentage of primary pupils with less than 90% attendance, however, work is underway to reduce this further.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.2	% of Secondary pupils with less than 90% attendance (ytd)	Low is good				21%	17%	21%	11%	13%				Whilst this figure has increased slightly in quarter 3, plans are in place to support all these young people to re-engage.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.3	% attendance for Primary pupils (ytd)					96%	95%	96%	97%	97%			→	Quarter 3 has been a positive start to the new school year in terms of attendance at primary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.4	% attendance for Secondary pupils (ytd)					92%	93%	92%	94%	93%			→	Although a very small dip in quarter 3, attendance at secondary schools remains positive overall.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.5	Percentage of completed PEPs (Termly)	High is good				93% (July fig)	81%	93% (July fig)		92%				Some of the PEPs not completed related to new children into care. The Virtual School Headteacher (VSH) is following up these cases to ensure completion.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
Schools - NB data reported on a 1/2 termly basis - commentary will indicate which 1/2 term latest figures relate to. Year end 16-17 will be last academic year end																
6.1	Number of Academies	N/A				70	65	70	71	71			→	There has been no change in the number of academies from quarter 2.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.2	Number of maintained schools	N/A				85	90	85	84	84			→	There has been no change in the number of maintained schools from quarter 2.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.3	% good or outstanding primary schools	High is good		87%		93%	93%	91%	92%	90%			↓	Leighton Academy is the only school to have had a full inspection report published since the last update. This is the first inspection as an academy and they are judged to be requiring improvement. The last inspection as a maintained school rated it as outstanding. Two schools have short inspection reports published (Brierley & St Vincent's primaries) both continue to be good.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.4	% good or outstanding secondary schools	High is good				80%	76%	80%	80%	76%			↓	In the November Ofsted update Macclesfield Academy is judged as Requires Improvement from Good.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.5	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Low is good	61	49650			33	33		56				Data is now available for the half term ending October 2017 which had 40 fixed term exclusions relating to 22 children and the half term ending December 2017, which had 56 fixed term exclusions relating to 40 individuals.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.6	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Low is good	297	239240			284	286		571			↑	Data is now available for the half term ending October 2017 which had 334 fixed term exclusions relating to 226 children and the 1/2 term ending December 2017 which had 571 fixed term exclusions relating to 346 individuals.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.7	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Low is good	1	920			1	0		2			↑	Data is now available for the half term ending October 2017 which had 1 permanent exclusion and the half term ending December 2017 which had 2 permanent exclusions.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.8	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Low is good	5	4790			2	9		6			↓	Data is now available for the half term ending December 2017 which had 6 permanent exclusions. We are offering support to all schools through regular Welfare Attendance and Behaviour workshops including keynote speakers and tailored sessions to support schools to improve behaviour and avoid exclusions as well as an opportunity to network with other professionals and share ideas and strategies. Exclusions Training has also been offered to governors and staff to understand statutory guidance and ensuring that behaviour policies are followed and that Permanent Exclusion is only used where other options have been exhausted. The LA has offered match funding to Fair Access Panels to use to avoid Exclusions. For example, this has used by the Congleton area to set up a shared Alternative provision. We are also working to secure additional capacity for children who have been permanently excluded and to assist reintegration into	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.9	Number of children missing from education - Active cases 12 weeks or less (latest fig at quarter end)	Low is good				25	10	25	23	23			→	Although the figure appears to have remained the same, there have actually been 6 new cases added and 6 cases where the child was found and taken off the list. This is a positive figure and historic figures have shown that the numbers generally rise each month. The CME lead now has more admin support so is able to dedicate more time to finding the active cases.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.10	Number of children missing from education - Active cases 12 weeks or more (latest fig at quarter end)	Low is good				31	31	31	43	45			→	The data on the historic CME cases continues to rise. Once a case reaches this stage it is often very difficult to locate the child as most information is out of date (such a address and phone numbers). However the team have worked hard to develop processes to enable them to find children more easily, such as links with Health to find up to date records, links with admissions to ensure families take up school places. As above, the CME team now has additional support and so has more time to send on reducing the figures and we are confident that the figures will see an increase in the immediate	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.11	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Primary school year to date	Low is good	7.6	8.9			8%	7%		9%			↑	Overall attendance is still above that of the national average. The team are working hard to complete all schools register inspections which will give us a more in-depth break down of reasons for low attendance and help us to put plans in place to improve on this.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.12	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Secondary School year to date	Low is good	13.5	14.3			12%	11%		13%			↑	There is a slight increase in persistent absence data for secondaries, however overall attendance is still above that of the national average. The schools register inspections will be carried out before Easter which will give us a better breakdown of attendance data and help us put plans in place to improve on this.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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6.13	Current number of pupils being educated at home (year fig is position at yr end i.e July)	Low is good				323	299	323	293	314				The number of children being removed from school for EHE continues to rise across the borough whilst there are a few children returning to school. Schools are encouraged to enable parents to contact the EHE service prior to a de-registration letter being produced. Unfortunately this does not always happen, despite regular school bulletin updates being submitted. The trends are similar across the region.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.14	Number of meals delivered (per day)	High is good					15348	14416	14093	14434			↑	The high number of school meals delivered per day is being maintained.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
<b>Prevention and Support</b>																
<b>Prevention and Early Intervention</b>																
7.1	Number of cases through Early Help Brokerage					3536	877	889	586	640			→	There has been a small increase in the number of cases passed to the Early Help Brokerage, but this remains consistent as a percentage of overall contacts.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.2	Number of CAF's open					946	946	935	958	700			↓	There has been a reduction in the number of CAF's open; this is in part due to a correction in the method of reporting.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.3	% of all open CAFs led by Cheshire East Prevention service staff					47%	47%	53%	50%	53%				There has been a slight increase in the percentage of CAF's led by Cheshire East prevention service. Although this is an increase from 2015-16 and early 2016 when it was around 35/40%, it has remained around the 50% for approximately 12 months.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.4	% 0-2 yrs engaged at children centres (most vulnerable i.e CIN/CP/LAC that have attended 3 or more times in the last 12 months)	High is good						49%	44%	42%				If you exclude the babies born in the last 3 months who are unlikely to have attended 3 or more times then the percentage increases to around 46%. Whilst this is a small decline there is work underway to identify and action plan around the specific reasons for a drop	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.5	% eligible children taking up 2 year old offer (termly figure only)	High is good		72%		76%	76%	75%	72%	78%			↑	This is a considerable improvement and higher than the national average. This will ensure the most vulnerable individuals will be supported to get the right start in life.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
7.6	% children taking up 3 and 4 year old offer (termly figure only)	High is good			97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%			→	The percentage of children taking up the 3 and 4 year old offer remains between 97-99%. This figure may become more turbulent as the offer for 30 hours comes online.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
7.7	Number of families turned around (family focus) - claims made at agreed points in the year	High is good				153	153 (full yr)	45	41	25			↓	The running total of claims, indicating successful outcomes for families, made at this point is 264 (13.8% of the total required by March 2020).	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
<b>Youth Support</b>																
8.1	Number of young people accessing the youth support service						1536	1424	1030	1926			↑	The increase includes young people accessing targeted youth work and targeted youth support sessions.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.2	Number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	Low is good				167	167	177	118	150			↑	This now purely relates to those in Years 12-13 (i.e 17 and 18 year olds). Of the 150 who are NEET, 28 are not available to the labour market due to a combination of caring/parenting duties, pregnancy or illness. Of the remaining individuals, 117 are actively seeking work or working not for reward and 4 have agreed start dates for employment/ training. The slight increase in numbers is expected at this quarter end.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.3	% of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	Low is good				2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	1.65%	2.11%			↑	This now purely relates to those in Years 12-13 (i.e 17 and 18 year olds). Quarter 2 often sees a small increase as individuals decide A levels/ college are not the appropriate route. The increase in individuals accessing the Youth support services demonstrates the support in place to support them into the most appropriate avenue for progression.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
<b>Special Educational Need (SEN)</b>																
10.1	% good or outstanding special school	High is good				80%	80%	80%	80%	80%			→	There has been no change in the percentage of good/outstanding special schools in quarter 3.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
10.2	Number of new education, health and care needs assessments requests in quarter					313	86	73	93	82			↓	The new CE SEND toolkit aims to ensure that only appropriate referrals are made for Needs Assessments and therefore more children and young people maintain at earlier SEN stages e.g. SEND support.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.3	% of new education, health and care plans (EHCP) completed with 20 weeks	High is good	43.4	55.5		41% (Jan 17 SEN return)	84%	61%	47%	42%			↓	Timeliness continues to remain an issue, which is primarily due to the current shortage in Educational Psychologist (EP) capacity in Cheshire East due to the difficulties involved with recruitment and retention. Work is underway to address this. The EP Service has been recorded as a corporate risk. Where it is known that we will not achieve the 20 week timeline, support is allocated to the individual pupils with effect from week 17. Early indications are that this approach is being received positively.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.4	Number of ongoing transfers from statements of educational need/learning difficulty assessments (LDA) to education, health and care plans (EHCP)				0 by end of March 2018	0 by end of March 2018	467	378	77	61			↓	The proportion is moving rapidly as transfers are being completed and statements which will not be transferred are ceased. All SEN Statements must be transferred or ceased by 31 March 2018 and we are on target to achieve this.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.5	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) [accumulative]					1412	1412	1513	1647	1767			↑	The proportion of Statements as a percentage of the combined Statement and EHCP population continued to decrease and EHCP now represent 94% of all plans with only 115 Statements remaining.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.6	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or statement of educational need					1879	1879	1891	1897	1882			→	There has been a small reduction in the combined Statement and EHCP population. Cheshire East is below the National and the North West Region increase but is slightly higher than that of our statistical neighbours. Across the North West all Local Authorities have seen an increase in the overall number of children with EHCP/ Statements. For CE between Jan 2016 to Jan 2017 there was an increase of 10% which equals 200 additional EHCPs.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3