

Children and Families Scrutiny Committee Agenda

Date: Monday, 22nd March, 2010
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 18 January and 12 February 2010.

3. **Declaration of Interest/Party Whip**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests and for members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

4. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public notified the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting with brief details of the matter to be covered.

5. **Children & Families Performance Reporting process : High Risk Indicators**
(Pages 11 - 44)

To consider a report of the Strategic Director People.

6. **Reducing Teenage Pregnancy** (Pages 45 - 82)

To consider a report of the Strategic Director People.

7. **Sex and Relationship Education** (Pages 83 - 86)

To consider a report of the Strategic Director People.

8. **Implementation of Care matters** (Pages 87 - 110)

To consider a report of the Strategic Director People.

9. **Work Programme update** (Pages 111 - 120)

To consider a report of the Borough Solicitor.

10. **Forward Plan - extracts** (Pages 121 - 124)

To note the current Forward Plan, identify any new items and to determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate

11. **Consultations from Cabinet**

To note any consultations referred to the Committee from Cabinet and to determine whether any further action is appropriate.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Children and Families Scrutiny Committee**
held on Friday, 12th February, 2010 at Delamere 1, Floor 2, Delamere House,
Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2JZ

PRESENT

Councillor R Westwood (Chairman)
Councillor D Neilson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Beckford, D Flude, J Goddard, A Kolker, G Merry, M Parsons
and M Simon

Apologies

Councillor T Jackson, T Jackson and Claire Blanchard

74 ALSO PRESENT

Councillor W Livesley (Substitute Member)
Councillor AR Thwaite (Substitute Member and Chairman Corporate Scrutiny
Committee)
Councillor S Davies (Substitute Member)

75 OFFICERS PRESENT

John Weeks Strategic Director – People
Fintan Bradley – Service Manager Improvement and Achievement
Paul Mossman – Services Manager Integrated Delivery
Dominic Oakeshott – Peoples Finance Manager
Mark Nedderman – Senior Scrutiny Officer

76 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations made.

77 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no Members of the Public present who wished to address the
Committee

78 BUDGET 2010/2011

The Committee considered a report of the Borough Treasurer relating to the
formal consultation by Cabinet of the Budget for 2010/2011.

The report set out in detail the spending plans and income targets for the Council
for the financial year starting on 1 April 2010.

The Chairman of Corporate Scrutiny Committee informed members that a Budget Consultation Group had been set up in December 2009 to oversee the consultation process for 2010/2011 budget. The group had met two times during January 2010, during which details of the officer/portfolio budget challenge sessions held in the run up to the consultation process had been discussed. In addition, dates for the budget cycle of Scrutiny meetings had been agreed. The group had been given an opportunity to question some key officers within the Council to seek clarity on critical aspects of the budget, and as a result, there were no outstanding matters that required action by the Committee.

The group had concluded that it needed to reconvene in April to make early preparations for the 2011/2012 budget consultation process to ensure that a clear timetable existed for all internal stakeholders to ensure that Overview and Scrutiny members played an active part in the budget formulation and consultation processes during 2010/2011.

In view of the limited time between the series of budget Scrutiny meetings to be held over the 11 and 12 February and the Cabinet meeting on 16 February, the Chairman sought authority to allow the Chairman of Corporate Scrutiny to formally respond to the consultation after conferring with the Scrutiny Chairs group at its meeting prior to Cabinet on the 16 February with a composite response encompassing the comments of all five Committees.

Members questioned the Strategic Director People to seek clarification on a number of detailed points contained within the Budget Consultation document.

RESOLVED – That the budget consultation 2010/2011 be noted

79 PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Policy and Performance containing an overview of the 2009-2010 quarter 3 performance, which summarised performance against all National Indicators and key corporate performance measures that fell within the remit of the Council.

- Of the 50 national Indicators reported in the Committee's area of responsibility, 19 (38%) were green, 23 (46%) amber and 8(16%) were red.

Fourth Quarter performance data would be produced after 31 March for consideration and review by Scrutiny committee

RESOLVED - That the report be received

Councillor R Westwood (Chairman)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Children and Families Scrutiny Committee**
held on Monday, 18th January, 2010 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor R Westwood (Chairman)
Councillor D Neilson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Beckford, D Flude, J Goddard, A Kolker, M Parsons, M Simon
and D Thompson

57 ALSO PRESENT

Councillor S Davies, Substitute Member
Councillor W Livesley, Substitute Member
Mr G Roper, Church Representative
Councillor J P Findlow, Cabinet Member
Councillor Rhoda Bailey, Cabinet Support Member
Councillor L Smetham, Cabinet Support Member

58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Jackson and G Merry
and J Kelly, Church Representative.

59 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

Councillor D Flude declared a personal interest on the grounds that she was a
Governor of Westminster Nursery School and a Director of EIPC Ltd and
Councillor D Neilson declared a personal interest on the grounds that he was a
Governor of a school with a nursery.

60 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16
November 2009 be approved as a correct record subject to:

- a correction to the description of J Kelly in the list of those Also Present to
read Church Representative not Parent Governor Representative; and
- an amendment to minute 49 third paragraph to read "redesign of
Children's Services" not Children's Social Care.

61 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no Members of the Public present who wished to address the
Committee.

62 CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL RATING

The Committee considered a letter dated 9 December 2009 from Ofsted on the Children's Services Annual Rating. This was now derived from a new performance profile of the quality of services and outcomes for children and young people in each local area. The profile included findings from across Ofsted's inspection and regulation of services and settings for which the Council had strategic or operational responsibilities, either alone or in partnership, together with data from the relevant Every Child Matters indicators in the new National Indicator Set.

The annual rating derived from a four point scale and Cheshire East scored 3 which indicated that children's services performed well.

The overall effectiveness of a majority of inspected services and settings was good or better. A large percentage of childcare, nursery education and primary schools were judged to be better than similar areas or the national provision. There was little inadequate provision but the proportion of secondary schools and sixth forms judged to be good or better was below that found in similar areas or national provision. Provision for children and young people who were vulnerable was variable and one Children's Home was judged inadequate, although this had now closed permanently.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

63 REDESIGN OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee considered a report on the current position with the redesign of Children's Services. A Programme Manager had been appointed for a 12 month period to lead the introduction of a new model for Children's Services. The new model would be based on multi-agency working targeted at addressing needs earlier in children's lives as this was the most effective way by which the risks of poor outcomes to children and young people could be reduced.

The main features of the new ways of working were:

- Multi-agency teams co-ordinated around the needs of the child, family and community;
- Services that were well-co-ordinated and reduced need for parents/carers to complete a number of assessments required by a number of separate agencies and processes;
- Effective signposting to the most appropriate services sooner;
- Good information sharing between services and agencies to prevent service duplication and the poor use of resources.

Locality Teams comprising partners from the Children's Trust would be formed to provide access to targeted support appropriate to the local needs presented. Services would be commissioned on a multi-agency basis appropriate to the needs of the locality and informed by a good needs assessment/evidence base. Services would be co-located where appropriate and possible.

Members discussed the report and the following points were raised:

- It was important to ensure there was capacity within Cheshire East to manage all Cheshire East children and reduce the need for any

child/young person to be cared for out of the area; the Locality Teams would be established based on the specific needs of the area;

- How good was data and information sharing between partners? In response, the Committee was advised that data sharing was improving and a protocol was being developed around this issue. The provision of an observatory system, along similar lines to the Police and Fire services, was being addressed through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Steering Group, chaired by the Strategic Director People. The Contact Point system was also in place and awaiting training and licensing approvals; this would be monitored through the Children's Services Business Plan;
- Monitoring of out of area/specialist placements, which were expensive, was done by statutory review and if needs were not being met this would be addressed;
- It was important to focus on training and vocational needs not just academic achievement. The Committee was advised that from 1 April 2010, the Council would be responsible for post 16 funding and must engage with the business community as part of this new responsibility;
- In relation to the timescale for the redesign, Members were advised that budget efficiencies had been identified over a 3 year period;
- This Committee would receive regular progress updates and the possibility of receiving the minutes of the Children's Trust would be investigated.

RESOLVED: that the progress report on the redesign be noted.

64 SUMMARY OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE 2008-9

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director People summarising performance across all schools for all phases for 2008 – 09. The Committee was advised that constant updates were available to officers on performance results and comparisons with statistical neighbours.

The overall picture of school performance had been outlined at a previous meeting and showed either an improvement or the same position as before. Agreed priorities were:

- Early Years Foundation Stage - Continue to raise the achievement of all children and narrow the gap between the lowest 20% and the rest, improve the achievement of boys, interrogate data at scale point and individual child level especially in the bottom 20% of deprivation to increase rates of progress, support Headteachers and leaders to meet the challenges in the Schools' White Paper;
- In Primary Schools - reduce the number of schools below the floor target, improve two levels of progress in English and Maths and increase the percentage of pupils achieving L4+ in reading at the end of KS2;
- In Secondary schools – improve numbers of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - C including English and Maths to ensure performance is within the Fisher Family Trust B-D range following 2010 KS4 results and improve rates of progress made by individuals, groups of pupils and schools; improve the use of data and tracking systems; improve the attainment of pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

The Committee was advised that as part of its inspection regime Ofsted would take account of safeguarding and any issues could result in the school being put

into a category. There were no such schools in Cheshire East. Schools must show that they had strategies and mechanisms in place to track individual pupils' rates of progress. Schools that were low on attainment would receive proactive/assertive engagement at an early stage and there would also be a focus on early education settings and its uptake in the relevant areas.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and the priorities needed to further raise standards and reduce underperformance be endorsed.

65 CHESHIRE EAST BUDGET 2010 - 11

The Committee considered a verbal update from the Chairman on the Scrutiny Budget Task Group. The Group had received a presentation on the budget from the Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets. Special meetings of each Scrutiny Committee would be arranged to look at the budget proposals in relation to the Committee's remit.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

66 SCHOOLS WHITE PAPER

Maggie Swindells briefed the Committee on the White Paper – Your child, your schools, our future – Building a 21st century schools system. The main points in the paper included:

- An ambition for every child that their education would prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century - all schools would provide excellent teaching and extra help that a child may need, schools would work in partnership, schools would improve with stronger accountability and rapid intervention when needed, schools and school leaders would be supported and there would be a highly skilled and motivated workforce;
- Pupil Guarantee – relating to behaviour and discipline, breadth and balance in the curriculum, sport and cultural activities would be available, the school would promote health and wellbeing;
- Parent Guarantee – assurance that the school will deliver the Pupil Guarantee, Home School Agreements to reflect rights and responsibilities, access to extended services;
- New Guarantees – relating to extra help and support including one to one tuition for pupils falling behind at Key Stage 2 and Year 7, personal tutors for secondary school pupils, compulsory Personal, Social and Health Education;
- Partnership working – wider curriculum and qualification choices, specialist schools, increased efficiency and no duplication, effective membership of the Children's Trust;
- Every school improving – an annual report card showing a school's strengths and weaknesses and improvement priorities, Ofsted inspection, School Improvement Partners to provide a challenge and support role but improvement overall to be the responsibility of schools themselves;
- Transition measures were in place and the responsibilities for Local Authorities included monitoring school performance, having tailored support for local needs, supporting School Improvement Partners to identify suitable providers and packages;
- Every school and school leader supported – school funding would be reformed, buildings and infrastructure would receive investment, greater

say for parents, local Authorities would have a key role commissioning services and school places, schools would increasingly review, improve, develop and share emergent and effective classroom practice;

- In every school: delivering a well-led and highly skilled workforce – schools would need the strongest leaders, there would be a well-led and highly skilled children's workforce, teaching would have higher status making it world class, the role of governing bodies would be strengthened, their would be masters degree qualifications for all teachers and a renewable Licence to Teach (every 5 years), Children's Workforce would have a joint training and professional development strategy;
- The implications for Cheshire East would include building on good practice, relate to the Council's Aspire Values (Action, Support, People, Integrity, Recognition, Excellence), new structure and transformation of the service, partnership working.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted and discussed further at a future meeting.

67 EARLY YEARS FUNDING REFORM

The Committee received a verbal update on the reform of Early Years Funding.

A single funding formula had been required to be introduced by April 2010 but this had now been delayed, however, Cheshire East Council could apply for Pathfinder status to implement the new formula from April 2010 if full Cabinet approved this at its next meeting. The new formula applied a base rate with additional elements based on flexibility, quality and rurality.

Following consideration by the Committee in August 2009, when the formula was being consulted upon, officers were looking at doing some pilot work of an additional element being available based on provision for children where English was not their first language.

Transitional arrangements were in place to help providers during the change to a single funding formula and a business manager would help individual schools where required.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

68 CHILDREN'S TRUST

The Committee was briefed on the role of the Children's Trust. The Trust had a statutory basis in that Section 10 of the Children Act 2004 placed a duty on local authorities and their Statutory partners to co-operate in making arrangements to improve children's well-being, this would mean partners working together to improve commissioning and delivery of services for all children, young people and families in a given area. The local authority would have a leadership role in the Children's Trust but would not control it.

The outcomes of the Trust included:

- A shared child-centred outcome-led vision;

- Integrated front line delivery organised around the child, young person or family rather than professional boundaries or existing agencies – Multi Agency Teams;
- Integrated processes, effective joint working sustained by a shared language and shared processes – Common Assessment;
- Integrated strategy, joint planning and commissioning, pooled budgets – The Children's Plan;
- Inter-agency governance, with robust arrangements for inter-agency cooperation – the Trust.

The Trust comprised the Director of Children's Services; the Lead Member with Cabinet responsibility and one representative from:

- the Association of Primary Head Teachers;
- Association of Secondary Head Teachers;
- Children and Young People's Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Hub;
- Cheshire Police;
- Police Authority;
- Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust;
- Director of Public Health.

RESOLVED: that the presentation be noted and a training session be organised to explain further the role of the Children's Trust.

69 YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE - IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Committee considered the Cheshire Youth Offending Service Improvement Plan following the inspection of the service in August 2009. The Committee noted that all actions were timetabled for completion by March 2010.

RESOLVED: that a summary of actions taken be submitted to a future meeting.

70 SCRUTINY REVIEW - MANAGING THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL PLACES - REPORT ON TRANSFORMING LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

The Committee was advised that the final report of the Scrutiny Panel who had reviewed the future management of school places had been submitted to Cabinet on 22 December 2009; the Cabinet had accepted in full the recommendations within the report.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

71 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Committee considered the current position with the Work Programme which had been revised at the mid point meeting on 14 December. The first meeting of the Task/Finish Panel on Family Support Services would be arranged shortly.

RESOLVED: that the Work Programme be noted.

72 FORWARD PLAN - EXTRACTS

The Committee considered the current Forward Plan in relation to Children and Family Services.

RESOLVED: that the Forward Plan be noted.

73 CONSULTATIONS FROM CABINET

There were no consultations from Cabinet.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.45 pm

Councillor R Westwood (Chairman)

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Children & Families Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 22nd March 2010
Report of: John Weeks : Strategic Director – People
Subject/Title: Children & Families Performance Reporting process : High Risk Indicators
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Paul Findlow

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress in the reporting of performance across Children & Family Services. Reports have previously been presented to Scrutiny relating to the establishment of a Performance Score Card which is primarily focused upon the 82 National Indicators which are now reported upon by Children & Family Services. The format and structure of this scorecard has been previously supported by Scrutiny committee and is fully aligned to the wider Corporate reporting processes across the Council.
- 1.2 Significant work has been undertaken within Children & Families Extended Leadership Team to evaluate performance following the Quarter 3 period (October – December 2009). This evaluation has identified a number of high risk indicators where there are concerns that targets over the year may not be met. This paper outlines the actions taken to address these high risk indicators and provide the 'story behind the curve'. At the end of Quarter 4, further detailed evaluation will take place against these targeted indicators and to review progress over the whole year.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 This paper proposes that the Committee endorses the plans as outlined in Appendix A in order to address key areas of possible underperformance.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The reason for presenting this report is to inform the Committee of the ongoing work which is being undertaken to establish an accurate performance data profile across Children & Families. The report highlighting the high risk indicators shows that there are planned solutions to address the areas of concern which are essential to improve outcomes for all young people particularly those who are seen as most vulnerable.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All localities will be affected by the performance report and analysis. The overall performance report card has begun to provide more localised performance data

across key localities and it is the intention to further refine this process at Quarter 4.

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 None identified

**6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change
- Health**

6.1 Within the Children & Families Business Plan, the priorities are principally structured around the National Indicators especially those which are part of the Local Area Agreement (LAA). This report therefore is crucial in reporting progress against national indicators which are identified as high risk.

6.2 The monitoring of progress against national indicators is a developing process which is being promoted through the Performance Peers programme at a Corporate level. This programme will be evaluated at year end and may result in revised policies for the Council.

6.2 This detailed analysis of performance data for 2009-10 will form the basis of detailed service planning across Children & Family service teams.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 This performance reporting mechanism will help to identify priority actions across Children & Family services for the new financial year quarterly reporting process. The progress made against the identified high risk indicators may result in variations in the allocation of funding in order that appropriate resources are targeted at key areas of potential underperformance.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 None

10.0 Risk Management .

10.1 The very nature of the high risk report means that there is clear recognition of potential underperformance and that early intervention has been initiated to tackle targeted national indicators. The overall purpose of this process is therefore to minimise the risks and maximise the impact of the interventions to improve outcomes for young people.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 The detailed analysis of the Quarter 3 reporting process by Children & Families Extended Leadership Team resulted in all national indicators being assessed

as a High, Medium or Low risk in terms of progress to achieve identified targets. This evaluation was based upon the direction of travel of the actual performance data reported in Quarters 2 and 3 as well as an analysis of the actions which are being initiated to improve performance.

- 11.2 The outcome of this evaluative process identified the following profile in terms of the 82 National Indicators which are attributed to Children & Families.

Red rating (High Risk)	13 (16%)
Amber rating	43 (52%)
Green rating	26 (32%)

It is important to state that there are still some National Indicators which do not easily fit within a quarterly process as they are annual returns only. Also, some indicators do not have updated information as the data sources are less reliable. An example of this relates to some indicators sources through the Learning & Skills Council (LSC).

- 11.3 Appendix A shows a summary report outlining the actions planned for the 13 high risk indicators. This report not only summarises the performance data relating to each indicator but also a summary of the issues as well as the agreed priority actions. These actions have been specifically shown for the short term as well as longer term outcomes. The creation of this reporting format has been shared with the corporate performance lead who has identified this as good practice and to be encouraged across other service areas.
- 11.4 The analysis of performance data is constantly changing and there will be a further detailed analysis of C&F performance at year end. This quarterly reporting process is always a quarter behind actual time and it will be the case that updated data will be shared with the committee on the actual day that this report is presented so that progress can be shared which is the most up to date available.
- 11.5 This process is also evolving in terms of creating a more localised summary of performance as well as capturing other key performance indicators which are not part of the national indicator set. This expansion of performance is important but it is equally important to ensure that the key priorities remain and can be easily recognised rather than being lost within an overcomplicated performance report.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

- 12.1 The following milestones are expected:

- Detailed evaluation of the Quarter 3 High Risk indicators up to year end to monitor progress against the agreed actions.
- Establishment of a detailed year end performance report for C&F which gives a full review of progress of NIs over the year which allows for the identification of priority areas of service delivery
- Ongoing liaison with wider Corporate performance processes to ensure full alignment with other service areas.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PERFORMANCE REPORTING (QUARTER 3)

HIGH RISK INDICATORS

The enclosed information provides a summary of actions which are planned by C and F Service Teams to address the priority areas as identified through the Quarter 3 performance reporting process.

These actions will be monitored during Quarter 4 and will be updated further in terms of progress made.

High risk NIs are:

NI 45	EET and young people who offend
NI 59	Initial assessments carried out within 7 days
NI 60	% if core assessments carried out within 35 days
NI 64	Duration on the child protection register
NI 68	% of referrals going on to initial assessment
NI 87	Secondary PA rate
NI 99	Cared for Children reaching Level 4 in English at KS2
NI 100	Cared for Children reaching Level 4 in Mathematics at KS2
NI 101	Cared for Children achieving 5A*-C or equivalent at KS4 Including English and Maths
NI 102 a&b	Achievement Gap FSM v Non FSM
NI 112	Under 18 Conception rate
NI 117	16-18 NEET

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 45 : Engagement in education training and employment by young people who offend**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :
Manager :

YOS
Dave Cornwall / Penny Sharland

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 45	66%	90%	51.7%	n/a		

Outline:

Suitable ETE can be a significant risk or protective factor in terms of the likelihood of young people offending. NI 45 reflects this in terms measuring ETE status of those are completing an order for a criminal conviction. Suitable ETE is determined by the Youth Justice Board as being 25+ pre 16 yrs, and 16+ post 16 yrs.

Summary of issues :

- Cheshire East has seen a gradual decline over the last 18 months in terms of young people being in suitable ETE at the end of there order;
- Young people who go on to offend, often have a series of significant issues preventing them from engaging successfully in mainstream provision, including education;
- Introduction of the Youth Restorative Disposal has reduced throughput, leaving more complex higher tier cases;
- Access to a range of suitable ete places within easy reach for those on an order for a criminal conviction;

Priority Actions

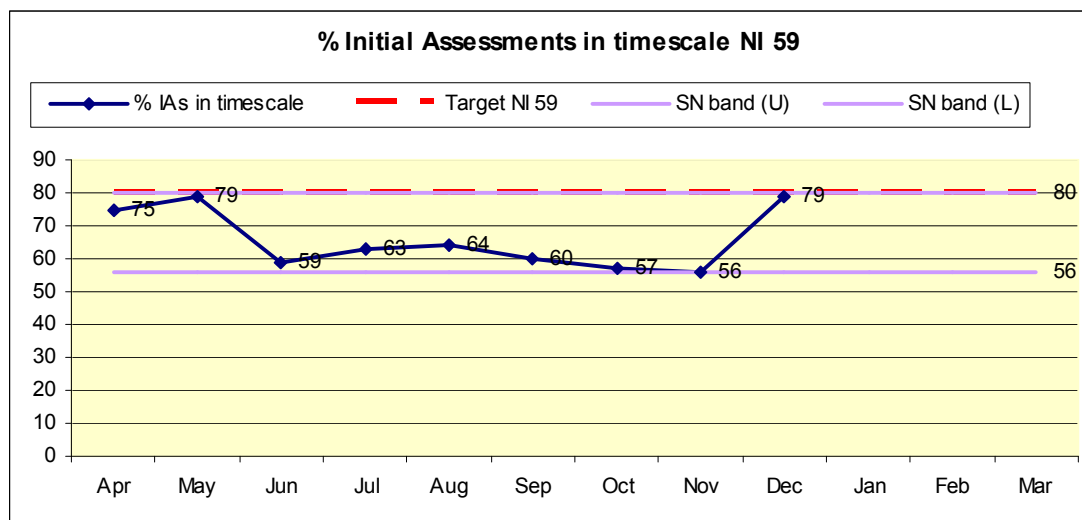
Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
1. Undertake analysis of cohort not ete.	1. Better understanding of who the cohort are; 2. Better understanding of existing barriers to provision;	1. Improved monitoring of cohort for measuring of NI by q2 2010;
2. 1 yr secondment of worker from	1. Active and open link between the YOS and mainstream education	1. Working protocol within LEA regards support for keeping

education to work within the YOS	establishments; 2. Improve support for those not engaging in mainstream education; 3. Support for commissioning of alternative placements for those not engaging in mainstream.	young people known to the YOS in mainstream education – Mar 2011; 2. Working protocol for commissioning of alternate education places for those not in mainstream - Mar 2011; 3. Improved knowledge of education structures, processes and ways of working across all YOS managers – Dec 2010;
3. Undertake action planning with YOS management board	1. Action plan to support improving ETE performance circulated for consultation and integration into Youth Justice Plan;	1. Working plan for Cheshire East C&F for improving NI performance May 2010; 2. Commitment to resources required to complete actions May 2010;
Review effectiveness of actions – has it made a difference?		Review of performance is undertaken quarterly along side reviewing of Youth Justice plans.

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator: NI 59 : Initial Assessments for Children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator:
Manager:

Children in Need & Child Protection
Sharmain Lawrence

**Performance profile to date :**

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 59	75.7%	80%	62% (62% year to date)	60% (59% year to date)	↓	72%

Summary of issues:

The 08/09 outturn figure was inaccurate as at that time, practice was not compliant with CPR3 national guidance. Assessments were signed off retrospectively. Managers were issued with an instruction to immediately discontinue this practice in May 2009. At the time it was recognised that there would initially be a downward trend in performance data.

In November 2009 a new interim structure was implemented in the CIN & CP service, with increased staffing numbers and re-distribution of responsibilities. Responsibility for the completion of the majority of Initial Assessments has now

passed to the Children's Access Service. This reduces workload for the CP/CIN Service allowing increasing capacity to improve completion timescales for initial assessments on children who may need to be subject to child protection plans.

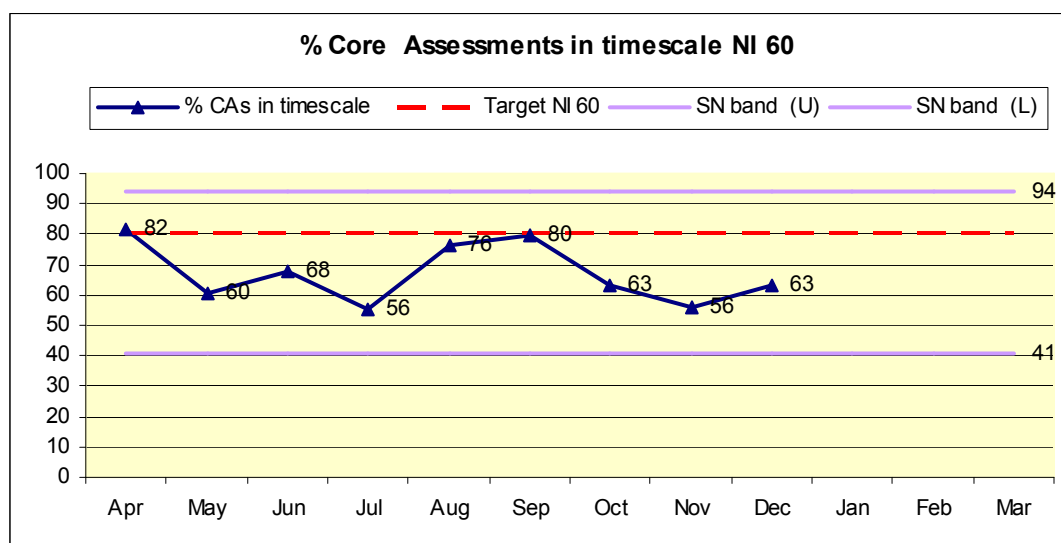
Priority Actions:

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
All section 17 initial assessments carried out within the duty and initial assessment team (formerly Access team).	<p>Target - Performance to improve to 80%.</p> <p>An upward trend in Quarter 4 2009-10</p>	85% initial assessments carried out within 7 days of referral by September 2010
<p>Performance to be monitored via management meetings, supervision and monthly performance clinics and audits. Performance will also be monitored via team secretary, and team manager and performance monitoring assistants will produce a monthly managers performance report.</p>	<p>To implement a tracking and monitoring protocol from 1st March 2010.</p> <p>Managers to monitor performance more closely and provide accurate performance information.</p> <p>Managers to facilitate and ensure completion of assessments within timescales.</p>	85% initial assessments carried out within 7 days of referral by September 2010
Implementation of new structure within service	<p>Increased social worker and management capacity to facilitate reduced workloads</p> <p>Improved capacity and performance</p>	85% initial assessments carried out within 7 days of referral by September 2010
Review effectiveness of actions – has it made a difference?	Current performance is 84%, therefore locating responsibility for initial assessments within the access teams has been effective in improving performance for this indicator.	

Reporting Quarter: 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 60 : Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that are carried out within 35 days of their commencement.**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator:
Manager:

Children in Need & Child Protection
Sharmain Lawrence

**Performance profile to date :**

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 60	80.1%	80%	70% (69% year to date)	56% (64% year to date)	↓	78%

Summary of issues:

The 08/09 outturn figure was inaccurate as at that time, practice was not compliant with CPR3 national guidance. Assessments were signed off retrospectively. Managers were issued with an instruction to immediately discontinue this practice in May 2009. At the time it was recognised that there would initially be a downward trend in performance data.

In November 2009 a new interim structure was implemented in the CIN & CP service, with increased staffing numbers and re-distribution of responsibilities. A reduced workload for the CP/CIN Service will allow for an increase in completion

of core assessments within timescale, though this may not be fully achieved until further implementation of re-structuring.

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
Improve performance monitoring	<p>Implement interim performance monitoring tool to inform management of cases.</p> <p>To implement a tracking and monitoring protocol 1st March 2010, which will promote increased management overview and review of performance, enabling managers to put remedial actions in place.</p> <p>Regular audit process to be in place.</p>	Increase performance to 80% within timescale.
Ensure regular performance clinics, management meetings and supervision.	Increase performance in quarter 4 to 70% completed within timescale.	Increase performance to 80% within timescale.
Implementation of new structure within service	<p>Increased social worker and management capacity to facilitate reduced workloads</p> <p>Improved capacity and performance</p>	Increase performance to 80% within timescale.
Risk management, safeguarding and supervision training to be provided	Improve performance and supervision of workers	Increase performance to 80% within timescale.
Review effectiveness of actions – has it made a difference?	Early indications of interim structure changes and improved capacity suggest improving performance.	

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 64 : Duration on the child protection register (2+ years)**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :
Manager :

Children in Need & Child Protection
Sharmain Lawrence / Jane Brooks

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 64	n/a	n/a	10%	16%	↓	6.0%

Summary of issues :

The data above that informed this indicator is incorrect. At the time this was extracted, the PARIS system was showing 16 children as having been subject to CP plans for longer than two years. At the end of the third quarter this should have reflected 11 children having been subject to CP plans. The figure has reduced further to 9 children as at the end of January 2010.

Of the 9 children subject to CP plans, 5 are now subject to proceedings or the legal gatekeeping process.

Information regarding this indicator needs to be collected and actioned at local level in a proactive manner so that we are sure of the appropriateness of any children remaining subject to CP plans.

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
Improve data and data collection	A new data collection system will be established and operating by 1 st April 2010 to improve the accuracy of information.	Access to accurate data on a daily basis.
Proactive monitoring by Safeguarding Chairs	Regular data provided to Safeguarding Chairs will facilitate targeted enquiry and consideration for early review of CP plans. Early notification of performance and practice issues to CP/CIN service	By March 2011, a reduction in the number of children in this indicator to national average.

Re structure of CP/CIN Service to improve manager and worker capacity	Improved support to and supervision of staff and children subject to CP plans ensuring CP plans are SMART	By March 2011, a reduction in the number of children in this indicator to national average.
Introduction of monthly practice workshops	Performance improvement through focus on specific and identified issues	By March 2011, a reduction in the number of children in this indicator to national average.
Review effectiveness of actions – has it made a difference?	New actions to be reviewed Quarterly.	

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 68 : Percentage referrals to children's Social Care going on to initial assessment**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :
Manager :

Children in Need & Child Protection
Sharmain Lawrence

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 68	75.3%	75%	56% (63% year to date)	45% (55% year to date)	↓	68%

Summary of issues :

Historically CE did not implement the initial contact and information record within PARIS resulting in all contacts to the department being recorded as referrals whether or not they actually required a social work intervention. This negatively distorted the figures in relation to the above indicator.

Paris re-configuration has been completed and is now being implemented. This allows for more accurate collection of data in relation to referrals.

Threshold guidance had not been fully implemented impacting on numbers of referrals as agencies did not fully understand eligibility criteria for access to the service. CAF has not been fully implemented, resulting in some inappropriate referral to the service.

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
Contact record implemented	There should already be evidence of significant improvement in this area of performance.	Achieve 80% of referrals leading to initial assessment
Single agency threshold guidance implemented within	More consistent decision making about what constitutes a contact and referral	Achieve 80% of referrals leading to initial assessment

service		
New threshold guidance agreed and implemented by Children's Trust		A reduction in inappropriate referrals. Achieve 80% of referrals leading to initial assessment
Improve numbers of CAF being completed	Improved numbers should reduce inappropriate referrals to social care services.	Services to support children and families at an early stage reducing the need to escalate to social care services.
Service redesign	N/A	Early interventions reducing referral to social care service.
Promote awareness of training across the children's workforce of TAC (Team Around The Child) and lead professional	Service redesign	Earlier multi-agency intervention, co-ordinating and delivering integrated services for children.
Review effectiveness of actions – has it made a difference?	Actions taken suggest improving performance however this needs to be determined over a longer period.	

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 87 : Secondary School Persistent Absence (PA) Rate**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :
Manager :

Strategy & Development
Anne Gadsden / Maggie Swindell

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 87	5.7%	5.3 %	5.8%	5.8%	→	5.9%

Summary of issues :

- There are 6 secondary schools identified as schools with Persistent Absentees
 - The Ruskin 10.8%
 - Shavington 7.9%
 - Knutsford 6.8%
 - Sir William Stanier 14.7%
 - Macclesfield High School 11.2%
- Historically there has been limited joint working between the attendance and the behaviour teams

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
For the Excellence & Equity Manager to undertake the role of Attendance Leader and establish a strategic team and action plan	For the Attendance Lead to present a clear profile of attendance and Persistent Absence on a termly basis using the PA data collection	<p>Strategy enables attendance to be linked to School Improvement, safeguarding, parenting strategy, NEET and other ECM outcomes. September 2010</p> <p>Schools to be aware of the National Strategies Securing Good Attendance/Behaviour Frameworks</p>

<p>MPST Educational Consultants – as part of the monitoring – ensure that each pupil has appropriate transition planning for secondary provision</p>		
<p>Roll out of the Designated Teacher Statutory Guidance to Raise the Attainment of Cared for Children and a strong and clear admissions policy.</p>	<p>Designated teachers will provide the Local Authority with accurate data about the educational attainment and targets.</p> <p>There will be a stronger and more consistent approach to understanding the needs of Cared for Children and a raising of the educational attainment</p>	
<p>Review of educational components of MPST (Virtual School and Virtual School Head) Role and functions of the PEP Co-ordinator is to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Stronger, clearer strategic lead for Cared for Children</p> <p>Stronger links with Headteachers providing better challenge.</p>	

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 99 : Cared for Children reaching Level 4 in English at Key Stage 2****Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :****Manager :****Glynis Williams(Liz Turner)****Performance profile to date :**

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 99	73.7%	*36% (see below)	18%	18%		67%

Summary of issues :

- * The SaLT return, on which the target is based, was completed in January 2009 when the cohort size was 19. Of the original 19 pupils, 6 have left care and another 11 have become cared for. The current size of this cohort is now 24. This affects the accuracy of the target profoundly.
- 11 of the SaLT cohort are estimated to make 2 levels progress – 5 of whom are estimated to achieve Level 4 and 6 are estimated to achieve Level 3
- With cohort sizes which are so small, percentage returns are not statistically sound
- The cohort changes throughout the year – these returns are for the OC2 cohort (children who are in care for 12 months or more in the September following sitting Key Stage tests.) Cohort targets can change on a month by month basis
- This cohort is regularly monitored and tracked by both the consultants in MPST (Multi Professional Support Team) and by Designated Teachers in schools
- The Cared for population has increased by approximately 20% since April 2009 with the biggest growth in the 5-9 age group.
- Transition planning severely affects our Cared for Children. The current Year 6 all have plans in place and schools identified – and where situations may change there is close liaison with the Admissions Team.

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
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<p>Educational consultants track and monitor regularly the Year 6 cohort. Appropriate interventions and resources are allocated through both the monitoring and the PEP process</p> <p>Interventions to raise attainment: 1:1 tuition : PEA (Personal Education Allowance of £500): ESF (Education Support Fund – varies depending upon need)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original figure for the SaLT return was 19 pupils. Since then, 6 have left care. An additional 11 have become cared for. • The tracking and monitoring is being further developed of pupils in the changing cohort. Analysis of the cohort's estimated levels is ongoing. Interventions are identified through monitoring on a cohort basis and individually through the PEP process. • Virtual School database to be developed • Children will remain in school, not be excluded, and appropriate secondary provision will have been allocated through the admissions procedure 	<p>The expectation is that this system will be transferred into an integrated database – rather than spreadsheets - which will enable us to be more effective in our monitoring and interventions.</p> <p>£10,000 has been ring fenced in this financial year's budget to develop the database</p>
<p>MPST Educational Consultants – as part of the monitoring – ensure that each pupil has appropriate transition planning for secondary provision</p>		
<p>Roll out of the Designated Teacher Statutory Guidance to Raise the Attainment of Cared for Children and a strong and clear admissions policy.</p>	<p>Designated teachers will provide the Local Authority with accurate data about the educational attainment and targets.</p> <p>There will be a stronger and more consistent approach to understanding the needs of Cared for Children and a raising of the educational attainment</p>	
<p>Review of educational components of MPST (Virtual School and Virtual School Head) Role and functions of the PEP Co-ordinator is to be reviewed.</p>	<p>Stronger, clearer strategic lead for Cared for Children</p> <p>Stronger links with Headteachers providing better challenge.</p>	

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 100 : Cared for Children reaching Level 4 in Mathematics at Key Stage 2**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :
Manager :

Glynis Williams(Liz Turner)

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 100	58%	*47%	27%	27%		67%

Summary of issues :

- * The SaLT return, on which the target is based, was completed in January 2009 when the cohort size was 19. Of the original 19 pupils, 6 have left care and another 11 have become cared for. The current size of this cohort is now 24. This affects the accuracy of the target profoundly.
- 9 of the SaLT cohort are estimated to make 2 levels progress – 5 of whom are estimated to achieve Level 4 and 4 are estimated to achieve Level 3
- With cohort sizes which are so small percentage returns are not statistically sound
- The cohort changes throughout the year – these returns are for the OC2 cohort (children who are in care for 12 months or more in the September following sitting Key Stage tests) Cohort targets can change on a month by month basis
- This cohort is regularly monitored and tracked by both the consultants in MPST (Multi Professional Support Team) and by Designated Teachers in schools
- The Cared for population has increased by approximately 20% since April 2009 with the biggest growth in the 5-9 age group.
- Transition planning severely affects our Cared for Children. The current Year 6 all have plans in place and schools identified – and where situations may change there is close liaison with the Admissions Team.

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
<p>Educational consultants track and monitor regularly the Year 6 cohort.</p> <p>Appropriate interventions and resources are allocated through both the monitoring and the PEP process</p> <p>Interventions to raise attainment: 1:1 tuition : PEA (Personal Education Allowance of £500): ESF (Education Support Fund – varies depending upon need)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original figure for the SaLT return was 19 pupils. Since then, 6 have left care. An additional 11 have become cared for. • The tracking and monitoring is being further developed of pupils in the changing cohort. Analysis of the cohort's estimated levels is ongoing. Interventions are identified through monitoring on a cohort basis and individually through the PEP process. • Virtual School database to be developed • Children will remain in school, not be excluded, and appropriate secondary provision will have been allocated through the admissions procedure 	<p>The expectation is that this system will be transferred into an integrated database – rather than spreadsheets - which will enable us to be more effective in our monitoring and interventions.</p> <p>£10,000 has been ring fenced in this financial year's budget to develop the database</p>
<p>MPST Educational Consultants – as part of the monitoring – ensure that each pupil has appropriate transition planning for secondary provision</p>		
<p>Roll out of the Designated Teacher Statutory Guidance to Raise the Attainment of Cared for Children and a strong and clear admissions policy.</p>	<p>Designated teachers will provide the Local Authority with accurate data about the educational attainment and targets.</p> <p>There will be a stronger and more consistent approach to understanding the needs of Cared for Children and a raising of the educational attainment</p>	
<p>Review of educational components of MPST (Virtual School and Virtual School Head)</p>	<p>Stronger, clearer strategic lead for Cared for Children</p> <p>Stronger links with Headteachers providing better challenge.</p>	

Role and functions of the PEP Co-ordinator is to be reviewed.		
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Children & Families Performance Report : RISK Indicators

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)

Indicator : NI 101 : Cared for Children achieving 5A*-C or equivalent at Key Stage 4 including English & Maths.

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :
Manager :

Glynis Williams(Liz Turner)

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 101	8.3%	*18%	3%	3%		

Summary of issues :

- * The SaLT return, on which the target is based, was completed in January 2009 when the cohort size was 19. Of the original 19 pupils, 4 have left care and another 7 have become cared for. The current size of this cohort is now 22. This affects the accuracy of the target profoundly.
- 7 of the cohort have a statement of Special Educational Need
- Current indications are that 5 (23%) of this current cohort could achieve the target. However, some of the students who are estimated to achieve 5 or more GCSEs at A* - C including English and Maths may leave care before September 30th 2010.
- With cohort sizes which are so small, percentage returns are not statistically sound
- The cohort changes throughout the year – these returns are for the OC2 cohort (children who are in care for 12 months or more in the September following sitting GCSEs or equivalents.) Cohort targets can change on a month by month basis
- This cohort is regularly monitored and tracked by both the consultants in MPST (Multi Professional Support Team) and by Designated Teachers in schools
- The Cared for population has increased by approximately 20% since April 2009

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
<p>Educational consultants track and monitor regularly the Year 11 cohort. Appropriate interventions and resources are allocated through both the monitoring and the PEP process</p> <p>Interventions to raise attainment: 1:1 tuition : PEA (Personal Education Allowance of £500): ESF (Education Support Fund – varies depending upon need)BECTA computers: revision guides</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original figure for the SaLT return was 19 pupils. Since then, 6 have left care. An additional 11 have become cared for. • The tracking and monitoring is being further developed of pupils in the changing cohort. Analysis of the cohort's estimated levels is ongoing. Interventions are identified through monitoring on a cohort basis and individually through the PEP process. It is anticipated that we will be in a position to provide target data for Quarter 4 • Virtual School database to be developed • Children will remain in school, not be excluded, and appropriate secondary provision will have been allocated through the admissions procedure • Roll out of Home Access/BECTA computers will facilitate revision/coursework for Years 10.11, 12, 13 and care leavers. 	<p>The expectation is that this system will be transferred into an integrated database – rather than spreadsheets - which will enable us to be more effective in our monitoring and interventions.</p> <p>£10,000 has been ring fenced in this financial year's budget to develop the database</p>
<p>Roll out of the Designated Teacher Statutory Guidance to Raise the Attainment of Cared for Children and a strong and clear admissions policy.</p>	<p>Designated teachers will provide the Local Authority with accurate data about the educational attainment and targets.</p>	
<p>Review of educational components of MPST (Virtual School and Virtual School Head)</p>	<p>Stronger, clearer strategic lead for Cared for Children</p> <p>Stronger links with Headteachers</p>	

Role and functions of the PEP Co-ordinator is to be reviewed.		
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Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 102 : Achievement Gap between pupils eligible for FSM and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2****Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :**
Manager :**Strategy & Development**
Maggie Swindells**Performance profile to date :**

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 102a Primary	25%	20%	24%	24%	→	n/a
NI 102b Secondary	38.1%	37%	36.2%	36.2%	→	n/a

Summary of issues :

- This indicator has been identified through National Strategies Standards meeting process Especially at KS4 where the data shows that Cheshire East has the largest gap in the NW region for attainment of FSM v Non FSM. Current gap is 36.2 %.
- Cheshire East was invited to be part of a National Strategies initiated programme to work with identified Regional Advisers to close the gap. A detailed action plan has been drawn up with a group of identified primary & secondary schools identified.
- The aim of this programme is to create an accurate database of schools and pupils, identify causes of gap and strategies to narrow the gap by summer 2010.

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
Cheshire East to join national programme for improving FSM attainment – action plan produced involving target schools.	1. LA lead identified + target schools. 2. Action plan agreed validated by NS. 3. Creation of baseline data to identify pupil profiles and key factors affecting performance.	Summer term 2010 : attendance at regional events to disseminate best practice from FSM programme.
To ensure all relevant LA service teams have clear understanding of	1. Ensure all NS programmes and SIPs are fully briefed upon expectations from programme and their contribution to narrowing the gap.	Summer term 2010 : 1. Newly agreed service teams have clear understanding of agreed actions and FSM gap clearly

<p>factors causing underperformance and can support schools to close the gap in attainment</p>	<p>2. Support provided where data shows issues in FSM gap</p>	<p>identified within new service plans. 2. Planning and agreement of funding streams to support work in schools within new financial year.</p>
<p>Effective use of performance data & tracking to establish 3 projects within target schools: a. G&T & FSM pupils b. 1:1 Tuition & FSM pupils c. Mathematical attainment & FSM pupils.</p>	<p>1. Establish accurate data for each of the three projects which is based upon individual pupil progress. 2. Establish funding streams as appropriate for each project. 3. Link FSM projects to wider Think Family strategy. 4. Using target setting data, identify improvements expected for FSM pupils with each project.</p>	<p>Summer Term 2010 : 1. Analysis of performance data to consider success of intervention strategies within target schools. 2. Effectiveness of strategies reviewed and recommendations made.</p>
<p>Review effectiveness of programme – has it made a difference ?</p>		<p>Summer / Autumn 2010 : 1. Review overall Action Plan - Planning for similar programme with new/wider group of schools as from September 2010. Autumn Term 2010 ; Best Practice Conference</p>

Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 112 : Under 18 Conception rate****Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :****Manager :**

Janet Smith

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 112	-8.1%	-29%	Small indicative fall on data but not statistically significant or substantial	Small indicative fall on data but not statistically significant or substantial		

Summary of issues :

- Provisional calculated data for 2008 indicates rates in Congleton & Crewe have reduced slightly whereas Macclesfield has increased. Overall, slight decline across CE

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
To appoint a strategic lead for Teenage Pregnancy	<p>A secondment from GONW to lead on key areas of this work (up to June 2010)</p> <p>The Teenage Pregnancy self assessment tool to be completed by all relevant partners (March 2010)</p> <p>Recommendations from the refreshed national Teenage Pregnancy strategy will be widely disseminated (March 2010)</p>	<p>A strategic lead appointed to work to the 'Be Healthy' sub group of the Children's Trust with an initial clear emphasis on Teenage Pregnancy (by summer term 2010)</p> <p>An operational plan reviewed and further developed on the needs identified from the self assessment exercise (May 2010). This will inform commissioning and will take account of the refreshed national strategy</p>

<p>To look critically at the sexual health services available to young people</p>	<p>A sexual health needs assessment is carried out (Jan 2010)</p> <p>The appointment of a lead for 'You're Welcome' quality criteria for sexual health services. (April 2010)</p> <p>An outline plan in place for the roll out of the 'You're Welcome' quality mark across young people's sexual health services. (April 2010)</p>	<p>A radical overhaul of young people's sexual health and contraceptive services has been completed in response to the results of the needs assessment. (Autumn 2010)</p> <p>'You're Welcome' quality mark in place in 'hotspot areas for young people's sexual health services (2011)</p>
<p>To develop a clear communication strategy for Teenage pregnancy within partner organisations and the wider dissemination of consistent messages to young people and their parents/carers</p>	<p>Operational communications group set up with leads from the LA and PCT (March 2010)</p> <p>An outline plan for disseminating information/messages within partner organisations developed (April 2010)</p> <p>National and regional campaigns to be further disseminated locally to be identified. (April 2010)</p>	<p>A clear communication strategy in place (Summer 2010)</p> <p>An annual structured plan of up to date information/messages is in place looking at key times of the year when conception rates rise (ongoing annually)</p>
<p>To develop for all schools and other setting clear policy and best practice around the delivery of sex and relationship education with the context of Personal, Social, Health, Enterprise and Citizenship education</p>	<p>Raise awareness with schools and other settings of the move to statutory PSHE and SRE in Sept 2011 through the national PSHE accreditation programme and other CPD events (throughout 2010)</p> <p>Identify good practice in SRE and to develop and outline plan to disseminate this (April 2010). Initially targeting hotspot schools and settings</p> <p>Support schools and colleges to achieve National Healthy schools/college Status (December 2011)</p>	<p>All schools and other settings understand and are working towards best practice in PSHE and are engaged in training to produce a workforce that is confident to deliver effective SRE (ongoing)</p> <p>Effective SRE is linked to sexual health services in all secondary schools and colleges (2011)</p> <p>The National Healthy Schools Enhancement model is used to enable schools to work on NI 112 as their local priority where appropriate (2012)</p>

<p>To develop the children and young people's workforce to be confident and effective deliverers of information guidance and services to young people</p>	<p>Meeting of the workforce development leads in partner agencies (February 2010)</p> <p>An outline plan developed for each organisation to train and deliver tiered training (Summer 2010)</p> <p>Identify key staff or organisations that can be trained or commissioned to deliver tiered training (Summer 2010)</p> <p>Train the trainers/commission trainers (Autumn 2010)</p>	<p>There will be a Teenage Pregnancy workforce development strategy and operational plan forming part of the larger Children's Workforce development strategy.</p> <p>There are confident effective trainers available or commissioned to deliver the plan</p> <p>A tiered approach to training is in place for all staff who work with children and young people to talk about relationships and sex - basic sexual health awareness and sign posting to more advanced training for those working with at risk groups</p>
<p>To have a well resourced and trained youth support service</p>	<p>Connexions and the third sector will participate in the re-launch of the Cheshire East condom distribution scheme (March 2010)</p> <p>A plan to be developed on how Connexions and the third sector might further engage vulnerable young people in geographical hotspots and groups including developing their work further with boys and young men</p>	<p>Connexions and the third sector will have received further training for key staff working with children and young people so that they are confident to talk to children and young people about sex and relationships and sexual health services including the issuing of condoms where appropriate, Chlamydia screening, pregnancy testing and sign posting to other sexual health and contraceptive services (Autumn 2010)</p> <p>A process for measuring the impact of their interventions will be developed and the results shared with all partners (Summer 2010)</p>
<p>To work through the 'Parenting strategy' to empower and encourage parents to talk to their children about sex relationships</p>	<p>To identify the importance of advice and training for parents to talk to their children about sex and relationships and having high aspirations in the Cheshire east Parenting strategy (April 2010)</p> <p>To identify key deliverers of training for parents through Children's Centres, Early Years adult learning and Extended services and the local Healthy Schools programme (Summer 2010)</p> <p>To have an outline plan that targets vulnerable families and geographical hotspots(Summer 2010)</p>	<p>A parenting strategy in place which addresses the need for some parents to be trained to confidently talk to their children about sex and relationships/aspirations (Summer 2010)</p> <p>A workforce or identified commissioned group to deliver education and training to parents (Summer 2010)</p> <p>A clear training/education programme in place targeting hotspot areas in the first instance (Autumn 2010)</p>
<p>Review effectiveness of actions – has it</p>		<p>Review strategy and action plan quarterly in line with the ONS data</p>

made a difference?		and local data to evaluate impact reporting through the strategic Be Healthy group to the Children's Trust
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Reporting Quarter : 3 (October to December)**Indicator : NI 117 : 16-18 year olds who are NEET**

Service Team Responsible overall for Indicator :
Manager :

14-25 / Quality Assurance
Mark Bayley / Connexions

Performance profile to date :

NI	2008-9 outturn	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Trend	2008-9 National
NI 117	5.7%	4.4 %	7.8%	5.8%	↑	6.6 %

Summary of issues :

1. One of the key indicators for predicting NEET trends during the early part of the year is the September Guarantee which shows the breakdown of the destinations of all Year 11 pupils at the end of their compulsory education. In October 2009, the final data showed that 99.1% of all Year 11 aged learners had a guaranteed place in either education, employment or training – the highest this figure has been for several years.
2. The Continuing trend for NEET is positive over the year although the target of 4.4% is extremely challenging – this target was set prior to the economic downturn and it is the opportunities through employment and training which will best help reduce NEET.
3. The significant factor to also consider when considering NEET is the Not Knowns – this should be a low figure and as of December, the figure for Cheshire East was 1.8% for up to 17 year olds.
4. Compared to statistical neighbours and across the NW, Cheshire East is performing well in terms of reducing NEET – including not knowns and NEET together, Cheshire East has the 4th lowest figure across all LAs (155 in total).
5. The national agenda of the January Guarantee which was recently initiated is targeted at the continuing challenge to reduce NEET figures – additional funding has been made available to fund additional places on E2E (Entry to Employment) places.
6. The 5.8% figure quoted in Quarter 3 represents around 600 16-18 year olds.

Priority Actions

Key Activities	Short term expected outcomes by year end (April 2010)	Longer term expected outcomes (timescales required)
To coordinate work with Connexions and Total People to guarantee additional places for E2E as identified within the January Guarantee.	<p>1.A further 50 places on E2E placements as provided by Total People are currently being finalised through work by LSC and LA staff.</p> <p>2.Matching task required to ensure that these places are offered/available to the right NEET young people.</p> <p>3. Further work undertaken to consider the access to additional funding to secure more that the 50 places initially</p>	1. To work through Connexions and Total People to ensure that E2E placements, wherever possible translate into further or permanent employment opportunities.

	allocated.	
To monitor closely through Connexions the type of provision made available to NEET young people.	<p>1. Some evidence that the E2E provision provided by Total People is not necessarily the best provision available and only meets the needs of some learners. Evidence from Connexions that the Energisers programme is not functioning as well as could be expected and that there needs to be stronger consideration of alternative provision such as through D0E awards.</p> <p>2. The additional funding made available to Connexions must utilise a detailed database which matches need to individuals with Connexions providing high quality support to individual to ensure any placement is successful.</p>	2. To consider alternative commissioning arrangements for E2E placements to ensure that a wider range of provision is made available in the future. At present, Total People are the only provider within Cheshire East.
To work with relevant agencies to tackle NEET who are Teenage Mothers	<p>1. To liaise closely with PCT and LA staff to support this identified group of NEET young people.</p> <p>2. To ensure that this group are actively supported wherever possible in programmes such as E2E.</p>	
To consider the strategic planning and implementation of Foundation learning Tier across Schools and Colleges which should have a real impact on potential NEET figures.	<p>1. To establish a range of institutions who can offer FLT to a high quality. These institutions should be in areas where NEET is highest.</p> <p>2. To work through Connexions to ensure that young people are accurately informed about the options of FLT and how it can help the learner in terms of a progression route into other accredited courses.</p> <p>3. To ensure that colleges in particular provide FLT opportunities especially at a time when financial pressures are causing concerns with colleges around provision and diversity of places.</p>	<p>1. To ensure that colleges and schools continue to embrace the 14-19 reforms agenda and actively engage with the FLT agenda.</p> <p>2. Undertake detailed CPD for institutions, learners and parents so that excellent communication is undertaken on FLT options.</p>
Review effectiveness of actions – has it made a difference?	<p>Ongoing reviews will be closely monitored in terms of additional E2E placements.</p> <p>NEET figures produced Monthly by Connexions so close monitoring of trends possible.</p>	

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Children & Families Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 22 March 2010

Report of: John Weeks Strategic Director of People

Subject/Title: Reducing Teenage Pregnancy

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Paul Findlow

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a progress update on the previous report provided to the Scrutiny Committee on 14 September 2009. It outlines the current position of Cheshire East in relation to the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and national targets and support received from Government Office North West and the National Support Team.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the recommendations contained in the report by the National Support Team on Contraceptive and Sexual Health Services (appendix 1), and endorse steps being taken to formulate a more targeted programme of action to address this issue.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The reasons for tackling teenage pregnancy and supporting teenage mothers and young fathers are well documented and include health and wider inequalities issues. Babies born to teenage mothers have a 60% higher infant mortality rate and a 63% increased risk of being born into poverty compared to babies born to older mothers. Daughters of teenage mothers are twice as likely as daughters born to older mothers to become teenage mothers themselves. Similar disadvantage affects young fathers. Measures to reduce teenage conceptions will help to reduce the health inequalities and social exclusion impact of teenage parenthood.
- 3.2 There is considerable evidence that where these recommendations are fully implemented there is a reduction in the number of Under 18 conceptions and resulting improved outcomes for young people. There is a detailed action plan agreed with key partners being developed to address the issues raised.

4.0 Wards Affected

There are wards where the under 18 conceptions are particularly concerning. The rates in these wards have remained consistently high during the life time of this strategy for example some wards in Crewe.

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 These where under 18 conception rates are high or rising

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

6.1 Policies need to be further developed to cover aspects of the delivery of services in Children and Families and with Partner organisations. For example an updated policy for schools on the provision of health services including sexual health services on school and college sites.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 N/A

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 The Local Authority receives funding via Area Based Grant to address teenage pregnancy. Additionally partner agencies are expected to deploy their resources appropriately to address this matter i.e. PCT funding for Contraceptive and Sexual Health Services (CASH)

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 N/A

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 The key risk is that we will not be able to meet the targets in reducing the Under 18 conception rate. This means that the significant cost in financial terms to the LA and PCT continue and that the cycle of poor outcomes for teenage parents and their children remain. To minimise the risk and reduce Under 18 conceptions requires effective partnership working and a structured plan in line with our identified priorities.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 The Governments Teenage Pregnancy Strategy first launched in 1999 set out to halve the under 18 conception rate by 2010, compared to the 1998 baseline rate. This target is reflected in NHS Vital Signs Indicator VSBO8 and in the Cheshire East Local Area Agreements, National Indicator 112.

- 11.2 Conception statistics are produced by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and are presented on a local authority, regional and national footprint. Data is presented at around 14 months after the period to which they relate and is released annually in February. Data for 2008 was released in February 2010.
- 11.3 In 2007, Cheshire East Unitary Authority had an Under-18 conception rate of 34.9 per 1000 females aged 15-17. This represented an overall reduction of 8% since the 1998 baseline rate of 37.9 per 1000 for Cheshire East and was 16% lower than the England average of 41.7 per 1000. The most recent performance information published on 24 February 2010 for 2008 indicates that the overall national reduction was 13.3% and the Cheshire East reduction was 9.1%.
- 11.4 Cheshire East rates vary considerably between areas. For example the rates in the Congleton area are relatively low but have seen a rise over the 10 year period, whereas for Macclesfield, Crewe and Nantwich the under 18 conceptions are much higher, but have shown a small decrease in rate.
- 11.5 The 'hotspot wards' where the rates of under 18 conceptions are high, are those that have the highest index of multiple deprivation. The largest number being in Crewe.
- 11.6 The termination rates are a concern for Cheshire East, and again they vary with Congleton having a termination rate of 59%, Macclesfield 61% and Crewe and Nantwich 43%.
- 11.7 In June 2009, the Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team (NST) visited Cheshire East and made a series of recommendations (See Board Paper "NST Report on Teenage Pregnancy" 28 July 2009). Actions taken as a result include:
- The establishment of an Executive Board in October 2009, chaired by the PCT, including the Director of Public Health and Head of Children's Services
 - The establishment of an Operational Group across Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester, chaired by an Associate Director of Public Health from the PCT. This group has agreed collaborative action on communications including campaigns; condom distribution and workforce development
 - The appointment of an AD in Public Health from the PCT to be the PCT strategic lead along with a regional advisor from Government Office North West working with Cheshire East for two days per week to May 2010
 - The completion of a Sexual Health Needs Assessment – available to view on the JSNA website: http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/community_and_living/local_strategic_partnership/jsna/strategic_needs_assessment.aspx
 - A Data group has been established across Cheshire. Hot spots are identified and actions targeted in those areas.

- Young Advisors from Knowsley have undertaken a “mystery shopping” exercise and identified areas for improvement in access to young people friendly sexual health services which the PCT’s Sexual Health Programme Board is incorporating as part of its redesign of sexual health services; work is in progress to establish a condom distribution scheme across Cheshire by 31 March 2010
- Connexions have completed a consultation survey with over 300 young people in Cheshire East on their views about sex and relationship information and advice
- The Radical Review of Sexual Health Services Planning event offered by a GONW team took place in January 2010.

11.8 Attached at Appendix 1 is the report of the National Support Team for Teenage Pregnancy that has been working with the Local Authority, Primary Care Trust and partner agencies, to further investigate underlying issues relating to teenage pregnancy in Cheshire East. The attached report particularly focuses upon the commissioning and delivery of contraceptive and sexual health services (Appendix 2). Additionally attached at Appendix 3 is the report by Knowsley Young Advisors “Sexual Health Services, Mystery Shopping Report”.

11.9 Both reports focus upon:

- current performance in reducing teenage pregnancy
- the commissioning and delivery of appropriate sexual health services for young people

11.10 Both reports provide challenges to the Local Authority and PCT and require that current arrangements for delivery of services is reviewed.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 A quarterly review of action planning against the recommendations given by NST.

Analysis of the quarterly rolling ONS data and more timely and localised under 18 conception data and termination data provided by Central and Eastern Cheshire PCT.

An annual review using the Teenage Pregnancy Self Assessment toolkit.

13.0 Access to Information

The background information relating to our teenage pregnancy strategy report is as follows;

NST scrutiny report (Appendix 1)

Contraceptive and sexual health services review findings and recommendations (Appendix 2)

Knowsley Young Advisors “Sexual Health Services, Mystery Shopping Report”. (Appendix 3)

The 2008 ONS data (Feb 2010) and the 2005/7 Ward data

The Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 2010 and beyond consultation document (Feb 2010)

The Teenage Pregnancy Prevention National Support Team recommendations
for Cheshire East (June 2009)
The Teenage Pregnancy/Be Healthy strategic board TOR

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 14 September 2009
Report of: Strategic Director People
Subject/Title: Teenage Pregnancy

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report provides an update on issues arising from the recent visit of the National Support Team and makes recommendations that Cheshire East Council working with partners within the Children's Trust, particularly Central and Eastern Cheshire PCT, are asked to accept to further the work to deliver Cheshire East's Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board accepts the recommendations made by the National Support Team and that Cheshire East Council works with the PCT and other partners to finalise Action and Delivery Plans in line with the timescales outlined.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 There has been lack of progress in addressing teenage pregnancy prevention and conception rates for under 18 year olds has not reduced since the introduction of the national teenage pregnancy strategy in 1998.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 Policy and actions will need to be reviewed in order to secure progress in this area.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 The Local Authority receives funding in the form of a Teenage Pregnancy Grant to secure leadership in this area. This funding enables the Local Authority to recruit a post to lead on this work. A small amount of funding is available within this grant to commission some targeted preventative work and sits alongside funding held by partner agencies, notably health, to commission relevant sexual health and prevention programmes for young people.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 The Local Authority needs to comply with the terms of the Teenage Pregnancy Grant in order to ensure the funding is not withdrawn. The adoption of the recommendations will ensure that the Local Authority fulfils its obligations as a lead partner in this area of work.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 Continued failure to reduce teenage pregnancy will impact negatively upon the performance of the Council in CAA.

10.2 Additionally risks associated with failure to address teenage pregnancy are of poor outcomes for young parents and for their children in terms of longer term life choices.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 The National Support Team visit was planned after a period of sustained underperformance in the reduction of teenage pregnancy rates across Cheshire. The aim of the visit was to develop an understanding of the local area and to provide immediate feedback to all partners about what actions could be taken to reverse this trend. There was also a clear offer of further NST support which will inform the Cheshire East's Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan.

11.2 Whilst the visit was not part of a formal performance management review, it aimed to influence key players in relation to, for example, the priority placed on delivering the strategy and the policies and actions necessary to achieve this. Significant work occurred around collation of data to illustrate the current position and data packs were produced for key players. Planning meetings between representatives of the core services produced presentations from both the PCT and Cheshire East Council which served to illustrate the current position and the joint commitment, with an agreed number of core messages for future work.

- Joint approach to commissioning
- Joint structures
- Intelligent use of data to inform joint commissioning and service deliver
- Targeted preventative approach
- Further engage schools/colleges
- Shared understanding of finance and joint budget agreements
- Sharing of information/joint information
- Pursue integrated/joint/shared sexual health strategy
- Engagement and consultation with young people and their families and carers
- Strong and joint leadership across key agencies and advocacy on all occasions
- Target money collectively
- Senior Strategic post to lead on Teenage Pregnancy – separate post
- Clear performance framework

11.3 The key messages from the presentations were that Under 18 conceptions were focused in small geographical areas, 'hot spots'. In relation to deprivation the emerging teenage pregnancy pattern of conception was significantly greater than would be expected in these areas, indicating that deprivation was only one of a number of responsible factors. Despite historic coverage of prevention services within our 'hot spot' areas rates have remained steady or have increased. Some areas have shown high levels of single or repeat terminations. There was also concern for the vulnerable groups such as care leavers.

11.4 In order to provide customized advice and gain further understanding of the local area, the visiting team members held a series of informal one-to-one discussions with key players. The interviews were in the form of informal discussions, focussing mainly on the themes identified in the Teenage Pregnancy Unit's Self Assessment Toolkit.

11.5 Feedback was given to the local partnership by the National Support Team at the end of the visit, with opportunities for discussion and problem solving at the feedback session. A formal report was then produced and shared with all key players. A brief overview of the salient points includes recommendations based around 4 key areas.

11.5.1 Strategy

- An Executive Board needs to be developed and chaired by Directors from LA and PCT to lead, drive forward and performance manage the teenage pregnancy prevention strategy.
- The urgent recruitment of a senior strategic post to lead on teenage pregnancy prevention, this is to be led by Cheshire East Council.

11.5.2 Data

- As part of the Children's Trust arrangements, data should be disseminated in an accessible and relevant format by all and between all partners, to inform better planning, targeting and performance management of the strategy.

11.5.3 Communication

- The LA and PCT communications leads are made responsible for the urgent development of a Teenage Pregnancy Communication Strategy and Action Plan.

11.5.4 Implementation

- There needs to be an explicit and detailed young people's Sexual Health Needs Assessment, to inform the design and delivery of young people's contraception and sexual health services as part of a strategic commissioning plan.
- There needs to be a radical overhaul of current Contraceptive And Sexual Health (CASH) provision, including the condom distribution scheme, to ensure it meets the needs of young people and the 'You're Welcome' standards. A regional team of experts will facilitate the planning event.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 None

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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APPENDIX ONE



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Central and Eastern Cheshire

Contraceptive and sexual health services review findings and recommendations

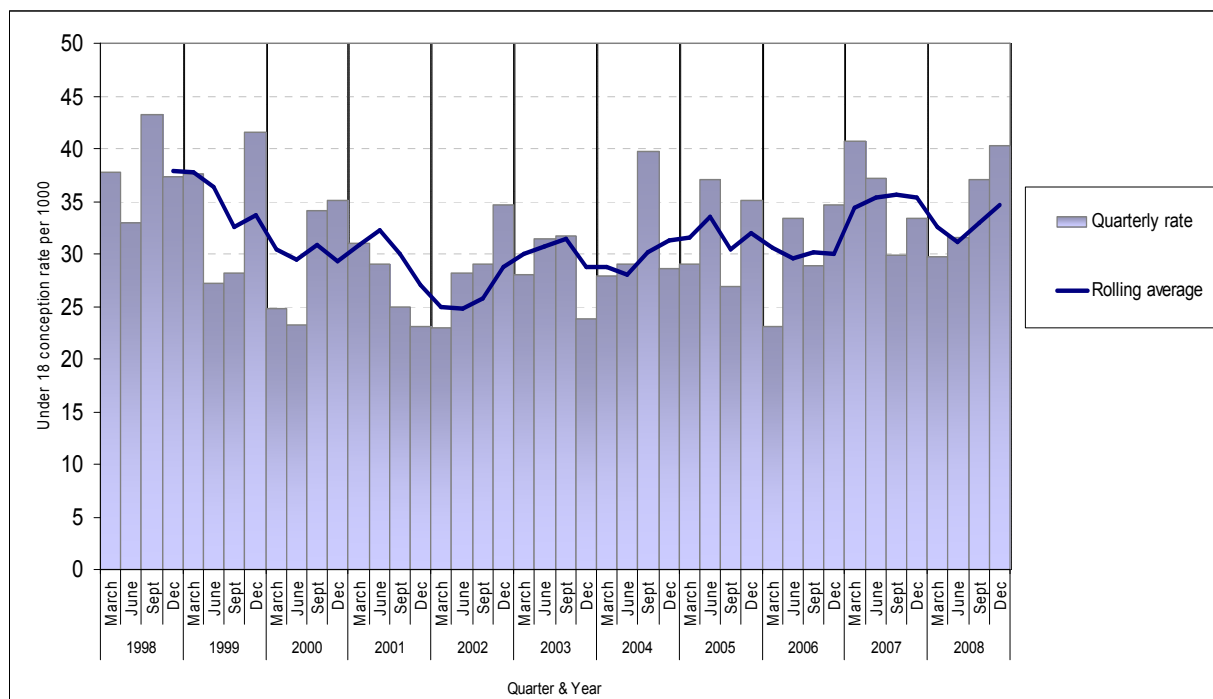
Recently released (Feb 2010) ONS 2008 data for CEC shows a 9.1 decrease in under-18 conception rates since 1998. Since the 1998 baseline there has been a decrease in the areas of deprivation (-10%), however little progress in Macclesfield (-1.3%) and a sharp increase in conceptions in Congleton (20.8%). Worryingly, the rates in Congleton are one of the highest rates in the region. The termination rates have increased by approximately 10%, which are well above the national and regional averages.

	1998 Number	1998 Rate	1998 % leading to abortion	2008 Number	2008 Rate	2008 % leading to abortion	1998 - 2008 % change
Cheshire East UA	230	37.9	-	233	34.5	52	-9.1%

Cheshire East UA

Congleton	-	-		674	33.2	53	-
Crewe and Nantwich	104	21.8	50	137	26.3	59	20.8%
Macclesfield	288	49.2	40	297	44.3	43	-10.0%
	226	29.0	53	240	28.6	61	-1.3%

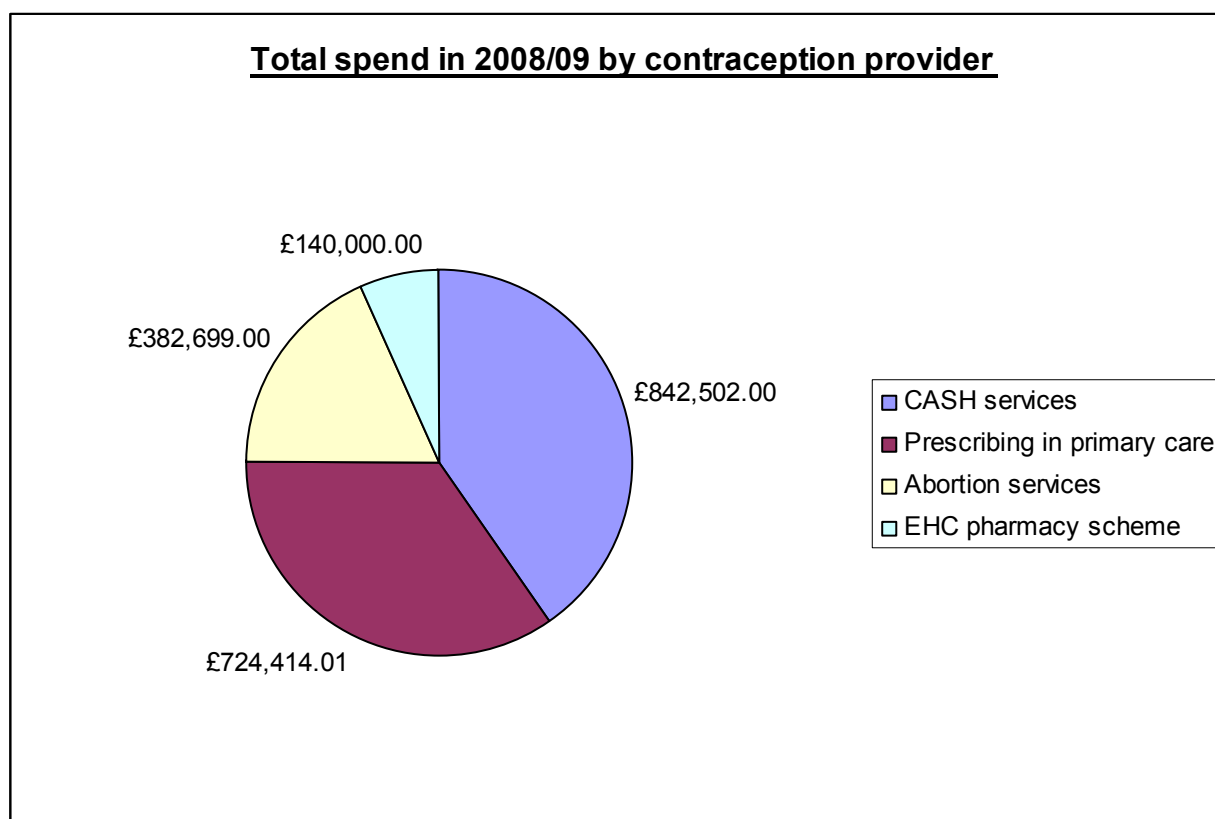
2008 Quarterly data



Contraceptive audit findings

The chart below reflects the breakdown in funding on contraceptive and abortion services in Central & Eastern Cheshire. The figures did not include the spend on contraception provided through GU services at Mid-Cheshire Hospitals Trust (see below).

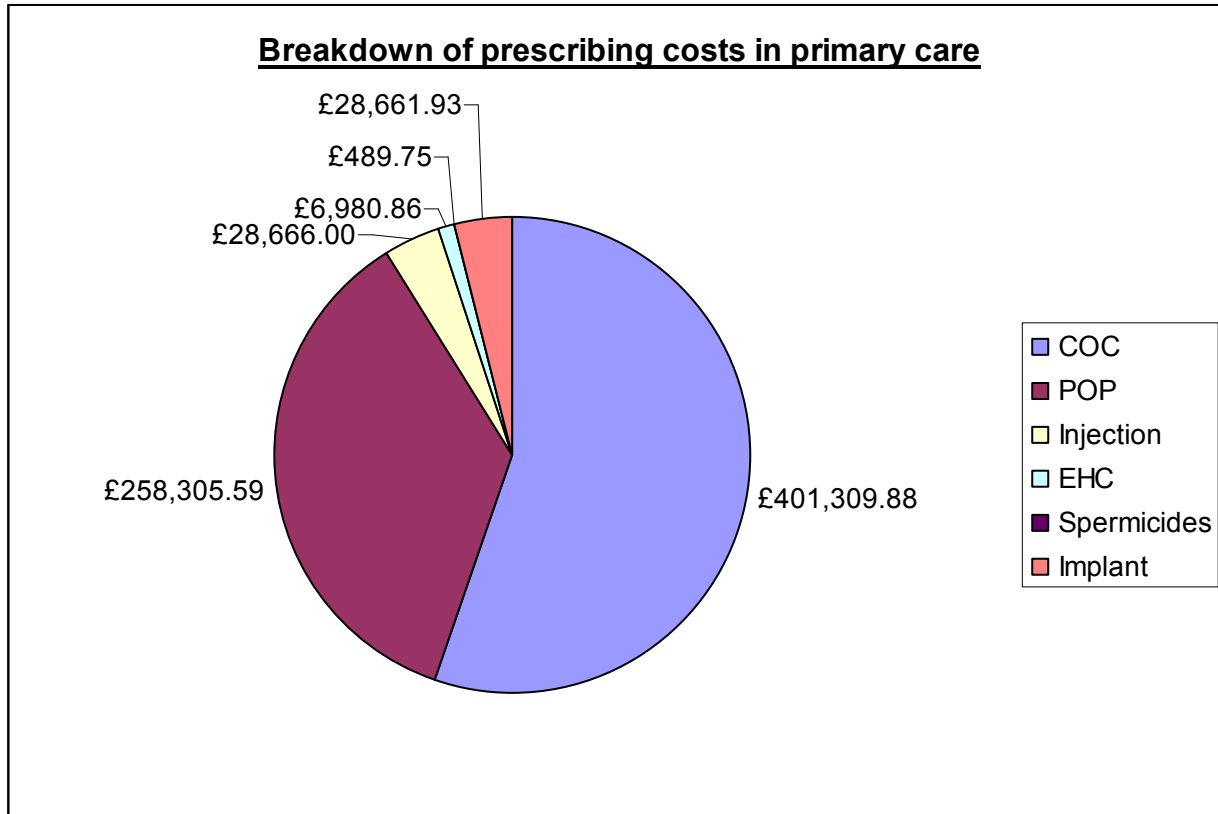
It is also noted from the audit that there is no identified budget for sexual health promotion.



Breaking this cost down further, staff costs in CaSH represent £632,002 of the total (over 75%). However, the point to be made here is that this is for a whole time equivalent of 15.85, split between 80 posts. 37 of these are band 6 nurses, adding up to a whole time equivalent of 3.92. This is a far from unusual pattern for traditional community contraceptive services, but is a key factor in the structural difficulties encountered in operational management, service and staff development, quality assurance, consistency of delivery and governance. Many areas are moving away from this model as part of service modernisation and reconfiguration.

In terms of the contraception provided by the CaSH service, LARC methods account for 17.6% of methods provided at first visit¹. This is only slightly less than a national average of 18%. However, this is across all ages. LARC accounts for just over 9% of under 18s first visits. Under 18s represent 18% of first visits at CaSH; 29% 18-24s and 53% 25 and older.

¹ KT31 returns, 08/09



The chart above shows primary care prescribing costs of over £400k in 2008-09 on the combined oral contraceptive pill alone, across all ages. This equates to 46704 prescriptions. If an approximation is made based on the assumption that a woman would have four COC prescriptions a year, this roughly represents 11676 women. Real use failure rates in contraception² suggest 8% failure in COC (as opposed to less than 0.1% in all LARC methods). This would indicate around 934 conceptions arising from contraceptive failure. If half of these were to be terminated, at an approximate cost of £500 per procedure, this would cost the PCT a further £233,500.

Prescribing rates against national averages

	Rate per 1000 females 15-44	
	C&E Cheshire	England
All LARC methods	39	41.4
Implant	7.1	7.2
IUD/S	11.8	13.9
Depo	20.1	20.4

The table above shows that prescribing rates in Central & Eastern Cheshire are lower than national average; it would be useful to break these figures down further by age, which is not currently possible through data available at regional or national level. This could be done locally as part of further mapping of contraception uptake.

² Trussell, 2007

Key issues emerging from CASH review 2010:

- Leadership
- Performance improvements
- Co-ordination
- Communication
- Commissioning for Contraception and sexual health
- Contraceptive services / Sexual health (including screening)
- Young people friendly services
- Workforce development

Theme	Issues	Recommendations
Leadership and vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of roles for accountability and taking this piece of work forward • Delivering the vision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining roles to deliver vision eg: strategic leadership / operational delivery / accountability • Ensuring actualisation of plans and aspirations • Emphasis on solution focussed approaches • Linking in Children's Trust arrangements • Communicating an agreed vision and translating the vision into reality with clear deliverables within an accountability framework
Performance improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to assess in the absence of a progress report based upon an up to date self assessment (Requested by GONW March 2009 – still outstanding) • No clear plans evident • Improvement in data but increase terminations – higher than national and regional average 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress updates submitted in line with Regional requests • Completion of self assessment – annually (immediate action required in light of consultation on TP) – Progress Update to be submitted to GONW by end of March • Clear plan of action and key deliverables with monitoring systems within an accountability framework • Further detailed local analysis – in each practice to gather segmented data (age)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data not being utilised -Only pct level data available for primary care 	
Co-ordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confusion over current arrangements between internal partners and external partners Ownership and accountability unclear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective co-ordination is acknowledged nationally as key component of an effective strategy Recruitment of a local teenage pregnancy co-ordinator who has a clear remit for teenage pregnancy prevention and understands the cross cutting agendas TPC has a role for raising the profile of TP at levels the appropriate organisations A LTPC who interfaces regularly with regional tier
Communication	<p>Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent understanding of Teenage pregnancy prevention and sexual health Current vision statement does not appear to be fit for purpose and/or owned Still using the term family planning on info re clinics etc <p>Young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information available to sign post young people is inaccurate and confusing <p><i>'I want it there and I want it fast' – (integrated delivery of sexual</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explicit and concise so all partners are clear about their role/involvement in delivery Communicate the vision through all levels in the organisations Identify champions for teenage pregnancy / Sexual health - we can work with CEC to provide training or guidance (including schools and elected members) Clear messaging for the whole workforce – consistent messages and updates delivered through all levels in the organisations Regular briefings / updates for all staff on TP prevention messages and priorities Clear processes for engaging young people which are inclusive and representative of the whole population (including marginalised and hard to reach groups) Better reach to targeted and non- targeted groups Consistently and systematically engagement of parents and communication of key messages

	<p><i>health services)</i></p> <p><i>‘A welcoming, high quality young people led proactive service which meets the diverse needs of young people, including accessibility, confidentiality and consistency.’</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and consistent use of the term sexual health as oppose to Family Planning to reflect holistic integrated service delivery - both outward facing and internally throughout all levels in the PCT / LA • Review all publicity materials and identify clear branding plus a process for review and update websites / information, aligning any campaigns with seasonal peaks and regional / national campaigns. Young people need to be routinely included in this process
<p>Commissioning for Contraception and sexual health</p>	<p>Commissioning arrangements needs to reflect the integrated values of the vision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young person led • Integrated delivery – not silos • Linked to accountability framework • Cost savings – over reliance on EHC/Abortion • CaSH services need to be commissioned to provide clinical governance support to wider workforce. <p>CaSH Provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CaSH provision only sees small proportion of young people in CEC 6%. Therefore, contraception uptake and chlamydia screening performance is low. • CaSH operating out of too many locations, unable to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to link into the QIPP and Transforming community services agenda • Joint commissioning with a key focus on preventative services • Current spend on reactive services such as abortion needs to be reconfigured to support proactive and preventative sexual health services for young people • Sustainable involvement/engagement of young people in commissioning and evaluation of sexual health services • Consistency of service delivery • Partnership working - sharing and adopting good practice (locally and regionally via existing Cheshire and Merseyside Sexual Health Network and Government Office North West) • Need to shift the balance and to be working up stream • Need age specific contraception data • Dedicated venues for provision of CaSH, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools (linked to good SRE) ○ FE/Colleges(linked to good SRE) ○ Integrated Youth Support Services (linked to good SRE)) ○ General Practice ○ Sexual Health Services in a dedicated ‘One Stop Shop’ in place of current fragmented sexual health provision. • Reduced numbers of locations in favour of more centralised model • Opening hours to suit client need

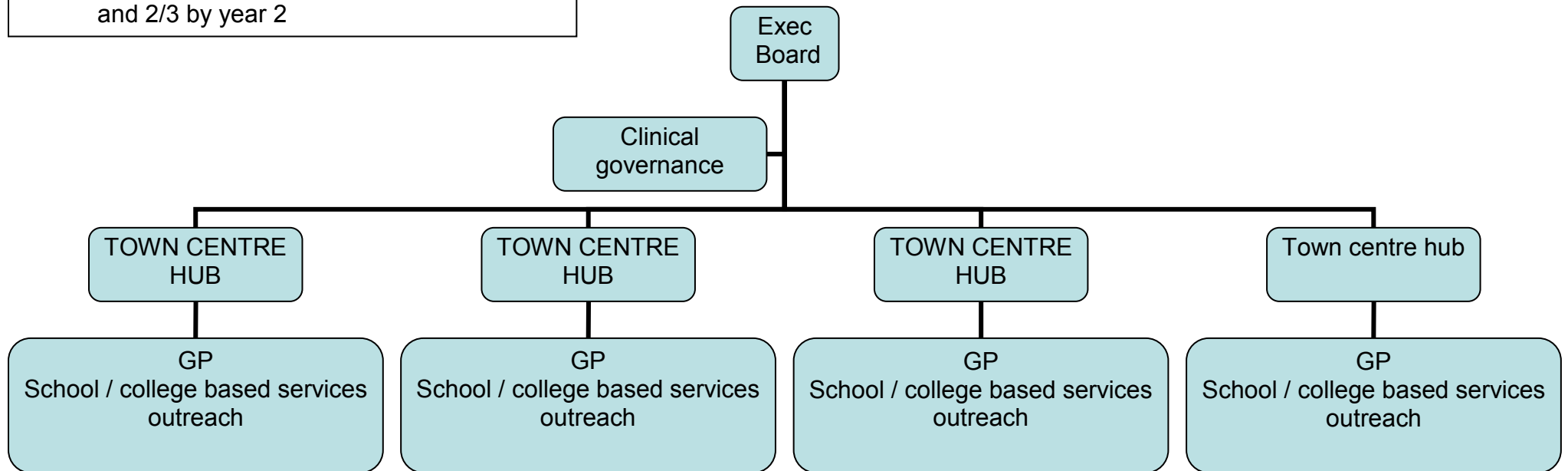
	display posters etc. Spread too thinly	
Young people friendly services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress has been slow in terms of identifying a You're Welcome Strategic Leadership and developing sustainable local processes. Dedicated holistic/integrated young person friendly services in a variety of locations working towards the DH You're Welcome Quality Mark. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The identification of a You're Welcome Strategic Lead by the start of the new financial year A project plan for YW implementation with key milestones and targets to be in place for the duration of the leads post - by March 2010. A long-term project plan to support the scale up and sustainability of You're Welcome in line with DH's 2020 aspiration. A trained multi-agency verification panel embedded within the Children's Trust arrangements to be in place and ready to open its waves by May 2010 (including training of YP) 3 Priority services to be identified and supported to complete the self –assessment toolkit for submission to the May verification panel. (12 services by year end) You're Welcome Self assessment toolkit to be cascaded to all sexual health services regularly seeing young people to allow them to start the assessment process – by August 2010. You're Welcome to be used as a tool for commissioning sexual health services. Young People to attend the regional verifier training in May in preparation for the May verification wave opening. At least 12 services to have received the You're Welcome Quality Mark by the end of the year. Systematic, comprehensive and truly representative engagement with young

		people
Workforce development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing structure of CaSH service does not lend itself to effective and cohesive delivery. 80 members of staff only constitute 15.85 wte posts. Need to consider training needs for wider workforce including general practice and those working with young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and revise staffing structure in line with new and effective ways of working Development and implement a tiered workforce training programme re sexual health and teenage pregnancy Clear policies on confidentiality, competence and consent should be implemented by all staff and communicated to service users to build trust in services Kitbag training currently being co-ordinated – need to measure impact Wider workforce is able to proactively communicate sexual health and other related teenage health issues with young people Discussing sexual health issues/signposting with young people to be to be embedded into job descriptions and training plans for the wider workforce be available to ensure accurate information and signposting to services

Models for delivery

Achieved through:

- QIPP
- Reducing Abortion spend by 1/3 in year 1 and 2/3 by year 2





Knowsley Children
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KNOWSLEY YOUNG ADVISORS

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Knowsley Young Advisors

Background

Knowsley Young Advisors are young people aged between 16 - 21, who guide community leaders and decision makers on how to engage Children and Young People in community life, regeneration and renewal. Young Advisors can help you and your partners design your programme, facilities, strategy and action plans to enable you to get it right first time.

Young Advisors can show adults how to discuss, design and consult with local communities throughout the decision making process, at all levels of governance. They can provide 'youth proofing' services on regional and boroughwide strategies, local or neighbourhood level project plans and proposals.



Knowsley Young Advisors

Young Advisors are locally recruited and professionally trained by the Young Advisors Charity and Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council (KMBC) to provide links between professionals, young people and their communities, ensuring that plans and delivery are relevant and respected.

Young Advisors bring unique expertise and knowledge about being young in their area, to influence organisation's strategic planning, decision-making and budgeting processes. They can also work directly with other children and young people to encourage them to get involved in their community and issues important to them.



What were we asked to do

Government Office North West – Regional Teenage Pregnancy Team commissioned Knowsley's Young Advisors to carry out a mystery shopper visit to Sexual Health Services in each of the following four towns: Crewe, Knutsford, Winsford and Macclesfield.

Young Advisors went into the services alone or in pairs in order to identify how user friendly the service was for young people.



Where we were asked to go

The Young Advisors were asked to assess the following:

- Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) - Crewe
- Pregnancy Testing - Winsford
- Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) - Macclesfield
- Chlamydia Screening - Knutsford



What we were asked to look at

Whilst undertaking the mystery shopping of Sexual Health Services Young Advisors took into account the following issues:

- How easy was it to get to the service?
- Where there any barriers? If so, what were they?
- Was the experience good? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Did you get what you needed?
- What could be improved?
- What would we like services to provide?
- Who would we like to provide them?



Before the Young Advisors could make their initial visits to each of the areas research was carried out using the internet. We did this in order to identify which services were available and the times that services could be accessed

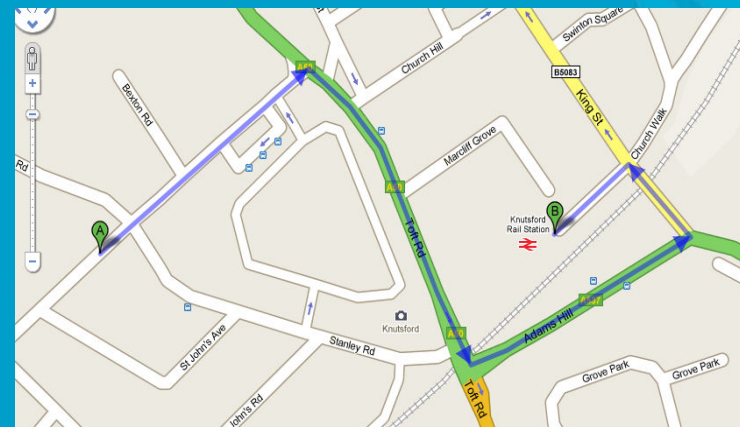
It was decided that the services which appeared on the search engines most frequently would be the service Young Advisors would mystery shop



Chlamydia Screening- Knutsford

Knutsford Community Hospital
Bexton Road
Knutsford
Cheshire
WA16 0BT
Telephone: 01565 757220

Opening times: Monday 3.00 – 5.30 PM



Service Provides: condoms, pregnancy tests, Chlamydia Screening, emergency contraception and all other forms of contraception and sexual health advice



Positives

- The centre which was meant to provide provisions was easy accessible

Negatives

- No service provision offered
- Internet information was incorrect/out of date

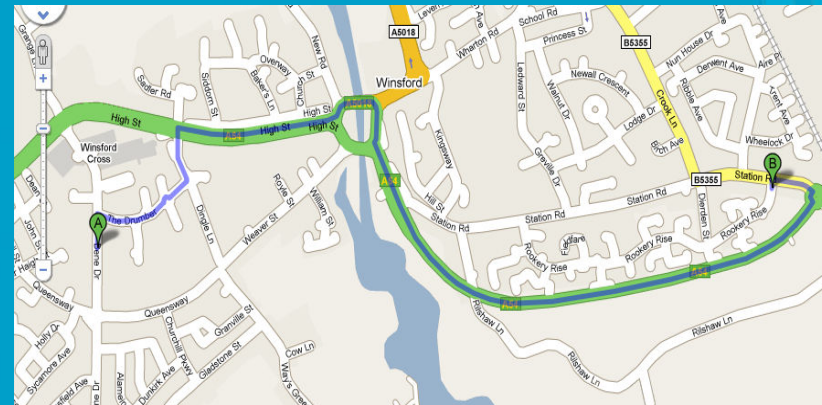
Recommendations

- Service provision is needed in the area



Pregnancy Testing - Winsford

FPC Winsford
Dene Drive Primary Care Centre
2 Dene Drive
Winsford
Cheshire
CW7 1BP
Telephone: 01606 544167



Opening times: Mondays 6.30am – 8.00pm

Services Provide: contraception, emergency contraception, free condoms, pregnancy testing and referrals for termination of pregnancy. Chlamydia Screening available for under 25s. However appointments are preferred – This was recently updated after Mystery shopping was carried out



Positives

- The service offered a variety of information on sexual health through leaflets and posters
- The building was new and had a relaxed atmosphere

Negatives

- Confidentiality was breached and staff acted in an inappropriate manner
 - The reception for the sexual health clinic wasn't signposted clearly

Recommendations

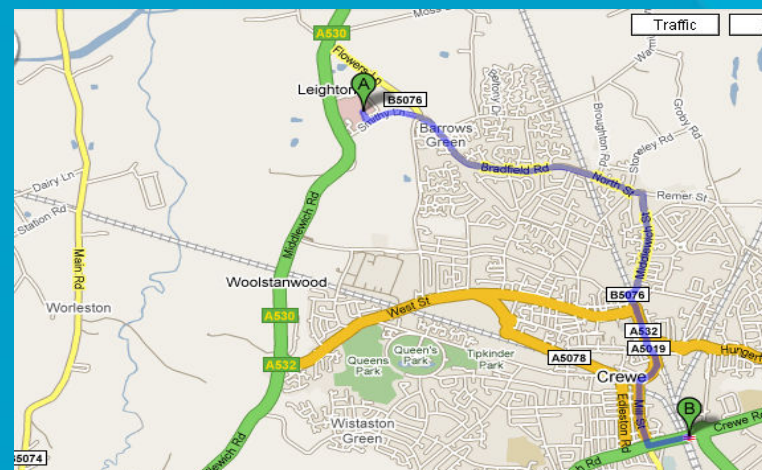
- Staff training
- Clearer, more young people friendly orientated signposting



Emergency Hormonal Contraception - Crewe

Mid Cheshire Foundation Trust
Leighton Hospital
Middlewich Road
Crewe
Cheshire
CW1 4QJ
Telephone: 01270 61225

Opening times: Mon 9.00am – 7.00pm
Tue 9.00am – 5.00pm
Wed 9.00am – 5.00pm
Thur 9.00am – 7.00pm



Service Provides: Treatment for STIs, STI tests individual and multiple, impotence treatment, female contraception



Positives

- A shuttle bus runs from the Leighton hospital to Crewe Town Centre
- Signposting was clear and easy to read

Negatives

- Accessing the sexual health clinic by any other means of transport would be difficult

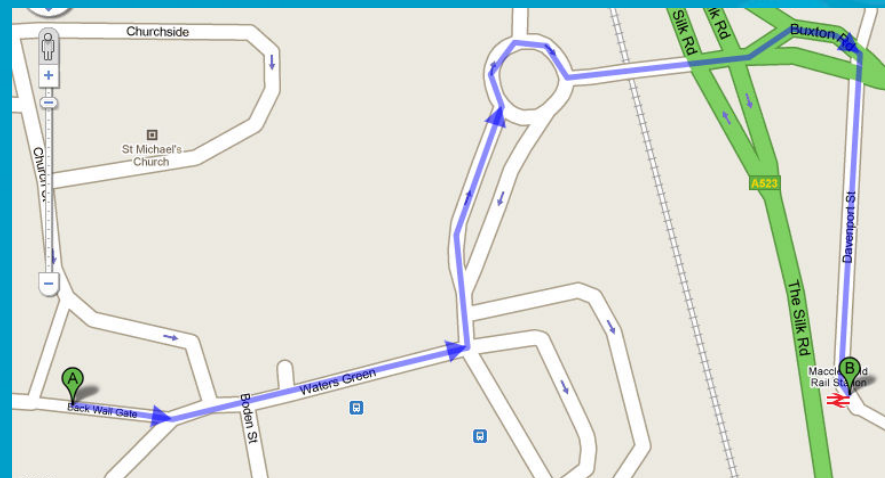
Recommendation

- Improve transport links between the hospital and Crewe town centre



Long Acting Reversible Contraception – Macclesfield

Macclesfield District General Hospital
Gum Assura Health and Wellbeing Centre
Gum Clinic – Sexual Health Clinic
Waters Green Medical
Sunderland Street
Macclesfield
SK11 6JL
Telephone: 01625 264 118



Opening times: Mon – 9.00am - 3.30pm and 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tue – 9.00am – 11.30am and 1.00pm – 3.30pm
Wed – 9.00am - 3.30pm and 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Thur – 9.00am - 11.30am and 1.00pm - 3.30pm
Fri – 9.00am - 11.30am and 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Service provides: Treatment for STIs, STI tests individual and multiple,
impotence treatment, female contraception



Positives

- Staff were welcoming, helpful and polite when communicating with young people
- Staff were informative and had knowledge of sexual health information not specific to that service

Negatives

- Little information provided on the walls
- Clinic information was misleading which resulted in having to travel to three separate buildings

Recommendations

- More sexual health information in reception e.g. leaflets, posters
- Clear information, updated regularly which staff are made aware of



Conclusion

The Young Advisors were only able to access one of the services chosen by Government Office North West out of the four key areas (Winsford, Knutsford, Crewe and Macclesfield).

The report you will receive following today's meeting will provide further details and recommendations on each service that was mystery shopped.



THANK YOU!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Children & Families Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 22 March 2010

Report of: John Weeks Strategic Director of People

Subject/Title: Sex and Relationship Education

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Paul Findlow

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the current position of Cheshire East Council in relation to Sex and Relationship Education in schools and colleges.
- 1.2 Personal, Social and Health Education and particularly Sex and Relationship Education are recommended to become statutory for all schools from September 2011. This report outlines how Cheshire East will prepare for this requirement and how we will develop delivery mechanisms to support schools to implement this effectively.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cheshire East Council should work with the Healthy School programme to develop Sex and Relationship Education through the National Healthy Schools programme and the newly launched Enhanced Healthy Schools Model.
- 2.2 Cheshire East Children's Trust should develop a model of linking effective Sex and Relationship Education with on site health services, including sexual health services, on school and college sites.
- 2.3 Actively involve children and young people in an evaluation of their Sex and Relationship Education and sexual health provision.
- 2.4 Train the children's workforce to deliver the recommendations in 2.1 and 2.2.
- 2.5 Work with parents and carers, using effective Sex and Relationships Education programmes, to enable them to talk to their children and young people in order to raise their aspirations.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 There is considerable evidence that when young people receive age appropriate, effective Sex and Relationship Education they delay their first sexual experience and are more likely to use contraception.
- 3.2 Young people report that they want to learn from, and talk to, their parents/carers about sex and relationships. They also say that the information, advice and guidance that they get from their school/college is important.
- 3.3 The provision of Sex and Relationship Education and its quality is inconsistent and difficult to monitor. We need to develop a more consistent and evaluated model for all our schools. This can be achieved by using the Healthy Schools Enhancement model.

4.0 Wards Affected

All

5.0 Local Ward Members

All

**6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change
- Health**

- 6.1 Schools are required by law, Education Act 1996, to make and keep up to date a separate written statement of their policy with regard to the provision of sex education. Cheshire County Council issued guidance to schools in 2009 on relationships and sex education. This document will require updating as a result of changes to national policy and guidance and the advice which will be provided by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 N/A

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 8.1 Funding is provided to the Local Authority via Area Based Grant for Teenage Pregnancy and Healthy Schools.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 9.1 N/A

10.0 Risk Management

- 10.1 The key risk is that the Children's Trust will not be able to meet the targets in reducing the under 18 conception rate. This means that the significant cost in financial terms to the LA and the PCT will continue and that the cycle of poor outcomes for teenage parents and their children will remain a significant factor. To minimise the risk and reduce under 18 conceptions requires effective partnership working and a structured plan in line with our identified priorities.

11.0 Background and Options

- 11.1 Under 18 conception rates are of concern nationally and Cheshire East rates, though lower than the national and North West rate, have remained stubbornly difficult to reduce.
- 11.2 Cheshire East received a National Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Support Team visit in June 2009. They made a number of recommendations to improve our strategy and accelerate our progress. This included a strong and effective delivery of Sex and Relationship Education in schools colleges and other settings.
- 11.3 Monitoring the delivery and quality of Sex and Relationship Education is achieved by using the national Healthy Schools Standard and the new Healthy Schools Enhancement Model in which schools choose a local priority on which to work. This priority may be for example 'the under 18 conception rate'. Using a health and well being improvement tool on line, they set meaningful outcomes and monitor their progress against them. Legislation is in process to make Sex and Relationship education statutory for schools in 2011 as part of a planned curriculum of Personal, Social, Health and Enterprise education.
- 11.4 There is a strong emphasis on the need to place information, support and guidance for young people on sex and relationships firmly in the context of loving relationships, and to help young people resist the pressure to make decisions that are not right for them and to stay healthy when they do choose to become sexually active.
- 11.5 Using the 'Are We Getting It Right' toolkit with all our young people will evaluate the impact and quality of the Sex and Relationship Education they receive.
- 11.6 A workforce development strategy for Sex and Relationship Education is being developed and there will national standards published as part of the new refreshed 'Teenage Pregnancy strategy 2010 and Beyond'. Tiered training will be given to the children's workforce.
- 11.7 Work with parents and carers will be developed further through a range of the parenting programmes for example local programmes such as 'Speak Easy' in our Children's Centres, schools, and voluntary sector organisations.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

- 12.1 A quarterly review of action planning against the recommendations given by National Support Team (NST) and the Sex and Relationship Education plan

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Children and Families Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:	22 March 2010
Report of:	John Weeks, Strategic Director of People
Subject/Title:	Implementation of Care Matters
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Paul Findlow

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report is being made to brief the Scrutiny Committee on the progress in the implementation of Care Matters.
- 1.2 The Department for Children Schools and Families said they would review progress annually and in November 2009, the Minister published an annual stocktake. His report sets out what the DCSF has achieved for children in care through the Care Matters programme of reform, and the plans for 2010. (Appendix1)
- 1.3 The Minister in his letter to local authorities listed questions that Councillors should ask of their authority. This report is a response to those questions and sets out what has been achieved so far in Cheshire East.

2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 Scrutiny Committee is requested to:
 - Note the progress made on the implementation of Care Matters
 - Make any recommendations regarding the implementation.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The recommendation informs Members of progress in implementing care matters and asks them to make any further recommendations.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 As stated in paragraph 4.1 above.

**6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change
- Health**

6.1 Policy will need to be reviewed once the Government has published new regulation, guidance and national standards.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 Many of the cost implications have been included as part of the 2010-11 budget proposals such as Care Leaver provisions etc. The full financial implications will be calculated when new Government guidance is issued.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 The Authority has a duty to comply with the legal requirements of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008, the mandatory requirements imposed by the introduction of new Regulation, National Standards and any relevant guidance issued by the Department for Children Schools and Families.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 If the Local Authority does not comply with legal requirements, national standards and guidance it will be in breach of its statutory duty to comply with the provisions of the Children and Young Peoples Act 2008.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 The Care Matters White Paper, issued in 2007, set out an ambitious programme of change to improve the outcomes of children in care. Care Matters set out a vision to ensure that in the future children in care would have the same opportunities in life as their peers – a good education, good health care, and consistent support, advice and practical help to give them strong foundations on which they can build happy and successful lives. Improving the lives of children in care must involve all local partners and professionals including local authorities, Primary Care Trusts, foster carers, residential care workers, social workers, GPs and other health care practitioners and teachers.

- 11.2 In 2008 the Government published Care Matters – Time to Deliver for Children in Care and an implementation plan. This plan marked a new phase in the Care Matters programme – a shift from developing policy nationally to delivering change locally. It aims to support local Children’s Trusts, led by Lead Members and Directors of Children’s Services, to transform outcomes for children and young people in care.
- 11.3 In 2009 the Minister also explained how progress will be monitored and evaluated, via feedback from children and young people, input from Ofsted, analysis of data and the evaluation of various pilots.
- 11.4 The Children and Young Persons Act 2008, granted Royal Assent on 13 November 2008, provides the necessary legislative support to improve the care system for children and young people in England.
- 11.5 Amongst its provisions, the Act:
- increases the transparency and quality of care planning
 - ensures that the child’s voice is heard in all decisions by strengthening the role of Independent Reviewing Officers
 - improves stability for children, by ensuring they are placed in the most appropriate placement
 - ensures young people (up to 18) are not forced to move out of care before they are ready
 - provides more support for care leavers by extending the entitlement to a Personal Adviser to age 25 (for those who resume an education and training pathway)
 - provides more support for care leavers by providing an entitlement to a bursary of £2,000 for those who go onto higher education
 - makes the role of the designated teacher statutory.
- 11.6 The government is revising the entire suite of Children Act Regulation and guidance including:
- guidance on Children Leaving Care Act 2000
 - care planning, placement and case review regulations
 - educational achievement of looked after children
 - national standards for adoption, fostering and children’s homes

- adoption guidance
- the Independent Reviewing Officer handbook
- guidance on children missing from care

11.7 At the time of writing this report, the above revisions to guidance have been the subject of consultation; however have not yet been published for implementation.

11.8 The attached report details Cheshire East's response to implementation issues. (Appendix 2)

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 None

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Cheshire East - Children and Families, Care Matters – Stocktake Questionnaire

QUESTIONS - GENERAL	LEAD PERSON	MET	NOT MET	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN/COMMENTS	TIMESCALE
How many children are in the care of our Authority?	Quality Assurance Manager			432 cared for children as at 31/01/10 increased by 21.6% since April 2009. As at 28/02/10 - 430	Ongoing monitoring
What is their ethnic and cultural background?	Quality Assurance Manager			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * White British – 376 * White other – 10 * Gypsy/Roma Traveller – 2 * White/black Caribbean – 7 * White/black African – 2 * White/Asian – 1 * Other mixed background – 5 * Bangladeshi – 1 * Other Asian background – 11 * Black African – 1 * Other black background – 2 * Other ethnic group - 12 	Ongoing monitoring
Has your Authority set high aspirations for their outcomes and is progress regularly reviewed using both quantitative qualitative data?	Quality Assurance Manager		****	<p>The LA sets high aspirations for C4C in line with expectations for all other learners. Schools will, wherever possible use pupil level predictions to set individual targets for learners and schools will monitor and track progress to these targets. LA staff who directly support C4C will also set high expectations and provide motivational support.</p> <p>The LA is currently in the process of establishing a quarterly performance reporting process which is linked to the NI set and which provides regular reviews of</p>	Q3 process currently being reported. Timed

				performance of all learners. The recent Q3 return was RAG rated and the 3 C4C NIs – NI 99,100 & 101 were identified as High Risk with a summary action plan produced which shows work streams to address potential underperformance – this process will be reported to lead members and full Council.	action plan produced for the 3 NIs
Have you developed a strategy for commissioning children's services in partnership with health, and other local agencies?	Business Support Manager		✓	While there are good relationships between key partners – a commissioning strategy has been requested by the Trust to be completed by the end of May. The Government is shortly to release details of a Sufficiency requirement that will need to be completed by March 2011.	March 2011
Has the Authority set up a Children in Care Council?	Safeguarding Manager	✓			
Do the Director and Lead Member regularly attend its meetings?			✓	Head of Service and lead Member are to be invited to attend at intervals.	April 2010
Does the Authority set an annual pledge on how it will improve its services to children in care?	Safeguarding Manager			A pledge has been drawn up by Children in Care Council which is to be presented to the Corporate Parenting Board.	April 2010
Do all children have an allocated social worker?	Cared for Children Manager	✓			
How does the Authority ensure children's views are taken into account on decisions that affect their lives?	Safeguarding Manager			This is not fully embedded in social work practice. Children's views are considered at Statutory Reviews through attendance or through other communication. The IRO meets or communicates with the child prior to the Statutory Review in approximately 50% of cases. Capacity prevents further development of this at present but is being addressed.	Ongoing
Do all children have a named Independent Reviewing Officer?	Safeguarding Manager	✓			

Are children allowed to take part in normal and age appropriate peer activities as would normally be granted by the parent to their peers?	Child Protection and Cared for Children Managers	✓			
Are children encouraged and enabled to make and sustain friendship with children of their own age, including being able to stay overnight in friends' households based on a reasonable assessment of risk (but without the requirements for CRB checks) in line with the Government guidance?	Child Protection and Cared for Children Managers	✓			


QUESTIONS - PLACEMENTS	LEAD PERSON	MET	NOT MET	ACTION TO BE TAKEN/COMMENTS	TIMESCALE
What type of placement are children in – foster care, residential homes or secure units?	Quality Assurance Manager	✓		<p>As at 28/02/10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Placed with foster carers – 230 * Placed with foster carers (relative or friend) – 66 * Placed for adoption * Residential school – 7 * Residential home – 28 * Independent living – 13 * NHS – 1 * Mother & Baby Unit – 2 * Placed with parents at home – 63 * Secure Unit - 0 	
How does the Authority ensure emergency placements are only made in exceptional circumstances?	Child Protection and Children in Need Manager	✓		Through gatekeeping by a Senior Manager	

How many placement moves have children had in a year?	Quality Assurance Manager	✓		<p>This was last measured at the end of Q3 ie, as at 31/12/09 – looked after population was then 413.</p> <p>In the reporting year 1/04/09 to 31/12/09 37 children had 3 or more moves (9%), 51 children had 2 moves (13%). Looking back over previous 12 months the % rises to 12%.</p>	
Is the number who move 3 or more times a year reducing?			✓	<p>It has increased in this year – no previous data for Cheshire East. The service is developing a strategy for early identification of children where there is a risk of placement moves in order to direct support.</p>	June 2010
How many out of Authority placements are made?	Quality Assurance Manager			<p>As at February 2010, 120 placements are made with other agencies outside the LA boundary. Urgent action is being taken to bring children back into the LA boundary where it is appropriate, including dedicated time to assessment of foster carers and the opening of new children's homes. The sufficiency exercise mentioned above will assist in longer term planning for placements within the LA.</p>	October 2010

How does the Authority assess and review the quality of placements etc?	Safeguarding Manager and Business Support Manager			<p>The quality of placements is monitored by Independent Reviewing Officers.</p> <p>In addition, a Contracting Manager is to be appointed to ensure appropriate contracts are made that can and will be monitored by that manager.</p> <p>Cheshire East is also a member of Placements Northwest, which monitors provision by specific agencies.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>June 2010</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Are regular reviews held to ensure the placements are working well?	Safeguarding Manager	✓			
Is there a strong focus on training for foster carers to develop their skills and competencies?	Cared for Children Manager	✓		The Fostering Service has a comprehensive training strategy linked to the Children's Workforce Development Council standards.	Ongoing
Does the Authority provide a range of quality support services to carers and children to prevent placements breaking down?	Cared for Children Manager	✓		<p>The Multi Professional Support Team provides education and emotional health support to children and carers. This service is to be further developed through the appointment of a Head of Virtual School.</p> <p>In addition, there are other forms of support that are provided including respite care, carer support workers, cared for Children nurses etc.</p>	Ongoing
Do all foster carers have a named supervising social worker?	Cared for Children Manager	✓			
Do all residential staff receive training and development opportunities that equip them with the professional skills required to meet the needs of the children and the purpose of the setting?	Cared for Children Manager	✓		All staff complete a thorough Induction Programme and have training and development as a standard item on their supervision/ appraisal programme.	Ongoing

Does the Authority give children appropriate suitcases and boxes to move their belongings when they move placements?	Cared for Children Manager	✓		All young people have appropriate suitcases and boxes if they were to move placements.	
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QUESTIONS – EDUCATION	LEAD PERSON	MET	NOT MET	ACTION TO BE TAKEN/COMMENTS	TIMESCALE
Does the Authority have a virtual school head (or senior official) who has responsibility for monitoring the progress of cared for children in school?	Strategy Manager		✓	The LA has a senior official with responsibility for monitoring the progress of cared for children. The post of Head of Virtual School has been advertised and an appointment will be made.	September 2010
Have all schools appointed a designated teacher?	Strategy Manager		✓	Most schools have now identified a Designated Teacher; remaining schools are now doing so. Training for Designated Teachers has begun.	April 2010
How many children attend school regularly and how many are excluded from school? Is this number going down?	Quality Assurance Manager	✓		Children attend school regularly. At Jan 2010, no children were excluded. 3 children were not on school rolls but were receiving alternative packages. 5 other children were on school role but receiving alternative opackages.	

<p>What progress are children making and what are their tests scores and examination results?</p> <p>Are these going up?</p> <p>Is the gap between them and their peers reducing?</p>	Quality Assurance Manager		✓ ✓	<p>The nature, size and volatility of the C4C cohort means that the analysis of trends over time is difficult. Overall 2009 performance for L4+ in English and Maths at KS2 and 5+A*-C inc E&M at KS4 was down on 2008 results. A very detailed analysis of the 2009 performance has been undertaken as individual circumstances have to be looked at when comparing attainment rates. In addition, the three actions plans also show the story behind the data and provide the priority actions which are currently being undertaken.</p>	<p>See action plans</p>  <p>NI Risk Indicators - High Risk...</p>
Does the Authority use the £500 Personal Education Allowance to support every child who does not reach the expected standard?	Cared for Children Manager	✓			
Are children in care prioritised to receive one-to-one tuition?	Cared for Children Manager, Head of Virtual School	✓		<p>The 1:1 Tuition programme has been established using a detailed analysis of data and priority areas. Rather than include C4C within an overall vulnerable learners programme, a separate process has been set up led by specialist LA staff who have worked directly with schools to match the 1:1 Tuition programme to the needs of individual schools. This matching has identified 40 initial C4C programmes with a further 10-15 places to be established this term. Initial feedback from schools and LA staff is that there is very positive results for individual learners.</p>	<p>1:1 programmes currently being undertaken.</p> <p>Further programmes to be established in Feb/March</p>
Does the Authority pay a £2,000 bursary to all care leavers who undertake a designated course of higher education?	Leaving Care Manager	✓			

QUESTIONS - HEALTH	LEAD PERSON	MET	NOT MET	ACTION TO BE TAKEN/COMMENTS	TIMESCALE
Is there effective coordination and commissioning of health services, including CAMHS?	Business Support Manager, Cared for Children Manager			<p>This is partially met. The service works with Designated Doctors and Cared for Children Nurses in co-ordinating health provision to children.</p> <p>The Multi Professional Support Team provides support for the emotional health of children. The service is to review CAMHS provision.</p>	Oct 2010
Do strategies to address health inequalities and health promotion, include specific actions to support children in care?	Cared for Children manager	✓		Health promotion is an integral part of	
Are all children registered with a GP and have access to a dentist?	Cared for Children Manager	✓			
Are all foster carers given basic training on health, hygiene issues and first aid, with a particular emphasis on health promotion and communicable diseases?	Cared for Children Manager	✓		Addressed in the foster care training strategy	
Are there systems in place to monitor whether the health needs of children: placed out of Authority; disabled children; black and minority ethnic children are being met?	Safeguarding Manager	✓		Independent Reviewing Officers monitor the health needs of children.	Ongoing
Do leaving care services ensure that health and access to positive activities are included as part of young people's pathway planning?	Leaving Care Manager	✓			

QUESTIONS – MISSING FROM CARE/OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR	LEAD PERSON	MET	NOT MET	ACTION TO BE TAKEN/COMMENTS	TIMESCALE
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How many children run away or otherwise have gone missing from residential care and foster care?	Safeguarding Manager	✓		<p>Statistics are collected by police and shared on a monthly basis. In Oct 2007, 9 children reported missing from residential care, 2 children from foster care.</p> <p>In Oct 2009, 5 children from residential care and 5 from foster care.</p> <p>A working group monitors progress against NI71.</p>	Ongoing
Are there strong protocols in place with the Police when children go missing, in line with national guidance?	Safeguarding Manager	✓			
Are there particular processes and systems in place to identify and safeguard children suspected of being trafficked into the country?	Safeguarding Manager		✓	A multi-agency group led by the police has met to discuss this issue and work is currently underway to establish appropriate protocols and procedures.	May 2010
How many children are involved in offending behaviour?	Youth Offending Service Manager, Cared for Children Manager			6 children committed offences in the 3 rd quarter of 2009, compared with 10 in the first quarter.	April 2010
What action is the Authority taking in partnership with other agencies to reduce this?		✓		Cheshire has a successful YOS that deals with all young people who offend.	Ongoing

QUESTIONS – CARE LEAVERS	LEAD PERSON	MET	NOT MET	ACTION TO BE TAKEN/COMMENTS	TIMESCALE
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How many young people leave care at the ages of 16, 17 and 18? Is the number reducing?	Quality Assurance Manager		✓	As at end of January 2010 there were 5 16/17 year olds who have left care – this number is reducing. There were 32 18 year olds as at 31/01/10, 25 of which left at 18 (78%) with 7 (22%) leaving before 18 th birthday. In the previous year there were 23 18 year olds, 13 (57%) left at 18 with 10 (43%) leaving before their 18 th birthday	
What are their ethnic and cultural backgrounds?	Leaving Care Manager			Of the 89 young people: 76 White British 1 White Irish 3 White Other 4 Other Mixed Background 1 White and Black Caribbean 1 Black African 3 Other Ethnic Groups	
How much is spent on after care services, including direct financial assistance to care leavers?	Leaving care Manager			TBC	
Does each care leaver have a pathway plan which takes account of their views and is regularly reviewed?	Leaving Care Manager	✓		All 18 year old plans are reviewed by a Pathway Plan Co-ordinator, 16 & 17 year olds are reviewed by IROs under R2BC4 project	
Do local commissioning strategies involve agencies and ensure that care leavers have a range of suitable supported accommodation options?	Cared for Children Manager		✓	There is a lack of suitable accommodation in some parts of the Authority. Some young people are provided with accommodation by agencies. A new strategy is to be developed to provide more suitable accommodation within the LA boundary.	Sep 2010
How many care leavers live in suitable accommodation in line with national guidance? Is this number going up each year?	Quality Assurance Manager			This years NI 147 is 95% compared to 95% last year	

How many care leavers participate in employment, education, or training?	Quality Assurance Manager	✓		This years NI 148 is 63% compared to 57% last year	
Is this number going up each year?					
Has your local Authority signed up to the <i>From Care2Work Programme</i> ?	Workforce Development Manager	✓			

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To: Directors of Children's Services and Lead Members

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December 2009

Dear Colleagues,

Follow Up to the Care Matters Ministerial Stocktake Report and Conference

I am writing to you with my reflections about what I learned from the Stocktake process and from young people who took part in the Stocktake event; and on what needs to happen now to ensure the quality of life of children and young people in care continues to improve, and that the progress being made for them is sustained and accelerated.

Naturally, the young people who helped to make the Stocktake Conference such a success were clear that they wanted their corporate parents to consult them on the big issues which matter to them, such as where they should live and go to school, and when they should leave care.

Like any other child or young person, they also wanted to be consulted on more routine matters, such as pocket money, bedtimes, and food. They said that a really effective way of consulting them collectively is via Children in Care Councils, which the majority of local authorities already have or are in the process of setting up. **We expect all local authorities to establish a Children in Care Council during 2010, if you have not done so already.**

I was surprised and disappointed that at the Stocktake conference, young people raised continuing concern about two everyday issues on which we have already made the Government's position absolutely clear – through Guidance and through other communications too.

The first is about giving black bin liners to children and young people to transport their belongings when they move placements. They have said repeatedly that they find this practice humiliating and degrading, as I am sure we can all readily appreciate.

The second is about the parents of friends with whom children in care have overnight stays being required to have a CRB check. This approach immediately singles out children in care as 'different' and gets in the way of them developing and enjoying friendships like their peers. It is therefore



profoundly unhelpful, as well as unnecessary. Like parents, carers should be expected to use their good judgement to take account of any risks and to make sensible decisions in each individual case.

I thought that both practices had now entirely ceased but children at the Stocktake event reported that they still continue in some places, so please can you **check** what happens in your authority and, if necessary, take immediate action to ensure such bad practice stops.

Over the next year we will be asking the Children's Rights Director to talk to children and young people across the country about their experiences in these respects, and I hope they will report that these approaches have been well and truly consigned to the past.

Strong Corporate Parents

Overall, the Stocktake report shows that outcomes for children in care are steadily improving and I want to acknowledge the hard work and commitment that lies behind this progress. However, we need to go further and faster, as the gap between children in care and their peers is still much too big, and rates of progress are highly variable between different authorities, including between those with apparently similar circumstances and care populations.

As Directors of Children's Services and Lead Members you are crucial in leading positive change for children in care – both within your authority and across your Children's Trust. At the Care Matters conference some delegates asked us to re-issue an updated list of questions Lead Members should be asking their officers to help them to discharge their corporate parenting responsibilities effectively; this is attached.

Virtual School Heads

In August we published the evaluation of our pilots on virtual school heads (VSH), which showed that where a senior manager in an authority rigorously monitors and champions attainment, it has a real impact on the educational attainment of children in care. **Across the country, the majority of local authorities have now appointed a VSH and we would ask all to do so by Easter 2010.** To support the creation of this role we have provided funding in the Care Matters Grant, which forms part of the Area Based Grant.

From Care2Work Programme

Earlier this year I launched the *From Care2Work* programme, which is being run by the National Care Advisory Service, with funding from Government. Under this excellent programme 30 national employers, including this Department, have already signed up to provide individual career pathways and employment opportunities for care leavers. I'm delighted that 131 local authorities have joined the programme to date; **if your authority has not yet signed up I would strongly encourage you to act now and in any case to do so by the end of January 2010**, since it is clear that *From Care2Work* is

making a real difference to the young people who are taking part.

I recognise that there is considerable pressure on children's services, but I am sure you will agree that it is crucial that we continue to make progress in improving the lives of children in care. We know that these most vulnerable children and young people can and will achieve if we give them the right support. It is up to all of us to ensure that this happens.

I have asked Delyth Morgan, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children, Young People and Families, to look at progress in improving support for looked after children. She will be writing in the new year to those authorities which are performing least well on a range of indicators for looked after children, to ask what their plans are for listening to children and young people in their care and acting on their views.

If you were unable to attend the Stocktake conference you can see a short extract of the Q&A session with the young people at www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/safeguardingandsocialcare/childrenincare

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ed Balls'.

ED BALLS MP

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS TO ASK ON CHILDREN IN CARE

All Councillors - whether Cabinet members or backbenchers - should receive regular reports on children in care. The following is a list of questions that members should ask of their authority.

General

- How many children are in the care of our authority?
- What is their ethnic and cultural background?
- Has your authority set high aspirations for their outcomes and is progress regularly reviewed using both quantitative and qualitative data?
- Have you developed a strategy for commissioning children's services in partnership with health, and other local agencies?
- Have the authority set up a Children in Care Council and does the Director and Lead Member regularly attend its meetings?
- Does the authority set an annual Pledge on how it will improve its services to children in care?
- Do all children have an allocated social worker?
- How does the authority ensure children's views are taken into account of decisions that affect their lives?
- Do all children have a named Independent Reviewing officer? who has the skills and authority to challenge decisions on their behalf?
- Are children allowed to take part in normal and age appropriate peer activities as would normally be granted by the parent to their peers?
- Are children encouraged and enabled to make and sustain friendships with children of their own age, including being able to stay overnight in friends households based on a reasonable assessment of risk (but without the requirement for CRB checks) in line with Government guidance?

Placements

- What type of placement are children in - foster care, residential homes or secure units?
- How does the authority ensure emergency placements are only made in exceptional circumstances?
- How many placement moves have children had in a year? Is the number who move 3 or more times a year reducing?
- How many out of authority placements are made?
- How does the authority assess and review the quality of placements etc?
- Are regular reviews held to ensure the placements are working well?
- Is there a strong focus on training for foster carers to develop their skills and competencies?
- Does the authority provide range of quality support services to carers and children to prevent placements breaking down?
- Do all Foster carers have a named supervising social worker?
- Do all residential staff receive training and development opportunities that equip them with the professional skills required to meet the needs of the children and the purpose of the setting?
- Does the authority give children appropriate suitcases and boxes to move their belongings when they move placements?

Education

- Does the authority have a virtual school head (or senior official) who has responsibility for monitoring the progress of looked after children at school?
- Have all schools appointed a designated teacher?
- How many children attend school regularly and how many are excluded from school? Is this number going down?
- What progress are children making and what are their test scores and examination results? Are these going up? Is the gap between

them and their peers reducing?

- Does the authority use the £500 Personal Education Allowance to support every child who does not reach the expected standard?
- Are children in care prioritised to receive one-to-one tuition?
- Does the authority pay a £2,000 bursary to all care leavers who undertake a designated course of higher education?

Health

- Is there effective co-ordination and commissioning of health services, including CAMHS?
- Do strategies to address health inequalities and health promotion, include specific actions to support children in care?
- Are all children registered with a GP and have access to a dentist?
- Are all foster carers given basic training on health, hygiene issues and first aid, with a particular emphasis on health promotion and communicable diseases?
- Are there systems in place to monitor whether the health needs of: children placed out of authority; disabled children; black and minority ethnic children are being met?
- Do leaving care services ensure that health and access to positive activities are included as part of young people's pathway planning?

Missing from Care/Offending behaviour

- How many children run away or otherwise have gone missing from residential care and foster care?
- Are there strong protocols in place with the Police when children go missing, in line with national guidance?
- Are there particular processes and systems in place to identify and safeguard children suspected of being trafficked into the country?
- How many children are involved in offending behaviour? What action is the authority taking in partnership with other agencies to reduce this?

Care Leavers

- How many young people leave care at the ages of 16, 17 and 18?
Is the number leaving at 16 reducing?
- What is their ethnic and cultural background?
- How much is spent on after care services, including direct financial assistance to care leavers?
- Does each care leaver have a pathway plan which takes account of their views and is regularly reviewed?
- Do local commissioning strategies involve housing agencies and ensure that care leavers have a range of suitable supported accommodation options?
- How many care leavers live in suitable accommodation in line with national guidance? Is this number going up each year?
- How many care leavers participate in employment, education, or training? Is this number going up each year?
- Has your local authority signed up to the *From Care2Work* Programme?

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	22 March 2010
Report of:	Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To consider progress with the items identified for the Committee's Work Programme.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note the current position with the Work Programme.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 None identified at the moment.

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 Not known at this stage.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 There are no identifiable risks.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 At the meeting of the Committee on 6 July, Members considered and agreed a list of items for the Work Programme. The list has been regularly considered and reviewed at both formal meetings of the Committee and mid point meetings. The latest version updated following the mid point meeting held on 22 February is now attached.

11.2 Two Task/Finish Panels are now underway – Review of Residential Provision and Family Support Services. The Review of Residential Provision Panel is scheduled to complete its work by May and Members may want to identify a new topic to scrutinise once the Panel has finished.

11.3 When determining items for the Work Programme, matters should be assessed against the following criteria :

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority
- Is the issue of key interest to the public
- Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation
- Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends
- Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports.
- Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service

If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:

- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
- The matter is subjudice

- Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

- 12.1 It is good practice to have a Work Programme for the Committee to consider and prioritise on a regular basis.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Children and Families Scrutiny Committee
Work Plan 2009-10 – updated following mid point meeting 22 February 2010

Issue	Priority	Comment	Date	Current position
Safeguarding and Redesign – Challenges and Opportunities, emerging work programme, update on redesign of integrated service delivery	High	Committee to be kept updated on all current issues; Task/Finish Panel to visit front line services (deferred for time being)	Every meeting (if applicable); 16 November 09; 13 January 2010 -	Report to meeting of 25 May 2010 (Ruth Jenkins to attend) Continue to defer
Performance reporting (key exceptions – red/amber and explanations/commentary) to include adoption rates, staffing information and profile of children in Cheshire East	High	Submitted to Scrutiny on a 3 monthly basis	16 November 09 22 March 2010 (after report has been submitted to Cabinet)	Report to next meeting (22 March) on exceptions (red and amber)
Corporate Parenting – training event	High		Training event held on 25 September 09	Completed
Inspections	High	Committee to be updated when Inspections have taken place.	16 November 09	Report to next mid point meeting on the overall Inspection programme

Children's Services Performance Rating		Report on Performance rating	18 January 2010	
Youth Offending Inspection		YOS Action Plan to be considered at future meeting.	18 January 2010	
Fostering Inspection		Report on outcome of Inspection	18 January 2010	
Task/Finish Panel – Review of Residential Provision - Update	High	Underway	March 2010	Agreed to aim for completion date of the Review of March/April to report into Scrutiny in April or May (special meeting if necessary). Verbal update to next meeting as part of the Work Programme report.
Educational Attainment		Headlines submitted when available and detailed analysis to follow	September 09 January 2010	Completed for this year.
TLC Scrutiny Review	High	Task/Finish Panel completed its work, report to be submitted to Cabinet on 22 December 09;	16 November 09	Completed

		Verbal update following consideration by Cabinet.	18 January 2010	
Early Years Funding Reform	Medium	Submit results of consultation exercise to meeting when available – verbal update on current position	18 January 2010	Council granted Pathfinder status. Now completed.
Post 16 Transfer of Funding to Local Authorities	Medium	No further action	-	5 staff to transfer to CEC. No action required at this stage.
Children's Centres	Medium	Include in scope of Task/Finish Panel on Family Support Services	-	No action required.
Family Support Services	Medium	Task/Finish Panel set up, first meeting to be arranged.	Underway, to be completed in 6 – 9 months, aim to report to meeting of 16 November 2010.	First meeting held and next meeting arranged for 22 March.
Transport for Young People	Medium	No action required at this stage	-	Denise to investigate scope of Council review of commissioned transport arrangements and whether it includes the issues raised by Cllr Beckford who suggested this topic.
School Admissions Policy	Medium	Scrutiny to be a consultee		Report going to Cabinet in

		when a policy has been developed		March on the mandatory requirements relating to school admissions.
Draft Children's Plan/Children's Trust	High	Presentation on current position. Further training agreed at meeting on 18 January	18 January 2010	Training to be arranged (Denise to liaise with Rick Howell)
Teenage Pregnancy – reduction	High	Committee to be kept updated on action taken as a result of the visit by the National Support Team	22 March 2010	Report to next meeting (22 March) on performance with verbal update on current position.
Ofsted Framework	High	Report on new framework to be submitted to the Committee	Presentation to meeting of 16 November 09	Completed.
Budget		Scrutiny consulted on draft budget	end January/early February 2010	Completed for this year.
Analysis of School Performance		Included in Educational Attainment report (above)		Completed.
School Status Report				No action required at the moment.
Schools White Paper		Presentation	18 January 2010	Completed.
Sex and Relationships Education (referred from Health Scrutiny)				Report to next meeting (22 March) on preparation for compulsory delivery of SRE in schools and update on the delivery mechanisms.
Care Matters White Paper	High	Report on the Action Plan and Implementation Plan	22 March 2010	Report to next meeting (22 March)

		of the requirements of the White Paper.		
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Other Issues

Safeguarding Children – training session now rearranged for 16 March.

Visit to Children’s Centres – remove, to be included as part of Family Support Services Task/Finish Panel.

DVD of Lord Laming’s appearance at Parliamentary Select Committee - remove due to lack of time.

Future work – at the next mid point discuss possible future topics for a Task/Finish Panel to undertake when the Review of Residential Provision Panel has completed its work.

Dates of Meetings

14 September 2009

16 November 2009

18 January 2010

22 March 2010

15/02/2010

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	22 March 2010
Report of:	Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title:	Forward Plan

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To consider the current Forward Plan in relation to the remit of this Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note the Forward Plan, identify any new items and determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Forward Plan can be a useful tool for Scrutiny to assist with identifying future items for consideration.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 None identified at the moment.

8.0 Financial Implications 2010/11 (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 8.1 Not known at this stage.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 There are no identifiable risks.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 Relevant extracts from the Forward Plan that relate to the area of Children and Family services are attached for the Committee to note, consider any new items and decide whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 It is good practice for Scrutiny to regularly consider the Forward Plan in so far as it relates to the Committee's remit.

13.0 Access to Information

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FORWARD PLAN 1 MARCH 2010 - 30 JUNE 2010

This Plan sets out the key decisions which the Executive expect to take over the next four months. The Plan is rolled forward every month. It will next be published in mid March and will then contain all key decisions expected to be taken between 1 April and 31 July 2010. Key decisions are defined in the Councils Constitution.

Reports relevant to key decisions, and any listed background documents may be viewed at any of the Councils Offices/Information Centres 6 days before the decision is to be made. Copies of, or extracts from these documents may be obtained on the payment of a reasonable fee from the following address:-

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c/o Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach Cheshire CW11 1HZ
Telephone: 01270 529736

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A decision notice for each key decision is published within 6 days of it having been made. This is open for public inspection on the Council's Website, Council Information Centres and Council Offices.

The law and the Council's Constitution provides for urgent key decisions to be made. A decision notice will be published for these in exactly the same way.

Extracts from Forward Plan 1 March 2010 to 30 June 2010

Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made
CE09/10-34 Building Schools for the Future	To consider the implications arising from a decision to prepare for and/or enter the Building Schools for the Future Programme, and to decide whether to apply for early entry and commit resources to this.	Cabinet	Before 31 Mar 2010	The review will include full engagement with stakeholders including members, schools, and governors, dioceses, schools forum, the PCT and community groups.	John Weeks, Strategic Director People
CE09/10-37 Review of Children's Homes Provision	To decide how children's homes placements will be provided to ensure good outcomes for cared for children in Cheshire East.	Cabinet	Before 31 May 2010	Children and Families Scrutiny Committee and the Children in Care Council.	John Weeks, Strategic Director People