

Corporate Parenting Operational Group Scorecard - Quarter 3, 2016-17

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General														
G1	Number of cared for children				350-400	387	400	398	420		↓	It is being reported nationally and locally that numbers of cared for children are increasing. Cheshire East remains at the lower end of our statistical neighbour group, with latest figures from Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington showing much higher rates. We have amended our target to reflect a range in which we consider our cared for population to be appropriate.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
G2	Rate per 10,000 cared for children				46.6 - 53.3	52	53	53	58		→	Oct 2016 - DfE produced comparator data for statutory returns as at March 2016. This places Cheshire East in the mid range of our statistical neighbour group range of between 35 -79 per 10,000 of population. Nearest neighbours CWAC and Warrington reported 71 and 78 per 10,000 respectively. NW average as at 31/3/16 was 82 per 10,000.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
G3	Number of care leavers					225	201	202	195			This represents all eligible, relevant and former relevant care leavers who are supported with access to a Personal Advisor (PA) to offer help and guidance as they move to independence together with financial support as appropriate to individual needs.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Involve Me														
P1.1	Number of eligible children and young people accessing advocacy services	High is Good				22	27	14	101			We had 101 advocacy cases open to us in Quarter 3 of which 24 were issue based cases (13 in care, 3 Care Leavers, 6 disability, and 2 Private Fostering) and we also worked with 77 children who were on a Child Protection plan. The Child Protection Advocacy has proved to be very successful and an evaluation report has been completed. We are in the process of doing some more awareness raising with CE colleagues on the Advocacy service especially for Children in Care and Care Leavers.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P1.2	% cared for children reviews in timescales	High is Good				97%	97%	89%	99%		↑	There has been a substantial improvement in the percentage of reviews being held in timescale. In December there was one review that was held out of timescale.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
P1.3	% of children and young people chairing their own reviews	High is Good										This measure will be available and reported on for quarter 4.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 7
Provide Me With a Good Safe Home														
P2.1	Number of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	High is Good				210	191	188	190		↓	Between December 2016 and February 2017 10 foster care beds came back 'online'. Beds 'on hold' are now more closely tracked and a new monthly measure shows that 82% of foster carer beds are currently occupied (once respite beds deducted). There are currently 34 beds on hold. These are closely tracked and are largely related to ill health of carers etc.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.2	Number of cared for children in external foster care	Low is Good				89	97	88	90		↓	70 children are matched permanently with their carers and their care plan is to remain with their carers, at least until they are 18.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.3	% cared for children placed over 20 miles from home address (Cheshire East and out of borough)	Low is Good				17%	20%	21%	22%		→	Although there is a slight increase in this figure, over 25% of these are placed either with family/ relatives or in adoption placements.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.4	% of children and young people in residential care	Low is Good			8-12%	9%	11%	12%	9%		→	We have set a range target of 8-12% of our cared for population residing in residential care. This is in line with comparator authorities and is considered good performance.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.5	Number of Cheshire East foster carers	High is Good			165	153	156	153	149		→	Several foster carers have converted to special guardianship orders providing permanence for children and therefore have resigned as foster carers.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.6	Long term placement stability - % cared for children in care for 2.5 years who have been in the same placement for 2 years (under 16 years old)	High is Good			75%	67%	70%	65%	62%		↓	Placement stability is currently an issue for CE and a working group has been convened in order to achieve a greater understanding of the issues and deliver an action plan in response. Issues being considered relate to earlier identification of risk of breakdown and refocusing key resources.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.7	Number of cared for children that went missing 5 times or more (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in any month in that quarter)	Low is Good				8	5	5	5		→	This is positive and relates to the number of Cheshire East children who went missing from care 5 or more times in any month in the quarter and includes individuals placed both in Cheshire East and out of the borough (This excludes ChiCOLA's (i.e children placed in CE by other local authorities who go missing from placement and are found by Cheshire police). Missing from care interviews are offered and the feedback used to inform changes to individuals support plans.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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P2.8	% of children and young people placed with providers with good/outstanding Ofsted judgements	High is Good				81%	81%	75%	93%		↑	This is a significant improvement on previous quarters this year and an improvement over the last three years when the highest % of good/outstanding provision has been 87%. The majority of the providers with judgements of Requires Improvement (RI) are Independent Fostering Agencies, in particular Lorimer who have 5 children placed with their carers. The last inspection for Lorimer was May 2014 so a new inspection can be expected to be undertaken in the next year or so. If Lorimer move from RI to Good then the overall percentage would improve further to 96%. The cared for children placement team and commissioning will continue to endeavour to source placements with good or outstanding providers in what is a difficult market.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.9	% of children ceased to be looked after due to granting of special guardianship order (SGO) - year to date figure	High is Good				18%	12%	11%	16%		→	This represents 9 individuals in the year to date.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.10	% of children ceased to be looked after due to adoption - year to date figure	High is Good				13%	21%	20%	15%		↓	This figure reflects 16 individuals out of 79 who have left care since 1/4/2016.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.11	Number of children adopted in period	High is Good			30 annually	7	9	16	16		→	In addition to the 16 adoptions in the first half of the year, we have an additional 27 individuals with an adoption plan, 20 of which are living with their adoptive family. Based on performance to date we are on schedule to meet the target set for this year.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.12	% children who wait less than 16 months between entering care and moving in with adoptive family	High is Good				78	84	84	83		→	This continues to be a focus to ensure that timely decisions are made to ensure children and young people are in a permanent placement as quickly as possible. There is now a specific Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) identified to track the progress for these children to ensure there is no delay.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.13	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family (A1 national indicator)	Low is Good			426	545	936	678	678		→	The story behind the data is very positive; children and young people are being adopted by foster carers after a number of years due to a freestanding application. This is reflected in the reduced	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.14	Average number of days between placement order and match with adoptive family (A2 national indicator)	Low is Good			121	99	49	70	70		→	Whilst the number of days has increased, it still remains well within the national target of 121 and ahead of last year's position.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.15	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family/ foster carer who becomes adoptive family	Low is Good			426	477	243	265	265		→	Whilst the number of days between a placement order and match with an adoptive family has increased, it still remains well within the national target of 426 and a substantial improvement on last year's position.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Keep Me Healthy														
P3.1	% of initial health assessments requested within 48 hours of coming into care	High is Good			90%	20%	69%	66%	87%		↑	Significant improvement has been achieved in this area.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.2	% of initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 working days	High is Good			90%	12%	36%	58%	36%		↓	Whilst there has been a small improvement in the percentage of assessments completed within 20 working days from Q2 to Q3 this is still far less than desired.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.3	% of children in care over 12 months up to date with statutory health assessments (6 monthly for under fives, annual thereafter)	High is Good	84%	90%	90%	71%	71%	70%	75%		↑	Of the 296 individuals recorded as being in care for over 12 months, as at the end of December 2016, 73 had either no health check date loaded or a health check dated over 12mths (NB 15 had health checks dated Dec 2015 loaded). This is still a substantially improved position. A backlog in uploading health check information is impacting on performance against this measure.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.4	% of children and young people with immunisations up to date.	High is Good		87%	95%	83%		83%	84%		→	Actual performance on this measure is believed to be higher. Work will be undertaken in quarter 4 to ensure that all children's immunisations have been loaded to liquid logic.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.5	% of children and young people who have had an annual teeth check up by a dentist	High is Good		84%	95%	82%	30%	43%	57%		↑	Of the 296 individuals recorded as being in care for over 12 months as at the end of December 2016, 127 had either no dental check date loaded or a dental check dated over 12mths. This is still a substantially improved position. A backlog in uploading dental check information is impacting on performance against this measure.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.6	% of young people who have had a developmental assessment.	High is Good		90%	95%	76%						This figure has previously been recorded manually on an annual basis. Performance will be reported quarterly once the information is uploaded to the case management system.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.7	Number of pregnant care leavers (eligible, relevant and former relevant) 16+	Low is Good					9	7	6		↓	This is a new figure which is being collated due to perceived high numbers of pregnancies.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5

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P3.8	% of young people with a SDQ score of 20 or above	Low is Good				26%	25%	24%	23%			The very high scoring SDQ returns for Quarter 3 are 23%, which represents 10 of 44 scores returned. Of those 10 children and young people, the Children and Families Support Team is already undertaking direct work with 3, therapeutic consultations have been held for 3, advice and support is being offered to workers already involved with 2, and consultations have been offered for the remaining 2. The very high scoring returns have shown a downward trend over the year to date, from 25% in the first quarter, to 24% in the second, and now 23% in the third. Returns continue to be monitored and followed up individually to ensure that the social workers are informed of the scores and that therapeutic consultation is offered for any child or young person with whom my team or another relevant therapeutic service is not already involved.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
Help Me Achieve														
P4.1	% of children taking up their early years entitlement – 2, 3, 4 year old offer - all cared for children	High is Good			90%	93%	93%	93%	90%		→	There are 2 children new into care without places, carers are being supported to access nursery places.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.2	% of children achieving a good level of development at the end of foundation stage. (Annual check)	High is Good			33%	20%		40%	40%		→	This figure is based on a very small cohort - less than 10 children	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.3	% personal education plans (PEPs) for children of statutory school age completed since start of term	High is Good			90%				94%			The Virtual School has prioritised PEP return and schools have been supported to return PEPs	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.4	% attendance at school of children in care (quarterly figure is all cared for children at month end rather than those in	High is Good			93%	94%	95%	94%	94%		→	Carers and children have been encouraged to prioritise high attendance. 32% had 100% attendance during the term.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.5	% school age persistent absence of children in care (quarterly figure is all cared for at month end rather than those in care for 12mths which are published figs)	Low is Good			10%	15%	18%	11%	14%		↓	This includes children who are new into care with very poor attendance patterns (<10%) who have been supported to re-engage with education. Also includes children placed with adopters who are on reduced time-table during introduction phase.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.6	The number of young people who experience fixed term exclusion within the month - all children	Low is Good				11	8	6	6		→	The Virtual School is working with schools to avoid exclusions by identifying triggers and having support plan in place.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.7	% of Year 6 children achieving national age expectations	High is Good		45%	30%	50%	50%	22%	22%		→	This is an annual figure, 30% of children in cohort did not complete tests due to SEN. 61% of cohort had SEN .	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.8	% children achieving 5+ A*-C grades including English/Maths (eligible cohort). Annual Check	High is Good		15%	15%	25%		10%	10%		→	Annual figure, 15% (3 pupils) predicted to achieve failed to gain maths or English but are planning to re-take these.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.9	Number of cared for children/care leavers academic age 16-18 in apprenticeships.	High is Good			5	9	7	8	9		↑	We have had an increase in apprenticeships from young people who have left college or training.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.10	% of cared for children in good or outstanding schools	High is Good			85%	83%	84%	84%	83%		→	One pupil has transferred to a new academy which has no current Ofsted rating.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.11	% not In education, employment or training (NEET) academic age aged 16, 17 and 18	Low is Good			30%	27%	27%	20%	24%		↑	At the start of Q3 there were some Y12 whose destinations were unconfirmed as we had been unable to make contact and confirm. These were classed as Y11 transition, which is not NEET. The number in this group fell from 11 to 1 during the quarter. The total number of young people increased due to new into care. The number either pregnant or caring for family increased from 1 to 3. From Jan 2017 the data collection system will change to a new and more reliable method using liquid logic. This will record and analyse the activity of young people as recorded by the PA or Social Worker and will be divided into 2 groups which match the DfE groups of recording. The first will be those in school years 12 and 13 who have birthdays when they become 17 and 18 yrs old. Virtual School will lead on supporting, monitoring and recording of this group. There will also be separate recording of those up to age 18 who are in care and those who are care leavers – current data is for both groups combined. The national average in the experimental results was 39% for those care leavers who became 17 and 18 yrs. There will be separate monitoring of those in school years 14,15,16, ie those who become 19,20 and 21years old. Social Care will lead on supporting, monitoring and recording of this group.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.12	% not In education, employment or training (NEET) aged 19, 20 and 21	Low is Good		39%	40%		51%	41%	45%		↑	Data includes young people in school years 15 and 16. The overall number of young people in this group fell as young people turned 21 and left care. The overall number of young people who were NEET fell but due to the smaller cohort this represented a larger	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
Support me to move into adult life														
P5.1	Number of care leavers accessing Higher Education (University)	High is Good				12	12	10	12			12 18-21 year old care leavers are currently accessing higher education on a full or part time basis	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.2	Number of Cheshire East care leavers in apprenticeships (18+)	High is Good					9	7	4			4 individuals are currently employed on an apprenticeship scheme - 3 are on external placements and 1 internal. There are an additional 4 individuals accessing Traineeship schemes	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.3	The number of young people with a CSE plan					7	6	7	9		→	This number represents the individuals who are on a specific child sexual exploitation (CSE) plan. There are other individuals we are supporting where CSE actions form a part of an overarching CIN/CP/LAC plan. In addition, where any agency has concerns around individuals they are brought to the multi-agency CSE group for discussion and possible tracking.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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P5.4	Number of individual offences committed by cared for children	Low is Good				16	29	13	11		↓	The total offences committed by cared for children continues to fall, which is positive. The Youth Justice Service make proactive efforts and recommendations to police to deal with low level offending by cared for children outside of the formal justice system.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.5	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	High is Good			90%	95%	95%	95%	94%		→	This relates to the 19th, 20th and 21st birthday cohort only. This includes individuals currently in custody. Improved tracking in the care leavers service means that these young people are known and work continues to engage them where possible to improve their accommodation and support.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P5.6	Number of cared for children offending	Low is Good				6	8	6	7			A small number of particularly challenging and complex cared for children are responsible for a disproportionately high number of recorded offences. Note however this is typically for minor offences.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1