

Children's Services Scorecard - Quarter 1, 2017-18

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Safeguarding																
1.1	Number of contacts				2600-2800 per Qu	10,681	2600	2809					↑	A similar increase in contacts was evident in quarter 1 last year and reflected a spike in contacts and referrals from schools prior to the summer holidays.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.2	Number of referrals				850-950 per Qu	3432	758	952					↑	A similar increase in contacts was evident in Q1 last year and reflected a spike in contacts and referrals from schools prior to the summer holidays.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.3	% contacts to referrals				35-40%	32%	29%	34%					↑	An increase in the percentage of contacts resulting in referral suggests that the appropriate cases are being referred to ChECs.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.4	Number of repeat referrals					875	227	232					↓	There has been a positive reduction in repeat referrals in quarter 1 which suggests that work with closed cases has resulted in long term positive changes being maintained.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.5	% repeat referrals	Low is good	20.8%	22.3%	<20%	25%	30%	24%					↓	There has been a positive reduction in repeat referrals in quarter 1 which suggests that work with closed cases has resulted in long term positive changes being maintained.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.6	Number of children that went missing 5 times or more from home (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in any quarter)	Low is good				11	supressed	supressed					↓	Year end position is the number of children that went missing from home more than 5 times in the reporting year 2016-17. The quarterly figures has been amended to reflect the number of individuals that went missing 5 or more times in the quarter. This is monitored closely on a monthly basis and scrutinised for emerging patterns together with ensuring plans are revised to reflect needs and the reasons for missing episodes fully understood and Performance against the timeliness of assessments is being maintained.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.7	% of assessments completed within 45 days	High is good	84%	83%	85%	88%	87%	88%					→		2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.8	Number of children in need (CIN) - local definition					880	880	985					↑	Whilst around 100 higher than the end of quarter 4, this is not unusual for the time of year. There is often a spike in June prior to schools breaking up for the summer term which is also reflected in the increase in contacts and	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.9	Rate of children in need (CIN) per 10,000 - local definition				130-155	117.3	117.3	131.3					→	See above.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.10	% initial child protection conference (ICPC) within 15 days of Section 47 enquiry (S47)	High is good	88%	77%	90%	80%	91%	92%					↑	Six initial conference pertaining to 11 children were not held within 15 days of the S47 enquiry. However 94% were held within 20 days of the S47. Where the conference is delayed due to late notifications the Chairs discuss with the worker the interim safety plan in place for the child so the identified risk	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.11	Number of children subject to child protection (CP) plan [includes child sex exploitation (CSE) Plans ]				260-300	275	275	288					→	Whilst there has been a small increase in numbers, Cheshire East remains lower that the England and statistical neighbour averages which is where we would expect to be. Latest nearest neighbour data for CWAC and Warrington shows rates of 38.1 and 52.1 respectively.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.12	Rate of children subject to child protection (CP) plan per 10,000		41.5	43.1	35-40	36.7	36.7	38.4					→	Whilst there has been a small increase in numbers, Cheshire East remains lower that the England and statistical neighbour averages which is where we would expect to be. Latest nearest neighbour data for CWAC and Warrington shows rates of 38.1 and 52.1 respectively.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.13	% children becoming subject to a child protection (CP) plan for 2 <sup>nd</sup> / subsequent time	Low is good	17.3%	17.9%	<15%	17.4%	14.8%	17.1%					↑	This relates to 11 families, 3 of which were previously subject to a plan a number of years ago.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.14	Number of child protection (CP) plans over 2yrs	Low is good	supressed	2.1%	0%	0.5%	2.9%	0%					↑	As at the end of quarter 1 no plans closed had been in place for over 2 years at point of closure. All children where they are on a plan for longer than 9 months are being actively tracked to prevent delay	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.15	Number of children on a child sexual exploitation (CSE) plan					10	10	6					↓	Individuals on a CSE plan are monitored closely at the CSE ops group together with those individuals who whilst not meeting the threshold for a formal CSE plan present with issues that may put them at risk of CSE.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.16	% child protection (CP) children reviewed in timescales (year to date fig)	High is good	95.8%	93.7%	100%	99.0%	100%	99.0%					→	90 out of 91 conferences were held in timescales - the one out of timescale referred to 1 family of 4. This has been consistently excellent practice despite the increase in demand.	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5
Cared for Children																
2.1	Number of cared for children				380-430	422	422	438					↑	We are continuing to see a rise in the number of children entering care and a detailed report has been prepared highlighting implications. This rise is reflected locally and nationally; statistical neighbours CWAC and Warrington are reporting rates per 10,000 of 73 and 85 respectively for quarter 4.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.2	Rate per 10,000 cared for children		56	60	50.7-57.3	56.3	56.3	58.4					↑	We are continuing to see a rise in the number of children entering care and a detailed report has been prepared highlighting implications. This rise is reflected locally and nationally; statistical neighbours CWAC and Warrington are reporting rates per 10,000 of 73 and 85 respectively for quarter 4.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.3	% cared for children with 3 or more placements in year	Low is good	data not yet released	10%	<12%	13.6%	This data will be presented annually. See comments for quarterly							Since the start of April 2017 we have 5 individuals who experienced 3 or more moves in the first quarter of the year.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.4	% cared for children in long term stability placement	High is good	data not yet released	68%	75%	69.0%	This data will be presented annually. See comments for quarterly							This indicator is very difficult to predict in year as the cohort of individuals relevant fluctuates. In quarter 1 however there were 10 individuals aged 16 or under that moved placement who had previously been in care for 2.5 years and in the same place for 2 years.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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2.5	% cared for children reviews in timescales	High is good			95%	90%	98%	95%					➡	Of the 238 individuals subject to a review in quarter 1 there were 225 reviews held within timescales. Those out of timescale are scrutinised at challenge sessions to ensure that the reasons for delay did not adversely affect the young person, and that systems support timely reviews. There are always instances where a delay may occur due to young person or carer	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5
2.6	Number of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	High is good			215	209	209	210					⬆	This is an improving figure quarter to quarter. When we exclude CE foster carers who have been approved for respite provision only, the current CE foster care bed occupancy rate is 82% which is consistent with last quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.7	Number of cared for children in external foster care	Low is good			85	95	95	102					⬆	Due to the increase in numbers of individuals entering care we have needed to utilise external foster carers to a greater degree. Internal foster care occupancy remains high at 82% (excluding respite placements).	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.8	Number cared for children placed over 20 miles from home address (Cheshire East and out of borough)	Low is good				91	91	105					⬆	Whilst we would want more of our cared for children living locally a number are living in long term placements due to increased demand.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.9	Number of cared for children that went missing 5 times or more (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in quarter)	Low is good				30	9	13					⬆	Year end position is the number of cared for children that went missing more than 5 times in the reporting year 2016-17. The quarterly figures has been amended to reflect the number of individuals that went missing 5 or more times in the quarter. This includes CE children who are placed in CE and those placed in other local authorities. This is monitored closely on a monthly basis and scrutinised for emerging patterns together with ensuring plans are revised to reflect needs and the reasons for missing episodes fully	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.10	% of initial health assessments requested within 48 hours of coming into care	High is good			70%	71%	64%	78%					⬆	In quarter 1 a total of 59 initial health assessments (IHAs) were requested. Of these, 46 were within 48 hours and 13 were outside of timescales. Of these, 1 subsequently left care before 20 days were completed so the assessment was no longer required.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
2.11	% of initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 days	High is good			100%	39%	58%	41%					⬇	In quarter 1 a total of 58 assessments were required to be completed within 20 days. Currently a total of 40 of these have been completed; 24 within timescales, 16 out of timescales and 18 not yet completed.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
2.12	% of children in care over 12 months with a health check in the last year	High is good	84%	90%	100%	91%	91%	87%					⬇	Of the 300 individuals who have been in care for longer than 12 months as at 30/6/17 there are 39 individuals whose last health check recorded is over 12 months old. However 17 of these are only just over 12 months old and for the number over 14 mths old it drops to only 17 individuals and 14 of these are aged 16/17.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
Care Leavers																
3.1	Number of care leavers					199	199	202					➡	This represents all eligible, relevant and former relevant care leavers who are supported with access to a Personal Advisor (PA) to offer help and guidance as they move to independence together with financial support as appropriate to individual needs.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
3.2	% NOT In education, employment or training (NEET)	Low is good			38%	43%	43%	43%					➡	This relates to 22 in the 18th birthday cohort, 35 in 19th birthday cohort, 42 in 20th birthday cohort and 42 in 21st birthday cohort. The indicator for quarter 1 reports the latest known activity so may differ from year end as that captures what an individual was doing on or around their actual birth date. If you include those engaging in positive activities in order to progress towards education, employment and training then this % drops to 25%.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
3.3	% in suitable accommodation	High is good			96%	94%	94%	96%					⬆	There are 5 individuals considered to be in unsuitable accommodation - 3 are in custody, one we are unable to contact and whereabouts are unknown and one has no fixed abode.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Adoption																
4.1	% of children ceased to be looked after due to adoption - year to date fig	High is good			20%	18%	18%	18%					➡	A cumulative figure of 8 out of 45 children in 2017-18 ceased to be cared for due to granting of adoption order.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.2	% of children ceased to be looked after due to granting of special guardianship order (SGO) - year to date fig	High is good			12%	17%	17%	20%					⬆	A cumulative figure of 9 out of 45 children in 2017-18 ceased to be cared for due to granting of SGO.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.3	Number of children adopted (ytd)	High is good			30	26	26	8					⬆	The total number of children adopted by the end of quarter 1 of 2017-18 was 8. In addition, there are 27 individuals with an adoption plan, 9 of which are living with their adoptive family/ foster to adopt placement.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.4	% children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with adoptive family	High is good			59%	62%	62%	74%					⬆	Please note that this indicator has reduced to being monitored at 14 month rather than 16 months in previous scorecards. There has been a substantial improvement in the first quarter of 2017/18. The target is based on the England average that was provided by DfE on the unpublished Adoption	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.5	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family (A1 national indicator)	Low is good		558	426	541	541	383					⬇	Cheshire East performance has improved steadily year on year since this became monitored through the Adoption data set, from an initial position of over 700 days down to 383 in the latest quarter	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.6	Average number of days between placement order and match with adoptive family (A2 national indicator)	Low is good		226	121	66	66	62					⬇	We continue to out-perform the England average of 226 days and the national target of 121 days	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.7	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family/ foster carer who becomes adoptive family	Low is good			426	284	284	373					⬆	Whilst the number of days between a placement order and match with an adoptive family has increased, it remains well within the national target of 426.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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<b>Education and 14-19 Skills</b>																
Virtual School - NB attendance will be reported by academic year NOT financial year. Year end fig 2016-17 will be last academic year																
5.1	% of Primary pupils with less than 90% attendance (ytd)	Low is good				9%	12%	9%					↓	Attendance is monitored monthly and carers contacted when there are concerns. Stability of schools has increased for primary children over school year, hence the reduced number of those with persistent absence.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.2	% of Secondary pupils with less than 90% attendance (ytd)	Low is good				21%	17%	21%					↑	Attendance will drop in the final school term due to Year 11 pupils who were taking exams and not in school through whole month. Lessons ended as courses completed and exams taken but pupils are marked absent as per DfE	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.3	% attendance for Primary pupils (ytd)					96%	95%	96%					↑	Attendance of primary pupils has become stable throughout the school year with a slight increase.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.4	% attendance for Secondary pupils (ytd)					92%	93%	92%					↓	Attendance will drop in the final school term due to Year 11 pupils who were taking exams and not in school through whole month and so marked absent.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.5	Percentage of completed PEPs (Termly)	High is good				93% (July fig)	81%	93% (July fig)					↑	Quarter 1 end is mid term when 66% were completed. As at July term end the position was 93%. There will be a similar issue at September end. Current completion rate (end of July) is 93% but next reported data (Sept) will be very low again as there will be only a small number of PEPs which	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
Schools - NB data reported on a 1/2 termly basis - commentary will indicate which 1/2 term latest figures relate to. Year end 16-17 will be last academic year end																
6.1	Number of Academies	N/A				70	65	70					↑	5 Primary schools converted to Academies between April and June 2017, Bunbury Aldersey CoFE, Offley Primary, St Oswald Worleston CoFE, Warringham CoFE and Wybunbury Delves CoFE	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.2	Number of maintained schools	N/A				85	90	85					↓	See above.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.3	% good or outstanding primary schools	High is good		87%		92.8%	92.8%	91.2%					→	Despite the slight dip in quarter 1, the profile for primary schools remains strong.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.4	% good or outstanding secondary schools	High is good				80.0%	76.0%	80.0%					↑	A report was published in April 2017 for Knutsford Academy, The Studio – current judgment is good, the school had not been previously inspected. 8% of schools have not yet been inspected.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.5	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Low is good	61	49650			33	33					→	A lower trend remains in fixed term exclusions at primary this half term. Training has been provided to Head Teachers and Chairs of Governors on exclusions law.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.6	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Low is good	297	239240			284	286					→	Although a slight increase, a steady trend in fixed term exclusions is maintained.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.7	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Low is good	1	920			1	0					↓	It is positive that there have been no permanent exclusions in primary schools this quarter.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.8	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Low is good	5	4790			2	9					↑	The figures for secondary permanent exclusions are comparative to our neighbours in Cheshire West.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.9	Number of children missing from education - Active cases 12 weeks or less (latest fig at quarter end)	Low is good				25	10	25					↑	Current increase in caseload, some sibling groups but figure remain largely in line with normal parameters with an year average of 23.7 children per month (this figure was as high as 51 in October 2016) . We are changing our children missing education (CME) form to include more information so that this enables us to trace children more quickly. We hold weekly meetings to discuss CME and we discuss these children at the 6 weekly children missing out on education multi-agency meeting.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.10	Number of children missing from education - Active cases 12 weeks or more (latest fig at quarter end)	Low is good				31	31	31					→	Progress with some long term, stubborn cases has been made this half term. Effective multi-agency working has supported this. A number of these cases were found earlier than this data suggests, however the children were not removed from the list as quickly as they should have been. We are aware that this is an issue, and are looking at ways to tighten up this problem. 5 children, who were difficult to place, are being held on this list as they have school places for September and we are waiting to check that they have started before removing from the children missing education (CME) list.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.11	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Primary school year to date	Low is good	7.6	8.9			8%	7%					→	This percentage remains consistent, below national averages but slightly higher than statistical neighbours.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.12	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Secondary School year to date	Low is good	13.5	14.3			12%	11%					→	This percentage remains consistent and below both national and statistical neighbour figures.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.13	Current number of pupils being educated at home (year fig is position at yr end i.e July)	Low is good				323	299	323					↑	The trend for deregistration continues to increase for electively home educated (EHE) families. There are a variety of reasons for this including; Year 10/11 who may be having attendance issues and may not achieve high grades, families who feel their children's needs can be better met at home, some Year 10's who intend to attend college early from Sept 2017, families having greater awareness of EHE either through their own research or being informed by schools that it is an option. There are also some families where they struggle to find school places and choose EHE as a hopefully short term option. Some established EHE families who have young children (becoming school age) are also being added to the total following visits.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.14	Number of meals delivered (per day)	High is good					15348	14416					↓	Quarter 1 figure will always be slightly less due to exam period where Years 11 and 13 are no longer in school, together with more school outings.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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<b>Prevention and Support</b>																
<b>Prevention and Early Intervention</b>																
7.1	Number of cases through Early Help Brokerage					3536	877	889					↑	An increased number of cases through Early Help Brokerage suggests that individuals are being referred and supported earlier, thus reducing the long term need for statutory intervention.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.2	Number of CAF's open					946	946	935					→	The higher the number of individuals supported through a CAF suggests that we are supporting individuals at the early stage of issues being identified thus reducing the likelihood of escalation to statutory services.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.3	% of all open CAFs led by Cheshire East Prevention service staff					47%	47%	53%					↑	Increasing numbers of CAF's led by other agencies suggest stronger engagement of partners in meeting overall need.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.4	% 0-2 yrs engaged at children centres (most vulnerable i.e CIN/CP/LAC that have attended 3 or more times in the last 12 months)	High is good						49%						Of the 260 children aged two and under who were CiN/CP/LAC on June 30th 2017: 192 (74%) are registered at a children's centre 127 (49%) were seen three or more times in the 12 month period 01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017 25 of these children were born in May and June 2017 so are less likely to have had the opportunity to register at a children's centre.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
7.5	% eligible children taking up 2 year old offer (termly figure only)	High is good		72%		76%	76%	75%					→	Take up of the two year old offer has plateaued at around 85% as most families who want the offer are accessing it.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
7.6	% children taking up 3 and 4 year old offer (termly figure only)	High is good			97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%					→	The percentage of children taking up the 3 and 4 year old offer remains between 97-99%. This figure may become more turbulent as the offer for 30 hours comes online.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
7.7	Number of families turned around (family focus) - claims made at agreed points in the year	High is good				153	153 (full yr)	45					↑	In the first quarter of 2017-18 a total of 45 claims were made. Based on this, the annualised figure is projected to result in an increase on the previous year.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
<b>Youth Support</b>																
8.1	Number of young people accessing the youth support service						1536	1424					↓	Despite the slight decrease over the summer, numbers have been steadily increasing over the year.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.2	Number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	Low is good				167	167	177					↑	This now purely relates to those in age Years 12-13 (i.e 17 and 18 year olds). Of the 177 who are NEET, 49 are not available to the labour market due to a combination of caring/parenting duties, pregnancy or illness. Of the remaining 128, 114 are actively seeking work and 9 have agreed start dates for employment/ training.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.3	% of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	Low is good				2.4%	2.4%	2.3%					↓	This now purely relates to those in Years 12-13 (i.e 17 and 18 year olds).	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
8.4	Number of individuals where education, employment or training (EET) status not known [yr 12-13]	Low is good				1	1	1					→	This measure is under review as it is no longer a nationally reported figure.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
<b>Special Educational Need (SEN)</b>																
10.1	% good or outstanding special school	High is good				80%	80%	80%					→	There has been no change in the percentage of good/outstanding special schools in quarter 1.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
10.2	Number of new education, health and care needs assessments requests in quarter					313	86	73					↓	Quarter 1 saw a decrease in the number of new EHCPs.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.3	% of new education, health and care plans (EHCP) completed with 20 weeks	High is good	43.4	55.5		41% (Jan 17 SEN return)	84.0%	60.0%					↓	Whilst quarter 1 has seen a reduction in timeliness from quarter 4, this is still a considerable improvement on the performance at the same point last year.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.4	Number of ongoing transfers from statements of educational need/learning difficulty assessments (LDA) to education, health and care plans (EHCP)				0 by end of March 2018	0 by end of March 2018	467	378					↓	The proportion is moving rapidly as transfers are being completed and statements which will not be transferred are ceased. All SEN Statements must be transferred or ceased by 31 March 2018 and the current target is to complete that by 31 December 2017.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.5	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) [accumulative]					1412	1412	1513					↑	The proportion is moving rapidly as transfers are being completed and statements which will not be transferred are ceased. All SEN Statements must be transferred or ceased by 31 March 2018 and the current target is to complete that by 31 December 2017.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
10.6	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or statement of educational need					1879	1879	1891					→	The total number with an EHCP in quarter 1 is broadly in line with quarter 4.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3