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CSC001	Children's Social Care	Number of referrals	5	Childrens	Head of Service Child in Need/ Child Protection			CEC Data	2558	614	633				N/A	☹️	There has been an increase in referrals to Children's Social Care over the last two quarters.
CSC002	Children's Social Care	Percentage of repeat referrals	5	Childrens	Head of Service Child in Need/ Child Protection			CEC Data	20%	19%	17%				<18%	😊	The percentage of repeat referrals continues to decrease and is indicative of the positive impact of children's social care intervention in reducing the risk of harm for children referred to the service.
CSC003	Children's Social Care	Percentage of assessments completed within 45 days	5	Childrens	Head of Service Child in Need/ Child Protection			CEC Data	81%	78%	83%				85%	😊	There has been a focus on timely assessments within the performance meetings to understand any common reasons for delay especially considering some increased pressures due to rising referral rates. Now that workers are more confident in the signs of safety style of assessment we are beginning to see improved timeliness together with consistent quality
CSC004	Children's Social Care	Percentage of children with a second or subsequent child protection (CP) plan (rolling yr)	5	Childrens	Head of Service Safeguarding			CEC Data	26%	23%	23%				<17%	☹️	This relates to a rolling 12 months from 1/7/18 - 30/6/19. Every child who becomes subject of a subsequent plan is reviewed in detail at the monthly performance meetings. An audit has been completed within children's social care and learning disseminated.
CSC005	Children's Social Care	Number of children in need	5	Childrens	Head of Service Child in Need/ Child Protection			CEC Data			1774				1700-2000	😊	This figure reflects the extract that would be provided to Ofsted as part of Annex A in the event of an inspection - it is not directly comparable with the CIN census return or statistical neighbours as it undercounts open referrals and care leavers
CSC006	Children's Social Care	Number of children with a child protection plan	5	Childrens				CEC Data	268	268	275				260-300	😊	This is within the range expected for Cheshire East's demographic profile
CSC007	Children's Social Care	% of children on CP plans reviewed within timescales	5	Childrens	Head of Service Safeguarding			CEC Data	98%	96%	93%				99%	☹️	Of 166 individual children, 155 were reviewed in timescales
CSC008	Children's Social Care	Number of cared for children	5	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	485	485	481				440-475	😊	Whilst still higher than desired, quarter 1 has not seen the level of children entering the care system compared to the same period last year. (37 in Q1 this year as opposed to 56 in Q1 last year)
CSC009	Children's Social Care	% of cared for children reviewed within timescales	5	Childrens	Head of Service Safeguarding			CEC Data	91%	96%	93%				97%	☹️	In quarter 1, of 311 individuals 290 were reviewed in timescales
CSC010	Children's Social Care	% of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	5	Childrens	Head of Service Safeguarding			CEC Data	36%	38%	38%				>50%	☹️	This purely relates to individuals in Cheshire East foster care or friends and families placements including reg 24 placements - it excludes s 38(6) and placed with parents.
CSC011	Children's Social Care	% of children living in external foster homes	5	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	28%	28%	29%				<20%	☹️	Ongoing pressures on internal provision and foster carer recruitment has meant that our use of external carers is higher than we would like. It is important to recognise however that 36% of these placements are long term matched placements offering security and stability for individuals.
CSC012	Children's Social Care	% of children living in residential homes	5	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	9%	9%	8%				<6%	☹️	This includes children in care in residential schools.
CSC013	Children's Social Care	% of cared for children placed over 20 miles from home address (Cheshire East and out of borough)	5	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	26%	26%	27%				<20%	☹️	A number of children living in placements over 20 miles from their home address are living with family and friends. It is planned that a number of children living at a distance in residential homes will move to live closer to their home address as the 4 new residential homes commissioned by Cheshire East are mobilised by the end of the year.
CSC014	Children's Social Care	% of care leavers who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	3	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	39%	54%	47%				<38%	☹️	Based on the 131 making up the former relevant cohort of care leavers aged 19-21, currently 62 are recorded as NEET. However when you consider those engaged in positive activities or training/ re-engagement provision this reduces to 47 (36%).
CSC015	Children's Social Care	% of care leavers who are in suitable accommodation	5	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	96%	97%	96%				96%	😊	There are 5 individuals where their latest accommodation is deemed unsuitable - 4 in custody and 1 no fixed abode.
CSC016	Children's Social Care	Total number of children with a court endorsed plan of adoption (snapshot figure)	5	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	32	32	32				N/A		
CSC017	Children's Social Care	Number of children adopted (YTD)	5	Childrens	Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	18	18	5				20	😊	There has been an increase in the number of children adopted in the first quarter. All children who are subject to an adoption plan are individually reviewed on a monthly basis. Adoption timeliness over the last 12 months has met national expectations.
CSC018	Children's Social Care	Average caseload of social workers	5	Childrens	Head of Service Child in Need/ Child Protection Head of Service, Cared for and Care Leavers			CEC Data	23.5	24	23				<20	☹️	Social work caseloads are a rising pressure. This is due to an increase in the number of referrals and some children being open to Children's Social Care for a longer period of time to ensure safety plans are fully tested in line with best practice approach adopted through implementation of the Signs of Safety model. An additional Social work team has been established within Crewe CIN/CP and caseloads continue to be closely monitored.
Ed&S001	Education and 14-19 Skills	Percentage good or outstanding primary schools	3	Childrens	Head of Education Infrastructure and Outcomes			CEC Data	90%	90%	92%				92%	😊	There were 7 primary school inspections published in quarter 1 with 6 judged good and 1 outstanding - ASHDENE Primary improved to outstanding, Smallwood CEP and Pott Shirley Church School dropped to good, Kettles Hulme St James CEP and Ledford remained good, Wistaston Church Lane Academy and Broken Cross improved to good.
Ed&S002	Education and 14-19 Skills	Percentage good or outstanding secondary schools	3	Childrens	Head of Education Infrastructure and Outcomes			CEC Data	76%	76%	76%				76%	😊	There was one secondary school inspection published in quarter 1 (Wilmslow High) which remained good.
Ed&S003	Education and 14-19 Skills	Percentage good or outstanding special schools	3	Childrens	Head of Education Infrastructure and Outcomes			CEC Data	80%	80%	80%				80%	😊	No change.
Ed&S004	Education and 14-19 Skills	Percentage attendance for primary pupils year to date	3	Childrens	Head of Education Participation and Pupil Support			CEC Data	96%	96%	96%				96%	😊	We have seen sustained attendance rates over this period which are above the national average. Focus work has taken place with identified vulnerable schools to increase attendance of children whose attendance below is 90%.
Ed&S005	Education and 14-19 Skills	Percentage attendance for secondary pupils year to date	3	Childrens	Head of Education Participation and Pupil Support			CEC Data	95%	95%	94%				95%	😊	We have seen an increase in attendance levels drooping in year 11. Targeted work was implemented to increase the attendance of pupils with below the 90% rate. Work with schools to identify strategies to improve the attendance of children was also implemented. evaluation of this work will take place over the summer.

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Ed&S006	Education and 14-19 Skills	Percentage attendance for special school pupils year to date	3	Childrens	Head of Education Participation and Pupil Support			CEC Data	89%	89%	90%				92%		Work to identify children out of education is taking place between the education team and SEND. Multi-agency meetings are taking place to look at solutions to improve individual attendance of children with education family support workers been allocated to families to resolve barriers to them accessing education.
Ed&S007	Education and 14-19 Skills	Number of permanent exclusions from Cheshire East Schools (latest half term available)	3	Childrens	Head of Education Participation and Pupil Support			CEC Data		5	2				3		We have had 0 number of primary exclusions in the last quarter which is as a direct result of the primary behaviour support provision. The number of secondary exclusions = 3 were from across the borough and for persistent disruptive behaviour. Work and strategies have been implemented to try and reduce the number of exclusions in individual schools.
Ed&S008	Education and 14-19 Skills	Current Number of pupils educated at home	3	Childrens	Head of Education Participation and Pupil Support			CEC Data	385	385	380				N/A		Relates to all pupils registered as EHE and the increase reflects the national trend. The EHE worker is communicating with all families he is made aware of that are considering EHE to ensure they are making an informed choice. The EHE worker and team manager are meeting weekly to discuss new cases, involvement and prioritising work. A RAG rating exercise has been completed to identify children in home education that may have additional vulnerability, and plans made to ensure they have been visited, work reviewed and support / challenge offered when required. A business support officer is now in place to help manage EHE referrals received and triage queries.
Ed&S009	Education and 14-19 Skills	Current number of children missing from education.	3	Childrens	Head of Education Participation and Pupil Support			CEC Data	45	45	28				N/A		Weekly Children Missing Education meetings (Allocation and Review Meeting) held to allocate referrals and review progress means that cases can be given to workers quickly. The team are working hard to locate children missing education within 12 weeks, therefore number has decreased. Children that are located but not in school are offered support to become school ready and apply for school places; there are 9 children being supported with this.
Ed&S010	Education and 14-19 Skills	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP)	3	Childrens	Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities			CEC Data	2181	2181	2335				N/A		This is increasing, as is the picture nationally, with an increase of 9% since year end. This is largely because since September 2014 EHCPs follow the young person into post 16 whereas prior to September 2014 statements of SEN ceased at 16 when entering further education.
Ed&S011	Education and 14-19 Skills	% of requests for Educational Psychologists (EP) advice completed within 6 weeks	3	Childrens	Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities			CEC Data		8%	53%						We continue to commission additional Educational Psychologist services and streamline the consultation process with educational settings.
Ed&S012	Education and 14-19 Skills	Special Educational Needs – Education, Health and Care Plans completion within 20 weeks including exceptions (cumulative yr)	3	Childrens	Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities			CEC Data	22%	22%	30%				80%		The new plans due to be completed in January was only 9% by the end of Q1. This has increased to 96% in month and a cumulative of 58%. The reported figure includes clearing the backlog. DfE have agreed that we should report on these figures separately in order to be able to evidence the significant improvement.
Ed&S013	Education and 14-19 Skills	Average number of weeks for EHC Plans to be issued (snap shot at quarter end to which it relates)	3	Childrens	Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities			CEC Data	34.8	34.8	27.5				19		This figure reflects the position for all plans. The average time for new plans in quarter one was 18.1 weeks, which is well ahead of the 20 week target and a substantial improvement from the January 2019 position of 28.8 weeks for new plans. The DfE as part of monitoring visits have agreed to focus on the improvement and reporting for this number which excludes the backlog.
Ed&S014	Education and 14-19 Skills	% EHCP annual review completed in timescales	3	Childrens	Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities			CEC Data	67%	69%	72%				85%		A project team has been put in place to look at reviews. The figure reported should be guarded with caution as there are a number of systems issues and a data cleansing exercise required. The aim is to have accurate and reliable data together with addressing the back log issues by the end of the Autumn term 2019.
Ed&S015	Education and 14-19 Skills	Reduction in the number of outstanding EHCP reviews	3	Childrens	Head of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities			CEC Data	629	629	514				100 per qtr		
P&EH001	Prevention and Early Help	Current number of open Early Help Assessments/ plans	5	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	933	933	1016				N/A		We have seen an increase in the proportion of EHA's led by the Council, which should shift given the deployment of locality workers as per above
P&EH002	Prevention and Early Help	% of all open Early Help Assessments led by Cheshire East Prevention service staff	5	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	59%	59%	73%				50%		We have seen an increase in the proportion of EHA's led by the Council which should shift given the deployment of locality workers as per above
P&EH003	Prevention and Early Help	% 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)	5	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	34%	34%	28%				35%		This rises to 30% if you exclude those born in the quarter. Engagement will always be limited due to the high take up of the 2 year old offer in Cheshire East. NB - we have recently moved to a new IT system and reporting platform so figures should be guarded with an element of caution as the data is split over two systems and recorded in a different way. Moving forward data will become more reliable on a quarter on quarter basis.
P&EH004	Prevention and Early Help	% eligible children taking up 2 year old offer (termly figure only)	3	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	71%	71%	68%				80%		68% relates to the summer term.
P&EH005	Prevention and Early Help	% children taking up 3 and 4 year old offer (termly figure only)	3	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%				97%-99%		Still highest performing in the North West.
P&EH006	Prevention and Early Help	Number of Families meeting the family focus criteria where outcomes have been successfully concluded (quarterly fig)	3	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	1200	345 (1200 cumulative)	182 (1382 cumulative)				1900 (accumulative target)		Our Spot Check from Troubled Families Unit gave our Claims and Performance a clean Bill of Health stating that we are targeting the most challenging families in Cheshire East. We are on track to achieve accumulative target by March 2020.
P&EH007	Prevention and Early Help	Number of young people accessing the youth support service	3	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	1,462	1,462	1,576				1400		Performance will continue to increase over the Summer due to our extensive Summer Programme.
P&EH008	Prevention and Early Help	Number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	3	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	148	148	165				N/A		A true picture of performance will become clear in September as part of September guarantee tracking.
P&EH009	Prevention and Early Help	% of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	3	Childrens	Director of Prevention and Early Help			CEC Data	2.1%	2.1%	2.3%				2%		Performance tails off at the end of Quarter 1 as college term ends. Even so, positive destinations are identified for the majority of Young People in Cheshire East.