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<b>General</b>													
G1	Number of cared for children				350-400	387	400	398			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 CWAC 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			The 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	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
G3	Number of care leavers					225	201	202			All care leavers are supported with access to a Personal Assistant (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
<b>Involve Me</b>													
P1.1	Number of eligible children and young people accessing advocacy services	High is Good				22	27	14			There have been 14 new referrals for issue based advocacy in quarter 2. These included 7 referrals from Social workers, 3 from foster carers and 2 self referrals and 1 from a parent. Of the new referrals 8 are female and 6 are male. Work is underway to increase the uptake of cared for children and care leavers.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P1.2	% cared for children reviews in timescales	High is Good				97%	97%	89%			Whilst every effort is made to review individuals in good time, there will always be the occasional delay due to unforeseen circumstances. In quarter 2 there has been a drop in performance which in part has been due to the increase in the number of cared for children placing additional pressure on the workforce. This figure also reflects some anomalies where reviews have been held on time but because they have required a series of meetings they are not always reflected as such. Work has been done to improve this. With regards to the cases concerned, the delays were minimal (sometimes just a day) and scrutiny shows that this did not compromise individual plans being scrutinised and making	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
P1.3	% of children and young people chairing their own reviews	High is Good									This will be reported for quarter 3.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 7
<b>Provide Me With a Good Safe Home</b>													
P2.1	Number of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	High is Good				210	191	188			A number of foster carers have been on hold due to LADO or ill health issues. An audit of these is underway to ensure that, where possible, they are resolved with minimal delay.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.2	Number of cared for children in external foster care	Low is Good				89	97	88			68 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%			Although there is a slight increase in this percentage, it is important to note that almost 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%			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			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%			Whilst this is slightly lower than last quarter, this can change due to the cohort of individuals in care at that point in time. Whilst long term stability is the ideal solution for individuals, a change in placement may sometimes be the most appropriate action and the key is to ensure this is handled with minimum disruption for all	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			This is positive and relates to the number of Cheshire East children who went missing from care 5 or more times in the quarter and includes individuals placed both in Cheshire East and out of the borough. Missing from care interviews are offered and the feedback used to inform changes to individuals support plans.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.8	% of children and young people placed with providers with good/outstanding Ofsted judgements	High is Good				81%	81%	75%			Of the 106 external placements with an Ofsted rating loaded 79 have a good or outstanding rating. (these figures include all those placements that should have an Ofsted rating but doesn't including those that fall outside Ofsted's remit)	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%			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%			This figure reflects 16 individuals out of 79 who have left care since 1/4/2016.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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P2.11	Number of children adopted in period	High is Good			30 annually	7	9	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		→	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		↓	Although this has been RAG rated amber, the story behind the data is very positive. This is due to the extremely positive outcome of children and young people being adopted by foster carers after a number of years due to a freestanding application. This is reflected in the reduced figure below.	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		↑	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		↑	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
<b>Keep Me Healthy</b>													
P3.1	% of initial health assessments requested within 48 hours of coming into care	High is Good			90%	20%	69%	66%		↓	During the first half of 2016-17 there have been 91 children who entered the care system. 87 of these required the Initial Health Assessment (IHA) Part A completing within 48 hours of entering care. The number of IHA Part A being completed within timescale is 59 (38 in Q1 and 21 in Q2). In Q2 there were 11 requests out of timescales, the majority of which were due to late notification of	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%		↑	There has been a substantial improvement in the percentage of assessments completed within 20 working days which is expected to improve further as more requests are completed in a timely fashion.	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%		→	There is currently a review to embed effective office processes to trigger and track annual health assessments. There is ongoing work to ensure that all cared for children and young people get sufficient support and advice around their health and wellbeing. A new Cared for Nurse took up post in July 2016 to drive this but a large number of requests in quarter 2 has impacted on delivering a more improved position. There are more than 50 to be completed in quarter 3.	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%		→	This figure is related to data loaded onto Liquid logic. The actual figure 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%		↑	There is a problem with data being accurately loaded and the actual figure is known to be higher. There are plans to improve this in quarter 4, using business admin.	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 annually. The data is not on liquid logic. It is not anticipated that this will be a low figure once the information is uploaded.	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		↓	This is a new figure which is being collated due to perceived high numbers of pregnancies. There are plans to analyse this information in more detail as we move forward.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.8	% of young people with a SDQ score of 20 or above	Low is Good				26%					This figure is currently reported annually. Whilst there is a slight upward trend in the percentage high score (from 21% 2014-15) this is representative of the cohort in this year. It is also important to note that the very high score category comprises scores 20-40 and that the average score in our cohort was 23, ie, at the lower end.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
<b>Help Me Achieve</b>													
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%		→	All carers are being encouraged to take up a place for children as they reach age 2 years old.	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%		↑	To reach a good level of development at the end of the foundation stage, children need to reach the expected level in all 12 areas.	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%						Required completion date is end of term; (Q2 figures would only show low percentage figure due to the term only starting 3 weeks prior to when the data was extracted). Moving forward this measure will be reported in line with school terms to ensure data is reflected accurately.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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P4.4	% attendance at school of children in care (quarterly figure is all cared for children at month end rather than those in care for 12mths which are published figs)	High is Good			93%	94%	95%	94%			Attendance is monitored on a daily basis for all children in care. Moving forward this measure will be reported in line with school terms to ensure data is reflected accurately.	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%			This figure relates to children with an attendance of less than 90% within the month.	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			The school summer holidays and year 11 pupils leaving school fall within quarter 2, therefore the number of exclusions reported may appear to be lower than expected. Moving forward this measure will be reported in line with school terms to ensure data is reflected accurately .	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.7	% of Year 6 children achieving national age expectations	High is Good		45%	30%	50%	50%	22%			There is a new assessment and curriculum in place, so comparison with previous years is not valid. There is also a high level of SEND pupils within the cohort.	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%			Pupils who did not achieve A*-C English and maths have been supported to continue their education. Annual Figure	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			This includes those working within Cheshire East and those with external partners or employers.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.10	% of cared for children in good or outstanding schools	High is Good			85%	83%	84%	84%			Children are placed in good or outstanding schools unless there are exceptional circumstances. If a school becomes 'inadequate' then each case is risk assessed and monitored. Schools have no rating if they are not in England or if they are new or re-named schools.	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%			The September position is always slightly worse as some individuals who did not perform as expected in exams change courses/ make different decisions about their future. Once these individuals are known and engaged the percentage is expected to reduce.	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%			Of the individuals not in education employment or training (NEET), over 30% are engaged in positive activities that are developing skills for the work place. Excluding those pregnant/ with parenting responsibilities and those unavailable to the workplace due to illness/ disability/custody, there are only 12 individuals that are NEET and able to work. Active support is in place via Personal Assistants for these individuals.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
<b>Support me to move into adult life</b>													
P5.1	Number of care leavers accessing Higher Education (University)	High is Good				12	12	10			10 young people commenced university in September. One has dropped out in December and is considering other options. The Virtual school is looking to profile current year 13 to set a target for 2017.	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			During Quarter 2 there were 3 people who achieved there apprenticeships 2 of which went on to full time jobs. End of year data not available.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.3	The number of young people with a CSE plan					7	6	7			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
P5.4	Number of individual offences committed by cared for children	Low is Good				16	29	13			There was a fall in total offences committed by cared for children over the first two quarters of 2016-17 albeit they were committed by a similarly small number of young people. The offending typology of cared for children remains fairly consistent with violence against the person accounting for around a half of all offences (16 out of 29 in Q1 and 6 out of 13 in Q2). The next most frequent offences committed are criminal damage and theft handling. Drugs and sexual offences are the only other crime types for both quarters. Around half of these offences resulted in substantive sentencing outcomes with the other half being diverted to appropriate out of court disposals. 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 and are currently providing a written response to a Howard League for Penal Reform call for evidence in this area.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.5	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	High is Good			90%	95%	95%	95%			There are 5 care leavers aged 18-21 known to be in unsuitable accommodation. 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

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P5.6	Number of cared for children offending	Low is Good				6	8	6			Clearly a small number of particularly challenging and complex cared for children are responsible for a disproportionately high number of recorded offences. Note however as outlined above this is typically for minor offences. All of the young people are males, their ages range from 14-17 and is broadly reflective of general youth offending population age distribution. Placements at time of offence for both quarters is broadly split 50/50 between private residential care and CE residential care although in quarter 2 one young people was placed with parents at the time of his offence.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1