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General															
G1	Number of cared for children				380-430	387	400	398	420	422		↑	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 which is considered more appropriate.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
G2	Rate per 10,000 cared for children		56	60	50.7-57.3	52	53	53	56	56		↑	Cheshire East in the mid range of our statistical neighbour group range of between 35 -79 per 10,000 of population. Latest NW region figures range from 53 to 174 per 10,000 and we are substantially lower than both Warrington and CWAC as stat neighbour and have the 2nd lowest rate in the NW (Stockport being the lowest at 53 per 10,000). We are one of only two LA's in the NW below the England average.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
G3	Number of care leavers					225	201	202	195	199			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	127			There were 127 advocacy cases open in Quarter 4, of which 31 were 'issue based' cases (19 in care, 5 Care Leavers, 5 disability, and 2 Private Fostering). There were also 96 cases open to children who were on a child protection plan. Awareness raising with staff continues through attendance by The Children's Society at Practice and Performance Workshops, team meetings etc.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P1.2	% cared for children reviews in timescales	High is Good				97%	97%	89%	99%	98%		→	Where individuals are reviewed in a series of meetings occasionally the system doesn't record the timescales correctly. All those showing as reviewed out of timescales will be manually checked for the annual returns and amended accordingly. Indicative full year figures shows that we have performed in line with last year	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
P1.3	% of children and young people chairing their own reviews	High is Good								2.75%			Five out of 182 individuals aged over 4 co-chaired their own reviews in 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			215	210	191	188	200	209		↑	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. There is a small increase in the number of beds not available from 17 to 19, however for 5 of these it is due to either a staying put post 18 placement or and SGO/placed for adoption placement which is positive.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.2	Number of cared for children in external foster care	Low is Good			85	89	97	88	90	95		↑	There has been a small drop in the percentage of the individuals in external foster care placed on a full care order with plans to remain in placement with carer long term/ until they reach 18 from 83% to	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%	22%		→	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%	9%		→	We are currently within the 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	150		→	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		68%	75%	67%	70%	65%	62%	59%		↓	Placement stability is currently an issue for Cheshire East 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 re focusing key resources. The Resource and Accommodation Panel is also now scrutinising all requests for new placements ensuring resources are in place to support placements at an early enough point to impact change	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			5	16	7	supressed	6	supressed		→	Due to discrepancies in the data provided by the police the figures for the full year have been revised. There have been 14 Cheshire East cared for children that have gone missing more than 5 times in anyone month whilst in the care of the LA. This is a reduction from last year however many of these individuals have a very high number of episodes. A much more detailed analysis of the missing incidents will be provided in separate analysis.	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%	93%	90%		→	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 95%. 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			12%	18%	12%	11%	16%	17%		↑	Accumulative figure 25 out of 145 children in 2016-17 ceased to be cared for due to granting of SGO	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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P2.10	% of children ceased to be looked after due to adoption - year to date figure	High is Good			20%	13%	21%	20%	15%	18%		↑	Accumulative figure 26 out of 145 children in 2016-17 ceased to be cared for due to granting of adoption order	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.11	Number of children adopted in period (YTD)	High is Good			30 annually	18	9	16	16	26		↑	The total number of children adopted by the end of 2016-17 was 26. In addition, there are 27 individuals with an adoption plan, 15 of which are living with their adoptive family/ foster to adopt placement.	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			58%	83%	84%	84%	83%	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 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	541		↓	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 2.15 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	70	66		→	The number of days has reduced slightly and 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	284		↑	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%	11%	69%	68%	82%	64%		↓	There was a temporary dip in quarter 4 due to an increasing number of children becoming cared for and an increase in the number of court applications. This has placed additional pressure on CIN/CP teams. A deep dive of the late requests indicates that 16 children's requests were late, 11 were only 1-2 days late and 2 were in care a short period and did not require IHA. The process for requesting IHA's has been reinforced with teams.	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			100%	34%	36%	52%	30%	58%		↑	The improvement in performance around initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 days from quarter 3 to quarter 4 is as a result of work around developing a better process and pathways around this service. Whilst this increase is positive, it is still well below the target required and further improvements are	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%	100%	71%	71%	70%	75%	81%		↑	Of the 295 individuals recorded as being in care for over 12 months as at the end of March 2017, 55 had either no health check date loaded or a health check dated over 12 months. It is noted that there is a backlog in uploading completed health check forms. The indicative figure is 74% for the year currently but this is likely to rise.	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%	79%		→	Actual performance on this measure is believed to be higher. Work is being undertaken through the year end returns 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%	58%		↑	A backlog in uploading dental check information is impacting on performance against this measure. A review has been conducted to understand the backlog issues and to seek a more streamlined process. Every cared for child has a regular independent review of their care plan which provides reassurance that children are having annual teeth check up by dentists.	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 Liquid Logic	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	7			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
P3.8	% of young people with a SDQ score of 20 or above	Low is Good				26%	25%	24%	23%	23%			At a time when anecdotal evidence suggests that the complexity of the challenges presented by C4C is increasing, it is encouraging that SDQ scores in this regard are stable; the C&FST uses high scores as a basis for intervention and has had some level of involvement with around 85% of these children.	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%	95%		→	21 out of 23 child in settings. Of those not in setting, one is new into care and one placed for adoption	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%	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%			52%	94%	83%		↓	250 out of 306 PEPs returned within term. Quarter 4 was a short term so PEPs done during latter weeks not returned by end of term. All will be chased in new term along with next PEP.	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	95.50%	96.10%	95%	94%	89%	94%	94%	94%		→	Latest percentage attendance is 95% for primary schools and 93% for secondary schools.	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%	11%	12%P 17%S		→	The primary figure includes one individual newly into care and 2 on reduced timetables as they integrate to new schools. The secondary figure includes 4 children on integration plans - showing improved attendance since entering care. Includes 2 children who refused to engage -one has now moved and another has tuition and is subject to joint planning with Social Care.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.6	Number of permanent exclusions starting in month - All Children	Low is Good				37	11	7	12	10		↓	This data is being reported on a half termly basis on the 14-19 skills report card. From Q1 2017-18 this will be amended for	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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P4.7	% of Year 6 children achieving national age expectations	High is Good		45%	30%	50%	50%	22%	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%	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	7		↓	Data now taken from child's case record (data up to quarter 3 was from Youth Support Service report)	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%	82%		→	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%	20%		↓	New reporting system in place since January 2017. Data is now for aged 16 and 17 only	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.12	% not In education, employment or training (NEET) aged 19, 20 and 21	Low is Good		39%	38%	42%	47%	40%	46%	43%		→	NB THIS WILL DIFFER FROM THE RETURNED FIGURE. ALSO PLEASE NOTE THAT WE MUST EXCLUDE POSITIVE ACTIVITIES THAT DON'T MEET THE CRITERIA FOR THE REPORTED FIGURE. This figure relates to the 19th, 20th and 21st birthday cohort only and details their latest status. When taking into account all individuals engaged in positive activities leading towards entering into education, employment and training then this percentage reduces to 29%. Each individual will have a designated PA and work continues to engage individuals where possible	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	10			A total of 10 care leavers aged 18-21 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	9			9 individuals are currently employed on an apprenticeship scheme	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.3	The number of young people with a CSE plan - All Individuals					7	6	7	9	10			NB this is all individuals - not just those in care (that would be a suppressed figure)	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P5.4	Number of individual offences committed by cared for children	Low is Good				16	29	13	11				Youth Justice Service merged with Cheshire East YES to become one Service towards the later end of 2016, however the systems did not merge 1st March 2017. The previous 2 databases were very different and therefore the migration of data could not be 100% successful. Therefore for Q4 we do not have data around Children in Care as all Young People known to Cheshire East Children in Care would need loading into our Legal Screen before a report could be generated.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.5	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	High is Good			96%	96%	95%	95%	94%	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				Youth Justice Service merged with Cheshire East YES to become one Service towards the later end of 2016, however the systems did not merge 1st March 2017. The previous 2 databases were very different and therefore the migration of data could not be 100% successful. Therefore for Q4 we do not have data around Children in Care as all Young People known to Cheshire East Children in Care would need loading into our Legal Screen before a report could be generated.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1