

Corporate Parenting Scorecard

Ref	Department Lead	Measure	Polarity	Stat Neigh Av	National Av	Target	Yr. end 16-17	Qu 1 17-18	Qu 2 17-18	Q3 17-18	Q4 17-18	RAG	Quarterly dir of travel	Comments	C&YP Plan Priority	Corporate Priority
General																
G1	Jacqui Hall	Number of cared for children				380-430	422	438	466				↑	There number of cared for children has now stabilised and there has been no overall increase since August when it was 466. The rate of admissions has slowed. We have plans to discharge a number of children from care that are living with their parents subject of a care order and there are over 30 children with a plan of adoption. There has been detailed scrutiny around the reasons for the increase of cared for children since April, which has revealed that most children enter care via a court application. There is a rising trend in very complex cases and this is now an established feature of our cared for population.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
G2	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	Rate per 10,000 cared for children		56	60	50.7-57.3	56	58	61.8				↑	It is important to note that increases are evident across the NW and statistical neighbour group and we remain in line with the England average.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
G3	Anji Reynolds	Number of care leavers					199	202	198				→	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	Sue Preston	Number of eligible children and young people accessing advocacy services	High is Good				127	27	98					We had 98 advocacy cases open this quarter, of which 31 were issued based cases (22 in care, 4 care leavers, 5 disability). The issues were 12 placement issues, 9 representation at meetings, 3 Contact, 2 Education issue, 2 Transition, 1 Leaving Care issue, 1 complaint, 1 Housing issue. There were also 67 cases open to children who were on a Child Protection Plan. The number of Child Protection cases will start to lessen as Social Workers or other professionals will be advocating for children and young people. The Service Manager has delivered two sessions at both Crewe and Macclesfield CIN/CP Teams to share the new ways of working.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P1.2	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	% cared for children reviews in timescales	High is Good				98%	95%	96%				↑	Of the 239 individuals subject to a review in quarter 2, there were 230 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 a young person or carer wishes/needs, especially during the school holiday period.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
P1.3	Pete Thorley	% of children and young people chairing their own reviews	High is Good				2.75%							This data is not available at quarter 2. A report is being developed to address this for quarter 3.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 7
Provide Me With a Good Safe Home																
P2.1	Jacqui Hall	Number of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	High is Good			215	209	210	207				→	Currently the number of internal Foster Carers is lower than the increased demand for placements, although recruitment is stronger this year than last year, with a projected increase of 9 carers. We are developing a collaboration with neighbouring authorities to increase the number of recruited carers and also share any internal placement vacancies.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

P2.2	Jacqui Hall	Number of cared for children in external foster care	Low is Good			85	95	102	118					↑	The number of individuals in external foster care is high although 39% of the children live with external foster carers on a permanent and long term basis. The fostering collaboration with neighbouring authorities is focussed on increasing the number of recruited carers and to share any internal placement vacancies.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.3	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	% cared for children placed over 20 miles from home address (Cheshire East and out of borough)	Low is Good				22%	24%	24%					↑	A number of children living over 20 miles from the home address are living with foster carers on a permanent basis. The number of children living in residential care has increased this year and these placements tend to be at a distance. We plan to recruit more local foster carers and to increase the number of local residential placements.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.4	Jacqui Hall	% of children and young people in residential care	Low is Good			10%	9%	11%	9%					↓	Whilst this is a low percentage, there has been an increase in our cared for population residing in residential care and an increase of younger children living in residential care. This reflects the reduction in foster carer capacity locally and the increase in complexity of need.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.5	Jacqui Hall	Number of Cheshire East foster carers	High is Good			165	150	152	159					↑	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	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	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%	69%	This data will be presented annually. See comments for quarterly updates							Of the 161 children currently under 16 who have been in care for over 2.5 years at the end of September 2017, there were 105 who had been in the same placements for 2 years. This gives an indicative figure of 65%. However this should be taken with an element of caution as it will not reflect the final outcome.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.7	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	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	5	13	7					↓	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 understood and addressed.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.8	Viki Kehoe / Dave Leadbetter	% of children and young people placed with providers with good/outstanding Ofsted judgements	High is Good				90%	91%	90%					→	There are 167 out of 186 children placed in Ofsted rated good and outstanding placements. Of the 9 not in good or outstanding placements, one is rated inadequate and there is an agreed improvement plan with Ofsted. Any decision to move a child from an inadequate placement has to balance the need of the child for stability whilst ensuring the level of care doesn't present a risk to the child.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.9	Jacqui Hall	% of children ceased to be looked after due to granting of special guardianship order (SGO) - year to date figure	High is Good			12%	17%	20%	17%					↓	A cumulative figure of 14 out of 83 children in 2017-18 ceased to be cared for due to granting of SGO. This number is good reassurance that Special Guardianship is actively considered as a permanence option. There is no current national target as there is for adoption outcomes.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.10	Jacqui Hall	% of children ceased to be looked after due to adoption - year to date figure	High is Good			20%	18%	18%	16%					↓	A cumulative figure of 13 out of 83 children in 2017-18 ceased to be cared for due to granting of adoption order. There are over 30 children with a plan of adoption.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.11	Jacqui Hall	Number of children adopted in period (YTD)	High is Good			30 annually	26	8	13					↑	The total number of children adopted by the end of quarter 2 was 13. In addition, there are 37 individuals with an adoption plan.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P2.12	Jacqui Hall	% children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with adoptive family (This has changed to 14 months from 16 months)	High is Good			58%	84%	74%	69%					↓	Please note that this indicator has reduced to being monitored at 14 month rather than 16 months in previous scorecards. Whilst there is a small reduction in the performance by the end of quarter 2, it still remains ahead of the target. The target is based on the England average that was provided by DfE on the adoption scorecards.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

P2.13	Jacqui Hall	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family (A1 national indicator)	Low is Good			426	541	383	391					➡	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 391 in the latest quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5	
P2.14	Jacqui Hall	Average number of days between placement order and match with adoptive family (A2 national indicator)	Low is Good			121	66	62	88					⬇	We continue to out-perform the England average of 226 days and the national target of 121 days.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5	
P2.15	Jacqui Hall	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family/ foster carer who becomes adoptive family	Low is Good			426	284	373	391					➡	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 391 in the latest quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5	
Keep Me Healthy																		
P3.1	Jacqui Hall	% of initial health assessments requested within 48 hours of coming into care	High is Good				70%	64%	78%	41%					⬇	During quarter 2 there was a late request for an initial health assessment for 37 children. There was an increased number of children becoming cared for during this quarter that created additional pressures on the social work team. This was compounded by the school holiday period when a number of workers and managers were away from work. Despite these challenges, the IHA request was no later than 4 days overdue for any child and figures break down as follows; 13 children the request was 1 day late, 9 children 2 days late. For 15 children the request was 3 or 4 days overdue, however 8 of the children had been placed in an emergency using police protection powers. In order to improve this we now have bi monthly and early alert systems in place with Health and have reviewed the process operationally to respond to the issue of timeliness. The new designated LAC nurse is also now in place and so will assist with this. However in October/November 75% of requests were within 48 hours.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.2	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	% of initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 working days	High is Good			100%	58%	41%	32%						⬇	Whilst performance declined in quarter 2, the measures put in place with Health partners to improve performance has had a good impact in October/November with over 60% being completed within 20 days and this figure may improve as we are awaiting confirmation of several other assessments being completed.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.3	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	% 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%	91%	This data will be presented in the Annual Health Report.									4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.4	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	% of children and young people with immunisations up to date.	High is Good		87%	95%	93%	This data will be presented in the Annual Health Report.									4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.5	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	% of children and young people in care over 12 months who have had an annual teeth check up by a dentist	High is Good		84%	95%	80%	This data will be presented in the Annual Health Report.									4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.6	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	% of young people who have had a developmental assessment.	High is Good		90%	95%	100%	This data will be presented in the Annual Health Report.									4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5

P3.7	Anji Reynolds	Number of pregnant care leavers (eligible, relevant and former relevant) 16+	Low is Good				7	8	7					This is a reduction from last quarter and remains below the national average. Detail of the work underway with pregnant care leavers and parents was reported to the last meeting of the Corporate Parenting Committee, including the work of the Parent Advocate Worker and Positive Parenting Groups.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P3.8	Steve Nevitt	% of young people with a SDQ score of 20 or above	Low is Good				23%	This data will be presented in the Annual Health Report.							4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 5
P4.1	Nicola Axford	% of Cared 4 children accessing 2-4 yr old provision (quarterly)	High is Good			90%	95%	89%	85%				↓	There are 4 children without a nursery place. 1 recently became eligible and a place has now been sought. The other children are placed with adopters and advise from adoption support is to remain at home to become secure before finding nursery.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.2	Nicola Axford	Percentage of completed PEPs (Termly)	High is Good			90%	83%	93% (July fig)					↑	There is no robust data yet available for the academic year starting in September 2017 as the focus is on individuals settling into place.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.3	Nicola Axford	% attendance at primary 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	95.50%	96.10%	95%	96%	96%	97%				→	Overall attendance has increased - reduced level or sickness and transfer to new school of SEN child who was previously not attending full time.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.4	Nicola Axford	% attendance at secondary 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)				95%	92%	92%	94%				→	Overall increase due to reduced impact of short periods of sickness.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.5	Nicola Axford	% primary 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%	12%	9%	8%				→	This is cumulative figure - reduced due to lower impact of short periods of sickness	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.6	Nicola Axford	% secondary 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)				10%	17%	21%	11%				↓	Cumulative figure since Sept. Above target due to pupils between schools in Sept who are now attending but overall data is below threshold. Includes school refuser and 3 pupils not in school at start of term.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.7	Nicola Axford	Number of Permanent Exclusions 1/2 termly - Primary	Low is Good				0	0	0					No permanent exclusions in this period or last year.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.8	Nicola Axford	Number of Permanent Exclusions 1/2 termly - Secondary					0	0	0				→	No permanent exclusions in this period or last year.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.9	Nicola Axford	% of cared for children in good or outstanding schools	High is Good			85%	82%	83%	77%				→	As schools convert to academies they become ungraded until they are inspected therefore the percentage of good our outstanding schools will reduce for a period. However there is no change in the number of pupils in inadequate/requires improvement schools. This indicators requires a review.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.12	Nicola Axford	% 16-18 year olds in Care that are NEET (monthly) New measure from quarter 2	Low is Good			20%	New measure from Q2		6%					There are only 4 young people in the cohort recorded as NEET. The number has reduced due to impact of engagement programmes such as Cygnet and VS tutor programme. One of these young people recently entered care as an unaccompanied asylum seeker. We are actively working with the young people to get them engaged in activity leading to employment, training or education.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

P4.13	Nicola Axford	% 16-18 year old Care leavers that are NEET	Low is Good			40%	New measure from Q2		23%					There are only 2 NEET young people, this is a small cohort of care leavers in this age group but this is likely to increase as the years progresses over time. There has been an increase in unaccompanied asylum seeking young people.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
P4.14	Nicola Axford	% 19 - 21 year Care leavers NEET	Low is Good			45%	New measure from Q2		33%					There are a total of 43 care leavers aged 19-21 who were NEET in quarter 2. Of these, only 14 were able to take up education, employment or training. Of the remainder, 16 are unable to work due to disability or illness, 6 are pregnant/parents, 1 is an unaccompanied asylum seeker young person and the remaining 6 are engaged in other positive activities.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
Support me to move into adult life																
P5.1	Anji Reynolds	% of care leavers accessing Higher Education (University)	High is Good				10	10	12%					A total of 16 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	Anji Reynolds	Number of Cheshire East care leavers in apprenticeships (18+)	High is Good				9	4	6					As per the latest position for the current care leaver cohort aged 18+ in terms of EET status there are 4 with an external apprenticeship loaded and a further 2 in traineeship schemes	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.3	Debra Sloan / Pete Thorley	The number of young people with a CSE plan - All Individuals					10	6	7					NB this is all individuals - not just those in care (that would be a suppressed figure)	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P5.4	Lisa Blanchard	Number of individual offences committed by cared for children	Low is Good					18	7					This figure shows the total number of offences from those listed in measure P5.6 below.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1
P5.5	Pete Thorley	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	High is Good			96%	94%	96%	98%				↑	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. We continue to work wit these young people to help them secure suitable accommodation.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
P5.6	Lisa Blanchard	Number of cared for children offending	Low is Good					4	4					This will be all young people starting on Youth Justice Service or Divert Intervention during the quarter where they are flagged as a child in care on Childview.	4 Being Healthy and Making Positive Choices	Outcome 1