

Children's Services Scorecard - Quarter 2, 2018-19

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Safeguarding																		
1.1	Number of contacts	Naomi Banks					9,536	2458	2,374	2200					↓	There has been a continued reduction in contacts for the third quarter running and, if the 2nd half of the year remains the same, then we are potentially looking at a 4% reduction in contacts to the front door by year end. The reduction in the number of contacts demonstrates the positive impact of work to ensure the consistent application of thresholds by partner agencies and the introduction of Signs of Safety.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.2	Number of referrals	Naomi Banks					2976	729	725	695					↓	Whilst a small reduction, this equates to a potential fall of 5.5% by year end in terms of the number of referrals.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.3	% contacts to referrals	Naomi Banks					31%	30%	31%	32%					↑	There is a small increase in the % of contacts that are converting to referrals each quarter and, although actual numbers are reducing, this could be perceived as an increase in activity at a statutory level. Monthly audit activity within the Integrated Front Door provides evidence of consistency in decision making. Over the summer period, when the schools are closed it is usual for there to be a small increase in the conversion rate to referrals.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.4	Number of repeat referrals	Naomi Banks					655	147	166	144					↓	See below.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.5	% repeat referrals	Naomi Banks	Low is good	27%	22%	<20%	22%	20%	23%	21%					↓	Statistical first release for the year 2017-18 sees our statistical neighbours ranging from 15.1 to 38.6 and we sit mid range. North Yorkshire, who is one of our statistical neighbours and partner in practice for Signs of Safety, had 15.4% repeat referrals. Northwest average was 22.3%, which was our outturn. The national average was 21.9%. Overall the trend continues to reduce and this is expected to continue as Signs of safety becomes increasingly embedded.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.6	% of assessments completed within 45 days	Jacquie Sims	High is good	86%	83%	85%	86%	82%	82%	79%					↓	The dip in timescales in relation to the percentage of assessments completed within 45 days is due to staffing pressures during the summer period. This coincided with the introduction of the Signs of safety style assessment, which practitioners have needed to adapt to. 32% were completed within 15 days where the cases either warranted quick closure with no further action or there were immediate safeguarding concerns which required quick intervention. Where cases required longer assessment, appropriate CIN plans were in place to support the family whilst ongoing investigation and analysis were taking place.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.7	Number of children that went missing 5 times or more from home (quarterly figure is 5 or more times in any quarter)	Jacquie Sims	Low is good				21	supressed	Supressed	Supressed						There have been 8 individuals who have gone missing 5 times or more over the last 6 months from home. All individuals are closely monitored with information obtained from Education teams and early help/ social care services together with missing from home interviews to ensure each individual has an appropriate plan in place to manage and mitigate risks.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.8	Number of children in need (CIN)	Jacquie Sims					2182	2182	2057	2109					↑	See below	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.9	Rate of children in need (CIN) per 10,000	Jacquie Sims		293.1	341.0		287.7	287.7	272.2	278.1					↑	Rate per 10,000 is calculated using the estimated 0-17 cohort of 75,834 as per the released CIN characteristics from the DfE. The statistical first release shows our statistical neighbours range from 253.6 to 341.1, with nearest neighbours CWAC being the 341.1. With Northwest average at 379.0, we remain very much at the lower end of local and near neighbour authorities. This is to be expected given our demographic profile.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.10	% initial child protection conference (ICPC) within 15 days of Section 47 enquiry (S47)	Kate Rose	High is good	84%	77%	90%	84%	80%	74%	74%					→	Statistical first release for the year 2017-18 sees our statistical neighbours ranging from 73% to 99% and we sit mid range with nearest neighbour CWAC on a par with ourselves and Warrington at 73%. North Yorkshire who are a statistical neighbour and partner in practice for Signs of Safety reported 99%. Northwest average was 78%. We are aware that this is a fall in performance and not where we would expect to be. This has been raised at performance meetings so the reasons are understood. This quarter there were significant pressures on the social work management with vacancies, which led to a reduction in performance. This has now been addressed and we would expect to see an improvement next quarter. All children where there were delays outside the timescale had an interim plan agreed, so the risks were managed.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.11	Number of children subject to child protection (CP) plan [includes child sex exploitation (CSE) Plans]	Kate Rose				260-300	286	286	269	277					↑	Whilst a small increase we remain very much at the lower end of our statistical neighbour cohort and substantially below both the regional and national averages. All plans over 12 months are closely scrutinised at regular performance sessions with discussions focusing on permanency plans and evidence of sustained change together with exploring any issues of drift and delay. The numbers of children on a plan are only an indicator to guide further analysis. We are confident that the threshold is understood across the partnership and that the right children are subject to plans and that escalation from CIN occurs. We also get some seasonal variation whilst the schools are off during the summer as they are not referring children they have worries about to ChECS during this time. There is a major piece of work taking place across the partnership to review the effectiveness of planning for children in need to improve this and we continue to expect the graded care profile is used to enable early identification to Neglect. These remain priorities for the LSCB.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.12	Rate of children subject to child protection (CP) plan per 10,000	Kate Rose		39.9	45.3	35-40	37.7	37.7	35.5	36.5					↑	Whilst a small increase we remain very much at the lower end of our statistical neighbour cohort and substantially below both the regional and national averages. All plans over 12 months are closely scrutinised at regular performance sessions with discussions focusing on permanency plans and evidence of sustained change together with exploring any issues of drift and delay. Comments and analysis as above.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.13	% children becoming subject to a child protection (CP) plan for 2 nd / subsequent time	Kate Rose	Low is good	21.7%	20.2%	<15%	17.7%	17.7%	17% (rolling year)/ 24% just Q1	20% (rolling yr)/18% just Q2					↑	Whilst we plan so that children do not return on a child protection plan, there will be always be some as family circumstances change in ways that are not predictable (new partners, changes to the household, new challenges to parenting capacity etc). Cheshire East is not out of line with outstanding Local Authorities (N. Yorkshire 19.2%, or our statistical neighbours - range up to 29.2%). However we consider each child returning to plan and the circumstances for that to ensure that we learn if any alternative actions could have prevented this. For this reason, we have a strong focus on ensuring legal advice is sought for those returning to plans, and also better contingency planning for children when they are removed from plans. The Signs of Safety operating model will also promote improvements in practice in	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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1.14	% of child protection (CP) plans over 2yrs	Kate Rose	Low is good	Supressed	3.4%	0%	1.1%	0%	0%	0%					➡	No change from previous quarter. This is actively managed to ensure that no child on a child protection plan experiences delay in keeping them safe on a permanent basis. We have recently been visited by a Local Authority judged to be good by Ofsted to learn from the safeguarding Unit how we manage this as we are considered to have <u>good practice</u> .	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.15	Number of children on a child sexual exploitation (CSE) plan	Kate Rose					5	5	Supressed	Supressed					⬇	Whilst the numbers on a formal plan are suppressed, CSE is still being identified as a potential issue at all levels. 44 contacts were received in quarter 2 where CSE was a possible area of concern for one or more members in the family, 15 of which were accompanied by a screening tool. 17 of these met the threshold for specialist priority. There were 18 assessments completed in quarter with a CSE risk considered and explored. As a result of the figures, the safeguarding Unit conducted a thematic audit which looked at the use of the screening tool to evidence the risks or otherwise to the child. As a result there is an action plan to increase the number of screening tools completed to evidence escalating and de-escalating risk. This coincides with the launch of the new child exploitation screening tool across all agencies and training to support understanding and awareness an it is to be expected that this will drive improvement.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
1.16	% child protection (CP) children reviewed in timescales (year to date fig)	Kate Rose	High is good	89.1%	90.5%	100%	94.7%	98%	98%	98%					➡	Statistical neighbours range from 80% to 100% - North Yorkshire 99.4%. The performance continues to be good to outstanding, and this is a performance measure we consider every month so we understand the specific reasons for any delay in meeting timescales and implement changes if there is any learning. Those that were delayed were few and were less than 3 days out of timescale and the reasons were related to unpredictable delays e.g. unexpected staff sickness. We will continue to work towards a 100% performance target.	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5
1.17	Average Case load CIN/CP	Jacque Sims	Low is good			<20	24	24	23	24					➡	Caseload in the CIN/CP Service continues to be static; average is 23.5.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Cared for Children																		
2.1	Number of cared for children	Kerry Birtles					477	477	496	495					➡	The statistical first release for 2017-18 confirms a national rise in the average rate of cared for children per 10,000 from 62 to 64. Statistical neighbour averages have risen from 58 to 61, with rates ranging from 37 to 90. Cheshire East is positioned as joint 4th highest. The Northwest average has risen from 86 to 91. In quarter 2 Cheshire East has experienced a significant reduction in the rate of individuals entering the care system falling from 56 in Q1 to 34 in Q2 (a reduction of 39%). This is in part due to a focus on permanency planning at the earliest stages of social work intervention and may reflect early indications of the success of Signs of Safety and the safety plans focussing on home and community based support.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.2	Rate per 10,000 cared for children	Kerry Birtles		61	64		62.9	62.9	65.4	65.3					➡	As above.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.3	% of cared for children with a plan for permanence endorsed at 2nd review	Kerry Birtles	High is good						72%	70%						30% of children and young people had a plan that was not endorsed, which is a similar position to last quarter and reflects continued scrutiny and challenge around ensuring the best outcomes for individuals. The rest remain subject to ongoing court proceedings.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.4	% cared for children reviews in timescales	Kate Rose	High is good			95%	91.0%	96%	97%	95%					⬇	The performance continues to be good. We expected a slight fall in this quarter as the service is affected by the IRO's leave. There are also significant pressures on this service with the increase in numbers of cared for children and an already stretched service struggling to meet all statutory timescales. This has been raised and a business case made for additional capacity. This is a theme considered at monthly performance meetings so managers understand the reasons for all reviews that have fallen out of timescales. Where there are individual reasons, these are managed and supported in supervision. Where there is systems learning, this is taken up by the Head of Service for improvements. The service is also looking at more child friendly ways, in line with Signs of safety, for developing the reviews. These are more time consuming, but will improve quality and meaning for the child, carers, family and wider social network. The priority focus on improvements expected in permanency plans being available at second reviews will also have a positive impact here as it will mean fewer reviews are stepped down, causing delays.	1 Having A Voice	Outcome 5
2.5	% of cared for children in internal foster care (including friends and family placements)	Kerry Birtles	High is good			>50%	44%	44%	43%	43%					➡	The overall percentage has remained the same with slightly more individuals still in Cheshire East/Friends and family placements (211 compared to 119 in external foster care). This remains a positive impact in that more individuals are being supported with friends and family/ Cheshire East Carers. Crucially, as internal foster carers will be within CE, this will most likely result in less disruption for individuals in terms of continuity of schools and access to friends/ family network where possible. This will also impact positively on budgets as the cost of an internal placement is substantially less than external foster care. Excluding respite beds, we are currently at 83% occupancy levels, in line with last quarter. Of the 28 vacant beds only 4 are currently available.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.6	% of cared for children in external foster care	Kerry Birtles	Low is good			<20%	24%	24%	23%	24%					⬆	Whilst the number remains fairly static, we are still focussed on achieving a reduction in the use of independent foster agencies, where possible, through our ongoing collaborative work with Foster4.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.7	% of children and young people in residential care	Kerry Birtles				<5%	8%	8%	7%	7%					➡	The number of individuals in residential provision remains static, albeit still higher than we would like to see, particularly given the high use of independent provision. We are currently completing the tendering process and contract awards for the reestablishment of Cheshire East based children's homes in order to ensure that where residential provision is required those individuals will remain within Cheshire East and therefore receive consistency of health and education provision.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
2.8	% of cared for children placed over 20 miles from home address (Cheshire East and out of borough)	Kerry Birtles	Low is good			<20%	24%	24%	24%	24%					➡	Excluding unaccompanied asylum seekers, 115 individuals are placed over 20 miles from home (15 in LA, 100 out of LA boundaries). However, of these 40 are placed with either family and friends, placed for adoption, with their own parents or in a long term matched placement and a further 5 in residential schools.	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)	Kerry Birtles	Low is good				27	supressed	9	11					⬆	This is made up of 3 individuals placed in Cheshire East and 8 placed out of the local authority. An increase in episodes is often seen amongst the older age groups in Q2, especially when accompanied by extremely good weather and summer holidays so a rise in numbers is not always an immediate cause for concern. However, individuals are 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

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2.10	% of initial health assessments requested within 48 hours of coming into care	Kerry Birtles	High is good			70%	68%	86%	72%							A meeting is in place for the New Year to revisit the process and recording to ensure alignment of the figures reported by Health and the local authority. This is likely to be due to the time lapses between information being recorded on each agency's systems between requests being sent by the LA and received by the relevant health department and completed assessments being finalised by Health and received by the LA. In order to present the most accurate picture once the analysis has been completed, a retrospective position for the year will be published.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
2.11	% of initial health assessments completed by paediatricians within 20 days	Kerry Birtles	High is good			100%	57% (63%)	78%	65%							A meeting is in place for the New Year to revisit the process and recording to ensure alignment of the figures reported by Health and the local authority. This is likely to be due to the time lapses between information being recorded on each agency's systems between requests being sent by the LA and received by the relevant health department and completed assessments being finalised by Health and received by the LA. In order to present the most accurate picture once the analysis has been completed, a retrospective position for the year will be published.	4 Being Healthy	Outcome 5
Care Leavers																		
3.1	Number of care leavers	Kerry Birtles					207	207	214	217						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)	Kerry Birtles	Low is good			38%	37%	37%	52%	57%					↑	There are currently 39 individuals in the 19th birthday cohort - 17 are in EET and 22 are NEET (7 of which are engaged in positive activities). There are 35 individuals in the 20th birthday cohort - 15 are EET and 20 are NEET (9 of which are engaged in positive activity and 1 with no contact) There are 41 individuals in the 21st birthday cohort - 18 are EET and 23 are NEET (6 engaged in positive activity). Of this cohort, 6 individuals are in custody. If you include those engaging in positive activity, the percentage drops to 37%.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
3.3	% in suitable accommodation	Kerry Birtles	High is good			96%	98%	98%	93%	94%					→	Of the 115 individuals in this cohort there are 8 deemed to be in unsuitable accommodation - 6 of these relate to individuals in custody. The other 2 relate to 1 individual who currently has no fixed abode and 1 individual refusing to engage in contact albeit all reasonable attempts are being made to ensure they are safe and supported.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Adoption																		
4.1	% of children ceased to be looked after due to adoption - year to date fig	Kerry Birtles	High is good			20%	10%	10%	6%	10%					↑	5 out of 34 children ceased to be cared for in quarter 2 as they achieved permanence via adoption. There are, however, a further 51 cared for children where the plan is for adoption. This includes 17 already placed with prospective adoptive carers/ foster to adopt and 18 awaiting Placement Orders. Cheshire East arrangements within the new Regional Adoption Agency are developing with a performance framework which robustly scrutinises drift and delay for children who are placed within their prospective adoptive family.	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	Kerry Birtles	High is good			12%	26%	26%	15%	24%					↑	11 out of 34 children ceased to be cared for due to granting of a special guardianship order in quarter 2. A designated Special Guardianship Support Team offers support to these children up until the child reaches 18, if required.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.3	Number of children adopted (ytd)	Kerry Birtles	High is good			30	15	15	2	7					↑	As at the end of September 2018 there were 51 individuals with a plan for adoption, 17 of which are placed with the adoptive family/ foster to adopt placement and a further 18 awaiting placement order. We are anticipating that by year end we will have a considerably higher number of individuals leaving care due to adoption than in 2017-18.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.4	% children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with adoptive family	Kerry Birtles	High is good			59%	71%	71%	78%	80%					↑	Please note that this indicator has reduced to being monitored at 14 month rather than 16 months in previous scorecards. Cheshire East remains well ahead of the national target. The target is based on the England average that was provided by DfE on the adoption scorecards.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
4.5	Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family (A1 national indicator)	Kerry Birtles	Low is good		558	426	380	380	293	302					↑	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 293 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)	Kerry Birtles	Low is good		226	121	81	81	108	128					↑	This has been rated as amber as it now exceeds the national target, albeit we are substantially better than the national average.	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	Kerry Birtles	Low is good			426	368	368	293	292					↓	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 293 in the latest quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
Education and 14-19 Skills																		
Virtual School - NB attendance will be reported by academic year NOT financial year. Year end fig 2017-18 will be last academic year																		
5.1	% of Primary pupils with less than 90% attendance (ytd)	Laura Rogerson	Low is good					5%	6%	6%					↑	The Virtual School Head meets with Advisors every 2 weeks to review all children with attendance below 90% to ensure that interventions are put into place. The quarter 2 figure is lower than the same time last year.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.2	% of Secondary pupils with less than 90% attendance (ytd)	Laura Rogerson	Low is good					11%	16%	18%					↑	The Virtual School Head meets with Advisors every 2 weeks to review all children below 90% this includes analysing data for exclusions due to impact on attendance. Actions and targets are in place with a clear tracking document to review every child.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.3	% attendance for Primary pupils (ytd)	Laura Rogerson	High is good			96%		96%	97%	95%					↓	The Virtual School Head is meeting Advisors every 2 weeks to review attendance to set clear actions and targets. Attendance has improved from the same time last year.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.4	% attendance for Secondary pupils (ytd)	Laura Rogerson	High is good			96%		94%	92%	95%					↑	The Virtual School Head is meeting Advisors every 2 weeks to review attendance to set clear actions and targets. Attendance has improved from the same time last year.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.5	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Laura Rogerson	Low is good					0	1	1					↑	This relates to 1 in September. The Virtual School Head and Advisors ensure that schools contact the Virtual School on the day of the exclusion. The number recorded for the first half term has reduced compared to the same time last year.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
5.6	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Laura Rogerson	Low is good					6	9	36					↑	Please note that this relates to the first half term i.e up to the end of October. This has increased since the same time last year. Virtual School Advisors are making contact following each exclusion to ensure support packages are in place where needed to reduce repeat exclusions. The Virtual School Head teacher is supporting where repeat exclusions are occurring. The Virtual School Head is now part of a regional working group to design a protocol to support the reduction of exclusions for cared for children. This will ensure a consistent policy across the region.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5

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5.7	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Laura Rogerson	Low is good					0	0	0					➡	No change from previous quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
5.8	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Laura Rogerson	Low is good					0	0	0					➡	No change from previous quarter.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
5.9	Percentage of completed PEPs (Termly)	Laura Rogerson	High is good					94%	80%							This data is only produced on a termly basis. The Virtual School works closely with all relevant schools and social workers to ensure each pupil receives a completed PEP on a termly basis and that the content is reviewed to ensure each child and young person has access to the support they need. The recent focussed visit report highlights the strength and proactivity of the Virtual School.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.10	% PEPs deemed good or outstanding	Laura Rogerson	High is good					64%	75%							This data is only produced on a termly basis. The Virtual School works closely with all relevant schools and social workers to ensure each pupil receives a completed PEP on a termly basis and that the content is reviewed to ensure each child and young person has access to the support they need. The recent focussed visit report highlights the strength and proactivity of the virtual school. Robust Quality assurance process is in place to ensure the quality of PEPs continues to improve.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.11	% children making expected progress	Laura Rogerson	High is good													This data is in the process of being finalised and won't be available until after quarter 2.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.12	% children in good or outstanding settings	Laura Rogerson	High is good				79%	80%	79%	82%					⬆	This percentage has increased from the same period last year. Whilst it is the ideal that every individual is in a good or outstanding setting, a reduced Ofsted rating would not result in an automatic move for an individual. In this case, the Virtual school, together with the setting, would ensure that appropriate support is in place to ensure each individuals education is not compromised. A process is in place to risk assess any school below Good before a school move is confirmed, with regular reviews with the Virtual School Advisor to ensure children are making appropriate progress and effective support is in place.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
5.13	Number of 16-18 year olds in Care that are NEET	Laura Rogerson					suppressed	suppressed	suppressed	12					⬆	Every young person is discussed at the NEET Panel (the Post 16 Virtual School advisor and Permanence Team) which is held every month to ensure that clear interventions are put into place to support moving young people back into education.	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 17-18 will be last academic year end																		
6.1	Number of Academies	Mark Bayley	N/A				76	76	76	78					⬆	Egerton Primary School and Hungerford Primary both converted to academies in September 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.2	Number of maintained schools	Mark Bayley	N/A				79	79	79	77					⬇	Egerton Primary School and Hungerford Primary both converted to academies in September 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.3	% good or outstanding primary schools	Mark Bayley	High is good		87%		89%	90%	90%	89%					➡	Christ the King Primary was inspected in May and the report was published in July with the rating reduced from Good to Inadequate. Gainsborough Primary school was also inspected in June with the report published mid July which was reduced from Good to Requires Improvement.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.4	% good or outstanding secondary schools	Mark Bayley	High is good				80%	76%	76%	80%					⬆	The increase is due to the Fermain Academy having its first Ofsted inspection in June, published in July with an outstanding judgement	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.5	% good or outstanding special school	Ian Donegani	High is good				100%	100%	80%	80%					➡	No change from previous quarter.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.6	% offered first - third Choice Primary (fig reported March annually)	Claire Williamson		97.5	96.3		98.5%	98.5%								Reported on in March annually.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.7	% offered first - third Choice Secondary (fig reported Feb annually)	Claire Williamson		95	97.6		98.5%	98.5%								Reported on in March annually.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.8	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Claire Williamson	Low is good	61	49650			28	32	16					⬇	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to fixed term exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within primary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.9	Number of fixed term exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Claire Williamson	Low is good	297	239240			358	452	310					⬇	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to fixed term exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within secondary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.10	Number of Fixed Term Exclusions 1/2 termly - SEN Primary	Claire Williamson						6	6	1					⬇	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to fixed term exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within SEN Primary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.11	Number of Fixed Term Exclusions 1/2 termly - SEN Secondary	Claire Williamson						14	9	3					⬇	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to fixed term exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within SEN Secondary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.12	Number of Fixed Term Exclusions 1/2 termly - SEN Special	Claire Williamson						13	7	3					⬇	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to fixed term exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within SEN Special schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.13	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - primary	Claire Williamson	Low is good	1	920			1	0	0					➡	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to permanent exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within primary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.14	Number of permanent exclusions 1/2 termly - secondary	Claire Williamson	Low is good	5	4790			6	4	1					⬇	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to permanent exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within secondary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.15	Number of Permanent Exclusions 1/2 termly - SEN Primary	Claire Williamson						0	1	0					⬇	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to fixed term exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within SEN primary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.16	Number of Permanent Exclusions 1/2 termly - SEN Secondary	Claire Williamson						0	0	0					➡	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to fixed term exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within SEN secondary schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.17	Number of Permanent Exclusions 1/2 termly - SEN Special	Claire Williamson						0	0	0					➡	Work is taking place to support schools to look at different solutions to permanent exclusions where possible. This is starting to see a reduction in exclusions within SEN Special schools.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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6.18	Number of children missing from education (CME) - Active cases 12 weeks or less (latest fig at quarter end)	Claire Williamson	Low is good				9	27	7	56					↑	Quarter 2 relates to end October 2018. A new triage system and use of family support workers in place from September 2018 allows cases to be dealt with more quickly, so the rise in short term cases is linked to faster finding of children and re-engagement with education. Border checks carried out in Sept/Oct meant that when children were reported to have left England, this was quickly confirmed. Data was thoroughly checked and old cases identified which were quickly addressed. Weekly meetings are now in place to ensure that all cases are known and being progressed.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.19	Number of children missing from education (CME) - Active cases 12 weeks or more (latest fig at quarter end)	Claire Williamson	Low is good				70	58	63	25					↓	Quarter 2 relates to end October 2018 - New triage system and family support workers means that records are quickly produced and early checks carried out to locate children and close quickly hence decrease in long term cases. Border checks done which meant that 98 cases were closed in Oct 18.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.20	New CME referrals received	Claire Williamson					90	27	24	71						This refers to October 2018 data and covers the period since July 2018. Of the 71 cases referred, 54 have been located and closed within the period. Many cases were children who did not return or arrive at the school as expected in September and these have now been located and are attending other schools or have been confirmed as leaving the country. Plans are in place to improve data sharing with admissions, early years and business intelligence so that intended schools are known in advance.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.21	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Primary school year to date	Claire Williamson	Low is good	7.6	8.9		8%	9%	8%	9%					↑	Has seen a slight increase. Educational Welfare Officers are being proactive to provide support and challenge to ensure that children's attendance remains high.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.22	% of pupils with less than 90% attendance Secondary School year to date	Claire Williamson	Low is good	13.5	14.3		17%	14%	15%	12%					↓	Q2 relates to end October 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.23	Percentage of Special School pupils with less than 90% attendance Year to Date	Claire Williamson	Low is good	24.4	27.6		33%	33%	34%	26%					↓	Q2 relates to end October 2018. This has reduced as a result of working with the special schools to support students to access provision and increase attendance.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.24	Percentage of SEN pupils with less than 90% attendance Year to Date	Claire Williamson	Low is good				27%	26%	26%	21%					↓	Q2 relates to end October 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.25	Percentage Attendance for Primary Pupils Year to date	Claire Williamson	High is good	96.1	95.9		96%	96%	96%	97%					↑	Q2 relates to end October 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.26	Percentage Attendance for Secondary Pupils Year to date	Claire Williamson	High is good	94.7	94.6		94%	94%	94%	96%					↑	Q2 relates to end October 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.27	Percentage Attendance for Special School Pupils Year to date	Claire Williamson	High is good	91.7	90.7		86%	86%	86%	91%					↑	Q2 relates to end October 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.28	Percentage Attendance for SEN pupils Year to date	Claire Williamson	High is good				90%	90%	90%	92%					↑	Q2 relates to end October 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.29	Number of fixed Penalty Notices Issued	Claire Williamson						249	127	699						This includes 676 holiday penalty notices, including those where children were out of school just before or just after the main summer holiday. Overall the increase in the number of holiday notice requests follows the moratorium after the Isle of Wight case when no notices were issued. Schools have been advised not to authorise holidays. Notices issued are to individual parents as listed by school, so the number issued is higher than number of children involved.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.30	Current number of pupils being educated at home (year fig is position at yr end i.e July)	Claire Williamson	Low is good				335	348	318	343					↑	Q2 relates to October 2018 data and includes 49 cases who became home educated since the start of term. Pupils post-16 are no longer included in the data. Any children whose parents have chosen to electively home educate their children will receive an initial contact from the Electively Home Education consultant within 10 working days to offer support.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
6.31	Number of visits to EHE individuals	Claire Williamson	High is good					44	51	88					↑	Q2 figure relates to the number of visits made in July and September 2018. All new electively home educated (EHE) families are contacted and offered a visit once a decision to deregister is made. The EHE Officer visits school and home when EHE is being considered to ensure that all details are known and that EHE is the most appropriate course of action and will assist family and school if an alternative school or change in curriculum is determined as more appropriate than EHE.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
Medical Needs Team																		
7.1	Number of Cases open to Medical Needs Team	Claire Williamson					48	60	46	49					→	Whilst fairly static at the end of September 2018, it is likely that we will see a rise in the coming months as new pupils enter schools and needs are identified in the first half term.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
7.2	Number of new cases received to Medical Needs team	Claire Williamson						19	15	10					↓	This figure reflects the new individuals accepted in July and September 2018.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
Cheshire East Life Long Learning																		
8.1	Total number of individuals accessing Cheshire East Life Long Learning (CELL)	Christopher Rowland	High is good			2583	2430	969	1241	110						The service works on a 12 month cycle that commences on 1st August to 31st July annually and, as such, Q2 goes over the 'academic' year end. Individuals accessing courses therefore tend to reduce to zero in August and recruitment commences again in September as new programmes commence.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
8.2	Number of new courses started per term	Christopher Rowland	High is good			96	92	60	40	21						Courses come to their conclusion towards the end of July and resume in September.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
8.3	Number of new individuals enrolling on CELL provision	Christopher Rowland	High is good			1389	1317	509	650	248						Enrolments tails off towards the end of the academic year (31st July) and tend to go to zero in August, picking up again in September. Some individuals enrol on multiple courses and study them concurrently for example Maths, English and ICT and as such enrolments are substantially higher than the number accessing provision.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
Safeguarding Children in Education Service (SCiES)																		
9.1	Consultations from Schools and Settings	Karen Porter								40						The top 3 themes SCiES were consulted on were problematic/ harmful sexualised behaviour (including issues around consent), professional escalation and queries around procedures.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
9.2	Number of Safeguarding Basic Awareness Training Sessions delivered	Karen Porter								27						This is always a high number as schools have their INSET days prior to term starting. A total of 1232 individuals attended the sessions.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
9.3	Safeguarding Reviews/ Health Checks	Karen Porter								5						This included 4 primary schools and 1 early years setting.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
9.4	Safeguarding Reviews/ Health Checks	Karen Porter								1						Q2 figure relates to September only.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3

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Prevention and Support																		
Prevention and Early Intervention																		
10.1	Number of cases through Early Help Brokerage	Ali Stathers-Tracey					2985	759	831	672					↓	This slight reduction is in line with school holidays in quarter two and reflects the reduction in calls for support and advice from schools.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
10.2	Number of Early Help Assessments open	Ali Stathers-Tracey					658	658	677	697					↑	This is a positive indicator reflecting the growing confidence in partners using the new Early Help Assessment tool in line with Signs Of Safety.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
10.3	% of all open Early help Assessments led by Cheshire East Prevention service staff	Ali Stathers-Tracey					46%	46%	32%	38%					↑	The new Early Help Assessment tool, designed in line with Signs of Safety, was launched in early September which has slightly affected confidence levels across partners in completing the forms on line. However, there is emerging evidence from support delivered through the Early Help Brokerage Team that more Assessments are being completed by partners.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
10.4	% 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)	Ali Stathers-Tracey	High is good				35%	35%	37%	36%					→	We are due to launch a new service offer from the Early Years Service this quarter that should set out a clearer menu of offer for our Social Workers to understand and should enable much improved referral and take-up of targeted and tailored support offered through our communities.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 5
10.5	% eligible children taking up 2 year old offer (termly figure only)	Ali Stathers-Tracey	High is good		72%		78%	78%	77%	77%					→	The new Early Years service offer is expected to engage more parents to take up their entitlement to their 2 year old childcare offer.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
10.6	% children taking up 3 and 4 year old offer (termly figure only)	Ali Stathers-Tracey	High is good			97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%	97%-99%					→	We remain at the top of the UK league table in terms of successfully supporting local families to take up their free 3 and 4 year old childcare places.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 3
10.7	Number of families turned around (family focus) - claims made at agreed points in the year	Ali Stathers-Tracey	High is good				180	69	153	126					↓	The running total of claims made to date is 681 (36% of the 1900 target to be claimed by March 2020). We have put in a huge boost to our capacity and refocussed targets to improve our performance by results (PBR) claims to maximise efforts across the Partnership and are building targets in to all commissioned contracts in line with our Troubled Families Recovery Plan.	2 Feel & Be Safe	Outcome 6
Youth Support																		
11.1	Number of young people accessing the youth support service	Ali Stathers-Tracey						1535	1337	1344					→	The Early Help and Prevention Service realised a full restructure in quarter 2, seeing a reduction in the number of posts in the Youth Support Service. Therefore this slight reduction in numbers is easily accounted for.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
11.2	Number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	Ali Stathers-Tracey	Low is good				155	155	157	69					↓	This performance reflects the excellent targeted work across the service to ensure as many young people as possible secure an employment, education or training place.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
11.3	% of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) individuals [yr. 12-13]	Ali Stathers-Tracey	Low is good				2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	1.0%					↓	This performance reflects the excellent targeted work across the service to ensure as many young people as possible secure an employment, education or training place.	5 Best Skills & Quals	Outcome 2
Special Educational Need (SEN)																		
12.1	Number of new education, health and care needs assessments requests in quarter	Ian Donegani					358	110	142	123					↓	Although the number in the quarter has reduced, the overall number of requests is higher than that for 2017-18, which is having an impact on our ability to deliver EHCPs within the 20 week timeline. Significant improvements have been made to the quality of information submitted to inform needs assessment requests, largely due to the development and embedding of the SEND toolkit.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
12.2	% of new education, health and care plans (EHCP) completed with 20 weeks	Ian Donegani	High is good	64.7	55.5		34.0%	6%	33%	17%					↓	Timeliness of completion continues to be a significant issue. The actual performance has dipped because we are clearing older cases which impact on the overall performance. Improvements have been made in securing advice from professionals/agencies in a more timely manner, but the ongoing difficulties in recruiting Educational Psychologists (EPs) is having an adverse effect. We have invested in Locum EPs and this is helping pending the emerging restructure of the service and increased capacity. Improving timeliness and quality of plans is a priority of the SEND action plan and there are a range of actions within this underway to improve this indicator.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3
12.3	Total number with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) [accumulative]	Ian Donegani					1907	1907	1965	2015					↑	This is increasing, as is the picture nationally, with a 11.3% increase in January 2018 from January 2017 . 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.	6 Additional Needs Additional Chances	Outcome 3