

Priority - Reduce the health inequalities of children and families in Central Bedfordshire															
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NI 51	Councils' self assessment of progress on four elements of the implementation of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) framework - LAA	H	MP	14	13	13	13 BCC	14	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 51:		This indicator relies on a Self assessment due to be submitted in September to the DCSF, there will therefore be a detailed response in the next quarterly report.													
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				National 06/07	Group 07/08	06/07	07/08								
NI 56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6 - LAA	L	MP	17.5%	15.70%	13.7%	Not yet available	13.6%	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 56:		Children are defined as obese if their body-mass index (BMI) is above the 95th centile of the reference curve for their age and sex according to the UK BMI centile classification. The BMI is calculated using a child's height, weight, date of birth and sex. The National Child measurement programme is completed at the end of each academic year. School nurses have carried out the fieldwork, analysis was not available at time of writing. Results for 07/08 have not yet been published.													
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NI 115	Substance misuse by young people PSA - LAA Source: Tellus3 Survey	L	GD	10.9%	11.5%	New	New	NT	13.3%	New	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 115:		The data for this indicator is available on an annual basis. In 08/09, a baseline against the indicator was developed for Central Bedfordshire and set at 13.3%. This places Central Bedfordshire above our family group average of 11.5% although it has been acknowledged that the sample of data used in Bedfordshire was not large enough to offer a full accurate picture across the locality. For 09/10, our Harmful Risky Behaviours Plan and Performance Framework are in place. These documents outline what action we will take to address problematic drugs/alcohol issues in Central Bedfordshire and provide a range of local & national indicators that will highlight our progress. Regular reports will be made against key indicators to the Be Healthy group. A full report on Q1 performance will be available in the next commentary when data becomes available.													
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NI 116	Proportion of children in poverty - LAA	L	GD	New	New	New	New	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 116:		Still awaiting national guidance concerning the baseline: However, Central Bedfordshire is well placed to understand the local characteristics of poverty as measured through workless and low income households data, due to the work of the Bedfordshire Child Poverty Network. Currently there are 27% of children aged 1 to 16 living within such families. A new Child Poverty Bill was published one month ago and includes 4 new national indicators. A Child Poverty Strategy will be completed by December 09, in collaboration with the Local Strategic Partnership. Progress and monitoring of performance will be overseen by the Achieving Economic Well Being Delivery Group. The reduction of Child Poverty is a major priority contained within the new Children & Young Peoples Plan.													

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NI 58	Emotional and behavioural health of children in care Source: SSDA 903	H	MP	New	New	New	12.5	NT	5.0	↑	NT	5.0	5.0	●	NT
Commentary on NI 58:		Looked after children experience significantly worse mental health than the general child population. An estimated 45% of looked after children aged 5 to 17 have mental health problems, over 4 times higher than for all children. This measure is intended to assess progress in improving the emotional and behavioural health of looked after children. Locally the majority of last year's Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQs) were completed in the last quarter of the performance year (Jan-Mar). As these are annual questionnaires the current performance profile is therefore to be expected. Last year was the first for reporting against this indicator, comparative analysis is not therefore available as baselines are being established													
2.7% so far completed (01/04 - 30/06)															
Priority - Embed and ensure a multi-agency approach to safeguarding practices across Central Bedfordshire															
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NI 68	The percentage of referrals of children in need that led to initial assessments (Count of referrals divided by Initial Assessment Completed)	H	MP	59.4%	50.8%	71.0%	83.3%	80.0%	75.7%	↓	Amber	93.8%	61.2%	↓	Amber
Commentary on NI 68:		This indicator is a proxy for several issues: the appropriateness of referrals coming into social care, which can show whether local agencies are working well together; and the thresholds which are being applied in children's social care at a local level. This quarter's performance is in line with both the national and comparator authorities group. It does however indicate an increase in local contact patterns due in part to heightened sensitivity of professionals following the death of baby Peter and the subsequent focus on safeguarding.													
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NI 59	The percentage of initial assessments within seven working days of referral	H	MP	70.7%	67.1%	88.1%	92.6%	85.0%	82.3%	↓	Amber	81.3%	85.2%	↑	Green
Commentary on NI 59:		Initial assessments are an important indicator of how quickly services can respond when a child is thought to be at risk of serious harm. As the assessments involve a range of local agencies, this indicator also shows how well multi-agency working arrangements are established in local authority areas. Reported performance is in line with the target and is significantly better than the annual average performance both nationally and for comparator Authorities.													
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NI 60	The percentage of core assessments that were completed within 35 working days of their commencement	H	MP	80.0%	80.3%	80.7%	89.9%	85.0%	72.0%	↓	Amber	83.3%	67.6%	↓	Amber
Commentary on NI 60:		This indicator measures the percentage of core assessments which were completed within 35 working days. Core assessments are in-depth assessments of a child, or children, and their family, as defined in the Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families. The temporary dip in performance against this indicator has been caused by staffing difficulties in the Intake & Assessment Team and some ICT issues. Recruitment activity is taking place to reduce reliance on agency staff. The impact of maternity leave and staff released for qualification training is being reviewed and the Team Manager is taking local action to ensure improved performance in the next quarter.													

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NI 62	The percentage of children looked after at 31 March with three or more placements during the year	L	MP	11.0%	11.9%	10.6%	9.8%	9.0%	0.7%	↑	NR	0.0%	0.7%	Not relevant	NR
Commentary on NI 62:		This indicator is an important measure of the stability of care that a child has experienced. On the whole stability is associated with better outcomes – placement instability has been highlighted as a key barrier to improving educational outcomes for example. Proper assessment of a child's needs and an adequate choice of placements to meet the varied needs of different children are essential if appropriate stable placements are to be made. Locally performance is good compared to both national and comparator group performance. It is in line with the target trajectory. The current rolling year performance is 9.3%.													
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NI 63	The percentage of looked after children aged under 16 at 31 March who had been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years, who were living in the same placement for at least two years, or are placed for adoption.	H	MP	66.5%	66.8%	62.6%	66.7%	65.0%	61.4%	↓	Amber	67.5%	61.4%	↓	Amber
Commentary on NI 63:		This indicator measures the long-term stability of children who remain in care for significant periods of time. Stability is associated with better outcomes. The reported change is a consequence of children passing the 2.5 year threshold who moved earlier in their care careers.													
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NI 64	The percentage of children who ceased to be the subject of a child protection plan, during the year ending 31 March, who had been previously the subject of a child protection plan, continuously for two years	L	MP	5.3%	3.8%	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%	0.0%	↑	Green	0.0%	0.0%	●	Green
Commentary on NI 64:		This indicator measures whether children and their families are receiving the services necessary to bring about the required changes in the family situation and to monitor performance in working towards the outcomes outlined in the child protection plan. The data indicates very good performance to date. There are however, seven children who have child protection plans which exceed two years duration within the system. As the work with their families is completed performance against this indicator is expected to be in line with the target.													
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NI 65	The percentage of children who became the subject of a child protection plan during the year, who had previously been the subject of a child protection plan	L	MP	13.6%	15.3%	15.1%	13.2%	15.0%	45.5%	↓	Red	50.0%	40.0%	↑	Red
Commentary on NI 65:		Low numbers are having a dramatic statistical impact on this percentage target. However, trajectory is towards target as the impact of revised risk tolerance thresholds is absorbed into the performance profile. Performance is being closely monitored but decisions about child protection planning will be based solely on effective safeguarding practice rather than on achieving the target.													

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NI 66	The percentage of children looked-after cases which should have been reviewed during the year which were reviewed on time during the year	H	MP	90.0%	81.2%	98.4%	97.5%	95.0%	99.3%		Green	99.2%	99.3%		Green
Commentary on NI 66:		The review is one of the key components within the core processes of working with children and families. The purpose of the review is to consider the plan for the child's welfare, to monitor the progress of the plan and amend it as necessary in light of changed information and circumstances. Good performance is reported which is in line with target and exceeds both national and comparator group performance.													
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NI 67	The percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed	H	MP	99.4%	99.6%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		Green	100.0%	100.0%		Green
Commentary on NI 67:		Reviews are a key element in delivering Child Protection Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of the effectiveness of the interventions provided to children with a Child Protection Plan. Very good performance is reported in line with the target.													
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NI 147	The percentage of care leavers at age 19 who are living in suitable accommodation	H	MP	88.4%	89.9%	71.0%	100.0%	95.0%	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA
Commentary on NI 147:		No activity to report as no young people have passed the reporting threshold.													
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NI 148	The percentage of care leavers at age 19 who are engaged in education, training or employment	H	MP	64.9%	68.0%	56.0%	66.7%	70.0%	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA
Commentary on NI 148:		No activity to report as no young people have passed the reporting threshold.													

Priority - Raise educational achievement and improve children's assessment outcomes and examination results at age 11 and 16															
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NI 89a	Reduction of number of schools judged as requiring special measures	L	PS	Not relevant	Not relevant	1	1	0	0	↑	Green	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 89a:		Currently there are no schools in Special Measures or with a Notice to Improve in Central Bedfordshire. Central Bedfordshire has a School Intervention Strategy and two schools have been evaluated using this strategy as being of the highest concern - red schools. Both schools are making good progress in their improvement plans and Key Stage 2 results have improved. In one school the proportion of pupils attaining Level 4 and above in English and mathematics has improved from 48 to 68 per cent; in English from 53 to 71 per cent; in mathematics from 62 to 84 per cent. In the second school the proportion of pupils attaining Level 4 and above in English and mathematics has improved from 67 to 73 per cent; in English from 73 to 76 per cent; in mathematics from 80 to 84 per cent. The School Intervention Strategy now has an increased focus on support for schools which have received satisfactory Ofsted inspections to enable improvement towards good outcomes.													
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NI 89b	Improvement of time taken to come out of special measures	L	PS	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not relevant	Not relevant	NT	23	Not relevant	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 89b:		The last Central Bedfordshire school in Special Measures was Northfields Technology College. This school received a satisfactory inspection after 23 months which was well within the timescale recommended by Her Majesty's Inspectors.													
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NI 73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold) PSA	H	PS	73%	75%	71%	75%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 73:		This is a new indicator from 2009. Provisional results indicate that 72% of pupils at Key Stage 2 achieved Level 4 or above in both English and mathematics combined. This provisional result does not take account of marking reviews lodged with the external marking agency. At this stage this is a decline compared with 2007-8 of 3%. However, neither the national outcomes nor those for statistical neighbours are yet available for comparison.													
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NI 75	Percentage achieving 5+ A*-C, including English & Maths (all pupils)	H	PS	47.6%	52.7%	48.6%	51.0%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 75:		Provisional GCSE results will be known in late August. Last year's figure of 51% represented a substantial improvement on the previous year's results. Predictions from upper schools for 2008-9 indicate that the target of 55% could be achieved. If predictions are realised it would place Central Bedfordshire above the average for statistical neighbours in 2008 of 52.7 per cent and well above the national average for 2008 of 47.6 per cent. Four upper schools will be part of the Gaining Ground programme in the new school year.													

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NI 87	Secondary school persistent absence rate	L	GD	5.6%	4.8%	3.7%	3.4%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 87:		Whilst persistent absence at CBC schools remains low compared to Ofsted neighbour authorities it should be remembered that for the purposes of NI 87 middle schools count as secondary schools and this may well artificially deflate the actual CBC persistent absence figure. There is a need for further comparative analysis. Targeting of designated persistent absence schools will continue. (Next year's NI 87 will be calculated excluding the persistent absence figures from the newly-established All Saints Academy and this is likely to further deflate the overall figure.)													
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NI 88	Number of Extended Schools	H	GD	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	56%	↑	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 88:		We have made excellent progress and are fully expecting to meet the 85% target of schools offering the Full Core Offer by September 09. Comparative data in relation to regional averages and statistical neighbours will be available from October 09.													
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NI 99	Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2 PSA	H	PS	46.0%	37.0%	40.9% BCC	50.0%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 99:		Central Bedfordshire data for 2007-8 shows results above the national. 2008-9 outcomes are not yet available and these will be for small numbers of children. Improved processes to track the progress made by individual children in this group are being implemented and will be overseen by the work of the Virtual Head teacher													
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NI 100	Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2 PSA	H	PS	44.0%	38.0%	40.9% BCC	50.0%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 100:		As above													
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NI 101	Children in care achieving 5 A-C GCSEs (or equiv.) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths) PSA	H	PS	Not reported	Not reported	14.8% BCC	12.5%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 101:		Data for 2008-9 is not yet available. A key priority within the Enjoy and Achieve section of the Children and Young People's Plan is to continue to provide support to children in vulnerable circumstances and to ensure that their progress is carefully monitored and support reviewed on a regular basis.													

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NI 103a	The percentage of new statements of special educational needs (SEN) prepared within 26 weeks (EXCLUDING exceptions)	H	MP	New	New	New	100.0%	95.0%	100.00%	●	Green	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 103a:		Good performance in line with target.													
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NI 103b	The percentage of new statements of special educational needs (SEN) prepared within 26 weeks (INCLUDING exceptions)	H	MP	New	New	New	83.9%	77.0%	95.70%	↑	Green	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 103b:		"Exceptions" within the descriptor for this target equate to delays beyond the control of the LA. In this case the delays are in receiving reports from Paediatricians. These matters are being pursued with the relevant Trust													
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NI 114	Rate of permanent exclusions from school	L	PS	0.12% AY 2006/07	Not yet available	New	0.17%	NT	0.19%	↓	NT	0.17%	0.34%	↓	NT
Commentary on NI 114:		There were 69 permanent exclusions up to the end of June 2009. This compares to 68 at the same point last year. Individual schools with high rates of exclusion are being targeted for improvement. A priority within the Enjoy and Achieve plan is to provide support within communities to improve inclusion and to work with schools to use processes that lead to effective identification of, and early intervention with, children at risk of exclusion.													
Priority - Increase young people's participation in positive activities															
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NI 110	Young people's participation in positive activities PSA Source: The TellUs survey	H	GD	69.5%	73.7%	New	New	NT	73.9%	New	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 110:		The data from the yearly TellUs Survey is quite small and will not offer a full and accurate picture across the locality. Under the Making a Positive Contribution delivery group, plans are in place to collect actual activity in a coordinated manner. Priorities included within the Children & Young People's Plan cover increasing the range of Youth Work provision on Friday & Saturday evenings and the creation of a new Youth Cabinet. New local Targets are near to completion.													

Priority - Increase the number of young people in employment, education or training															
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NI 117	Connexions partnership data: Number and proportion of 16 to 18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET). Note: Outturn figure relates to age group 16- <19	L	GD	6.7%	6.2% BCC	6.7%	5.9% BCC	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 117:		Data is returned to the Department for Children Schools and Families on a monthly basis and scrutinized by the 14-19 strategic forum and the Achieve Economic Wellbeing delivery group. Last year the Connexions Service exceeded the 6.1% target and attracted reward money for Central Bedfordshire. Benchmarking for Central Bedfordshire in relation to overall performance will be measured during Nov 09-January 10. Statistical data for April showed that 6% of 16-18 year olds were not in Education Training or Employment which was 6% better than the regional average. The % in Learning stood at 78.8% slightly above the regional average of 78.6%. In June a total of 336 young people were not in Education Training or Employment, (6.5% the same outturn at the same period last year). National and regional data will be available within two months and it is expected that the economic climate will impact on this target within all Local Authorities. Locally we are using sophisticated management information to better target hot spot areas and individual young people, and have reorganised service delivery to good effect.													
Priority - Reduce the number of First Time Entrants and the Proven Rate of Reoffending															
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NI 19	Re-offending Performance	H	GD	56.6%	58.9%	76.7%	Not yet available	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 19:		Data for Central Bedfordshire will be available within one month. This is a shared service hosted by Bedford Borough and performance is monitored through the statutory Chief Officers' Group. Re-offending is measured against a 2005 cohort as a baseline, and the rate of re-offending was considerably better than national, regional and family averages. The use of officers employed to work with high risk young offenders and the development of restorative justice interventions within hostels and Looked after Children Homes have been particularly successful in reducing re-offending. The Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service was rated excellent in January 2009.													
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NI 111	The number of first timers in the youth justice system Actual National Indicator is expressed as a number	L	GD	-18.7%	-23.6%	-28.5%	-15.6%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 111:		During 07/08 - 08/09, 930 young people entered the criminal justice system for the very first time due to being charged with or admitting to committing a criminal offence. This equates to a reduction of 800 young people since 2005/6 and is the lowest rate of First Time Entrants per 100,000 of the population amongst our family group of statistical neighbours. The % decrease from 07/08 - 08/09 is lower than statistical neighbours and national averages due to the considerable reduction in the previous years. The Youth Justice Board has confirmed that the service is well placed to meet the target this year, noting evidence of good partnership work between the Youth Offending Service, Police, Youth Service and Connexions. Also, restorative justice work and the parenting service have been effective in preventing First Time Entrants. Provisional Central Bedfordshire data is available for the period April-June 09, and again shows a very positive direction of travel. This will be verified by the Youth Justice Board by the end of August 09.													

Priority - Deliver services that represent value for money and drive efficiencies															
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NI 8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	H	RW	Not yet available	Not yet available	22.1%	25.6%	27.2%	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 8:		The performance in 2008/09 is a 3.5% increase on 2007/08 baseline and places CBC in the top quartile. Indicator is delivered through a multi agency arrangement - the lead being the county sports partnership - Team Beds and Luton. This is the delivery arm of Sport England's strategy. As part of the LAA it falls within the Stronger Communities thematic partnership and outputs are reported to that body on a quarterly basis. This will also be reported to the LSP. A full 3-year delivery plan provides the detail of the activity undertaken.													
Indicator Reference	Title	Polarity	AD	Outturn				Target 10/11	Year to date 01 April - 30 June	Year Direction of Travel	RAG	Last Month 31-May	Month to date 30-June	Month Direction of Travel	RAG
				National 07/08	Group 07/08	BCC 07/08	CBC 08/09								
NI 11	Engagement in the Arts	H	RW	Not yet available	Not yet available	41.8%	Not yet available	47.8%	Not yet available	Not yet available	NA	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 11:		The 2007/08 baseline for Bedfordshire was 41.8% and a 4% increase was targeted for 2010/11. In light of the recent Active People survey results, the targets for this indicator have been changed and are now higher than originally agreed. The year end target for 2010/11 is now 47.8%. Indicator is delivered through a multi agency arrangement - the lead being Central Bedfordshire LA. As a local indicator in the LAA it falls within the Stronger Communities thematic partnership and outputs are reported to that body on a quarterly basis. This will also be reported to the LSP. A Central Bedfordshire delivery plan provides the detail of the activity undertaken.													
Indicator Reference	Title	Polarity	AD	Outturn (Academic Year)				Target 08/09	Year to date 01 Sep - 30 June	Year Direction of Travel	RAG	Last Month 31-May	Month to date 30-June	Month Direction of Travel	RAG
				National 07/08	Group 07/08	06/07	07/08								
NI 57	Children and young people's participation in high-quality PE and sport Source: Independent Survey	H	PS	78.0%	78.0%	82.8%	85.3%	NT	Not yet available	Not yet available	NT	Reported Quarterly			
Commentary on NI 57:		We are awaiting the results from the DCSF of the recent survey completed by schools about participation in high quality P.E. and Sport. This is due to be published in October 2009. Early indications from the four Central Bedfordshire Schools' Partnerships show that the national target of 94% will be exceeded.													