# **Children's Services**

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Indicators	Linked to LAA	NfER Statistical Neighbours	Unit	Good is	Outturn 09/10	Quarter 1 Apr -Jun	Quarter 2 Jul - Sept	Quarter 3 Oct - Dec	Quarter 4 Jan - Mar	Trend Comparison	Year to Date	Performance Judgement (Q compared with Q)	Target 10/11	Comments
NI 59 - The percentage of initial assessments within seven working days of referral	No	59.0%	%	High	86.7%	94.6%	94.2%	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	94.9%	G	85.0%	Our performance remains in the top quartile when compared with latest national figures and well above our statistical neighbour average. The timeliness of initial assessments is a strong indicator of the responsiveness of the child protection system. Last year performance declined across the country as a result of increased pressures and new reporting processes. The change from last quarter was 0.4% against a situation where we will exceed our target.  The actual year to date figure is higher than the percentages of the two reported quarters due to retrospective data. This may amend the final outturn reported at the end of any particular quarter.
NI 62 - The percentage of children looked after at 31 March with three or more placements during the year	No	11.7%	%	Low	9.2%	1.1%	2.3%	-	-	Seasonal	2.3%	ûG	10.0%	This indicator measures the number of placements a child has had in year but as numbers are low, very few children actually move in a particular quarter. Because the indicator is based on cumulative activity through the course of the year, comparisons are drawn with the same period last year rather than the preceding quarter.  Performance is better than the same time last year and well within the target range. Children are moved based on their carefully assessed needs.
NI 67 - The percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed	No	94.4%	%	High	100%	100%	100%	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	100%	•G	100%	Those with child protection plans are among the most vulnerable children. To be effective, plans must be actively reviewed within the required timescale. Despite an increase of 13% of children eligible for reviews since 31 March, 100% performance has been maintained.
NI 68 - The percentage of children in need that led to initial assessments	No	61.3%	%	High	68.2%	52.1%	67.1%	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	59.5%	ûG	65.0%	Performance is better than the same time last year and well within the target range.

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# Appendix A

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Published Ofsted school and college classifications (new inspections in brackets)	No	-	No.	Low	248 (57) 56 (10) 140 (32) 51 (14)	58 (3) 145 (17) 43 (1)	Total 247 (9)  Outstandin 58 (2)  Good 145 (4)  Satisfactor 42 (3)  Inadequate 2 (0)	-   - y   -		Qtr on Qtr	-	New	-	Ofsted have reviewed how Councils are judged on their school and college inspections. They now include separate inspection outcomes for early years, statutory school and 6th form. Figures for 2009-10 and Q1 have been updated to reflect this.  There have been fewer inspections in Quarter 2. Nine reports were published by the end of the reporting period. Two schools currently have an Ofsted "Notice to Improve" – Derwent and Mill Vale.  The outcomes for Derwent show that Key Stage 1 remains strong within the school. Year 4 attainment is generally in line with national expectations however writing remains an area for improvement. The school continues to make steady progress and will be subject to a full inspection in the near future.  Mill Vale has shown a significant improvement in English at Key Stage 2 this year – one of the Key Improvement areas. Mathematics is in line with national and LA averages. An Ofsted monitoring visit has taken place this term but outside the Quarter 2 period. Ofsted comments are reflected in the Director's commentary.