

Children's Services

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	Indicator	Unit	Good is	Year	Target (Outturn)	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Outturn	Comp Group*	Trend Comparison	Performance Judgement		Comment
CS 1	The percentage of initial assessments within seven working days of referral (NI 59)	%	High	2011/12	85.0	91.7						Quarter on quarter	↓	G	Initial assessments are an important indicator of how quickly services can respond and assess the circumstances of a child thought to be at risk of serious harm or in need of social care intervention. 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 given the service has seven working days to complete them. Performance remains above target.
				2010/11	85.0	96.2	95.0	95.1	99.6	95.7	-				
				2009/10	-	-	-	-	-	86.7	59.0 NFER				
CS 2	The percentage of children looked after at 31 March with three or more placements during the year(NI 62)	%	Low	2011/12	10.0	2.2						Seasonal	↓	G	Performance is very good. The increase in placement moves this quarter is still within target. Moves are usually undertaken as a consequence of a change in the child/young persons care plan or related to a placement breakdown, the service strives to deal with these situations in a planned way. This indicator is an important measure of the stability of care placements that a child or young person has experienced. This is usually associated with better outcomes including education and emotional well being. Proper assessment of a child’s needs and an adequate choice of placements are essential if appropriate stable placements are to be made. The services priority remains the recruitment and retention of carers.
				2010/11	10.0	1.1	2.3	4.1	5.7	5.7	-				
				2009/10	-	-	-	-	-	9.2	11.7 NFER				
CS 3	The percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed (NI 67)	%	High	2011/12	100	100						Quarter on quarter	↔	G	Reviews are a key element in ensuring that Child Protection Plans and effective interventions are monitored, reviewed and progressed as a means of ensuring children are safe and protected. As a result, delivering timely reviewing is a priority within the Conference and Review Service. The 100% target continues to be achieved.
				2010/11	100	100	100	100	100	100	-				
				2009/10	-	-	-	-	-	100	94.4 NFER				

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CS 4	The percentage of children in need that led to initial assessments (NI 68)	%	High	2011/12	60.0	60.2						Quarter on quarter	↑	G	Performance has met target. The issues affecting performance last year have been addressed. This target demonstrates that at this time there is the capacity and ability to respond effectively to requests for social care intervention. The new Integrated Children's System will offer further enhancements to the authority's ability to respond and the Governments response to The Munro review is likely to influence the frontline Assessment Team's business processes going forward.
				2010/11	65.0	53.1	67.0	58.6	51.5	56.0	-				
				2009/10	-	-	-	-	-	68.2	61.3 NFER				

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Indicators CS5 and CS6 are not shown in this quarter’s report as they are reported annually.

	Indicator		Unit	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12					Trend comparison	Performance Judgement		Comment
				Outturn	Outturn	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Outturn				
CS 7	Published Ofsted school and college classifications (new inspections in brackets)	Total	Number of schools	248 (57)	247 (62)	247 (11)					Quarter on quarter	Not scored	Not scored	<p>Since the beginning of April, there have been 11 inspections. Five of these maintained their Good outcome, four improved their Ofsted judgement (one Satisfactory, two Good and one Outstanding) and two received a Satisfactory outcome for their early years provision.</p> <p>Mill Vale Middle School was inspected on 13th June. The school was judged to be Satisfactory taking it out of the Ofsted “Notice to Improve” category.</p> <p>Ashton Middle School was given a Notice to Improve on 9th February 2011. The Senior Leadership Team is focused on the improvements that need to be made, in part from the support from Alban Academy and Stratton Upper School. There is a confidence that September will bring a new start and enable practice to be more unified.</p>
		Outstanding	Number of schools	56 (10)	63 (11)	64 (1)								
		Good	Number of schools	140 (32)	132 (35)	131 (7)								
		Satisfactory	Number of schools	51 (14)	50 (14)	51 (3)								
		Inadequate	Number of schools	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (0)								