

Priority 2: Protecting children and keeping them safe	
Objectives	Commentary
Protect children and young people from harm by providing a co-ordinated and effective safeguarding process	Performance in protecting vulnerable children and young people has remained good this quarter. Key indicators measuring social care assessment, timeliness and review remain on target to year end 2012. The demand on frontline teams continues to increase with high numbers of children subject to child protection plans. This multi agency work is resource intensive but regular monitoring ensures that access to services and assessment for children in need and those in need of protection is maintained, rather than solely pursuing targets. Performance is on track .
Reduce the impact of domestic abuse on children and young people	A multi agency group co-ordinating the delivery of a domestic abuse strategy are currently consulting on an updated action plan. Proposals include a feasibility study into the delivery of a community based perpetrator programme, improved third party reporting mechanisms, training to enhance routine enquiry among health professionals and an improved communications strategy. These measures should contribute towards improved identification, reporting and subsequent provision of service to children and young people exposed to domestic abuse and their families. In addition work is being scoped to explore improved early help to families where domestic abuse is a feature.
Reduce youth offending and anti-social behaviour	<p>First time entrants: This indicator is off track and has recorded an increase for the third quarter in a row, albeit a lower increase than in quarter one. 44 young people entered the criminal justice system as compared to 43 in Qtr 2 2010/11, showing a rise of 2.3%. This indicator is achieved as a result of joint action between Beds Police and the Bedfordshire Youth Offending Service (BYOS) and following a dip in performance a Triage system to increase referrals for Restorative justice disposals is now being implemented.</p> <p>Custodial sentences: The rate of custodial sentences is on track. None of the 43 young people sentenced in the period received a custodial sentence</p> <p>Proven re-offending: The baseline and method of counting is in transition as a result of new approaches by the Ministry of Justice. Not yet possible to report, as data is collected in arrears.</p>

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			National 09/10	Group 09/10	CB 10/11						
NI 59	% of initial assessments in 10 working days of referral	High	67%	59%	95.9%	85%	91.7%	82%			Green
NI62	% of children looked after at 31 March with 3 or more placements during the year	Low	10.9%	11.7%	6.3%	10%	2.2%	6.2%			Amber
NI 67	% of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed	High	97.2%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%			Green
NI 68	% of referrals of children in need that led to initial assessments	High	64%	61%	56%	60%	60.2%	67.2%			Green
NI 19	Re-offending rates amongst young people	Low	0.88 (10/11)	0.80 (10/11)	0.63	-	0.85 (12 mths)	n/a			n/a

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NI 111	Number of first time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17	Low	-25.3% (10/11)	-27.0% (10/11)	-38.6%	-5%	14.0%	2.3%			Red
NI 43	Young people receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody	Low	5.6% (10/11)	3.8% (10/11)	1.56%	5%	5.56%	0%			Green

Risks	Actions to mitigate the risk
No risks noted yet.	