

# Performance Report Appendix A

## Quarter 2 2011/12

### Children's Services

Ref	Indicator	Performance Judgement	
CS 1	Percentage of initial assessments within ten working days of referral (NI 59)		A
CS 2	Percentage of children looked after at 31 March with three or more placements during the year (NI 62)		A
CS 3	Percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed (NI 67)		G
CS 4	The percentage of children in need that led to initial assessments (NI 68)	æ	G
CS 5	Achievement at level 4 and above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (NI 73) <b>(Annual report)</b>		R
CS 6	Achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (NI 75) <b>(Annual report)</b>	Annual Qu3	Annual Qu3
CS 7	Published Ofsted school and college classifications		G

Report comparison - Depends on the nature of the indicator		Performance Judgement			
		Direction of travel (DoT)		RAG score (Standard scoring rules unless the indicator specifies alternative scoring arrangements)	
Seasonal	Compared to the same time in the previous year		Performance is reducing	R	RED - target missed / off target - Performance at least 10% below the required level of improvement
Quarter on quarter	Compared to the previous quarter		Performance remains unchanged	A	AMBER - target missed / off target - Performance less than 10% below the required level of improvement

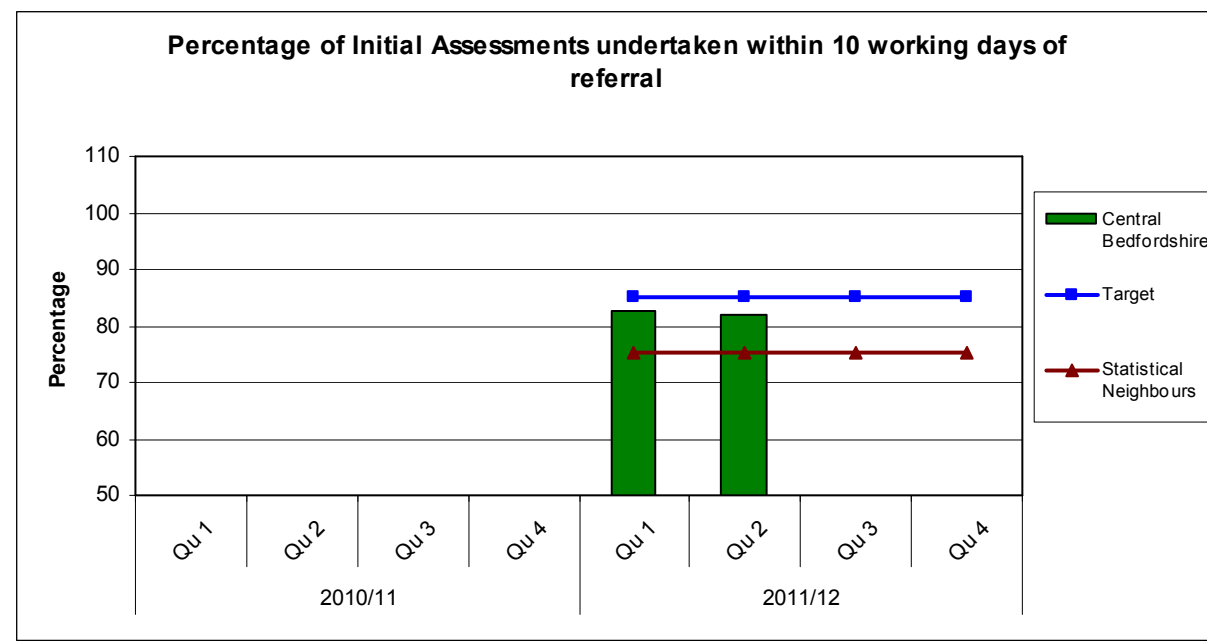
**Children's Services**

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Seasonal = Compared to the same time in the previous year  
 Quarter on quarter = Compared to the previous quarter  
 Annual = Compared to one fixed point in the previous year

CS 1		Percentage of initial assessments undertaken within ten working days of referral (NI 59 Revised) (Cumulative)																		
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	75.4 NFER (2010/11)	Report Comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	A
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn						
%	High	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	85.0	82.7	81.3									
<p><b>Comment:</b>                      Although performance for this measure has gone from green to amber, it is good compared to statistical neighbours and it is expected that the target of 85% will be achieved by the end of the year. Performance for the month of September alone shows a rise to 87.8%. Current performance reflects a national change in the way this indicator is measured.</p> <p>This change in practice means that 2011/12 data cannot be compared to previous performance.</p> <p>Initial assessments are a brief assessment of any child who has been referred to social services. They are an important indicator of how quickly services can respond when a child is thought to be at risk of serious harm. Assessments involve a range of local agencies so this indicator also shows how well multi-agency arrangements are working.</p>																				



CS 2		Percentage of children looked after at 31 March with three or more placements during the year (NI 62)																		
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	11.7 NFER (2009/10)	Report comparison	Seasonal	Performance Judgement	A
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn						
%	Low	9.2	10.0	1.1	2.3	4.1	5.7	6.3	10.0	2.2	6.2									
<p><b>Comment:</b> Performance for this indicator has gone from green to amber and it is now probable the target will not be met. However performance is still good and is in line with statistical neighbours (6.2% compared to 11.7%). The indicator relates to a small cohort of adolescents, currently 12 out of 193, that are proving difficult to provide stable placements for. Key factors that have a bearing on this performance include the range of placement choices, the enhanced levels of social care support needed for the young person and the effectiveness of multi-agency working. These are currently being reviewed to assess what changes can be made to improve stability, but if a child or young person needs an alternative placement this action will be taken to improve outcomes for the child rather than meeting the target.</p> <p>Numbers for this indicator are so low that graphical comparison with statistical neighbours is not relevant.</p>																				

CS 3		Percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed (NI 67)																			
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	95.9 NFER (2010/11)	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement		G
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn							
%	High	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100										

**Comment:** Performance remains on target. Reviews are a key element in delivering Child Protection Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions to keep children safe and protected. This target should remain on 100% and graphical representation is not relevant.

CS 4		Percentage of referrals of children in need that led to initial assessments (NI 68) (Cumulative)																			
Unit	Good is	2009/10	2010/11						2011/12						Latest comparator group average	75.1 NFER (2010/11)	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	æ	G
		Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn	Target (Outturn)	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn							
%	High	68.2	65	52.1	59.5	59.1	56.2	56.0	60	60.2	67.2										

**Comment:** Performance for this indicator continues to improve and is currently exceeding the target. This indicator gives a picture of the appropriateness of referrals coming into children's 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. The number of assessments has gone up by over 30% compared to last year. Performance is kept under review and the target will be reviewed for 2012/13 to take account of national guidance, our performance and the performance of statistical neighbours. As the levels of referrals across statistical neighbours are yet to stabilise nationally, graphical comparisons are not relevant.

CS 5		Achievement at Level 4 and above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (NI 73) (Annual report)											
Unit	Good is	2009	2010		2011		Latest comparator group average	76 (DfE) 2011	Report comparison	Annual	Performance Judgement		R
		Outturn	Target	Outturn	Target	Outturn							
%	High	73	82	73	82	70							

**Comment:** 2011 standards have fallen this year and the Council's target has not been met. It should be noted that schools were expected to set aspirational targets and the Council was required to set a target which did not fall below the aggregated schools' target. The requirement for the Council to set targets for Key Stage 2 has now been withdrawn as the School Improvement Partners that set targets have now been removed. Two schools are below the Government's floor standards compared with three in 2010.

The reasons for the drop in standards vary from school to school. Actions to improve performance for 2012 include a conference for middle schools to look at good practice in raising achievement, and a programme of support targeted at those pupils at risk of not achieving Level 4 in English and/or mathematics.

Year	Central Bedfordshire Council - Outturn	Central Bedfordshire Council - Target	Statistical Neighbours - Average	National - Average
2009	73	82	76	73
2010	73	82	76	73
2011	70	82	76	73

**CS6 Achievement of 5 or more A\* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (NI 75)** This indicator is reported annually and will be included in the quarter 3 version of this report.

CS 7		Published Ofsted school and college classifications (New inspections during the quarter are shown by the figure in brackets)							Latest comparator group average	N/A	Report comparison	Quarter on quarter	Performance Judgement	G
Ofsted category	Unit	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12										
		Outturn	Outturn	Qu 1	Qu 2	Qu 3	Qu 4	Outturn						
Total	Number of schools	248 (57)	247 (62)	247 (11)	247 (2)									
Outstanding	Number of schools	56 (10)	63 (11)	64 (1)	64 (0)									
Good	Number of schools	140 (32)	132 (35)	131 (7)	131 (1)									
Satisfactory	Number of schools	51 (14)	50 (14)	51 (3)	51 (1)									
Inadequate	Number of schools	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (0)	1 (0)									
<p><b>Comment:</b> During this quarter there have been two inspections. One school improved from satisfactory to become good and the second declined from good to satisfactory, so there is no net change from Quarter 1.</p> <p>Ashton Middle School was given a Notice to Improve on 9th February 2011. The school received a monitoring visit on 23 September 2011 and was judged to be making satisfactory progress in addressing the issues for improvement and in raising pupils' achievement.</p>														

