

Health & Wellbeing Board

Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life

Outcomes

Babies have the best start in life

Parents or carers are equipped to nurture their child and are not affected by drug or alcohol misuse, domestic abuse or poor mental health

All children arrive at school in a great position to learn

Cross Cutting:

Reducing inequalities by tackling the wider determinants

Prevention and Early Intervention

Acting upon patient and customer experience

Safeguarding and ensuring high quality integrated services

On average 3,250 babies are born each year in Central Bedfordshire and by the time they reach school 2,200 are achieving a good level of development at the early years foundation. To give children the best start we need to ensure that they are not adversely affected by parental drug or alcohol misuses, mental health or domestic abuse and currently 230 people are in treatment for drugs and / or alcohol that are living with children and in approximately 40% of domestic abuse incidents a child is normally resident at the same location.

		Latest Data	Latest Data	Target	Current Status
...	Smoking at the time of delivery (L&D deliveries only)	Mar 16	19.9 %	15.0 %	▲
...	Breastfeeding rate 6-8 weeks	Jun 16	52.0 %	50.0 %	★
...	Early access to antenatal care (all L&D deliveries)	May 16	83.7 %	90.0 %	●
...	Mothers who receive a maternal mood review by the time the infant is 8 weeks	Jun 16	56.9 %	90.0 %	▲
...	Successful completions (opiates) of clients who live with children under 18	Jun 16	11.0 %	9.6 %	★
...	Successful completions (alcohol) of clients who live with children under 18	Jun 16	38.5 %	39.2 %	●
...	No. of Domestic Abuse incidents reported	Jun 16	845		n/a
...	Children who received an integrated 2-2.5 year review	Jun 16	70.5 %	90.0 %	▲
...	Number of disadvantaged 2 year olds placed in early education/childcare	Jun 16	602	767	▲
...	School readiness - % of children achieving a good level of development at the Early Years Foundation	Sep 15	64 %	69 %	▲

▲ Target missed by 10% or more ● Target missed by less than 10% ★ Target achieved

NB. School Readiness: - % of children achieving a good level of development at the Early Years Foundation tolerance is 5%

The outcomes relating to babies having the best start in life are encouraging, with improved performance against almost all indicators and the target for breastfeeding has now been achieved. Targets have not yet been met for early access to antenatal care and this is being investigated by the CCG. The rate of improvement for the assessment of maternal moods is also very encouraging and the provider is confident that they will achieve the target of 90% in Q3 of 2016/17.

The outcomes relating to parents not being affected by drug or alcohol abuse, domestic abuse and mental health show a mixed picture. The rate of successful completions for drug treatment for people living with children is improving and is now in the top quartile for performance. The rate of successful completions for alcohol treatment for people living with children is also improving and approaching the top quartile for performance. The number of domestic abuse incidents has increased but it is not possible to ascertain whether this is a true increase in incidents or reflective increased confidence to report incidents.

The outcomes related to children arriving at school ready to learn is encouraging with more children having their integrated health and education review, although this is not yet at target, the increased uptake is expected to continue. The number of disadvantaged 2 year olds placed in early education / childcare remains high level with over 80% of families taking up the offer. Whilst the target has not been met, Central Bedfordshire compares well to Statistical Neighbours and the Region. The published school readiness figures are for 2015 and outcomes for Central Bedfordshire were improving but below the England average.