

Local Area Agreement 2008-2011**15 January 2010**

Priority: Inspiring Young People

Outcome: Narrow the gap between the lowest attaining and vulnerable and the rest (LAA29).

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RAG Status: Red

Summary Statement:**Delivery Board Recommendations** (Please list any decisions/actions required on the part of the Delivery Board)**Delivery Board are asked to :****Summary Statement:**

Narrowing the gap is a major programme for the Children's Trust. It is part of the LAA so that there is added value on top of the existing partnership of the Children's Trust; in essence to ensure that we 'think child, think family, think community' as a strategic partnership. The basket of indicators selected against the overall ambitions of narrowing the gap is broadly amber/red whilst the work in hand to improve outcomes overall is amber.

The Stepping Stones programme is a three to five year strategic programme that will develop the continuum of provision to meet a continuum of need for all children and young people. Some children with complex needs will require access to specialist support or additionally resourced provision that is out of county but Stepping Stones will minimise this. Stepping Stones promotes early targeted intervention and will explore at every opportunity early targeted interventions to prevent escalation of need over a child or young person's lifetime.

Action plans, as previously discussed, are in place for both the whole of CYPP and for the specific areas with target indicators. An area of concern is around NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training), Devon is doing well to hold its own here but there are two concerns:

- The full effect is not yet seen in terms of reducing opportunities
- The long term effect on the whole lives of young people who are affected by this is well documented and is appropriate territory for the Devon Strategic Partnership thinking decades ahead

Another, and related area, is the newly agreed priority area for the CYPP which is reducing child poverty and how this fits into our joined up working.

The CYPP action plans have been revised and updated for 2009-2011. The Children's Trust aligns it's planning, but is also challenged by the DSCB.

Key Risks and Opportunities:**Key risks** (identified in the CYPP):

Resources - resource issues are becoming more acute in a variety of ways and opportunities to work differently need to be seized and developed. Stepping Stones and the integrated working projects are examples of this. The risk of protecting frontline services is that preventative work is cut and long term benefits are lost.

Governance/accountability - The Children's Trust has developed tighter governance arrangements in its memorandum of understanding. Draft statutory guidance on the operations of Children's Trusts is out for consultation. Aligned to that is the core inter-agency guidance - 'Working Together to Safeguard Children'. Both present challenges/opportunities.

Economic climate - Turbulence remains as organisations struggle in the current economic climate and as reduced resources require local agencies to change their focus.

Silo working - the other major risk is that work with children and young peoples is seen in isolation. The transition to adult services - the effect of family or community affairs on children and other 'handovers' such as 'Thinking' young people in terms of education, employment and training as opposed to 'stopping' 19.

Opportunity:

Child poverty - The work required to address child poverty is a classic example of where the DSP needs to take a lead in order to improve outcomes for Children and Young People.

GRAPHS: The solid green line shows current data and the blue dotted line the target

Key to Performance Status:

Performance Indicators:

No DataWell Below TargetBelow TargetOn TargetAbove TargetWell Above Target

Key to change on same period in previous year:

Improved Performance
 Worse Performance
 Unchanged

Key to +/- Column:

Higher figures are better
 Lower figures are better
 OFF Direction cannot be determined.

Performance Indicators

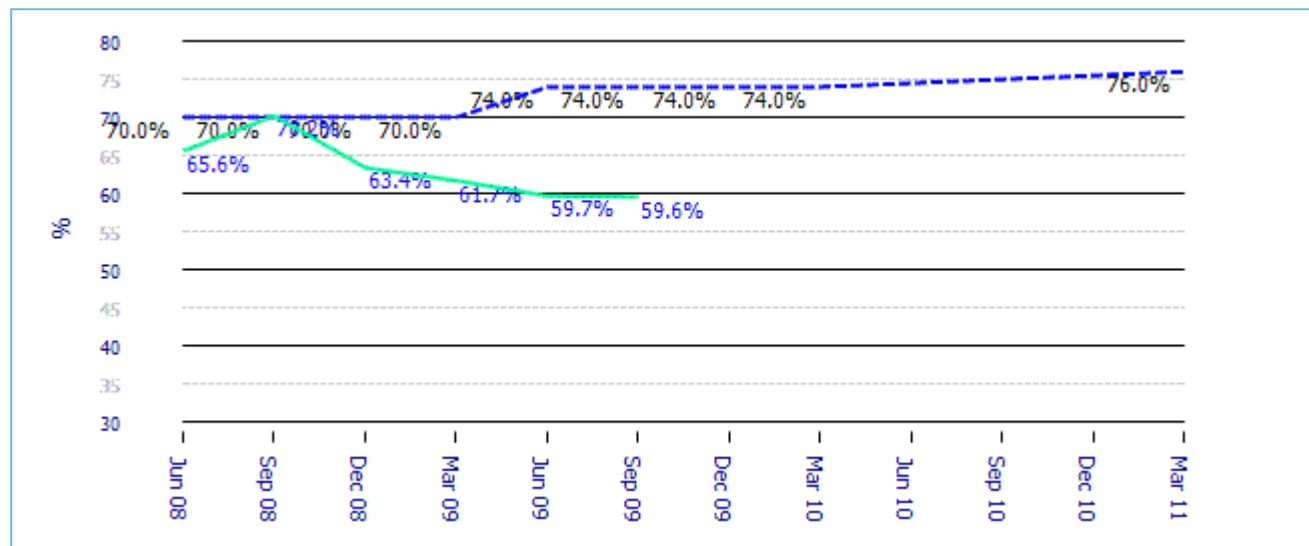
Code	Title	+/-	Instance	Annual Target	Status	Quartile	Improvement	Actual to Date	Officer Notes
NI50	Emotional health of children	+	FY 2008-09	No target (new NI)	No Target	FY 2008-09 Below Mid Point All England	n/a	61.4%	(2008 - 2009) Estimate based on DCSF TELLUS survey. NB: Devon's figure is a Nearest Statistical Neighbour match due to a low response rate. (RB)
		+	FY 2009-10		Data not due	FY 2008-09 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2009 - 2010) Hub data due December 2009 (PB)
NI54	Services for disabled children.	+	FY 2008-09		No Target	FY 2008-09 Below Mid Point All England	n/a	57%	(2008 - 2009) Comparison is against 30 Authorities who have chosen NI54 as part of their LAA for 2008/09 (National figure 59) (PB)
		+	FY 2009-10		No Target	FY 2009-10 Above Mid Point All England	↑	61%	(2009 - 2010) The survey shows a 2% improvement since the previous year. Performance in councils is tightly grouped with the Devon performance only 1% less than the top quartile threshold nationally. (PB)
NI63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	+	FY 2008-09	70.0%	Well Below Target	FY 2008-09 Bottom Quartile All England	↓	61.7%	(Quarter 4) 59.7% for first quarter of 09/10. Effect of Southwark judgement and Baby Peter increasing number of referrals significantly, putting great strain on capacity and affecting this indicator. Mean of Statistical Neighbours: 65.7 National: 65.7 Action plans to address are in place and under constant review. (RB)
		+	FY 2009-10	74.0%	Well Below Target	FY 2008-09 Bottom Quartile All England	↓	59.6% (2/4)	(Quarter 1) Long-term placement stability remains a challenge. Further small decline from 2008/09 outturn of 61.7% to 59.7% at 2009/10 Quarter 1. Action plan in place. (DF), (Quarter 2) A further small decline in outturn compared with Q1 and we remain well short of our stretching LAA targets (DF)
NI72	Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage	+	AY 2008-09	48.0%	Below Target	AY 2007-08 Below Mid Point All England	↑	47.0%	
		+	AY 2009-10	50.0%	Data not due	AY 2007-08 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2009 - 2010) Hub data due September 2010 (PB)
NI73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	+	AY 2008-09	81.0%	Well Below Target	AY 2008-09 Above Mid Point All England	↔	73.0%	
		+	AY 2009-10	81.0%	Data not due	AY 2008-09 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2009 - 2010) Hub data due August 2010 (PB)
NI75	Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	+	AY 2008-09	55.0%	Well Below Target	AY 2008-09 Above Mid Point	↑	51.8%	

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						All England			
		+	AY 2009-10	57.0%	Data not due	AY 2008-09 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	
NI87	Secondary school persistent absence rate	-	AY 2008-09	6.2%	Well Above Target	AY 2007-08 Top Quartile All England	↑	4.1%	(1 September - 19 Dec) The target for the year was set in the annual SaLTS return, submitted to the DCSF in January 2008. The final figures for 2007/08 were not published, by the DCSF, until 26 February 2009. In setting the 2009/10 target account has been taken of the 2007/08 actual. (PB), (5 January - 3 April) Improved performance beyond expectation resulting in achievement of DCSF national target 2 years early. Systems and processes now in place across Devon with strategic partnership approach in learning communities looking to embed long term solutions with particular focus on transition continued performance at this level is expected. Figure taken from the DCSF Statisticam First Release of 20 October 2009. (LR), (20 April - 22 May) Provisional HUB data due October 2010 (PB)
		-	AY 2009-10	4.8%	Well Below Target	AY 2007-08 Above Mid Point All England	↓	5.3% (1/3)	(1 September - 18 Dec) The academic year 2009/10 has brought with it some unforeseen difficulties for schools which will inevitably impact upon PA performance. Swine flu hit some schools harder than others. Those hit are reporting as much as 2.5% impact on their Half Term 1 and 2 outturn. Similarly, the early January weather created a range of attendance issues. Schools taking the decision to close benefitted from the coding rules perversely. Those that remained open had poor attendance especially from students living in rural areas. Whilst DCSF did their best to minimise the impact, at the same time as they are pushing for a minimum of 5% PA, the realistic prospect of achieving this years targets have diminished and this may result in a poor performance year for the County schools which will be shame after two years of impressive performance improvement. DCSF were consulted directly on both issues. The response has essentially been to encourage monitoring of the impact and a suggestion these factors will somehow be taken into account. There has been a relaxation of the requirement for compliance with the legal requirement to provide 190 days education. (LR)
NI92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	-	AY 2008-09	31.6%	Well Below Target	AY 2008-09 Below Mid Point All England	↑	34.0%	
		-	AY 2009-10		Data not due	AY 2008-09 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2009 - 2010) Hub data due October 2010 (PB)
NI93	Progression by 2 levels in	+	AY 2008-09	91.0%	Data	AY		n/a	(2008 - 2009) Hub data due

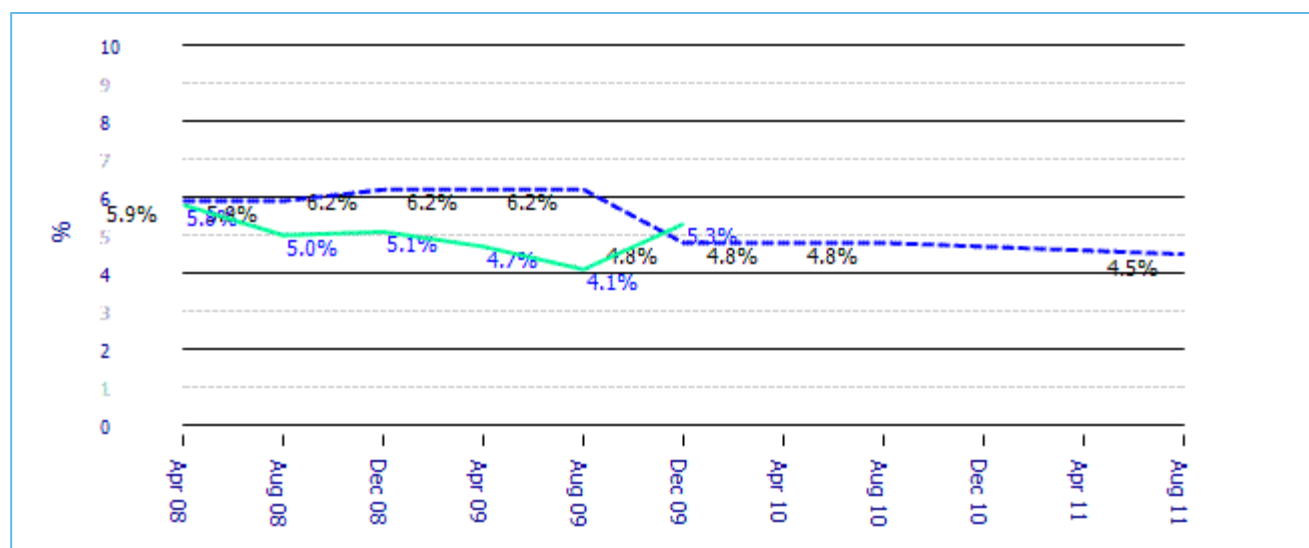
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	English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2				not due	2006-07 No Data Available			December 2010?? (LS)
		+	AY 2009-10	91.0%	Data not due	AY 2006-07 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	
NI94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	+	AY 2008-09	86.0%	Data not due	AY 2006-07 No Data Available		n/a	(2008 - 2009) Hub data due December 2010?? (LS)
		+	AY 2009-10	87.0%	Data not due	AY 2006-07 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	
NI99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	+	FY 2007-08	52.0%	Well Above Target	AY 2006-07 Above Mid Point All England	↑	53.8%	
		+	FY 2009-10	51.9%	Above Target	AY 2006-07 Above Mid Point All England	↓	52.4%	(2009 - 2010) Small decline on 2008/09 outturn of 53.8%, although 51.9% target met. The reporting cohort is extremely small, so can be subject to significant variations in outturns between years (RB)
NI100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in mathematics at Key Stage 2	+	FY 2009-10	55.6%	Well Above Target	AY 2006-07 Top Quartile All England	↑	61.9%	(2008 - 2009) Our 2009/10 outturn of 61.9% is a considerable improvement on 42.3% in 2008/09 and exceeds our 55.6% target. (DF)
		+	FY 2010-11		Data not due	AY 2006-07 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2009 - 2010) Awaiting data - Previous figures: (2008) Devon 42.3% SN 53.5% National 44% (RB)
NI101	Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (inc. English and maths)	+	FY 2009-10	14.5%	Well Below Target	AY 2008-09 No Data Available	↓	6.2%	(2008 - 2009) Our 2009/10 outturn of 6.2% is a decline from 10.4% in 2008/09 and well short of our stretching 14.5% target. The reporting cohort is extremely small, so outturns can be subject to significant swings between reporting years (DF)
		+	FY 2010-11		Data not due	AY 2009-10 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2009 - 2010) Awaiting data - Devon's performance has improved from 13% (2007) to 17% (2008) inline with SN above National average. Source: DCFS LAIT June 2009. (RB)
NI112	Under 18 conception rate	-	2008	-29.0%	Data not due	2007 No Data Available		n/a	(2008) Hub data due 25 February 2010 (PB) The 2008 target to reduce the under 18 conception rate to -29% of the 1998 baseline needs the actual conception rate to be reduced to 23.3%. For 2007 (LAIT April 09) actual figure 32.5 per 10,000 (2007) SN 34.13 Nat 41.68 - Rate remains an issue (RB)
		-	2009	-40.0%	Data not due	2007 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2009) The 2009 target to reduce the under 18 conception rate to -40% of the 1998 baseline needs the actual conception rate to be reduced to 19.7%. (KB)
		-	2010	-50.0%	Data not due	2007 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	(2010) The target to reduce the under 18 conception rate to 50% below the 1998 baseline needs the actual conception rate to be reduced to 16.4% (KB)
NI112a	Under 18 conception rate	+	2008	-29.0%	Data not entered	2008 No Data Available	n/a		
		+	2009	-40.0%	Data	2009	n/a		

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					not entered	No Data Available			
		+	2010	-50.0%	Data not due	2010 No Data Available	n/a	n/a	
NI117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	-	FY 2008-09	5.5%	Well Below Target	AY 2008-09 Above Mid Point All England	↓	6.4%	(2008 - 2009) Increase related to recession strategy in place. Monitoring shows increase to be mainly 18 year old group which indicates effectiveness of strategy (JD)
		-	FY 2009-10	5.0%	Data not entered	AY 2008-09 No Data Available	n/a		(2009 - 2010) Data due 25 January 2010 (PB)

NI63 - Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement



NI87 - Secondary school persistent absence rate



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