



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD MEETING

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Report from Geoff Hamilton, Children's Trust Intelligence Manager

Children & Young People's Plan - Six Month Monitoring Report

Purpose of report

To update the Board on the six month performance of the ten improvement priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan (2009-2011).

Information and advice

1. The six month monitoring report (Appendix B) details the 'in year' progress of the ten improvement priorities in the Plan. It was completed by the lead officers for each priority and a summary is provided for information in Appendix A.

2. The reporting on each improvement priority is broken down into three sections:

- *Action plans* – these detail work planned from April 2009 to March 2010 and sit behind each improvement priority. The report shows that 92 of the 147 six month milestones in these action plans have been reached. Where they have not been reached, an explanation is provided.
- *Summary text* – outlines key issues under each priority and indicates whether outcomes are being successfully achieved. An overall forecast is also provided for achievement by the end of the year.
- *Performance table* – updates performance of National Indicators (NIs) and other measures in the Plan, where data is available. Commentaries sit alongside to provide context.

3. There are 31 NIs and 31 other performance measures in the Plan. In total, seventeen measures are reported on a quarterly basis, so data is available for

these at six months. Where a measure is annual, the most recent data is displayed. 34 measures do not have targets set, so reporting and forecasting against target is not feasible for these measures. However, wherever possible, trends have been identified to give an indication of progress.

4. Nine of the 22 measures with available data are above target and 13 are below. Of the 11 quarterly measures with available data, four are above target and seven below. In terms of trends, 23 out of 41 measures with available data show a positive direction of travel and 11 show a negative one. Of the 16 quarterly measures with available data, seven are positive, six stable and three negative.

5. Work is ongoing to ensure that all measurements of impact quoted in the Plan are effectively monitored. Nine measures are currently under development in liaison with lead officers, so that they may in due course contribute to the broader performance management of the Plan. Some of these measures involve further evaluative work, which will produce qualitative data to inform progress under the relevant priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. It is recommended that the Board notes the six month monitoring report.

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Appendix A – Summary of Six Month Performance

This appendix provides an interim overview of progress and is based on available numeric data only. More detailed qualitative measurement and a fuller context is provided in the main monitoring report (Appendix B).

Performance against target (quarterly measures)

Performance against target data is currently available for 11 out of the 17 quarterly NI and non-NI measures in the Plan.

	out of 17	
Above target by 10% or more	4	
Above target by 0-9.99%	0	
Below target by 0-9.99%	3	
Below target by 10% or more	4	
No target set or no data available	6	

Performance trends (quarterly measures)

Trend data is available for 16 of the 17 quarterly measures.

	out of 17	
Measures showing POSITIVE trend	7	
Measures showing STABLE trend	6	
Measures showing NEGATIVE trend	3	
Measures with no trend data available	1	

Action plans (six month milestones)

The ten improvement priorities of the Children & Young People's Plan are each supported by detailed action plans. The diagram below shows that 92 out of 147 of the six month milestones in these action plans have been achieved overall.

	out of 147	
Milestones reached	92	
Milestones not reached	42	
Unconfirmed	13	

Improvement priority	Six month milestones reached	Trends (quarterly & annual measures with data available)	Forecast to hit year end targets?
	Green = 70% plus Amber = 40% - 69% Red = 0% - 39%	Green = 70% plus Amber = 40% - 69% Red = 0% - 39%	Green = "Yes" Amber = "Probably" Red = "No"
Protect the most vulnerable children and young people	10 out of 13 (Green)	4 out of 4 positive or stable (Green)	Yes (Green)
Improve educational attainment	n/a ¹	8 out of 11 positive or stable (Green)	n/a ²
Reduce the numbers of children and young people missing school	14 out of 16 (Green)	3 out of 4 positive or stable (Green)	Probably (Amber)
Increase the proportion of 16-18 year olds who are learning or working, focusing particularly on vulnerable groups	9 out of 12 (Green)	4 out of 4 positive or stable (Green)	Yes (Green)
Provide children and young people with more places to go and things to do	16 out of 26 (Amber)	No trend data	Yes (Green)
Reduce the amount of crimes committed by young people and stop children and young people from being as scared about becoming victims of crime	8 out of 12 (Amber)	4 out of 5 positive or stable (Green)	Probably (Amber)
Reduce the problems caused by drugs and alcohol for children, young people, families and communities	2 out of 5 (Amber)	5 out of 9 positive or stable (Amber)	Yes (Green)
Improve the emotional well-being of children, young people and families	5 out of 5 (Green)	0 out of 2 positive or stable (Red) ³	Yes (Green)
Reduce obesity among children and young people	10 out of 13 (Green)	No trend data	Yes (Green)
Improve the sexual health of young people and reduce teenage pregnancy	18 out of 32 (Amber)	2 out of 2 positive or stable (Green)	No (Red) ⁴

¹ Educational attainment is measured by academic year, so there are no six month milestones

² Educational attainment is measured by academic year, so 'end of year targets' are already known

³ **RED** - there are only two measures from TellUs2 (2007) and TellUs3 (2008) surveys out of the seven measures under this priority which can provide a trend. These are "*Children & young people (CYP) report they are free from bullying at school*" and "*CYP report that when they had a concern or worry, they were able to talk to their friends*". Both show a negative trend. It is hoped that a fuller trend picture can be established once TellUs4 data is available in Jan 2010.

⁴ **RED** - the year end targets for reducing teenage conceptions will not be met this year. The latest data available for 2008 (Q1 and Q2) shows increases in teenage conception rates and it is anticipated that this will worsen due to the impact of the recession. The national target to reduce teenage conception rates by 50% by 2010 will only be met by a small number of local authority areas. Nottinghamshire has been doing well in comparison with statistical neighbours, but will require a strengthened approach to meet the 50% reduction target.