

QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

DIRECTORATE: Children & Young People
SERVICE: Specialist Services
PERIOD: Quarter 2 to period end 30th September 2009

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This quarterly monitoring report covers the Specialist Services Department second quarter period up to 30 September 2009. It describes key developments and progress against all objectives and performance indicators for the service.

The way in which traffic lights symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained within Appendix 7.

2.0 KEY DEVELOPMENTS

2.1 Inspection Regime

We are still awaiting our Unannounced Inspection on Contact, Referral and Assessment Teams and the announced inspection regarding Safeguarding and Children in Care. Multi Agency Preparation Groups have been established to ensure we are adequately prepared.

2.2 Multi-Agency Auditing Process

Multi-Agency Auditing Process has been established. The first one has been held and the themes and learning will be shared with HSCB.

2.3 Safeguarding Unit

The Safeguarding Unit is currently recruiting an Independent Reviewing Manager who will take a lead responsibility in the independent review, and scrutiny of Children in Need Care Planning.

2.4 Children in Care and Care Leavers

Considerable progress has been made in respect of care leavers entering apprenticeship opportunities, with 5 young people now in employment and 2 more planned to follow shortly. A total of 10 apprenticeships will be recruited to.

The Children in Care Council continues to develop with a formal launch of the Council and the Pledge to children in care planned for October. Elections have recently been held to appoint young people to positions within the Council, which will in future be Chaired by a young person.

The recruitment campaign for more foster carers has been revised and refreshed to improve the number of potential carers coming forward.

3.0 EMERGING ISSUES

3.1 Referrals to Children Social Care

Referrals to Children Social Care rose significantly through the summer months and we need to look at the use and impact of CAF through the school holidays to ensure that children and families receive the timely support they need.

3.2 Increasing Challenges

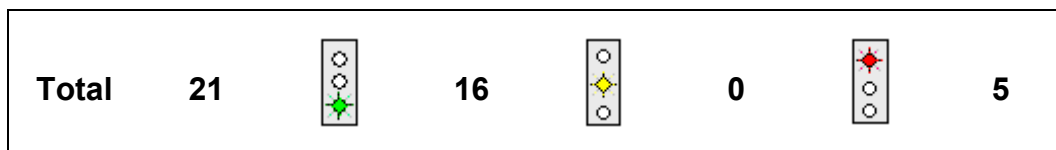
There are significant challenges in the coming months to ensure robust service delivery continues in a climate of an efficiency programme within the Council.

3.3 Children in Care and Care Leavers

The number of foster carers continues to be insufficient to meet both the demand for placements and placement choice. A proposal to increase the fees paid to foster carers is currently being considered.

Consultation on the National Minimum Standards for Foster Care and Adoption has commenced. Proposals within the proposed revised standards will require additional work within both services and will be the future standard for inspections.

4.0 PROGRESS AGAINST OBJECTIVES / MILESTONES

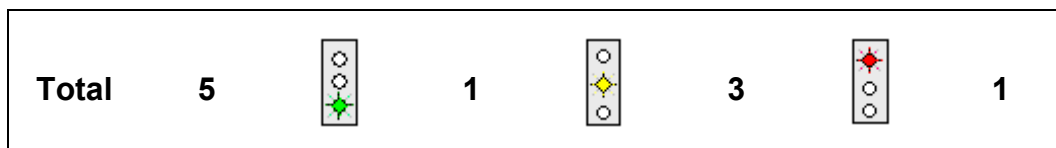


Most milestones are on target to be achieved within set timescales. For further details, please refer to Appendix 1.

5.0 SERVICE REVIEW

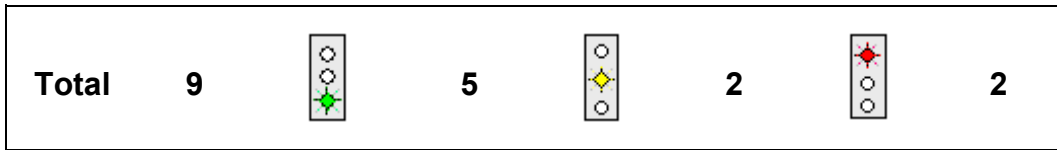
Nothing to report.

6.0 PROGRESS AGAINST KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



Progress towards “Key” performance indicators is mixed. For further details, please refer to Appendix 2.

6.1 PROGRESS AGAINST OTHER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



Most “Other” performance indicators on track to achieve their targets. For further details, please refer to Appendix 3.

7.0 RISK CONTROL MEASURES

During the production of the 2009-12 Service Plan, the service was required to undertake a risk assessment of all Key Service Objectives.

Where a Key Service Objective has been assessed and found to have associated ‘High’ risk, progress against the application of risk treatment measures is to be monitored, and reported in the quarterly monitoring report in quarters 2 and 4.

For further details please refer to Appendix 4.

8.0 PROGRESS AGAINST HIGH PRIORITY EQUALITY ACTIONS

During 2008/09 the service was required to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment. Progress against actions identified through that assessment, with associated High priority are to be reported in the quarterly monitoring report in quarters 2 and 4.







For further details please refer to Appendix 5.







9.0 DATA QUALITY





The author provides assurance that the information contained within this report is accurate and valid and that every effort has been made to avoid the omission of data. Where data has been estimated, has been sourced directly from partner or other agencies, or where there are any concerns regarding the limitations of its use this has been clearly annotated.





10.0 APPENDICES

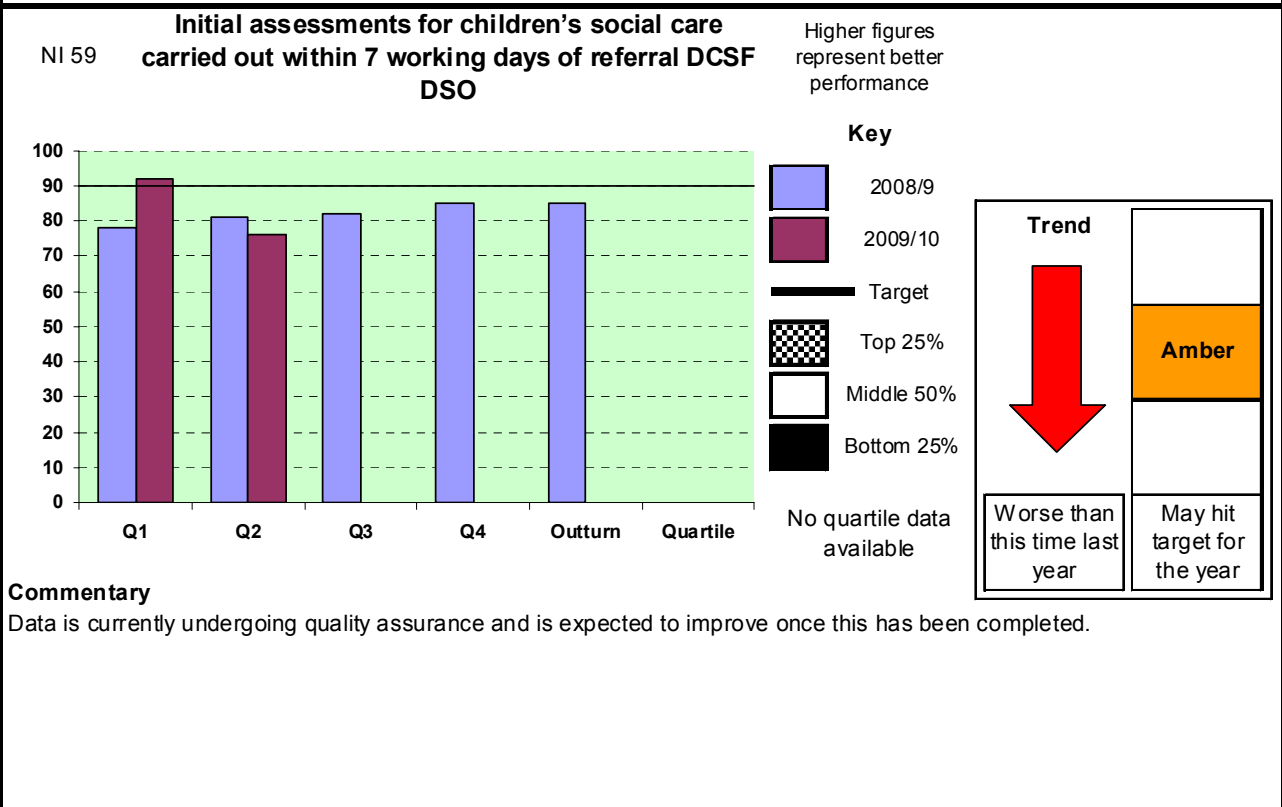
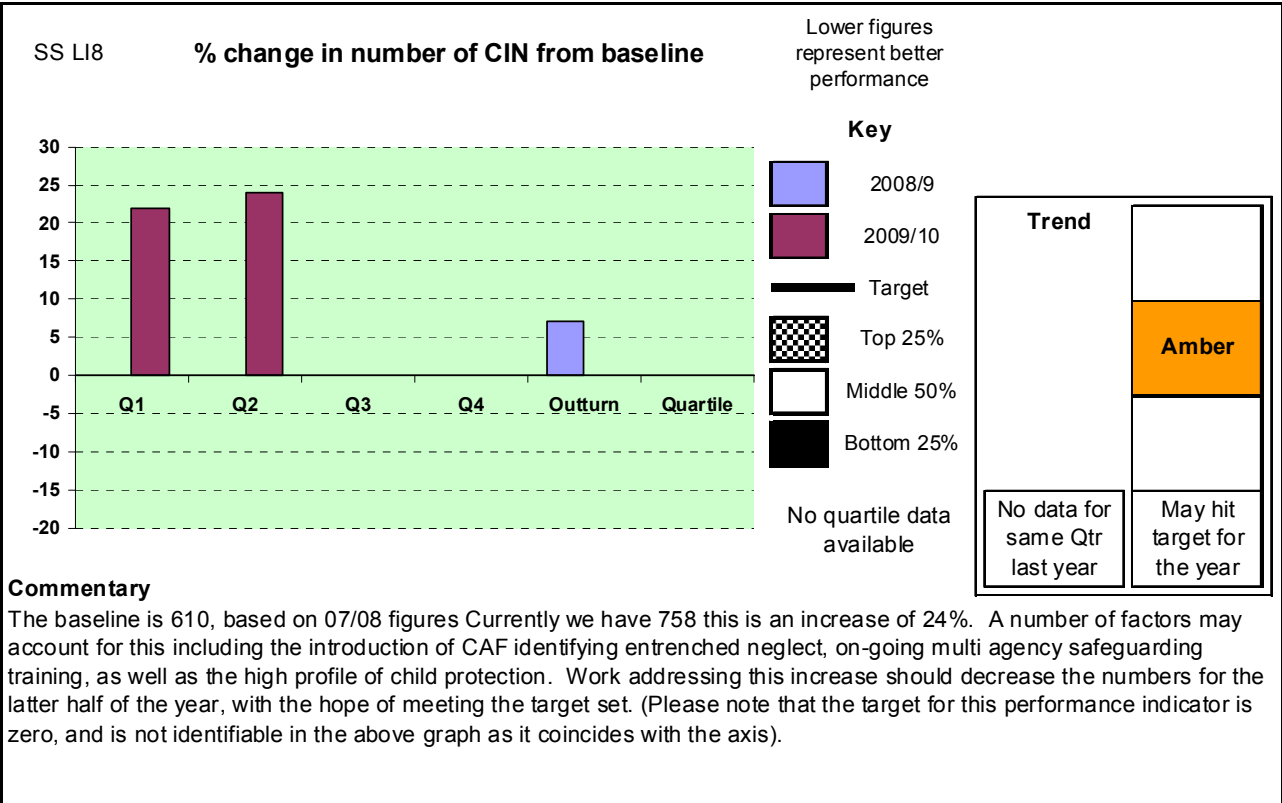
Appendix 1- Progress against Objectives/ Milestones
Appendix 2- Progress against Key Performance Indicators
Appendix 3- Progress against Other Performance Indicators
Appendix 4- Progress against Risk Control Measures
Appendix 5- Progress against High Priority Equality Actions
Appendix 6- Financial Statement
Appendix 7- Explanation of traffic light symbols

Service Plan Ref.	Objective	2009/10 Milestone	Progress to date	Commentary
SS 1	Improve Education and Employment Opportunities for Care Leavers	Appoint a designated officer to manage care leaver employment by September 2009		Postholder in place from 1 st September 2009.
		Implement a scheme that provides 10 apprenticeships for care leavers per year by March 2010		Scheme implemented and 5 young people in employment
		Fully implement the Council's employment scheme for care leavers by March 2010		Report presented to COMT and work with HR and Directorates underway
		Introduce a bursary for care leavers going on to higher education by September 2009		Bursary scheme in place and provided to 4 young people
		Develop the role of the Education Support Service/CSW (EET) to support the ongoing learning needs of care leavers up to the age of 21 by March 2010		Support in place and developing
		Increase the availability of permanent accommodation for care leavers by 4 units by March 2010		2 units in place with a further 4 planned to meet the target date.
		SS 2	Increase Placement Choice and Quality of Care for Children in Care	Complete a review of the demand for and supply of placements for children in care by March 2010

Service Plan Ref.	Objective	2009/10 Milestone	Progress to date	Commentary
		Implement a marketing strategy to improve recruitment of foster carers by March 2010		Marketing strategy revised and new range of material now being used within the borough.
		Increase the number of in house foster care placements by 8 by September 2009 (10% increase)		Increase has not been achieved. Report to be presented to COMT and Executive Board seeking support for increased allowances for carers to improve recruitment activity.
		Review the role of Principal Manager Fostering to secure a permanent appointment by April 2009.		Previous recruitment failed to secure a permanent appointment . Further recruitment will take place after job evaluation appeal of the Principal Manager posts.
		Recruit to the vacant 4 social work posts in the adoption and fostering services by June 2009		Short listing to take place after recent further advertising.
		Continue to engage with the Regional Commissioning programme to improve knowledge, quality and competitiveness of local, private provision by March 2010		Regional information on residential and foster carer provision is provided and updated regularly and is a source of information for commissioning activity in Halton.
		Implement and monitor CWDC development standards for foster carers by March 2010		Carers making progress towards achieving the standards

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SS 3	To maintain effective Safeguarding processes	Establish a Safeguarding Unit bringing expertise across the Directorate, health and the Police to improve the co-ordination of professional expertise and quality assurance processes by April 2009.		The Safeguarding Unit has been established. Development day to be held in November to develop the Business Plan.
		Implement a systematic approach to learning arising from Serious Case Reviews by September 2009		HSCB endorsed a proposal that each partner agency should have a systematic approach to ensure learning from Serious Case Reviews is assimilated and embedded. This has been implemented.
		Ensure that all agencies understand their responsibilities with regard to the management of allegations made against adults who work with children by March 2010		The briefing to all agencies is ongoing via the Local Authority Designated Officer.(LADO)
		Audit the implementation of the neglect protocol ensuring there are interagency minimum standards by March 2010		A multi agency short life task group is working on a review and update of the neglect protocol and will agree minimum standards.

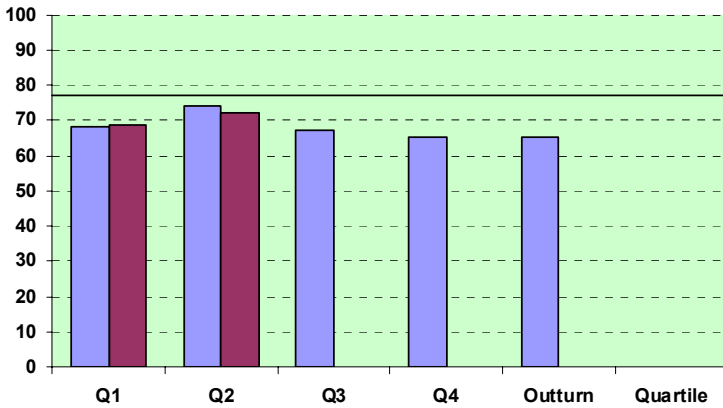
Service Plan Ref.	Objective	2009/10 Milestone	Progress to date	Commentary
SS 4	To provide effective and efficient services to Children in Need	Pilot an integrated Targeted Support to Families (TSF) service for children in need by realigning resources in the Directorate to meet the needs of children in need by September 2009.		TSF will continue to develop within Locality Services once these are rolled out in 2010.
		Roll out of an assessment and analysis toolkit, supported by training for frontline staff with the aim of improving the effectiveness of assessment and care planning by March 2010		Framework established. Work is underway to implement toolkit. The Children's Workforce Development Officer is now in post and working alongside front line managers to take this forward.
		Introduce a system for independently reviewing children in need plans at levels 3b by December 2009		System agreed. However implementation is reliant on the successful recruitment of an Independent Reviewing Manager who will be responsible for setting up the system.
		Ensure that the children in need teams are sufficiently staffed to meet the current demand for children in need services by March 2009.		Although recruitment of Social Workers has been good and only one vacancy, management capacity is becoming of increasing concern with 25% vacancy rate. The recruitment and retention strategy is being revised.



NI 63

**Stability of placements of looked after children:
length of placement**

Higher figures represent better performance



Key

- 2008/9
- 2009/10
- Target
- Top 25%
- Middle 50%
- Bottom 25%

No quartile data available

Trend

Worse than this time last year	Red
	Unlikely to hit target for the year

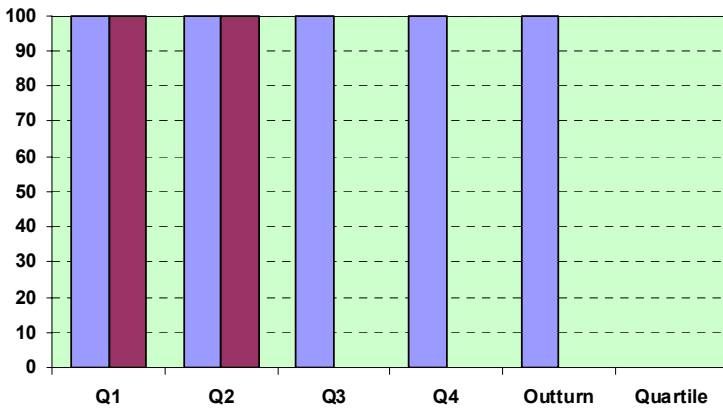
Commentary

Detailed analysis has been performed around this indicator and the results highlight the good practise in this area. The target is difficult to obtain due to the small numbers of Children in Care in Halton, meaning that planned moves and discharges can have a profound effect on this figure.

NI 66

Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales DCSF DSO

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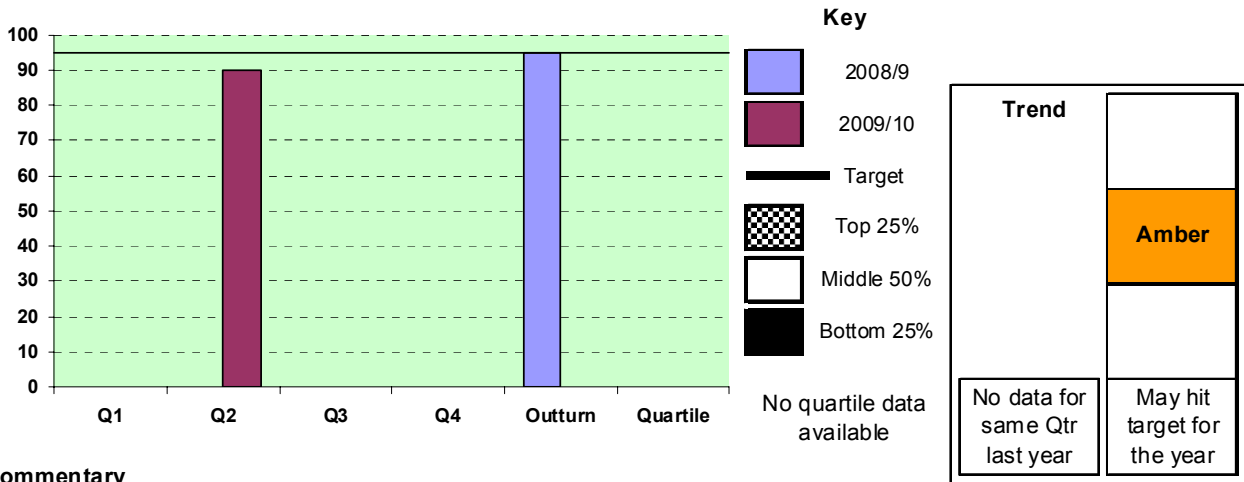
Same as this time last year	Green
	Should hit target for the year

Commentary

Cases continue to be reviewed in Timescale, maintaining Halton's record in this area





NI 68

Referrals to children’s social care going on to initial assessment DCSF DSO




Commentary

Data is currently undergoing quality assurance and is expected to improve once this has been completed. Performance remains higher than the national and regional average.




Ref	Description	Actual 2008/9	Target 09/10	Quarter 2	Progress	Commentary
Corporate Health						
SS LI2	% of managers trained in safe recruitment practice	TBA	2009/10 baseline year to establish target	N/A		Baseline in the process of being established and training to commence in October 2009.
Fair Access						
SS LI3	Number of jobs created for care leavers by HBC	2	5	0		Currently there are 6 care leavers employed on apprenticeships by HBC and one care leaver employed on a casual basis. It is hoped that these will become jobs by the close of the year.
NI148	Care leavers in employment, education or training (%)	46%	71%	66.7%		More care leavers are reported as in education, employment or training. The Apprenticeship scheme should further increase this indicator to meet the target at the end of the year.
SS LI4	% change in the number of foster carers from baseline	-10%	5%	-13%		Although we continue to see a decline in the number of foster carers, due to de-registrations and difficulties in recruitment, it is anticipated that Q3 should see an improvement based on the early indications in October 2009.
Quality						
NI147	Care leavers in suitable accommodation (%)	78.6%	82.5%	100%		All care leavers are currently in suitable accommodation at age 19. This is excellent progress on previous year, and has exceeded the target, however this remains a volatile indicator and requires continuous monitoring.




Ref	Description	Actual 2008/9	Target 09/10	Quarter 2	Progress	Commentary
Service Delivery						
SS LI7	% of CIN 6+ months independently reviewed with agreed timescales	N/A	50%	N/A		This is dependant on the successful recruitment of an Independent Reviewing Manager to set up a system, including recording the data.
NI60	Core Assessments completed within 35 working days	91.2%	92%	81%		Data is currently undergoing quality assurance and is expected to improve once this has been completed.
NI62	Stability of placements of CiC: number of moves	8.5%	8.3%	6%		Whilst the stability of placements of Children in Care: number of moves indicator remains on target, careful management will be maintained to ensure that the target is reached.
NI64	Child Protection plans lasting 2 or more years	0%	0%	0%		This figure remains at 0, although there are currently 2 children with a CP plan who are over 2 years who could impact on the indicator when their plan ceases. This situation is being closely monitored by the Divisional Manager Safeguarding.
NI65	Children subject to a CP Plan for a second or subsequent time	1.9%	10%	18%		This figure continues to fall in line with expectations and we are currently due to meet the target of 10%
NI67	Child Protection cases reviewed within timescales	100%	100%	100%		Cases continue to be reviewed in Timescale, maintaining Halton's record in this area
NI101	Children in Care achieving at least 5 A*-C GCSE including English and Maths	8.5%	17%	7.6%		One young person achieved the high benchmark attainment of 5 or more GCSE at grade A*-C including English and Maths.








Ref	Description	Actual 2008/9	Target 09/10	Quarter 2	Progress	Commentary
NI111	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System	249	239	95		This represents a 24.6% reduction against a target of 5% reduction.




Additional National Indicators:

The indicators below form part of the new National Indicator Set introduced on 1st April 2008. These indicators are subsidiary indicators to the main indicators monitored through the service plan. Where appropriate information will be provided as exception reports within the quarterly monitoring reports.

NI	Description	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Progress	Commentary
43	Young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody	9.2	5	4.9%		Performance meeting target.
44	Ethnic composition of offenders on Youth Justice System disposals	1.10	0	N/A		Annual submission. Expect data for Q4 reporting.
45	Young offenders' engagement in suitable education, training and employment	76.70	90	83.6%		Performance represents an improvement on previous year, although not yet meeting the target set.
46	Young Offenders' access to suitable accommodation	99.3	100	100%		Performance meeting target.
50	Emotional health of children (TellUs)	70.2	72	N/A		Data taken from TellUs 3 Survey which is carried out in Autumn term 2009. Data expected during Spring 2010.
51	Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services	12	13	N/A		Annual assessment carried out in February.
54	Services for disabled children	New Indicator 2009/10	N/A	N/A		New indicator currently under development.
58	Emotional and behavioural health of looked after children	16.0	16	N/A		Annual data return. Data provided in June 2010.

NI	Description	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Target	Quarter 2	Progress	Commentary
61	Timeliness of placements of looked after children for adoption following an agency decision that the child should be placed for adoption	44.4	As data underpinning this indicator relates to small numbers, targets are not appropriate.	71%		Monitoring and recent Ofsted inspection identified very positive progress on achieving timely placements for children.
70	Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries to children and young people	161.2	155.3	N/A		Awaiting data from PCT. Expected for Q4 reporting.
71	Children who have run away from home/care overnight	13.0	14	14		Progress remains stable from Quarter 1 and is expected that progress made during the year will continue to report 14 in the self assessment.
99	Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	50.0	33	50%		Small numbers (6 children in the cohort) affect these indicators however targets were met for this indicator this year.
100	Looked after children reaching level 4 in mathematics at Key Stage 2	25.0	33	67%		Small numbers (6 children in the cohort) affect these indicators however targets were met for this indicator this year.

Objective Reference	Risk Control Measures	Progress	Commentary
SS 2	Targeted recruitment strategy to increase numbers of local foster carers		Strategy in place, however impact not yet seen on numbers of foster carers.
	Implement CWDC standards for carers		Standards in process of being implemented.
	Review payments structure and rates for carers		Report to be presented to COMT and Executive Board seeking support for increased allowances for carers to improve recruitment activity.
	Implement actions from Staff Survey		Results from survey expected during Quarter 3.
	Evaluate impact of Recruitment and Retention Strategy		Impact has been evaluated and strategy revised.
SS 3	Development of multi-agency Safeguarding Unit to improve integrated working		Safeguarding Unit in place and will develop a Business Plan at a development day in November 2009.
	Sustained high performance in ensuring all safeguarding processes are quality assured and timely		Performance remains high, however some challenges to maintain performance. Recruitment to Independent Reviewing Manager vacancy will assist.

HIGH Priority Actions	Target (Resp. Officer)	Progress (Traffic lights)*	Commentary
Ensure staff participate in a programme of Equality and Diversity training	Mar 10 OD Specialist Services and all DM's		This is mandatory training for all staff, set out in Team Plans and is a requirement within EDRs.
Participate in programme of Equality Impact assessments on all Strategy, Policy, and Service Areas	Mar 10 OD Specialist Services and all DM's		Now built into policy development and review, but requires more work to imbedded process
Embed a system of stakeholder engagement, participation and consultation in all aspects of Service Delivery	Mar 10 OD Specialist Services and all DM's		Scoping work to be undertaken but already statutory requirement for CiC, CiN, Complex Needs

SPECIALIST SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30th September 2009

	Annual Revised Budget £'000	Budget to Date £'000	Expenditure to Date £'000	Variance to Date (Overspend) £'000	Actual Including Commitments £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Employees	6,193	2,951	2,786	165	2,968
Premises	423	210	210	0	235
Supplies & Services	708	253	337	(84)	403
Transport	168	56	52	4	59
Agency Related Expenditure	309	71	71	0	71
Residential Placements	2,266	1,156	1,016	140	1,016
Out of Borough Adoption	80	5	10	(5)	10
Out of Borough Fostering	385	95	435	(340)	435
In House Foster Carer Placements	1,670	719	653	66	656
Care Leavers	307	111	116	(5)	169
Central Support Service Recharges	782	360	360	0	360
Commissioned Services	2,012	852	872	(20)	872
Other	90	66	66	0	78
Contribution to CwD Pooled Budget	1,437	461	477	(16)	515
Total Expenditure	16,830	7,365	7,460	(95)	7,847
<u>Income</u>					
Aiming Higher for Disabled Children	-553	-145	-145	0	-145
Carers Grant	-129	-65	-65	0	-65
Care Matters Grant	-171	-70	-100	30	-100
Child & Adolescent Mental Health	-402	-151	-251	100	-251
Child Death Review Processes	-23	-11	-11	0	-11
Children's Fund	-483	-243	-243	0	-243
Child Trust Fund Grant	-3	-2	-2	0	-2
Cohesion Grant	-48	-24	-24	0	-24
HSCB	-210	-214	-214	0	-214
Inter Authority Income	-280	-160	-160	0	-160
Parenting Support Group	0	0	-22	22	-22
Positive Activities for Young People	-196	-98	-98	0	-98
Teenage Pregnancy Grant	-106	-55	-55	0	-55
Youth Opportunity & Youth Capital	-273	-137	-137	0	-137
Young Persons Substance Misuse	-63	-32	-32	0	-32
UASC	-19	-19	-19	0	-19
Total Income	-2,960	-1,426	-1,578	152	-1,578
Net Expenditure	13,869	5,939	5,883	57	6,270

Comments on the above figures

In overall terms, revenue spending at the end of Quarter 2 is below budget profile.

The Employee budget is below budget profile. This is due to a number of posts which still remain vacant, although partly offset by the use of external agency staff. It is anticipated that these vacant posts will be filled during the year with an offsetting reduction in the use of agency staff. Expenditure is planned to remain within budget by year-end.

The Supplies & Services budget is currently above budget profile. This is due to the Department incurring a significant cost in relation to case work conducted by Legal Services. It is anticipated that the Department will continue to incur expenditure in this area for the remainder of the year.

The Out of Borough budgets are currently above budget profile. This is due to the large number of fostering placements made outside of Halton. Whilst the Residential Placements budget is currently below budget profile, small unplanned incidences of high cost placements could place additional pressures on the combined budgets. These budgets are traditionally very volatile and demand led. The Department is monitoring activity closely, however, it is likely that spend will be significantly above budget at the year end.

The In House Foster Care Placements budget is currently in line with the budget profile. The Department is currently reviewing its placement strategy which may result in increased costs within this budget in the foreseeable future.

The Care Leavers budget is currently above budget profile. This is as a result of the responsibilities placed on the Authority as a corporate parent following the Care Matters Agenda.

The Commissioned Services budget is currently above budget profile. This is due to the increased use of services provided by the private, voluntary and independent sector.

The Income Budgets are currently above budget profile due to additional grant funding received by the Department.

SPECIALIST SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Children with Disabilities Pooled Budget as at 30th September 2009

(The following provides a summary of the council's contribution to the CwD Pooled Budget)

	Annual Revised Budget £'000	Budget to Date £'000	Expenditure to Date £'000	Variance to Date (Overspend) £'000	Actual Including Commitments £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Employees	932	462	462	0	486
Premises	160	82	82	0	91
Supplies & Services	58	29	24	5	29
Transport	26	13	13	0	13
Agency Related Expenditure	965	75	98	(23)	98
Central Support Service					
Recharges	196	70	70	0	70
Commissioned Services	60	71	71	0	71
Other	10	3	3	0	3
Total Expenditure	2,407	805	823	(18)	862
<u>Income</u>					
PCT Income	-970	-344	-346	2	-346
Total Income	-970	-344	-346	2	-346
Net Expenditure	1,437	461	477	(16)	515

Comments on the above figures

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The Employee budget is currently in line with the budget profile. There are a number of posts which still remain vacant, located within the Children's Disability Team and Inglefield. These vacancies are currently offset by the use of external agency staff. It is anticipated that these vacant posts will be filled during the year with an offsetting reduction in the use of agency staff. Expenditure is planned to remain within budget by year-end.

The Agency budget is above budget profile. This is due to a high number of unforeseen Direct Payments being made during the year. These additional costs can be consumed by the accumulated Pooled Budget balance held as an earmarked reserve.

STANDARDS FUND GRANTS – CENTRALLY RETAINED

As at 30th September 2009

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Ethnic Minority Improvement	11	5	5	0	5
Targeted Improvement	12	12	12	0	12
Making Good Progress	26	22	22	0	22
One to one tuition	191	126	6	120	6
Extended Schools	205	72	10	62	10
Sustainability					
Extended Schools Subsidy	48	8	0	8	0
Primary Strategy	650	229	186	43	186
Targeted					
Secondary Strategy	69	16	9	7	9
Targeted					
Early Years	180	112	0	112	0
Flexibility of free entitlement					
Music	210	152	95	57	95
Aim Higher	189	124	26	98	26
Key Stage 4	104	50	50	0	50
Engagement Programme					
National Challenge	29	26	26	0	26
Building Schools for the Future	50	0	0	0	0
Schools Connectivity / Broadband	7	7	7	0	7
Total Standards Fund	1,981	961	454	507	454

AREA BASED GRANT SCHEMES

As at 30th September 2009

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Flexible 14-19 Partnerships	37	19	0	19	0
Choice Advisers	26	13	13	0	13
Education Health Partnerships	60	30	16	14	16
Extended Rights for Free Travel	44	22	0	22	0
Extended Schools	567	283	145	138	145
Secondary Strategy – Behaviour & Attendance	80	40	40	0	40
Secondary Strategy – Central Co-ordination	371	185	163	22	163
Primary Strategy – Central Co-ordination	206	103	45	58	45
School Improvement Partners	71	35	0	35	0
School Intervention	44	22	22	0	22
School Travel Advisers	17	8	0	8	0
Sustainable Travel to Schools	10	5	0	5	0
ICT Infrastructure	121	60	33	27	33
SEN	136	68	28	40	93
Training	25	12	0	12	0
Excellence in Cities	82	82	82	0	82
Behaviour & Improvement Programme	303	151	56	95	56
Missing from Education	9	5	0	5	0
School Support Staff	51	25	12	13	12
Behaviour Projects	132	66	71	(5)	71
Attendance	77	39	28	11	28
ABG Connexions	1,682	841	841	0	841
TOTAL AREA BASED GRANT	4,151	2,114	1,595	519	1,660

GENERAL SURE START & CHILDRENS CENTRE GRANT SCHEMES

As at 30th September 2009

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Sure Start Main	2,476	1,238	885	353	1,030
2 Year Old Free Entitlement	158	0	0	0	0
Ditton CC	566	278	229	49	236
Brookvale CC	519	260	303	(43)	335
Halton Lodge CC	443	222	235	(13)	247
Halton Brook CC	595	298	235	63	275
Kingsway CC	623	312	241	71	275
Warrington Road CC	93	47	45	2	48
Widnes All Saints CC	10	0	0	0	0
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour CC	15	7	6	1	6
Runcorn All Saints CC	10	5	2	3	3
Castlefields CC	10	0	0	0	0
Palacefields CC	70	35	15	20	15
Windmill Hill CC	80	40	81	(41)	81
Children's Centre General	720	360	232	128	261
Total General Sure Start & Children's Centres	6,388	3,102	2,509	593	2,812

OTHER EXTERNAL GRANT SCHEMES

As at 30th September 2009

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
LSC Post 16 Transport	25	18	18	0	18
Children's Workforce Development	56	15	11	4	11
Walking to School Initiative	4	0	0	0	0
IS Contact Point	267	62	62	0	62
Info Systems for Parents & Providers	4	0	0	0	0
Children's Workforce Higher Level	130	65	60	5	82
Teaching Assistants	67	0	0	0	0
Arts Education Development	99	49	39	10	39
National Remodelling School Workforce	149	34	34	0	34
Basic Skills Quality Mark – Primary	4	0	0	0	0
Schools Music Service	17	7	7	0	7
Build Capacity for Leadership Succession	53	0	0	0	10
PE & Sports	580	290	237	53	241
Aim Higher	336	26	26	0	29
14-19 Advisory	493	168	168	0	173
Education Business Link	225	113	108	5	113
Neighbourhood Managers Project	59	25	25	0	29
Enterprise Game	128	64	54	10	57
14-19 Diploma	315	56	56	0	56
Parenting Strategy	50	3	3	0	10
St Chads – Lottery	8	8	8	0	8
Gateway Plus	115	53	31	22	31
Mental Health in Schools	220	6	6	0	11
Total Other External Funding	3,404	1,062	953	109	1,021

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP SCHEMES

As at 30th September 2009

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Neglect – PACT	125	62	31	31	31
Barnardos Missing from Home	70	35	35	0	35
Teenage Pregnancy (Health)	157	78	0	78	0
Portage	16	16	0	16	5
Attendance	22	22	22	0	27
HITS	50	25	10	15	10
Vikings in the Community	38	19	17	2	17
Connexions – NEET	46	46	0	46	0
Canal Boat Adventure	45	22	0	22	0
Improved Education for Vulnerable Youngsters	40	20	6	14	15
Kingsway Literacy Development	355	178	53	125	53
Youth Activity	27	27	27	0	27
H9P PEP Dowries	3	3	3	0	9
Alcohol Outreach	100	50	0	50	0
Unallocated Funds	71	36	0	36	0
Total LSP	1,165	639	204	435	229

Comments on the above figures:

Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) funding spending to the end of quarter 2 is below budget profile.

Regular monitoring reports are sent to the LSP in respect of all LSP projects and any areas of concern are dealt with throughout the year by the CYP commissioning / finance team. Further support is provided by the LSP team in the Policy & Performance Division as well as individual project managers.

There are some projects which have been allocated working neighbourhood funds for the first four months of the year so the budgets have been profiled to reflect this.

CAPITAL PROJECTS CYPD at 30th September 2009

	2009/10 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
Asset Management Data	5	0	0	5
Fire Compartmentation	15	0	0	15
Capital Repairs	1,174	962	1,148	26
Contingency	178	43	43	135
Fairfield School	316	299	299	17
Asbestos Management	20	0	0	20
Cavendish School	43	42	42	1
Changing Rooms				
All Saints Upton School PCP	713	235	21	692
Our Lady Mother of Saviour School	100	0	0	100
My Place Children's Centre	1,625	206	206	1,419
General	58	0	0	58
Astmoor CC	25	16	16	9
Runcorn All Saints CC	8	0	0	8
St Augustine's CC	4	0	0	4
The Park CC	18	12	12	6
Windmill Hill CC	17	0	0	17
Children's Centre	53	53	53	0
Maintenance				
Brookfields School	17	0	0	17
Cavendish School	41	0	6	35
Early Years Childcare	217	82	82	135
School Access	98	13	13	85
Play-builder Capital	388	60	60	328
Moore Primary	290	29	29	261
Lunts Heath	63	60	0	63
Westbank School	80	76	0	80
Hillview School	94	72	0	94
Cavendish School	38	38	38	0
Furniture & Equipment				
Aim Higher for Disabled Children	285	62	62	223
Harnessing Technology	543	118	118	425
ICS Implementation	30	0	0	30
Info systems parents	3	1	1	2
Total Capital	6,559	2,479	2,249	4,310




Comments on the above figures:

There are still some capital schemes with no actual expenditure up to the end of Quarter 2.

It is important that these projects get underway as soon as possible and are closely monitored during the year, in order to ensure that the relevant capital allocations are fully utilized by the financial year end.

There are a number of schemes where the works will take place in the 2010-11 financial year as the funding is permitted to be carried forward.

The traffic light symbols are used in the following manner:

	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Performance Indicator</u>
<u>Green</u>	 <p>Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.</p>	<p>Indicates that the <u>target is on course to be achieved</u>.</p>
<u>Amber</u>	 <p>Indicates that it is <u>unclear</u> at this stage, <u>whether the milestone/objective will be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.</p>	<p>Indicates that it is either <u>unclear</u> at this stage or too early to state whether the target is on course to be achieved.</p>
<u>Red</u>	 <p>Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain that the objective</u> will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.</p>	<p>Indicates that the <u>target</u> will not be achieved unless there is an intervention or remedial action taken.</p>