

The Sustainable Community

Strategy for Halton

2011 - 2016

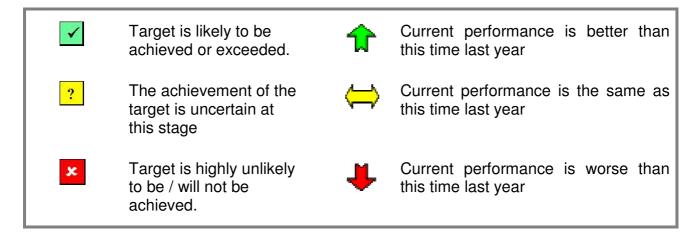
Mid-year Progress Report 01st April – 30th Sept 2011



This report provides a summary of progress in relation to the achievement of targets within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 - 2016.

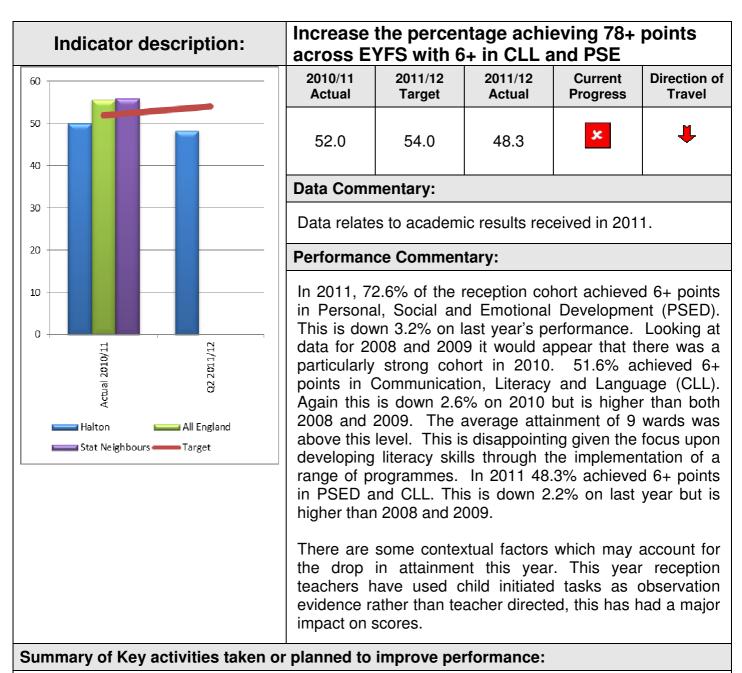
It provides both a snapshot of performance for the period 1st April 2011 to 30th September 2011 and a projection of expected levels of performance to the year-end.

The following symbols have been used to illustrate current performance as against the 2011 target and as against performance for the same period last year.



Children and Young People in Halton

Page	Ref	Descriptor	2010 / 11 Target	Direction of travel
	CYP 1	Increase the percentage achieving 78+ points across EYFS (6+ CLL and PSE	×	¥
	CYP 2	Increase the percentage of children attaining level 4 or above in English & Maths	×	\Leftrightarrow
	CYP 3	Increase the percentage achieving 5+ A*-C including English & Maths		Î
	CYP 4	Increase the percentage achieving Level 3 at 19	✓	↑
	CYP 5	Reduce the percentage of young people not in education, employment or training		¥
	CYP 6	Reduce the Percentage of children who are obese in Year 6	×	¥
	CYP 7	Reduce the rate of CYP admitted to hospital for substance misuse	N/A	New measure
	CYP 8	Increase the Percentage of referrals with evidence of early help and support (CAF)	?	T
	CYP 9	Increase the Percentage of educational settings with overall effectiveness Good/ Outstanding		¥
	CYP 10	Reduce the Attainment gap between FSM and Halton average KS2	×	Ļ
	CYP 11	Reduce the Attainment gap between FSM and Halton average KS4	×	4
	CYP 12	Reduce over identification of SEN at SA and SAP	N/A	N/A
	CYP 13	Increase the percentage of young people progressing to Higher Education	N/A	N/A
	CYP 14	Increase the percentage of children with SEN or receiving enhanced provision achieving 2 levels progress	Placeholder 2012/13	New measure
	CYP 15	Reduce under 18 conception rate, percentage change from 2009 baseline position		↑
	CYP 16	Reduction in child and family poverty	Placeholder 2012/13	New measure
	CYP 17	Increase the percentage of children in care achieving their expected outcomes at KS2 & KS4	Placeholder 2012/13	New measure



Developing communication skills continues to be a high priority in Halton. A team of Early Years Consultant teachers provide advice and support for pre-school settings to support practitioners in improving quality of provision. In addition, local authority staff continue to work very closely with colleagues from the Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) service delivering a wide range of support and training for the early years workforce, targeted to enhance children's communication

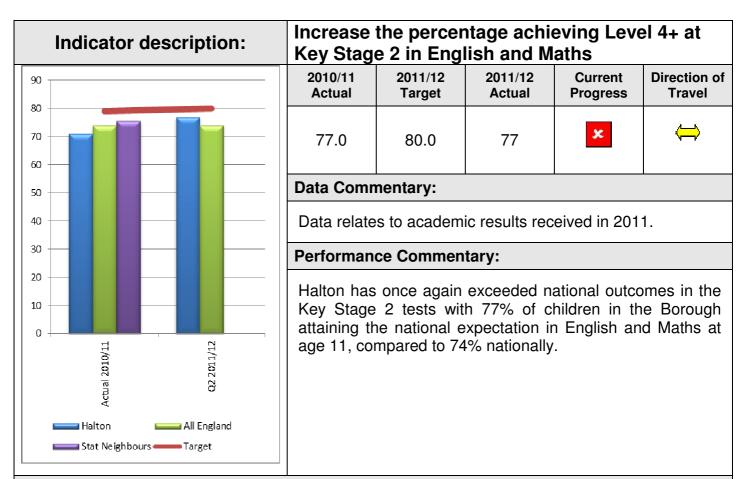
This includes:

skills.

- ICAN" Supporting Level training
- "ICAN" Enhancing Level Training
- Every Child A Talker (ECAT) /Communication Cluster groups
- Inclusion Development Programme (IDP)
- Story basket training
- "There's no place like home" Child minder training

- Training workshops at 2 year old conference
- Training workshops at Child minder conference
- SALT Conference 'Join the Communication Train'
- Training at EYFS Conference
- Speak, listen & play training
- "You make the difference training" for parents/carers of families with young children
- "Referrers Workshop" training for practitioners
- "Visual supports" training for practitioners
- "Communication workshop" INSET delivered in setting/school bespoke to that context
- Provided written training packs and support such as "Foundations for Understanding" & other information leaflets/posters/tips
- "Moonbeams"; "Little Stars" and "Little Explorers" workshops/activity sessions to support children with complex needs and social communication disorders.
- "ICAN" Specialist level training for EYCT and wider Early Years work force

There has also been a significant investment in funding for vulnerable two year olds. This is enabling our most vulnerable two year olds to access 10 hours a week of pre-school education. Those children who have been funded at two haven't yet reached reception classes. We are hopeful of future impact upon assessment outcomes as a result of this early intervention.

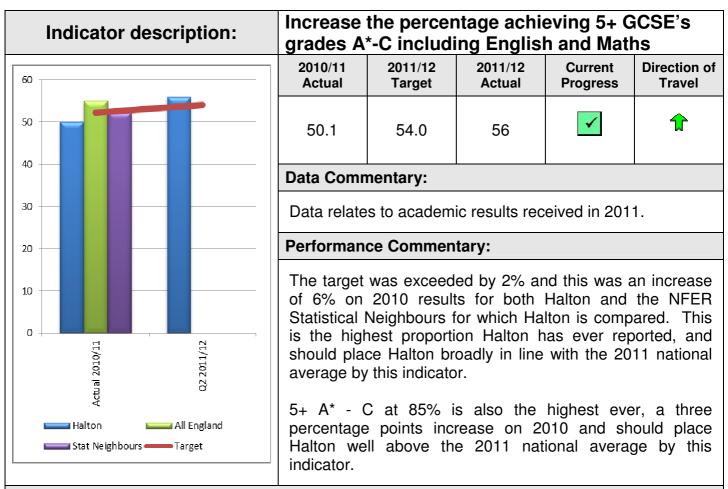


The government introduced a raised floor standard for attainment in both English and mathematics combined with a minimum expectation that 60% of children within the cohort attain the level 4 threshold,

Whilst the majority of schools in Halton meet this standard, there are some schools, where despite their meeting or exceeding nationally expected rates of progress, attainment remains below the floor standard.

Following changes to the delivery of school improvement services in Halton, resulting from the national reduction in grant funding, schools are now required to purchase school improvement support. This support is targeted at improving the quality of learning and this in turn will secure rapid progress for pupils

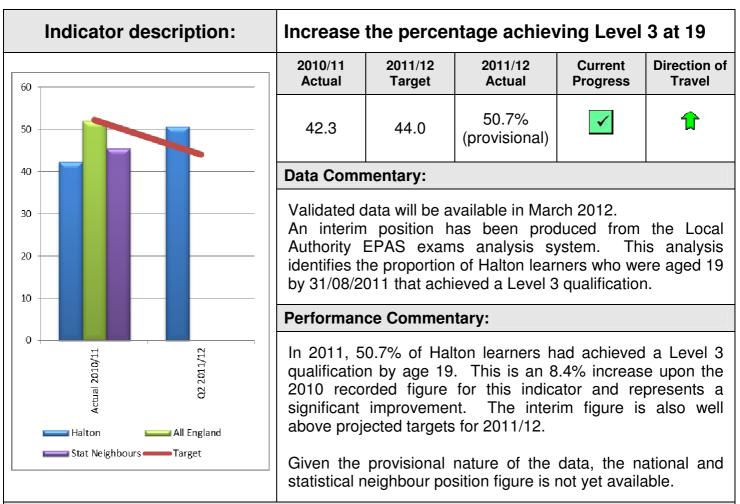
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The government introduced a raised floor standard for attainment with a minimum expectation that 35% of pupils within the cohort attain 5+ GCSE's including English and mathematics. In 2011 all schools in Halton were above this standard.

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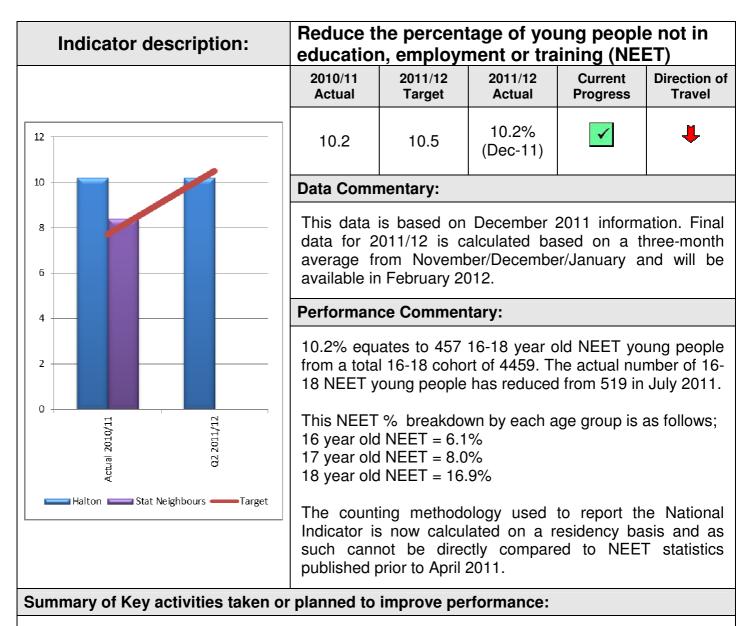


The analysis highlights the importance of achieving 5+ English & Maths at age 16 as a major factor in increasing performance of Level 3 by age 19. A breakdown of the 2011 Level 3 by 19 cohort reveals that 77.7% of learners who achieved 5+A*-C Inc. E&M at age 16 progressed to achieve this measure by age 19.

In addition, the analysis shows that there is a fairly even split between Halton learners achieving a level 3 through an academic or vocational route. 24.9% achieved level 3 through either A/AS Level combinations including double award subjects and 25.8% achieved level 3 through other exam types.

The 14-19 Team continues to have termly monitoring visits with Halton School Sixth-Forms, both of which have developed action plans to raise learner achievement and value added performance using the 'ALPS' school improvement tool. Subject to available funding it is intended to continue to use the ALPS in 2011/12.

The performance at Level 3 of the borough's largest FE provider, Riverside College Halton continues to improve with 100% vocational pass rate and 99.7% A-Level pass rates in 2011. The College is also continuing to work with the LA in identifying any gaps in provision.



There are currently 243 NEET 18 year olds in Halton compared to 90 sixteen year olds and 126 seventeen year olds. The issue of long-term NEET within the borough is being addressed through two separate multi-agency case-conferencing meetings. The meetings enable professionals to discuss individual cases of NEET young people with education and training providers to match young people with suitable available provision to reengage them in EET.

Data sharing protocols are currently being amended to enable practitioners and providers to freely discuss the specific barriers individual young people have which are preventing them from progressing back into learning.

Indicator description:		Reduce the percentage of children who are Obese in Year 6						
24%	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Target	2011/12 Actual	Current Progress	Direction of Travel			
3%	21.6	22.0	23.8	×	+			
	Data Com	Commentary:						
	 The percentage of children in year 6 (aged 11) who a obese, as shown by the National Child Measureme Programme (NCMP). Data is reported one year in arrears. Q3 data is newly released official data. 							
	Performance Commentary:							
2008/09 2009/2010 2010/2011 2011/2012 	New data is recently released official data for 2010/11. Halton has once again exceeded the 85% target for Reception and Year 6 children with height and weight recorded with 95.3% of children being measured in year 6.							
	Childhood obesity in Halton is fluctuating							

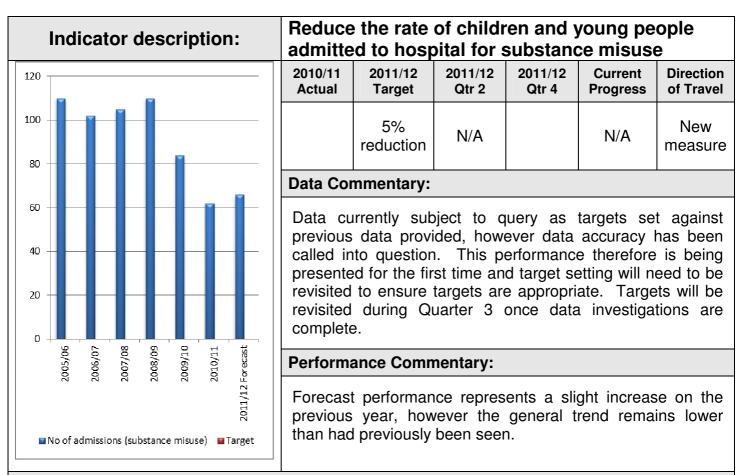
Halton's performance for 2010 has show fluctuation with a continued variable trend over the last few years. Halton remains above the national and north west average. Halton shows an increasing obesity rate in line with increasing obesity rates for the England and North West averages.

The school Fit4Life Programme which tackles overweight and obesity for children aged 6 to 13 years was rolled out in June 2011 and the results are not therefore reflected in this latest National Child Measurement Programme result. The Fit4Life programme targets schools with the highest obesity rates. It offers education for teachers and children and their parents in cooking, healthy eating and the importance of exercise. It runs fun exercise classes for all children in the school. Data from the pilot programme shows a reduction in obesity amongst those schools that participated as the figures below demonstrate. We anticipate that with further roll out school age obesity figures will fall.

Fit4Life Pilot School Results

School	2009 Halton	2010 Halton
1	51%	26%
2	49%	38%
3	46%	34%
4	45%	40%
5	45%	23%
6	42%	31%

Teenage weight management is being tackled via the Alive and Kicking Programme for all 14 to 19 year olds. This programme offers a personal trainer style programme for all teenagers across Halton. It is now embedded in the colleges and some of the secondary schools. It also runs classes teenagers can access at Halton Stadium and is proving popular. The 2010/11results show 75% of teenagers participating have lost weight and 70% are now fitter. Unfortunately these figures do not contribute to the target as it is based on the weight of 11 year olds.



We have built upon the specialist treatment and targeted outreach services for young people in Halton by ensuring a range of interventions are available and increased the number of young people successfully completing treatment are engaging in positive activities.

We have establish effective links with acute wards and A&E to ensure all young people admitted due to self-harm or overdose are aware of specialist treatment services. Young people have been involved in reviewing and designing marketing and information materials to target young people at risk of misusing alcohol.

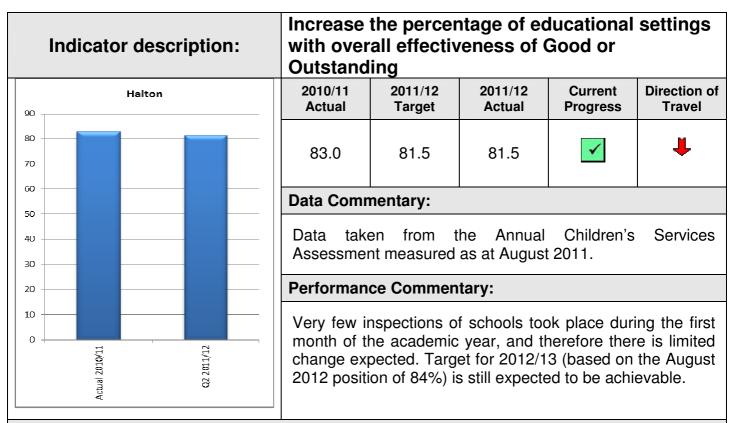
In partnership with Mentor UK and Young Addaction we have trained key voluntary and community groups in carrying out brief interventions with young people who have disclosed alcohol misuse. Through the Skills for Change programme we are delivering projects in high schools aimed at children and young people affected by substance misuse.

Indicator description:	Increase the percentage of referrals where there is evidence of early help and support							
16	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Target	2011/12 Qtr 2	2011/12 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel		
14	3.8	15	5		?	T		
10	Data Commentary:							
	Data is taken from the CareFirst system and matched against the CAF data taken from Synergy CYP, however as unique identifiers are not used across both systems the matching can be flawed and therefore this performance may be an under representation of the percentage. Methods of calculating this in a more robust manner are currently being identified.							
10/11	Performance Commentary:							
Actual 2010/11 Actual 2010/11 Actual 2010/11	15 refermed to 15 months.	rals had b	een subjeo	ct to a CA	F in the pre	evious 12		

Pathways between Integrated Working Support (IWST) and the Children in Need teams are established and working well. In addition the work with the Police to improve and develop CAVA (Children and Vulnerable Adults) pathways is positively impacting on ensuring those families who require a service at Level 3b and 4 are appropriately referred.

There has been a 134% increase on the number of open and active CAF's over the past 18 months and there has been a continued increase in the numbers of consultations carried out by IWST assisting agencies to put support into place for families lower on the levels of need.

It is expected that given the number of referrals to social care in a year that it will take some time for CAF to be in place for even a quarter of the children referred.



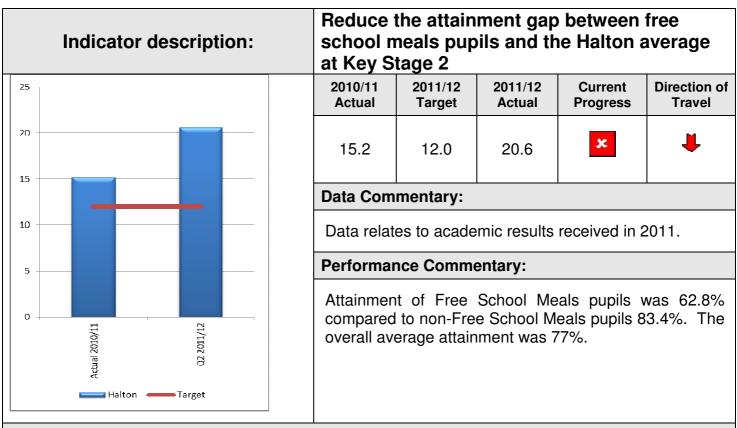
The new Ofsted inspection framework for schools was introduced in January 2012. The changes to inspection are designed to:

- raise expectations especially for teaching and pupil achievement
- give greater priority to early reading and literacy
- focus in more depth on the quality of teaching and pupils' behaviour and safety
- give greater priority to the impact of school leadership on improving teaching and achievement
- focus inspection more on schools that need to improve most.

All satisfactory schools are considered to be vulnerable and retained school improvement personnel continue to carefully monitor their progress, providing support and intervention as appropriate.

An analysis of performance data is completed for all schools by members of the School Improvement Team in Autumn and Spring as data becomes available. As a result of this analysis schools are 'categorised' to identify those schools that are at risk of not achieving a good or better Ofsted outcome. Where appropriate Warning Notices have been issued to challenge underperformance.

This information has resulted in the allocation of link improvement officers to those schools that are considered to be vulnerable or a school causing concern. In addition to the support and challenge provided by the LA, schools are expected to purchase a range of school improvement support targeted at raising quality of teaching and as appropriate, leadership and management.



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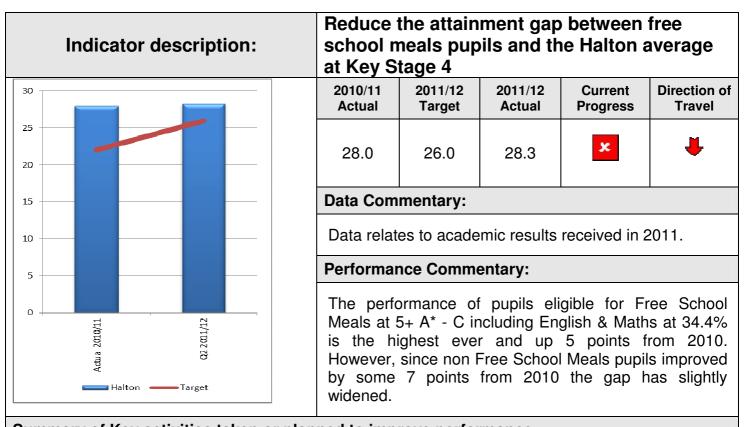
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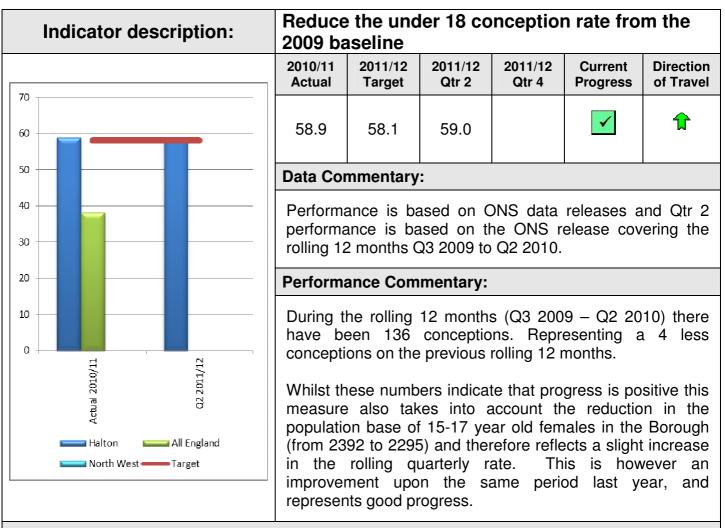
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	2010/112011/122011/12CurrentDirection ofActualTargetActualProgressTravel									
	22.6	21.4	n/a	n/a	n/a					
	Data Commentary: This data is taken annually from the Spring Schools Census and will not be available for measurement until the quarter 4 report cycle.									
	Performan	ce Commen	tary:							
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:										

Indicator description:		Increase the percentage of young people progressing to Higher Education							
30	2010/11 Actual	2011/12 Target	2011/12 Actual	Current Progress	Direction of Travel				
25	27.0	25.0		n/a	n/a				
20	Data Comr	nentary:							
15	This data is provided by the HESA Student Returns and data provided in arrears with the latest data available for 2010/11.								
5	Performan	ce Commen	tary:						
	A small increase is expected for 2011/12 supported by an increase in level 3 performance. 2011 is the last intake before university fees increase significantly which is likely								
Actual 201 Actual 201	to impact negatively on further increases.								
Halton Target									
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:									
Performance for 2010/11 represents a five percentage point increase on the previous year.									

Indicator description:	Increase the percentage of children with SEN or receiving enhanced provision achieving two levels progress								
	2010/112011/122011/12CurrentDirection ofActualTargetActualProgressTravel								
				Placeholder measure	N/A				
	Data Commentary: This measure has been agreed as a placeholder indicate and targets are to be set once 2011/12 data is confirmed.								
	Performan	ce Commen	tary:						
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:									



We are continuing to work with school governors to extend sexual health services and projects such as Teens and Tots delivered in schools. Workforce training on prevention and support has been increased to frontline staff and parents.

We are increasing the support to young people at risk of teenage pregnancy by offering the DfE funded Teens and Toddlers programme to more high schools in Halton.

We continue to improve access to contraceptive services and provision for young people, including LARC and condoms.

Robust care pathways are in place for prevention and support in all high schools and we continue to support pregnant young women of school age to remain in education, employment and training.

A comprehensive co-ordinated packages of support is available for teenage parents through Children's Centres which include; antenatal and postnatal care, access to education and training, advice on childcare, benefits, housing.

Indicator description:	Increase the percentage of children in care achieving expected outcomes at Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4								
	2010/11 Actual2011/12 Target2011/12 Qtr 22011/12 Qtr 4Current ProgressDirection of Trave								
					Placeholder 2012/13	N/A			
	Data Commentary: This is a placeholder indicator and targets to be set one 2011/12 data is confirmed.								
	Perform	ance Com	mentary:						
Summary of Key activities taker	or planned	to impro	ve perform	nance:					

Indicator description:	Reduce child and family poverty								
	2010/112011/122011/122011/12CurrentDirectActualTargetQtr 2Qtr 4Progressof Trate								
					Placeholder measure 2012/13	N/A			
	Data Commentary: This is a placeholder until a suitable indicator and data sour has been identified.								
	Perform	ance Com	mentary:						
Summary of Key activities taken	or planned	to impro	ve perform	nance:					