

GROUP PERFORMANCE REPORT

Children, Families and Learning

31st October 2006



1. PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Actions Arising From The Previous Performance Clinic

SCL 21 – Care leavers in employment, education or training (EET)

The issue related to the commitment duplicating the BVPI. In the department's strategic plan two key challenges are identified in securing economic well-being for looked after children – one relates to getting more care leavers into EET, the other to securing good housing for them. Both issues were migrated to the corporate plan as commitments whilst the BVPI is the measure in the department's plan that will show if the commitment has been achieved.

SCL 20 – Training additional parents in voluntary work by Sure Start.

Details of the parents who have been trained, are currently in training or who are booked on future courses are included in the relevant appendix this quarter.

BV 222b Quality of early years and childcare leadership – year-end projection.

In the first quarter report the annual target was shown as the projected out turn, as staff working for private providers tend to migrate to better paid jobs in schools if they secure a relevant qualification. However, Sure Start has since received additional funding to support this training, making current levels of qualification more sustainable and this is reflected in the revised projected out turn.

BV 45 & 46 Falling attendance levels in schools.

Schools report data direct to the DfES – primary schools via a web site and secondary schools through the termly census returns (2006+). Primary school data is available a term in arrears via the DfES web site; secondary school data was not available this way for 2005/06.

Amongst primary schools, only 7 schools showed lower attendance levels in the first term, but this reversed in the second term with all but 12 schools showing lower attendance levels across the two terms. The third term (April and May) presents little opportunity to effect significant change, but 16 schools showed improved attendance levels for the year. The department is implementing a system to collect data from all schools on a weekly basis. A test of the system in 5 schools has been successful and the roll out is planned for completion by the end of October.

BV 221 – Youth Service outcomes – full definitions requested.

The BVPI draws on a pre-existing Youth Service return made to the National Youth Agency (NYA) on local outcomes. A copy of the guidance document has been obtained from the NYA and forwarded to the corporate performance team.

BV 222a – Quality of early years and childcare leadership

A copy of the full definition for this BVPI is attached.

2. PROGRESS ON STRATEGIC PLAN, PLANNED ACTIONS (Appendix A)

At the end of the second quarter 15 of the 23 Children (65%), Families and Learning commitments are on track.

There are 3 (13%) commitments where performance cannot be measured at the end of this quarter.

- SCL1 (dental and health checks for looked after children) and SCL19 (conviction rates for looked after children), which are collected on an annual basis from the APA data set.
- SCL8 (bullying rates reported in the pupil survey), which is waiting for the revised children and young peoples survey to be administered in November before the necessary information becomes available.

There are currently 5 (22%) commitments reported to be not on target.

- SCL12 (60% of young people leaving care at 16 who have one or more A*-G GCSE equivalent by July 2008). 44.4% of care leavers to date this year have achieved this level of qualifications against the 2006/07 target of 58% (BV50).
- SCL15 (Progress BSF by gaining DfES approval of the Strategic Business case by November 2007) – current projections have slipped to February 2007.
- SCL18 (100% of all looked after children are able to communicate their views at reviews). 92.3% of children have participated in their reviews so far this year, which is up on the 2005/06 figure of 90%.
- SCL21 (Ensure that the percentage of care leavers in employment, education or training (EET) at age 19 matches the Middlesbrough average by March 2009). The current ratio is 0.71 against the 2006/07 target of 0.76 (BV161).
- SCL23 (95% of school leavers attain at least one recognised qualification). Provisional GCSE figures from the DfES indicate a 92.3% achievement rate.

3. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS MEETING TARGET (Appendix B)

Of the 22 BVPIs being reported, 8 (36.4%) are reported as meeting their targets at the end of the second quarter.

- BV 162 – % of child protection cases, which should have been reviewed and were reviewed.
The current completion rate remains at 100% following the review of key process elements in 2005/06.
- BV 38 – Pupils achieving 5 or more A* - C GCSEs or equivalent.
Provisional GCSE results (48.4%) show good continued year on year improvement, which raises the out turn above target (48%) for the first time and closes the gap on national performance by approximately 1%.

4. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS NOT MEETING TARGET (Appendix C)

Of the 22 BVPIs being reported, 14 (64%) are reported as below target, with 5 of these appearing in the bottom quartile:

- BV 39 – % of 15 year olds achieving 5 or more GCSEs (G and above) or equivalent, including Maths and English.
Provisional data indicates an out turn of 79.3%, which represents a drop of 1% with performance having stayed approximately +/- 0.5% of 80% over the last 5 years.
- BV 181a – 14 year olds achieving level 5 or better at Key Stage 3 English.
Provisional data indicates an out turn of 62.5%, slightly below 2005/06.
- BV 45 & 46 –absence in secondary and primary schools.
Improvements secured in 2005/06 have been lost. The key issues are covered in more detail in other sections of this report and its appendices.
- BV 50 –young people leaving care with at least one GCSE.
Performance to date for this cumulative indicator is 44.4%.

Sustained improvement across the attainment BVPIs has helped to keep a number of indicators out of the bottom quartile. The revision of the authority's targets in this area of work has also helped to reduce any gap between out turn and target.

5. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS NOT REPORTED THIS QUARTER TARGETS SET (Appendix D)

5 of the Children, Families and Learning service BVPIs are not reported this quarter. Of these 4 (80%) are financial indicators where the information will not be available until the year-end, and the remaining indicator (BV197 - conceptions amongst 15-17 year olds) relies on external data published in February each year.

Ref	Planned Actions	On Target	Progress in 2006/2007	Key Issues/Comments
Be healthy – Ensure good physical, mental, emotional and sexual health of children and young people by:				
SCL 1	85% of looked after children receive annual dental and health assessments	Not Available		Figures are reported annually in the APA.
SCL 2	50% of all schools meet the healthy schools standard	Yes	29 Primary, 5 Secondary 3 Special schools and 2 PRU's met standard (level 3) = 69.9%	All schools are on board with the new status except 1 academy
SCL 3	Ten non- schools settings achieve the healthy schools standards	Yes	One Outdoor Centre achieved award to date with a pilot taking place in Youth Centres.	Audit tool prepared and ready to roll out from July 1 st 2006
SCL 4	Three full-time equivalent social workers employed in CAMHS	Yes	There are 3 full-time equivalent social workers within CAMHS. We contribute to 2 posts and have a third ourselves.	
Stay safe – Ensure that children and young people are kept safe from deliberate, neglectful or accidental harm by:				
SCL 5	85% of initial statements are completed within 7 working days of referral.	Yes	89.9% of initial statements are currently being completed within the timescale.	
SCL 6	Increase the proportion of fathers involved in Sure Start by 10%	Yes	From April 2006 the baseline figure was 140 fathers involved in Sure Start. To date, 163 fathers are involved.	Information is monitored on a quarterly basis using Sure Start's Softsmart system.
SCL 7	Ensure a town wide safety scheme is in place by March 2007	Yes	6 centres currently offer this service, covering the 4 localities in Middlesbrough. 2 more centres will soon be providing the service.	
SCL 8	Ensure that recorded bullying is reduced by 15% measured by the pupil survey.	Not Available	New questionnaires for children and young people developed and endorsed by the Children, Families and Learning Leadership Team. To be implemented in November 2006 and reported in December 2006.	
Strategic Risk	The CFL department's failure to implement policy and/or processes, because of capacity, issues directly contributes to a child death or significant child protection concerns		Currently only have two vacancies so able to meet child protection concerns with current capacity.	
Enjoy and achieve – Enable children and young people to enjoy and fully participate in a wide variety of learning opportunities by:				

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Ref	Planned Actions	On Target	Progress in 2006/2007	Key Issues/Comments
SCL 9	Increase the number of families involved in family learning to 1,200 by March 2007	Yes	900 families participating at the end of the first quarter. On target to achieve this commitment.	The level of family learning provision has been increased to meet the target, but all provision has not yet been delivered.
SCL 10	Establishing 100% joint planning in all children's centres by March 2007	Yes	Several stakeholder meetings have taken place, working with schools, health, local authority partner agencies and local councillors.	
SCL 11	45% of minority ethnic pupils will achieve 5 or more A*-C GCSEs at 16 by March 2007	Yes	Provisional GCSE data indicates 47%	Source data from EPAS Includes all academies except UCA, as the data was not available at the date of analysis. Ethnic Minorities is considered as ALL pupils who do not ascribe to an ethnic background prefixed by 'W' under the DfES guidance.
SCL 12	60% of young people leaving care at 16 who have one or more A*-G GCSE equivalent by July 2008.	No	Current rate amongst young people leaving care so far this year is 44.4%	4 out of 9 Care leavers to date have had 1+ GCSE. The interim target for March 2007 is 58%
SCL 13	15 schools to complete the extended school remodelling programme by March 2007	Yes	15 schools have now completed the extended schools workshop programme.	
SCL 14	Develop a code of practice for external agencies wishing to work in schools developed by March 2007	Yes	The Code of Practice is now at a Draft stage and on track.	

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SCL 15	Progress BSF by gaining DfES approval of the Strategic Business case by November 2007	No	Current projections for DfES approval of Strategic Business Case by February 2007. Current projection for DfES approval of the Outline Business Case is May 2007.	Progress subject to finalising option appraisal, way forward with regard to SEN co-locations with mainstream schools across the programme and confirmation by PfS of levels of funding for primary element of SEN. Overall affordability of scheme linked to co-location issues and income from site disposals.
Make a positive contribution – Enable children and young people to contribute positively to their local community by:				
SCL 16	Agree a draft policy framework agreed by August 2006	Yes	Policy documents produced and tabled at CFL Leadership Team in October. Currently out for wider consultation.	
SCL 17	Agree a programme of engagement activities agreed by October 2006	Yes	Programme of engagement activities developed endorsed by CFL Leadership Team in October for.	
SCL 18	Enable 100% of all children looked after are to communicate their views at reviews	No	Currently 92.3% of children looked after are able to communicate their views.	The 2005/06 APA outturn was 90%, which was rated “good” against national and similar authority comparators.
SCL 19	Reduce all convictions to twice the local rate for all young people looked after	Not Available		Figures are reported annually in the APA.
SCL 20	Train 50 additional parents in voluntary work by March 2007	Yes	Implementing a tracking system across the 4 localities. 3 parents have qualified and 6 parents are on the training at present in south locality. 12 parents have qualified in central locality.	Course due to run in November 2006 with possible 10 parents in east locality. Central and north localities are aiming to start courses in January 2007 with possible 27 parents.

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Achieve economic well-being – Ensure that children, young people and their families are equipped to continue into further education, employment and training by:				
SCL 21	Ensure that the percentage of care leavers in employment, education or training (EET) at age 19 matches the Middlesbrough average by March 2008	No	Current ratio is 0.71 against annual target of 0.76. 12 out of 22 young people who have left care are in EET. (55%) 1746 out of 2256 19 year olds in EET (77%)	This ratio compares care leavers' destinations with all 19 year olds' destinations. A figure of 1 indicates the same level as all 19 year olds. A lower figure indicates a poorer outcome.
SCL 22	95% of care leavers in suitable accommodation by March 2007	Yes	Currently 95%. Supported Lodgings Scheme now in place. Discussion on going with Erimus and Tees Valley Housing Associations	Suitable emergency accommodation remains an issue.
SCL 23	95% of school leavers attain at least one recognised qualification.	No	Provisional DfES data indicates 92.3% for 15 year olds.	

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APPENDIX B – Meeting Target

Indicator	Performance Indicator	All England Quartiles	2004/2005 Result	2005/2006 Result	2006/2007 Target	2006/2007 Performance to Date	2006/2007 Projection (Year End Estimate)	Key Issues/Comments	
School Improvement service									
BV 38	Pupils achieving 5 or more A* to C GCSEs or equivalent.	Top Median Bottom	56.2 51.0 45.6	40.8% (Bottom)	45.7% (Lower median)	48%	48.4%	48.4% (Lower Median)	DfES provisional figures for GCSE and equivalent results in England 2005/06 (19/10/06). Data still subject to validation checks and appeal outcomes.
BV 181b	14 year olds achieving level 5 or better at Key Stage 3 Maths.	Top Median Bottom	76.1 72.0 68.0	63% (Bottom)	65% (Bottom)	68%	71.7%	71.7% (Lower Median)	Provisional DfES data. Final figures, subject to appeals and validation, will be published for January 2007.
Pupil Support service									
BV 43a	% of SEN statements in 18 weeks excluding exceptions.	Top Median Bottom	100 98.1 93.0	100% (Top)	100% (Top)	100%	100%	100% (Top)	Cumulative caseload, which is also dependent on the work of other agencies.
BV 43b	% of SEN statements in 18 weeks including exceptions.	Top Median Bottom	90.2 77.9 65.9	88.1% (Upper median)	93.4% (Top)	95%	100%	97.5% (Top)	
Community Education Service									
BV 222a	Quality of early years and childcare leadership – Leaders.	Top Median Bottom	NA	New	6%	7.6%	8.3%	8.3%	This reflects the number of leaders of early education and childcare settings with a level 4 qualification or above.
BV 222b	Quality of early years and childcare leadership – Postgraduate input.	Top Median Bottom	NA	New	10.3%	9.7%	19.3%	19.3%	This reflects the number of early education and childcare settings where there is input from staff with post-graduate training in teaching or childcare development.

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Vulnerable Children's Service									
BV 49	Stability of placements of children looked after by the authority – the percentage of children looked after on 31 March in any year with three or more placements during the year.	N/A	N/A	10.1%	10.0%	10.0%	6.17%	10%	Cumulative indicator where some children with 2 placements already will hit 3 by the year-end. The pattern is unpredictable but a low result is good.
BV 162	Percentage of child protection cases, which should have been reviewed and were reviewed.	Top Median Bottom	100 100 98	95.4% (Bottom)	100% (Top)	100%	100%	100% (Top)	

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APPENDIX C – Not Meeting Target

Indicator	Performance Indicator	All England Quartiles	2004/2005 Result	2005/2006 Result	2006/2007 Target	2006/2007 Performance to Date	2006/2007 Projection (Year End Estimate)	Key Issues/Comments	
School Improvement service									
BV 39	% of 15 year-olds achieving 5 or more GCSEs (G and above) or equivalent, inc. Maths and English.	Top Median Bottom	90.2 88.0 85.4	80.3% (Bottom)	80.4% (Bottom)	85%	79.3%	79.3% (Bottom)	DfES provisional figures for GCSE and equivalent results in England 2005/06 (19/10/06). Data still subject to validation checks and appeal outcomes.
BV 181a	14 year olds achieving level 5 or better at Key Stage 3 English.	Top Median Bottom	75.0 70.0 65.0	58% (Bottom)	63% (Bottom)	66%	62.5%	62.5% (Bottom)	Provisional DfES data. Final figures, subject to appeals and validation, will be published for January 2007.
BV 181c	14 year olds achieving level 5 or better at Key Stage 3 Science.	Top Median Bottom	70.0 65.6 59.0	54% (Bottom)	57% (Bottom)	64%	61.0%	61.0% (Lower Median)	
ACTION PLAN: The following actions are being taken to improve performance									
The department's strategic plan for 2006/08 includes a priority to enable all learners at all key stages to achieve their potential and enjoy their learning. This includes specific strategies for improving achievement in Key Stages 3 and 4.									
BV 40	Level 4 in Key stage 2 Maths.	Top Median Bottom	77.0 73.8 70.3	72% (Lower Median)	71% (Lower Median)	73%	72.4%	72.4% (Lower Median)	Provisional DfES data. Final figures, subject to appeals and validation, will be published for January 2007.
BV 41	Level 4 in Key stage 2 English.	Top Median Bottom	80.0 77.0 74.0	73% (Bottom)	76% (Lower median)	80%	74.4%	74.4% (Lower Median)	
BV 194a	% of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in Key Stage 2 in English.	Top Median Bottom	28 26 22	22% (Bottom)	26% (Median)	27%	25.2%	25.2% (Lower Median)	
BV 194b	% of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in Key Stage 2 in Maths.	Top Median Bottom	33 30 27	25% (Bottom)	27% (Bottom)	29%	27.9%	27.9% (Lower Median)	
ACTION PLAN: The following actions are being taken to improve performance									
The department's strategic plan for 2006/08 includes a priority to enable all learners at all key stages to achieve their potential and enjoy their learning. This includes specific strategies for improving achievement in Key Stage 2.									
BV 45	% of 1/2 days missed due to total absence in secondary schools.	Top Median Bottom	7.56 7.93 8.60	10.3% (Bottom)	9.12% (Bottom)	8.97%	10.12%	10.12% (Bottom)	Provisional results for 2005/06 academic year, as yet unvalidated.

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Indicator	Performance Indicator	All England Quartiles		2004/2005 Result	2005/2006 Result	2006/2007 Target	2006/2007 Performance to Date	2006/2007 Projection (Year End Estimate)	Key Issues/Comments
BV 46	% of 1/2 days missed due to total absence in primary schools.	Top	5.14	6.4% (Bottom)	6.15% (Bottom)	6.00%	6.43%	6.43% (Bottom)	
		Median	5.59						
		Bottom	6.00						
ACTION PLAN: The following actions are being taken to improve performance									
<p>LPSA initiative to improve attendance levels by providing additional resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an additional term time Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) only - an additional EWO Family Support Worker, and - a data assistant to provide data collection and analysis support for EWO teams. <p>The department is implementing a weekly data exchange to collect attendance data from all schools on a weekly basis from November 2006 and training is scheduled for EWOs to enable them to access and use data at a pupil level from November.</p>									
Community Education Service									
BV 221a	<p>Percentage of young people aged 13-19 gaining a recorded outcome compared to the percentage of young people participating in the youth work in the local area.</p> <p><i>Recorded outcome must have:</i> <i>Evidence to show actions undertaken, by the young person, their progression, and distance travelled.</i> <i>Evidence of the benefit derived by the young person as a result of youth work intervention</i> <i>Evidenced by a youth worker or an external awarding body</i> <i>Confirm the achievement of a declared objective that is significant for the young person.</i></p>	Top Median Bottom	NA	New	55%	60%	38%	60%	

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Indicator	Performance Indicator	All England Quartiles	2004/2005 Result	2005/2006 Result	2006/2007 Target	2006/2007 Performance to Date	2006/2007 Projection (Year End Estimate)	Key Issues/Comments	
BV 221b	Percentage of young people aged 13-19 gaining an accredited outcome compared to the percentage of young people in the local area. <i>Accredited outcomes must feature: Undertaken by a young person supported within the youth work process Have credibility outside youth work including enhancing life and social skills and where possible a link to employment, education and training. Be subject to either independent internal verification by the organisation making the award or be externally assessed by an awarding body</i>	Top Median Bottom	NA	New	34%	36%	17%	36%	
ACTION PLAN: The following actions are being taken to improve performance									
BVPI 221a and b Cumulative Indicator. Young people currently following activity courses will achieve recorded/accredited outcomes later in the year.									
Vulnerable Children's Service									
BV 50	Percentage of young people leaving care aged 16 or over with at least one GCSE at grades A* - G or GNVQ.	Top Median Bottom	58 51 46	37.5% (Bottom)	56.5% (Upper median)	58%	44.4%	52% (Upper Median)	
ACTION PLAN: The following actions are being taken to improve performance									
Cumulative indicator dependent on the young people leaving care during the year. 50% out turn equates to 'good' against comparators in 2006 APA									
BV 161	Care leavers engaged in employment, education or training at age 19.	Top Median Bottom	0.84 0.73 0.59	0.43 (Bottom)	0.67 (Lower median)	0.76	0.71	0.76 (Upper Median)	

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Indicator	Performance Indicator	All England Quartiles	2004/2005 Result	2005/2006 Result	2006/2007 Target	2006/2007 Performance to Date	2006/2007 Projection (Year End Estimate)	Key Issues/Comments	
ACTION PLAN: The following actions are being taken to improve performance									
Cumulative indicator dependent on care leavers. 12 out of 22 young people who have left care are in EET. (55%) 1746 out of 2256 19 year olds in EET (77%) Source : Labour force survey.									
BV 163	The number of looked after children adopted during the year.	Top Median Bottom	9.5 7.1 5.7	14.9% (Top)	10.8% (Top)	12%	2.99%	12% (Top)	6 adoption cases at the end of the second quarter. Total number of adoptions in 2005/06 was 22.
ACTION PLAN: The following actions are being taken to improve performance									
This is a cumulative indicator and is generally below target for the first and second quarter									

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APPENDIX D –
Not Reported This Quarter

Indicator	Performance Indicator	All England Quartiles	2004/2005 Result	2005/2006 Result	2006/2007 Target	2006/2007 Performance to Date	2006/2007 Projection (Year End Estimate)	Key Issues/Comments
School Improvement service								
BV 181d	%age of pupils achieving Level 5 or better at Key Stage 3 in ICT.	Top Median Bottom	72.0 68.0 59.0	58% (Bottom)	69.5% (Upper Median)	72%		Results based on Teacher Assessments and not available until December 2006.
Vulnerable Children's Service								
BV 197	The percentage change in number of conceptions amongst 15 – 17 year olds.	Top Median Bottom	-17.2 -10.9 -2.9	-13% (Upper median)	-7.5% (Lower median)	-20%		Reported annually 18 months in arrears. Information received via ONS in February.
BV 226a	Advice & guidance services: total expenditure	N/A	N/A	New	168,560	167,860		Financial Indicator. Nothing to report until March 07.
BV 226b	Advice & guidance services: CLS quality mark	N/A	N/A	New	94.25%	100%		Financial Indicator. Nothing to report until March 07.
BV 226c	Advice & guidance services Direct provision	N/A	N/A	New	63,400	74,302		Financial Indicator. Nothing to report until March 07.