

Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Children and Families – Making Gateshead a Place Where Everyone Thrives – six month assessment of performance and delivery 2018/19

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 We know that over 50% of people and families in Gateshead are either managing or just coping and over 30% are in need or in vulnerable situations. We want to change those statistics and aim to make Gateshead a place where everyone thrives¹. *“Making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives”* is the new council approach aiming to narrow the gap of inequality across Gateshead resulting in more people living longer and leading healthier and happier lives.
- 1.2 As a group Care, Wellbeing and Learning within its primary focus of direct work with and commissioning of services to support the residents of Gateshead is critically placed to support the Thrive agenda. Our work spans the 5 Thrive pledges, of:
- 1 *Put people and families at the heart of everything we do*
 - 2 *Tackle inequality so people have a fair chance*
 - 3 *Support our communities to support themselves and each other*
 - 4 *Invest in our economy to provide sustainable opportunities for employment, innovation and growth across the borough*
 - 5 *Work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead*
- 1.3 Our current strategic indicators have been reviewed to ensure they continue to be appropriate in measuring performance in respect of the Thrive agenda. We propose further review and refinement of our strategic indicators, which will be implemented for the 2019/20 performance reporting cycle.
- 1.4 For services covered by children and families, 29 overarching strategic indicators are currently identified and monitored to support the group in understanding its performance linked to achieving the council aim of narrowing the gap of inequality across Gateshead and supporting its residents to thrive.
- 1.5 This report provides a performance overview linked to the 29 strategic indicators for children and families which currently fall under the three pledges of *“Put people and families at the heart of everything we do”*, *“Tackle inequality so people have a fair chance”* and *“Work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead”*.
- 1.6 Section A provides an overview of performance linked to the indicators identified as falling under each pledge, along with any achievements or challenges. The

section summarises if performance has improved or declined since the same period in the previous year.

1.7 Section B of the report updates on specific actions identified from the previous report, while Section C provides a performance dashboard with individual performance details for the 29 indicators identified, grouped by the relevant pledge.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Members are asked to receive this report for information and consider:

- (i) whether the activities undertaken during April 2018 to September 2018 are achieving the desired outcomes in making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives,
- (ii) any areas they feel they require more detail about or feel require further scrutiny;
- (iii) the format of future reports and the inclusion / removal of any indicators e.g. the addition of domestic abuse, mental health, substance misuse and teenage pregnancy.

Section A

3.0 Performance Overview

3.1 The chart below summarises the overall position and trend in performance compared to the same period last year for the 29 indicators included in Section C, grouped under the relevant pledge. More specific detail for individual indicators is provided in Section C. Overall the performance has improved in 15 out of the 29 indicators (52%) we have an updated position for.

Chart 1: Summary of direction of travel for indicators in section C



3.2 Putting people and families at the heart of everything we do

- 3.3 We have identified 11 strategic indicators linked to the pledge of ***Putting people and families at the heart of everything we do***. In the latest period we have demonstrated improvements for 6 indicators, 2 have remained the same and performance has declined for 3.

Performance

- 3.4 Improvements have been noted in the educational attainment of children and those achieving a good level of development by the age of 5. We have seen an increase in the attainment of expected standards for Reading, Writing and Mathematics for Key Stage 1. We have also seen an improvement in children reaching the expected standard at Key Stage 2. The number of eligible 2-year olds accessing their free early learning place has also increased.
- 3.4 Performance has declined for Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores for pupils at the end of Key Stage 4 compared to the same period last year, but it is worth noting that these are provisional figures and may yet change.
- 3.5 There has been a decrease in the number of children offered a place at their preferred primary school, which can be attributed to a greater number of oversubscribed primary schools, having an impact on first preference allocations.
- 3.6 Performance has remained the same in relation to the percentage of children offered a place at their preferred secondary school (88%), the same level compared to the same period last year, however the closure announcement of Thomas Hepburn has seen a slight decrease in performance compared to the 2017 intake (90%). The percentage of Gateshead schools rated as Outstanding by Ofsted remains at 38% for all schools.

Achievements, Challenges and Actions

- 3.7 Permanent exclusions for the 17/18 academic year have continued to decline with a recorded 32% reduction overall compared to the previous period. We will continue to work with schools to implement the 'Behaviour Action Plan'; to impact on permanent exclusions and the Team Around the School pilot will also be used to improve outcomes in this area.
- 3.8 We have enhanced pre-diagnosis support for parents of children showing challenging behaviour by introducing a parent/carer support pathway for those with a child undergoing assessment for ADHD and/or autism. Early Help have facilitated joint 'welcome' sessions with parents before offering a targeted group intervention on strategies to manage challenging behaviour from children and young people.
- 3.9 We are ambitious for our children and young people, and our planning work aims to promote their aspirations and future goals. Over the coming months we will be working collaboratively with partners and other local authorities to further develop

our practice to drive further improvements evidencing outcome focussed planning and improving plans for children and families.

- 3.10 We are looking to embed the *'This is Me'* tool for identifying and recording the voice of the child in casework, including the use of the on-line version of this resource across all areas of practice where appropriate.
- 3.10 And we review and develop services using strong proven evidence base of what works with families, such as revising the current offer of group parenting programmes for promotion in 2019/20 with an emphasis on those with a higher, proven evidence-base.

3.11 Tackle inequality so people have a fair chance

- 3.12 As a council and group we must focus help on those families who are vulnerable and just coping, in order to support them to manage and Thrive. We have identified 11 strategic indicators linked to the pledge of ***Tackling inequality so people have a fair chance***. In the latest period we have demonstrated improvements for 5 indicators in this pledge, 1 indicator has remained the performance has declined for declined in 5.

Performance

- 3.13 Improvements in performance have been noted with the gap between attainment 8 and progress 8 scores for disadvantaged pupils / peers at KS4 reducing. The progress 8 scores for children with Special Educational Needs have improved. Excess weight in 10/11-year olds has declined, and we have seen a reduction in the % of children in low income families (fewer children in poverty) at the same time as more families engaging in the Troubled Families Programme.
- 3.15 For children receiving free school meals, the progress 8 scores have remained the same as the previous reporting period, which is below the national and regional averages.
- 3.14 However performance has declined in progress 8 score for children who were looked after children at the end of Key Stage 4, decreasing compared to the summer 2016 results, as has the score for those young people with an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP). The progress scores for these young people is below the national equivalent but above the north east average. There has also been a small rise in the progress gap in Gateshead for disadvantaged pupils/peers at KS4. This gap is larger than the national gap (-0.52).
- 3.16 We have seen an increase in the percentage of all 16-18-year olds not in education, training or employment (NEET), which is greater than the same period last year. The overall value of 13.5% (compared to 11.7%) is made up of 5.3% confirmed NEET and 8.2% not known. The NEET and Not Known position always worsens during the school holidays, however it is expected that these proportions will improve when the next data submission to DfE is completed.
- 3.17 The % of mothers smoking at the time of delivery (14.5%) has increased compared to the same period last year (13.2%) and we have seen the first increase in excess weight in 4 to 5-year olds in 3 years. Despite this increase

Gateshead remain significantly better than the North East (25%). Gateshead also has the 4th lowest prevalence of excess weight when compared to our nearest neighbour comparator group.

Achievements, Challenges and Actions

- 3.18 We have successfully introduced new Practice Standards for Early Help and new guidance published on what 'good' looks like for CAF assessments and support plans, to improve the quality of practice and subsequently outcomes in this areas. A monthly report is provided to managers for use in supervision, to ensure that assessments and Team Around the Family (TAF) meetings occur within timescales to ensure cases are progressing in a timely manner for the benefit of families.
- 3.19 The Early Help service has completed supervision training for managers and a staff evaluation of their supervision experience has been conducted. We have undertaken 41 full case audits in 2018 and shared feedback with practitioners, proposing clear actions for improvement with timescales. This learning aids improving our work with families, in order to improve outcomes.
- 3.20 We are improving our timeliness for the completion of Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCP), which means families will benefit from receiving support earlier. For the calendar year 2017, 89% of were completed within 20 weeks. For the period January 2018 to June 2018, performance stands at 99% - showing a considerable improvement.
- 3.21 While EHCP plans are being completed in a more timely manner, over the next six months a review of the quality of EHCPs will be undertaken commence with the aim of ensuring that outcomes are SMART and reflect the need to better prepare children and young people for adulthood.
- 3.22 We are working to embed the Enhanced Case Management (ECM) model and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research into every day practice in the Youth Offending Team. The development will aim to acknowledge and consider young people's diverse needs in relation to trauma, in order to ensure our interventions are effective in supporting young people to change.
- 3.23 The Children Social Care casework audit process has been redesigned and monthly audits along with themed audits are now completed, in line with the expectations of Ofsted. To date, 78 audits have been completed across the service and the findings have been collated and corresponding action taken. This learning aids improving our work with vulnerable groups and develops practice to improve outcomes for the families we work with.
- 3.24 We are committed to continuously improving our service delivery offer to care leavers and have restructured the LAC and Young People Service to achieve this. Under the new structure a dedicated team manager has a focus on developing practice for care leavers, linking performance measures to outcomes for young people. This will ensure staff understand the link between meeting key performance indicators and how they link to outcomes for care leavers, which will influence and shape practice.

3.25 We have reflected in our self-evaluation for our upcoming Ofsted inspection a strength in our service is how we have developed service innovation at the edge of care, focussing on older young people. The service provides wrap around intensive support for families in crisis ensuring support is available at times when families need it, working in the community at evenings and weekends in line with family need. We are already seeing the positive impact of this model in maintaining young people safely with their families, with one family commenting:

'You have helped me get my life back on track when before you were involved I felt like a failure. I just could not see the light at the end of the tunnel but I can now'

3.26 In addition we have expanded our team of personal advisors to increase capacity, improve consistency of practice and to support our growing cohort of care leavers.

3.27 We continue to focus on improving the quality of our pathway plans for care leavers, making all plans outcome focused, smart and consistently demonstrate the young person's wishes and aspirations. And we are working with other local authorities to assess and develop our practice in this area.

3.28 Work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead

3.29 As a council to improve the lives of the residents of Gateshead we must work together as a council, but also with our partners and others to do so. We have identified 7 strategic indicators linked to the pledge of **Work together to fight for a better Gateshead**. In the latest period we have demonstrated improvements for 4 indicators and for 3 performance has declined.

Performance

3.30 Improvements in performance have been noted where we are working closely with partners in the youth justice system. The number of First Time Entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-18 is decreasing, as is the custody rates for the same age group. Work with Public Health Colleagues is also seeing an improvement (reduction) in the number of hospital admissions for self-harm for 10 to 24 year olds.

3.31 We are working closely with partners through our SAILS panel (supported accommodation independent living scheme) ensures our children and care leavers have somewhere suitable to live. Of the 146 care leavers at the end of the period 96% were in suitable accommodation. While this is a slight reduction to last period, performance remains good and we know that those who were not in suitable accommodation, 3 were in custody, 2 were sectioned under the mental health act and 1 refuses any contact. In addition, our EET panel chaired by the Service Director for Children and Families seeks to ensure positive outcomes for young people in education, training and employment. 57% of care leavers were in some form of Employment, Education and Training in the current period, the highest the figure has been.

- 3.32 However performance has declined with the demand for statutory child protection services increasing. The number of children subject to a child protection plan (CPP) was 326 (81.9 per 10k) at the end of September, an increase of 10.5% since March 2018. Working with partners through the LSCB a new 15-month Designated Child Protection review has been introduced to help scrutinise any plans lasting for longer than 15 months, which will help to prevent drift and delay and ensure children are not remaining at risk for indefinite periods through increased monitoring and escalation processes.
- 3.33 Support for young carers through the young carers assessment service has decreased for the 6 months of April to September 2018, compared to the same period last year.

Achievements, Challenges and Actions

- 3.34 Early Help have merged the workforce to create a 'Targeted Family Support' function (August 2018) with an increased case capacity to work with up to 1000 children and their families. Monthly performance clinics have now been introduced across Early Help to ensure key performance data is analysed and shared across the service, and target areas of quality assurance work to improve practice areas.
- 3.35 'Practice Improvement' sessions were delivered to staff during September 2018 and we have commissioned external training on chronologies, emotional resilience, relationship conflict and parenting interventions.
- 3.36 Working with Education colleagues we have completed the pilot phase of the Team Around the School (TAS) model in Whickham School. Evaluation of outcomes has been completed and recommendations are being considered for wider rollout, if successful.
- 3.37 Early Help joined colleagues from children social care, police and health in the new Integrated Referral and Assessment Team (IRAT) from May 2018 and have taken 298 referrals (children) between May and September 2018. This joined up working supports more effective triage of timely support for families alongside police and duty social work responses. Early Help have also created a new, designated duty team (September 2018) to handle direct referrals into the service and to give greater consistency on eligibility and service thresholds, again improving better consistency of service to families and our professional partners.
- 3.38 The Domestic Abuse Team was established from 1 August 2018 following a review of previous Domestic Abuse service within the Local Authority. The outcome of the review was to bring together Domestic Abuse workers from across the council into a cohesive team working with medium and high victims of domestic abuse. The team comprises of nine individuals, making up 7 FTE posts with the final staff member joining the team early October. The team works in collaboration with partners to addresses the Community Safety Board strategic priority on Domestic Abuse.

- 3.39 Work will be undertaken to consider how the Domestic Abuse team can work more effectively with partner agencies to deliver the best possible outcomes for those affected by domestic abuse in Gateshead. This will align delivery with relevant organisations to avoid duplication and maximise the impact of available resources.
- 3.40 To further improve multi-agency working representatives from the Domestic Abuse Team attend the daily Integrated Referral and Assessment Team (IRAT) triage meetings. This allows real-time sharing of information relating to incidents raising concerns regarding child welfare, including all relevant domestic related incidents to ensure a timely response to residents.
- 3.41 The team also provide direct one to one support to residents, along with the nationally recognised '*Freedom Programme*' and locally developed '*Surviving Trauma and Abuse: Recovering Together (START)*' groupwork sessions. These programmes aim to help those who have experienced domestic abuse recognise the tactics employed by perpetrators, the impact of abuse and how the brain responds, and to provide them with information about the support available to them now and in the future.
- 3.42 Dame Vera Baird QC – Police and Crime Commissioner has written to the North East Regional Local Authorities including Gateshead, to request support with the development of the original Operation Encompass and would like to implement 'Domestic Abuse: A Whole System Approach'. The proposal consists of 3 elements. Offering PHSE inputs for children across key stages 1-4, taking a whole school approach and offering schools an educational programme for all staff within the school. This will give staff the tools to spot signs of domestic abuse and be better equipped to support and signpost children for better help. It will also provide schools with dedicated school safeguarding liaison staff, funded by the project and employed by Northumbria Police.
- 3.43 There has been significant focus on Child Protection (CP) and Children in Need (CIN) plans with a new planning framework and associated guidance rolled out to improve the quality and consistency of planning. We are working collaboratively with other regional local authorities to evaluate and continue to develop our practice in this area.
- 3.44 A supervision policy which incorporates reflective case discussion has recently been introduced and regular groups are held to interrogate data on issues causing drift and delay in relation to child protection planning, in order that we can address issues with our partners where appropriate.
- 3.45 We work closely with all partners to ensure key multi-agency child protection meetings are held in a timely manner, and well attended by partners. If partners didn't engage and we needed to re-schedule this would impact on our performance. However, 96% of Initial Child Protection Conferences are held within 15 working days and 100% of our CP reviews are held in timescale, both of which are strong when compared with comparator authorities.
- 3.46 As a service we audited 22 children on repeat CP Plans in June 2018, as a result processes and procedures were reviewed, and measures taken to mitigate against repeat CP Plans including changes to the procedure for discontinuing CP plans at

the 4 month review and ensuring consistency of IROs when a family comes back to ICPC to avoid 'starting again', which is better for our partners and families.

- 3.47 Social Workers work to clear standards of practice. The service has recently updated these practice standards, which have been developed collaboratively through sharing of learning with other local authorities. They will improve the consistency of practice for our families.
- 3.48 We are working on peer mentoring, housing pathway with a range of options for young people, Improved employment, education and training offer from both within the council and from partners. An event with local businesses, stakeholders and partners is planned to raise awareness of and to improve our local care leavers offer.

Section B: Update on actions from previous report

Action	Thrive pledge	Service Area	Update
Embed the Early Help model and continue to develop evidence-based interventions.	Tackle Inequality	Early Help	<p>The Early Help model has now been in existence for 12 months. Data for first 11 months shows that 1915 referrals (children) were made to the new service from 15 categories of referral agency. Current caseloads stand at 1124 children. Investment in evidence-based interventions can be demonstrated through Gateshead acting as the lead 'Referral Gateway' LA for the DWP Reducing Parental Conflict Programme to pilot new interventions to improve family stability alongside 9 other regional LA areas.</p> <p>Workforce development has included further investment in Incredible Years, AIM 2, Respect Young People's Programme (Gateshead hosted the National RYPP Conference on 25/9/2018), How to Argue Better, Early Words and Family Links Nurture.</p>
<p>The work of the SEND Team is being reviewed to ensure that statutory duties in relation to the assessment of children with EHCPs are completed in a timely manner and to respond to the increased number of EHCPs.</p> <p>This has included a review of the Children with Disabilities Social Work. Implementation is expected to be fully completed over the next six months.</p>	Tackle Inequality	Early Help	<p>A review of the SEND Service has been completed and staffing appointments have been made to enhance the support available to meet statutory deadlines for EHCPs.</p> <p>As part of our work across the group to reconfigure our CiN offer, we are undertaking a review of Children with Disabilities team, to ensure a seamless support offer and achieve the best possible outcomes for this vulnerable group.</p>
Business support workflow and electronic case recording is being developed to meet the needs of the new Rapid Response and Child with Complex Needs teams. Performance monitoring is being developed with a cost benefit tool to evidence savings to the local authority. This performance monitoring framework will be finalised and implemented	Tackle Inequality	Children and Families	<p>A cost benefit tool was developed and to establish a baseline for financial savings recognised from the implementation of the team.</p> <p>We identified a cohort of young people (excluding disabled children) who became LAC from 1 January 2016 – 18 April 2018 who were aged between 10 and 17 years at the time they became LAC. Using this cohort and tracking their journey and cost to the local authority a unit cost for placement costs avoided was established. Using this baseline offset against cost of the service, the current saving for the first six months of delivery is £281,607, with the potential that if all the current young people being/have been worked with don't come into care, the annual saving will be £757,999.</p> <p>The savings target for 2018/19 is £670,000, which means the projected savings based on the current caseload have exceeded the target</p>

Action	Thrive pledge	Service Area	Update
<p>A new Regulation 44 recording system and process has been created, tested and is going live from April 2018 for children's registered homes this will be reviewed to ensure the recording and monitoring system is used correctly and reports can go to managers regarding activity. Regulation 44 are reports from independent people commissioned by the registered provider to visit and report on quality of children's homes.</p>	Tackle Inequality	Commissioning	<p>The regulation 44 recording system is now live and has all children's residential homes data has been included to present and back dated to January 2018. The Contract Management Officers are following up any concerns and ensuring providers are taking any action needed in response to the outcome of the report. This new system has been reported into the Children and Families Performance Clinic (chaired by the service director) and further work is to be carried out to agree a more prescriptive framework to determine what information needs to be reported, who to and how frequently.</p>
<p>Alternative Education Offer – SEND and Post 16. The Local Authority has a statutory obligation to provide alternative education to those children not able to access main stream education or excluded from school, the same obligation is applicable for post 16 young people. Currently there is a mix of arrangements, these will be reviewed to formalise the contractual arrangements and encourage new providers to the local market.</p>	Tackle Inequality	Commissioning	<p>The procurement will not proceed at present as it has been agreed by Group Management Team in Care Wellbeing and Learning as a low priority for 2018/19. This however this will be revisited with the refresh of the work programme taking place in January 2019.</p>
<p>Plan integration into a new 'front door' IRAT arrangement with children's services and police in 2018 and will become co-located with 0-19 Public Health services from summer 2018.</p>	Working Together	Children and Families	<p>The new Integrated Referral and Assessment Team (IRAT) model was introduced in May 2018. Early Help attend this new triage system daily and have received 298 referrals (children) for the period of May - September 2018. Sections of the Public Health workforce are now co-located at the Civic Centre and link with the IRAT.</p>
<p>Start the Team around the School (TAS) pilot from March 2018 and conclude an evaluation exercise which will inform plans to upscale the model across more secondary schools.</p>	Working Together	Early Help	<p>The pilot phase of the Team Around the School model has been completed and an evaluation exercise has been completed. Recommendations included the increased roll-out of the TAS model and a paper was considered by GMT in October 2018, to determine the next steps.</p>

Action	Thrive pledge	Service Area	Update
<p>Following a successful open procurement process and pending Cabinet ratification, all four services of the accommodation model for young people will commence with effect from 1 July 2018. This model will be monitored and reviewed to ensure the providers are working within the framework and improving outcomes for the young people.</p>	<p>Working Together</p>	<p>Children and Families</p>	<p>Following a review of supported accommodation for young people and care leavers a new service model has been developed and commissioned. The new model which has taken effect includes a Direct Access and Assessment unit, Shared Living & Semi-Independent living service with linked floating support, Supported Lodgings and Taster Flats with floating support provided by the Gateshead Housing Company.</p>

Section C: Performance Overview

(Performance is measured against the position at same time last year - April 17 to September 18)

Indicator	Thrive pledge	Service Director Lead	Target		Most Recent Performance	Direction of Travel	Comments and Actions
			2020	17/18			
PF1 - Increase the % of Gateshead schools rated Outstanding	People and families	Steve Horne	40%	-	38% (2017/18)	No Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change on the performance from the 6-month report 38% is the figure at 15th October 2018, for all schools.
PF2 - Maximise the % of children offered a place at their preferred primary school	People and families	Steve Horne	97%	-	92.7% (2018 intake)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has declined on the previous 6-month report Data shows that 92.7% of primary pupils were offered their 1st preference which is a decrease on last year, however we had a greater number of oversubscribed primary schools which will impact on 1st preference allocations
PF3 - Maximise the % of children offered a place at their preferred secondary school	People and families	Steve Horne	95%	-	88% (Sep 2018)	No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change on the performance from the 6-month report This is first preference data for Gateshead and as we could not offer THCA as a 1st preference due to the closure announcement our performance has been impacted on Due to the pending closure of THCA by the Minister of Education most Gateshead secondary schools have exceeded their planned admissions numbers this year National data is not published till later in the year, so we have nothing to compare directly to, however this is usually around 83% so we are above national average.
PF4 - Educational Attainment: Increase the % of children achieving a good level of development at age 5	People and families	Steve Horne	Awaiting Government guidance on future of this indicator		70.1% (Provisional 2017/18)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator has improved on the performance from the previous 6-month report. This is lower than the provisional National figure of 71.6%
PF5 - Reading - Increase the % of children attaining expected standard at the end of KS1	People and families	Steve Horne	90%	-	78% (provisional, Summer 2018 outcomes)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. This is the provisional 17/18 academic year figure. This is higher than the national average of 75% This figure is for summer 2018 outcomes
PF6 - Writing - Increase the % of children attaining expected standard at the end of KS1	People and families	Steve Horne	84%	-	71.6% (provisional, Summer 2018 outcomes)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. This is the provisional 17/18 academic year figure. This is higher than the national average of 70% This figure is for summer 2018 outcomes

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			2020	17/18			
PF7 - Maths - Increase the % of children attaining expected standard at the end of KS1	People and families	Steve Horne	90%	-	77% (provisional, Summer 2018 outcomes)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. This is the provisional 17/18 academic year figures. This is higher than the national average of 76%. This figure is for summer 2018 outcomes.
PF8 - Increase the % of children attaining the “expected standard” at the end of KS2	People and families	Steve Horne	85%	-	70% (provisional, Summer 2018 outcomes)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. This is the provisional 17/18 academic year figure for combined reading writing and maths. This is above the England average of 64% This figure is for summer 2018 outcomes.
PF9 - Raise Attainment 8 – scores of pupils at the end of KS4	People and families	Steve Horne	50	-	46.0 (Summer 2018 outcomes)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has declined on previous 6-month report. This is an early provisional figure taken from the DfE statistical release on 17th October. Figures may well change. The England average rose (by 0.1), to 46.5, so this is lower than the national average.
PF10 - Raise progress 8 – scores of pupils at the end of KS4	People and families	Steve Horne	-0.03	-	-0.25 (Summer 2018 outcomes)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has declined on previous 6-month report. This is an early provisional figure taken from the DfE statistical release on 17th October. Figures may well change. It is below the national figure of -0.02 and the regional average of -0.23.
T11 - Attainment Gap: Reduce the gap between Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores of disadvantaged pupils/disadvantaged peers at KS4	Tackle inequality	Steve Horne	To be reviewed following 1st publication of data		-14.4 (2016/17 Summer 2017)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. Figures for summer 2018 have not yet been released. Comments and figures here are from summer 2017. There has been a small decrease in the Attainment gap in Gateshead. We are larger than the national gap of -12.8.
T12 - Progress 8 Gap: Reduce the gap between Attainment 8 and Progress 8 scores of disadvantaged pupils/disadvantaged peers at KS4	Tackle inequality	Steve Horne	To be reviewed following 1st publication of data		-0.72 (2016/17 Summer 2017)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has declined on previous 6-month report. Figures for summer 2018 have not yet been released. Comments and figures here are from summer 2017. There has been a small rise in the Progress gap in Gateshead. This gap is larger than the national gap of -0.52.

Indicator	Thrive pledge	Service Director Lead	Target		Most Recent Performance	Direction of Travel	Comments and Actions
			2020	17/18			
TI3 - Attainment of vulnerable children. Raise progress 8 scores of Looked after Children at the end of KS4	Tackle inequality	Steve Horne	0	-	-1.46 (March 2018 Provisional)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has declined on previous 6-month report. Figures for summer 2018 have not yet been released. Comments and figures here are from summer 2017. This is a provisional figure on 13th March 2018. There are 34 young people who make up this cohort. This figure is for summer 2017 outcomes.
TI4 - Raise the Progress 8 scores of vulnerable children - children on Free School Meals	Tackle inequality	Steve Horne	0	-	-0.72 (Summer 2017 outcomes)	No change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No change on the 6-month report It is below the national figure of -0.48, and the NE region average of -0.67.
TI5 - Raise the Progress 8 scores of vulnerable children - children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Tackle inequality	Steve Horne	0	-	-0.19 (SEN Support Summer 2017 Outcomes) -1.28 (Statement or Care plan) (Summer 2017 Outcomes)	Improved Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEN Support: Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. Figures for summer 2018 have not yet been released. Comments and figures here are from summer 2017. The progress score for young people on SEN Support is above the national equivalent of -0.43 and the NE regional average of -0.48. Statement or care plan: Performance has declined on previous 6-month report. The progress scores for young people with an EHCP is below the national equivalent of -10.4 but above the NE regional average of -1.33.
TI6 - Reduce NEET rate (% not in education, training or employment as a proportion of 16-18 year olds)	Tackle inequality	Val Hall	4.8%	-	Overall 13.5% (31/08/2018) NEET 5.3% Not Known 8.3%	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has declined on the previous 6-month report The data supplied is the position as at 31st of August 2018. The NEET and Not Known position always worsens during the school holidays. We are at present in the middle of inputting the current activity and status data for 16 and 17-year olds based in Gateshead. The reports submitted to the DfE at the end of this month should provide a much more accurate representation of the NEET and Not Known percentages. This data should be available latest by 2nd of November.
PF11 - The number of eligible 2 year olds accessing their free early learning place)	People and families	Val Hall	To be agree	85%	82% (Summer term 2018)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. The figure given is for take-up in the summer term 2018, the figure for this term will be available in mid-November.

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			ed				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The national take-up rate is 72% of those eligible, and Gateshead has the 5th highest take-up in the region. We continue to review the way we engage with eligible families who have not taken-up their entitlement, including using limited Children's Centre resource to target priority areas.
TI7 - Work with families– National Troubled Families Programme - Number of families engaged by Families Gateshead	Tackle inequality	Val Hall	1930 families		1861 families (30/09/2018)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has improved from previous 6-month report. To date, PBR has been claimed for 746 families under phase 2. The payment recognises where families have made significant and sustained progress against areas of identified need or who have gained employment. To date we have claimed for 614 families who have made significant and sustained progress and 132 families have gained employment. In terms of national targets for 2020, up to 30th September 2018 Gateshead has achieved 39% of the overall payment by results target. Currently Gateshead have 61 families who have been identified as part of Phase 1 of the Troubled Families Programme and are still open to a service within the Local Authority.
WT1 - Support for young carers	Working together	Val Hall	85	-	43 referrals (April 18 – Sep 18)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance has declined on the previous 6-month report
WT2 - First Time Entrants into youth justice system aged 10-17 (12 month lag PNC Rate per 100,000 of Population 10-17 yr. olds Rolling 12 Month)	Working together	Val Hall	398 per 100k (70 FTE)	-	53 per 100k (9 FTE) (Jul 18 – Sep 18)	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been a total of 9 FTE (First Time Entrants) during the latest period (July 2018 to Sept 2018). This is calculated as a rate of 53 as the YJB (Youth Justice Board) represents this target (per 100,000 of the 10-17 population). There has been a 36% decrease when compared to the previous quarter, in which there were 14 FTE reported. This was a 59% reduction from the same period this time last year in which there were 17 FTE reported. YJB published data obtained through PNC (Police National Computer) for 12 months (Apr 2017 to Mar 2018) reports 77 FTE's which is a rate of 452 (per 100,000 of 10-17 population). This is a 2.3% increase year-on-year. This is higher than the Northumbria PCC area average for this

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							period (450), and higher than the National average (276). FTE data obtained through the Gateshead YOTs Case Management System reports 56 FTE for the same period therefore a discrepancy of 21 was identified, Gateshead YOT are working with the police to identify the reason for this discrepancy.
WT3 - Custody – Use of custody rate per 1000 of 10-17 years population	Working together	Val Hall	Maintain low number of young people		0.0 per 1k (0 custodial sentences) (Jul18 – Sep 18)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has improved from previous 6-month report. • There have been no custodial sentences during this period. • The latest YJB published data for Jul 17 to Jun 18 shows the 12-month rate of Custody for Gateshead at 0.0, this represents 0 custodial sentences in the 12-month period. This is below the Northumbria PCC regional average for this period (0.22), and below the National average (0.34).
T18 - % of mothers smoking at the time of delivery (Rate of smoking at time of delivery)	Tackle inequality	Alice Wiseman	9.9%	-	14.5% (2016/17)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has declined on previous 6-month report • 2017/18 data is not available at this time and may not be till November 2018 at the earliest. • Gateshead is significantly worse than the England average and is lower but not significantly lower than the North East average. • This is the first increase in this indicator since 2011/12.
T19 - Reduce Excess weight 4-5 year olds - excess weight =obese/overweight	Tackle inequality	Alice Wiseman	18.1 %	-	22.5% (2017/18)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has declined on previous 6-month report • This is the first increase in excess weight for 4-5 year olds in the last 3 years of data • Despite increase Gateshead is still significantly better than the North East (25.0%) and is worse but not significantly worse than the England average of 22.4%. • Gateshead had the 4th lowest prevalence of excess weight amongst the 16 CIPFA (nearest neighbour) LA's. • All 3 of the North East LA's in Gateshead's CIPFA group had a higher prevalence of excess weight. • Nationally Gateshead had the 77th highest prevalence of excess weight of the 150 published English upper tier local authorities.
T110 - Reduce excess weight 10-11 yr. olds (excess weight =Obese/overweight	Tackle inequality	Alice Wiseman	25%	-	36.8% (2017/18)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has improved on previous 6-month report • Excess weight for 10-11 year olds has decreased for the first time in 2 years of data • Despite the decrease Gateshead is still significantly worse

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							<p>than the England average of 34.3% and is better but not significantly better than the North East (37.5%).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateshead had the 8th highest prevalence of excess weight amongst the 16 CIPFA (nearest neighbour) LA's. • Nationally Gateshead had the 55th highest prevalence of excess weight of the 150 published English upper tier local authorities.
WT4 - Hospital admissions for self-harm rate per 100,000 (aged 10-24 years)	Working together	Alice Wiseman	Reduce	Reduce	422.7 per 100k (2016/17)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rate per 100,000 for self-harm admissions has improved on the previous 6-month report • Gateshead is lower but not significantly lower than the North East rate and is higher but not significantly higher than the England rate. • This is Gateshead's lowest rate per 100,000 since the data was first available (2011/12). • 2017/18 update due March 2019 for this indicator.
TI11 - Reduce the % of children in low income families (children in poverty)	Tackle inequality	Alice Wiseman	19.0 %	-	19.4% (2015 period)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has improved on previous 6-month report • Showing a decrease in the % of children in low income families. • Gateshead is still significantly worse than the England rate, but due to the reduction for the 2015 period we are now significantly better than the North East rate. • Next update currently not known could be February 2019
WT5 - Numbers of children subject to a child protection plan	Working Together	Elaine Devaney	54 per 10k	58 per 10k	81.9 per 10k (Sep 2018)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has declined on previous 6-month report. • At the end of September 2018, there were 326 children placed on a child protection plan (81.9 per 10k). Since March 2018, this means there has been a 10.5% increase in the number of children on child protection plans. • In the last 12 months, 361 CP plans have started, compared to 354 (2017-2018) and 397 (2016-2017, but over the same period less plans have been ending (309 - last 12 months, 370 - 2017-2018, 354 2016-2017). A new 15-month CP review has been introduced to help scrutinise any plans lasting for longer than 15 months, which may help to identify cases which need to be ended.

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WT6 - Ensure young people leaving care and homeless are supported to have a safe place to live, appropriate and sustainable accommodation	Working Together	Elaine Devaney	100%	100%	96% (Apr 18 – Sep 18)	Declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has declined on previous 6-month report. • Of the 146 care leavers that are currently allocated, 140 (96%) were judged to be in suitable accommodation. • 3 Young people are in custody • 2 Young people are in hospital sectioned under the mental health act; • 1 Young person lives out of the area, refuses contact with us and has no fixed abode.
WT7 - Ensure young people leaving care are supported to be in education, employment, apprenticeships and training	Working Together	Elaine Devaney	71%	71%	57% (Apr 18 – Sep 18)	Improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance has improved on previous 6-month report. • Of the 146 care leavers that are currently allocated, 83 (57%) are in some form of Employment, Education and Training. Recent trends indicate improving outcomes in this area.

ⁱ Making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives website: <https://intranet.gateshead.gov.uk/article/5407/Our-pledges>