

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

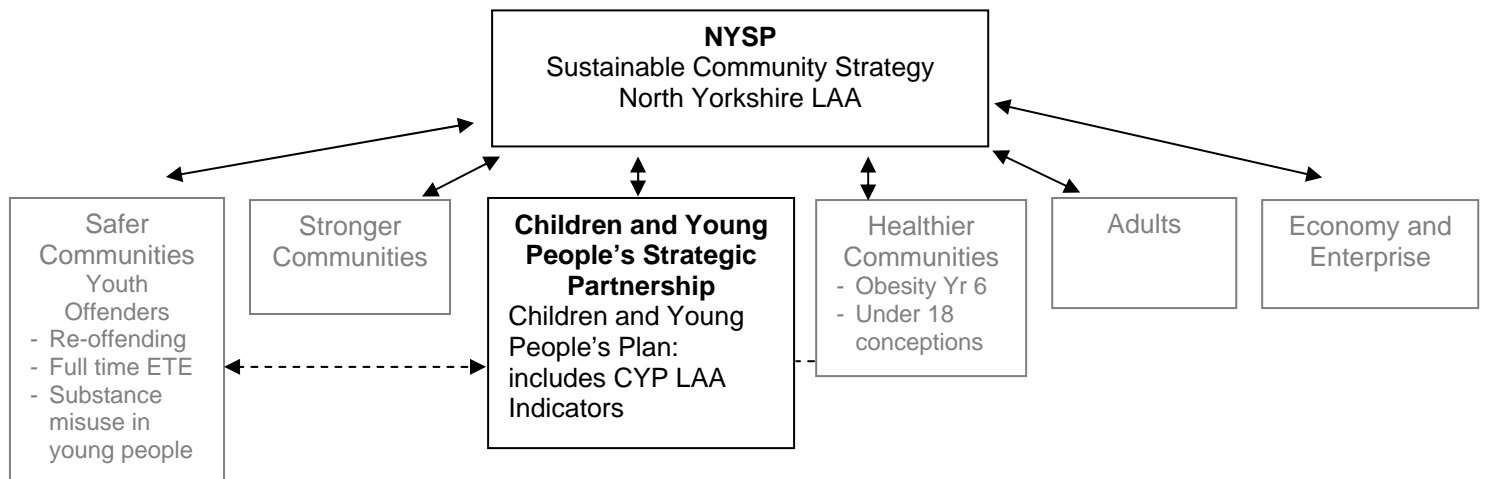
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LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS TWO

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The second Local Area Agreement (LAA2) 2008-11 for North Yorkshire was approved by the Government in June 2008. This replaced the original Local Area Agreement (LAA1) which covered 2007-2010.
- 1.2 The LAA2 is based upon the new national performance framework, which has identified 198¹ national indicators on which local authorities and their partners will be judged through the Comprehensive Area Assessment process. The LAA2 provides the performance management of the North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy, through the identification and monitoring of priority targets.
- 1.3 The North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement comprises thirty-two 'designated' indicators, twenty-four 'local' and sixteen 'statutory' indicators. The designated indicators are National Indicators, and monitored by Government Office for Yorkshire and Humber on a bi-annual basis. The 'local' indicators are developed locally and reported to the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP). Of the seventy-two total indicators, nine 'designated', five 'local' and the sixteen¹ 'statutory' indicators relate to children and young people. The list of these indicators is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.4 The indicators within the LAA2 have been allocated to the different thematic partnerships within the NYSP to provide the lead, delivery and performance management. The indicators relating to children and young people primarily sit within the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, however two (obesity and teenage pregnancy) sit within Healthier Communities and three indicators (two relating to Youth Justice, and one on Substance Misuse) sit within the Safer Communities Partnership. All indicators relating to children and young people are embedded within the new Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11.

¹ There are currently 16 'Statutory' Indicators which must be included in all LAAs. However, these include measures reliant on the KS3 exams and will be subject to revision.



2.0 Progress on LAA2

- 2.1 The LAA2 is monitored quarterly; however, information for a number of children's indicators is only available on an annual basis.
- 2.2 The progress to date for those indicators which can be monitored quarterly has been satisfactory for the first half of 08/09. Of the current designated and local indicators 8 (67%) are on course or above target. A further three (25%) of these indicators cannot be accurately assessed on their performance due to data issues and one (8%) is currently underperforming. These latter five are detailed in Appendix 2 'Indicators causing concern'.

3.0 Issues Arising

- 3.1 The majority of the indicators causing concern are classified as such due to data collection and reporting problems. The quarterly reports for the Children's Social Care indicators could not be produced in Q1 and are not validated for Q2 due to synchronisation problems between the previous and new ICT systems. This situation was identified at Q1 end, and substantial progress has been made to rectify the problem. The Q2 data is available, but is subject to validation, and should not be relied upon as definitive data. When this issue has resolved, it is anticipated that these indicators will show as 'on target'.
- 3.2 The Stretch Target NI117 (NEET) fluctuates seasonally, due to the summer holidays. It is anticipated that the % NEET will be on target for the year end figures. The increased % Not Known is being investigated further, and issues with data entry and the introduction of a new ICT system may have contributed to the significant increase. Further work on this will take place during Q3.

4.0 LAA Financial Report

- 4.1 The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership holds accountability for three stretch targets, originating from LAA1. Each of these stretch targets receives £100k over three years (07/08 – 09/10) of Pump Priming Money. If these indicators reach their 'stretch' targets North Yorkshire will receive up to

£3.6m (£1.2m per stretch target). Progress against stretch targets is detailed in Appendix 2.

- 4.2 The Pump Priming Grant (PRG) current spending (up to Q1 08/09) is reported below:

Taken from Q1 Financial Report to the NYSP

Stretch Indicator	Allocation 07/08 £	Spend 07/08 £	Allocation 08/09 £	Total (incl carry forward) 08/09	Actual Spend (Q1) £	Forecast outturn £	Comments
L58: Healthy Schools	13,760	13,760	42,820	42,820	10,710	42,820	Funding used to employ consultation to work with schools in order to achieve target
L64: Participation in Sport	26,660	24,331	46,680	49,009	1,000	46,660	Funding to be allocated to specific schools who are underperforming
NI 117: NEET	13,555	0	42,783	56,338	6,725	42,780	Reporting system updated during Q1.

- 4.3 The NYSP Executive will consider re-allocation of PRG under-spend across the LAA2 in the Spring.

5.0 Local Area Agreement 2 Refresh

- 5.1 LAA2 will be refreshed to incorporate the deferred indicators and to update baselines where appropriate. This process will take place between November and February, with ministerial approval at the end of March 2009.

- 5.2 The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership will be involved in setting targets for two deferred indicators relating to children and young people: Substance Misuse in young people and the rate of re-offending by young offenders in collaboration with the Safer Communities Partnership.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are kept informed of the Local Area Agreement progress.

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NI Ref	Description	Lead Partnership	Target Lead Officer
Statutory Indicators (Report to DCSF/ GOYH)			
NI 72	Achievement in the Early Years Foundation Profile	Children & Young People	Julia Evans (Q&I)
NI 73	Level 4 or above in English and Maths at Key Stage 2	Children & Young People	Julia Evans (Q&I)
NI 74	<i>Level 5 or above in English and Maths at Key Stage 3</i>	<i>Children & Young People</i>	<i>Janet Bates (Q&I)</i>
NI 75	5 or more grades A*-C at GCSE including English and Maths	Children & Young People	Janet Bates (Q&I)
NI 83	Level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3	Children & Young People	Janet Bates (Q&I)
NI 87	Secondary school persistent absence	Children & Young People	Dave Griffen (LYS)
NI 92	Narrowing the gap in the Early Years Foundation Profile	Children & Young People	Julia Evans (Q&I)
NI 93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stages 1 and 2	Children & Young People	Julia Evans (Q&I)
NI 94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stages 1 and 2	Children & Young People	Julia Evans (Q&I)
NI 95	<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stages 2 and 3</i>	<i>Children & Young People</i>	<i>Janet Bates (Q&I)</i>
NI 96	<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stages 2 and 3</i>	<i>Children & Young People</i>	<i>Janet Bates (Q&I)</i>
NI 97	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stages 3 and 4	Children & Young People	Janet Bates (Q&I)
NI 98	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stages 3 and 4	Children & Young People	Janet Bates (Q&I)
NI 99	Children in care reaching Level in English at Key Stage 2	Children & Young People	Alan Clifton (A&I)
NI 100	Children in care reaching Level in Maths at Key Stage 2	Children & Young People	Alan Clifton (A&I)

NI Ref	Description	Lead Partnership	Target Lead Officer
NI 101	Children in care achieving 5 GCSEs A*-C including English and Maths	Children & Young People	Alan Clifton (A&I)
National Indicators (report to GOYH)			
NI19	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders	Safer Communities	Laurence Murray (YOT)
NI 45	Young offenders engagement in education, employment or training	Safer Communities	Laurence Murray (YOT)
NI 56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	Healthier Communities	Katie Needham
NI 60	Core assessments for children's social care completed within 35 days	Children & Young People	David Molesworth (CSC)
NI 81	Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification by age 19.	Children & Young People	Janet Bates (Q&I)
NI 90	Take-up of 14-19 learning diplomas	Children & Young People	Janet Bates (Q&I)
NI 115	Substance misuse by young people	Safer Communities	Leigh Bell (LYS)
NI 117	16 to 18 year olds who are NEET	Children & Young People	Louise Dunn (LYS)
Local Priorities (Locally Reported)			
L58	Schools achieving Healthy School Status	Children & Young People	Bridget Watt (Q&I)
L61	Children living in kinship care as an alternative to being Looked After	Children & Young People	David Molesworth (CSC)
L62	Number of Looked After Children placed outside North Yorkshire	Children & Young People	David Molesworth (CSC)
L64	% of 5-16 yr olds accessing tow hours or more of high quality physical education each week	Children & Young People	Heather Newman (Q&I)
NI 110	Young people's participation in positive activities	Children & Young People	Chris McGee (LYS)
NI 112	Under 18 conception rate	Healthier Communities	Carly Walker

LAA Quarterly Monitoring: Children and Young People Stretch Targets

Ref.	Indicator	Lead Officer	Target 09/10	Target 08/09	Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Actual Q3	Actual Q4	Comments
L58	Percentage of schools achieving Healthy School Status.	Bridget Watt	85%	70% (Dec 08)	67%	72%			Above year end target.
L64	Percentage of 5 to 16 year olds accessing two hours or more of high quality physical education and/or school sports within and beyond the curriculum each week.	Heather Newman	97% (Oct 09)	92%	88%	88%			This data is provided by an annual survey published in October
NI117	Average percentage of 16-18 year olds not in education, training or employment (NEET).	Louise Dunn	3.6%	4.1%	3.8%	7.9%			The figure for NEET generally rises through the summer holidays. The Not Known figure has increased beyond the stretch target limit to 46.6% for Q2. This is likely to be due to reporting problems.

LAA Quarterly Monitoring: Children and Young People Targets Giving Cause for Concern

Ref.	Indicator	Lead Officer	Target 10/11	Target 08/09	Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Comment
NI60	Core Assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 days of their commencement	David Molesworth	84.0%	80.0%	Not Available	82.5% <i>Not validated</i>	These Indicators are giving cause for concern due to the unreliability of the data. Whilst they appear to be exceeding targets for NI60 and L62 it is not possible to accurately assess the performance. The data issue is being addressed, but is as yet not completed resolved.
L61	Number of children living in kinship care as an alternative to being looked after	David Molesworth	50	40	12 <i>Not validated</i>	17 <i>Not validated</i> <i>*Increasing number is good</i>	
L62	Number of looked after children placed out of North Yorkshire	David Molesworth	75	85	Not Available	78 <i>Not validated</i> <i>*decreasing number is good</i>	
NI117	Average percentage of 16-18 year olds not in education, training or employment (NEET).	Louise Dunn	3.3%	4.1%	3.8%	7.9%	This target is seasonal and often increases over the summer period. However, the % 'Not Known' has risen to 46.6%. The data and inputting processes are being investigated.

LAA Quarterly Monitoring: Children and Young People Targets showing Excellent Progress

Ref.	Indicator	Lead Officer	Target 10/11	Target 08/09	Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Comment
L58	Percentage of schools achieving Healthy School Status.	Bridget Watt	90% (Dec 10)	70% (Dec 08)	67%	72%	Above year end target.