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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES
SUMMARY OF NATIONAL INDICATOR OUTCOMES

Introduction




This performance bulletin brings together a wide range of data to show outcomes for children and young people in Nottinghamshire against the National Indicators set. It is based on data published in the Local Area Interactive Tool (LAIT) supplemented with updated and additional information from numerous sources including the DCSF, DoH, the Data Interchange Hub (the Hub), Ofsted and NCC Performance Review.

The bulletin highlights areas of strength and weakness in the key points section below whilst a summary of performance across the NI measures, mapped to the five Every Child Matters outcomes, is presented in the annual and quarterly data tables.

The following information is presented in the data tables for each NI :

- data that has been updated has been shaded yellow for quick reference
- details whether good performance is characterised by higher/lower values
- outcomes since 2006/07 (although not all NIs have historic data back to 2006/07)
- where available a 2009/10 target
- details of the most recently published national data (this may not correspond directly to the most recent local data due to the time lag in publishing national datasets)
- an arrow indicating whether the trend is upwards, downwards or stable.

The colour/shading of the arrow indicates whether performance is:

- Positive (Green, fully shaded arrow )
- Negative (Red, outlined arrow )
- Remained stable (Orange, outlined arrow ).

Many of the NIs have a time lag from recording the outcome to the data being reported. For example, NI 112 under 18 conception rates has a 14 month lag in reporting meaning that data for 2008 won't be available until February 2010.

Detailed definitions for each of the NIs can be accessed through the Communities and Local Government (CLG) website:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/updatednidefnitions>

Key Points

- There have been 27 updates to the annual NI data table, of these 16 are positive, 7 are negative, 1 is unchanged and 3 have no comparison data at present.
- There have been 19 updates to the quarterly data table, of these 17 are positive, 1 negative and 1 is unchanged.



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Key Points continued

- **NI 59 Initial assessments** Performance continues to improve increasing from 52.5% in quarter 1 to 64.8% this quarter. However performance remains below target and the national average. The social work capacity issues presented in the Children's Social Care Business Case for additional investment continue to present challenges in delivering this target. Additional emergency capacity is being sought via agency staff (if available) whilst the job evaluation and recruitment processes are completed for additional advanced practitioner posts. Staff have also been moved temporarily into the team where performance is weakest and administrative support strengthened. Recent improvements in the availability of management information mean timescales are now monitored and tracked on at least a weekly basis by senior managers with team managers within reception and assessment teams tracking these daily
- **NI 65 Child protection plan for a second or subsequent time** Performance has improved from 16.7% in quarter 1 to 14.6% this quarter. However performance remains below target and the national average. All cases where renewed child protection concerns are identified are referred to the relevant service manager to ensure that robust assessment takes place prior to a decision being made for formal child protection processes to be initiated again. Child Protection Coordinators, who chair all child protection conferences, ensure that multiagency action plans are in place once a child is deemed to be no longer in need of a child protection plan. They also make the decision as to whether a repeat child protection plan is needed and feedback to operational managers on a monthly basis as to whether any practice issues have impacted on the need for a repeat plan.
- **NI 68 Referrals going on to initial assessment** The percentage has increased from 51.5% in quarter 1 to 55.9% this quarter. However performance remains a concern and is below target and the national average. Duty points are continuing to be pro-active at signposting cases to Joint Access Teams or for a Common Assessment Framework where appropriate. However the impact of the Notts Connect pilot is also now more evident as having increased the proportion of contacts to referrals and led to more referrals needing to be screened out. The pilot in Mansfield and Ashfield is now being reviewed as matter of urgency
- **NI 75 Key Stage 4 Outcomes** Once again Nottinghamshire's rate of improvement is greater than that reported nationally and the gap continues to close. Despite this improvement the aspirational targets set were not achieved. A series of networks, development programmes and identified schools for intervention are in process. A sharper focus on improving outcomes for vulnerable groups and in English and maths will help provide improved results next year.
- **NI 94 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between KS1 and KS2** Provisional data indicates that performance has improved from 80.3% in 2007/08 to 83% in 2008/09. However performance remains below the aspirational target. There has been increased training and awareness raising for school leaders and School Improvement Partners (SIPs). SIPs have been briefed to undertake greater challenge to schools in their Autumn term dialogue and then track progress of targeted pupils throughout the year. There has been a sharper focus in all support/intervention programmes on ensuring that all pupils make two levels progress.

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Key Points continued

- **NI 108 Key stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups** Provisional data indicates that the performance of Black and minority groups continues to improve. In particular Black pupils performance has increased from 33.7% in 2006/07 to 46.5% in 2008/09. Similarly the performance of Asian pupils has increased from 48.1% in 2006/07 to 58% in 2008/09.
- **NI 112 Reduce the under 18 conception rate** It is highly unlikely that the year end targets for reducing teenage conceptions will be met this year. The latest quarterly data available for 2008 (Q1 and Q2) shows increases in teenage conception rates and it is anticipated that this will worsen due to the impact of the recession. The national target to reduce teenage conception rates by 50% by 2010 is extremely challenging and will only be met by a small number of local authority areas. Nottinghamshire performs well in comparison with statistical neighbours, but will require a strengthened approach to meet the 50% reduction target. The teenage pregnancy lead officer post remains vacant.
- **NI 114 Permanent exclusions** Provisional data indicates that performance has improved from 0.15% in 2007/08 to 0.13% in 2008/09. Nottinghamshire has achieved its target for this indicator. Although this is positive, Nottinghamshire's performance is poor compared to its statistical neighbours and the East Midlands region (based on 2007/08 data). The publication of 'Behaviour Challenge' and the identification of the Council as one requiring 'Targeted Support' confirm the importance of the emerging Behaviour and Attendance Strategy for Schools, which is due for launch in January 2010. As part of this, a national challenge intervention programme will be developed by December 2009, with phase one being implemented between January and March 2010.
- **NI 117 % 16 to 18 year olds not in education, training or employment** Performance has improved this quarter from 5.4% in quarter 1 to 4.5% this quarter. The county level performance is calculated using the national formula for NEET (by residency, except where in Further Education) and is measured as an average over November, December and January each year. We saw a rise in NEET overall through most of 2009 as a result of the economic recession and its impact on young people was felt. However, having achieved the best ever Year 11 destinations figures, (over 94% of the 2009 school leaver cohort entered learning or work), and having successfully implemented the September Guarantee for school leavers and 17 year olds, we have seen NEET reduce to a level comparable with where it was in September 2008 (4.5%) and also September 2007 (4.7%). In what are highly challenging economic conditions, we feel this reflects very positive performance in Notts.

Nottinghamshire Children and Young People National Indicators - Annual Data

			Good Performance	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	09/10 Target	National Average	Yearly Trend
Be Healthy										
NI 50	Emotional Health of Children (%) - LC	Higher		62.3				64.8	63.3	
NI 51	Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) Services	Higher	16	15					11.35	↓
NI 52a	Uptake of Primary school lunches (%) - C	Higher		37.8	38.2				41.3	↑
NI 52b	Uptake of Secondary school lunches (%) - C	Higher		30.4	26.6				37.7	↓
NI 53	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks	Higher							50	
NI 54	Provision of services for disabled children	-	For Introduction during 2009/10						59	
NI 55	Obesity among primary school age children in Reception Year (%) - LC	Lower	9.8	9.9				10.5	9.87	↑
NI 56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6 (%)	Lower	17.2	18.4					17.48	↑
NI 57	Children and young peoples participation in quality PE and sport (%) - C	Higher	75	79					78	↑
NI 58	Emotional and behavioural health of children in care	Lower			14.4				13.8	
NI 112	Reduce the under 18 conception rate (per 1000 girls) - LC	Lower	35.3					26.4	41.7	↓
NI 113	Prevalence of Chlamydia in under 25 year olds - C	Lower								
NI 115	Reduce substance misuse by young people (%) - C	Lower		10.7					10.9	
Stay Safe										
NI 59	Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral (%)	Higher	79.4	79.0	65.0			80.0	71	↓
NI 60	Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement (%)	Higher	88.8	79.0	60.3			80.0	80	↓
NI 61	Looked after children adopted during the year who were placed for adoption within 12 months of the agency deciding that the child should be placed for adoption (%)	Higher	53.3	62.1	51.6				75.8	↓
NI 62	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of placements (%)	Lower	10.7	8.6	5.9			6.0	10.7	↓
NI 63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement (%)	Higher*	64.4	69.8	70.7			75.0	67	↑
NI 64	Child protection plans lasting 2 years or more (%) - C	Lower*	5.5	7.0	10.7			<10	5	↑
NI 65	Children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (%) - C	Lower*	19.0	16.0	15.2			12.0	14	↓
NI 66	Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales (%)	Higher	90.3	91.6	96.5				90.9	↑
NI 67	Child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales (%)	Higher	100.0	100.0	99.3			100.0	99	↓
NI 68	Referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment (%)	Median*	79.8	69.0	56.5			70.0	59	↓
NI 69	Children who have experienced bullying (%) - C	Lower		48.3					48	
NI 70	Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries to children and young people	Lower	112.7	113.8					121.54	↑
NI 71	Children who have run away from home/care overnight (based on self assessment)	Higher			6					
NI 111	Reduce the number of first time entrants to youth justice system aged 10-17 - LC	Lower	2130	1530	890			1440-1480	1840	↓
Enjoy and Achieve										
NI 72	Early Years foundation stage attainment (%) - S	Higher	46.0	50.0	49.2			57.0	52	↓
NI 73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at KS2 (%) - S	Higher	72.0	75.0	75.2(p)			80.0	72	↑
NI 75a	Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and in Maths - Excluding Samworth academy(%) - S	Higher	41.7	43.3	47.5(p)			55.0	49.7	↑
NI 75b	Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and in Maths - Including Samworth academy (%) - S	Higher			46.9(p)				49.7	↑
NI 76	Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 55% of pupils achieve level 4 or above in both English and Maths at KS2	Lower	32	13	16(p)				9.12	↑
Enjoy and Achieve (Continued)										

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		Good Performance	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	09/10 Target	National Average	Yearly Trend
NI 78	Reduction in number of schools where fewer than 30% of pupils achieve 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE and equivalent including GCSEs in English and Maths - LC	Lower	11	5	5(p)		4	2.95	↔
NI 81	Inequality gap in the achievement of Level 3 qualifications at age 19 (percentage points)	Lower	27.1	31.0				24.7	↑
NI 82	Inequality gap in the achievement of Level 2 qualifications at age 19 (percentage points)	Lower	41.5	44.5				57	↑
NI 84	Achievement of 2 or more A*-C grades in Science GCSEs or equivalent (%)	Higher	50.7	59.3	66.7(p)			50.2	↑
NI 86	Secondary schools judged as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour (%)	Higher	53.3	57.8	60.0(p)		66.7	76.1	↑
NI 87	Secondary school persistent absence rate (%) - S	Lower	7.8	6.0	6.6(p)		5.2	5.6	↑
NI 88	Percentage of Schools providing access to the Full Core Offer of Extended Schools (April 2009)	Higher			54		100	81	
NI 89a	Schools on Special Measures (March 2009)	Lower		5	5			1.54	↔
NI 89b	Average time taken for schools to come out of special measures 2007/08 - months	Lower		14				18	
NI 92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest (%) - S	Lower	35.7	35.6	34.6		28.9	33.9	↓
NI 93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (%) - S	Higher	81.2	80.4	81.2(p)		88	83.89	↑
NI 94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (%) - S	Higher	75.8	80.3	83(p)		86	76.15	↑
NI 99	Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key stage 2 (%) - S	Higher	65.0	38.0			54.2	46	↓
NI 100	Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key stage 2 (%) - S	Higher	65.0	38.0			54.2	44	↓
NI 101	Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and maths) (%) - S	Higher		16			18		
NI 102a	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at KS2 - (%) C	Lower	28.5	23.8	23.1(p)		22	22.4	↓
NI102b	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at KS4 - (%) C	Lower	31.0	31.8	32.2(p)		25.0	27.8	↑
NI 103	Final Statements of SEN issued within 26 weeks (excluding exception cases) (%)	Higher			97.6		95.0		
NI 103	Final Statements of SEN issued within 26 weeks (including exception cases) (%)	Higher			69.0		85.0		
NI 104	The SEN/non-SEN gap - achieving Key Stage 2 English and Maths threshold (%)	Lower	53.7	52.4	56.8(p)			51	↑
NI 105	The SEN/non-SEN gap - achieving 5 A*-C GCSE inc. English and Maths (%)	Lower	39.4	42.5	41.1(p)			45.3	↓
NI 106	Young people from low income backgrounds progressing to HE	Lower	22.0					19.94	
NI 107a	Key Stage 2 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - White (%)	Higher	71.7	75.2	75.1(p)			73.7	↔
NI 107b	Key Stage 2 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Black (%)	Higher	77.8	81.0	70.4(p)			64.1	↓
NI 107c	Key Stage 2 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Mixed (%)	Higher	71.2	83.9	75.9(p)			73.6	↓
NI 107d	Key Stage 2 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Asian (%)	Higher	77.8	72.9	75.7(p)			71.5	↑
NI 107e	Key Stage 2 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Chinese (%)	Higher	82.8	88.5	91.3(p)			84.5	↑
NI 108a	Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - White (%)	Higher	41.4	42.7	47.3(p)		55.3	48	↑
NI 108b	Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Black (%)	Higher	33.7	41.5	46.5(p)		41.2	40.6	↑
NI 108c	Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Mixed (%)	Higher	42.3	43.9	46.7(p)		52.5	47.1	↑
NI 108d	Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Asian (%)	Higher	48.1	54.0	58(p)		47.7	51	↑
NI 108e	Key Stage 4 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups - Chinese (%)	Higher	86.4	61.8	63.6(p)		54.6	70.1	↑
Enjoy and Achieve (Continued)									
NI 109	Number of Sure Start Children Centres (March 2009) (%)	Higher			84.0			79	
NI 114	Rate of permanent exclusions from school (% of school population.) - LC	Lower	0.12	0.15	0.13(p)		0.13	0.12	↓
NI 118	Take up of formal childcare by low-income families	Higher	17.0	18.2				17.34	↑

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		Good Performance	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	09/10 Target	National Average	Yearly Trend
NI 199	Children's satisfaction with parks and play areas (%)	Higher		41.2				44.7	
Make a Positive Contribution									
NI 19	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders (%)	Lower	33.1	33.6	30.4		-3%		↓
NI 43	Young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody (%)	Lower	7	5.8	6.8				↑
NI 44	Ethnic composition of offenders on Youth Justice System disposals (%)	Zero	1.1	1.8	1.1				↓
NI 45	Young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training (%)	Higher	80.2	78.6	79.1				↑
NI 46	Young offenders access to suitable accommodation (%)	Higher	95.8	98	96.5				↓
NI 79	Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19 (%)	Higher	66.8	68.6					↑
NI 80	Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 (%)	Higher	39.6	40.7					↑
NI 85	Post-16 participation in physical sciences - number of entries for A Level Physics	Higher		249					
NI 85	Post-16 participation in physical sciences - number of entries for A Level Chemistry	Higher		322					
NI 85	Post-16 participation in physical sciences - number of entries for A Level Maths	Higher		612					
NI 90	Uptake of 14-19 learning diplomas	Higher							
NI 91	Participation of 17 year olds in education or training (%)	Higher	72.0					78	
NI 110	Young people's participation in positive activities - (%) C	Higher		70.9				69.5	
Economic Wellbeing									
NI 116	Proportion of children in poverty	Lower							
NI 117	% 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) - LC	Lower	4.5	4.3			4.3	6.96	↓
NI 147	Care leavers at 19 in Suitable accommodation (%)	Higher	84.6	72.1	95.1			89.6	↑
NI 148	Care leavers at 19 - in education, employment and training (%)	Higher	71.8	60.5	56.1			63	↓
NI 198a	Children travelling to school - Car usually used - 5-10 age group	Lower			34.6				
NI 198a	Children travelling to school - Car Share usually used - 5-10 age group (%)	Higher			3.4				
NI 198a	Children travelling to school - Public transport usually used - 5-10 age group (%)	Higher			2.7				
NI 198a	Children travelling to school - Walking usually used - 5-10 age group (%)	Higher			58.3				
NI 198a	Children travelling to school - Cycle usually used - 5-10 age group (%)	Higher			0.8				
NI 198a	Children travelling to school - Other mode usually used - 5-10 age group (%)	Higher			0.2				
NI 198b	Children travelling to school - Car usually used - 11-16 age group (%)	Lower			15.6				
NI 198b	Children travelling to school - Car Share usually used - 11-16 age group (%)	Higher			1.1				
NI 198b	Children travelling to school - Public transport usually used - 11-16 age group (%)	Higher			26.9				
NI 198b	Children travelling to school - Walking usually used - 11-16 age group (%)	Higher			53.0				
NI 198b	Children travelling to school - Cycle usually used - 11-16 age group (%)	Higher			3.2				
NI 198b	Children travelling to school - Other mode usually used - 11-16 age group (%)	Higher			0.2				

Nottinghamshire Children and Young People National Indicators - Quarterly Data 2009/10										
			08/09	09/10				09/10	National	Quarterly
			Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Target	Average	Trend
			Good Performance							
Be Healthy										
NI 112	Reduce the under 18 conception rate (per 1000 girls) - LC	Lower		36.5	37.5			26.4	41.7	↑
Stay Safe										
NI 59	Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral (%)	Higher	48.7	52.5	64.8			80.0	71	↑
NI 60	Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement (%)	Higher	36	43.5	56.7			80.0	80	↑
NI 62	Stability of placements of looked after children: number of placements (%)	Lower	5.5	6.4	3.6			6.0	11.4	↓
NI 63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement (%)	Higher*	74.4	74.7	79.1			75.0	65.7	↑
NI 64	Child protection plans lasting 2 years or more (%) - C	Lower*	1.1	9.2	7.7			<10	5	↓
NI 65	Children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (%) - C	Lower*	15	16.7	14.6			12.0	14	↓
NI 67	Child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales (%)	Higher	100	100.0	100.0			100.0	99	↔
NI 68	Referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment (%)	Median*	58.5	51.6	55.9			70.0	59	↑
NI 111	Reduce the number of first time entrants to youth justice system aged 10-17 - LC	Lower	215	234(p)	225(p)			1440-1480	1840	↓
Enjoy and Achieve										
NI 88	Percentage of Schools providing access to the Full Core Offer of Extended Schools	Higher	54	68	80			100	81	↑
NI 103a	Final Statements of SEN issued within 26 weeks (excluding exception cases) (%)	Higher	97.6	95	98.4			95.0		↑
NI 103b	Final Statements of SEN issued within 26 weeks (including exception cases) (%)	Higher	69	63.6	77.4			85.0		↑
NI 109	Number of Sure Start Children Centres (%)	Higher	84	84	93				79	↑
Make a Positive Contribution										
NI 19	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders (%)	Lower	29.7	11.7(p)	11.4(p)			-3%		↓
NI 43	Young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody (%)	Lower	7	6.1(p)	5.2(p)					↓
NI 45	Young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training (%)	Higher	80.8	74.7(p)	82.0(p)					↑
NI 46	Young offenders access to suitable accommodation (%)	Higher	97.5	96.2(p)	97.0(p)					↑
Economic Wellbeing										
NI 117	% 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) - LC	Lower	5.1	5.4	4.5			4.3	6.96	↓

Notes

National Indicators mapped to the Every Child Matters Outcomes Framework

L - Indicator is included within the LAA

C - Indicator is included within the Children and Young People's Plan

S - Indicator is one of the 10 statutory targets for education and early years

(p) - provisional data

* For a number of NIs good performance is not simply measured by a higher lower value, but may require performance to be within a certain range albeit generally higher/lower, refer to NI definitions for further guidance



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