

Calderdale LAA 2008

National Indicator Set Proposal: Business Case NI59/NI60

<p>NATIONAL INDICATOR <i>(Number and title from the NIS)</i></p> <p>NI 59: Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral</p> <p>NI 60: Core assessments for children's social care carried out within 35 working days of their commencement</p>
<p>1 What Calderdale LAA outcome does the indicator support? <i>A list of current LAA outcomes is attached</i></p> <p>CYP Staying Safe</p>
<p>2 Is this the same as, or similar to, an indicator in the current LAA? <i>Please provide details.</i></p> <p>CYP03a and b – proportion of initial and core assessments carried out within timescales</p>
<p>3 How will improving this indicator help us to deliver on our story of place? <i>Eg Does it help us achieve our ambitions/address underperformance</i></p> <p>Supports CYP Plan priority: provide more support for children and young people who are on the edge of coming into care by improving family support services and referral and assessment processes. Also indicated in our story of place. This is currently an area of underperformance – below national average and that of statistical neighbours. Currently identified in q2 monitor as not yet achieving targets. This is a key area of performance to be addressed to ensure that vulnerable children, young people and families are supported.</p>
<p>4 At what level will the indicator apply? <i>Will it relate to the district level, at a geographical level below the district or to certain communities and groups?</i></p> <p>District – refers to children and young people identified as at risk and on the edge of care.</p>
<p>5 Will this help narrow the gap? <i>Please identify how this indicator might contribute to narrowing the gap between areas, communities in Calderdale and/or between Calderdale and other areas</i></p> <p>Currently identified as a narrowing the gap indicator in our LAA. Improved timeliness and quality of initial and core assessments will help to reduce the time children and young people need to spend in care.</p>

6 What is the current baseline for this indicator?

Please provide data source and date.

LAA 2007/08 Q2 monitor: Initial assessments: 57.14%

Core assessments: 64.71%

7 What are the future performance trends?

Trend is for improvement but not likely to achieve target in 2007/08. Currently undertaking radical overhaul of service in order to improve performance.

8 Is this currently an area of underperformance?

Please provide evidence eg how Calderdale compares with other areas

Yes – below national average and statistical neighbours. This is a priority for improvement in terms of OFSTED APA ratings.

9 What stretched performance can be achieved on this indicator?

Give details of the stretch over normal performance that might be achieved for this indicator.

Currently unlikely

10 Do local people think it's a priority?

Please provide evidence eg local polls, surveys that show this is a priority

Recognised by CYPMG partners as a priority

11 Has it been identified as a government priority?

Eg is it a PSA indicator?

DCSF Strategic Objective. National priority in terms of support for children in care and reducing the number of children who come into care.

12 Is there local statistical or demographic evidence to support this indicator's inclusion?

Yes – Quarterly monitoring Care Services, Children and Young People's Services

13 What partners can contribute to delivering improved performance?

While the timeliness of initial and core assessments is important, so is the quality of the assessments. Referrals for care proceedings come from a range of agencies and care plans are developed across agencies.

14 Is improvement within the control of local partners?

Yes – use of common assessment threshold criteria. Quality of team around the child conferences and multi-agency care plans.

16 What are the opportunities to improve delivery?

Review of service currently underway should improve timeliness of assessments. Partners continue to develop multi-agency approaches to improve care planning

15 What are the barriers that might prevent delivery?

Resources – currently considerable budget pressures mean that we are not able to develop the family support services that are needed to reduce the number of children coming into care.

Staffing – resources pressures mean that we are not able to recruit the additional staff needed to address current performance issues. Also there are issues of staff expertise and need to develop a targeted and focused staff development programme to support staff in this area.

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National Indicator Set Proposal: Business Case NI65

<p>NATIONAL INDICATOR <i>(Number and title from the NIS)</i> NI65 Children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time</p>
<p>1 What Calderdale LAA outcome does the indicator support? <i>A list of current LAA outcomes is attached</i> CYP Staying Safe</p>
<p>2 Is this the same as, or similar to, an indicator in the current LAA? <i>Please provide details.</i> CYP04b.: Re-registrations on the Child Protection Register</p>
<p>3 How will improving this indicator help us to deliver on our story of place? <i>Eg Does it help us achieve our ambitions/address underperformance</i></p> <p>Supports CYP Plan priority: provide more support for children and young people who are on the edge of coming into care by improving family support services and referral and assessment processes. Also indicated in our story of place. This is an area of improving performance as at March 2007. However, since then, the number of referrals to the Child Protection Register has risen significantly. The number of re-referrals remains good. This is an important proxy indicator to indicate the effectiveness of support given to vulnerable children and young people. While this is not a NIS indicator, we also have a current issue about the number of children on the CP Register who do not have an allocated qualified social worker. This is currently being addressed but it is a key factor in preventing re-referrals to the Register.</p>
<p>4 At what level will the indicator apply? <i>Will it relate to the district level, at a geographical level below the district or to certain communities and groups?</i></p> <p>District – focuses on a particularly vulnerable group of children and young people who are on the edge of care.</p>
<p>5 Will this help narrow the gap? <i>Please identify how this indicator might contribute to narrowing the gap between areas, communities in Calderdale and/or between Calderdale and other areas</i></p> <p>Currently identified as a LAA narrowing the gap indicator. The optimum re-referral rate is considered by OFSTED to be 12%, recognising that it will always be necessary to refer but keeping this to a minimum by providing an appropriate range of support.</p>

6 What is the current baseline for this indicator?

Please provide data source and date.

LAA 2007/08 Q2 Monitor – 10.96%

7 What are the future performance trends?

We are targeting to achieve and maintain 12% re-referral rates.

8 Is this currently an area of underperformance?

Please provide evidence eg how Calderdale compares with other areas

This is not currently an area of underperformance but on a quarterly basis performance can vary significantly

9 What stretched performance can be achieved on this indicator?

Give details of the stretch over normal performance that might be achieved for this indicator.

Unlikely at present given the increase in referrals to the CP register

10 Do local people think it's a priority?

Please provide evidence eg local polls, surveys that show this is a priority

Recognised as a priority by CYPMG and the Safeguarding Board

11 Has it been identified as a government priority?

Eg is it a PSA indicator?

DCSF Strategic Objective -

12 Is there local statistical or demographic evidence to support this indicator's inclusion?

Yes – Quarterly reports to Safeguarding Board

13 What partners can contribute to delivering improved performance?

Partners need to ensure consistent application of threshold criteria for referrals and effective participation in team around the child arrangements to provide effective support.

14 Is improvement within the control of local partners?

Yes in terms of effectiveness of multi-agency working both in terms of referrals and care planning

16 What are the opportunities to improve delivery?

Ongoing multi-agency working. Effectiveness of CMAS as the new service develops its capacity

15 What are the barriers that might prevent delivery?

Continued high level of referrals to CP Register. Lack of commitment/resources from partners.

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National Indicator Set Proposal: Business Case NI69

<p>NATIONAL INDICATOR <i>(Number and title from the NIS)</i> 69 – Children who experience bullying</p>
<p>1 What Calderdale LAA outcome does the indicator support? <i>A list of current LAA outcomes is attached</i> Staying Safe; enjoying and achieving; making a positive contribution</p>
<p>2 Is this the same as, or similar to, an indicator in the current LAA? <i>Please provide details.</i> New indicator</p>
<p>3 How will improving this indicator help us to deliver on our story of place? <i>Eg Does it help us achieve our ambitions/address underperformance</i> This indicator supports the proposed new CYP Plan priority for 2008 – 2011: Make sure children and young people feel safe out and about in and around Calderdale. This has been requested by the Calderdale Youth Council to be included. In Calderdale, as nationally, bullying is a key concern for children and young people, in particular the most vulnerable. It is an issue that was identified by looked after children and by disabled children and young people and has been included in the appropriate strategies. Evidence for this indicator will be collected via the annual TellUs2 survey which is completed by a sample of children and young people nationally as part of the annual performance assessment process. In 2007, although the number of children and young people in Calderdale who completed the survey was relatively small, responses to questions about bullying indicated that there may well be an issue in Calderdale.</p>
<p>4 At what level will the indicator apply? <i>Will it relate to the district level, at a geographical level below the district or to certain communities and groups?</i> District</p>
<p>5 Will this help narrow the gap? <i>Please identify how this indicator might contribute to narrowing the gap between areas, communities in Calderdale and/or between Calderdale and other areas</i> Yes – support will be given to children and young people who perceive they are being bullied. We know that the impact of bullying can adversely affect performance at school and children's health and well-being. In extreme cases, it can lead to poor health and promote anti-social behaviour.</p>

6 What is the current baseline for this indicator?

Please provide data source and date.

39% of young people said they had been bullied within a four week period in the Tellus2 survey

7 What are the future performance trends?

Need to establish if accepted

8 Is this currently an area of underperformance?

Please provide evidence eg how Calderdale compares with other areas

In the 2007 Tellus2 survey 39% of young people in Calderdale responded that they had been bullied in school within a four week period. Nationally, the result was 29%. However, it should be noted that less than 100 young people took part in the survey in Calderdale so the result may not be representative.

9 What stretched performance can be achieved on this indicator?

Give details of the stretch over normal performance that might be achieved for this indicator.

Not known

10 Do local people think it's a priority?

Please provide evidence eg local polls, surveys that show this is a priority

Local children and young people have asked for the inclusion of this new priority in the CYP Plan. The issue of bullying is frequently raised in school councils and has been identified by key vulnerable groups such as looked after children and disabled children and young people.

11 Has it been identified as a government priority?

Eg is it a PSA indicator?

DCSF Strategic Objective

12 Is there local statistical or demographic evidence to support this indicator's inclusion?

TellUs2 Survey 2007

13 What partners can contribute to delivering improved performance?

We are currently developing a multi-agency anti-bullying strategy. This will bring together strands of work that are ongoing and identify gaps. Currently, there is a lot of work taking place in schools, children's centres and youth centres and considerable support is given by the third sector.

14 Is improvement within the control of local partners?

Improved support for children who are bullied and development of positive activities to prevent bullying can help to reduce both the number of bullying incidents and the impact of bullying

16 What are the opportunities to improve delivery?

Further development and co-ordination of our anti-bullying strategy.

15 What are the barriers that might prevent delivery?

Not perceived as a sufficiently high priority by partners

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National Indicator Set Proposal: Business Case NI112

NATIONAL INDICATOR

(Number and title from the NIS)

NI 112 – Under 18 conception rate

1 What Calderdale LAA outcome does the indicator support?

A list of current LAA outcomes is attached

CYP Being Healthy

2 Is this the same as, or similar to, an indicator in the current LAA?

Please provide details.

CYP01a – Rate of conceptions among girls under 18 resident in the area per 1,000 females 15-17 resident in the area.

3 How will improving this indicator help us to deliver on our story of place?

Eg Does it help us achieve our ambitions/address underperformance

Supports CYP Plan priority to improve young people's sexual health and lower the number of teenage pregnancies. Also identified in our story of place. The national PSA target is to achieve a 50% reduction in teenage pregnancies by 2010 from the 1998 baseline. Calderdale is one of the most improved authorities in the country from our 1998 baseline but achieving the 2010 target will be very challenging. We know that teenage pregnancy can be a powerful proxy indicator for poor performance in other areas, including infant mortality; children's health; low education attainment and NEET. We also have evidence that teenage conceptions are much higher in the most disadvantaged areas of Calderdale

4 At what level will the indicator apply?

Will it relate to the district level, at a geographical level below the district or to certain communities and groups?

Currently relates both to district and to North Halifax where the incidence of teenage conceptions is much higher than the Calderdale average. This targeted approach should continue.

5 Will this help narrow the gap?

Please identify how this indicator might contribute to narrowing the gap between areas, communities in Calderdale and/or between Calderdale and other areas

We know that teenage pregnancy can be a powerful proxy indicator for poor performance in other areas, including infant mortality; children's health; low education attainment and NEET. We also have evidence that teenage conceptions are much higher in the most disadvantaged areas of Calderdale.

6 What is the current baseline for this indicator?

Please provide data source and date.

Rebased rate for 2005 - 42.4

Rate is calculated per 1,000 young women aged 15-17 (ONS, calendar year 2005)

7 What are the future performance trends?

Improvement towards 2010 to achieve 50% reduction. May not achieve 2007 target (which is based on 2006 data) but improvement should then accelerate.

8 Is this currently an area of underperformance?

Please provide evidence eg how Calderdale compares with other areas

Calderdale is currently rated Amber/Green to achieve target. However, although general improvement trend is positive, there are challenges to achieve the reduction necessary in North Halifax and with some particularly vulnerable groups.

9 What stretched performance can be achieved on this indicator?

Give details of the stretch over normal performance that might be achieved for this indicator.

We are working towards the mandatory 2010 target

10 Do local people think it's a priority?

Please provide evidence eg local polls, surveys that show this is a priority

CYPMG partners have identified this as an ongoing priority in the CYP Plan. Young people agree.

11 Has it been identified as a government priority?

Eg is it a PSA indicator?

PSA 14 Increase the number of children and young people on the path to success

12 Is there local statistical or demographic evidence to support this indicator's inclusion?

Yes – data from Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and Director of Public Health annual report

13 What partners can contribute to delivering improved performance?

Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Board: CMBC; PCT; Trusts; VCS

14 Is improvement within the control of local partners?

The effectiveness of the strategy has been demonstrated in recent reductions in teenage conceptions.

16 What are the opportunities to improve delivery?

Ongoing work with schools to develop sex and relationship education as part of PSHE.

Establishment of a Risk and Resilience Board to bring together strands of work with vulnerable young people as part of targeted youth support

15 What are the barriers that might prevent delivery?

Funding for the strategy diverted to other priorities in the area based grant.

Key partners no longer consider reduction of teenage conception to be a priority and divert resources and commitment elsewhere.

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