

## **Outcomes of APA 2008 (2007 scores in brackets)**

- Overall effectiveness of Children's Services – 2 (2)
- Be Healthy – 3 (3)
- Stay Safe – 2 (2)
- Enjoy and Achieve – 3 (3)
- Positive Contribution – 2 (2)
- Economic Wellbeing – 3 (2)
- Capacity to improve – 3 (2)



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## **Outcomes of APA 2008 What we do well....**

- Health care and outcomes for looked after children
- Good progress in respect of CAMHS
- Educational standards and attainment
- Reduction in permanent exclusions
- Reducing number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System
- Volunteering rates
- Standards and achievement for post 16 students
- Young offenders in full time EET
- Prioritisation and performance management



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## Outcomes of APA 2008 Room for improvement....

- Hospital admissions for alcohol misuse
- Referrals and assessments for children's social care
- Standards at Key Stage 1
- Targeted Youth Support
- High number of young people in jobs without training
- Access to a range of local activities and places to go for young people



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## Key achievements in 2008-2009

- Completed new DLT recruitment
- Consultation on the 'No Wrong Door' approach to locality working
- Launch of new Children and Young People's Plan
- Sustained performance in improving outcomes for looked after children
- Approval of Primary Strategy for Change
- Development of Children's Trust arrangements
- Relaunch of Common Assessment Framework (CAF)
- Successful bids – Targeted Mental Health in Schools, Co-location, Think Family
- Externally commissioned safeguarding review / refresh of HSCB



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## Priorities for the coming year

- Refreshed expectations around safeguarding
- Implementation of 'No Wrong Door' approach to locality working – embedding CAF
- Implementation of School Task Force proposals
- New inspections under Comprehensive Area Assessment
- Machinery of Government changes – including Connexions and Learning and Skills Council
- Capital programme for schools – Building Schools for the Future, Primary Strategy for Change

## How can scrutiny support this agenda?

- Building understanding and knowledge through Scrutiny leads
- Implementation of Scrutiny Forward Plan
- Subject reviews as part of the Forward Plan
- Members' seminars – future topics?