

Level 3 Report  
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		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09		June	September	June	September	June	September	
<b>Citizen</b>												
NI 110 – participation in positive activities (LAA)	Bigger is better			86.20%	91.00%			3	3	n/a	n/a	No Data - Collected as part of the TellUs Survey. The Tellus Survey is currently underway in schools and early results will be available in January 2010. All tasks are on target. Additional promotion of summer activities took place to raise the take up.
PAF / CF 63 – participation of looked after children in their reviews	Bigger is better	95%	98%	93%	100%	94.40%	96.60%	2	2	▲	▲	90.6% at the same period last year. Participation of Looked After Children in their reviews remains a top priority for the directorate and all efforts are made to ensure that children & young people feel able to participate. There is a wide programme of participation events held to increase the confidence of looked after children. All tasks are on target. Training has been undertaken by some looked after young people to enable them to chair their own reviews and thus increase participation.
<b>Service</b>												
NI 59 – initial assessments for social care done within 7 days	Bigger is better	58.7	57.4	37.4	65%	56.90%	67.90%	1	3	▲	▲	50.6% at the same period last year. As anticipated, the Q2 Outturn has achieved, and slightly exceeded, the target set for the year. This has been the result of targeted improvement work with the team focusing on managing timeliness & quality. The target will now be reviewed in light of this outturn. All tasks are on target.
NI 65 - % of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	Smaller is better	15	14	15	13%	12.60%	12.70%	3	3	▲	▲	This is good performance in line with the target set for the year and an improvement on the 2008/2009 outturn. Managers continue to monitor the situation. All tasks are on target.
<b>Partnership</b>												
NI 117 – 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) (LAA)	Smaller is better	5.5	5.4	5.9	5%			2	3	n/a	n/a	Annual return of outturn data will be available in January 2010. The percentage of 16-18 NEETs continues to rise. The post-16 NEET programme has just started up again which should help. However, the biggest group in the overall NEET group is 18 year olds who have already been through post-16 provision. Connexions is liaising with Jobcentre Plus about fast-tracking these young people to New Deal provision. All tasks are on target although this remains an area for concern as a result of the continuing recession.

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Local – % of actions implemented arising from quality audits programme	Bigger is better				50% (to September) 70% (to December) 80% (year-end)		50%	3	3	n/a	n/a	The programme of quality audits has commenced and the Quality Assurance Panel is in place and operating. Learning and actions are being implemented as a result of audit work. All tasks are on target. The audit programme is continuing to be implemented in line with the agreed programme. The Quality Assurance Panel next meets in December 2009.
Local – permanent school exclusions including looked after children	Smaller is better			18	14		0	1	4	▲	▲	There have been no permanent exclusions in the first month of the new academic year. All tasks are on target.
Local – number of Common Assessment Framework (CAF) assessments completed across agencies	Bigger is better				300	55 (cumulative)	143 (cumulative)	3	2	n/a	n/a	The number of CAFs is increasing. More people are being trained and more support is available through the CAF support team (Vanguard team). We anticipate further increases as the process embeds. All tasks are on target.
<b>Statutory</b>												
NI 72 – achievement of 78+ points across Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Bigger is better		47.9% (2006-07 academic year)	42% (2007-08 academic year)	53% (2008-09 academic year)	45.8% (2008-09 academic year)		1	1	▲	▲	Although not achieving target, this outturn represents a significant improvement on the 2008 outturn which was 42%. The predominance of boys in the EYFS continues to impact on results with 37% of boys achieving the improvement target compared with 54.9% of girls. All tasks are on target. Work is focused on maintaining the improvement in performance evidenced in the 2009 results.
NI 73 – achievement in English & Maths at Key Stage 2 Level 4	Bigger is better			72% (2007-08 academic year)	78% (2008-09 academic year)	70.8% (2008-09 academic year)		1	1	▼	▼	This unvalidated outturn for 2009 has not achieved target and is 2% below the 2008 outturn. Results in Key Stage 2 have shown a continuing downward trend over the last three years and targeted work is underway in schools. All tasks are on target. The current round of target setting in schools is a particular focus to address performance in this area.
NI 75 – 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C including English & Maths	Bigger is better		51.7% (2006-07 academic year)	53% (2007-08 academic year)	60% (2008-09 academic year)		52.9% (2008-09 academic year)	2	1	n/a	▼	Results will be validated in January 2010. All tasks are on target.
Local – achievement at Key Stage 1:												
Reading at Level 2B+	Bigger is better			69.90%	59%	68.90%		4	4	▼	▼	Activity in the coming year to improve results include the use of "Teaching Talking" beyond the Foundations Stage to improve oracy; delivery and monitoring of training in phases 5 and 6 of Letters and Sounds to ensure early foundations are built on; and implementing the Year of Reading
Maths at level 2B+	Bigger is better			70.80%	79%	71.80%		1	1	▲	▲	
Writing at level 2B+	Bigger is better			53.90%	54%	52.90%		2	2	▼	▼	
Local – looked after children attainment (2008-09 academic years):												
NI 99 - reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	Bigger is better	77.8%	14.3%	25.0%	50%		28.60%	2	1	n/a	▲	Two children out of the total cohort of seven achieved Level 4 in English at Key Stage 2 which means that the target has not been achieved. However, with such small cohorts, care must be taken because one child not achieving the required level will have a disproportionate effect on the overall percentage. It should also be noted that the cohort had a large number of children with special educational needs. All tasks are on target.
NI 100 - reaching level 4 in maths at Key Stage 2	Bigger is better	66.7%	14.3%	50.0%	50%		42.90%	2	1	n/a	▼	Three children out of the total cohort of seven achieved Level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2 which means that the target has not been achieved. However, with such small cohorts, care must be taken because one child not achieving the required level will have a disproportionate effect on the overall percentage. It should also be noted that the cohort had a large number of children with special educational needs. All tasks are on target.

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NI 101 - achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and maths)	Bigger is better	23.1%	15.0%	28.6%	20%		21.40%	2	3	n/a	▼	September Three children out of the total cohort of 14 achieved 5 A*-C GCSEs including English and Maths. A further three children in the cohort achieved 5 A*-C without English and Maths. All tasks are on target.