

A Local Area Agreement For Halton

June 2008 – April 2011



Mid-Year Progress Report

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This report provides a summary of progress in relation to the achievement of targets for Halton Local Area Agreement.

It provides both a snapshot of performance for the period 01st April to 30th September 2009 and a projection of expected levels of performance to the period 2011.

The following symbols have been used to illustrate current performance against 2009 and 2011 target levels.

	Target is likely to be achieved or exceeded.
	The achievement of the target is uncertain at this stage
	Target is highly unlikely to be / will not be achieved.

The following indicators are not included within this performance report:

NI	Description	Reason
74	Proportion achieving L5+ at KS3 in both English and Maths	Following the deletion of these indicators from the National Indicator Data Set they have been removed from the Local Area Agreement for Halton from April 2009.
83	Proportion achieving L5+ at KS3 in Science	
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NI 8 Adult participation in sport

Baseline (2006)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
20.13%	22.13%	19.33	?	24.13%	?

Data Commentary

Although this report covers 1st April – 30th September 2009, the survey covers 15th October 2008 – 14th October 2009.

We do not expect another outturn until full results are released Jan 2010. As the sample size increases we anticipate the participation rate to increase.

Data interpretation

Based on 94,310 adult 16+ population in Halton participation targets are as follows:

22.13% is the LAA target thus 20870 actual target for participation
18.5% 2007/08 outturn result; (number of people surveyed 493);
Baseline number of people participating 17,447

Latest interim results (18.06.09) based on 501 people surveyed puts us now at 19.33% so progress is being made as the sample size increases.
18,230 figure thus further 2,640 required

General Performance Commentary

The Active People Survey from which the data is sourced is issued annually which means that quarterly reporting is not possible.

For this reason proxy indicators have been introduced to gauge progress:

*Leisure Centre usage can be monitored on a monthly basis. Adult participation is being monitored and contractor has been set a 1% increase target for adult participation at the Council's 3 Leisure Facilities.

*Free swim campaign for those aged 60 years and over can be monitored monthly

Sports Participation Project is targeted at increasing participation this is a multi agency project with targeted interventions to get more people active.

All of the above are reported Quarterly through Health SSP quarterly LAA reporting.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Sports Participation project, is a multi agency resourced project, which through targeted work seeks to actively engage approx 1000 new participants per year. See Sports participation WNF quarterly reporting to Health SSP. Annual Action Plan produced

Monthly meetings with Leisure Centre Manager reviews usage and centre programming, to ensure on track to achieve 1% participation target and progress of free swim initiative. Quarterly progress is reported into Health SSP.

NI 53 Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 – 8 weeks from birth

Baseline (Q.2 2008)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
12.1%	21% (indicative, will be refreshed 09/10)	18.58%	?	23% (indicative, will be refreshed 09/10)	?

Data Commentary

General Performance Commentary

The number of infants being breastfed at 6-8 weeks is 18.58% which is below target for this period but has seen a 4.5% increase since the last reporting period.



Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The Maternity Support Worker service has been developed and is now becoming established in the Borough providing breastfeeding support. Breastfeeding group support is being accessed with group support available in all areas of the Borough. Further developments include the joint partnership working between Maternity Support workers and the Le Leche Peer Support service. The Peer Support service is provided by the Kings Cross Parents Project and provides a complete service for breastfeeding mothers within Halton. The Get Closer 2 Social Marketing campaign was presented to the Breastfeeding steering group and will be going to staff, mothers and maternity community groups for consultation.

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All health visiting teams have been asked to review the support they offer to breast feeding mothers and to consider a range of evidence based interventions they may be able to implement in terms of increasing the number of mothers who continue to breast feed at 6-8 weeks. All teams have an action plan in place which will be reviewed quarterly. Breast feeding status at 6-8 weeks is being collected by all health visiting teams. A recent event facilitated by the SHA recognised the quality of the data provided by Halton and St Helens health visiting teams.

NI 120 | All-age all cause mortality

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
Male - 906	780	769.5		755	
Fem - 673	590	607.9		574	

Data Commentary

Data provided is provisional and relates to the period September 2008-August 2009. The next official data update will be available in December 2009 with 2008 data.

General Performance Commentary

Life expectancy has increased overall and deaths from CVD and cancer have fallen but at a slower rate than England as a whole so the gap has widened.

Halton and St Helens have worked with the Health Inequalities National Support Team (NST) to identify the key areas we need to make progress on if we are to reduce the gap for life expectancy by the government target of 2010.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Life expectancy has now become a Commissioning Strategic Plan (CSP) priority.

Analysis has been undertaken to understand the major causes of deaths for males and females between the years 2005-07 to understand if there are any causes of deaths that could merit further investigation. For both genders circulatory and cancer are still major factors with respiratory also being a major cause (either COPD, pneumonia or other respiratory conditions).

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Chronic liver disease also figured within males deaths. Vascular and unspecified dementia and senility also figured within females deaths.

The Commissioning Strategic Plan interventions will address these conditions partly through early detection and prevention of chronic diseases as outlined in alcohol, tobacco and obesity plans.



Areas identified for focus from the NST Health Inequalities visit are CVD (secondary prevention), CVD (acute management), alcohol, seasonal excess deaths, COPD and cancer. An additional visit in April 2009 by the Health Inequalities team also identified infant mortality and diabetes as areas for focus.

A programme of accelerated action is being implemented from the recommendations of the National Support Team visit for Health Inequalities and whilst this is being led by the PCT, the Borough Council are fully engaged in this process especially linking to actions around vulnerable people. The PCT and LA has established a Health Inequalities Oversight Group and has identified a lead for each of these 8 areas who is accountable for implementing the recommendations made following the visit from the NST. An example to address the CVD element is that the PCT and LA has agreed to support an industrial scale "case finding" project that will identify all patients at risk of developing CVD over the next 10 years. This is a systematic approach that will be delivered through Primary Care. A more opportunistic scheme will be launched across the Halton and St Helens population within 2009/10. The PCT is developing a Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) system via a local enhanced scheme across high priority disease areas such as CVD, diabetes and stroke.

In addition, the following initiatives should have an impact on all age, all cause mortality: Health Checks Plus, QOF Plus, Workwell health checks, GO Men's Health Programme health checks, early presentation of cancer programme and working with vulnerable adults and GPs to prevent excess winter deaths through enhanced services. There is an ongoing programme around tobacco control and we are making good progress with stop smoking results.

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NI 123 | 16+ current smoking rate prevalence

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
914	1082	351		1128	

Data Commentary

Data is incomplete for Q2, 2009/10 as it is still awaited from a number of GPs, pharmacies and the smoking cessation service (SUPPORT) need to carry out follow ups.

General Performance Commentary

In terms of stop smoking services, tobacco control is making good progress. A comprehensive approach to tobacco control including illegal and counterfeit tobacco prevention, normalising smoke free lifestyles and communications is making progress and this will be enhanced with the implementation of the actions associated with the Tobacco Control Strategy and Action Plan.

Halton and St Helens have received the 2009 Merseyside and Cheshire Charter award for smoke free workplaces.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The Commissioning Strategic Plan has put considerable funding in place to reduce smoking levels. Smoking initiatives will have considerable impact on cancer. The tobacco control initiatives will target six key areas including prevention, illegal and counterfeit tobacco, pregnant smokers, stopping smoking, social marketing and normalising smoke free lifestyles. We are currently conducting research into how our marketing programme can take these areas forward. A reduction in exposure to a smoking environment and in smoking rates will reduce levels of smoking related cancers.

A smoking in pregnancy pathway has been developed and implemented and training is ongoing with midwives and health visitors. All smoking cessation staff working with pregnant women are now using baby monitors to ascertain the level of carbon monoxide in babies at the first ante-natal appointment. The pregnant woman and her partner are offered smoking cessation support and advice on how to keep the home smoke free.

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NI 139 **People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently**

Baseline (2008 survey)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
30.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.8%	N/A

Data Commentary

This is collected through the Place Survey carried out every 2 years. The next planned Place Survey is during the Autumn of 2010.



General Performance Commentary

Not applicable

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Plans are being developed to carry out a brief survey of older people using existing networks to assess direction of travel. This survey will be carried out initially through Halton Older People's Empowerment Network (OPEN) and the five local participation groups. The next stage will be to get the question incorporated into existing service feedback forms. The first phase of this will be through Halton Borough Council's existing Lifeline service.

NI 142 **Number of vulnerable people supported to maintain independent living**

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
98.17%	98.69%	98.7%		99.04%	

Data Commentary

This report covers the periods 6th April to 5th July and 06th July to 4th of October 2009 and has been calculated as accumulated half year total. Data is actual with one service failing to submit for the 2nd quarter.

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General Performance Commentary

Whilst the individual target for older peoples services has been reached there are a small number of clients who have moved into residential care services' as they have been unable to maintain their independence without more intensive support. The service for Teenage parents has not been consistent over the 6 month period measured. An action plan and meeting has been arranged to review performance of this service.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

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NI 72 | Early Years Foundation Stage Attainment

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
43.9%	48%	46.9% (July 2009)	<div style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">?</div> Increase on 2008, but 1.1% adrift of target	52%	<div style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">?</div>

Data Commentary

Mid-year actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance across all LA maintained Primary Schools within Halton. Pupil level data is submitted to the LA by each school in the borough; this data is cleaned and validated by LA before being sent to DCSF. This is the final version of this data release.

General Performance Commentary

2009 saw a rise in the % of children at the end of the reception year attaining a score of 6+ across both Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy. This represents a 1.6% increase on 2008 outcomes but was 1.1% below the target set. Key to this increase, specifically around CLL has been the increased focus and range of intervention targeted at the development of language skills through a range of programmes including CLLD (phonic development) and I Can. There have been some improvements over the last 3 years in CLL for children in the 30% SOAs.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The Communication Language and Literacy Development (CLDD) project has been implemented to improve standards of literacy at Foundation Stage. Of the schools participating 91% children were working at phase 2 in EYFS at the end of 2009 compared to 89% nationally. This data is collected by the LA and shared with National Strategies on a termly basis.

To date 86 participants have attended the I Can 'supporting' course and 60 have attended 'enhance up' course. 7 settings have gained accreditation. A further 10 settings are currently going through the accreditation process resulting in a total of 17 settings across private and voluntary and maintained sectors, and rising!

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It is expected that the rollout of the SEAD (Social and Emotional Development) programme will impact upon PSED outcomes from Spring 2010. Pilot schools have been identified where historically PSED scores are particularly low.

The Early Years Outcome Duty (EYOD) Steering group is now an established team who have collaborated on a comprehensive action plan to support the achievement of Halton's statutory Early Years Outcomes Duty targets. There is shared accountability for quality assurance across all EYFS settings and the group continues to meet to review impact on a termly basis. Criteria for success to be reviewed and refined in the next action plan.

The LA has identified a range of strategies to further raise attainment including more effective tracking of children's progress across EYFS settings, intake of e-profile data on a termly basis and further analysis of CLLD data from the targeted schools. The intelligence gained from these sources will be used to focus interventions and to inform challenge and support in the EYFS.

The LA has begun to prepare early for its entry into the funded ECAT (every Child a Talker) programme working in partnership with the PCT speech and language expertise to focus on this area. This more joined up approach will hopefully be a contributory factor in the improvements in LCT, and all CLL scales.

NI 73 Proportion achieving L4+ at KS2 in both English and Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
71.7%	77%	73.7% (July 2009)	<div style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">?</div> Missed target but in line with national	79%	<div style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">?</div>

Data Commentary

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General Performance Commentary

The percentage of pupils attaining L4+ combined English and mathematics declined by 1.2% compared to the significant gains made in the previous year, however Halton's performance remains above national. English L4+ declined by 4% following national trends, but remains in line with national. Mathematics L4+ remained static.

Whilst standards at key stage 2 in Halton remain in line with national, this masks the difference between individual schools.

Although the LA did not achieve the target set in combined English and mathematics at L4+ (4% below) the provisional result was in line with FFTD (i.e. in line with the top 25% of schools nationally based upon contextual factors). Performance will have to rise by 5% to meet the 2010 target of 77% (significantly above FFTD) as a result of schools and the LA setting ambitious targets.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The primary team continue to provide a range of projects for schools, targeted where required. This includes Assessment for Learning (AfL) and Assessing Pupil Progress (APP); Improving Schools Programme (ISP); 1 to 1 tuition; Every Child a Reader (ECAR) and the LA's Leading Teacher programme.

The LA holds termly meetings to monitor schools' progress and adjust support where required. The APP programme was introduced last year and the AFL programme is beginning to impact on teacher assessment, being delivered on a phased basis across the borough. Leading Teachers are allocated to specific clusters of schools and being paired with schools identified as requiring support.

The ECAR programme commenced in September 2009, later than originally planned, involving four schools initially. The current emphasis focuses on embedding key principles and practices in the identified schools.

The LA implemented the One to One tuition programme in Easter 2009 involving four schools, Pupils selected were those identified as not being on track to attain level 4 in KS2 assessment. 97 pupils were involved; including Children in Care and analysis shows the programme had a positive impact in increasing the number of borderline students who gained either L4+ English or Mathematics in this year's assessments. The programme will be expanded this year to include all primary schools with a particular focus on Children in Care.

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The LA provided an effective SIP CPD programme, with evidence of impact including:

- improvements in the quality of challenge and support
- ambitious target setting in most schools
- sharper, more rapid brokerage of appropriate support and interventions

Areas of focus for the coming year include:

1. Maintaining progression across KS1 and KS2
2. In building on KS1 progress this year, develop strategies to raise performance in English at KS2.
3. Continue to develop “narrowing the gap” strategies with a particular focus on higher level achievement at KS1 and KS2.

NI 75 Proportion achieving 5 A*-C GCSE including English and Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
41.1%	49%	44.3% (Summer 2009)		52.3%	

Data Commentary

Mid-year actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance across all LA maintained Secondary Schools within Halton. Exam data is sent directly from the awarding bodies to RM Solutions, data is made available for each LA through EPAS online analysis system. This figure is from the first data release from RM Solutions and represents the data version that Schools are currently checking as part of the AAT checking exercise.

General Performance Commentary

During the last two years there has been 16% improvement in Halton's performance at 5 A*-C including English and maths and as a result we have continued to set aspirational and challenging targets with our schools. Unfortunately, the results dipped this year, mainly due to a large proportion of students not attaining a grade C in English. Some schools are still awaiting the results of papers that have been sent back for remarking. An in depth analysis of the results is being undertaken.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Key Activities include the following:

- A full review of results has been undertaken by the Local Authority and schools
- Schools have considered whether the exam board that is being used is appropriate for all students
- Exam boards have been invited into schools to provide feedback and professional opportunities for teachers to improve the readiness for students for the exams
- Analysis has considered the performance of sub groups of students by ability, gender, Free School Meals, Children in Care, etc to examine if there are particular issues that the schools needs to respond to
- Consultants have been aligned with schools most at need and are undertaking a number of activities to support schools in raising there performance
- Schools are actively looking to share good practice more and a Teaching and Learning and Management hubs have been created
- Additional funding continues to be available for our National Challenge schools to continue to make progress. Both showed slight improvements from the previous year's results
- School Improvement Partners will continue to challenge and support schools in achieving the aspirational target for this academic year

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Secondary School persistent absence rate

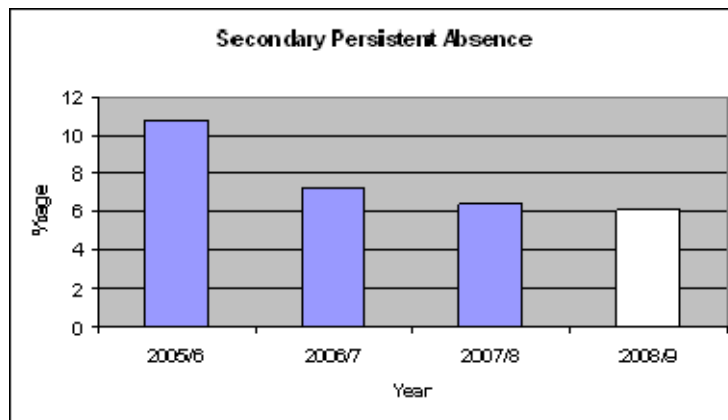
Baseline (2006/07)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
7.2%	6.5%	6.1% (2008/09)		5.5% (2009/10)	

Data Commentary

Mid year actual provided is the 2008/09 academic year actual based on the performance in the Autumn and Spring terms as used by the DCSF in calculating. Verified data is released by the DCSF on the Statistical First Release Website annually in February. For example, February 2009 2007/08 data published, February 2010 2008/09 data will be published.

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General Performance Commentary



2005 to 2008 Halton Secondary Persistent Absence reduced by 43%. All targets were met or exceeded. There is no reason to believe that the 5.5% target for next year will not be achieved.



Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Every Halton school has a named Education Welfare Officer to support the effective management of school attendance. The Education Welfare service works with schools and a range of other services to promote regular school attendance and address persistent absence. Each pupil identified as a persistent absentee has a individual plan in place which is reviewed regularly to address any issue that are identified as preventing regular school attendance. The Education Welfare service works alongside colleagues in health to ensure that support is available to enable pupils with both physical and emotional health needs to engage as fully as possible with education and to identify any unmet health needs and seek the appropriate support. A Pupil Support Group has recently been established to support the reintegration of vulnerable pupils back into mainstream education. Attendance leaders from each of High Schools meet half termly together with officers of the local authority to discuss effective interventions to reduced absence and improve school attendance. The Education Welfare service continues to use the full range of legal measures, where it is appropriate to do so to ensure the regular attendance of pupils in Halton.

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Achievement Gap at Early Years Foundation Stage

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
33.8% (LA gap between median & bottom 20%)	30.65%	31.4% (July 2009)		27.66%	

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General Performance Commentary

Whilst there has been some success in narrowing the gap from the 2007 / 08 baseline, the gap did not narrow between 2008 and 2009 and as a result the target was not met (-0.75). The gap, between the performance of the lowest achieving 20% of children and the median, widened by 1%.

In 2009, the gap between the mean of the lowest performing 20% of children and the median of all children was widened to 31.4%. The three year period from 2006 to 2009 shows an annual average reduction in the gap of less than one percentage point.

The changes in performance between children in the 30% SOAs and those in the Non 30% SOAs reflect an uneven pattern over a three year period, indicating that the focus on the lowest performing 20% of children is not yet consistent.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

A range of activities have developed through the work of the Early Years Outcomes Duty steering group, the detail of which can be found in Halton's EYOD action plan.

Key activities for the coming year include:

- Tighter alignment of all funding streams and resources that can be used for supporting children in EYFS, particularly those children at risk of performing least well.
- Increase use of the CLLD progress data to track children's progress in

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EYFS in targeted schools and settings.

- Enhance training for School Improvement Partners to ensure that clear messages are conveyed.
- Introduction of the ECAT (Every Child a Thinker) programme

A policy for support and intervention for EYFS settings is currently in draft and outlines the quality assurance criteria to support the 'categorisation' of settings. The LA will be using National Strategy resources - Early Years Quality Improvement Support Programme (EYQISP) and also ECERs (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) to establish criteria. A steering group is currently reworking the first draft and it is expected that this will be in place from January 2010. This information will be used to inform the deployment of support and intervention across private, voluntary and maintained settings.

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Proportion progressing by two levels at KS2 in English

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
63.1%	89%	83% (July 2009)		89%	

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General Performance Commentary

Although the target was not met, there was a 1% increase in the percentage of pupils who made 2 or more levels of progress in English compared to 2008. As a result Halton's attainment was 4% above national average. From baseline, Halton has made 20% gains. This demonstrates significant improvement in relation to accelerating rates of progress.

Schools and the LA continue to set highly ambitious targets.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

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NI 94 Proportion progressing by two levels at KS2 in Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
61.4%	87%	82% (July 2009)	<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">?</div> Adrift of target, in line with national	87%	<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">?</div>

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General Performance Commentary

In 2009 the percentage of pupils attaining 2 or more levels of progress in maths declined by 1%, was adrift of target and as a result was 1% below national average. However, following the rapid increase in attainment in 2008, over 3 years this represents gains of 20% against the baseline figure and national standards have been maintained.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The primary team continue to provide a range of projects for schools, targeted where required. This includes Assessment for Learning (AfL) and Assessing Pupil Progress (APP); Improving Schools Programme (ISP); 1 to 1 tuition; Every Child a Reader (ECAR) and the LA's Leading Teacher programme.

The LA holds termly meetings to monitor schools' progress and adjust support where required. The APP programme was introduced last year and the AFL programme is beginning to impact on teacher assessment, being delivered on a phased basis across the borough. Leading Teachers are allocated to specific clusters of schools and being paired with schools identified as requiring support.

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The ECaR programme commenced in September 2009, later than originally planned, involving four schools initially. The current emphasis focuses on embedding key principles and practices in the identified schools.

The LA implemented the One to One tuition programme in Easter 2009 involving four schools, Pupils selected were those identified as not being on track to attain level 4 in KS2 assessment. 97 pupils were involved; including Children in Care and analysis shows the programme had a positive impact in increasing the number of borderline students who gained either L4+ English or Mathematics in this year's assessments. The programme will be expanded this year to include all primary schools with a particular focus on Children in Care.



The LA provided an effective SIP CPD programme, with evidence of impact including:

- improvements in the quality of challenge and support
- ambitious target setting in most schools
- sharper, more rapid brokerage of appropriate support and interventions

Areas of focus for the coming year include:

1. Maintaining progression across KS1 and KS2
2. In building on KS1 progress this year, develop strategies to raise performance in English at KS2.
3. Continue to develop “narrowing the gap” strategies with a particular focus on higher level achievement at KS1 and KS2.

NI 99 Proportion of CiC achieving Level 4 at KS2 in English

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
100% (6 out of 6)	33.3%	50%		55%	

Data Commentary

The data provided for 2009-10 is actual attainment performance of the OC2 cohort of children in care in July 09, covering the academic year 2008-09.

For 2011 the target is based on estimated performance of the projected OC2 cohort in July 2010, covering the academic year 2009-10.

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General Performance Commentary

For 2009-10 data:

The cohort consisted of 6 children who have been in care for at least 12 months. The group was comprised of 4 boys and 2 girls, of whom 5 were on the SEN Code of Practice (1 School Action, 2 School Action Plus and 2 with Statements of SEN). The actual performance of 50% was achieved by 2 boys and 1 girl gaining at least Level 4 in English, with 1 child being at School Action Plus on the Code of Practice. Of these 3 children only 1 had care placements moves (2 within the academic year – but all within Halton so that school provision remained consistent). All 3 had attendance above 95% for the academic year and 2 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

Of the total cohort only 1 boy had attendance below 90% the remainder all achieved at least 95%. 5 out of 6 children achieved at least 2 level progression from their KS1 results. 4 out of 6 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

For 2011 target:

The cohort as it stands is 12 children who will have been in care for at least 12 months; the gender split is even. There is currently a total of 9 children on the Code of Practice (3 School Action, 3 School Action Plus, 3 with Statements of SEN). Indications at present are that this is a stretch target for the current cohort.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Half termly attainment tracking.



Daily attendance tracking.

Appropriate allocation of 1:1 tuition through both Making Good Progress and the use of the Personal Education Allowance.

Personal Education Plans completed within statutory time scales.

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NI 100 Proportion of CiC achieving Level 4 at KS2 in Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
83% (5 out of 6)	33.3%	50%		55%	

Data Commentary

The data provided for 2009-10 is actual attainment performance of the OC2 cohort of children in care in July 09, covering the academic year 2008-09.

For 2011 the target is based on estimated performance of the projected OC2 cohort in July 2010, covering the academic year 2009-10.

General Performance Commentary

For 2009-10 data:

The cohort consisted of 6 children who have been in care for at least 12 months. The group was comprised of 4 boys and 2 girls, of whom 5 were on the SEN Code of Practice (1 School Action, 2 School Action Plus and 2 with Statements of SEN). The actual performance of 50% was achieved by 3 boys gaining at least Level 4 in Maths, with 1 child being at School Action on the Code of Practice. All 3 had attendance above 95% for the academic year, none had changes in care placement or education provision and 2 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

Of the total cohort only 1 boy had attendance below 90% the remainder all achieved at least 95%. 5 out of 6 children achieved at least 2 level progression from their KS1 results. 4 out of 6 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

For 2011 target:

The cohort as it stands is 12 children who will have been in care for at least 12 months; the gender split is even. There is currently a total of 9 children on the Code of Practice (3 School Action, 3 School Action Plus, 3 with Statements of SEN). Indications at present are that this is a stretch target for the current cohort.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year



Half termly attainment tracking.

Daily attendance tracking.

Appropriate allocation of 1:1 tuition through both Making Good Progress and the use of the Personal Education Allowance.

Personal Education Plans completed within statutory time scales.

NI 101 Proportion of CiC achieving 5 A*-C GCSE including English and Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
12.5% (1 out of 8)	21.4% (inc. English & Maths)	7.7%		23.8%	

Data Commentary

The data provided for 2009-10 is actual attainment performance of the OC2 cohort of children in care in July 09, covering the academic year 2008-09.

For 2011 the target is based on estimated performance of the projected OC2 cohort in July 2010, covering the academic year 2009-10.

General Performance Commentary

For 2009-10 data:

The cohort consisted of 13 young people who have been in care for at least 12 months. The group was comprised of 7 boys and 6 girls, of whom 10 were on the SEN Code of Practice (1 School Action and 9 with Statements of SEN).

The actual performance of 7.7% was achieved by 1 girl gaining at least 5 A* - C GCSEs including English and Maths, she was not placed on the Code of Practice. Her attendance was above 95% for the academic year, and she had no changes in care placement or education provision.

Of the total cohort only 8 young people had attendance above 95%. Of the remainder, 4 young people missed more than 25 days schooling. 3 young people had at least 1 change of care placement in the academic year these changes resulted in an interruption of education provision for 2 young people.

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Of the 3 young people affected by change 1 young person received a custodial sentence.

Out of the overall cohort 6 young people were entered for GCSEs, with 4 young people achieving results in line with FFT predictions based on KS2 performance. 5 young people accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

For 2011 target:

The cohort as it stands is 20 young people who will have been in care for at least 12 months; there are 12 boys and 8 girls. There is currently a total of 17 young people on the Code of Practice (5 School Action, 6 School Action Plus, 6 with Statements of SEN). Indications at present are that this is an extremely stretched target for the current cohort. There is one young person in secure accommodation and a further young person has recently ceased a mental health section. The indications are that only 11 young people will be entered for GCSEs. Of this group only 3 are predicted to achieve grade C in both English and Maths, using FFT (D) data.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Half termly attainment tracking.

Daily attendance tracking.

Appropriate allocation of 1:1 tuition through both Making Good Progress and the use of the Personal Education Allowance.

Personal Education Plans completed within statutory time scales.

NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
22.4%	21.3%	21.4%	?	21.3%	?

Data Commentary

The latest figures available are for 2007/8 and demonstrate national indicator targets were met by the PCT (ie. amalgamated figures from both boroughs) and figures comply with the DoH trajectory set for Halton and St Helens in *How To Set Goals and Monitor Child Measurement Programmes 2008*.

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General Performance Commentary

The overall obesity trend for children in Halton and St Helens is reversing. There has been significant trend reversal for both reception age children and Year 6 children in Halton (0.5% reduction qualifies as significant according to DoH evaluation guidelines.) However, we cannot afford to be complacent as there has been a rise in the number of overweight children in both age groups, 3% for Reception, 0.8% for Year 6, who, without intervention, will gain weight with age and become obese.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

There are substantial plans and resources in place to deliver a robust Child Weight Management Programme. Halton and St Helens' Commissioning Strategic Plan has committed £3m to childhood weight management over the next 4 years. This is the most substantial financial resource in the North West. There has been a delay in the implementation of plans due to the introduction of EU procurement regulations which require the PCT to produce full tender documents for each programme within the service. Programmes have now gone out to tender and expressions of interest have been received. Providers will be in place by November.

Plans are based on needs assessment which includes research on childhood obesity in Halton and St Helens by Liverpool University, mapping of current services and gaps with service providers and a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

A joint Obesity Partnership Commissioning Group has been established and has senior representation from Halton and St Helens Borough Councils, the PCT and the third sector.

NI 63

Stability of placements of looked after children

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
69%	77%	72.1%	x	81.5%	?

Data Commentary

Progress towards the stretch target is being maintained although at this stage it is unclear whether the target will actually be achieved.

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General Performance Commentary

Placement stability is improving and has been the focus of much work within child care and placement provider teams. It is also the focus of work with schools who can be key to helping a child to remain in placement. The target is a stretch target and will be challenging to achieve.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The recruitment, assessment and matching process for foster carers have been significantly enhanced to try to ensure that children are matched to carers who can meet their needs. A similar process takes place within Halton's residential homes where an assessment is completed on any young person referred for a placement to determine the ability of the home to meet their needs and to assess the impact of the young person on an existing cohort. Where placements need to be purchased outside of Halton, information on the qualities of that placement and the ability to meet a particular child's needs is collated and subject to a risk assessment process before the placement is used. Where placements experience some difficulty, support is identified and put into place as soon as is possible. Similarly, if a particular issue is causing some difficulty, agencies are engaged in trying to address it. The Intensive Support Team and Community Support Workers within the social work teams focus on improving placement stability by providing support, advice, practical help and guidance where there is a possibility that a placement may disrupt. They can intervene earlier if difficulties become apparent.

NI 80 Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19

Baseline (2006/07)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
33.5%	40.5%	33% (Summer 2009)	?	42.22% (PSA) 54%	?

Data Commentary

Mid-year actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance from analyses made available from the Learning & Skills Council matched dataset – no further revisions to this data are expected.

General Performance Commentary

This is an annual measure, next will be taken for the 09/10 results.



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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

An improvement next year is expected due to

- Improved Information Advice and Guidance to ensure learners are entered on the most appropriate provision.
- Improved Retention strategies implemented by FE providers.
- Improved performance at 5 A* to C GCSE including English and Maths.

NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1960 (rate per 100,000) (249)	1859 (rate per 100,000) (237)	95		1836 (rate per 100,000) (234)	

Data Commentary

This report covers the period 1st April – 30th September 2009. The data will be submitted to the Youth Justice Board on the 30th October and validated in November.

The data is measured using the Youth Justice Board Counting Rules.

General Performance Commentary



The YOT is performing well in terms of reducing the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System. This has been influenced by partners from the Police as well as the introduction of the Divert Project.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The YOT through funding via YCAP and the Dept of Health has initiated a Diversion Scheme for young people. The aim of the scheme is to divert young people, especially those with mental health and learning disabilities away from the Criminal Justice System.

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NI 112 Under 18 conception rate

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
3.6% (2006 baseline, change from 1998)	-41% (change from 1998)	52.6 (estimated full rate for 2008) Rate in 1998 38.9		-55% (change from 1998)	

Data Commentary

This data is estimated figure for the full year 2008. This is the latest data we have. Data sources: Termination data from Public Health Intelligence Team; Live Birth data from midwifery discharge database (only one extra conception in comparison to Public Health Intelligence Team data)

General Performance Commentary

The latest figure from ONS data gives us a rate of 52.8 to end of June 2008 (Quarter 2). The data we have shows us that our estimated number of conceptions will be slightly higher than the number of conceptions in 1998. Although we are way off target, we have a significant reduction in comparison to the number of conceptions in 2007 (rate 70.3) This would be a decrease of 25.2% in comparison to 2007.

The data from Public Health Intelligence also suggests that the percentage of conceptions leading to termination will be 50%.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

We have joined forces with colleagues in St Helens as a means of supporting both local areas in tackling this complex agenda by establishing a Teenage Pregnancy Group across the PCT footprint as a means to share good practice and learning and to identify opportunities for collaboration.

The PCT is set to increase their funding for sexual health services by 1.8 million over 3 years from a baseline of £3.46m (subject to a business case) However the PCT have secured £500.000 for community sexual health services, clinic in a box and TP outreach.

Strategic planning arrangements have been joined up in order to facilitate better planning at an operational level and an experienced provider of young people's sexual health services have been commissioned, including a mobile outreach bus. Health drop-ins within schools for young people have also been expanded.

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NI 115 Substance misuse by young people

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
12.6%	N/A	12.6%*	?	9.8%	?

Data Commentary

* Information based on annual Tellus2 survey; presented figure relates to 2008/09 academic year. Results for 2009/10 year will be published by the end of November 2009.

General Performance Commentary

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
27%	25.2%	Data not available*	?	24.2%	?

Data Commentary

* Data not available on LA level: "The data for national indicator is collected through the annual Family Resources Survey. The sample size is not large enough at local authority level; therefore alternative sources of data for an income based measure will be developed for use from April 2009." (from: National Indicators for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships: Handbook of Definitions, Annex 2: Children and Young People, 1 April 2008).

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This update was not straightforward to produce as HMRC stopped supplying DWP with the Child Benefit data necessary to produce the tables due to a data transfer embargo. Therefore a new process had to be developed based on the limited Child Benefit data DWP was supplied with and this is now being quality assured. This information will be updated once it has been released for external use.

General Performance Commentary

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

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NI 117 16-18 year old not in education, training or employment

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
11.5%	8.8%	15.31% (August 2009)		7.7%	

Data Commentary

Mid-year actual figure relates to 2009/10 adjusted NEET figure from Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership (GMCP). Percentage is calculated as 468 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training out of a total cohort of 305716-18 year olds linked with a Halton Connexions Team as at August 2009.

General Performance Commentary

Although the August NEET % in Halton remains high against National Averages it should be noted that actions agreed by the 14-19 Partnership of NEET have now been implemented across the Borough and recently published data for September shows a marked improvement at 10.56%. The Prevention, Retention and Intervention strategy is now embedded in all our practice and this focused approach should ensure a downward trajectory in the NEET % in the coming months.

The % of 17 year olds in NEET continues to fall demonstrating a reduction in “NEET Churn” and the improved tracking capability of the Connexions Service meant that in August there was only 65 (out of 3130 cohort) young people in a not known destination.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Key activities to date undertaken/planned include:

NEET events delivered in partnership with learning providers in both Connexions Centres in June 09 resulted in over 150 clients attending of which 36% moved in to an EET destination. As we move towards our key reporting date we are developing this approach with a focussed NEET fortnight planned for November/December 09.

100 guaranteed flexible starts at Riverside College have been agreed for January 2010 which will positively impact on NEET %.

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Focused partnership working and improved information sharing has meant that the September Guarantee results in Halton have been the most successful to date with over 95% year 11 and 86% year 12 students having a conditional or guaranteed offer of learning by the September deadline.

A new system of targeted pastoral support for vulnerable or “at risk” students at Riverside College has been recently implemented which should improve retention and reduce NEET churn.

The Connexions Performance Management team has implemented detailed analysis of all vulnerable groups who are NEET to ensure that immediate case loading, targeted resource and support takes place to try to narrow the gap.

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NI 5 Increase residents overall satisfaction with the area

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
70.4%	N/A	70.4%	?	1820	?

Data Commentary

The data is obtained from the New Place Survey, the last results were from 2008

General Performance Commentary

Whilst 70.4% of Halton residents agree that they have been involved in the decisions that affect their local area, 66.4% of residents in the Neighbourhood Management Areas (NMA) agree, showing a gap of 4%.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Partners in the Safer Halton Partnership's Engagement, cohesion & liveability Task Group deliver a range of activities to engage local communities and specifically with regard to our 'You said... we did' reassurance information programme through the media. Also, partners are currently developing an action plan to better co-ordinate and their work on engaging the communities of Halton in the partnership's work.

Examples of activities in the past quarter include Operation Packet, Burglary Days of Action and a range of community events and broader based community events and activities in which partners participated – examples include Environmental Impact days in Palace Fields, Runcorn in June, Party in the Park in Phoenix Park in August, Runcorn and the Kingsway Fun Day in July

Work has also been done to increase the reporting of hate crimes by residents and workers in Halton by increasing the awareness amongst wider partners.

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NI 7 Increase voluntary and community sector satisfaction by creating a strong environment in which it can thrive

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
22.2%	N/A	22.2%	?	29.7%	?

Data Commentary

The data is obtained from the New Place Survey; the last results were from 2008.

Performance Commentary

22.2% from the 2008 national Place survey. The next survey is planned for 2010 and work is currently underway for an analysis of satisfaction 'drivers' within the results in order to identify the improvements required.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Halton has successfully applied for funding. The project is being led by HVA and will be delivered by eight local community and voluntary organisations whose volunteers are to be trained to become Crime Prevention experts within the community and to carry out crime prevention assessments, give support and refer into the Safer Homes Partnership.

NI 16 Serious Acquisitive Crime

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1968	1870	849	✓	1820	✓

Data Commentary

This report covers the period 1st July 09 to 30th September 09. The data is complete and comprises the actual number of crimes committed during the period.

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General Performance Commentary

Serious acquisitive crime has increased in Q2, this is partly expected due to the summer months, however when you compare this quarter with the same period last year there is a significant decrease of (26%) 178 less crimes committed. The projected year end total for 09/10 is 1698 which will see us achieve the target of 1870.

At the mid point of the year there have been 341(29%) less crimes committed compared to 08/09.

All areas of serious acquisitive crime have seen excellent reductions when we compare Q2 08/09 with Q2 09/10:

Domestic Burglary is down 22% (45 less crimes)

Theft of Motor Vehicle is down 7.3% (8 less crimes)

Theft from Motor Vehicle is down 36% (101 less crimes)

Robbery (personal and business) is down 32.3% (10 less crimes)

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The Crime Action Group has carried out two 'Burglary Days of Action' during Quarter 2 of 2009. Through the use of hotspot analysis it was decided they would target the Cherry Sutton estate in Hough Green, Widnes and the Kingsway estate in Kingsway, Widnes.

They promoted these days through the use of newspaper advertisements and electronic bill boards; they also made use of the Ad van by driving it around the estates and surrounding areas to promote crime prevention advice and good practice.

Cherry Sutton, Hough Green was targeted over two days, 26th and 27th August and Kingsway was visited on 24th and 25th of September. The events included the Police, Fire Service, Age Concern, Neighbourhood Management and volunteers from the local residents associations. Small teams called at over 400 home in each area to offer crime prevention advice along with home fire safety checks. The residents were offered free Smartwater as a property marking system as well as personal panic alarms, curtain alarms and purse bells. Over 140 (Cherry Sutton) and 160 (Kingsway) houses accepted the Smart water and they were all very enthusiastic about the work that the Safer Halton Partnership were doing in their area.

The Crime Action Group has also put on a 'Winter Safe' driving day with the help of various other partners. This was held on the car park of Asda in Widnes in September, they gave out advice and information about keeping your car safe during the winter months. This was reinforced with safety messages from the Fire Service and the Safer Road Partnership.

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They have also been assessing the viability of funding some additional Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras for the Halton area, with a view to deterring the travelling criminality from Liverpool and the surrounding areas.

Cheshire Police have also targeted the thefts of motor vehicles in the Hough Green area of Widnes; it was found that a higher than average numbers of motor bikes were being stolen from this ward and so Operation Overcast, initially set up to address the mini moto problem was adapted to include thefts of bikes. This will help to reduce the numbers of thefts in the area.

NI 17 Reduce the perceptions of ASB

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
24.3%	N/A	24.3%	?	21.2%	?

Data Commentary

The data is obtained from the New Place Survey; the last results were from 2008.

Performance Commentary

The above data is received from the New Place Survey 2008 and so it not current, an update for this should be available soon.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

There has been a focus on the alcohol related enforcement activity within the town centre night time economy. This includes 26 Friday and Saturday night partnership licensing operations using outreach vehicles, licensing visits and test purchasing operations.

There has been a full programme of activity around marketing and communications which has been in a variety of formats from radio adverts, ad-vans to beer mats and posters. The marketing is used to add value and promote the work of the Safer Halton Partnership as well as reduce the community perception of ASB and crime.

Under ASB projects there has been several prevention / diversionary projects:

- Friday Nights in the Parks that took place during the summer months in Victoria and Phoenix Parks,
- Vision Project on Runcorn Hill led by Cheshire Fire and Rescue
- Halton Lodge Play builder scheme



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- Kingsway bike club
- Contribution to Positive Futures
- Supporting a local football club based in Widnes which provides football coaching and teams for over 200 children.
- Urban Saints – YMP trip to South Africa 2-13th April '09 took 36 young people from Runcorn including 7 from a problematic group from the Halton Lodge area.
- There have been 2 community engagement events in Grangeway and Broad heath which were multi partnership focused with good community participation.

There has been targeted enforcement activities:

- Crime prevention equipment around the use of pursue dipping bells in conjunction with age concern in the town centres
- Targeted publicity around ASBO's obtained
- Specialist training for practitioners.
- Operation Overcast to tackle off road bikes in our problem areas
- Operation Packet – 6 operations run in ASB hotspot areas in conjunction with partners and the special constabulary.

NI 20 Assault with Less Serious Injury

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1269	1105	551		1062	

Data Commentary

This report covers the period 1st July 09 to 30th September 09. The data is complete and comprises the actual number of crimes committed during the period.

General Performance Commentary

Overall Assault with Less Serious injury has decreased from Q1 of this year and if performance is maintained at the current level we are projected to reach a year end total of 1100, achieving the target of 1105.

When compared to the same period last year there were 74 (21.6%) less crimes recorded.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

During the quarter the Alcohol Enforcement Task Group have led 2 joint proactive operations with the LIT (Local Immigration Team / UK Border Agencies).

PCSO's / Police / Immigration Officers and Partnership Staff combined on two separate Friday nights to visit approx 15 LNR's (late Night Refreshment venues i.e. fast food outlets). The aim being to check on both licensing and immigration breaches.

Five of the premises visited are to be issued fines of up to £10,000 due to the above findings. Minor licensing breaches were also identified and will be addressed by the licensing team. The operations were excellent examples of our developing partnership activity to address issues of the Night Time Economy (NTE).

- 219 Alcohol related arrests in public places (125 Widnes / 92 Runcorn).
- 261 licensed premises visited.
- 2 Proxy Sales / Test Purchase Operations involving 9 premise visits with 3 underage sales offences detected. Also 2 underage cigarette sales offences detected.
- 105 S. 27 Direction to Leave Notices 70 Widnes / 35 Runcorn.
- 71 Instances of alcohol confiscation.
- 4 Premises subjected to improvement action plans / direct partnership activity (eg. Meetings with Brewery Management, DPS changes, improvement actions at premises CCTV upgrades etc).
- 3 S.19 Formal / Informal Premises Closure Orders.
- 3 Premises Reviews conducted / commenced.
- 26 Friday / Saturday night partnership licensing operations under operations (Runcorn / Widnes). Including on occasion multi agency licensing visits and outreach hub vehicles.

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NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
82 offences	19% reduction	Unavailable	?	19% reduction	?

Data Commentary

Data is only available up to year end 08/09, the target was to reduce the rate of re-offending by 19% (66 crime target), Halton recorded a reduction of 15% (70 crimes) therefore narrowly missing the target. There is no data available for quarter one or two for 09/10. It is too early to be able to tell if we are on track to meet this year's reduction target of 19%.

However the prolific and priority offender team use local measures to give a more contemporary picture of the rate of re-offending. Using these measures it shows that Halton are more than on track to meet the target for reduction, recording a 60% fewer convictions in quarter two compared to the quarterly target.

Performance Commentary

It is too early to tell if we are on track to meet the year end reduction target of 19% due to there being no data from 09/10 available at present.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The securing of emergency offender accommodation continued to be problematic for the team and therefore an opportunity to bid for funds under the Offender-Based Capital Bid Scheme was utilised in June 2009 and in September we were informed that the bid had been successful. We were awarded £19,000 and in partnership with Adullum Homes a suitable 2-bedroom property from local RSLs will be secured with the grant



The PPO team have identified a number of individuals whose offending behaviour is influenced by their addiction to gambling. A gap has existed in service provision for these individuals and therefore in partnership with CIC an national charity who offer specialised interventions we have commissioned a resource to offer not only gambling treatment but also bereavement counselling and support for families and partners of offenders.

Four offenders being placed on Catch and Convict – all apprehended and charged. As appropriate PPO Police Officers transport offenders from prison to their home address. Joint Agency Group (JAG) continues to assess those for nomination, denomination and progress of the current cohort on a monthly basis.

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The team have always sought to engage with the public and sentencers to increase our profile and enhance public confidence. This continues with plans to attend a sentencer liaison event in late November and secure our inclusion in a number of local publications to both criminal justice partners and the local community.

NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
N/A	28%	36%		27%	

Data Commentary

MARAC data used YTD figure. (Apr – Sept 09).

General Performance Commentary



Data indicates that repeat cases to the MARAC have doubled compared to the same period last year. A comparison of year on year does not suggest that this is a seasonal peak but a new trend. The level of cases referred to MARAC has also increased around 40%. It should be noted that criteria for repeats was amended to be in line with CAADA guidance as of September 2008 which has clearly impacted on levels. Whilst an increase in numbers is to be expected these figures suggest that specific actions need to be taken to address this significant increase in level of repeats. A data review around repeats is currently being undertaken to identify appropriate remedies to this increase.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Following a tender process with the Supporting People Team, a new support service incorporating floating support, sanctuary and intensive support to high risk victims will commence from 1st December 2009.

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NI 33 Deliberate Fires (Total)

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1277	937	442		855	

Data Commentary

Data contained in this report covers the period 1 April to 30 September 2009, it represents a full data set, however it is not validated therefore slight amendments with reclassification may occur in future.

General Performance Commentary

Analysis to date shows positive performance under target by 6% as a whole for NI33, with NI33i and ii under target by 15% and 3% respectively.

Comparatively, at end of quarter two 2008/09, NI33i stood at 108 incidents and NI33ii, 417. As a whole, NI33 was showing performance of 525 incidents, thus year to date performance represents a 16% decrease year on year.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service in collaboration with Halton partners have used a variety of tools and tactics to reduce the number of deliberate fires in the borough over the last six months.

Each of the four watches at Runcorn and Widnes fire stations now have ownership for an area of high anti-social behaviour fire activity in each of the towns; they are actively engaging with the community through Area Forums, community events, What Ever It Takes events, walkabouts, and during home safety assessments to provide education on how to avoid arson attacks. They are also engaged with partners such as the police, registered social landlords, neighbourhood management and council waste management teams to deliver innovative and dynamic initiatives to drive down anti-social behaviour fires.

The Service has expanded the award winning Phoenix Project in Halton and as result operational fire crews have adopted eight different primary schools in high risk wards for NI 33; visiting on a regular basis to build relationships with the whole school community with a view to reducing the number of nuisance fires in the local area by educating the community.



In the last six months the Service has used powerful advertising campaigns on billboards and on the sides of fire appliances to help raise awareness of deliberate fires and encourage residents to use the crime stopper facility to report 'anti-social behavior fires.'

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Fire crews in Runcorn and Widnes have developed 'arson routes' for both towns; the routes are produced after reviewing the latest fire data to identify the potential NI 33 'hot spots.' Crews patrol the area whilst on the 'arson routes' both as a deterrent to potential fire setters and to identify fuel sources in an effort to have them removed or secured before they are fired.

The Service and its partners have a comprehensive plan in place for the bonfire period to build on the successes of previous years; in addition the Service will bring additional resources into the borough during the peak period of fire activity.

NI 39 Alcohol harm related admission rates

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
2180	2323	637.5		2309	

Data Commentary

Actual data is available for Q1 2009/10 but not Q2.

General Performance Commentary

There has been no alcohol harm reduction clinical lead until September 2009. A lead is now in post to drive the agenda.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

An 'Alcohol Partnership Commissioning Group' has been formed with the main aim of reducing alcohol related harm throughout Halton and St Helens. With support from St Helens Council, Halton Borough Council, the police, the probation service, the voluntary sector and other partners, the group will devise an ambitious, overarching alcohol harm reduction programme as well as overseeing the alcohol work streams of the Commissioning Strategic Plan.

The PCT has secured the support of the Regional Alcohol Improvement Programme who have now re-branded as 'Drink Wise North West' and who are funded by the Department of Health. They have agreed to work with the PCT and partners to deliver high impact changes as the most effective way to tackle alcohol-related harm.

CSP funding has been secured to facilitate the extension of a pilot scheme which will see the imminent establishment of a Tier 2 alcohol service in Halton.

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The service will provide advice and extended brief interventions to people who have a pattern of alcohol use which is causing damage to their health. The scheme will build on the success of the Castlefields Pilot in Runcorn wherein patients are being seen within a busy GP surgery environment. This pilot will address inequalities in terms of access to alcohol treatment services throughout the borough and aims to provide valuable information regarding the optimum location of such services from a patient perspective.

NI 40 Number of drug users in effective treatment

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
513	528	400 (Q.1)	?	544	?

Data Commentary

Due to the methodology of the data collection and collation, Data is currently available up to May 09 only.



General Performance Commentary

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

A revised performance improvement plan will be agreed between the DAT and service providers by the middle of November. The plan focuses on improving numbers and retention in treatment through; improving the targeting and effectiveness of the Outreach service; a revised assessment & intake process; improved management and scrutiny of cases put forward for discharge; promoting services to a wide number of professionals; improving the continuity of care between prisons and the criminal justice arm of the service; & enhancing service user involvement in proposed changes to service delivery. The DAT will continue to meet senior service managers on a bi-monthly basis to monitor and develop the improvement plan. An initial indication from 09/10 data is that there has already been some improvement in delivery.

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NI 153 Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
31.5%	29.5%	31.7		28.5%	



Data Commentary

The data supplied is for Q1 2009 which is the latest data available on the hub. The source of the information is Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study – Benefit data. ONS - Population estimates.

General Performance Commentary

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher

Baseline (2006)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
60.1%	65.7%	61.6%		67.5%	

Data Commentary

The data supplied refers to calendar year 2008 and is the latest figure available from the hub. The source of the data is derived by DIUS from the ONS Annual Population Survey (LFS/IHS).

General Performance Commentary

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

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NI 171 VAT registration rate

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
42.3%	42.3%	48.3%	✓	42.8%	?

Data Commentary

The figure supplied refers to calendar year 2007 and is based on data from a new series produced by the Office for National Statistics (Business Demography) aimed at obtaining the best estimates of new business formations. The new Business Demography series will replace, by 2009, the current VAT registrations and de-registrations publication currently available on the BERR website. The new series measures business births in a different way to VAT registrations statistics and as a result will be extended to include businesses registered for PAYE.

General Performance Commentary

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

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NI 154 Net additional homes provided

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
522	518	87	x	518	x

Data Commentary

Progress of major development sites (10 or more units) updated. The position reported is actual data for the period 01st April - 30th September 2009.

General Performance Commentary

Planning Applications received

3 new planning applications (Total of 81 properties)

- Daresbury Hall - Runcorn
- Surrey Street Garage - Runcorn
- Avondale Drive. Former our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Widnes.

Total completions (87) include the following site completions

3 sites completed – Total building completions this quarter 46 dwells.

- Sunningdale Park - Widnes
- Hedge Hey - Castlefields
- Caesars Close – Castlefields

Sites under construction. Improvement in build this quarter

- Forest Brook, Runcorn. (LHT and Riverside Housing)– Total Site (74) nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of site under construction. 50 dwellings under construction. Affordable housing.
- Swans Reach, Runcorn. (David Wilson Homes)– Total site (90) halfway through build to date .17 under construction, 11 completions. Average sales 2 dwellings per month.
- Lawson House, Runcorn. (Morris Homes) – Renovation of old hotel into 20 apartments expected completion summer 2010. 4 apartments sold to date. 2 of these with shared equity. A pleasing indication for sale of apartments as it is unusual for sales off plan. All houses on site now under construction. Sales going well.
- Worrall Gardens, Widnes. (Rowland Homes). Total site expected completion in January 2010. Apartment block (12 dwells) expected completion in November & 3 townhouses expected completion January 2010.

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- Ascot Gardens, Widnes. (David Wilson Homes) – Approx ¼ of site under construction (total site 90 dwells). This period 9 dwellings under construction and 7 completions. Uncertainty for the rest of the site. No build programmed for remaining ¾ of site at this time, there may be a possibility of looking to amend planning application to reduce the amount of 5 bed properties there is a difficulty in selling these.

Castlefields affordable housing building well – expect site completions within the next few months. Total 52 dwells

- Princess Close
- Richards Close – formerly Oak Lodge .

Apartments building now halted

- Evolution – Percival Lane Runcorn. 2 apartment blocks build halted . Base slabs completed. Total of 56 apartments
- The Deck – Mersey Rd, Runcorn (Just over ½ of site completed to date). Block 7 build halted . Base block completed. Require 10 apartments to be sold before build will continue. Only 2 sold to date.
- Appleton Village – Building halted 33 apartments. Awaiting improvements in market. Hoping to continue built in spring 2010

Sites not started with planning permission.

- Generally sites planned for apartments not intending to carry out planning permission on hold.
- Castlefields sites. Demolition of deck access flats programmed for end of 2009 and into early 2010.
- Halton Brook Neighbourhood Centre (114 dwellings). First phase of overall site new planning Application received on the 06/10/09 - 09/00430/FUL (Site 2) pending approval for 26 affordable dwellings.
- Former British Legion (20 dwellings). Programmed to carry out ground investigations in next few months. Result of this will enable a better estimate of start date.
- Panorama Hotel, Castle Road, Runcorn (15 dwellings) – From site visit, existing building demolition now in progress due to fire damage. Information from agent, client not intending to proceed with planning permission.
- RMC House, St Marys Road, Widnes (108 dwellings) – Spoken with Mr Basnet of EBL . Discussions well under way for COU to residential care home (C2) with Cosmopolitan Housing Association

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Performance has been adversely affected by the availability of credit in the mortgage market that has led to reduced demand for new property build. Indications from a telephone survey of house-builders with active planning applications indicates that 87 dwellings on major housing sites (Sites of 10 dwellings or greater) have been completed to date (September 2009).

Figures for the financial year 09/10 will be available in April 2010.

Anecdotal evidence from our housing partnership is that houses are being built 'to order'. In that if people want to buy a home on a new build site the developer will build it. However due to cash flow constraints developers are not building out the whole site. There are signs that developers are becoming more bullish, especially on Greenfield housing sites where there is a lower financial risk to development and we have had a number of pre-application enquiries about housing development.

It is anticipated that a revised target for this indicator will be negotiated with GONW.

NI 175 Access to services and facilities by public transport walking and cycling

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1A – 100%	100%	Annual figures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1B – 100%	100%		100%		
1C – 86%	82%		89%		
1D – 89%	86%		93%		

Data Commentary

The data for this indicator is collected on an annual basis and as such the progress shown is an estimate of current performance.

General Performance Commentary

A commentary on actual performance will be provided at year end when the annual data is available.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

A and B) Halton Borough Council Priorities Funding remains in place for the continuation of the pre-bookable discounted taxi service for patients and visitors wishing to access Whiston and Warrington Hospitals.

C) The Council is currently in discussions with Arriva and Runcorn College to improve bus links to the college.

D) Halton Transport have recently introduced new services as follows:

- 41 from Windmill Hill – Murdishaw – Palacefields – Beechwood
- 43 from Windmill – Castlefields – Halton Lea – Grangeway;
- 44 From Liverpool – Hough Green – Cronton – Kingsway; and
- 45 From Liverpool – Hale – Queensbury Way – Cronton – Kingsway

The impact of these improvements will be reported at year end.

NI 186 Per capital CO2 emissions in LA area

Baseline (2005)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
9.9 tonnes per capita	7.52% (9.16 tonnes)	N/A	?	11.1% (8.8 tonnes)	✓

Data Commentary

Data is provided by DEFRA. The 2005 baseline was updated in September 09 on the DEFRA website (http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/lc_uk/loc_reg_dev/ni185_186/ni185_186.aspx),. The figures quoted above relate to the new data, so differ from those in the LAA, although the overall percentage reductions remain the same. GONW have approved these figures.

General Performance Commentary

Currently Halton is performing well against this target using the data from DEFRA, however GONW have indicated that this indicator will be measured on actions rather than on the DEFRA data. We are currently pulling together an LSP action plan for NI186.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The Council has been proactive in reducing carbon emissions from its own operations as well as working with others to help reduce wider emissions. In 2007 the Council took part in the Carbon Trust Local Authority Carbon Management Programme. The Programme involved the Council working together with Carbon Trust advisors to identify specific actions in a Carbon Management Plan, which would lower our carbon emissions over the next five years. A number of initiatives have now been implemented including installation of Multi Functional Printer Devices (MFDs), across its buildings to replace the need for photocopiers, individual printers, and faxes, The Council has removed over 400 standalone printers and replaced them with a reduced number of devices which are more energy efficient. The project has also resulted in the Council using less toner cartridges and those used are all recycled. As well as reducing consumption, project has resulted in financial savings in excess of £60,000 for the Council.

Refurbishment work carried out at Runcorn Town Hall incorporated energy saving measures including increased insulation to reduce energy loss, improved lighting controls and energy saving lights, photo voltaic panels which convert sunlight into energy and solar shading to reduce the need for air conditioning in the summer. Consumption is anticipated to reduce by 20% resulting in savings of £15,000.

A programme of work has also been undertaken at the Stobart Stadium together with staff running and Energy Awareness Campaign to turn off equipment when not in use. The work has included the introduction of sensory and energy efficient lighting, improved heating and boiler controls and the installation of a power perfecter. This has resulted in a reduction in consumption of 24% and a financial saving of £25,000

Energy Awareness campaigns have also been undertaken Councils buildings and employees act as Energy Champions to advice staff in actions they can take to reduce their consumption.

In the future energy efficient measures will be built into future building refurbishments and will be a significant feature of the Building Schools for the Future Programme.

The new vehicle fleet include more energy efficient vehicles and across the fleet bio fuels have been introduced. In terms of staff travel pooled bikes have been introduced, along with a car sharing scheme and campaigns to encourage employees to use public transport, where appropriate.



This year the council are also working with the Energy Saving Trust (EST) to help further reduce CO2 emissions.

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The Energy Saving Trust is funded by Government to work with local authorities and help them to assist householders and businesses to reduce energy and tackle climate change. As part of this work we will be training staff to drive more fuel efficiently using the 'smarter driving' initiative. This work will help the Council to develop a strategy to reduce consumption in the wider community. The Council aims to consult with partners, local residents and business on what the key priorities should be. The aim is to consult in the principles of a Strategy by February 2010, with a draft Strategy being introduced by May 2010. Formal consultation would commence in June 2010 with a final Strategy agreed for publication by November 2010.

The council are currently working with LSP partners to update the action plan for NI186. This will include activity from partners and also proposals for new partnership working.

NI 192 Household waste recycled and composted

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
25.1%	31%	33.55%		34%	

Data Commentary

Although this report covers the period 01st April to 30th of September 2009 actual data is only currently available for April through to August. Some of the data for September is estimated and is based upon previous years performance for that month. The level of data that has been estimated should only have a minimal impact upon the overall figure.

Waste production is subject to seasonal variation however and, whilst the current level of recycling may fall in the final 6 months of the year, the end of year target is likely to be achieved.

General Performance Commentary

In July 2009, the wheeled bin Multi-material recycling collection service was extended to a further 16,000 properties and in March 2009 a further 5,000 properties were added to the Council's garden waste collection service. This extension, together with the delivery of a comprehensive communications campaign, has increased overall recycling performance.

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Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

In addition to the activities above, two pilot schemes being introduced in October 2009 are anticipated to increase recycling levels even further;

- The first is a pilot kerbside multi-material recycling collection service using recycling boxes. This service is being provided to 3,300 properties that cannot have wheeled bins. This will mean that almost 85% of properties in Halton will have kerbside multi-material recycling collections, with all remaining households due to receive the service by in 2010.
- The second is a pilot scheme that encourages increased levels of recycling by providing rewards to residents who recycle using their blue wheeled bin. The scheme is initially being introduced to 10,000 households in seven areas of the borough, and subject to a successful pilot, this 'rewards for recycling' scheme is to be rolled out borough-wide from the summer of 2010.