

Children's Services

Annual Performance Report 2016-2017

Midlothian 

Progress in delivery of strategic outcomes

Progress on Delivery of strategic outcomes: Over the past year we have committed to building a new service that is flexible and responsive within a spectrum of early intervention, effective and proportionate and ensuring the protection of every child and different ways of working to senior managers in order to help change and improve the services we provide. The service review is now complete with almost everyone in post and with staff ready to move to new premises at the end of May 2017.

We committed to ensuring that changes and new duties outline in the Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 were implemented. Whilst the Named Person Service remains on hold until August 2018, our new service structure takes cognisance of our duties to establish a provision where 'advice, guidance and assistance' can be offered to care leavers up to the age of 26. In addition we have an established Champions Board with a full time co-ordinator in post to promote active participation from our care experienced young people and to promote the work of the champion's board through mentoring/work experience and leadership.

As a service we wanted to explore alternative care arrangements for those young people who were at risk of secure care and over the past year we have been successful in requesting three Movement Restriction Orders (MRO) all of which prevented young people being placed in secure care. Further analysis as to the effectiveness of this is required as we move forward.

We aimed to improve educational outcomes for our Looked After at home children (LAC) and to increase the number of care experienced young people who stay onto 5th & 6th year at school. This was a new measurement however from the data we were able to collate we have now a baseline figure to work from going forward.

And finally we aimed to improve mechanisms for feedback and participation both from staff and service users alike. The staff survey is a tool used to gain staffs views as was an evaluation of the service prior to undertaking the service review. All staff were offered the opportunity to give their views around how they would shape the new service and regular updates offered in addition to 1:1 consultations.

We continue to engage regularly with care experienced young people through fortnightly meetings and quarterly events with the corporate parenting members where young people can share their experience of growing up in care.

Service Review Update: This past year has been about us using the delivering excellence framework to support the service review through consultation, devising and then implementing the new Children's services structure. This has now come to an end and Children's services are now at the stage of awaiting new staff to join them in their respective teams. This has been a huge task however all staff are looking forward to moving into their new premises at 7 Eskdaill Court, Dalkeith where they can begin to work in their new teams and embrace a more efficient way of working with each other and our partner agencies.

The new service is not locality based but created through a desire to transform how we currently work with children and their families. We were driven by a desire to achieve greater efficiency both in working practices and use of resources. We have front loaded the service so that we have greater capacity to deal with referrals at the first point of contact with the hope that we can then reduce the amount of referrals that reach crisis and require both intrusive and expensive forms of intervention. Over the next year it is hoped that we can evidence further the reduction in stage three forms of intervention and better outcomes for children and their families.

Family Placement Team: In Q4 we have recruited 2 new foster carers, however we also seen one foster carer retire. Over the past year we have increased our current foster care numbers by 12.5% from 56 in Q1 to 63 in Q4. This year we have an established Kinship care strategy group who have devised a training and development plan that is reviewed twice yearly by the Head of Service to ensure the plan is on track. This piece of work supports our commitment to supporting kinship carers and offering them greater parity with foster carers in relation to training opportunities.

Child Protection: In Q4 there are 54 children on the Child Protection Register an increase of 2 children from the last quarter. The number of children on the child protection register equates to a rate of 3.2 children per 1,000 against a national average rate of 3.0. Overall our numbers have remained fairly static over the past year with the usual monthly fluctuations which is to be expected in this area of work.

The number of Interagency Referral Discussions (child protection referrals) over the past year has increased by 39% from 364 in 2015/16 to 507 2016/17.

Looked After at home and away from home (LAC/LAAC): Over the past two quarters we have seen a steady increase in our children and young people looked after at home figures. We currently have 70 children looked after at home on compulsory supervision orders which is a 63% increase from this time last year (43 children). We are in discussions with the Children's hearing system to try and better understand this increase. With regard to young people placed out-with Midlothian in external foster placements we currently have 32 children placed, which is a decrease of 6 young people from last year's figures. The reason for this decrease are many and often complex such as placement break downs, young people reaching adulthood and choosing to return to Midlothian or wishing to return to extended family. Overall the current rate per 1,000 of young people looked after in Midlothian is 14.5 compared to the national average rate of 14.9.

Hawthorn Children's Centre: Hawthorn Children's centre had an unannounced inspection by the Care Inspectorate in March 2017, at the time of writing we are still awaiting the final report, however suffice to add that the verbal feedback is very positive. Staff at Hawthorn Children's Centre continue to work with a large number of children who have complex needs from all over the county, however we have now began discussions with our voluntary agency colleagues to look at different models of working with this group of young children and shall report on the progress of these discussions in subsequent reports. Hawthorn also supports local nurseries to accommodate the increased number of 2 year olds entitled to early learning education.

Residential Services: At the time of reporting on 31st March 2017 we had 10 young people accommodated within our own residential houses. This fluctuates on a daily basis dependent on the need within our communities. We have a total of 12 beds across the three houses. At the time of reporting we have two young people in secure care. We also support two unaccompanied asylum seeking young people within this provision.

Overall 2016/17 has been a successful year given the additional pressures from the service review. Going forward we are hopeful that we shall provide a more efficient service that responds to the needs of our children and their families at the time when they need our support. We hope to engage fully with our partner agencies to ensure that all support offered is both proportionate and appropriate and that we do not duplicate services.

Children's Services have this year been successful in receiving funding from the Life Changes Trust to support our corporate parenting role and duties and we have subsequently employed a co-ordinator to support the young champions in raising issues with senior management and supporting us to develop new policies and protocols that improves the experience of being in care.

In addition to this Children's Services attended the Scottish Public Services Awards and were successful in winning an award for our Permanence Framework which supports children to reach their final destination be it foster care, kinship care of an adoptive family within a timescale that reduces the risk of drift and uncertainty.

Emerging Challenges and Risks

The challenges and risk within Children's Services are:

Increasing Referrals: Overall the total number of referrals into Children's services for 2016/17 is 4764 which is a 4% increase from 2015/16 (4580). This coupled with a 39% increase in child protection referrals has put a strain on front line services. This is why our new structure has front loaded the service so as to try and better manage referrals by offering proportionate and appropriate support or directing referrals to other agencies if appropriate as well as offering short term pieces of intervention to prevent a crisis situation occurring.

Finance: Finance continues to be challenge within all of our services across the council. Children's Services have committed to reducing their spend by investing in ensuring that all children and young people are cared for and educated within Midlothian, thereby reducing expenditure on external resources. This is a significant commitment and challenge both from a financial and resource perspective and requires a commitment to ensure we continue to undertake early intervention and prevention work and not just the statutory duties carried out by social workers.

Sickness absence of staff remains a priority and ongoing work is being undertaken to support managers and staff alike.

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry: This is a significant piece of work with a project team dealing with the requests for information and a working group now in place to write new protocols/ policies around how we manage any potential future claims. A significant amount of time and resources are being deployed at this time to ensure that Midlothian Council complies with the requests for information within the agreed time scales.

Mental Health: Mental health services for young people in Midlothian remains an area of risk. Despite ongoing discussions with health colleagues the waiting lists remain long and the volume of referrals into the service continues to rise. This is now being addressed through a working group.

Children's Services Performance Indicator Summary

Outcomes and Customer Feedback

Priority	Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17				Annual Target 2016/17	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
01. Provide an efficient complaints service	Number of complaints received (cumulative)	13	4	9	N/A	35		16/17: Data Only				
	Average time in working days to respond to complaints at stage 1	1	6	6	N/A	0.67		16/17: On Target		5	Number of complaints complete at Stage 1	3
											Number of working days for Stage 1 complaints to be Completed	2
	Average time in working days to respond to complaints at stage 2	12.5	15.67	25.29	N/A	11.5		16/17: On Target		20	Number of complaints complete at Stage 2	28
											Number of working days for Stage 2 complaints to be Completed	322
	Percentage of complaints at stage 1 complete within 5 working days	100%	100%	100%	N/A	66.67 %		16/17: Off Target A Council wide review to raise awareness and understanding for staff and therefore improve performance is planned for 2017/18		95%	Number of complaints complete at Stage 1	3
											Number of complaints at stage 1 responded to within 20 working days	2
	Percentage of complaints at stage 2 complete within 20 working days	100%	100%	100%	N/A	85.71 %				95%	Number of complaints complete at Stage 2	28
											Number of complaints at stage 2 responded to within 20 working days	24

Making the Best Use of our Resources

Priority	Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17				Annual Target 2016/17	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
02. Manage budget effectively	Performance against revenue budget	£ 15.558 m	£ 14.707 m	£ 14.658 m	£ 14.858 m			16/17: Performance against budget will be reported to the Council in June				
03. Manage stress and absence	Average number of working days lost due to sickness absence (cumulative)	12.84	4.51	6.40	10.22	7.40		16/17: On Target Implementation of a Service Review has resulted in a reduced figure for Q4 as this data no longer includes staff who have transferred out of the service.		8.50	Number of days lost (cumulative)	1,024.99
											Average number of FTE in service (year to date)	138.45







Corporate Health





Priority	Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17				Annual Target 2016/17	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
04. Complete all service priorities	% of service priorities on target / completed, of the total number	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		16/17: On Target		90%	Number of service & corporate priority actions	10
											Number of service & corporate priority actions on tgt/completed	10
05. Process invoices efficiently	% of invoices paid within 30 days of invoice receipt (cumulative)	96%	95%	97%	97%	96%		16/17: On Target		95%	Number received (cumulative)	2,397
											Number paid within 30 days (cumulative)	2,296
06. Improve PI performance	% of PIs that are on target/ have reached their target.	77.78 %	100%	100%	100%	77.78 %		16/17: Off Target 2 of 9 Performance measures currently off target. Details in main performance report.		90%	Number on tgt/ tgt achieved	7
											Number of PI's	9
07. Control risk	% of high risks that have been reviewed in the last quarter	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%		16/17: On Target There are currently no risks reviewed as High within Children's service.		100%	Number of high risks reviewed in the last quarter	0
											Number of high risks	0

Improving for the Future

Priority	Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17				Annual Target 2016/17	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
08. Implement improvement plans	% of internal/external audit actions progressing on target.	100%	100%	100%	18.18 %	0%		16/17: Off Target The adoption of recommended audit actions from the Self Directed Support review are 60-80% complete. They have been delayed due to project resource being diverted to backfill an operational role. Plans are in place to reconcile these actions and finalise processes in Q1 2017/18.		90%	Number of on target actions	0
											Number of outstanding actions	8











Children's Services Action report











Service Priority Actions						
Code	Priority	Action	Due Date	Icon	Progress	Comment & Planned Improvement Action
CS.S.01.01	01. Children and young people are supported to be Healthy, happy and reach their potential	Establish a service that is flexible and responsive within a spectrum of early intervention, effective and proportionate support and ensuring the protection of every child.	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete The new Children's service structure was implemented on 1st April 2017, split into 3 service areas - Early Intervention & Prevention - Practice Teams - Resources
CS.S.01.02		Implement the changes outlined in the Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, in relation to the Named Person provision.	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: On Target The Named Person legislation rollout has been delayed until 2018, work will continue for implementation and take account of any changes to the legislation.
CS.S.02.01	02. Effective and efficient use of resources	Increase opportunities to work in collaboration, identifying opps to work with vol orgs and community groups, including resource-sharing and co-location, also for working more closely with partners at earlier stage and signposting to universal services	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete Work is progressing regarding the move to new premises which will allow opportunities for other organisations to drop in. Move to new premises is anticipated to progress in Q1 17/18. This will be further strengthened with the introduction of the newly appointed Early Intervention and Prevention Development Officers.
CS.S.02.02		Implement the changes outlined in the Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 in relation to supporting care-experienced young people.	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete The new Corporate parenting strategy has been embedded into services and teams to allow us to better support Care Experienced Young People (CEYP), the introduction of the 12+ service will allow us to focus on this area.
CS.S.02.03		Continue to promote active participation from our care experienced young people and to promote the work of the champions board through mentoring/work experience & leadership work	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete Work progressing with Corporate Parenting Board with strategy and plan endorsed.
CS.S.02.04		Improve educational outcomes of our looked after at home children.	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete Baselines have been established for Care Experienced Young People (CEYP) from 2015/16 Educational attainment, this information will be used to set targets for 16/17.











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CS.S.02.05	02. Effective and efficient use of resources	Implement alternative care arrangements for those young people who are at risk of secure care.	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete Childrens services are currently still looking at local alternatives to secure care in every case, including using the "Flat". Midlothian Children Services currently has two young people in secure care, both have exit plans in place to return to Midlothian.
CS.S.03.01	03. Participation	Improve mechanism for regular feedback from our staff and continuous improvement.	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete The new Supervision policy has been fully implemented, alongside the annual staff survey and robust adherence to HR procedures help maintain regular feedback from staff.
CS.S.03.02		Ensure that the service review provides a service that has a skilled and professional workforce who are able to appropriately respond to a wide range of needs and risk at the earliest opportunity	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete The new structure will focus upon the reclaiming Social Work Approach with identified areas of work such as motivational interviewing. Family Therapy Training - 2 workers have completed course & trauma based work.
CS.S.03.03		Increase feedback from children and young people on their experiences of service provision, to improve service provision for children and young people across Midlothian. Promote active participation from children and young people who are service users.	31-Mar-2017		100%	16/17: Complete A working group has been created to establish baselines and look at reviewing service provision for Care Experienced Young People (CEYP), feedback will be drawn using traditional methods but look at increasing Social media input.













Children's Services Performance Indicator Report







Service Priority Performance Indicators

PI Code	Priority	PI	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17				Annual Target 2016/17	Benchmark
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend	Note		
BS.CS.LPI.04	01. Children and young people are supported to be Healthy, happy and reach their potential	Child Protection: % of Core Group meetings held within a 4 week period.	New for 16/17	85%	68%	96%	80%			16/17: Off Target Q1-85% Q2-68% Q3-96% Q4-69% Midlothian are increasing their target to 8 weeks from 4 to bring into line with Edinburgh and Lothian Child Protection procedures.	100%	Benchmark 100%; National std is 8 wks; Midlothian std is 4 wks.
BS.CS.LPI.05		Child Protection: % of Core Group meetings held within 15 days for Initial (cumulative)		82%	80%	71%	87%			16/17: Off Target Initial child protection core groups held within 15 days is at the highest rate (87%) since recording began.	100%	
CS.S.01.01a		All Children's Service Teams relocated to new premises.		25%	50%	75%	95%			16/17: Off Target New structure went live on 1st April, staff relocation is planned for May 2017.	100%	
CS.S.01.01b		Service structure re-designed to create teams with multiple, clearly defined roles.		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target New structure went live on 1st April.	100%	
CS.S.01.01c		As part of re-design, increased evening and weekend working where needed.		N/A	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target A key part of the new structure has been to place an expectation on staff to provide a flexible and adaptable approach to working based on the needs of our service users.	100%	







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			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend	Note		
CS.S.01.01d	01. Children and young people are supported to be Healthy, happy and reach their potential	Feedback from communities, service users and partners on information available on how to access support.	New for 16/17	25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target Consultation with partners and 3rd sector has helped shape the review of Childrens service and further consultations will be progressed to help review and evaluate the service going forward.	100%	
CS.S.01.02a		Establish a named person service		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target The Named Person legislation rollout has been delayed until 2018, work will continue for implementation and take account of any changes to the legislation.	100%	
CS.S.01.02b		Ensure sufficient information is shared with parents, carers & professionals in relation to the role of named person and how to make a complaint		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target The Named Person legislation rollout has been delayed until 2018, work will continue for implementation and take account of any changes to the legislation.	100%	
CS.S.01.02c		Ensure that service is robust over the school holiday periods and that professionals, and parents know where to refer to.		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target The Named Person legislation rollout has been delayed until 2018, work will continue for implementation and take account of any changes to the legislation.	100%	
CS.S.01.02d		Ensure Midlothian website is updated regularly with relevant information in relation to Named Person Service.		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target The Named Person legislation rollout has been delayed until 2018, work will continue for implementation and take account of any changes to the legislation.	100%	















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			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend	Note		
CS.S.02.01a	02. Effective and efficient use of resources	Feedback from stakeholders and evidence of collaborative working practices.	New for 16/17				100%			16/17: Data Only Multi-agency case file audits will be used as part of the new service review structure to measure evidence of collaborative working practices.		
CS.S.02.02a		Establish a continuing care support structure which gives LAAC the right to stay in placement until the age of 21		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target The continuing care support structure has been ingrained into working practice and is encompassed within the Corporate Parent Strategy.		
CS.S.02.02b		Establish "advice, guidance and assistance" provision to care leavers up to the age of 26 where this is something that would be helpful to them.		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target A key tenet of the new 12+ service will be the delivery of this provision.		
CS.S.02.03a		Attendance of Corporate Parents at Champions Board Meeting. Measure active participation in priorities set out in Corporate Parenting Plan?		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: On Target Governance Structure updated to reflect plans.		
CS.S.02.04a		Average total tariff score for 16 year old Care Experienced Younger People		N/A	N/A	N/A	167			16/17: Data Only The average total tariff points for the "middle 60%" of Care experienced learners in 2015/16 was 167, up from 141 in 14/15. National average was 195 and the virtual comparator was 228. It should be noted that the number of pupils included in the cohort is low (13) and this can cause large fluctuations in future years.		









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			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend	Note		
CS.S.02.04b	02. Effective and efficient use of resources	Number of CEYP continuing into 5th & 6th year.	New for 16/17	N/A	17	17	17			16/17: Data Only. The 16/17 School roll shows 13 CEYP in S5 and 4 in S6. New indicator.		
CS.S.02.05a		Reduce the number of young people in secure care		0	1	1	2			16/17: Off Target There were 2 young people in secure care at 31/03/2017, both of whom have exit plans in place to return to Midlothian.	1	
CS.S.03.01a	03. Participation	Staff survey feedback; Service user feedback		25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: Data Only The new Supervision policy has been fully implemented; alongside the annual staff survey and robust adherence to Human Resource procedures help maintain regular feedback from staff. A new planned survey for Care Experienced Young People (CEYP) is due to be implemented in the 17/18. New indicator.		
CS.S.03.02a		Looked After Children and Looked After and Accommodated Children percentage remains below Scottish average.		13.5	13.3	14.6	14.5			16/17: Data Only The current rate per 1,000 of young people looked after in Midlothian is 14.5 compared to the national rate of 14.9.		
CS.S.03.02b		Child Protection percentage remains below Scottish average.		3.4	3.5	3.1	3.2			16/17: Off Target The current rate per 1,000 of children on the Child Protection Register is 3.2 compared to the national rate of 3.0.	3.0	
CS.S.03.02c		Number of families receiving intensive support from early intervention outreach team and reduce the duration of involvement.		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			16/17: Data Only The new Early Intervention and Prevention service has 3 teams whose remit will be to align and co-ordinate 3rd party support to ensure that other universal services are involved at the earliest opportunity.		




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			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend	Note		
CS.S.03.03a	03. Participation	Feedback from service users on experience of using services.	New for 16/17	25%	50%	75%	100%			16/17: Data Only Children and service user input / feedback have been an integral part of the Service review and an ability to maintain this regularly has been incorporated into the new Service model. A new ongoing survey of Care experienced young people will be introduced in 17/18.		
M.G.CS.01.04f		Number of Children looked after at home			42	66	70			16/17: Data Only		
M.G.CS.01.04g		Number of Children looked after away from home			207	207	200			16/17: Data Only		

Balanced Scorecard Indicators

PI Code	Performance Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17			
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Status	Note
BS.CS.01	Number of stage 2 outcome focused assessment undertaken	New for 16/17	Annual Measure			234	Data only		16/17: Data Only
BS.CS.02	Number of stage 3 outcome focused assessment undertaken		20	70	99	180			16/17: Data Only 180 assessments since June 2016 when information started to be recorded in Mosaic. New Indicator. Some staff using old stage 3 assessment – not fully implemented.
BS.CS.03	Number of external "Foster" placements purchased this year		N/A	N/A	1	2			16/17: Data Only New Indicator - Baseline to be established by the end of 2016/17.
BS.CS.04	Number of referrals to the duty service (cumulative)		1,385	2,469	3,707	4,764			16/17: Data Only There have been 4,764 referrals to the duty service so far this year. Q1-1,385, Q2-1,084, Q3-1,238, Q4-1,057.
BS.CS.08	Number of children adopted			4	6	11	6		16/17: On Target
BS.CS.09	Length of time children in permanence process before reaching forever family		12.6	12.6	12.5	13.8	Data only		16/17: Data Only The average time taken from the Permanence LAAC Review to being placed with prospective adopters is 13.8 months.

PI Code	Performance Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17			
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Status	Note
BS.CS.10	Number of foster carers going through prep groups on a quarterly basis	New for 16/17	18	31	40	43	Data Only		16/17 : Data Only
BS.CS.11	Number of new foster carers approved		4	6	8	9			16/17 : Data Only
BS.CS.12	Number of foster carers de-registered quarterly		3	4	4	5			16/17 : Data Only There have been 5 de-registrations in 16/17 so far, Q1 - 3, Q2 -1, Q3 - 0, Q4 - 1.
BS.CS.13	Number of permanence LAAC Reviews happening quarterly		12	18	24	34			16/17 : Data Only
BS.CS.14	Number of children matched in quarter – (average months from perm LAAC to matching panel)?		6	9	13	19	6		16/17 : On Target
BS.CS.15	Number of places taken at residential houses - capacity 12		9	8	12	10	12		16/17 : On Target At 31/03/17, 10 children were placed in residential houses.
BS.CS.16	The number of children living in kinship or foster care	192	187	182	177	171	Data Only		16/17 : Data Only As at 31/03/17, 171 children in foster or kinship care.
BS.CS.17	Number of Midlothian children on the Child Protection Register	New for 16/17	57	58	52	54			16/17 : Data Only As at 31/03/17 there were 54 children on the Child Protection Register.
BS.CS.18	Rate per 1,000 population of Midlothian children on the Child Protection Register in relation to the Scottish average		3.4	3.5	3.1	3.2			16/17 : Data Only Midlothian is slightly above the national rate of 3.0.
BS.CS.19	% of Child Protection plans which have chronology		53%	68%	78%	79%			16/17 : Data Only
BS.CS.20	Rate per 1,000 of Midlothian Looked After Children AT HOME in comparison with the Scottish average		2.1	2.2	3.5	3.7			16/17 : Data Only The Scottish average rate is 3.8
BS.CS.21	Rate per 1,000 of Midlothian Looked After and Accommodated Children in comparison with the Scottish average		11.4	11.1	11.1	10.7			16/17 : Data Only Scottish rate is 11.0
BS.CS.23	The number of looked after children and young people placed outwith Midlothian	55	55	56	54	51			16/17 : Data only. The number of looked after children placed outwith Midlothian at 31/03/2017 was 51, Q1 - 55, Q2 - 56, Q3 - 54
BS.CS.24	The number of looked after children and young people placed in Residential School outwith Midlothian	12	10	10	Data only	10			16/17 : Data only.

PI Code	Performance Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17			
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Status	Note
BS.CS.25	The percentage of care leavers in positive destinations.	76%	N/A	80%	N/A	76.92%	95%		16/17: Off Target Target has been brought into line with Midlothian positive destination level. 10 out of 13 care leavers were in a positive destination at the initial return.
BS.CS.26	Increase by 5% the number of young people preparing to leave care/leaving care who engage with Through Care and After Care service	83%	N/A	77%	N/A	88%	88%		16/17: Off target We can currently only record those who have left care rather than those preparing to leave care. 88% of those who "have" left care in the past 6 months have been engaged with Throughcare/Aftercare services. This equates to 28 of 32 young people.
BS.CS.27	Early Years Collaborative Aim that by the end of 2016 - 85% of all children reviewed have reached all of the expected development milestones at their 27-30 month review	85.7%	N/A	85.7%	N/A	85.8%	85%		16/17: Complete The latest available information showed that in 2015-16, 85.8% of the children who received a 27-30 month Child developmental review showed "No concerns across all domains".
BS.CS.28	Establish baseline for take up of the 27-30 month review of children's health and development	85%	N/A	85%	N/A	84.6%	85%		16/17: Off Target The latest information (2015/16) shows that Midlothian is below target.
BS.CS.LPI.04	Child Protection: % of Core Group meetings held within a 4 week period.	New for 16/17	85%	68%	96%	80%	100%		16/17: Off Target Q1-85% Q2-68% Q3-96% Q4-69% Midlothian are increasing their target to 8 weeks from 4 to bring into line with Edinburgh and Lothian Child Protection procedures.
BS.CS.LPI.05	Child Protection: % of Core Group meetings held within 15 days for Initial (cumulative)		82%	80%	71%	87%	100%		16/17: Off Target Initial child protection core groups held within 15 days is at the highest rate (87%) since recording began.
CHN08a	The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in Residential Based Services per Child per Week (LGBF)	£2,951	Annual Measure						Local Government Benchmarking Framework for 2016/17 will be published in January 2018.
CHN08b	The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in a Community Setting per Child per Week (LGBF)	£319.83	Annual Measure						

PI Code	Performance Indicator	2015/16	Q1 2016/17	Q2 2016/17	Q3 2016/17	2016/17			
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Status	Note
M.G.CS.01.04f	Number of Children looked after at home	New for 16/17	N/A	42	66	70	Data only		16/17: Data Only
M.G.CS.01.04g	Number of Children looked after away from home			207	207	200	Data only		16/17: Data Only
M.G.CS.01.06a	Reduce the number of young people referred to CAMHS by providing alternative support.			266	N/A	649	360		16/17: Off Target The referrals to the Midlothian Out Patient and ADHD teams have continued to increase from 306 April - Sept 16 to 383 Oct- March. Accepted referrals have also increased over the time period despite the improved focus on consistent triage within all the CAMHS outpatient teams. So the objective of reducing the number of children and young people referred has not been delivered.

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Code	Title	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	External Comparison
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	
CHN08a	The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in Residential Based Services per Child per Week (LGBF)	£1,832.42	£2,404.40	£2,869.23	£2,465.38	£1,748.35	£2,951.54	15/16 Rank 10 (Second Quartile) 14/15 Rank 1 (TOP Quartile)
CHN08b	The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in a Community Setting per Child per Week (LGBF)	£258.00	£319.00	£271.00	£251.01	£313.99	£319.83	15/16 Rank 21 (Third Quartile) 14/15 Rank 24 (Bottom Quartile)
CHN09i	Balance of Care for looked after children: % of children being looked after in the Community (LGBF)	88.41%	87.32%	91%	92%	87%	90%	15/16 Rank 18 (Third Quartile) 14/15 Rank 20 (Third Quartile)