

**Report to:** Children's Services Scrutiny  
Committee

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**Report Title:** **STAYING SAFE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

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**Purpose:**

To report on the current position of Children's Services against the Staying Safe Performance Indicators

**Recommendations:**

To note the content of the report

**Decision:**

**Background Doc(s):**

**Signed:**

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Leader / Executive Member

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Monitoring Officer

**Date:**

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**Summary:**

The information provided in this report provides a summary of performance and the activity undertaken by Children's Social Care to ensure children are safeguarded and protected from harm.

## **1. Background Information**

- 1.1** There are a number of Staying Safe Performance Indicators that are designed to ensure robust and timely interventions are undertaken so that children and young people are safeguarded and protected from harm.
- 1.2** These indicators are monitored on a regular basis, and comparison is made with both the England Average (Eng Av) and the performance of Statistical Neighbours (SN).
- 1.3** Caseload information for individual teams on each district is also monitored where appropriate.

## **2. Performance**

All Bolton data relates to the end of Quarter 2, i.e. Sept 2008.

### **2.1 NI 59 Initial Assessments on Time**

Bolton Q2 = 92.7%.  
Eng Av 08 = 70.7%  
SN Av 08 = 71.2%

Performance has improved from the previous year end (89.4%) and is already well in excess of comparative averages.

### **2.2 NI 60 Core Assessments on Time**

Bolton Q2 = 85.0%.  
Eng Av 08 = 80.0%  
SN Av 08 = 79.0%

Performance has fallen slightly from the previous year end (89.0%) but is already well in excess of comparative averages

### **2.3 NI 64 Child Protection Plans Lasting 2 years or more**

Bolton Q2 = 1%.  
Eng Av 08 = 5.3%  
SN Av 08 = 6.0%

The target for this indicator is between 0% and 10%, therefore performance is in the "good" banding, as it was at the last year end (7%).

### **2.4 NI 65 Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time**

Bolton Q2 = 2.1%.  
Eng Av 08 = 13.6%  
SN Av 08 = 13.8%

The target for this indicator is between 10 - 15%, and was 10.2% at the year end. Performance is currently too low and is being closely monitored to ensure it comes closer to the average.

## 2.5 NI 66 LAC cases which were reviewed within the required timescales

Bolton Q2 = 100%.  
Eng Av 08 = 90%  
SN Av 08 = 84%

The target for this indicator is 95% or above. This was achieved at the last year end (95.7%).

## 2.6 NI 67 Child Protection Cases which were reviewed within the required time scales

Bolton Q2 = 100%.  
Eng Av 08 = 99.4%  
SN Av 08 = 99.2%

The target for this indicator will always be 100%. Bolton continues to achieve this figure as it did at the last year end.

## 2.7 NI 68 Referrals to Children's Social Care going on to initial assessment

Bolton Q2 = 86.6%.  
Eng Av 08 = 59.4%  
SN Av 08 = 56.1%

Last year end performance was 59.6% and therefore more in line with the average. Improvements have been made since the end of September.

## 3. Case Loads on Districts

### 3.1 Children and Family District Teams

The information in the table below shows the quantity and type of cases held by the individual Children and Family district teams during the year 2007/2008.

Type of Case	CFNE	CFSE	CFWE
Child in Need	49	95	67
Child Looked After	101	153	92
Non Agency Adoption	6	10	6
Residence Order	0	1	1
Special Guardianship	1	2	0
Subject to Protection Plan	78	85	42
Supervision Order	0	4	2
Monitor prior to Closure	1	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>210</b>

### 3.2 Initial Assessments undertaken by A&A District Team 2007/2008

A&A NE	541	34.8%
A&A SE	627	40.4%
A&A WEST	385	24.8%

### 3.3 Core Assessments undertaken by A&A District Team 2007/2008

A&A NE	125	33.4%
A&A SE	155	41.4%
A&A WEST	94	25.1%

### 3.4 Initial Conferences undertaken by district 2007/2008

NE	81	33.9%
SE	102	42.7%
WEST	56	23.4%

### 3.5 Number of LAC per team on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008

NE = 102  
SE = 153  
W = 96  
LC = 43  
CHDI = 32  
Asylum = 1  
Total = 427

### 3.6 Care Proceedings as at 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008

NE = 10  
SE = 34  
W = 17  
CHDI = 5  
Total = 66

## 4. Conclusion

The above information demonstrates the current performance of Children's Social Care compared to the previous year end, to the England Average, and to that of Statistical Neighbours. It also provides a picture of the quantity and type of activity being undertaken by different teams across the service.

The information above demonstrates that robust systems are in place to ensure constant monitoring of performance against that previously achieved in Bolton and other similar areas, and provides a tool for Managers to ensure corrective action is taken wherever necessary.

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