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LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE

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Summary

This report updates Members on progress in achieving Medway's Local Area Agreement targets. It includes all targets both those led by the Council and those led by partners, which the Council has a role in supporting.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 This document reports progress against the 2008/2011 Local Area Agreement (LAA).

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council formally approved the current LAA 2008/2011 including new baseline target levels to be achieved in March 2009, which the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government approved in May 2009.
- 2.2 Full Council on 4 March 2010 approved the LAA refresh subject to agreement on one outstanding target – NI 152 levels of worklessness. According to the agreed delegation, these negotiations have now been concluded. The target has been set to limit worklessness levels to 3.2% above regional averages. Performance at quarter 2 is 3.4% above. Job centre plus lead on this target and believe it is achievable.
- 2.3 This report summarises progress up to December 2009.

3. Advice and analysis

- 3.1 Appendix 1 lists all LAA targets and includes comments from council officers and partners on progress. According to previously agreed process where targets are red rated a summary of actions to be taken is included in the appendix.

3.2 Of the 45 LAA targets, 43 can be reported this quarter. Of these 26 (61%) are on track (rated green), and 7 (16%) are off target but are capable of reaching target within the year (rated amber). 10 (23%) are off track and require improvement, these are rated red.

4. Development of the role of Overview and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the LAA and partnership scrutiny

4.1 Since the last round of reports on LAA targets in August and September 2009 expected regulations have come into effect giving all overview and scrutiny committees power to obtain information from LAA partners. Associated guidance on partnership scrutiny is still awaited and is currently being drafted by the Centre for Public Scrutiny. As soon as the guidance has been cleared by Department of Communities and Local Government and published there will be a further seminar for Councillors and representatives of the LSP and its thematic partnerships to work on the development of a local Medway protocol.

4.2 In the meantime each Medway Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been assigned a number of LAA targets to keep under review with the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee keeping a general overview as well as scrutinising the specific targets falling within its terms of reference. Under separate legislation the Council has designated the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the committee with responsibility for scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), which must be undertaken at least once every year. That Committee undertook its first review of the CSP on 19 February 2010 and made a number of recommendations to the Partnership for further consideration.

4.3 The Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered LAA performance at its meeting on 16 March 2010. At the meeting the committee noted current red rated performance on the partner lead indicators of domestic violence and worklessness and referred these to Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny for further scrutiny work.

4.4 The Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee also considered the elements of the LAA relevant to it on 18 March. The committee noted the positive work undertaken to tackle worklessness and improve skills.

4.5 The Children and Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the LAA on 25 March and requested a meeting between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and spokespersons of the Committee and the Teenage Pregnancy Board to discuss the work it carried out and the data it received.

4.6 The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee were updated on LAA performance via a briefing note due to scheduling of its meetings.

5. Local Strategic Partnership monitoring of the LAA

- 5.1 At the Local Strategic Partnership Board meeting on 23 March Board members received a performance report update, which was noted and discussed.

6. Risk Management

- 6.1 The purpose of this performance report is to enable Members to manage the key risks to Local Area Agreement performance which have arisen over the previous six months, note remedial actions taken and comment appropriately. The key risks to achieving priorities and outcomes are included in the monitoring report attached at Appendix 1, along with actions to mitigate those risks.

7. Financial and legal implications

- 7.1 The report and its attached appendices summarises performance for the quarter ending 31 December 2009. As such there are no financial or legal implications to report.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 Members should scrutinise Local Area Agreement performance for the third quarter 2009-10 and comment accordingly.

9. Suggested reasons for decision

- 9.1 Full and accurate performance reporting to Members is consistent with best practice, and will allow Members to monitor performance during the year.

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Background papers

Local Area Agreement 2008-11
Local Area Agreement refresh report to Full Council 4 March 2010

Medway Local Area Agreement 2008/11

Indicator	Baseline	LAA Improvement Target			Partners		Outturn	2009/10	Update 2009/10	DoT from 08/09	Outturn against target
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Children / young people and families											
NI 51 Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services.	3 /3 /3 /2 (score 11)	3 /3 /3 /2 (Score 11)	3 /3 /3 and 2 (score 11)	3 /3 /3 /3 (Score 12)	Medway Primary Care Trust	Kent & Medway NHS & Social Care Partnership Trust / Medway Council	12	12	The CAMHS Implementation plan 2009-2010 is supporting the development of an integrated CAMHS service across Medway. The CAMHS project group meets regularly to discuss and implement strategy in relation to comprehensive CAMHS. An emotional wellbeing/CAMHS needs assessment at tiers 1 and 2 was carried out in the autumn; results are due back should come back in Quarter 4 and should identify gaps in services and provide feedback on the quality of services. A pilot for a single point of access is for all CAMHS referrals took place towards the end of 2009, it is anticipated that this will be further developed and rolled out across Medway to improve access to services.	→	GREEN
NI 59 Initial assessments for children's social care carried out within seven working days of referral	62%	72%	73%	74%	Medway Council	Medway Primary Care Trust / Medway NHS Trust / Police	73.40%	78.00%	Despite the sustained rise in referrals (up 24% from the same period last year) performance has been sustained and exceeds target	↑	GREEN
NI 60 Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement.	51%	77%	79%	80%	Medway Council	Medway Primary Care Trust / Medway NHS Trust / Police	82.50%	70.60%	The duty teams have not been able to meet the LAA target for completing core assessments (NI60) within time scales. However, there has been substantial improvement due to a proactive reorganisation to address inequalities in referrals across the 3 IAT areas. Consequently Chatham's boundaries were reduced by moving responsibility for Rochester to Strood and Hoo. The boundary revision has allowed for significant catch up on core assessments in October and results for November and December were above the 79% target. In December 88.2% of core assessments were completed within timescales, the best results this year compared to a low of 59.3% in October.	↓	RED

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NI 65 Children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time.	15%	15%	14%	12%	Medway Council	Medway Primary Care Trust / Medway NHS Trust / Police	10.50%	19.70%	This quarter our CP re-registrations (NI65) are again over the LAA target. 17.8% of children becoming subject to a plan for a second time represents 38 children since 1 April 2009. Analysis of re-registrations continues with no evidence to date that the children were removed from plans prematurely or that decision-making regarding plan closure was overly optimistic or flawed. An audit of the cases showed that the children and young people continued to be supported as children in need for an average of 8 months after they ceased to be subject to a CP plan. The length of time between plans ranged from 12 months to 4 years with an average time between plans of 23 months. Re-registration triggers have commonly been due to changes in external circumstances for the family such as people being released from prison, new partners, and development or re-occurrence of mental health problems. Comparisons with other authorities has shown this is a particularly volatile indicator.	↓	RED
NI 112 Under 18 conception rate (per 1,000 girls aged 15-17).	200646.2 (0%)	34.7 (25% reduction from baseline)	28.9 (37% reduction from baseline)	23.1 (50% reduction from baseline)	Medway Primary Care Trust/ Medway Council	Youth Offending Team (YOT) / Medway NHS Trust	44.2 (4.3% reduction from baseline)	N/a	The latest published data (for 2008) shows a 4.3% reduction from the 1998 baseline and a 8.7% reduction from 2007. The Teenage Pregnancy Strategy has developed a range of measures to reduce the conception rate in Medway, including improved access to contraceptive and sexual health services.	↑	RED
NI 113 Prevalence of Chlamydia in under 25 year olds - percentage of the 15-24 population accepting a test/screen for Chlamydia	<5%	17%	25%	35%	Medway Primary Care Trust	Medway Council / Medway NHS Trust	15.60%	12.30%	The Student health service has been launched, providing contraception and sexual health services on 3 sites, with high uptake. Ongoing programme of training in sexual health awareness and C-card provided for front line staff working with YP. Speakeasy co-ordinator appointed to work with parents, to improve communications with YP about sex and relationships.	↑	AMBER

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Health, well-being and older people											
NI 8 Adult participation in sport.	18.2%	19.2%	21.2%	23.2%	Medway Council	Medway Primary Care Trust / Sport England	14.07%	17.30%	As part of the countdown to 2012 a programme of sporting events continues to be rolled out. Medway's Get Active website went live in September and projects working with traditionally hard to reach groups has included 'inclusive fitness' targeting women and older people and a Festival of Sport – a programme of competitions for school children through to the 50 plus age group. The free swimming initiative continues to increase participation with swimming for adults up by 147% compared to last year and for children it is up by 132%. Despite these programmes the Sport England Active People Survey findings show Medway as having very low levels of participation, contradicting our own findings as reported last quarter. Although the most recent survey shows a 3% increase on last year it is still below target, currently standing at 17.3% against a the Local Area Agreement target of 21.2% for June 2010. However, it is recognised that a number of the projects in the area focus on young people and this is not picked up by the survey.		RED
NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6.	19.30%	18.90%	18.70%	18.50%	Medway Primary Care Trust	Medway Council	19.40%		The results of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) will be published in December 2010. All parents of yr 6 children measured in 2008/09 have received feedback on their child's measurement and information on MEND. They have received a Change4life Top Tips leaflet. Change4life is the national government campaign aimed at families with children aged under 11. The NCMP for 2009/10 is being planned and measuring began in January 2010. For those children measured in January 2010 plans are to be formalised to enable pro-active follow-up with parents with children identified as underweight, overweight or obese.	↓	AMBER
NI 39 Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates.	1,346	1,529	1,613	1,687	Medway Primary Care Trust	Medway NHS Trust / Police / Kent Probation / Medway Council	1436	802	Target for 2009/10 is to achieve a reduction in the rate of increase of alcohol related admissions to hospital. Our 09/10 target is a rate of increase of 5.5%. Medway has an agreed Alcohol Strategy signed off at PCT Board and Cabinet February 2010. The first partnership meeting has been held to develop a multi-agency action plan to deliver against the Strategy. Public Health employed an Alcohol Co-ordinator in October who will be responsible for coordinating partner progress and developing the action plan for the implementation of the strategy.	↓	AMBER

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									Health priorities are to roll out Identification and Brief Advice (IBA) training (this has begun and the following groups trained: Health and Lifestyle Trainers, Teenage Pregnancy and Sexual Health workers, primary care staff engaged with Health Checks programme. Priority groups still to be trained include A&E and Custody Staff developing. The Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory (KMPHO) is carrying out a scoping exercise for Social Marketing. An alcohol and drugs health worker will be funded to support the Family Integration Project within the Local Authority to address some of the Hidden Harm agenda. From October 2009 A&E will be recording alcohol related admissions for the first time. This information is vital for Medway to have a true picture of the impact that alcohol is having in Medway and to help all agencies to better target their efforts.		
NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment.	600	630	636	643	Medway Primary Care Trust	Police / Kent Probation / Medway NHS Trust / Medway Council	692	705	The performance of this indicator is exceeding targets with a continuing upward trajectory.	↑	GREEN
NI 121 Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75 (per 100,000 population).	94.96 (2006)	79.2	75.9	72.4	Medway Primary Care Trust	Medway NHS Trust	77.08 (calendar yr 2008)	N/a	This is the latest data available. Forecast from Health says 09/10 target will be met	↑	GREEN
NI 123 16+ current smoking rate prevalence. (self-reported 4 week quitters per 100,000 population aged 16+)	566	569	570	571	Medway Primary Care Trust	Medway Council	839	431 (550 as at 16/2/10)	The Medway Stop Smoking Service has exceeded its target for 08/09. Key successes include the development of an interactive website with online group sessions, increasing referrals from general practice and Medway Foundation Trust.	↑	GREEN
NI 124 People with a long-term condition supported to be independent and in control of their condition.	57%	59%	62%	64%	Medway Primary Care Trust	Medway NHS Trust / Kent & Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust / Medway Council	69.75% (07/08)	N/a	The measurement for 2009/10 will be calculated from Q3 and Q4 of the GP Patient Survey 2009/10. In the 1st and 2nd qtr surveys 84% of patients with a long-term condition said that the doctor or nurse gave them information about things that the patient might do to deal with health problem. 18% said that the doctor or nurse gave them a written document about discussions that were had about managing the health problem	↑	GREEN

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NI 130 Social Care Clients Receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individualised Budgets)	3.20%	N/a	7%	30%	Medway Council	Kent & Medway Partnership Trust	3.90%	6.7%	Significant efforts are being made in line with requirements of the Putting People First agenda and meeting Adult Social Care outcome to increase choice and control for service users. The current focus of activity is upon development of the anticipated customer pathway to fast track process for achieving target. This activity is identifying the possibility of new roles and skill development requirements and highlighting potential efficiencies. On track to exceed target by the end of 09/10.	↑	GREEN
NI 141 Percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living.	62%	63%	66%	69%	Medway Council	Medway Primary Care Trust / Medway NHS Trust / Kent & Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust / Kent Probation	85.20%	82.52%	The Members' Task Group report 'Modernising Day Services' is being implemented and the closure of Strood Day Centre is under way. Four community day opportunity services have been identified across Medway, all of which were operational at the end of September. Consequently, the day centre Greatfield Lodge and the Family Centre will be vacated. Self Directed Support staff have been working closely with a number of families who are wishing to access Direct Payments as an alternative to a community based service. Officers continue to offer one to one support meetings to families. Shared Lives Service has successfully recruited a number of day activity Carers who will provide day services for people who are sharing lives with families and they continue to support short and long term family placements. The Innovation Fund allocation has enabled the Shared Lives Team and Children's Services to support 12 women who have a learning disability whose children have child protection plans.	↓	GREEN
Safe and Strong Medway											
NI 1 % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area	70.70%	N/A	N/A	75.40%	Medway Council	Police	70.40%	N/a	This indicator is measured by the Place Survey which is carried out every two years. The Community Cohesion Group continues to meet to review the work programme for these indicators		
NI 4 , % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality	23.10%	N/A	N/A	27.10%	CVS	Medway Council / NHS Trusts / PCT / Police	23.40%	N/a	This indicator is measured by the Place Survey which is carried out every two years. The Community Cohesion Group continues to meet to review the work programme for these indicators		

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NI 15 Serious violent crime rate (per 1,000 population)	0.9 (2008/9)	N/A	0.81	0.81	Police	Medway Council / Kent Probation	0.9	0.5	Rolling year to date figure. However, figures show an ongoing improvement trend. Recorded serious violent crimes in the year to date have fallen by 50% from the previous year. Officers are concentrating efforts on preventing low level drunken and aggressive behaviour to reduce the opportunity for serious violent crime to occur.	↑	GREEN
NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate (per 1,000 population)	17.93 crimes per 1000 population	17.54 per 1000 population	17.15 per 1000 population	16.77 per 1000 population	Police	Medway Council / Kent Probation	14.7	11.7	Rolling year to date figure shows ongoing improvement trend. Recorded serious acquisitive crimes have dropped by approximately a quarter from the same period last year. An action plan has been in place since the autumn to tackle acquisitive crime. The focus has been on burglary and vehicle crime. Intelligence is being utilised across the partnership to direct tactical resources in the most effective way.	↑	GREEN
NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	25.90%			22.10%	Police	YOT / Medway Council	25.00%		Local measure from KCVS used as proxy indicator shows ongoing improvement trend (from 23% in 07/08 to 8% in 09/10). This has been rated as Green based on the KCVS survey, however, the final outturn will be based on the Place Survey, which has different methodology.	↑	GREEN
NI 19 Rate of young offenders re-offending	1.21	1.17	1.13	1.08	YOT	Police / Kent Probation	0.9	0.66	This measure is cumulative over a 12 month period and therefore quarterly results can only give an indication of trend. However the ½ year result appears on track and extrapolation of data indicates that the 12 month target will be met.	↑	GREEN
NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	For 2008/09 (April 07- March 08 = 173) For 2009/10 (Oct 07- Sept 08 = 204) For 2010/11 (baseline year tbc)	27% reduction in offences from 173 baseline (no more than 137 offences)	25% reduction in offences from 204 baseline (no more than 153 offences)	tbc	Kent Probation	Police / other probation service providers	23% reduction	-67.40%	This represents the percentage change in offences observed against offences predicted in a cohort of 42 prolific and priority offenders over the previous 6 month period. The YTD figure is a proxy measure for NI 30 which is only available annually.	↑	GREEN

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NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence in cases reviewed at a MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference)	31%	N/A	N/A	No higher than 28%	Police	Medway Council / Kent Probation	41.7% (this is a proxy measure from the CDRP)	43.2%	These figures relate to a proxy measure taken from the CDRP.	↓	RED
NI 47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	83 (baseline 2005/07 average)	79 (3 year rolling average: 06/08) (percentage reduction 4.7)	78 (3 year rolling average: 07/09) (percentage reduction 1.0)	77 (3 year rolling average: 08/10) (percentage reduction 2.1)	Medway Council / Kent Fire & Rescue Service	Police / PCT / Highways Agency / Medway NHS Trust / Kent Probation	81	28	Trend is looking positive. This is provisional data and is subject to change. Police crash data for quarter 3 is being validated by the council and will be available by quarter 4.	↑	GREEN
Economic development, transport and skills											
NI 152 Working age people on out of work benefits	3.2% above regional average			3.2% above regional average (target renegotiated at 2010 refresh)	Jobcentre Plus	Learning & Skills Council / Medway Council (HR, Adult Social Care, Physical / Social Regeneration) / SEEDA / Kent & Medway NHS & Social Care Partnership Trust / PCT / Kent Probation / Police		3.4% above regional average (12% working age people on out of work benefits)	Quarterly data is based on local figures, and the year to date figure is as at the end of the second quarter, and is 3.4% above the south east figure of 9.4%. Despite continued focus by the Medway Local Strategic Partnership and the implementation of initiatives on economy, employment and skills, the recession, subsequent unemployment and increase in JSA claimants has significantly impacted on the area in comparison to the South East.	↓	AMBER
NI 161 Learners achieving a Level 1 qualification in literacy	0	1710 achievements	3505 achievements	5390 achievements	Learning & Skills Council	Medway Council / Kent Probation / SEEDA	1808	N/a	2008/09 academic year data (2009/10 FY) will be available May 2010	↑	GREEN

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NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	65%	69%	71%	73%	Learning & Skills Council	Medway Council / Kent Probation / SEEDA / Jobcentre Plus	68.15% (2008)	N/a	Funding has been secured by Medway Adult Learning Services in partnership with LSC to encourage people into community learning and the Flexible New Deal programme now launched also offers the opportunity for local residents to gain access to Level 1 and 2 qualifications.	↑	AMBER
NI 171 New business registration rate	73.01	71.1	73.1	75.1	Business Link / Medway Council	Jobcentre Plus / Learning & Skills Council / SEEDA	70.7 (2007)	75.2 (2008)	Approximately 20 business start up applications currently being progressed in order to achieve our target of 25 start up initiatives in 2009-2010. One partners for growth loan has been awarded to date with 3 applications under preparation. Further work required to boost numbers of applications. Other counter-recessionary measures include apprenticeships scheme, a graduate work placement scheme and the Retail Ambassadors training scheme. Latest data relates to 2008 was published by BERR in January	↑	GREEN
NI 167 Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak	4 minutes	No change from baseline - 0% increase	No change from baseline - 0% increase	No change from baseline - 0% increase	Medway Council	Police	n/a	3.29	Data being collected to establish 12 month baseline with effect from Sept 09. Unable to provide meaningful commentary until this is complete.	↑	GREEN
NI 175 Access to services and facilities by walking, cycling and public transport.	50%	100%	100%	100%	Medway Council	Police / PCT	100%	100%	This performance is monitored by the number of qualifying planning applications which are over 50 units and the access to them by public transport. One qualifying application during the third quarter was received for Temple Waterfront, Strood - 600 residential units. The developer was asked to contribute to improve public transport which has resulted in S106 funds being obtained and the 100% Local Strategic Partnership target has been achieved for this quarter..	→	GREEN
Regeneration, including housing, environment and culture											
NI 154 Net additional homes provided	0	675	1425	2240	Medway Council		914		Final figures are not available until June/July in the relevant year Forecast of 1000 for 2009/10 endorsed by Medway Regeneration Partnership Board on 29/09/09	↑	GREEN
NI 155 Number of affordable homes delivered (gross).	0	177	372	617	Medway Council		427	628	This is a cumulative target over the three years. Outturn figure estimated for 09/10 at 250. Performance for this indicator is the highest figure for Medway since 1989/90 and exceeds the recently introduced South East Plan target figure of 815. This shows that sustained regeneration efforts since 2004 are bearing fruit.	↑	GREEN

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NI 156 Number of households living in temporary accommodation	629	315	280	250	Medway Council		151	141	Estimated outturn for 31 March 2010 is 125. Any downturn in the market leading to further rises in homelessness may impact on our attempts to reduce the use of temporary accommodation.	↑	GREEN
NI 186 per capita CO2 emissions in the local authority area	5 tonnes CO2 per capita (baseline year = 2005)	0% (LPSA covers this target in year 1)	7% reduction from baseline	13.9% reduction (equating to a CO2 reduction of 4.3 tonnes per capita)	Medway Council	PCT / NHS Hospital Trust / Police / Kent Fire & Rescue Service	2.7% reduction (2007)	N/a	The Energy Saving Trust one to one support programme continues, which supports the council in its community leadership role to reduce the carbon emissions. The draft report from the consultant was received in quarter 3. This has highlighted that Medway has the 5th best track record for tackling carbon emissions and climate change of the 120 authorities taking part. The final action plan will be developed during quarter 4 before being presented to Cabinet in the new financial year. Latest performance for 2007 shows a 2.7% improvement from 2005 baseline.	↑	AMBER
NI 191 kg of residual household waste per household	836kg	831kg	818kg	792kg	Medway Council		759	557.1	Forecast for 09/10 is 755Kg. To achieve this result a number of projects have been on going e.g. - In April 2009 a new furniture reuse initiative was introduced to Medway in conjunction with a Sittingbourne based project, Neighbourhood furniture store. Between April and June 8 tonnes of materials have been diverted from landfill. - Home compost bin sales now total 10,880 since the scheme started in 2005/06. Using the compost bin calculator we are diverting over 1,600 tonnes each year from landfill. - The overall amount of waste collected nationally is also falling.	↓	GREEN
DCSF statutory indicators (all under theme of children, young people and families)											
NI 72 Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy		47.1%	56.0%		Medway Council		52%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009. This is the fourth successive year that performance has improved	↑	GREEN

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NI 73 Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths a Key Stage 2		75%	75.0%		Medway Council		65.40%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009. There was a large dip in % of children achieving a L4+ in English compared to previous years. A risk assessment of all Primary Schools has been carried out and as a result we have developed a differentiated level of support and challenge from school improvement partners and the wider school improvement team dependent on schools performance.	↓	AMBER
NI 75 Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths		52%	57.5%		Medway Council		51.7%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009	↑	GREEN
NI 87 Secondary school persistent absence rate		6%	5.6%	5.5%	Medway Council		5.7%		Persistent absence data is now collected on a termly basis in arrears direct from schools to enable targeted work with those schools most at risk of not achieving the target	↑	GREEN
NI 92 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest		32.7%	31.5%		Medway Council		32.70%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009.	↑	GREEN
NI 93 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2		90%	90.0%		Medway Council		78.0%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009. There was a large dip in % of children achieving a L4+ in English compared to previous years. A risk assessment of all Primary Schools has been carried out and as a result we have developed a differentiated level of support and challenge from school improvement partners and the wider school improvement team dependent on schools performance.	↓	RED
NI 94 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2		82%	84.0%		Medway Council		76.0%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009. A risk assessment of all Primary Schools has been carried out and as a result we have developed a differentiated level of support and challenge from school improvement partners and the wider school improvement team dependent on schools performance.	↑	RED

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NI 99 Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2		56%	69.0%		Medway Council		38.0%		The criteria for this indicator is very precise and relates to children looked after by Medway Council for 12 months or more. The cohort for 2008/09 was just 8 children therefore huge fluctuations can occur. The implementation of 1-2-1 tuition to assist with raising the attainment of vulnerable groups has been rolled out in most schools.	↓	RED
NI 100 Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2		56%	61.5%		Medway Council		25.0%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009. The criteria for this indicator is very precise and relates to children looked after by Medway Council for 12 months or more. The cohort for 2008/09 was just 8 children therefore huge fluctuations can occur. The implementation of 1-2-1 tuition to assist with raising the attainment of vulnerable groups has been rolled out in most schools.	↓	RED
NI 101 Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and mathematics)		26%			Medway Council		12.0%		Data relates to academic year 2008/09 from exams in summer 2009. The criteria for this indicator is very precise and relates to children looked after by Medway Council for 12 months or more. The cohort for 2008/09 was 25 children therefore huge fluctuations can occur. The implementation of 1-2-1 tuition to assist with raising the attainment of vulnerable groups has been rolled out in most schools.	↓	RED