

**Monitoring Audit of JAR Recommendations and APA Areas for Improvement**

**Document purpose**

This document has been designed to provide an overview of the routes through which performance regarding APA 'areas for improvement' and JAR Recommendations are being monitored. In addition, it highlights where the same issues have been raised as CAA 'tagged' issues.

The far right hand column provides a initial assessment of whether arrangements for the direct monitoring of each area for improvement or recommendation is in place based on the evidence included in the table.

	<b>Issue being directly monitored through ...</b>	<b>Issue also picked up indirectly through...</b>	<b>Frequency monitored</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
<p><b>JAR 1:</b> Reduce the proportion of young people who leave school with no qualifications</p> <p>'Improve numbers leaving school with no qualifications' was a <b>CAA tagged issue in June 09</b> but was <b>no longer a tagged issue in September 09.</b></p>	<p>CAA tagged priority Q1update-'Improve numbers leaving school with no qualifications'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Indicator : NI 117 – The proportion of young people not in education, employment or training.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 5 - Raising the proportion of young people in education or work.</li> <li>• LSP priority 'Improve learning outcomes and skill levels for all 16 year olds, with a focus on narrowing the achievement gap.'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Tracker produced for this CAA tagged issues in Q1 09/10 performance report for CSLT</li> <li>• NI 117 - Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 5 Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> </ul>	<p>Percentage of pupils leaving school with no qualifications monitored locally by Education Leeds.</p>
<p><b>JAR 2:</b> Increase the rate of progress made by pupils in low-performing secondary schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP priority:' Improve learning outcomes and skill levels for all 16 year olds, with a focus on narrowing the achievement gap.'</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: NI 78 – Reduction in number of schools where fewer than than 30% of pupils achieve 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE and equivalent including GCSEs in English and Maths</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• NI 78 – Annual PI monitored through corporate &amp; directorate performance reporting processes.</li> </ul>	<p>NI 78 - Some data is available as part of the Quarter 2 information but this will be confirmed at Q4.</p>
<p><b>JAR 3:</b> Complete the review of 14–19 provision and address the issues involving small school sixth forms, excessive competition and duplication of provision and the low outcomes for some vulnerable groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14- 19 Learning Plan</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In line with monitoring arrangements for 14-19 Plan</li> </ul>	
<p><b>APA 1:</b> There remain a high proportion of young people who are not in employment, education or training, <b>especially from minority ethnic groups</b>. Progress to improve this has been slow.</p> <p>'Improve levels attainment for pupils from BME backgrounds' was a <b>CAA tagged issue in June 09</b> but was <b>no longer a tagged issue in September 09.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAA tagged priority Q1update- 'Improve levels attainment for pupils from BME backgrounds'</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Tracker produced for this CAA tagged issues in Q1 09/10 performance report for CSLT</li> </ul>	
<p><b>APA 2:</b> The proportion of young people obtaining a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19 is lower than in similar councils and is not improving.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP priority 'Improve learning outcomes and skill levels for all 19 year olds'</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: NI 80- Achievement of Level three qualifications by 19 year olds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 5 - Raising the proportion of young people in education or work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• NI 80 -Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 5 - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> </ul>	<p>Data on outcomes from the 2009 academic year will be available in April 2010.</p>

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<p><b>APA 3:</b> Attendance rates are below those of similar councils despite a significant reduction in the number of persistent absentees.</p> <p>Secondary school attendance and persistent absence' was a <b>CAA tagged issue in June 09.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 2 - Improving attendance &amp; reducing persistent absence.</li> <li>• CAA tagged priority Q1update – 'Secondary school attendance and persistent absence'</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: NI 87- Secondary school persistent absence rate</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP-P2-1- Overall attendance in secondary schools</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 2 - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• Action Tracker produced for this CAA tagged issue in Q1 09/10 performance report for CSLT</li> <li>• See additional information</li> <li>• See additional information</li> </ul>	<p>Confirmed results for NI 87 for the 2008-09 academic year will be available in February 2010.</p> <p>CYPP-P2-1- Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes. Due to be reported in quarter 4 2009/10.</p>
<p><b>JAR 4:</b> Reduce the number of fixed-term exclusions for looked after children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP-P1-3 - Reduce fixed term exclusions from school for looked after children</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 – Improving outcomes for LAC</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-P1-3- Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 - Action Trackers produced every 6 months.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>JAR 5:</b> Improve the proportion of looked after children in education, employment and training at age 16 and 17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP Priority – 'Increase the proportion of vulnerable groups engaged in education, training or employment'</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: NI 148 – care leavers in employment , education or training</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 - Improving outcomes for looked after children</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• NI 148 -Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 - Action Trackers produced every 6 months.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>JAR 6:</b> Ensure there is sufficient good quality education and training for young people who offend.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Indicator: NI 45 - Young offenders' engagement in suitable education, employment and training.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NI 45 -Quarterly PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• This work is ongoing.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Outcomes for vulnerable groups - APA -Areas of Improvement</b>				
<p><b>APA 4:</b> The number of looked after children receiving final warnings or convictions over the past year is much higher than similar councils or the national average</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing Offending by Looked after Children Forum.</li> <li>• OC2 return (see additional information for more details)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forum meets on a bi-monthly basis</li> <li>• OC2 return produced annually at the end of September</li> </ul>	<p><b>OC2 return</b> At the end of September each year YOS and C&amp;PYSC are required to report data on a cohort of young people in care for over a year who have offended as part of a OC2 return.</p>
<p><b>APA 5:</b> Whilst there has been some improvement in the rate of dental checks over the past year, there has been a reduction in the number of looked after children receiving annual health checks. Performance remains much lower than in similar councils.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP –P1-6- Percentage of looked after children who had their annual health assessment during the year</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP –P1-7- Percentage of looked after children with an up to date dental check.</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 – Improving outcomes for looked after children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance Indicator: Percentage of looked after children aged 0-4 whose child health surveillance or child health promotion checks were up-to-date (from inspection list June 09)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP –P1-6-Quarterly PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• CYPP –P1-7-Quarterly PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 - Action Trackers produced every 6 months.</li> <li>• Quarterly PI monitored through PCT performance reporting processes</li> </ul>	

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<b>Outcomes for vulnerable groups - APA -Areas of Improvement</b>				
<p><b>APA 6:</b> Despite marked improvements in the achievement of children of Black Caribbean and Black African heritage, the achievement of children from some other minority ethnic backgrounds remains low, particularly children of Kashmiri Pakistani origin</p> <p>'Improve levels attainment for pupils from BME backgrounds' was a <b>CAA tagged issue in June 09</b> but was <b>no longer a tagged issue in September 09.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAA tagged priority Q1update - 'Improve levels obtainment for pupils from BME backgrounds'</li> <li>NI 107 – KS2 attainment for BME groups (All), and disaggregated into the following categories: White, Mixed, Asian, Black and Chinese</li> <li>NI 108 – KS2 attainment for BME groups (All), and disaggregated into the following categories: White, Mixed, Asian, Black and Chinese</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action Tracker produced for this CAA tagged issues in Q1 09/10 performance report for CSLT</li> <li>NI 107 &amp; 108 – Data on pupil group outcomes from the 2009 academic year will be available at Q3 09/10.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>APA 7 :</b> High levels of investment in family support and preventative services are not yet leading to improved outcomes for many young people.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSP Priority – 'Improve safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable children and adults through better information, recognition and response to risk'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> </ul>	<p><b>LSP Priority - Improve safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable children and adults through better information, recognition and response to risk – Q4 (08/09)</b></p>
<b>Health - JAR Recommendations</b>				
<p><b>JAR 7:</b> Establish the mental health needs of the increasing number of 0-19 black and minority ethnic population.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health Needs Assessment (includes all demographics)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular reports presented to Joint Information Group (JIG) which is part of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership</li> </ul>	
<b>Health – APA Areas for Improvement</b>				
<p><b>APA 8:</b> The number of teenage conceptions remains high and the rate has not decreased since the baseline of 1998.</p> <p>'Reduce levels of teenage pregnancy ' was a <b>CAA tagged issue in June 09</b> but was <b>no longer a tagged issue in September 09.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CYPP-Priority 7/LSP Priority – Reducing teenage conception</li> <li>CAA tagged priority update – ' Reduce levels of teenage pregnancy'- used Q1 CYPP Action Tracker</li> <li>Performance Indicator – NI 112 Under 18 conception rate</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CYPP-Priority 7/ LSP Priority Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>Through Q1 CYPP Priority 7 Action Tracker</li> <li>NI 112 - Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> </ul>	
<p><b>APA 9:</b> Although the council and its partners have taken action and have agreed a new strategy, in 2004-06 the infant mortality rate is significantly higher than the national average.</p> <p>"Significantly higher infant mortality rates than the England average," was a <b>CAA tagged issue in September 09</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infant Mortality Equalities Target Action Plan</li> <li>National Target - Starting with children under one year, by 2010 to reduce by at least 10% the gap in mortality between the routine and manual group and the population as a whole.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task groups meet on a regular basis to take forward various actions from the plan.</li> <li>Progress updates regularly provided to World Class Commissioning initiative who require progress updates on performance.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Safeguarding JAR Recommendations</b>				
<b>JAR 8:</b> Ensure all initial child protection conferences happen on time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP Priority 9- Strengthening Safeguarding</li> <li>• LSP Priority –‘Improve safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable children and adults through better information, recognition and response to risk’</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP Priority – ‘Improve the assessment and care management of children’.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 9- Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> </ul>	
<b>JAR 9:</b> Ensure all core assessments are of good quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP Priority 9- Strengthening Safeguarding</li> <li>• LSP Priority –‘Improve safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable children and adults through better information, recognition and response to risk’</li> <li>• Performance Indicator - NI 60 The percentage of core assessments that were completed within 35 working days of their start</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP Priority – ‘Improve the assessment and care management of children’.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 9- Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• NI 60 - Quarterly PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> </ul>	This is also monitored the case file audit work which is underway.
<b>JAR 10:</b> Ensure the electronic case record system (ESCR) provides a fixed and permanent audit trail of entries made	NA	NA	NA	This initial action is complete and activity is now underway to replace the ESCR system.
<b>Safeguarding - APA Areas for Improvement</b>				
<b>APA 10:</b> Action taken to improve the quality of children’s homes has yet to have a significant impact across the provision as a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP Priority 9 _ Strengthening Safeguarding</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP-9-3- The proportion of residential homes judged by Ofsted to be good or better</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 9- Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• CYPP-9-3- Quarterly PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> </ul>	

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<b>APA 11:</b> The council's fostering service has recently been judged inadequate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP Priority 9- Strengthening Safeguarding</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP-9 -1 - Ofsted judgement on the quality of Leeds Fostering Service</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP-9- 2- Ofsted judgment on the quality of Leeds' Private Fostering</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 9- Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• CYPP -9-1 - Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• CYPP -9-2 - Annual PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> </ul>	
<b>APA 12:</b> The timeliness of reviews for looked after children has improved but remains significantly below the national average and that found in similar councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP Priority 1- Improving outcomes for looked after children &amp; Priority 9 – Strengthening Safeguarding</li> <li>• LSP Priority –‘Improve safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable children through better information, recognition and response to risk’</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: NI 66 Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP Priority –‘Improve the assessment and care management of children’.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 &amp; 9- Action Trackers produced every 6 months.</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• NI 66 - Quarterly PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> </ul>	
<b>APA 13:</b> Despite continued improvement, the participation by looked after children in their reviews remains much lower than similar councils and nationally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP Priority 1- Improving outcomes for looked after children &amp; Priority 9 – Strengthening Safeguarding</li> <li>• LSP Priority –‘Improve safeguarding arrangements for vulnerable children through better information, recognition and response to risk’</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP-1-5- Percentage of looked after children who participate in their review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LSP Priority –‘Improve the assessment and care management of children’.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYPP-Priority 1 &amp; 9- Action Trackers produced every 6 months. An update on these priorities will be produced in Q2.</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> <li>• Performance Indicator: CYPP-1-5- Quarterly PI monitored through corporate and directorate performance reporting processes</li> <li>• LSP priorities - Action Tracker produced every 6 months</li> </ul>	
<b>APA 14:</b> The percentage of unfilled posts for social care staff directly employed for children and families is high and there is too much reliance on temporary staff, with social care vacancy rates nearly twice those found in similar councils.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a key action in the announced inspection preparation action plan.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The action plan is being monitored by the inspection steering group and is over seen by the Children's Services Corporate Improvement Board</li> </ul>	