

Description	Current Quarter Comments	Quarter 1 Actual	Quarter 2 Actual	Quarter 3 Actual	Quarter 4 Actual
Children's Services & Learning					
Commissioning, Education & Inclusion					
Higher numbers of young people achieving well at Key Stage 2 and 4 (GSCE)	KS2 was a 5% gain on combined (Eng and Maths) – broadly in line with national average. Numbers gaining 5 GCSE higher grades including English & maths increased for the 10th consecutive year, but remain below national.	Slightly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A
More children and young people attending school 100% of the time	Attendance has continued to improve but is still below national targets. Primary overall absence within Southampton (5.76%) outperformed the Statistical Neighbour average (6.00%) by 0.24% however, a challenge remains to achieve National (5.60%) as a gap of 0.16% remains. Secondary school overall absence within Southampton (7.69%) achieved below the Statistical Neighbour average (7.34%) by 0.35%. A challenge also remains to achieve National (6.71%) as a gap of 0.98% remains	Slightly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A
More interventions to improve children's dental health/more children with healthy teeth for longer	Children's surveys show decayed, missing and filled teeth (dmft) below national average. Provision of dental services across the City very good but uptake low.	Significantly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A
More support towards increasingly effective school leadership	We are moving into Phase 2 of the Leadership Effectiveness Strategy. We have secured leadership across the city, and then moved towards developing systemic leadership through a programme of professional development and partnership working. Now, we have developed National and Local System Leaders (Heads) to work on a commissioned or brokered basis within schools, commensurate with our revised School Improvement Strategy.	Slightly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A
Safeguarding - Children					
Better targeted support for families with children or young people with disabilities	Major joint review with Health of disability services. New emphasis on provision of short breaks for disabled children, and improved eligibility criteria agreed.	Slightly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ensure caseloads are low enough to keep vulnerable children safe	Generally this has improved consistently, but recent challenges due to staff vacancies has resulted in new pressures on teams.	Slightly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ensured that all children and young people in the local authority's care, live in the right placement, attend school regularly, make good progress at school, and leave care equipped to do well in adult life	Children Looked After still perform less well educationally, and in terms of employment than the general population, but their life experience is often a handicap. Placement stability is satisfactory	Slightly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A
Increased the percentage of children assessed whose needs for support are assessed in a timely way	Continuation of the improvements seen over the last year has been affected by a combination of high levels of staff vacancies and the effects of industrial action. Once resolved performance should return to previous levels of sustained improvement.	Slightly Slipped	N/A	N/A	N/A