

- Safeguarding our vulnerable
Safeguard vulnerable children; keep children in their own home where it is safe to do so and identify and take action where we find exploitation of children and young people

▶ Demand

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/2018	Q1 June 2018	Q2 September 2018	Q3 December 2018	Q4 March 2019	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
1 Rate per 10,000 of children on Child Protection Plans	Monitor	Quarterly	Monitor	52.3 (March 2018)	51.9	49.7			Monitor	Statistical Neighbours 36.7, South East 41.3, England 43.3	<p>This indicator measures the number of children on Child Protection Plans, expressed as a rate per 10,000 of the 0-18 year old population.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, our rate per 10,000 is 49.7 which is a slight reduction on the 51.9 reported at the end of Quarter 1. This rate is above the England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions To address this we are continuing to drive up the quality of child protection assessments and plans through targeted auditing and embedding learning of good practice.</p>
2 Rate per 10,000 of children in need	Monitor	Quarterly	Monitor	209.5 (March 2018)	217.3	223.9			Monitor	Statistical Neighbours 261.6, South East 302.5, England 275.2	<p>This indicator measures the number of children on children in need plans, including children looked after and those on child protection plans, expressed as a rate per 10,000 of the 0-18 year old population.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, our rate per 10,000 is 223.9. The rate of children in need in Buckinghamshire is below the rates of England, South East and Statistical Neighbours.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We have conducted an audit of all children on children in need plans and are acting on the findings from these.</p>
3 Rate per 10,000 of children looked after (contextual)	Monitor	Quarterly	Monitor	39.4 (March 2018)	39.4	41.1			Monitor	Statistical Neighbours 40.5, South East 51.0, England 62.0	<p>This indicator measures the number of children looked after, expressed as a rate per 10,000 of the 0-18 population.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, our rate per 10,000 is 41.1. Buckinghamshire's rate is lower than the average rate for the South East and nationally, but higher than the statistical neighbour average.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We are conducting a thematic review of children accommodated under Section 20 and those placed at home to identify and reinforce best practice principles.</p>

► Quality

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/2018	Q1 June 2018	Q2 September 2018	Q3 December 2018	Q4 March 2019	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
4 % repeat referrals within 12 months	Low	Quarterly	28%	36% (March 2018)	33%	30%			RED	Statistical Neighbours 21%, South East 26%, England 22%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of repeat referrals we receive within 12 months.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018 our performance is 30%. This is higher than England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We have conducted an improvement review and are working closely with partners to develop a joint action plan to improve this performance. The action plan will be completed in December 2018.</p>
5 % of Children who became the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	Low	Month only (not quarterly data)	19%	19% (March 2018)	18.7%	13.7%			GREEN	Statistical Neighbours 23%, South East 22%, England 19%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children who have become subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time.</p> <p>Of the children who became subject to a child protection plan between 1 April 2018 and 30 September 2018, 13.7% were subject to a second or subsequent child protection plan. Buckinghamshire's performance is lower than England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Child Protection Advisors and Social Work teams to meet regularly to ensure that child protection plans achieve sustainable and positive change.</p>
6 % of care leavers in employment, education, or training (EET)	High	Quarterly	60%	60% (March 2018)	61%	57%			AMBER	Statistical Neighbours 52%, South East 50%, England 50%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of care leavers who are in employment, education and/or training (EET).</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 57% of care leavers were in EET. Buckinghamshire's performance is higher than the England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We are developing a skills database to match care leavers with local opportunities and working closely with the University to deliver taster days in partnership with the Virtual School.</p>
7 % of children waiting less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family	High	Quarterly	75%	72% (March 2018)	38%	39%			RED	Statistical Neighbours 43%, South East 46%, England 47%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children who wait for less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 39% of children had moved in with their adoptive family within required timescales. This performance is lower than the England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions The adoption team continue to robustly implement planned recruitment for those children with complex needs for whom adoption is in their best interests. We have delivered a targeted campaign for National Adoption Week alongside further development of the relevant pages on the BCC website to encourage interest from prospective adopters.</p>

► Voice of the child

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/2018	Q1 June 2018	Q2 September 2018	Q3 December 2018	Q4 March 2019	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
8 % Children Looked After (CLA) seen in the last 6 weeks	High	Quarterly	91%	87% (March 2018)	87%	80%			RED	Benchmarking information not currently available.	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children looked after who are seen at least once every 6 weeks.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 80% of children looked after had been seen within required timescales. No benchmarking information is available for this indicator.</p> <p>Improvement Actions: We are tightening up data quality and recording processes to strengthen management oversight of when children have been seen.</p>

► Timeliness of the journey of the child

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/2018	Q1 June 2018	Q2 September 2018	Q3 December 2018	Q4 March 2019	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
9 % assessments completed in 45 working days	High	Quarterly	82%	83% (March 2018)	80%	51%			RED	Statistical Neighbours 81%, South East 84%, England 83%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of assessments that are completed within 45 working days.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 51% of assessments had been completed within the 45 working day timescale, which is below England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Robust action plans are in place with management oversight to improve this performance and ensure that assessments are completed within timeframes.</p>
10 % ICPC (Initial Child Protection Conference) held within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	High	Quarterly	80%	82% (March 2018)	89%	68%			RED	Statistical Neighbours 82%, South East 75%, England 77%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC's) that are held within 15 working days from the Strategy Discussion.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 68% of ICPC's were held within required timescales. This performance is currently below the 80% target and below the England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions To address this we are developing Safety Plans for all instances where Initial Child Protection Conferences are delayed and working closely with schools to ensure there are no delays during holiday periods.</p>

► Sufficiency of children's placements

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/2018	Q1 June 2018	Q2 September 2018	Q3 December 2018	Q4 March 2019	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
11 % of CLA living more than 20 miles from home	Low	Month only (not quarterly data)	47%	53% (March 2018)	56%	55%			RED	Statistical Neighbours 24%, South East 16%, England 14%	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of children looked after who are placed more than 20 miles from their home.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 55% of children looked after were placed more than 20 miles from their home. This performance is higher than England, South East and statistical neighbour averages.</p> <p>It is important to note that placements within the geographical boundary of Buckinghamshire may exceed 20 miles in some cases. However, this is still accessible compared to other areas of the country where placements are within 20 miles but less accessible.</p> <p>Improvement Actions To improve performance we have opened Buckinghamshire County Council's first new children's home and will be opening another local in-house provision in March 2019.</p>

● Safeguarding our vulnerable

Improve outcomes for children with special educational needs or disability

Deliver effective interventions and family support to achieve better outcomes for all children, reducing the need to access statutory services

► Improving Education Standards for Disadvantaged Pupils

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017	2015	2016	2017	2018	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
1 Year 1 Phonics - expected standard gap between disadvantaged pupils % and others %	Low	Annual outturn only	16%	16%	18%	17%	16%		Not Due	2017 England = 14% (disadvantaged = 70%, other = 84%)	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
2 Key Stage 2 - expected standard (reading, writing & maths) gap between disadvantaged pupils % and others %	Low	Annual outturn only	27%	30%	N/A	24%	30%		Not Due	2017 England = 20% (disadvantaged = 48%, other = 68%)	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
3 Key Stage 4 - Attainment 8 gap between disadvantaged pupils and others	Low	Annual outturn only	12.8	14.3	N/A	13.9	14.3		Not Due	2017 England = 12.8 (disadvantaged = 37.1, other = 49.9)	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
4 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile - 'good level of development' gap between disadvantaged pupils % and others %	Low	Annual outturn only	19%	19%	18%	19%	19%		Not Due	National data is not available for this group of pupils	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.

► Improving Education for SEND Pupils

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017	2015	2016	2017	2018	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
5 Key Stage 2 - % of pupils with a statement of SEN or EHCP reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	High	Annual outturn only	8%	8%	N/A	9%	8%		Not Due	England 2017 = 8% South East 2017 = 7%	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
6 Key Stage 4 - average Attainment 8 score for pupils with a statement of SEN or EHCP	High	Annual outturn only	16.0	16.5	N/A	19.9	16.5		Not Due	England 2017 = 13.9 South East 2017 = 14.2	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/2018	Q1 June 2018	Q2 September 2018	Q3 December 2018	Q4 March 2019	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
7 % new Education, Health & Care plans issued within 20 weeks (excluding exceptions)	High	Quarterly	32.0%	8.5%	30.7% (Calendar year to date)	32.6% (Calendar year to date)			GREEN	2017 calendar year Buckinghamshire = 19.1 South East = 52.8 England = 64.9	<p>This indicator measures the number of young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability who receive a support plan in a timely manner. Figures reported are cumulative for the calendar year to date.</p> <p>For the period 1/1/2018 - 30/9/2018, 32.6% of Education Health and Care Plans were issued within the 20 week timescale.</p> <p>Improvement Actions This process is now being managed robustly with weekly reporting to the Director of Education.</p>

● Creating Opportunities & Build Self-Reliance

Ensure that our pre-school children grow up 'school ready' and enable and support all our children to be successful and cared for throughout their school years

▶ Exclusions and Attendance

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017	2015	2016	2017	2018	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
8 Overall attendance rate - primary schools	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	96.0%	96.2%	96.3%	96.1%	96.2%		Not Due	England 2017 = 96.0%, South East 2017 = 96.1%	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
9 Overall attendance rate - secondary schools	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	95.0%	94.6%	94.5%	94.5%	94.6%		Not Due	England 2017 = 94.6%, South East 2017 = 94.6%	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
10 Permanent exclusion rate - primary	Low	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	0.03%	0.05%	data not available	0.01%	0.05%	0.04%	RED	England = 0.03 South East = 0.02 (2016/17 figures)	<p>This measure shows the proportion of permanent exclusions in primary schools and is reported in arrears due to national data collection and publication.</p> <p>In the 2016-17 academic year the permanent exclusions rate for primary schools in Buckinghamshire was 0.04%, which was above both national and regional averages. This is an improvement from 2015-16, with exclusions in primary schools falling from a rate of 0.05% in 2015-16.</p> <p>Improvement Actions We are implementing recommendations from the Education Select Committee report in July, including conducting a targeted Side by Side project to reduce exclusions, improving websites and promoting uptake of Educational Psychology services.</p>

11	Permanent exclusion rate - secondary	Low	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	0.17%	0.24%	0.08%	0.13%	0.24%	0.25%	RED	England = 0.20 South East = 0.13 (2016/17 figures)	<p>This measure shows the proportion of permanent exclusions in secondary schools and is reported in arrears due to national data collection and publication.</p> <p>In the 2016-17 academic year the permanent exclusions rate for secondary schools in Buckinghamshire was 0.25%, which was above both national and regional averages. The rate is slightly higher than in 2015-16, but the rate of increase has slowed significantly.</p> <p>Improvement Actions: We are implementing recommendations from the Education Select Committee report in July, including conducting a targeted Side by Side project to reduce exclusions, improving websites and promoting uptake of Educational Psychology services.</p>
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► Quality of schools

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/2018	Q1 June 2018	Q2 September 2018	Q3 December 2018	Q4 March 2019	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
12 % of pupils attending schools rated good and outstanding by Ofsted	High	Quarterly	88.0%	90.2%	89.0%	89.0%			GREEN	England 31/8/2018 (provisional) = 85% South East 31/8/2018 (provisional) = 88%	<p>This measure reports the proportion of Buckinghamshire pupils who are attending schools judged to be good or outstanding.</p> <p>At the end of September 2018, 89% of Buckinghamshire pupils attended a school judged to be good or outstanding. This is above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Support through our Side by Side partnership model is in place for all schools judged to be "not yet good" or of concern to the LA.</p>

► Improving Education Standards for All Pupils - Attainment

Measure	Good to be	Data period	Target	Last years outturn 2017/18	Academic Year 2015/2016	Academic Year 2016/2017	Academic Year 2017/2018	Academic Year 2018/19	Latest performance (RAG)	Benchmarks	Q2 18/19 CABINET Commentary
13 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile - % of pupils achieving a good level of development	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	74%	74%	68%	71%	74%		Not Due	England 2017 = 71% SE 2017 = 74%	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.
14 Year 1 Phonics - % of pupils reaching the expected standard	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	82%	82%	77%	81%	82%	84%	GREEN	England (state-funded schools) = 82% South East = 83% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In 2018, 84% of Buckinghamshire pupils achieved the expected standard in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. This is an increase of 2 percentage points from 2017, and is above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>
15 Key Stage 1 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in reading	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	79%	79%	N/A	77%	79%	79%	GREEN	England (state-funded schools) = 75% South East = 78% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In 2018, 79% of Buckinghamshire pupils achieved at least the expected standard in Key Stage 1 Reading. Results have remained the same as in 2016, but remain above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>
16 Key Stage 1 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in writing	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	69%	69%	N/A	65%	69%	72%	GREEN	England (state-funded schools) = 70% South East = 71% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In 2018, 72% of Buckinghamshire pupils achieved at least the expected standard in Key Stage 1 Writing. This is a 3 percentage point increase from 2017. Buckinghamshire results are above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Actions Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>

17	Key Stage 1 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in mathematics	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	76%	76%	N/A	72%	76%	78%	GREEN	England (state-funded schools) = 76% South East = 78% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In 2018, Buckinghamshire results for pupils achieving at least the expected standard in KS1 maths increased by 2 percentage points to 78%. Buckinghamshire results are above the national average, and in line with the regional average.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Action Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>
18	Key Stage 2 - % of pupils reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	64%	64%	N/A	56%	64%	66%	GREEN	England (state-funded) = 64% South East= 65% (2018 figures)	<p>This indicator measures the proportion of pupils who have reached an expected academic standard.</p> <p>In Buckinghamshire 66% of pupils achieved at least the expected standard in all of reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2. Buckinghamshire results have increased by 2 percentage points since last year, and are above both regional and national averages.</p> <p>These results have been released as provisional figures by the Department for Education, the validated results will be available in early 2019.</p> <p>Improvement Action Within the Side by Side partnership model there is a focus on achieving more ambitious outcomes for all children and young people.</p>
19	Key Stage 4 - average Attainment 8 score	High	Annual outturn only (Academic Year in Arrears)	53.0	52.6	N/A	55.4	52.6		Not Due	England (state-funded) 2017 = 46.1 SE 2017 = 47.2	Annual outturn - No update this Quarter.