

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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EAST AYRSHIRE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES PLAN: ANNUAL REVIEW 2006/7

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from Cabinet for the 2006/7 Annual Review of the East Ayrshire Children and Young People's Services Plan 2005-2008.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Section 19 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 requires each local authority to prepare, publish and review a plan for the provision of relevant services in respect of children in their area, in partnership with key service providers.
- 2.2 In addition, the Plan requires to evidence consultation with the involvement of children and young people and their parents/carers.
- 2.3 The current Plan is the third full Children and Young People's Services Plan published within East Ayrshire.
- 2.4 In April 2007 the then Scottish Executive wrote out to local authorities regarding the current planning arrangements for children's services. At that stage, it was still the intention to update the guidance previously issued in November 2004. No further correspondence has been received from the Scottish Government. However, given the strategic importance of children and young people's service planning, a review of the current plan has been brought forward for Cabinet consideration.

3. THE NATIONAL CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Scottish Executive published guidance to local authorities on the development of Children and Young People's Services Plans for 2005-2008 in November 2004. The guidance set out the overall aim of Children's Services Planning taken from "*Partnership for Better Scotland: A Partnership Agreement*". This provided seven key outcomes for children and young people, namely:

- Safe
- Nurtured
- Healthy
- Achieving
- Active
- Respected and Responsible
- Included

4. THE EAST AYRSHIRE PLAN AND ANNUAL REVIEW

4.1 Throughout the year young people's views are sought to influence the development of policy and planning. Routine consultation and engagement takes place through the undernoted:

- Annual Youth Conference
- What's Important to You Seminars
- Dialogue Youth
- Student Councils
- Local Youth Forums
- Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament
- Residential Care Forum

4.2 The key partners which develop the East Ayrshire Children and Young People's Services Plan are:

- East Ayrshire Council
- NHS Ayrshire & Arran
- Strathclyde Police
- East Ayrshire Childcare Partnership
- Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
- Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire)
- Careers Scotland

4.3 For some time now the Plan has been aligned with the East Ayrshire Community Plan and adopts the vision and principles of the Community Plan. Action Plans outlined in the East Ayrshire Children and Young People's Services Plan are grouped into priority themes based on those of the Community Plan, namely:

- Improving Community Safety
- Improving Health
- Improving Opportunities
- Promoting Community Learning

4.4 The themes of eliminating poverty and improving the environment are integrated into all actions.

4.5 The Plan is structured into two sections. The first comprises a summary of the key national and local policy drivers and sets out some of the key achievements in 2006/7. Annex A to the Plan provides key statistical performance data under the seven key outcomes for children's services.

5. PERFORMANCE

5.1 Overall, performance against targets and indicators is very good. The undernoted sets out some of the data against the seven key outcomes for children and young people:

Safe:

- 5.5% reduction in all unintentional injuries resulting in emergency hospital admissions and 21.2% reduction in home injuries (2004/5 – 2005/6)

Active:

- All children who attended Activity Motivation sessions received 14.7 hours per week of physical activity, which is double the minimum recommended by the Chief Medical Officer

Included:

- 7% reduction in those young people not in education, employment or training

Achieving:

- 5-14 attainment levels either maintained or improved for reading, writing and maths between 2005/2006 and 2006/2007.

Respected and Responsible:

- Number of new persistent offenders reduced by 13.4% (2004/5 – 2006/7)

Nurtured:

- The number of young people under 25 presenting as homeless reduced by 10%

Healthy:

- Increase from 54% to 68% of 13 year olds who had not tried smoking. For 15 year olds the figure was 35% in 2002 to 45% in 2006

Note: unless otherwise stated, figures relate to a comparison between 2005/6 and 2006/7.

5.2 The priorities for 2007/08 reflect the final year of the Plan. A particular focus will also be placed on two outcomes, namely children being *healthy* and *achieving*. Focus will be given to increasing the percentage of children breastfed at the point of first health visitor contact and in relation to improving educational outcomes for children who are looked after.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial implications relating to specific service developments have been subject to separate Committee approval and any future service specific developments which require Cabinet approval will be brought forward.

7. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1** The statutory requirement, to publish and review Children's Services Plans are contained within Section 19 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

8. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1** The proposals sit within the strategic context of East Ayrshire's Community Plan.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 9.1** The success of the key objectives and actions set out in the Children and Young People's Services Plan relies on all partners working together and sharing a joint commitment to improve services for children and young people. There are robust planning arrangements in place to support integrated children's services planning.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1** It is recommended that members of Cabinet:

- (i) approve East Ayrshire's 2006/7 Annual Review of the 2005-2008 East Ayrshire Children and Young Peoples Services Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 1. East Ayrshire Children and Young Peoples Services Plan 2005-2008
- 2. Integrated Children and Young Persons Service Planning 2005-2008: Guidance - Scottish Executive 11 November 2004

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2006/2007 Review of East Ayrshire's Children and Young People's Services Plan 2005 – 2008

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INTRODUCTION

This is the second review of East Ayrshire's Children and Young People's Services Plan for 2005 - 2008.

Consultation and engagement with children and young people continues to be part of the planning and continuous improvement process. Through this, and other mechanisms to engage stakeholders, themes for future priorities remain the need to address the many issues around *substance misuse; the prevention of anti-social behaviour and support for parenting*.

These priorities are based on feedback from children and young people across East Ayrshire and from consultation and engagement with other stakeholders.

Agencies continue to have a commitment to:

- *Listening to and taking account of children and young people's views;*
- *Designing services around children, young people and their carers;*
- *Providing choice; and*
- *Providing a service as early as possible.*

Partners will continue to develop and strengthen Learning Partnerships, which are at the heart of delivering services to children and young people.

There remains a commitment to providing every child with the best start in life. This means that children, young people and families will be provided with choices and support which allow them to maximise their potential.

East Ayrshire's Children and Young People's Services Plan seeks to ensure, that through collaboration across agencies and with the community, the aspirations of children, young people and families in East Ayrshire will be met.

The Review sets out progress made in implementing the action schedules – *Improving Opportunities, Improving Community Safety, Improving Health and Promoting Community Learning* and summarises the priorities to be taken forward this coming year.

Overall, very good progress has been made against the majority of indicators set out in Appendix A of the annual review. Partners are committed to continuing to make positive progress and to refocusing their efforts where progress has not met expectations.

POLICY CONTEXT AND RELATED WORK STREAMS 2006/07 – 2007/08

The following sets out the relevant national and local policy context for planning and delivering children and young people's services and provides information on related work streams in East Ayrshire.

Consultation and Engagement with Children and Young People

This remains central to East Ayrshire and the Scottish Government when considering how to plan and deliver services for children and young people.

In East Ayrshire, a multi-agency group has formed to develop a good practice guide on consultation and engagement. This will involve guidance on good operational practice as well as for planning and policy development.

This work builds on the *Advice Note on Engaging Children and Young People* in Community Planning and the Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People's priority action plans.

Engagement and consultation with young people will be further developed next year, through the establishment of a Children and Young Persons Forum as part of the Council's decision making structure.

Supporting Agencies to Improve Services

The Quality Improvement Framework for Integrated Services for Children and Young People was published late in 2006/07 and provides a suite of self evaluation indicators for all agencies to use. These indicators will be used as part of children's services inspections from 2008 onwards. A self-evaluation action plan will be implemented across East Ayrshire, based on the Quality Improvement Framework. This will involve Learning Partnerships, all stakeholders attending the annual Children and Young People's Seminar and service users. Senior Managers, Quality Improvement Officers and Children's Services Co-ordinators have already undertaken an initial exercise, which has taken a broad overview of services.

The outcomes of this will be developed into a self-evaluation document as the basis for an Improvement Plan.

A Focus on Supporting the Most Vulnerable Children

Social Work Children and Families Services are being further shaped by *Changing Lives – Report of the 21st Century Social Work Review*. A refocusing paper on all East Ayrshire Social Work Services was recently approved by the Council which will enhance service delivery, at a local level, close to communities and through Learning Partnerships. The capacity to deliver front line services will be strengthened through additional children and family social workers and partnership working developed through Partnership Area Manager posts.

The protection of children and young people remains a priority for all services, working together. The Scottish Executive guidance issued in 2005 in respect of Child Protection Committees remains the basis for further development in East Ayrshire.

The Child Protection Committee has a robust structure in place supported by a number of sub groups.

The Committee has produced an Annual Report and Business Plan, accompanied by a comprehensive Self-Evaluation document using the quality indicators for child protection. Priorities as set out in the Business Plan are aligned with the Children and Young Person's Service Plan and the Promoting Community Safety Theme of the Community Plan.

Getting It Right For Every Child – Draft Children's Services (Scotland) Bill Consultation, Scottish Executive and Guidance on the Child's or Young Person's Plan, Scottish Executive were published in 2006 and 2007 respectively.

The aims of the Children's Services (Scotland) Bill are:

- To place duties on agencies to work together to provide support for children and make a clear plan for children with complex needs
- To ensure that children and families views are taken into account when developing plans to support them
- To change grounds of referral to the Children's Reporter so that children are only referred when necessary

South West Scotland Community Justice Authority (SWSCJA) – Area Plan covers the period 2007/08.

The areas covered by the SWSCJA are Dumfries and Galloway and the 3 Ayrshire Authorities.

The priorities are:

- Less services/first time offenders
- Offender with Mental Health problems
- Offenders with Substance Misuse problems
- Young offenders
- Perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Persistent offenders
- Prisoners needing resettlement and rehabilitation services
- Violent, serious and sex offenders
- Women offenders

The SWSCJA Chief Officer has already made presentations to the Improving Community Safety Group for Community and Children's Services Planning. Links have also been established with the Youth Justice Forum.

Raising Attainment and Achievement

Looked After Children and Young People: We Can and Must Do Better, published early in 2007 focuses on the corporate parent role and professionals' roles and responsibilities in ensuring looked after children and young people meet their potential.

East Ayrshire established a *Learning Curve Group* to take forward the recommendations arising from the report. A particular focus on information technology and support to allow those in upper secondary school who are looked after to improve their educational attainment has been a key task.

A training module on how those involved in supporting looked after children has been developed to allow a shared understanding of how improved outcomes for looked after children are to be reached. The module will be rolled out in 2007-08.

More Choices, More Chances: A Strategy to Reduce the Proportion of Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) Pupils, Scottish Executive (2006) seeks to:

- Prevent young people not being in employment, training or education;
- Have a system-wide (pre and post 16) focus on, ambitions for, ownership of and accountability for this group of young people;
- Prioritise education and training outcomes for a step towards lifelong employability, given their low attainment profile;
- Reduce the number of young people not in education, training or employment as one of the key indicators for measuring the pre and post 16 systems success.

The Council and its partners have developed a robust management information and action plan to deliver improved outcomes for this group of young people which will be reported on through Children and Young People's Services Plan review arrangements.

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

Delivering a Healthy Future: An Action Framework for Children and Young People's Health in Scotland – A Draft for Consultation, Scottish Executive (2006) report seeks to ensure support, intervention and service delivery that meets the needs of current and future generations of children and young people are:

- Targeted to the health challenges of the 21st century;
- Based on the best available evidence;
- Designed to protect and promote health as well as treating disease;
- Capable of addressing the needs of children who may be vulnerable or at risk;
- Centred on children, young people and families;
- Delivered consistently and equitably throughout the country.

It also seeks to ensure that these are fully integrated with the more wide-ranging actions necessary to create health in body, mind and behaviour, whichever agency is responsible for delivering these actions. Many key aspects of this document are already part of an integrated planning process in East Ayrshire, supported through community planning and children and young people's service planning.

This document is supported by *Infant Mental Health – A Guide for Practitioners, Scottish Executive (2007)* which offers good practice examples which promote infant mental health.

An assessment of East Ayrshire's practice in relation to the guide was carried out. A number of key examples highlighted are already either in use or being developed in East Ayrshire.

Many of these policy documents and reports provide significant challenges to all agencies supporting children and young people. Some have a focus on improving policy, process and procedure – they all have a focus on improving outcomes for children and young people.

PLANNING INFRASTRUCTURE

In East Ayrshire, the reference document for all planning is the Community Plan.

Diagrams 1 and 2 below give a representation of the Specialist and Universal Children's Services Planning structures.

Diagram 1

Specialist Children's Services

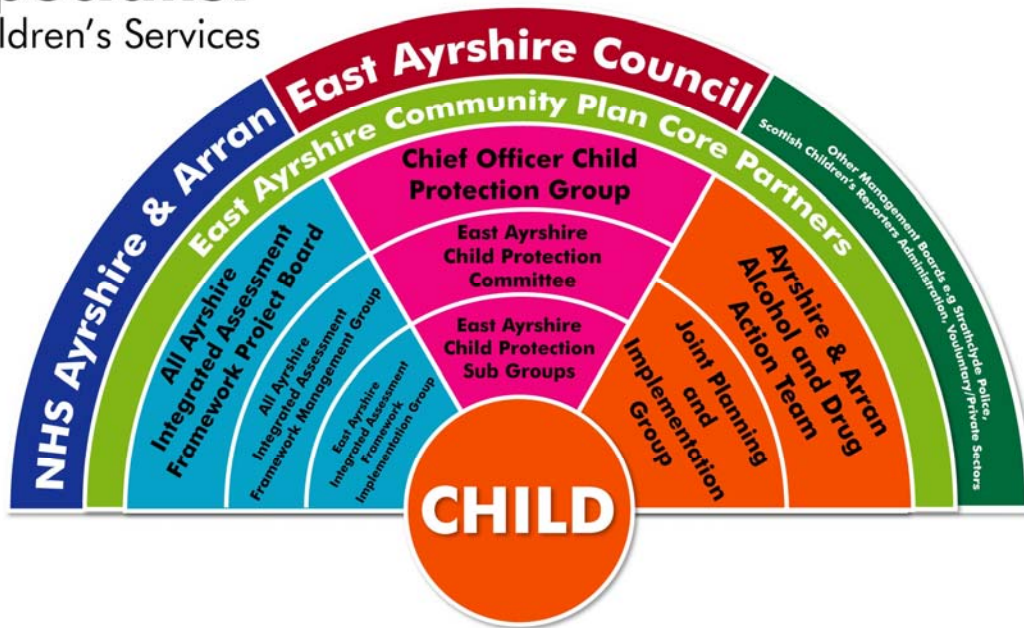
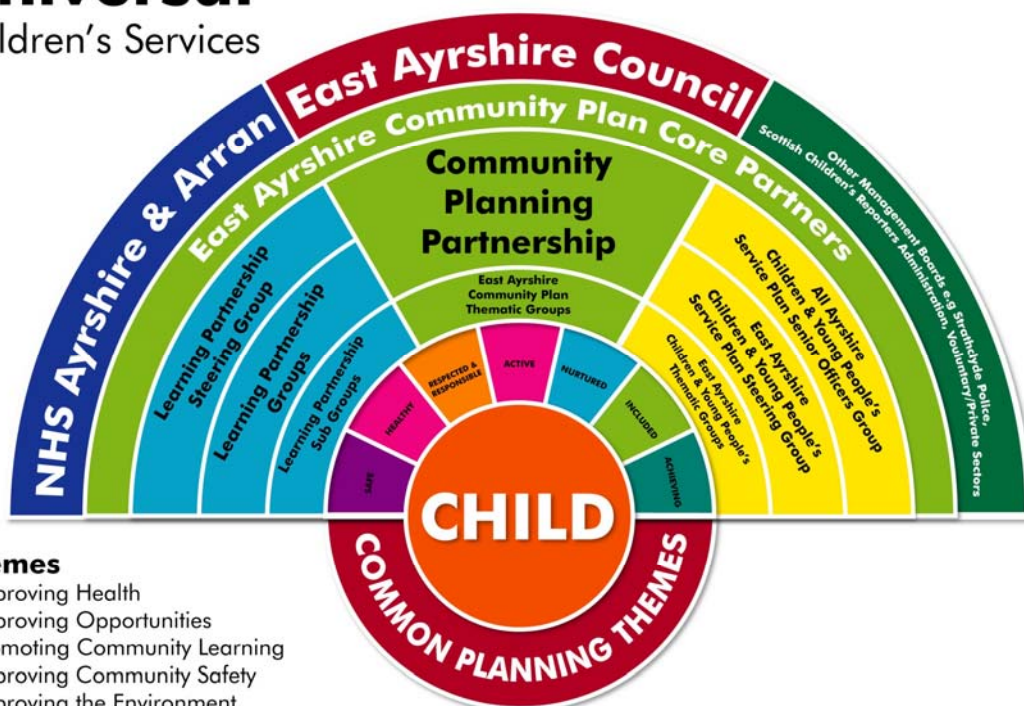


Diagram 2

Universal Children's Services



Themes

- Improving Health
- Improving Opportunities
- Promoting Community Learning
- Improving Community Safety
- Improving the Environment
- Eliminating Poverty

FINANCIAL CONTEXT

East Ayrshire Council – Revenue Expenditure 2006/07

The Council's net expenditure for 2006/07 is £283,125,790. The table below details the budgeted revenue expenditure split into service allocations.

East Ayrshire Council Budgeted Expenditure 2006/07

	£000s
Education	101,088
Social Work	46,402
Finance and Asset Management	53,486
Neighbourhood Services	35,562
Corporate Support	11,970
Joint Boards	33,417
Other Specific Budget Items	1,201
TOTAL	283,126

Educational and Social Work Services to Children and Young People

A detailed breakdown of the actual expenditure for 2006/07 for Educational and Social Services, relating to children and young people, is highlighted in the table below:

Expenditure Heading	2006/07 Expenditure £000s
Fieldwork & Families	4,316
Children with Disabilities	634
Children in Trouble	1,123
Fostering and Adoption	2,957
Residential Care	4,888
Support to Communities	318
Mainstream Education	66,061
Special Educational Needs Provision	5,932
Early Education and Childcare	7,373
Bi Lingual/Gaelic Education	603
Integrated Community Schools	1,306
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	95,511

Since 1996, Council and departmental strategies have increasingly focused on funding community based area initiatives and integrating young people with additional support needs into mainstream services. This can be evidenced by the following examples:

Spending on Fostering and Adoption has risen from £691,000 in 1997/98 to £2,957,000 in 2006/07.

Significant increases in spending have also taken place in providing Social Work support for children with disabilities from £297,000 in 1998/99 to £634,000 in 2006/07.

This has mainly been achieved through the development of the 'Lisalanna' residential respite facility in partnership with NCH Action for Children and NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

Spending for the support of children in need has increased from £437,000 in 1998/99 to £1,123,000 in 2006/07 with further additional expenditure programmed as part of the Changing Children's Services Fund. Spending in this area is also evidence of inter-departmental working.

Behaviour Support Initiatives

During 2006/07, East Ayrshire received £274,778 from the Scottish Executive to develop policies for supporting young people with behavioural problems. Funds are distributed to Learning Partnerships to allow local priorities to be addressed. This initiative has supported the work undertaken on the Council's Framework for Intervention (FFI) Scheme which aims to help teachers manage low level classroom disruption. The FFI Scheme attracted funding of £246,658 from the East Ayrshire Council National Priority Action Fund (NPAF) allocation.

Supporting Children and Young People

Funding from the Changing Children's Services Fund and Children's Service Development Fund is being used to support children and families in relation to substance misuse issues. In addition to drugs officers being employed to directly support families in assessing substance misuse and addressing issues of treatment and rehabilitation, there is also a range of staff working in specialist settings including early years, carer support and education, where staff have a wider role in education and prevention services.

Training resources are also provided for those working with children and young people. In addition, the department is working with all of its partners to address issues of multi-agency training and awareness raising.

East Ayrshire Council has developed a programme of initiatives under the Child Protection Programme. These include the employment of a Child Protection Reviewing Officer and Child Protection Co-ordinator, training programmes and information sharing protocols. These initiatives are supported by funding of £373,000 in 2006/07.

Community Regeneration Partnership

Community Regeneration Funding has been allocated to a number of projects specifically aimed at children and young people as part of their focus.

These projects and budgeted expenditure for 2006/07 are detailed below:

	£'s
East Ayrshire Strategy for Youth (EASY)	112,000
YIPWorld.Com	120,000
Recreation Partnership	135,000
Carers and Young Carers Support	106,000
East Ayrshire works	120,000
Addiction Prevention Programme	45,000
Healthy Living Initiative (CHIP Van/Lifestyle Zones)	145,000
Dalrymple Youth Provision	30,000
Dialogue Youth Active Citizenship	70,000
Dalmellington Youth Centre	62,000
Princes Trust Volunteers	8,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	953,500

Childcare Strategy and Sure Start

In 2006/07 £398,275 was spent on Childcare Strategy and £326,024 on Sure Start.

Health Improvement Funds

The only initiative funded through the Health Improvement Fund which is specific to East Ayrshire is the Recreation Partnership Project, which received £72,522 in 2006/07. Other initiatives which are supported on an All Ayrshire basis include the Fit Ayrshire Babies initiative. In 2006/07 the Community Regeneration Fund contributed £38,000 for a Play and Activity Motivator for Early Education and Childcare.

Partners Provision

All agencies delivering service to children and young people make a financial contribution to the improvement of outcomes. Identifying specific contributions is difficult but this will be addressed for the 2008/11 planning period.

PROGRESS AND PRIORITIES

The following summarises progress against each of the seven outcomes for children and young people and identifies priorities for 2007/08. In Appendix A – *Performance Data on Children's Services in East Ayrshire* data is set out which shows progress against priorities. Child Protection data is contained in the Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2006-2007.

Safe: Children and young people should be protected from abuse, neglect and harm by others at home, at school and in the community.

- All 588 sixth year pupils attended the Big World Conference on personal safety, drugs and alcohol. The event was well received and evaluations showed raised awareness on all topics covered.
- One thousand home safety packs have been distributed by health visitors and family centres to those in greatest need or where there is assessed vulnerability, in an attempt to reduce childhood hospital admission rates.
- Domestic Abuse – 100 good practice handbooks have been distributed to all agencies. Children and Young People's Workers through Women's Aid, have supported 174 children and young people in 2006/07 and a third poster campaign to raise awareness on domestic abuse has been issued.
- Child Protection Committee Annual Report and Business Plan evidences multi-agency approach to meeting National Standards. In 2006/07 7,415 inter-agency staff attended child protection training. In the year there were 32,000 page hits on the Child Protection web-site and 8,000 pdf documents were downloaded.
- Choose Life Action Plan:
 - Full time counsellor in Kilmarnock College supporting 34 young people aged 15-19 years
 - Three staff trained to deliver Applied Suicide Intervention Skills training and subsequently delivered to over 200 staff
 - Two hundred and twenty seven staff trained in Mental Health First Aid.
- Integrated Care Pathways developed for Addiction Services/Social Work and pregnant drug users and Addiction Officer (Child Protection) appointed in July 2006.

PRIORITIES 2007/08

Implement Child Protection Committee Business Plan and Child Protection services. Issues arising from the Child Protection inspection in 2007/08 will be incorporated.

To improve community safety in neighbourhood and homes: fire safety; accidents in the home and road traffic incidents, through targeted campaigns and joint work across agencies.

Achieving: Children and young people should have access to positive learning environments and opportunities to develop their skills, confidence and self-esteem to the fullest potential.

- An improved standard of literacy is one of the five priorities for the Education Authority in “Priority to Improvement 2007 – 2010”. This is supported by a Literacy Leader in every primary school, support materials and continuous professional development. Primary literacy levels up from 77.7% in 2005/06 to 79.3% in 2006-07.
- Learning Curve software package supported the learning of 90 looked after and accommodated young people. This included personal learning plans, target setting and self-evaluation. There is a requirement to further focus on this issue as the educational outcomes for looked after children in East Ayrshire is below that for comparator Authorities.
- Twelve Youth Workers undertook in-service training on literacy awareness to support young people in a youth setting.
- Forty four young people supported to improve their literacy skills though the essential skills youth literacies team. Outcomes for individual young people include improved:
 - Esteem
 - Confidence in reading
 - Comprehension.
- Auchinleck Learning Partnership has implemented Family Learning Activities - Numeracy Packs which have been used 840 times during 2006-07.
- ‘Help Your Child to Succeed’ Family Learning Programmes targeting Cumnock Primaries. Adults felt more able to understand what their child was learning and how they could support that children’s learning. Two parents went on to receive support from the Essential Skills Service resulting in one parent gaining a college place and one being supported into full time employment. Others are now attending community based learning courses.

PRIORITIES 2007/08

Improve educational outcomes for children and young people who are looked after through a range of curricular activities.

Respected and Responsible: **Children, young people and their carers should be involved in decisions that affect them, should have their voices heard and should be encouraged to plan an active and responsible role in their communities.**

- As part of a social marketing programme, focus groups of young women have been asked what advice and support would help them to stop smoking. This information will be used in future programme developments.
- One hundred and forty seven third year pupils participated in an anti-sectarian play and workshop at the Palace Theatre.
- One hundred and three young people attended the Annual What's Important to You Seminar? It focused on their local issues – *Anti-Social Behaviour, Litter, Substance Misuse* and how these could be better managed.
- Youth Forums have been established in Kilmarnock South, Central and Irvine Valley and Cumnock and Doon Valley which are attended by 45 young people. The groups link to Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament and East Ayrshire Council.
- The 6th Annual Youth Conference was held in 2006 and attended by 193 young people, who engaged with Community Planning Partners about issues relevant to them.
- Youth Justice problem solving and case progression groups manage hot spots of anti-social behaviour and ensure a multi-agency approach to support and challenge persistent offenders.
- 2006 National School Grounds Week Festival resulted in all primary schools and 2,146 children participating in improving school grounds use.

PRIORITIES 2007/08

Finalise, circulate and monitor use of Engagement and Consultation Good Practice Guide.

Further enhance the voice of children and young people in the new political structure of East Ayrshire Council.

Active: Children and young people should be active with opportunities and encouragement to participate in play and recreation, including sport.

- Playground Design Training was attended by 140 children. 19 primary schools have completed re-design with another 4 partially completed.
- East Ayrshire SHOUT card official launch 2006 which provides 5 – 12 year olds with free/discounted access to leisure activities. 7,366 or 80% of this age range have card.
- Arts, Craft and Drama Club run during term time and attended by over 80 children each week.
- New Sporting Futures had 5,386 attendances for sport and activity sessions over a 6 month period during 2006/07.
- New Sporting Futures (NSF) had 7,244 attendances for diversionary activity sessions (Night Leagues, Streetsport Express) over a 6 month period during 2006/07.
- Activity Motivation Initiative delivered in all primary schools covering 8,004 attendances at dance, play or health initiatives.

PRIORITIES

Establish ways of sustaining services which are engaging children and young people in activities, but are short term funded.

Continue to enhance activity as a means of diverting children and young people from anti-social behaviour.

Included: Children, young people and their families should have access to high quality services, when required, and should be assisted to overcome the social, educational, physical, environmental and economic barriers that create inequality.

- Early Education and Childcare:
 - One hundred and nine members of the early education and childcare workforce across the local authority, private and voluntary sector have completed or are working towards a recognised qualification. 85 % of workforce now has a recognised qualification to allow them to register with the Scottish Social Services Council.
 - Seven local authority nursery schools and classes provided 66 full time equivalent wrap around care places.
 - Two hundred and three registered childminders provided approximately 812 childcare places.
 - Seventeen out of school care services provided 1583 sessional out of school childcare places.
 - Thirty two children and young people access out of school care using a pooled budget which provides additional support to meet their needs.
 - Twenty two services in the 0 – 15% most deprived data zones operate a whole year breakfast club.

- The Strategy to prevent young people (aged 16-19 years) from not being in education, training or employment has been fully developed. The figure of 1,100 in 2004/05 will be reduced to 740 by 2008/09. Based on nationally collated figures through Careers Scotland as at May 2007, the figure 820.

- All secondary schools have been asked to identify the strategies they use to help reduce gender inequalities with a particular emphasis on improving boy's attainment.

- Childsmile initiative in North West Kilmarnock has resulted in 13 home visits by Dental Health Support Workers for 10 children under one year old to encourage registration with a dentist.

PRIORITIES

Finalise Standard Circular 76 – Staged Intervention paper into a single system of assessment and resource allocation, which is supported by a single set of paper work.

Fully implement and monitor the Strategy to prevent young people not being in education, training or employment.

Nurtured: Children and young people should live within a supportive family setting, with additional assistance, if required, or, where this is not possible, within another caring setting, ensuring a positive and rewarding childhood experience.

- Two hundred and six children under 3 years had access to a childcare place in one of the local authority's nursery and family centres.
- Twenty nine Day Carers cared for 27 children under 3 years and 20 children over 3 years.
- Solihull Approach to parenting support being piloted in 2 nursery and family centres. This involves a multi-agency support based on early intervention. 24 staff from across early years, psychological services, health and social work have been trained in the Solihull Approach.
- Permanency Teams established with Team Manager and 3.5 Social Workers to secure and support alternative family placements. 6 assessments were completed, 30 permanent carers supported 51 children who were offered advice, guidance and support.
- In August 2007, 66 fostering placements for 74 children were available this represents an increase of 4 foster placements from last year.
- New 6 bedded residential unit being built in South of Authority, completion date 2007. Plans are underway for a new 6 bedded children's residential unit in the north of the authority.
- Staffing complement in residential units now improved to meet European Working Directive.
- Registration timeline of residential workforce with Scottish Social Services Council has been met.
- 27% of looked after and accommodated children had 3 or more placements in 2006/07.

PRIORITIES

Implement and evaluate the impact of the Solihull Approach to parent support in East Ayrshire and thereafter roll out.

Implement new build programme of residential children's units.

Renewed focus on sustaining accommodated children's placements.

Reduce the number of looked after and accommodated children who have 3 or more placements within a 12 month period.

Healthy: Children and young people should enjoy the highest attainable standards of physical and mental health, with access to suitable health care and support for safe and healthy lifestyle choices.

- 59 schools have applied to become accredited as Health Promoting, 20 schools and 10 nurseries have achieved this status and the others are being progressing.
- 32 primary schools and 9 out of school care providers run breakfast clubs across East Ayrshire throughout the area over 650 children attend...
- Fruit is provided to all children attending preschool establishments 5 days per week.
- Diphtheria and tetanus uptake at 98.4%, measles, mumps and rubella uptake at 90.9% at 24 months with average uptake of 94.4% with target of 95%.
- Funding agreed to pilot oral health promoting pharmacies in Kilmarnock. Staff from the 8 pharmacies fully trained in oral health promotion.
- Child Health Record implemented across NHS Ayrshire and Arran which ensures consistent data and health events are recorded for each child.
- A new school nurse pack, following review, to ensure a consistent message on drugs education, sexual health and mental health is being used in educational establishments.

PRIORITIES

Reduce levels of dental caries in the under 5's. Increase from present level of 45.8% without caries to 60% by 2010.

Reduce levels of young people smoking – baseline 5% of 13 year old boys and 14% of 15 year old boys smoke. These should be reduced to 35% and 12% by 2010.

Similarly girls aged 13 years and 15 years have a baseline of 7% and 24% which should be reduced to 5% and 20% by 2010.

Increase levels of breastfeeding from 30% to 50% by 2010 as current breastfeeding levels are reducing.

Examine mapping exercise of alcohol and drug services for children and young people being undertaken by the Alcohol and Drugs Action Team (ADAT) and support the compilation and implementation of an action plan.

APPENDIX A

PERFORMANCE DATA ON CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN EAST AYRSHIRE

INTRODUCTION

This appendix contains performance data relating to the 7 outcomes for children:

- Safe
- Active
- Included
- Achieving
- Respected and Responsible
- Nurtured
- Healthy

Overall good progress is being made across all indicators. Where performance has not improved in line with overall aims, partners will re-focus their input to ensure improved outcomes.

DATA SOURCES

1. Information Systems Directorate – NHS Scotland
2. Children Looked After in Scotland Statistics – Social Work Service Inspectorate
3. General Register Office for Scotland
4. Attendance, Exclusions and Violent Incidents – End of Year Report
5. National Priority Annual Report 2006
6. Standard and Quality Reports – Educational and Social Services
7. Child Protection Annual Report
8. Scottish Schools adolescent Lifestyle and Substance use Survey
9. Scottish Children's Reporters Administration Annual Statistical Report
10. Questionnaire on Safety and Wellbeing in Primary Establishments
11. Research and Evaluation on Activity Motivation Initiative
12. Annual Report Children and Young People Affected by Domestic Abuse
13. Annual Audit of Additional Support Needs for Children Under 5
14. Additional Support Needs Log
15. Community Learning and Development Services Annual Statistical Return

SAFE

Indicator: Reduction in number of emergency hospital admissions as a result of unintentional injury (0-15 years) – all injuries and home injuries

Performance: 5.5% reduction in all injuries and a 21.2% reduction in home injuries (2004/05 to 2005/06)

Data Source: 1

Indicator: Number of road fatalities in the 0-14 years age range

Performance: Zero fatalities (2005/06)

Data Source: 3

Indicator: Percentage of children sampled giving proxy indicator of perceived safety

Performance: In 2006, primary schools survey in East Ayrshire showed:

- 91% knew what to do at school if they were upset (1.2% increase on 2005)
- 95% feel safe and well looked after at school (4.3% increase on 2005)
- 98% felt the school helped them to keep themselves safe and healthy (1.3% decrease on 2005)

Data Source: 7 and 10

Child Protection Data is contained in the Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2006-2007

ACTIVE

Indicator: Numbers of school aged children and young people who participate in cultural, learning and sporting activities

Performance: 100%

Data Source: 6

Indicator: Numbers of school aged children who have access to one year's free music tuition by primary 6

Performance: 100%

Data Source: 6

Indicator: Levels of physical activity amongst children and young people

Performance: All who attended Activity Motivation Initiative received 14.7 hours per week of physical activity which is double the minimum recommended rate by the Chief Medical Officer

Data Source: 11

INCLUDED

Indicator: Levels of exclusion from school

Performance:

Exclusions 2004/2005 (per 1000 pupils)

- Primary 22
- Secondary 135

Exclusions 2005/2006 (per 1000 pupils)

- Primary 27
- Secondary 132

Exclusions 2006/2007 (per 1000 pupils)

- Primary 16
- Secondary 133

Data Source: 4

Indicator: Integration of pupils with additional supports into primary and secondary school during 2006/07 session

Performance:

	Total	Mainstream class
• Primary	569	309
• Secondary	550	292

Data Source: 5

Indicator: Numbers of young people not in employment education and training

Performance: There has been a 7% reduction between 2005 and 2006 – 880 down to 820

Data Source: 3

Indicator:	Numbers of early education staff meeting registerable requirements
Performance:	109 members of the early education and childcare workforce across the local authority, private and voluntary sector have completed or are working towards a recognised qualification. 85% of workforce meet Scottish Services Council registration requirements. This has increased from 76% in the previous year
Data Source:	6
Indicator:	Affordable, accessible, quality childcare is available to allow parents to enter education or employment
Performance:	32 children and young people access out of school care using a pooled budget which provides additional support or adaptation. This is an increase from 22 in the previous year 22 services in the 0 – 15% most deprived data zones, operate a whole year breakfast club
Data Source:	6
Indicator:	Numbers of children under 5 with additional support needs who have integrated packages of support
Performance:	81 children in early years establishments. Of whom 35 received additional staffing support because of their learning or physical needs
Data Source:	13 and 14

ACHIEVING

Indicator: Those achieving appropriate levels 5-14 in reading, writing and maths in primary and secondary settings

Performance:

5-14 attainment in primary

	2006	2007
Reading	78%	79%
Writing	71%	71%
Maths	83%	83%

5-14 attainment in secondary

	2006	2007
Reading	65%	67%
Writing	47%	50%
Maths	61%	69%

Data Source: 5

Indicator: Levels of achievement at standard and higher grade

Performance:

	<u>2003-05</u>	<u>2004-06</u>	<u>2005-07</u>
S Grade Eng/Math	93%	92%	91%
5+ Standard Grades (SCQF 3)	92%	92%	91%
5+ Standard Grades (SCQF 4)	80%	80%	80%
5+ Standard Grades (SCQF 5)	46%	46%	44%
1+ Higher Grades (SCQF 6)	41%	41%	39%
3+ Higher Grades (SCQF 6)	28%	28%	27%
5+ Higher Grades (SCQF 6)	18%	18%	17%

Data Source: 5

Indicator: Educational outcomes for children and young people who are looked after.

Performance: In 2004/5 23% of young people who were looked after, achieved Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework level 3 or above. This reduced to 15% in 2005/6.

Data Source: 5

RESPECTED AND RESPONSIBLE

Indicator: Persistent offenders

Performance: Numbers of persistent offenders reduced between 2004/05 and 2006/07 by 13.4% (52 to 45)

Data Source: 9

Indicator: Levels of school attendance

Performance: Attendance at primary schools improved from 95% in 2005/06 to 96% in 2006/07. In secondary schools over the same period there was a 2% improvement in attendance which stands at 92%.

Data Source: 6

NURTURED

Indicator: The number of accommodated children with three or more places is reduced

Performance: 2004-05, 3%, 2005-06, 27% and 2006-07, 27%

Data Source: 2

Indicator: Appropriate support services are in place for children affected by domestic abuse

Performance: 3 children's workers have provided support to 174 children. Direct support through groups, one to one and accommodation with non abusing carer and referral to counselling if appropriate

Data Source: 12

Indicator: The number of young people under 25 presenting as homeless has reduced

Performance: In 2005-06 251 people under 25 sought housing through the Council. In 2006-07 this reduced to 226 a reduction of 10%

Data Source: 3

Indicator: The percentage of children and young people leaving care who have a throughcare plan

Performance: 100%

Data Source: 2

HEALTHY

Indicator:	The level of alcohol consumption and substance misuse in young people under 25
Performance:	Alcohol consumption in the last week during survey – 13 years 2002, 23% reduced to 20% in 2006 and 15 years 2002, 65% reduced to 48% 2006. Same survey level of substance misuse amongst 13 year old remains static at 1% and reduced from 6% in 2002 to 3% in 2006 amongst 15 year olds
Data Source:	8
Indicator:	Breastfeeding at the first health visitor contact
Performance:	37.7% in 2005 down to 34.9% in 2006
Data Source:	1
Indicator:	Levels of smoking amongst young people
Performance:	In 2002 54% of 13 year olds had not tried smoking this increased to 68% in 2006. For 15 year olds the figures were 35% in 2002 which increased to 45% in 2006
Data Source:	8
Indicator:	Average number of missing, decayed or filled teeth amongst primary 1 to 7 children
Performance:	3.95 in 2004/05 reduced to 3.65 in 2005/06
Data Source:	1
Indicator:	Children consuming 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day
Performance:	All children attending Pre School are given fruit 5 days per week. In 2001-02 13% of children ate 5 or more portions, this rose to 21% in 2005-06. Another 61% reported consuming between 3 and 5 portions per day
Data Source:	8