



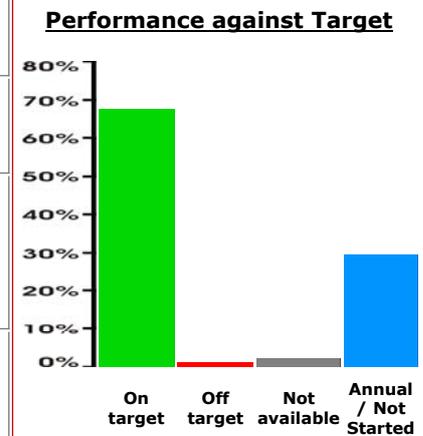
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The table below provides a summary progress against target for the Actions and Measures contained within the selected document

		Total	On target	Off target	Not reported	Not available	Annual / Not started	% on target	Overall % on target
1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences	Actions	13	13	0	0	N/A	0	100%	74%
	Measures	14	7	1	0	2	4	50%	
2. Help children live healthy lifestyles (Childhood Obesity)	Actions	16	16	0	0	N/A	0	100%	84%
	Measures	3	0	0	0	0	3	0%	
3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all	Actions	18	18	0	0	N/A	0	100%	53%
	Measures	16	0	0	0	0	16	0%	
4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training	Actions	7	7	0	0	N/A	0	100%	64%
	Measures	4	0	0	0	0	4	0%	
5. Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work and improve the lives of	Actions	1	1	0	0	N/A	0	100%	50%
	Measures	1	0	0	0	0	1	0%	
9. Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities	Actions	1	1	0	0	N/A	0	100%	100%
11. A Council wide approach to support Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire	Actions	2	2	0	0	N/A	0	100%	100%
Overall Performance	Actions and Measures	96	65	1	0	2	28	68%	



OFF TARGET



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Theme: 1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences Sub-theme: B. Special Educational Needs							
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of final statements of special education need issued within 26 weeks: b) excluding exceptions EDU/015b	100.0	100.0	Q1: 75.0 End Of Year: 71.4	Target: 90.0 Result: 66.7 Calculation: (4÷6) × 100	Target: 90.0	Target: 90.0	Target: 90.0
Comment	Quarter 1 sees 2 missed targets which is a third of the total amount. These are as a result of late Education and Child Psychologist (ECP) advice – both cases were challenging to manage, one parent continues to be unsure as to which setting (mainstream or Heol Goffa) will best meet their child’s needs.						
Remedial Action	We hope this situation will be improved. The principle Education and Child Psychologist (ECP) has been notified of the 2 missed deadlines.						
Service Head: Gareth Morgans				Performance status: Off target			

ON TARGET ETC.



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Theme: 1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences
Sub-theme: A. Supporting Families

Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The % of child attendance at an allocated Flying Start free childcare placement for eligible 2-3 year olds to prepare for school readiness. 9.1.8.1	Not applicable		Result: Not available End Of Year: 78.9	Target: 80.0 Result: Not available	Target: 80.0	Target: 80.0	Target: 80.0
Comment	Quarter 1 not collected as we report termly, April to August 2017 will be reported in quarter 2.						
Remedial Action	As per comment above.						
Service Head: Stefan Smith			Performance status: Result not available				
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The % of unauthorised absence at an allocated Flying Start free childcare placement for eligible 2-3 year olds to prepare for school readiness 9.1.8.8	Not applicable		Result: Not available End Of Year: 4.07	Target: 4.00 Result: Not available	Target: 4.00	Target: 4.00	Target: 4.00
Comment	Quarter 1 not collected as we report termly, April to August 2017 will be reported in quarter 2.						
Remedial Action	As above.						
Service Head: Stefan Smith			Performance status: Result not available				
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of child assessments completed in time PAM/028	Not applicable		Q1: 94.3 End Of Year: 82.9	Target: 84.0 Result: 89.8 Calculation: (351÷391) × 100	Target: 84.0	Target: 84.0	Target: 84.0
Service Head: Stefan Smith			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of children in care who had to move 3 or more times PAM/029	Not applicable		Q1: 1.89 End Of Year: 11.17	Target: 10.68 Result: 2.01 Calculation: (4÷199) × 100	Target: 10.68	Target: 10.68	Target: 10.68
Service Head: Stefan Smith			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of re-registrations of children on local authority Child Protection Registers (CPR) SCC/27	Not applicable		Q1: 0.0 End Of Year: 10.4	Target: 9.4 Result: 0.0 Calculation: (0÷36) × 100	Target: 9.4	Target: 9.4	Target: 9.4
Service Head: Stefan Smith			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The average length of time for all children who were on the Child Protection Register during the year	Not applicable		Q1: 279	Target: 273	Target: 273	Target: 273	Target: 273

SCC/28		End Of Year: 275	Result: 218				
			Calculation: 2831÷13				
Service Head: Stefan Smith			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
The percentage of children looked after at 31 March who have experienced one or more change of school, during a period or periods of being looked after, which were not due to transitional arrangements, in the 12 months to 31 March	Not applicable		Q1: 0.0 End Of Year: 3.4	Target: 5.0 Result: 2.1 Calculation: (3÷141) × 100	Target: 5.0	Target: 5.0	Target: 5.0
SCC/32							
Service Head: Stefan Smith			Performance status: On target				



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ACTIONS - Theme: 1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences		
Sub-theme: A. Supporting Families		
Action	12477	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to develop the Flying Start programme, promoting early intervention for disadvantaged families with children (0-3) living in specific deprived communities, ensuring good multi agency support to families across the spectrum of need by developing clear pathways with internal and external partners.	
Comment	<p>We have progressed to tender to source a new childcare provider for the new Penrhos Flying Start Childcare facility, which we hope will house up to 40 children. A live tender began in June and closed on Sell2Wales on 6th July.</p> <p>Plans are significantly progressing to open a new Flying Start Early Years Centre in Trimsaran from September 2017, with an advert being placed to appoint a new Centre Manager.</p> <p>Significant work is underway to develop an activity service programme, offering a range of Flying Start services to local families, with children aged 0-4 years.</p> <p>Initial discussions have been had with CSSIW to move the existing Childcare venue, Ffrindiau Bach, to the new Flying Start centre, also set to take place from September 17.</p>	
Service Head: Stefan Smith		Performance status: On target
Action	12479	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will review, in light of new guidance, the role of schools, councillors, and partners in view of their corporate parenting role.	
Comment	Councillor and School Governor training has been arranged. The corporate parenting team are contributing to a range of in-service training events for schools.	
Service Head: Stefan Smith		Performance status: On target
Action	12480	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will work towards delivering the enhanced childcare offer for working parents of three and four year olds in line with Government guidelines and financial / resource support, as well as increasing the number of welsh speaking childminders in targeted areas of the County.	
Comment	<p>The Welsh Government has committed to 30 hours free early education and childcare for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds for 48 weeks of the year (parents must be working min. 16 hours at National Minimum /Living wage and earn up to 100k). 7 Local Authorities have been selected by WG to pilot the first phase of this offer from September 2017: Rhondda Cynon Taf, Blaenau Gwent, Swansea, Flintshire, Gwynedd and Anglesey, Caerphilly. A wide range of practical issues are likely to arise i.e. a need for more physical space from which to deliver the provision, more suitably qualified bi-lingual childcare staff. The capacity of local authority school settings along with that of the private and voluntary sector to support is likely to be key to how it will be developed in the future. A rate of £4.50 per hour has recently been agreed by WG for childcare providers during year 1 roll out, subject to review. Providing this entitlement during School holiday periods is likely to be problematic; there are still many questions and lessons to be learnt from the pilot. It is anticipated that all 3 and 4 year olds will be able to access their entitlement by 2020. Lead Officers from Carmarthenshire County Council with responsibility for Childcare and Foundation Phase education are members of the WG Childcare Offer Advisory group and will be closely involved in the roll out of the first phase and subsequent phases of this Offer.</p> <p>Targeted outreach work has been undertaken since April to try and attract prospective Welsh Speaking child minders in areas of high demand/low supply. Briefing sessions have been held with 10 prospective child minders (3 able to offer a Welsh medium service). The CSSIW / Registration process can take between 9 and 18 months to complete. 4 registration completions are imminent (2 Welsh). We currently have 111 registered child minders offering 705 places (292 Welsh).</p>	
Service Head: Stefan Smith		Performance status: On target
Action	12481	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to provide attachment awareness training in schools to ensure they are able to meet the emotional needs of vulnerable children.	
Comment	A training programme and action plan has been established and has commenced with some schools. Additional staff have been recruited to the central team in line with the pdg LAC grant. (pupil deprivation grant for looked after children).	
Service Head: Stefan Smith		Performance status: On target
Action	12482	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to transform children's social work practice by rolling out the Child and Family Unit (CFU) systemic model of working (within Pod 's) and combine cohesively with Signs of Safety	
Comment	<p>This month all 4 childcare teams will have implemented the systemic model of delivering social work services. Each of the teams is organized into 3 "pods" consisting of an assistant team manager/senior practitioner who acts as pod leader, 2-3 social workers, a family support worker and a unit coordinator that undertakes admin tasks. Educational psychologists/systemic family therapist provide consultation to the weekly meetings where cases are discussed.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place to finalise the training programme for staff in the pods during 2017-18.</p> <p>There are regular pod leader`s meetings that focus on developing practice. This includes looking at how best to develop the roles of the unit coordinator and the family support worker.</p> <p>In consultation with staff the format of assessments, reviews, case discussions and parenting assessments have been adapted to reflect systemic practice and the Signs of Safety approaches.</p>	
Service Head: Stefan Smith		Performance status: On target
Action	12483	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will plan and re-commission the Families First (FF) programme (0-25yrs) implementing changes in response to new Welsh Government Guidance, delivering early intervention support services for disadvantaged children, young people and families across the county.	
Comment	<p>The new Families First programme guidance has been received (April 2017). The programme will be working towards two new outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children, young people and families are healthy and enjoy well-being 2. Families are confident, nurturing, Resilient and have healthy relationships <p>The transitional arrangements from the existing to the new programme have been extended to 31st March 2018, with the new programme operational from 1st April 2018. During this time we shall be refining Local Authority projects and writing new specifications for procurement: 1) Parenting Support 2)Volunteering and Community Support 3) Domestic Abuse support for children and young people.</p>	

Comment	<p>We have been reviewing the Disability element of the service. It was also agreed that the Giant Steps project element will be merged with Tim Camau Bach. This will provide greater consistency for families, referrers and professionals.</p> <p>Opportunities have been identified for collaborative working with Supporting People and Flying Start. Supporting People are investing in the Families First programme to enable selected projects to support families and young people who are presenting with housing needs. The investment will also lead to a new TAF Coordinator post who will be responsible for taking forward the TAF approach across Supporting People projects. Families First and Flying Start will be jointly contracting with Plant Dewi (Family Centres) from 1st October 2017.</p> <p>The Welsh Government has provided an additional £19k to local authorities in order for them to develop their Parenting Workforce across Families First and Flying Start programmes. Training will include; Level 3 & 4 in Work with Parents, Parental Conflict training, Incarcerated Parents – awareness training. The grant also requires local authorities to target ‘hard to reach’ families.</p>		
Service Head:	Stefan Smith	Performance status: On target	
Action	12484	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will actively participate in the regional review of child protection thresholds and multi-agency arrangement to audit child sexual exploitation (CSE) cases and implement the ‘MACSE’ (Multi-agency Child Sexual Exploitation) model.		
Comment	Child Sexual Exploitation remains a priority issue both locally and regionally. Carmarthenshire actively engage in all regional CSE events and ensure that CSE is on the agenda for the Local Operational Group so that there is a quarterly multi agency discussion. MACSE meetings have started but are very much in their infancy and the agenda is still being developed in order for the meetings to best work for us.		
Service Head:	Stefan Smith	Performance status: On target	
Action	12485	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to extend the Team Around the Family (TAF) approach across the county for 0-25 year olds, clarifying thresholds to help inform families and other agencies to ensure they are able to access the right help at the right time. We will develop a threshold document to support this practice.		
Comment	<p>The Eligibility Document regarding thresholds and access to TAF services, was completed in early May and sent for final consultation on 15th May. This has now been completed and the document has been sent for approval.</p> <p>TAF records of families began to be stored electronically, via our Care First database from January 2017. This is now complete and includes back records of old cases still open. The result of this was that in Quarter 1 we were able to complete our returns to Welsh Government via this system for the first time. This meant our records were completed electronically which reduced the staff workload, and guaranteed accuracy of data used. All TAF records are now stored electronically enabling improved sharing of information with other childcare teams, including out of hours social workers.</p>		
Service Head:	Stefan Smith	Performance status: On target	



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Sub-theme: B. Special Educational Needs

Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of statutory psychological advice submitted within a 6 week time scale 4.1.2.1	Not applicable		Q1: 78 End Of Year: 83	Target: 85 Result: 95 Calculation: (19÷20) × 100	Target: 85	Target: 85	Target: 85
Comment	Q1 last year had a number of missed timescales out of Educational and Child Psychologist's (ECP) control. This quarter there has only been one where the child was absent and then the family were not available as they were on holiday.						
Remedial Action	None at this time.						
Service Head: Stefán Smith			Performance status: On target				
Measure Description	2016/17 Comparative Data			2017/18 Target and Results			
	Best Quartile	Welsh Median	Our Actual	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	End of Year
Percentage of final statements of special educational need issued within 26 weeks: a) including exceptions EDU/015a	99.1	84.5	Q1: 66.7 End Of Year: 43.9	Target: 45.0 Result: 50.0 Calculation: (4÷8) × 100	Target: 45.0	Target: 45.0	Target: 45.0
Comment	Quarter 1 sees 4 missed targets which is half of the total amount. 2 are as a result of late Educational and Child Psychologist (ECP) advice – both cases were challenging to manage, one parent continues to be unsure as to which setting (mainstream or Heol Goffa) will best meet their child's needs. 1 is as a result of late Speech Language and Therapy advice, the speech and language therapy department have had a number of staff off on either maternity leave or long term illness which has resulted in the advice being late. 1 case is as a result of parental objection. Parents have been unwilling to communicate with the department. They have instructed a legal firm to represent them. We are currently awaiting a date for the case to be heard at SENTW to resolve the disagreement between the LA and the family.						
Remedial Action	We hope this situation will be improved. The principle Educational Child Psychologist (ECP) has been notified of the 2 missed ECP advice, and discussions have been had with the Lead Speech and Language Therapist within Hywel Dda Health Board with regards to improving the process in terms of information sharing in a timely manner.						
Service Head: Gareth Morgans			Performance status: On target				



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ACTIONS - Theme: 1. Help to give every child the best start in life and improve their early life experiences		
Sub-theme: B. Special Educational Needs		
Action	12487	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to delegate Additional Learning Needs (ALN) funding to schools and support them to map provision and meet all needs at a local level. We will consider future moves to develop a national needs-based school funding formula for ALN	
Comment	All schools receive delegated ALN Funding and Inclusion Officers support and challenge them to map provision, track progress and meet the needs of all at local level. School funding formula for ALN reviewed termly at Schools Budget Forum	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12488	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to support schools to develop their person centred planning approaches to identify need, deliver personalised additional learning provision and provide holistic integrated responses through multi-agency working.	
Comment	Schools invited to PCP approaches conferences and continue to be supported by LA trained facilitators and coaches.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12489	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to develop Individual Development Plans for those that require Special Educational Needs.	
Comment	All school within Carmarthenshire are aware of IDP`s and their purpose. All schools have accessed training both county wide and bespoke in order to prepare for ALN transformation. A high percentage of schools have IDP`s in place for a number of their children. Schools continue to require support to develop IDP`s through PCP practices and tools. Schools require extensive support to develop robust/meaningful outcomes and action plans.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12490	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will monitor, evaluate and celebrate achievements at key milestones of Additional Learning Needs (ALN) reform, especially the assessment and evaluation framework to provide schools with the confidence to innovate.	
Comment	All schools have been offered: PCP training x3 IDP training and support PCP Champion training ALNCO Forum sharing good practice and support sessions. Innovation grant has allowed us to second 4 ALNCO`s to develop case studies of good practice and develop models of practice and provision.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12491	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will review workforce data in relation to a range of support services, e.g. Educational and Child Psychology, Sensory Impairment support and Advisory Teachers, to ensure support for low incidence high-complexity needs and high incidence low complexity needs.	
Comment	WG review of workforce data in relation to support services completed and work force planning to ensure support for all pupil groups is underway.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 11. A Council wide approach to support Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire
Sub-theme: A. Age Friendly Communities

Action	12629	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will launch a website to signpost learners to the learning opportunities available from all providers in the county		
Comment	It is intended that the Welsh Government's DEWIS site will be used to host this information. Discussions are on-going with WG and CCC staff regarding this initiative.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target	



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ACTIONS - Theme: 11. A Council wide approach to support Ageing Well in Carmarthenshire
Sub-theme: D. Opportunities for employment & new skills

Action	12641	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will retain and promote Carmarthen Community Education Centre as a flagship hub venue for Basic Skills and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) provision, private classes, community clubs and societies.		
Comment	A full programme of CCC classes, private classes and clubs/societies is on offer at this venue. An Open Evening is being held on 5th July 2017 to promote the site further.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target		



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ACTIONS - Theme: 2. Help children live healthy lifestyles (Childhood Obesity)		
Sub-theme: A. Increase physical activities for children		
Action	Target date	
12492		31/03/2018
Action promised	We will explore the potential of utilising school grounds, outside of teaching hours to enable children to have greater access to play opportunities.	
Comment	<p>The Play Sufficiency Offer is continuing to encourage Primary and Secondary schools throughout the County to consider making their school grounds available outside of teaching hours to further develop children's play opportunities. Ysgol Beca, Efailwen have already implemented it. Toolkits (developed by Play Wales) have been distributed to all schools within the County designed to support those who may be less confident about offering this kind of provision. A letter will be re-circulated to all Head teachers in September 2017 to ascertain further interest. Health & Safety Department are available to support any schools with advice and guidance.</p> <p>Ysgol Brynteg has recently received Section 106 funding to purchase a playpod and resources. This playpod will be accessible to the children outside of teaching hours when attending Llwynhendy Integrated Children's Centre for play sessions. A launch is planned for September/October. The Play Sufficiency Officer continues to work closely with Colleagues in Planning to develop similar initiatives in other localities where section 106 funding is available, and play opportunities are limited.</p>	
Service Head: Stefan Smith		Performance status: On target
Action	Target date	
12495		31/03/2020
Action promised	We will continue to develop the Carmarthenshire Outdoor Schools Project through the Healthy Schools Scheme. The aim of the scheme is to increase learning through Physical Development. We will attempt to increase the number of schools participating in the Project by 10 on an annual basis.	
Comment	A total of 10 new schools have now enrolled on the Carmarthenshire Outdoor Schools initiative. Steering group for the initiative has been established in order to lead the new schools forward.	
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target
Action	Target date	
12496		30/06/2017
Action promised	We shall continue to hold our annual Carmarthenshire Schools' Pedometer Challenge and provide schools with pedometers, recording sheets and guide. We shall reward the winning schools with Physical Activity equipment.	
Comment	A total of 23 schools have completed the Pedometer challenge with a total of 92 pupils and 92 staff taking part in the challenge. This has resulted in a total of 184 people increasing their physical activity levels over the duration of 1 month.	
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target
Action	Target date	
12497		30/06/2020
Action promised	We shall continue to ensure that all schools are embedding the Food and Fitness Health topic, ensuring that schools are delivering 2 hours of quality PE lessons per week, during visits and Healthy School Assessments	
Comment	During every initial visit, progress visit and assessments within the schools, we remind schools of the Statutory Healthy Eating Regulations (2013). We question the School Council with regards to the food that is provided to them during break and lunch-times and how many hours of PE they receive each week. We also ask to see the PE timetable to ensure that this is the case. The statutory Healthy Eating Regulations (2013) are also placed on our Healthy Schools Network on Hwb.	
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 2. Help children live healthy lifestyles (Childhood Obesity)		
Sub-theme: B. Address mental health		
Action	12498	Target date 31/03/2020
Action promised	We will continue to support schools in their implementation of the Mental and Emotional Health and Well-being health topic as part of the Healthy Schools Scheme and ensure that schools have the most up-to date policies such as the Anti-Bullying Policy, through cluster meetings, visits and assessments.	
Comment	We have placed exemplar Guidance regarding Bullying for schools/teachers, parents and pupils on the Healthy Schools Network on Hwb, including an exemplar Anti-Bullying Policy. We also signpost schools to the Healthy Schools Network in order to access the Guidance material during school visits and cluster meetings.	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target
Action	12499	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	The Healthy Schools Scheme will continue to co-ordinate the Carmarthenshire Personal and Social Education (PSE) - Professional Learning Community (PLC) meeting twice a year for Secondary PSE leaders, where current Mental Health issues will be addressed.	
Comment	No progress has been made as of yet, due to priority being placed on other areas of service delivery. A date during November 2017 and a venue needs to be selected for the PSE-PLC. Contact with the INSET team will be made in order to arrange this.	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target
Action	12500	Target date 31/12/2017
Action promised	We will co-ordinate and deliver a 'Well-being Conference' to teaching practitioners on Mindfulness and pupil Well-being and a 'Well-being Day' for school pupils with 5 practical workshops focussing on Mental and Emotional Health and Well-being issues.	
Comment	Meetings have taken place with key partners to discuss possible dates and venue for the 'Well-being Conference' for staff and 'Well-being day' for pupils. Possible workshops, deliverers and resources have also been discussed	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target
Action	12501	Target date 31/12/2017
Action promised	We will attempt to increase the number of Secondary schools who are actively on board the School Health Research Network	
Comment	All Secondary Schools are now on board the School Health Research Network and attended the SHRN event at the National Botanical Gardens for Wales on the 13th of June, 2017.	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target
Action	12502	Target date 31/12/2017
Action promised	We will re-establish the Carmarthenshire Anti-Bullying Steering Group	
Comment	Continued progress is currently being made with regards to re-establishing the Anti-Bullying Steering Group. It has been decided that this will occur during the Autumn term. New members have also been selected and invited to attend the group. The decision was made to select additional members to the group. Due to the workload of current and new members, it was agreed that the group would re-establish during the Autumn Term.	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 2. Help children live healthy lifestyles (Childhood Obesity)

Sub-theme: C. Promote healthy eating

Action	12503	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will seek to further develop healthy eating in Primary schools, beyond statutory Welsh Government regulations, working with dieticians from the health service.		
Comment	Meeting end of July with Dietician on how to improve the new Winter menu in Primaries, nutritionally over and above the guidelines whilst still maintaining uptake.		
Service Head:	David Astins	Performance status:	On target
Action	12504	Target date	31/03/2020
Action promised	We will seek to increase take-up of school meals (including free school meals).		
Comment	We are marketing school meals via newsroom, theme days, and by working with schools by asking them to promote on their school websites. Working on the menu by trying to keep a balance of what the pupils like and nutritional standards. We are attending as many seminars as possible to also promote school meals, asking pupils to feedback on the menu and what would they like to see on the menu. Dylan the Dragon (our mascot) loves to visit schools and meet Primary pupils. Have developed a welcoming leaflet for all new starters / parents in order to have a better understanding of school meals, how to pay or apply for Free school Meals.		
Service Head:	David Astins	Performance status:	On target
Action	12506	Target date	31/03/2020
Action promised	We shall continue to ensure that schools are abiding by the Healthy Eating in Schools (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards & Requirements) (Wales) Regulations 2013, during cluster meetings, schools visits and assessments.		
Comment	Schools were reminded of the Healthy Eating in Schools Measure and Nutritional Standards during the cluster meetings held in the Summer term, school visits and assessments. The School Council are also reminded and questioned regarding the regulations.		
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status:	On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 2. Help children live healthy lifestyles (Childhood Obesity)		
Sub-theme: D. Increase awareness		
Action	12507	Target date 31/03/2020
Action promised	We shall continue to work in partnership with the Sustainable Pre-School Healthy Schools Scheme in promoting the '10 steps to a Healthy Weight'	
Comment	Nerys Burton the Lead on the Pre-School Healthy Schools Scheme, delivered a presentation at our Healthy Schools Award Ceremony on the 4.7.17 regarding the '10 Steps to a Healthy Weight' Campaign, in order to raise awareness to primary schools. Focus was placed on 'Screen Time' and 'Outdoor Provision'	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target
Action	12508	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will ensure that Educational resources for practitioners regarding the 7 Healthy schools topics will be placed on the Healthy Schools Network on Hwb.	
Comment	We continue to place up to date resources on the Network for teachers. It is still work in progress. We next are aiming to: * place resources for certain health topics such as Safety and the Environment on the Network * invite and encourage schools to place resources and to share good practice on the Network.	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target
Action	12509	Target date 31/03/2020
Action promised	We will continue to promote and raise awareness to campaigns on healthy eating, physical activity and mental health such as 'Walk to school Week', the 'Daily Mile', National Obesity Awareness Week and Mental Health Awareness Week via Twitter, Hwb etc.	
Comment	We have been regularly 'tweeting' campaigns such as the 'Daily Mile' and 'Walk to School Week' during the Summer term. In addition we have been sharing 'tweets' from schools who are sharing their progress with regards to these campaigns - particularly the Daily Mile in order to encourage other schools to register with the campaigns.	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target
Action	12510	Target date 31/03/2020
Action promised	We shall continue to promote and raise awareness on the benefits of healthy eating, regular physical activity and mental health strategies during our annual Healthy Schools Award ceremony by inviting key partners to deliver workshops regarding these health areas.	
Comment	The Healthy Schools Award Ceremony was held on the 4th of July, 2017 at Parc y Scarlets Llanelli. We had 2 workshops for the pupils who attended. The first workshops educated pupils on healthy eating recipes, where they had the opportunity to make their own healthy snacks such as sushi. The second workshop was a physical activity workshop based on skill development. We had several key partners present at the ceremony with stands promoting healthy eating and physical activity including a Registered Public Health Dietician, School Nurses from Public Health, Active Young People Officers, Carmarthenshire's School Meals Service, Lisa Fearn- Director of the Pumpkin Patch & Garden as-well as Aled Owen - Ynni Da. Healthy Eating displays as well as physical activity challenges were also provided for both pupils and teachers at the event. A total of 22 schools attended, with 45 pupils and 21 teachers attended the event.	
Service Head:	Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all		
Sub-theme: A. Teacher Assessments and Examinations		
Action	12511	Target date
Action promised	We will enhance outcomes for More Able and Talented pupils.	
Comment	<p>Continuously improving provision across our schools is impacting positively on the outcomes that our more able and talented pupils are achieving. For example, early analysis of provisional teacher assessment data in key stage 2 highlights that the number of pupils achieving the expected level plus 1 (Level 5+) has improved across all core subjects. English has improved by 2.1% points in comparison to 2015 / 2016; maths by 3.4% points and Welsh by 3.2% points. The additional action research project focussing on pupils' science skills has ensured that outcomes at Level 5+ have improved by 3.5% points in 2016 / 2017.</p> <p>Within the foundation phase outcomes in personal and social development have increased by 2% points. Provisional data reflects that further progress is required across all other indicators in the foundation phase.</p> <p>Analysis of progress at Key stage 3 and 4 will be undertaken early in the autumn term.</p> <p>To ensure that all learners continue to access challenging and inspiring learning opportunities some of our schools are actively involved in the ERW MAT project. These professional learning schools are exploring and developing a range of strategies which will support all of our schools in identifying, supporting, challenging, monitoring and engaging more able learners. Best practice will be actively shared between schools to ensure further progress during the 2017 / 2018 academic year. To date, where best practice has been identified the following strategies are in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAT pupils have a mentor and are supported and challenged through meaningful differentiation within lessons. • Pupils access an enhanced curriculum e.g. critical thinking / philosophical reasoning lessons. • Pupils benefit from extra-curricular activities and links with industry and universities e.g. focussing on science, technology, engineering and maths with Swansea and Oxbridge universities. • National public speaking competitions have raised aspiration • Teaching emphasises the value of developing thinking and learning skills and attitudes through the 'Building Learning Power' programme. • Sixth formers engage in the Seren Hwb programme. 	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12512	Target date
Action promised	We will increase the percentage of schools designated with a 'Green or Yellow' support category within the National School Categorisation System	
Comment	<p>Support undertaken since 2014 has ensured that the number of primary schools entitled to a 'Green' category of support has increased from 17 schools to 18; the number requiring an amber support category has fallen from 28 schools in 2014 to 21 schools in 2016; in turn this has resulted in the number of schools requiring a 'yellow' package of support to increase from 50 to 58.</p> <p>Amongst our secondary schools the number entitled to a green package of support has increased from 2 in 2014 to 5 in 2016, evidencing the impact of support received from the ERW / LA team over the last 2 years. 5 secondary schools now require the yellow package of support as opposed to 7 in 2014; 2 require the 'amber' package of support in comparison to the 3 in 2014.</p> <p>The school improvement team continues to focus on the impact of leadership within our schools ensuring that support and training packages upskill school leaders enabling them to develop further as 'self-improving' schools. In addition the nature and amount of support provided is closely monitored through the 'ERW Log' by the school improvement and inclusion teams ensuring that the support accessed targets the key priority areas in need of development. A summary of the impact of this support is contained within individual school reports, in relation to the second core visit.</p> <p>The team focusses well on supporting schools to ensure that their 'capacity to improve' continues to develop. Analysis of the changing contexts of schools when reviewing categorisation trends over time effectively informs the nature of ongoing support required by the school. The categorisation process will be undertaken during the autumn term 2017, with outcomes published in January 2018.</p>	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12513	Target date
Action promised	We will support schools, in tandem with ERW (Education through Regional Learning), to further improve outcomes for all pupils outcomes at the end of the Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 but with a particular emphasis on raising the achievements of pupils entitled to free school meals and looked after children.	
Comment	<p>Core visits undertaken twice a year by challenge advisers effectively review the progress being achieved by schools in relation to their self-evaluation and development plans. Monitoring visits ensure that the support being provided through ERW regional working and by the Carmarthenshire Department of Education and Children's services is relevant and that it is impacting positively on the outcomes that pupils achieve. Our schools continue to be challenged rigorously and are supported and guided well in order that they continue to achieve further progress.</p> <p>In line with the new Estyn inspection arrangements, greater emphasis is being placed on the progress achieved by individual pupils in line with their own skills and abilities. This is increasingly ensuring that schools adopt a focussed 'pupil centred' approach to learning, differentiating the learning effectively in line with pupils' needs.</p> <p>Challenge advisers work collaboratively with senior leadership teams within schools reviewing progress achieved through the Pupil Deprivation Grant. Best practice is shared between schools ensuring that pupils eligible for free school meals and 'looked after' children access the very best opportunities to minimise any barriers to learning. This very specific focus on narrowing the deprivation gap is impacting positively on the wellbeing of pupils as well as on their academic and skills based achievements. In addition, the curriculum accessed by all pupils continues to expand, addressing local employment needs and inspiring future educational pathways.</p> <p>The impact of the menu of support offered to schools will be rigorously reviewed through the analysis of pupil data in the autumn term.</p>	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12514	Target date
Action promised	We will continue to hold all schools and ERW (Education through Regional Learning) to account for further improving standards and outcomes for learners, intervening in schools where performance is not satisfactory.	
Comment	<p>Activities to support this action during the first quarter have included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation and completion of all the ERW Core Visit 2 agendas (monitoring and evaluation of provision and leadership). This has provided us with a comprehensive overview of the key strengths and areas for improvement across all our schools, in particular 'Schools Causing Concern.' 2. Ongoing monitoring and detailed scrutiny of our 'Schools Causing Concern' through Carmarthenshire and ERW Team meetings. This work has continued to be challenged and supported by - a. the intervention work of individual School Improvement Panels b. undertaking specific elements of training and focused provision / support in specific school settings (focused on leadership and curriculum provision) c. additional focused scrutiny through 'Western Hub QA Meetings' (held twice per term). 	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all		
Sub-theme: B. Improving School Attendance		
Action	12515	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to promote regular school attendance to maximise educational opportunities and child welfare, robustly challenging poor attendance and persistent absenteeism.	
Comment	The Education Welfare Service continues to support families and pupils who have school attendance below 85%. The service has sent feedback forms to families, professionals and schools and will provide an end of academic year summary in September of the impact they have made on school attendance to date.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan	Performance status: On target	
Action	12516	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will consult with Headteachers to consider how to improve the % of absence due to authorised family holiday and absence due to illness.	
Comment	End of academic year data is being produced and arrangements are in place for consultation with Headteachers in September 2017.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan	Performance status: On target	



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ACTIONS - Theme: 3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all		
Sub-theme: C. Best possible learning environments		
Action	12517	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will deliver the Council's 21st Century Schools Programme, incorporating all elements of the MEP (Modernising Education Programme).	
Comment	Carmarthenshire are just over half way through delivering Band A of the 21st Century Schools Programme. Band B of the programme to be submitted in 2017/18.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12518	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will manage school estate affairs including building maintenance, asset verification, governor property initiatives and responsibilities under disability access (DDA) legislation.	
Comment	Building Maintenance - urgent projects have been prioritised for implementation over the summer school holidays. Asset Verification - Additions/removals of buildings and use are received and verified on an ad hoc basis. Asset registers and capacity calculations updated as required. Estate management - requests for school development proposals and support for risk management bids considered and approved as required. DDA - Requests received, developed and implemented on an ad hoc basis.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12519	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will undertake statutory procedures associated with federation, school organisation and/or improvement projects.	
Comment	A number of School Organisation/Federation proposals have been discussed by Officers. Informal consultation will commence in earnest in Autumn Term 2017.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12520	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will invest around £19 million in major school construction and modernisation projects at Coedcae, Pen Rhos, Trimsaran, St John Lloyd and Parc Y Tywyn.	
Comment	Quarter 1 grant claim submitted to WG. Coedcae - construction progressing well and nearing completion according to plan Seaside (Pen Rhos) - Construction progressing well Trimsaran - construction progressing well. St John Lloyd - construction progressing well, phase 1 nearing completion. Parc y Tywyn - construction progressing well.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12521	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will develop and submit business cases for MEP school reorganisation and investment projects to the national 21st Century Schools Programme.	
Comment	Pontyberem and Llangadog Business Justification Cases (BJC) submitted and approved by WG. Dewi Sant Outline Business Case (OBC) submitted and approved by WG.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target
Action	12522	Target date 31/03/2018
Action promised	We will decommission premises following the closure or amalgamation of schools.	
Comment	Llanwrda, Llansadwrn former Schools and Pwll and Llwynhendy former Teaching and Learning Centre sites have been decommissioned and transferred to Property Division.	
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 3. Continue to improve learner attainment for all
Sub-theme: D. Development of effective leadership & high quality learning provision

Action	12525	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to support, challenge and improve the quality of leadership and its impact on improving provision and outcomes in collaboration with senior school leaders e.g. provision of Leadership Seminars and Networks.		
Comment	<p>Our first quarter activities in support of this action have focused on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation and evaluation of ERW Core Visit 2 (focusing on Teaching and Learning provision). Work has included progress reviews and evaluations based on each school's recommendations (ability to lead, embed and secure improvement within specific areas). 2. Commencement of Leadership Seminars (senior leaders/governors) focused on revised Estyn arrangements and implications for strategic documentation such as Self Evaluation Reports / School Development Plans, impact of Middle Leaders etc. 3. Commissioning of a number of the Senior Leaders to support ERW CV2 work as 'Commissioned Challenge Advisers' continues to contribute effectively to the sharing of 'good leadership practice' across many of our schools (commissioned colleagues receive professional development training in partnership with our Core Team). 4. We have provided ongoing opportunities for Middle and Aspiring Leader development through participation in the ERW leadership development programme. 5. We have continued to provide informative and developmental 'Leadership Seminars and Briefings for Senior Leaders and Governors'. These ensure a tight focus on specific areas of strategic leadership and improvement in support of improving outcomes within our schools. 		
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target	
Action	12526	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will support Governors in their strategic leadership role through focused training and briefing activities, including the mandatory governor training programme.		
Comment	Staffing vacancies has meant this project has been extended into 2017-18. New grant funded staff in post from September will ensure completion during this year.		
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target	
Action	12527	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will further develop systems to support school improvement, including ongoing Professional Development and Performance Management provision for school staff.		
Comment	Data being cross matched to other databases to ensure accuracy of information held.		
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target	
Action	12528	Target date	31/03/2020
Action promised	We will continue with the design of the Carmarthenshire Curriculum in partnership with ERW, schools and other partners, in line with national priorities, requirements and guidance.		
Comment	The regionalisation of this agenda needs to be considered, so that ways forward can be agreed with ERW. A period of reflection over the summer will result in more concrete proposals to move this agenda forward. In the meantime, the secondary timetablers' group continues to meet and is thriving.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target	
Action	12529	Target date	31/03/2020
Action promised	We will implement the content of the 'WESP' Welsh in Education Strategic Plan in partnership with school leaders for the benefit of all Carmarthenshire learners.		
Comment	We have received very positive praise and feedback from Welsh Government regarding our WESP strategy. We await approval with minor amendments. Pending approval, detailed plans have been made to implement and fund the WESP and take the strategy forward with a number of schools from September 2017 onwards.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target	
Action	12530	Target date	31/03/2020
Action promised	We will continue to support partnership working with other providers of adult community learning through the Carmarthenshire Adult Community Learning Group		
Comment	Adult Community Learning staff continue to support the work of the Carmarthenshire ACL partnership in overseeing and supporting courses for adult learners in the county. This work is on-going throughout the financial year.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target	



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ACTIONS - Theme: 4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training **Sub-theme: A. Youth Engagement & Progression Framework Actions**

Action	12531	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will implement the six Youth Engagement and Progression Framework Actions.		
Comment	<p>The Local Authority`s responsibilities within the Welsh Government`s Youth Engagement and Progression Framework comprises of 6 component elements, proven to be effective at increasing youth engagement and progression. They aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •identify young people most at risk of disengagement •provide better brokerage and co-ordination of support •provide stronger tracking and transition of young people through the system •ensure provision meets the needs of young people •strengthen employability skills and opportunities for employment •provide greater accountability for better outcomes for young people. <p>The Local authority has the key leadership role in the framework`s implementation. The department for Education and Children is working closely with Careers Wales, voluntary youth services, schools, colleges, work based learning providers and other partners to ensure those most at risk of becoming NEET or who are already NEET are identified and provided with the support they need to get them back on track.</p> <p>This work is on-going throughout the year via the work of staff in the Youth Support Services and Learning Transformation divisions.</p>		
Service Head: Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target		
Action	12532	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will carry out a self-assessment of the Youth Support Services against the National Participation Standards.		
Comment	Meetings have taken place to discuss progression of the audit. Currently the service is awaiting the final draft of the national guidance before the audit commences. This is likely to be in the early Autumn. The Youth Support Service will be including Participation Standards within its development day on 12/7/17 in order that staff are aware of this piece of work.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target		



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ACTIONS - Theme: 4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training		
Sub-theme: B. European Social Fund projects		
Action	12533	Target date
Action promised	We will deliver the local elements of the Cam Nesa and Cynnydd projects.	
Comment	The delivery of the Carmarthenshire CC elements of the Cynnydd ESF project to reduce the number of 11-19's at risk of becoming NEET is on-going. The regional Cam Nesa project to reduce the number of 16-25's who are NEET is still being considered by the Wales European Funding Office. A decision regarding the approval of this project is expected in late July 2017.	
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target
Action	12534	Target date
Action promised	We will work together with secondary schools to develop a framework to commission support for vulnerable young people and alternative curriculum provision from January 2019 to replace the services offered through the Cynnydd European Social Fund (ESF) Project which is due to end in Autumn 2018.	
Comment	Preliminary work to scope out the nature of future alternative curriculum provision is on-going. This work is informed by a current (Summer 2017) Welsh Government consultation on the future of Education for Pupils Other than at School (EOTAS). A discussion paper on this topic will be presented to Secondary School Head teachers early in the Autumn Term of 2017. Following discussions with Head teachers, a proposal for this provision will be developed in preparation for the Autumn Term of 2018.	
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target



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ACTIONS - Theme: 4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training			
Sub-theme: C. Carmarthenshire 11-19 Education Strategic Review			
Action	12536	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will implement the 20 recommendations of the Carmarthenshire 11-19 Education Strategic Review.		
Comment	The recommendations of the Carmarthenshire 11-19 Review are currently being delivered. The action plan attached below provides updates on each of the actions.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target	
Action	12537	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will deliver literacy, numeracy, digital literacy and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) courses for Carmarthenshire residents and in-comers to the County.		
Comment	Delivery of these classes in on-going as part of the termly delivery by the ACL Service.		
Service Head: Aeron Rees		Performance status: On target	



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ACTIONS - Theme: 4. Reduce the number of young adults that are Not in Education, Employment or Training		
Sub-theme: D. Carmarthenshire Successful Futures Review - Paving the Way		
Action	12539	Target date
		31/03/2018
Action promised	We will ensure that young people are afforded opportunities to be "well qualified and well educated" and plan to develop young peoples' employability so that they can thrive in the local, regional, and international jobs market.	
Comment	This action is also subject to the successful implementation of the 11-19 review. Productive discussions have taken place with colleagues working on The Swansea Bay City Deal and employability in the local and regional economy has been discussed in the Carmarthenshire 14-19 Cluster governance group. A task and finish group will be convened to take this further forward, so that links between education and employment can be further developed.	
Service Head: Aeron Rees	Performance status: On target	



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ACTIONS - Theme: 5. Tackle poverty by doing all we can to prevent it, help people into work and improve the lives of
Sub-theme: D. Improving the lives of those living in poverty

Action	12505	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We shall implement the School Holiday Enrichment (Holiday Hunger) Programme (SHEP), supporting families and children during school vacations to cook healthy meals, particularly aimed at pupils eligible for Free School Meals.		
Comment	Funding has been confirmed for Llandeilo Primary and Coedcae Secondary School to implement a Holiday Hunger Programme. Both schools have identified staff and have a summer programme in place to deliver in July and August.		
Service Head: Andi Morgan		Performance status: On target	



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ACTIONS - Theme: 9. Support good connections with friends, family and safer communities

Sub-theme: B. Social Care information, advice & assistance

Action	12558	Target date	31/03/2018
Action promised	We will continue to develop and implement how Children`s Services provide information, advice and assistance (IAA) to support families, ensuring information is available and easily accessible, and linking with the Dewis system		
Comment	<p>The Family Information Service (FIS) continue to meet with the Eastgate team responsible for uploading information onto Dewis and have met with Assistant Director of Dewis, to look at the way forward for uploading information on the Children and Family Section of Dewis. Adding all the Family Support Services is a significant piece of work, and not as easy as initially anticipated since it is not possible to directly migrate data from the FIS website onto Dewis. Rather than a bulk upload it was decided that services upload their specific information and become editors of the information, this will ensure accurate and thorough information. An easy user guide was created to assist services. Communities First, Families First, Flying Start and Supporting People have started the process. Another Task and Finish meeting will be arranged to look at extending this further.</p> <p>A new FIS website is being developed to incorporate the changes with the Dewis (directory of services website) and trends with regards to social media, creating a mobile friendly website etc. On-line and face-to-face consultation with parents and carers (including 3 focus groups) is taking place to gather feedback and ideas, including how they prefer to access information, what information they require, have struggled to find and their general opinion about the current site.</p> <p>FIS Champions continue to review the FIS and Council website on a termly basis and send through any changes/updates.</p> <p>FIS officer attends the Team Around the Family (TAF) allocation meetings to ensure families and professionals are provided with up to date information with regards to support services or resources.</p>		
Service Head: Stefan Smith	Performance status: On target		