

Education, Children and Families Committee

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Early Years Change Fund – Progress update on Year Two

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Executive summary

This report provides an update on progress and performance during year two of the Change Fund and updates members on the work of the Early Years Collaborative.

The financial objective of the Early Years Change Fund is to reduce expenditure on high-tariff services such as purchased fostering, residential care and secure accommodation and increase expenditure on preventative services which will avoid the need for children to become Looked After.

The services implemented as a result of Change Fund investment and the work of the Early Years Collaborative are having a positive impact on the Council's pledges and strategic objectives to improve outcomes for vulnerable children through earlier intervention and achieving a shift in the balance of care.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To note progress on the implementation of the Early Years Change Fund to March 2014.
- 1.2 To note progress on performance indicators in relation to Change Fund goals.
- 1.3 To note investment in service development in relation to the Change Fund to March 2014.
- 1.4 To note progress made on the work of the Early Years Collaborative.
- 1.5 To request a report on the final year of the Change Fund be brought to the Committee in August 2015.

Background

- 2.1 The Scottish Government set up the Early Years and Early Intervention Change Fund in 2012/13 for a minimum of three years with a vision to deliver tangible improvements in outcomes and reduce inequalities for vulnerable children; shift the balance of resources towards early intervention and prevention by 2016 and sustain this change to 2018 and beyond.
- 2.2 The Council's commitment to this fund is £8.5m over three years from 2012/13. In addition the Scottish Government has provided additional resources for Family Support/Centres and early learning and childcare for vulnerable two years olds. Funding has also been ring fenced by NHS Lothian to deliver the priorities of the Early Years Change Fund. The Edinburgh Children's Partnership chaired by the Director of Children and Families, provides oversight of the Fund
- 2.3 At the Education, Children and Families Committee on 21 June 2012 members approved a strategy and investment to develop a range of services across the city to deliver consistent and appropriate services to children in need and their families; and to improve their outcomes and reduce the need for children to require higher levels of intervention or become Looked After. Members received a further report on 21 May 2013 detailing progress made during year one of the Change Fund.

- 3.1 A report to the Committee on 21 June 2012 set out four main objectives, each with a set of actions, and described what success would look like. In addition the report stated that plans for preventative approaches should be sustainable through delivery of savings in residential, secure and fostering services.
- 3.2 It was recognised that success across the work streams would require the long term shared commitment of the Children's Partnership and that measurable success may take some time to become evident.
- 3.3 This report provides an update on progress and performance through investment in service development during year two of the Change Fund and updates members on the work of the Early Years Collaborative.

Early Years Change Fund progress update

- 3.4 Performance indicators are consistent with those in place to measure progress in the Single Outcome Agreement; Edinburgh's Integrated Plan for Children and Young People and the Children and Families Service Plan. Regular reporting of performance to the multi-agency Core Group is in place. Key measures of success and targets set for March 2014 and March 2018 are shown in Appendix Two.
- 3.5 Since the implementation of the fund good progress has been made towards delivering each of the four objectives.
 - 3.5.1 Strengthen universal antenatal and early years services especially for vulnerable* children and families;
 - 3.5.2 Reduce the need for children and young people to become Looked After;
 - 3.5.3 Improve support for children and young people Looked After at home to reduce the need for children to be accommodated;
 - 3.5.4 Increase CEC fostering capacity and strengthen Kinship Care arrangements to achieve best outcomes for children and young people and provide best value placements.

* *Vulnerable* includes those children at risk, with a complex disability or with additional support needs.
- 3.6 To achieve these objectives there has been strong emphasis and focus on:
 - 3.6.1 strengthening universal antenatal and early years services especially for vulnerable children and families focusing on prevention and early intervention;
 - 3.6.2 building parenting and family capacity and confidence pre and post birth;
 - 3.6.3 working effectively with parents and carers as partners;
 - 3.6.4 helping communities to provide a supportive environment for children, young people and families;

- 3.6.5 delivering high quality integrated services that meet the holistic needs of children and families;
 - 3.6.6 achieving an appropriate mix of universal and targeted services;
 - 3.6.7 ensuring children are supported to reach appropriate developmental milestones through effective earlier identification;
 - 3.6.8 developing a workforce with the skills to deliver prevention and early intervention.
- 3.7 A detailed update of the specific action identified to deliver the objectives of the Early Years Change Fund is set out in Appendix 1.
 - 3.8 The financial objective of the Early Years Change Fund is to reduce expenditure on high-tariff services such as purchased fostering, residential care and secure accommodation and increase expenditure on preventative services which will avoid the need for children to become Looked After later in childhood.
 - 3.9 Details of specific investment in service developments to achieve the objectives are set out in appendix 3.

The Development Fund

- 3.10 In partnership with Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC) a development fund, funded by Change resources of £500k was launched in September 2013. The Development Fund which is administered and monitored by EVOC provides an opportunity for the voluntary sector to contribute innovative services to meet the priorities of the Early Years Change Fund. Of the 30 applications received 13 projects were awarded funding. Services are being delivered over the period January 2014 to June 2015. A list of the projects is attached at Appendix 4.

Early Years Collaborative

- 3.11 The Scottish Government launched The Early Years Collaborative in October 2012 and there are now five work streams contributing to the ambition of the collaborative "To make Scotland the best place in the world to grow up..." and exploring the issues that affect children from pre birth to 8 years. The collaborative is based on an established Model for Improvement. Appendix 5 details the stretch aims for each work stream.
- 3.12 There has been a great deal of activity in Edinburgh and key learning has been around using the Model for Improvement to support our Early Years Collaborative projects in gathering both qualitative and quantitative data. This has involved reconsidering the way we think about improvement and rather than implementing widespread changes. Projects make small scale changes e.g. with one family, then five families, then 25 families etc, and apply learning from the changes along the way.
- 3.13 There are currently twenty active Early Years Collaborative projects in Edinburgh involving a range of agencies working together to address issues that will

improve outcomes for our children and support for families. The key themes being addressed are Early Intervention and Maternity Services, Attachment, Transitions, the 27-30 month review, Developing Parenting Skills, Family Engagement to Support Learning and Income Maximisation.

- 3.14 The Early Years Change Fund has been used to develop of a wide range of services provided by the City of Edinburgh Council, Lothian Health and Voluntary Sector partners. The services implemented through the Change Fund and the work of the Early Years Collaborative are starting to make an impact on our long term strategic objectives to improve outcomes through earlier intervention and a shift in the balance of care.

Measures of success

- 4.1 The actual position as at March 2014 is detailed below relative to targets set to be achieved by 2016.
- 4.1.1 The need for children to be looked after is reduced with the number of Looked After Children to be no more than 1,433. *The actual figure is 1,405 and this is ahead of target;*
- 4.1.2 The number of LAC that are in foster care is maintained at 608. *The actual figure is 594 and this is ahead of target;*
- 4.1.3 The percentage of foster care placements that are provided by CEC is increased to 61%. *The actual figure is 56% and this is behind target;*
- 4.1.4 The percentage of the LAC population that is in kinship care is increased to 21%. *The actual figure is 23% and this is ahead of target;*
- 4.1.5 The number of young people in secure accommodation is reduced to 9. *The actual figure is 12 and this is behind target;*
- 4.1.6 Out of Council residential and day educational commitments (£m) is reduced to £3.52m. *The actual figure is £3.41m and this is ahead of target.*

Financial impact

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 The Council's commitment to the Early Years Change Fund is £8.5m over three years from 2012/13. For the same period the Scottish Government has allocated £190,000 each year to support the work of the Early Years Task Force Sub Group on Family Support and Family Centres and £117,000 each year for the provision of early learning and childcare for all looked after 2 year olds.

- 5.3 In addition to local authority and Scottish Government allocations, funding has been ring fenced by NHS Lothian to deliver the priorities of the Early Years and Early Intervention Change Fund.
- 5.4 Appendix 3 sets out actual spend for 2012/13, 2013/14 and proposed expenditure for year three of the fund 2014/15.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There is no risk, policy, compliance and governance impact arising directly from this report.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 The implementation of the priorities of the Early Years Change Fund will continue to advance equality of opportunity for vulnerable children and families.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There are no adverse environmental impacts arising from this report.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Where investment in service development requires statutory or formal consultation with trade unions, the public or the Scottish Government the relevant consultation and engagement process and procedure have been carried out.
- 9.2 There was significant consultation and engagement with a wide range of voluntary sector providers in the development and implementation of the Development Fund.

Background reading/external references

- [Early Years and Early Intervention Change Fund Report – Education, Children and Families Committee 21 June 2012](#)
- [Early Years Change Fund Progress Report – Education, Children and Families Committee 21 May 2013](#)
- [Looked After Children Transformation Programme - Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 25 September 2013](#)
- [Looked After Children Transformation Programme - Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 6 March 2014](#)

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Links





Coalition pledges	P1 - Increase support for vulnerable children, including help for families so that fewer go into care.
Council outcomes	CO1 - Our children have the best start in life, are able to make and sustain relationships and are ready to succeed. CO2 - Our children and young people are successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens making a positive contribution to their communities. CO3 - Our children and young people at risk, or with a disability, have improved life chances. CO4 - Our children and young people are physically and emotionally healthy. CO5 - Our children and young people are safe from harm or fear of harm, and do not harm others within their communities. CO6 - Our children's and young people's outcomes are not undermined by poverty and inequality.
Single Outcome Agreement	SO3 - Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential
Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Action plan update2. Key performance indicators3. Budget allocations4. Development Fund Projects5. Early Years Collaborative Stretch Aims








Early Years Change Fund – Progress on actions

Ref.	Commitment	Update	Status
Objective 1 Strengthen universal ante natal and early years services especially for vulnerable children and families			
1.1	Work with parents and carers including those who are “hardly reached” to inform future priorities and influence practice.	Survey complete. 270 responses including 80 from parents who would be grouped as “hardly reached”. Feedback taken into account when developing out early years services. Additional survey has been completed in relation to the implementation of 600 hours early learning and childcare. The online survey generated 1828 responses and was informed after focus groups took place with parents who are “hardly reached”.	
1.2	Ensure that at least 80% of all pregnant women have booked in for antenatal care by the 12th week of gestation.	This is a HEAT Target and we are exceeding our target (approximately 90%). Revised model of Midwifery will look at reasons why women have not been booked in i.e. are they receiving another service?	
1.3	Develop early years hubs in all localities and increase the range of services provided through partnership working and more flexible use of resources.	Funding to open new/enhanced early years provision in each area of the city. Fort Early Years Centre - enhanced provision fully operational from August 2013. Craigentenny Early Years Centre - new provision at operational from August 2013. Royal Mile Early Years Centre - new provision at opened from August 2013 and fully operational from August 2014. Oxgangs Early Years Centre - new provision at operational from April 2013. Fox Covert Early Years Centre - proposal to open new provision to be operational from August 2015. Pilot of additional hours took place in 6 nursery classes in Jan/February 2014..	
1.4a	Increase the number of places for vulnerable two year olds across the city.	Working group established to look at practice across early years including implementation of 600 hours early learning and childcare from August 2014. Recent national announcements will mean an entitlement for an increased number of two year olds and planning is at an early stage.	
1.4b	Introduce the 24-30 month Health Visitor assessment.	A 27-30 Month Assessment established April 2013 and has been implemented.	
1.5	Provide a specialist worker in Early Years hubs to support children with additional support needs.	No additional funding available. This action is being delivered by staff working in Early Years' centres that have specialist knowledge and access to services to support children with additional support needs.	
1.6	Provide more pre-school provision in special schools.	All pre-school children, including children in specialist nursery provision will have access to additional hours arising from the implementation of the Children's Bill. Inc 2 year olds who are LAC or subject to a kinship care order. Nursery provision at Oaklands and Braidburn Special Schools will extend to 600 hours as above.	
1.7	Provide pre-school support for children with additional support needs during school holidays.	No additional funding available. This action is being through existing disability services which continue to run throughout the school summer holidays. Calderglen pilot was reported to EYCF 19/12/13. The outcome of the evaluation will be considered including 600 hours over 52 weeks; a	



		scoping exercise to identify how many children become LAC; and affordable child care through commissioning work.	
1.8	Identify approaches to measure readiness for school including literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.	Linked to 27-30 month Assessment. There is currently work ongoing to look at measures and how these will be reported back. This will be included as a test of change through the EYC.	
1.9a	Deliver a range of evidence based programmes.	Development Officer in place since October 2012 to take forward recommendations in the review of Parents as Early Educators (PEEP) report. Additional resources allocated to all nurseries to dedicate time to supporting parents.	
1.9b	Implement the quality assurance framework for 0-3 in all establishments.	Being taken forward through Early Years strategy and initial audit indicates improved grades from the Care Inspectorate for the Quality of Staff in 0-3.	
1.10	Place Family Nurse Partnership and the PrePare Service on a longer term footing.	Second Family Nurse Partnership team in place since June 2013. The EYCF has made up the shortfall in funding to enable the PrePare service to be mainstreamed.	
1.11	Parenting support would be available for all families locally.	Parent and carer support team has been enhanced with a co-ordinator in each neighbourhood. The Senior Training officer has developed and delivered training to multi-agency staff in working with families at a basic level, and a more advanced level, as well as training in group work, essential to delivery of group-based programmes. Additional resources allocated to all nurseries to dedicate time to supporting parents during 2013/14.	




Objective 2 Reduce the need for children and young people to become Looked After

2.1	Support families earlier so children can remain safely in that setting and parent's capacity and confidence is increased.	Departmental guidance on applying a systemic approach to family work has been developed and will be included in the refresh of the Parent and Carer Framework	
2.2	Identify specific cohorts of young people "in need" aged 0-5, 5-12 and 12+ and ensure each child has a clear Plan with an identified Lead Professional and key worker allocated.	Families identified. Child's Plan in place. Build in clear reviewing and sampling practice – link to roll-out of SMART Planning, Effective Assessment and role of Lead Professional training at locality level	
2.3a	Increase support during school holidays for families of children with ASN.	A tender exercise has been completed and the successful contractor appointed to double play schemes for children with disabilities from 3 weeks holiday respite provision to 6 weeks from August 2014.	
2.3b	Reduce the length of time that families wait for respite care for children with additional support needs.	The new Seaview build will provide slightly more residential capacity. Children do not currently wait for day services if assessment evidences, on the priority rating scale, a need for support. Additional resources to double the Intensive Behaviour Support Service for families affected by disability the have been in place since October 2013. The service provides a unique flexible and intensive service to parents to support the implementation of behaviour strategies and build their own capacity and resilience preventing them from going into crisis and breakdown.	





2.4a	Make sure there are closer links between adult treatment and support services and resources for children and families.	This work is being taken forward within EADP and will be reflected in the emerging commissioning plans for adult treatment and children, young people and families' services. Activity at a locality level is coordinated by the CSMGs using the recently published Needs Assessment in respect of CAPSM (Children affected by Parental Substance Misuse) and will be reported through the EADP structures and, where relevant, to the Children's Partnership	
2.4b	Embed evidenced based approaches to family support and capacity building.	Supporting Parents and Carers Framework is currently being revised. The draft Framework will be expanded to reflect ante-natal and early years NHS provision for parents and carers of very young children and to accurately demonstrate wider work to engage and support parents through CLD, Early Intervention and voluntary sector partners.	
2.5	Work with Edinburgh's Alcohol and Drug Partnership to increase support to young women leaving care	Two Mental Health workers have been in post from early July 2013. Access to Swift and NHS IT systems are in place. Service now taking referrals from young people eligible for the service.	
2.6	Work with local Children's Services Management Groups and distribute resources based on evidenced need and priorities.	Area Coordinators have been working with multi agency CSMGs in each Children and Families neighbourhood to develop local action plans to deliver on the city's agreed strategic priorities. This work will inform, on an ongoing basis, reports to the Children's Partnership on activity within the agreed Strategic Outcome areas in the Integrated Plan.	
2.7	Increase the range of family support services.	The Family Solutions Service was established in July 2013 to work alongside families a systemic way by providing practical support in their homes and local community to build on their own strengths and prevent the need for greater intervention. From July 2013 to March 2014 Family Solutions had worked with 576 young people.	
2.8	Social Care Direct ensures that all concerns notified to them but not allocated are routed to the Named Person quickly.	Social Care Direct has a process in place to ensure all child welfare concerns are passed quickly to the Named Person in cases which do not meet the threshold for social work intervention. This has meant the named persons can take account of child concerns which may not be known to them, when formulating plans to support the child and the family. This development has been key to full implementation of GIRFEC principles, specifically the appropriate sharing of information regarding child concerns. Additional resources have been in place since February 2013.	
2.9	Evaluation of children's plans demonstrates impact of early intervention.	This year the Quality Assurance focus has been on improving planning through training, practice development and supported improvement visits. This is particularly appropriate with the introduction of the Case Management Review Group process which is highlighting quality issues at an early stage. An approach is to be developed to audit Child's Plans for under 5s.	

Objective 3 Improve support for children and young people Looked After at home to reduce the need for children to be accommodated

3.1	Undertake an analysis of the needs of the LAC at home population and the population of children who were accommodated in the last year and consult with stakeholders regarding levels of unmet need.	Complete. Key messages will continue to be disseminated and the outcomes will include development of more systemic practice across children's social work services and other services, linked to critical reflection on practice based on the key messages.	
3.2	Determine what changes to practice and services would allow needs to be better met and risk to be	As above	

	managed to prevent the need for children to be accommodated.		
3.3	Plan and implement change in practice and services including expanding practical family supports, evidence-based parenting programmes (e.g. Incredible Years, Teen Triple P) and a multi systemic team.	Establishment of Family Solutions as detailed above and the establishment of the Multi Systemic Therapy (MST) an intensive family and community based intervention that targets the multiple causes of antisocial behaviour in young people aged 12-17, who, without intervention could be at risk of out-of-home placement. Two MST teams have been operational since June 2013. Between June 2013 and March 2014 the service worked with 42 families. At full capacity the service is expected to work with 80 families.	
3.4	Implement the Whole System approach in collaboration with Lothian and Borders Police.	The Youth Offending Service secured funding from the Scottish Government for 2012/2013 to support the implementation of the Whole System Approach (WSA) in Edinburgh. In order to support service development in this area regular updates are provided to the Youth Justice Strategy Group (YJSG).	
3.5	Further develop and consistently implement independent reviewing of Looked After children at home.	Plans to progress this action in year 3 are on hold given implications of wider budget discussions and priority for Children's Practice Teams. It is proposed to remove this action.	

Objective 4 Increase CEC fostering capacity and strengthen Kinship Care arrangements to achieve best outcomes for children and young people and provide best value placements

4.1	Increasing the number of foster carers by 50 net places year on year for three years, increasing current capacity by 150 over a five year period.	Investment in additional staffing resources to support the application process and provide support for 25 new placements during 2013/14 has been in place since September 2012. An exercise to interview all existing foster carers took place in July and August 2013. The aim was identify the potential to increase placement capacity with existing foster carers and the actions required to make this happen. Work is being progressed with these carers on the necessary adaptations on a spend to save investment. Resources have been made available to review the carer database within Family Based Care to ensure real time information is available on carer vacancies.	
4.2	Increase hours of day care available by 10% per year for the three years of this funding.	There are no plans to increase this service by 10% per year, to do so would require a budget allocation from the fund of in excess of £200K. The current day care service budget has been reduced through wider budget discussions. It is proposed to remove this action.	
4.3	Increase the numbers of kinship carers to at least the Scottish average and practical and professional support to kinship carers to increase and sustain placements.	Investment through the EYCF to enhance the Kinship Care Team, dedicated support to kinship carers through a contract with Circle and additional resources within Family Group Conferencing have seen an increase in the number of kinship placements. Increased resources within the Family Group Decision Making Team have enabled the service to work with 332 families of which 201 have led to a family group meeting.	
4.4	Increase and enhance foster care recruitment and approval activity.	Increased resources within the Family Based Care Team and additional funding to deliver a targeted marketing campaign is continuing to be developed to attract carers for the harder to recruit clients such as teenagers, sibling groups, children with disabilities and permanent placements.	



Action complete



Action agreed and on target



On track but not met

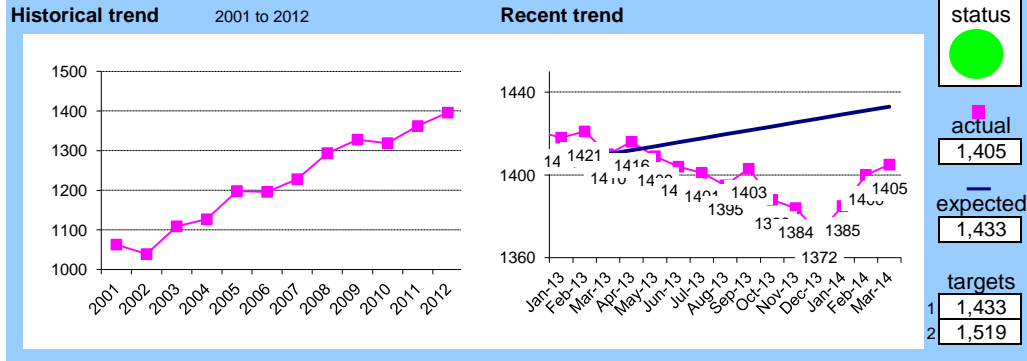


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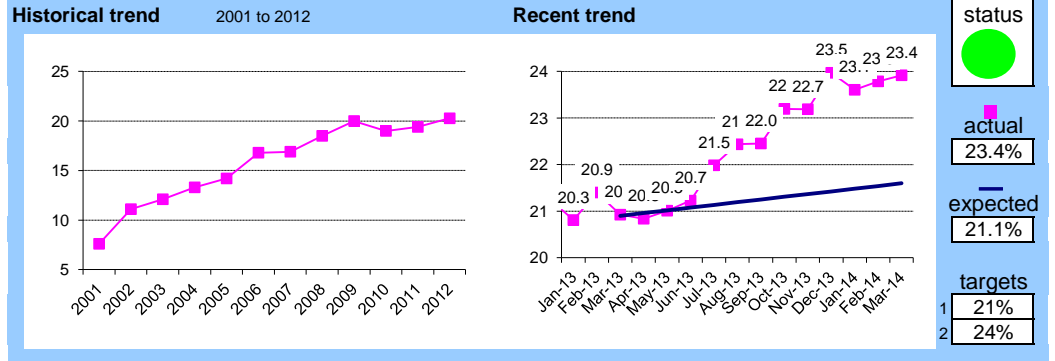
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Position as at March 2014

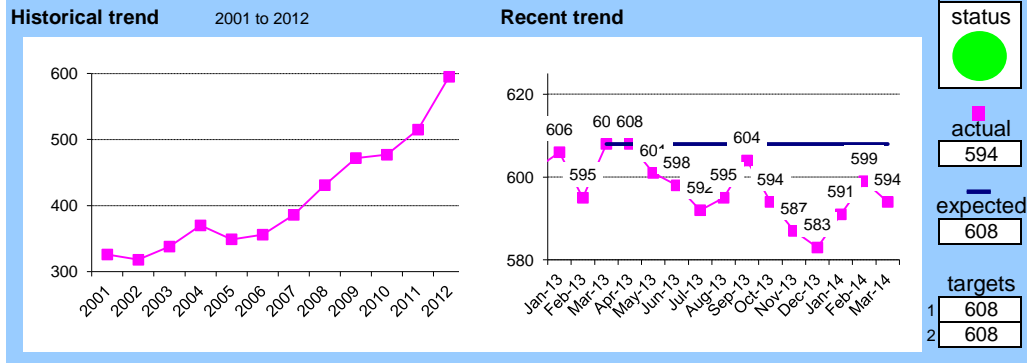
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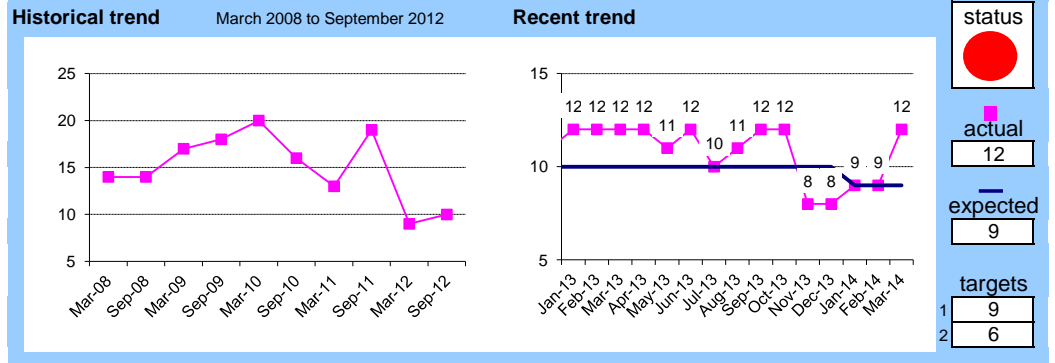
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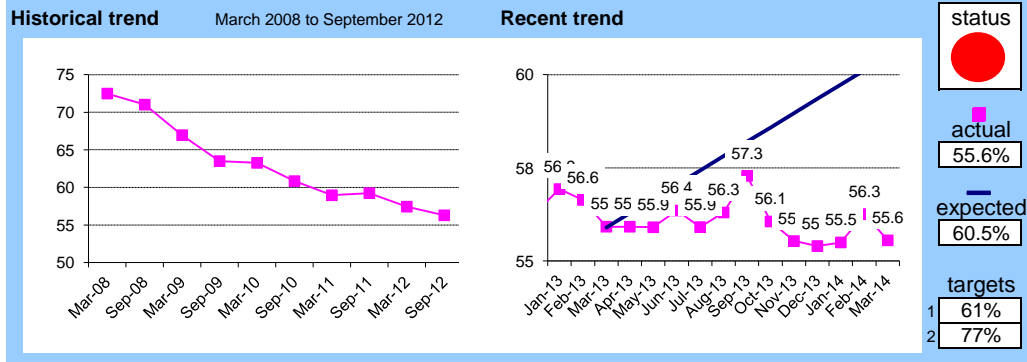
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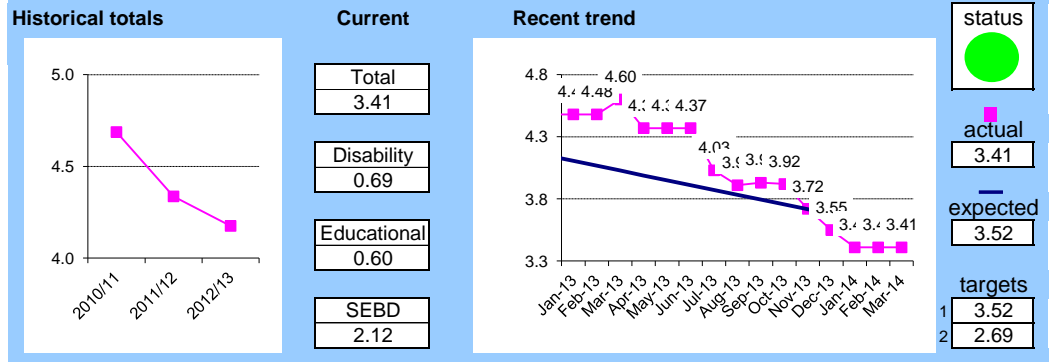
The number of young people in secure accommodation



The percentage of foster care placements that are provided by CEC



Out of Council residential and day educational commitments (£m)



target 1 is for March 2014 and target 2 is for March 2018

the Red/Amber/Green status is calculated from the actual current value versus the expected value (required to be 'on target')

Early Years Change Fund				
12/13 and 13/14 actual and 14/15 draft budget allocations - May 2014				
Description	12/13 Actual	13/14 Actual	Draft 14/15 Budget	Total 12/13 - 14/15
1. Strengthening universal early years services especially for vulnerable children				
Provide Early Years Centre Services in each neighbourhood - Fort Early Years centre	39,989	44,269	128,838	213,096
Provide Early Years Centre Services in each neighbourhood - Pilrig / Craigentenny	0	94,787	217,468	312,255
Provide Early Years Centre Services in each neighbourhood - Royal Mile PS/Hope Cottage	0	38,605	155,686	194,291
Provide Early Years Centre Services in each neighbourhood - Oxfgangs PS	2,600	17,046	64,806	84,452
Provide Early Years Centre Services in each neighbourhood - Clermiston/Rannoch (Fox Covert)	0	0	200,000	200,000
Early Years Officer to support the development of PEEP	8,069	21,303	9,430	38,802
Pilot of 15hpw provision for 2 weeks across 5 nurseries	0	0	0	0
	50,658	216,010	776,228	1,042,896
2. Reduce the need for children to become Looked After				
Family Group Decision Making - expand and reprioritise	73,754	185,860	178,265	437,879
Evidence based parenting support programmes	0	14,016	36,000	50,016
Parenting Support for parents of older children - expansion	44,681	111,220	121,200	277,101
Expand family support service to provide practical help for families	0	200,036	272,700	472,736
Consistent feedback to named person from Social Care Direct	21,771	71,988	71,362	165,120
Supervised Contact arrangements	0	21,000	141,198	162,198
Intensive Behaviour Support Service	0	6,053	90,289	96,342
Playschemes for children with disabilities	0	44,582	356,000	400,582
Prepare	0	18,845	30,000	48,845
Befriending	0	0	80,000	80,000
	140,206	673,599	1,377,013	2,190,819
3. Reduce the need for children to become Looked After and accommodated				
Multi Systemic Therapy	15,484	504,447	656,500	1,176,431
Expand family support service to provide practical help for families	0	200,036	272,700	472,736
Permanence Team expansion	0	0	239,370	239,370
	15,484	704,482	1,168,570	1,888,536
4. Increase CEC fostering capacity and strengthen kinship care arrangements to achieve best value placements				
Increased support to families with kinship care arrangements	73	96,622	174,898	271,592
Recruit more CEC carers	146,561	359,720	558,530	1,064,811
Permanence Panel co-ordination	51,840	51,840	52,358	156,038
Carer adaptations	0	26,666	470,000	496,666
	198,474	534,848	1,255,786	1,989,108
5. Programme Support				
Programme Support	40,925	94,441	68,175	203,541
6. Development Fund				
Approved projects	0	91,666	366,664	458,330
EVOC funding	0	25,000	25,000	50,000
	0	116,666	391,664	508,330
TOTAL APPROVED PROJECTS	445,747	2,340,047	5,037,436	7,823,230
PROJECT PROPOSALS TO BE ASSESSED		0	752,747	752,747
TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS	445,747	2,340,047	5,790,183	8,575,977
FUNDING				
Budget	1,630,000	2,874,000	4,071,977	8,575,977
Brought forward		1,184,253	1,718,206	2,902,459
Carry forward	-1,184,253	-1,718,206		-2,902,459
TOTAL FUNDING	445,747	2,340,047	5,790,183	8,575,977

EARLY YEARS CHANGE FUND – DEVELOPMENT FUND
SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS

Name of Organisation	Proposal Title	Amount Awarded
Edinburgh Young Carers (EYC)	<p>Relieving the Pressure The award will help increase the capacity of EYC to identify and work with high priority young carers between 12 and 15 years to reduce the likelihood of crisis in their home situation leading to the need for the young carer and siblings to be accommodated</p>	£16,407.00
Circle & Stepping Stones	<p>PrePare Father's Support This project builds on successful practice in delivering services to children and families at risk by building on a pilot being undertaken as part of Early Years Collaborative "test for change". A Fathers' Worker will be employed to work with partners of women referred to Prepare, working with men during the antenatal phase and post natal to provide ongoing support.</p>	£45,000.00
Citadel Youth Centre	<p>Citadel Families Project The project will focus on providing increased support and capacity building to vulnerable families at an early stage. The main criteria for the target group will be children at risk of being Looked After, or who are already Looked after and at risk of becoming accommodated</p>	£45,000.000
Richmond Craigmillar Church	<p>Muirhouse Satellite Base Richmond's Hope provides support at its Craigmillar base to children between the ages of 4 and 18 who have suffered bereavement which has been traumatic for them. The funding will enable a base to be established in Muirhouse to support families in the North of the City.</p>	£19,945.00
Oxgangs Care	<p>Family Playtime The funding will support a Play at Home Service to families who have a child under 3 who has been identified as having an Intensive or Additional Record of Need.</p>	£27,000.00
Aberlour	<p>Children affected by Parental Substance Misuse Looked After at home Increased targeted support for pre-school children Looked After at Home and affected by parental substance use.</p>	£50,000.000
Circle & Crossreach	<p>Recovery Hubs: Children & Families Outreach Project To develop a children and families outreach service in Recovery Hubs in the SE and NE of the City.</p>	£65,000.00
Homelink Family Support	<p>Antenatal and Postnatal Befriending Service Funding will enable engagement with "parents to be" who do not take up ante or post natal support and who have been identified by Health and SW as being "at risk" of not coping with their new baby</p>	£45,000.00

EARLY YEARS CHANGE FUND – DEVELOPMENT FUND
SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS

AFASIC Scotland	Unlocking Speech & Language for Children & Parents The service will deliver innovative interventions for at least 60 parents and children, in groups and individually, where a child's speech, language and communication impairment has been identified	£43,000.00
Cyrenians	Support, Mediation & Conflict Resolution for Young People & Families Via support, mediation and conflict resolution, the project will help young people and those responsible for their welfare and wellbeing to be more happy and confident in their relationships and better able to cope with relationships at home or within Kinship Care arrangement, reducing or removing risk of becoming accommodated	£38,892.93
Criagmillar Books for Babies	Family Support @ Home Programme The Project will offer support to families of children aged 2-3 years with additional support needs identified at the 27 month health check. This will include a home visiting programme and 1-1 support in community settings too	£29,459.69
Scottish Adoption Society	Supporting Birth Mothers in Edinburgh The Project will provide support to birth mothers who have experienced the loss of their child through adoption and break the existing pattern of birth mothers having several children who are accommodated in local authority care and then adopted.	£16,292.00
Children 1st	Intensive Family Support will target families who are barely coping and whom services are not reaching. These families will have indicators of vulnerability and risk. The service will intervene before difficulties escalate or become entrenched; reducing the need for children to require more intensive services or become Looked After	£60,000.00
	Subtotal	£500,996.62

The Early Years Collaborative Stretch Aims

Workstream 1	To ensure that women experience positive pregnancies which result in the birth of more healthy babies as evidenced by a reduction in the rates of stillbirths (from 4.9% per 1,000 births in 2010 to 4.3% per 1,000 births in 2015) and infant mortality (from 3.7% per 1,000 live births in 2010 to 3.1% per 1,000 live births in 2015)
Workstream 2	To ensure that 85% of all children within each CPP have reached all of the expected developmental milestones by the time of the child's 27-30 month child health review, by end of 2016.
Workstream 3	To ensure that 90% of children within each CPP have reached all of the expected developmental milestones at the time the child starts primary school, by end of 2017.
Workstream 4	To ensure 95% of children reach all of the expected developmental milestones and achieve Level 1 of Curriculum for Excellence at the end of Primary 4 by 2021.
Workstream 5	To provide the Leadership System to support quality improvement across the Early Years Collaborative and timely delivery of all workstream "stretch aims"