

**Meeting:** Children's Trust  
**Date:** 5 October 2009  
**Report Title:** Performance Monitoring  
**Report of:** Director of Children's Services

**Purpose**

To present information on selected national indicators from Haringey's local area agreement related to the work of the Children's Trust.

**Summary**

The report presents exception reports on national indicators that appear to be missing, or at risk of missing, their targets.

**Recommendations**

That the Children's Trust note and comment on the report.

**Financial/Legal Comments**

N/A.

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**Introduction**

- 1 When the current performance management system was introduced by the HSP the intention was that theme boards would receive quarterly reports on the performance indicators in the Local Area Agreement which had been allocated to them, plus the cross cutting indicators.
2. In practice this has proved problematic because of the timing of the theme board meetings. In addition the Children's Trust meets not quarterly but 6 times per year and the new Children's Trust EPMG also meets 6 times per year. Consequently meetings do not synchronise with the quarter ends and quarterly data is either incomplete or out of

date. It is therefore proposed that the most recently available data is presented to the Children's Trust and the Executive Performance Management Group, rather than the formal end of quarter.

- 3 The full score card will be considered at the EPMG meeting. The performance report for Children's Trust meetings will contain exception reports on indicators that are under performing or other indicators the EPMG wishes to draw to the attention of the full Children's Trust.

## **Performance**

4. The full scorecard, with the most recently available data, was considered at the EPMG meeting in September. The following indicators were showing red.

### **Be Healthy:**

- NI 53 - breastfeeding
- NI 112 – teenage conceptions
- NI 126 – early access to maternity services

### **Stay Safe**

- NI 59 – initial assessments
- NI 60 – core assessments

### **Enjoy and Achieve**

- NI 72 – early years
- NI 73 – maths at KS2
- NI 75 -5+ A\*-C grades at GCSE
- NI 93 – progression by 2 levels in English KS1 to KS2
- NI 94 – progression by 2 levels in maths KS1 to KS2

5. Exception reports are not included in this report for NI 53 or NI 126.
6. The breastfeeding indicator (NI 53) appeared red, however NHS Haringey believe the data under represents the true situation. The data comes from local GPs and a number of them are late submitting their information because of the demands of the swine flu epidemic. Once all the data is collected this indicator is expected to be above its target.
7. The indicator on early access to maternity services (NI 126) also was red. In 2008/09 this indicator ended the year just above its target. For 2009/10 the target has increased from 50% to 80%. It is currently under target, but showing an improving trend with an increase from 51.9% to 73.6% since the end March. A Maternity action plan is in place, overseen by the Maternity Steering Group.
- 8 An exception report is included for an additional Stay Safe indicator, NI 67, the percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales. This indicator is not red, but amber. However the overall trend for this indicator has been downward in the last few months.

- 9 The three Stay Safe indicators are also included in the Safeguarding Plan for Haringey: the JAR Action Plan, which is the subject of a separate report to the Children's Trust.
- 10 All education data is unvalidated at this stage in the year. Final data is not expected before December.

### **Recommendations**

That the Children's Trust note and comment on the indicator information.

*Please note:* large scale version of graphs in exception reports are available at the end of the document.

# Children's Trust Exception Report 2009/10: teenage conceptions

CY02\_P\_N0112 Percentage change in under-18 conceptions (per 1000 girls aged 15-17 as compared with the 1998 baseline)

Outcome Lead **Portfolio:** Children and Young People

**Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:**

Healthier people with a better quality of life

Improved Health and Emotional Well-being

**Children & Young People's Plan Outcome:**

Be Healthy


  
 Red

**Definition:** The change in the rate of under 18 conceptions per 1,000 girls 15-17 years resident in the area for the current calendar year, as compared with the 1998 baseline rate, shown as a % of the 1998 rate.

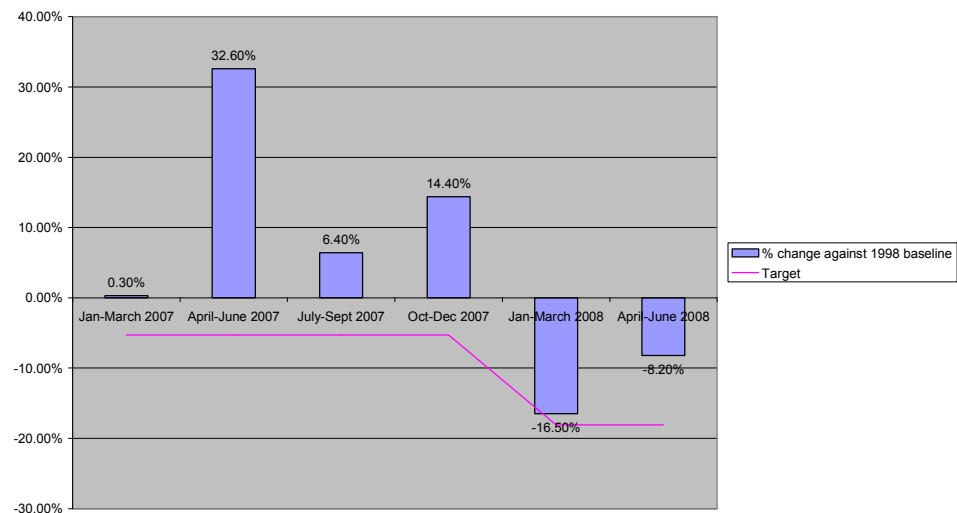
Good performance is typified by a higher percentage reduction from the baseline figure.

**ABG Funding: £ 272,037**

Cosmic (£4,358); Substance Misuse Coordinator (£4454); Teenage Pregnancy Local Implementation Grant (£170,000); TP sexual health (£51,375); 4YP (Bus) (£32,125); Libraries for life (£9,725)

2009/10			
	Value	Target	
Q1 2009/10	-16.5%	-18.1%	
2009/10 (YTD)	-8.2%	-18.1%	
2008/09			
	Value	Target	London Boroughs - Average
2008/09	12.4%	-5.3%	-11.6%

NI 112: Percentage change of under-18 conceptions against 1998 baseline



### **Explanation of current performance**

There is a 14 month time-lag in the release of conception statistics, as they are partly compiled from birth registration data. 2009/10 will be reporting the calendar year 2008.

The chart shows that between Jan-March 2008 (Q1 2008) there has been a percentage decrease from the 1998 baseline, from 14.4% in Q4 2007 (62 actual conceptions) to -16.5% Q1 2008 (45 actual conceptions).

This is first time we have achieved a quarterly average rate lower than our 1998 base rate. Although we have not achieved our 2009/10 target (-18.1%), this is a significant improvement.

Data available for April-June 2008 (Q2 2008) shows that there has been a small increase from the Q1 2008 figure- a percentage change of -8.2% on 1998 baseline (49 actual conceptions). This is positive news as our Q2 rates have consistently shown a significant increase from Q1.

### **Current Activities**

Current developments include:

*Strategic:* The redevelopment of the Teenage Pregnancy Strategic Partnership Board to include an Executive Board to be chaired by Cllr Reith. The first meeting of the Executive Board will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009; and the Implementation Group (currently the Strategic Partnership Board) will meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009. Task and Finish groups will be reformed with strategic leads and operational leads to focus on:

- Improving the uptake of longer acting reversible contraception (LARC)
- Improving the uptake of contraception and sexual health data
- A pilot targeted schools programme
- Improving access to contraception and sexual health post-termination
- Improving Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)/ well-being information and guidance for pupils, parents and staff in schools

The findings from a new sexual health needs assessment are due at the end of September from NHS Haringey.

*Communication:* A targeted publication made with and for leaving care and asylum team clients and the production of Z cards, postcards and booklet promoting 4YP services, contraception and sexual health, advice and guidance on safe relationships and key messages on young people's emotional and physical wellbeing;

*Delivery of SRE and PSHE:* A thorough SRE mapping exercise across all primary, secondary, special schools, post 16 settings and young people's settings to inform key tasks for SRE sub group;

*Provision of young people focused contraception and sexual health services (CASH):* NHS Haringey has integrated sexual health and family planning services in a weekly clinic for women only, under 20s at Lordship Lane Health Centre called 4YP Plus. Clinical services (contraception, condoms, LARC, pregnancy testing and Chlamydia screening,) have been extended to the 4YP Haringey under-18 outreach programme and extended to all three area Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS) youth projects with the 4YP Nurse running fortnightly clinical sessions;

*Workforce Development and Training:* The piloting of Speakeasy Together and RU Ready/ Delay training workshops;

*Targeted work with at risk groups:* An additional Pre Intensive and Intensive Teens and Toddlers programme has been agreed for Haringey. This is part of an extensive DCSF funded research programme targeting a further 50 girls in Years 9 and 10 identified as at risk, including children in care

and those at the Pupil Support Centre. The Pre Intensive Programme will be completed in July 2009 and the Intensive Programme will begin in September 2009 and be completed in July 2010. These programmes are running alongside Haringey's own Teens and Toddlers programmes which are led by Haringey trained facilitators.

A teenage pregnancy at risk assessment tool is being developed to be used by professionals and partners and in addition, a data set identified which could identify a database of young people 'most at risk'.

### **Best Practice**

The following boroughs have achieved significant reductions between 1998-2006:

- Hammersmith & Fulham -36.5%
- Hackney -28%
- Tower Hamlets -24.2%
- Newham -20.5%

DCSF attribute success to engagement with delivery partners, a senior local champion, effective sexual health services, prioritisation of sex and relationship education, focus on targeted interventions, training on sex and relationships for partner organisations, a well resourced youth service and a good local communication strategy.

### **Emerging Risk**

Impact on local public services and the well being of children and young people.

### **Performance discussion date:**

The first meeting of the Teenage Pregnancy Executive Board will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009 to consider a progress report on the past 6 months. The Implementation Group will meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009. The Board and the Group will be considering the revised Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan.

### **Equality Impact**

These are young women 15 – 18 years. The profile of this section of the population is as follows:

Total number of young women 15 – 18 6,384



British 32%, White Other 17%, Mixed 9%, Asian 9%, Caribbean 14%, African 16%, Other 3%.

A Teenage Pregnancy Conception Monitoring Scorecard is being developed to support analysis, including age, ethnicity and ward.

# Children's Trust Exception Report 2009/10: Safeguarding Indicators

<b>CY02_H_N0059 Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral</b>		2009/10													
Outcome Lead	Portfolio	Value	Target												
<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:</b> Safer for All		April 2009	25.0%												
<b>Children &amp; Young People's Plan Outcome:</b> Stay Safe		May 2009	14.1%												
		June 2009	11.9%												
		July 2009	14.7%												
		August 2009	25.9%												
		2009/10 (YTD)	18.4%												
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## Safeguarding Indicators (continued)

<b>CY02_H_N0060 Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement</b>		2009/10	
Outcome Lead	Portfolio	Value	Target
<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:</b> Safer for All		April 2009	27.6% 63%
<b>Children &amp; Young People's Plan Outcome:</b> Stay Safe		May 2009	30.2% 63%
		June 2009	49.1% 63%
		July 2009	49.3% 63%
		August 2009	31.9% 63%
		2009/10 (YTD)	39.0% 63%
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**Explanation of current performance**

The percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within timescale (NI 59) dropped to 12% in June from 25% in April. The actual number of assessments completed in June (159) was much higher than in April (104). August's data shows that this has increased to 25.9% (189 assessments), although this remains below the 2009/10 target of 53%.

The percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement (NI 60) increased in June to 49% from 29% in April. As with NI 59 the number of core assessments carried out has increased from 29 in April 2009 to 57 in June 2009. In August performance decreased to 31.9% when the number of core assessments carried out has continued to increase (72 core assessments). Performance remains below the 2009/10 target of 63%.

Low performance for NI 59 and NI 60 is attributable to a number of issues including an increased focus on ensuring that the quality of assessments being completed is to a high standard and the completion of a number of out of timescale, outstanding assessments. We anticipate that performance will be poor as we continue the work to deal with all outstanding work in the service. We expect that thereafter a more accurate measure of future performance will be arrived at. Recent trends are beginning to show some cautious improvements and we believe we remain on track to reach the declared target of 53% for initial assessments and 63% for core assessments by end of December 2009.

Seven new proxy indicators have been developed to look at the quality of safeguarding. These indicators will be reported to the Quality Outcomes Board.

**Current Activities**

There continues to be a high volume of cases referred to the service, which is overall 50% more than the previous two years. This, together with continued difficulties recruiting suitably qualified staff, has impacted on our performance. 6 newly qualified social workers (NQSW) have joined the referral and assessment service and have started taking cases. Two other permanent NQSW are due to join the team this month, with two places remaining.

**Best Practice**


A draft thresholds document is in place which is helping to clarify and enable consistency in what should be referred to the service for assessment. Work is continuing on improving links with the CAF coordinator to ensure that appropriate cases are going through the CAF process rather than Referral & Assessment, and on working with the Police on constructing a more integrated approach to referrals. Combined, these measures will improve our performance in assessments.

Audits undertaken by an independent Social Worker in July and August show that there has been an improvement in the quality of initial assessments undertaken with appropriate outcomes and recommendations.

**Performance discussion date:**

The Safeguarding Plan for Haringey (formerly the JAR Action Plan) is reviewed regularly by the Safeguarding Plan Steering Group. Reports on the plan have been submitted to the May and July meetings of the Children's Trust and the July and September meetings of the Children's Trust Executive Performance Management Group.

## Safeguarding Indicators (continued)

<b>CY02_H_N0067 Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales</b>		2009/10																									
Outcome Lead	<b>Portfolio:</b> Children and Young People	Value	Target																								
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		<p>Reviews are a key element in delivering Child Protection Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of the effectiveness of the interventions provided to children with a Child Protection Plan.</p> <p>Working Together to Safeguard Children guidance requires that the first child protection review should have been held within three months of the initial child protection conference and thereafter at intervals of no more than six months.</p> <p><b>Good performance:</b> A higher value indicates better performance.</p>		<table border="1"> <caption>Percentage of child protection cases reviewed within required timescales</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>October 2008</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>November 2008</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>December 2008</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>January 2009</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>February 2009</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>March 2009</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>April 2009</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>May 2009</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>June 2009</td><td>96.4%</td></tr> <tr><td>July 2009</td><td>96.2%</td></tr> <tr><td>August 2009</td><td>95.8%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Month	Percentage	October 2008	100%	November 2008	100%	December 2008	100%	January 2009	100%	February 2009	100%	March 2009	100%	April 2009	100%	May 2009	100%	June 2009	96.4%	July 2009	96.2%
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<b>Explanation of current performance</b> Reviews were late for a family of 5 children due to staff sickness and problems booking an interpreter.																											

**Current Activities**

In order to assist in improving Child Protection processes a consultant has been employed to work with the Head of Service for Quality Assurance Child Protection and Review. Work has been undertaken with Child Protection Chairs in regard to the quality of CP plans in line with Child Protection procedures.

An improved set of quality assurance child protection and review documents have been produced and will be implemented between July and October 2009.



**Best Practice**

National data on this indicator is published annually. London borough average score for 2008/09 was 99.7%. Haringey's score was 100%.

**Performance discussion date:**

This indicator is part of the Safeguarding Plan for Haringey and is discussed at the regular meetings of the Safeguarding Plan Steering Group, Directorate Management Team and CEMB. Reports on the plan have been submitted to the May and July meetings of the Children's Trust and the July and September meetings of the Children's Trust Executive Performance Management Group.

## Children's Trust Exception Report 2009/10: Early Years

<b>CY03_H_N0072 Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy</b>		2009/10			
			Value	Target	
Outcome Lead	Portfolio: Children and Young People	2009/10	44%	48%	
<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:</b> Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all  <b>Children &amp; Young People's Plan Outcome:</b> Enjoy and Achieve		2008/09			
			Value	Target	London Boroughs - Average
		2008/09	43%	46.1 %	46%
					
					
<b>Red</b>					
<p><b>Definition:</b> The Early Years Foundation Stage is a statutory framework for children's learning, development and welfare from birth to the end of the academic year in which they turn 5. It covers six areas of learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal, Social and Emotional Development [PSED] (3 scales)</li> <li>• Communication, Language and Literacy [CLL] (4 scales)</li> <li>• Problem-solving, reasoning and numeracy (3 scales)</li> <li>• Knowledge and understanding of the world (1 scale)</li> <li>• Physical Development (1 scale)</li> <li>• Creative Development (1 scale)</li> </ul> <p>The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile is an assessment of children's achievement at the end of the academic year in which they turn 5.</p> <p>The indicator measures the number of children achieving 78 points across all 13 EYFSP scales with at least 6 points or more in each of the PSED and CLL scales, expressed as a percentage of the total number of children assessed against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile.</p>					

This indicator is not only a schools based indicator. It also includes achievement figures provided by local authorities for children in the private, voluntary and independent sector who are still in receipt of funding in the term preceding their key stage 1 studies.

Good performance Higher percentages show better performance.

### **Explanation of current performance**

The National Strategies have given Haringey green on this indicator. They are impressed with the steady progress being made and recognise that the target is very challenging.

### **Current Activities**

There are a number of specific programmes on which we are working with schools to continue to raise performance. Our analysis shows us which schools and which groups of children are in most need of support and consultants work with those schools to improve performance. A support programme is provided for all early years settings with a focused programme for any causing concern. Setting review group meetings are used to identify where support, training & advice is most needed & will have the most impact. The local authority is creating an accreditation scheme designed to encourage providers to continually improve their settings. This should be in place by the end of the year. Our early intervention & prevention strategy has led to a range of targeted initiatives in the early years. Individual children and groups who have been underachieving are identified and their schools and settings can access a number of specific intervention programmes to provide earlier support.

### **Best Practice**

Do we know of any high achieving borough?

### **Emerging Risk**



The early years are crucial to a child's chances of later success. Children who achieve well in their early years are much more likely to be successful in future education and in later life.

### **Performance discussion date:**



### **Equality Impact**

All data is analysed by ethnicity and gender.



## Children's Trust Exception Report 2009/10: Key Stage 2

<b>CY03_H_N0073 Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2</b>					
Outcome Lead	<b>Portfolio:</b> Children and Young People	2009/10			
<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:</b> Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all  <b>Children &amp; Young People's Plan Outcome:</b> Enjoy and Achieve			Value	Target	
		2009/10	69%	75%	
		2008/09			
			Value	Target	London Boroughs - Average
		2008/09	66%	75%	
					
Red					
<b>Good performance</b> Good performance is typified by percentages where the proportion of pupils is above the national average and where there are no schools where performance has been below the 55% floor target for 4 or more consecutive years.					

## Key Stage 2 (continued)

<b>CY03_H_N0093 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</b>		2009/10			
Outcome Lead	Portfolio: <b>Children and Young People</b>		Value	Target	
<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:</b>		2009/10	82%	90%	
Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all		2008/09			
<b>Children &amp; Young People's Plan Outcome:</b>			Value	Target	London Boroughs - Average
Enjoy and Achieve		2008/09	85.3%	85.5%	
					
Red					
<b>Good performance</b> Good performance is exemplified where the percentage achieving 2 levels progress is higher than the national average.					

## Key Stage 2 (continued)

<b>CY03_H_N0094 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</b>		<b>2009/10</b>		
Outcome Lead	<b>Portfolio:</b> Children and Young People	<b>Value</b>	<b>Target</b>	
<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:</b>		<b>2009/10</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>86%</b>
Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all		<b>2008/09</b>		
<b>Children &amp; Young People's Plan Outcome:</b>		<b>Value</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>London Boroughs Average</b>
Enjoy and Achieve		<b>2008/09</b>	<b>75.6%</b>	<b>86%</b>
				
Red 				
<b>Good performance</b> Good performance is exemplified where the percentage achieving 2 levels of progress is higher than the national average.				

### Explanation of current performance

NI 73 - This figure is provisional and will be validated in December 2009 (It should remain at 69%). Steady progress is being made and we are closing the gap with the national. The 2008 gap was 7% and the 2009 gap will be 3% (when validated).

NI 93 - This figure will not be validated until Dec 2009. We expect to remain below target. Our analysis indicates that the progress pupils make in English will be good. This target is a very challenging one and in 2008 only one local authority (Camden) achieved 90%. The Haringey result in 2008 was 3.1% above the national and Haringey was placed 26th out of 150 local authorities.

NI 94 This figure will not be validated until Dec 2009. We expect to remain below target. This target is a very challenging one and in 2008 only 6 local authorities achieved it. The Haringey result in 2008 was 3.2% below the national. Our preliminary analysis for 2009 indicates that this will improve significantly.

**Current Activities**

We have a number of programmes working with schools to continue to raise attainment. Our analysis shows us which schools require the most support and our consultants work with those schools. The target is recognised as being very challenging by the DCSF and we do not expect to meet this target for a number of years. The DCSF contextual value added measure in 2008 placed Haringey in 61st place out of 149 local authorities. This indicates that pupils make good progress. We continue to monitor the work of schools during the year and will be collecting data to enable us to assess the progress being made. Schools that are below the floor target receive an agreed schedule of support and challenge, which is reviewed termly, and in some cases, half termly. Every school receives support and challenge from School Improvement Partners on a regular basis – either termly or half termly. Support and challenge is also given from outside agencies including the Primary National Strategy and City Challenge. School categorisation is undertaken on an annual basis and is reviewed regularly through School Review Group meetings. Monthly Project Board meetings are held in schools at risk of falling below the National Challenge benchmark

**Emerging Risk**

It is widely accepted that good literacy and numeracy are key to employability and further study. Performance at Key Stage 2 (KS2) is a very strong indicator for expected performance at KS4 (5 A\*-C including English and maths). The Government is committed to ensuring that more children master the basics and has set a national threshold target for 2011 for 78% to achieve Level 4 or above in both English and Maths at KS2. As well as improving the proportion of pupils achieving this standard, the Government also wants to see no schools where less than 65% of pupils achieve Level 4 in both English and Maths (floor target).



**Performance discussion date:**

A report was presented at the Children's Trust meeting in May 2009 on the work to support improvements in Key Stage 2.

**Equality Impact**

Programmes to support children and young people from minority ethnic communities are on going. All data is analysed by ethnicity and gender.

## Children's Trust Exception Report 2009/10: GCSE

<b>CY03_H_N0075 Achievement of 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths</b>		2009/10			
Outcome Lead	Portfolio: Children and Young People	Value		Target	
<b>Sustainable Community Strategy Outcome:</b> Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all  <b>Children &amp; Young People's Plan Outcome:</b> Enjoy and Achieve		2009/10 (results for exams of summer 2009)	45.7%	50%	
		2008/09			
		Value		Target	London Boroughs - Average
		2008/09 (results for exams of summer 2008)	42%	44%	
					
Red					
<p>Definition: The number of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C or equivalent including English and Maths at KS4 as a percentage of the number of pupils at the end of KS4.</p> <p>Good performance is typified by a higher percentage reduction from the baseline figure.</p>					
<p><b>Explanation of current performance</b>          Provisional 2009 figure will be validated in Dec 2009. This is the 7th year of steady improvement at over twice the national rate. The 13.4% gap with the national in 2003 reduced to 5.6% in 2008 and will continue to reduce in 2009 (no national data currently available). The service continues to work closely with the schools in most challenging circumstances. The DCSF contextual value added measure placed Haringey in 5th place out of 150 local authorities for the progress pupils make from KS2 to GCSE in 2008 and we expect that the 2009 figure will also be very high. The target that the schools set was very ambitious and was not met but the progress we are making is very good.</p>					

**Current Activities**

Schools monitor performance termly and the local authority monitors results of mock exams. Each school has a support plan linked to the priorities for improvement in the core subjects, where appropriate these are written in conjunction with National Challenge advisers.

Local authority support is provided on proportionate basis with a focus on raising standards in English and mathematics, where appropriate in conjunction with support from National Challenge advisers

School categorisation is undertaken on an annual basis and is reviewed regularly through School Review Group meetings

School Improvement Partners provide challenge and support with a focus on raising standards in English and mathematics where appropriate

Monthly Project Board meetings are held in schools at risk of falling below the National Challenge benchmark

**Emerging Risk**

It is widely accepted that good literacy and numeracy are key to employability and further study. The Government is therefore committed to ensuring that more children master the basics by the end of the years of compulsory schooling and has set a national threshold target for 2011 for 53% to achieve 5 A\*-C GCSE grades and equivalent including GCSEs in English and Maths by the end of Key Stage 4. As well as improving the proportion of pupils achieving this standard, the Government also wants to see no schools where less than 30% of pupils achieve 5 A\*-C grades including GCSE English and Maths by 2011 (floor target).

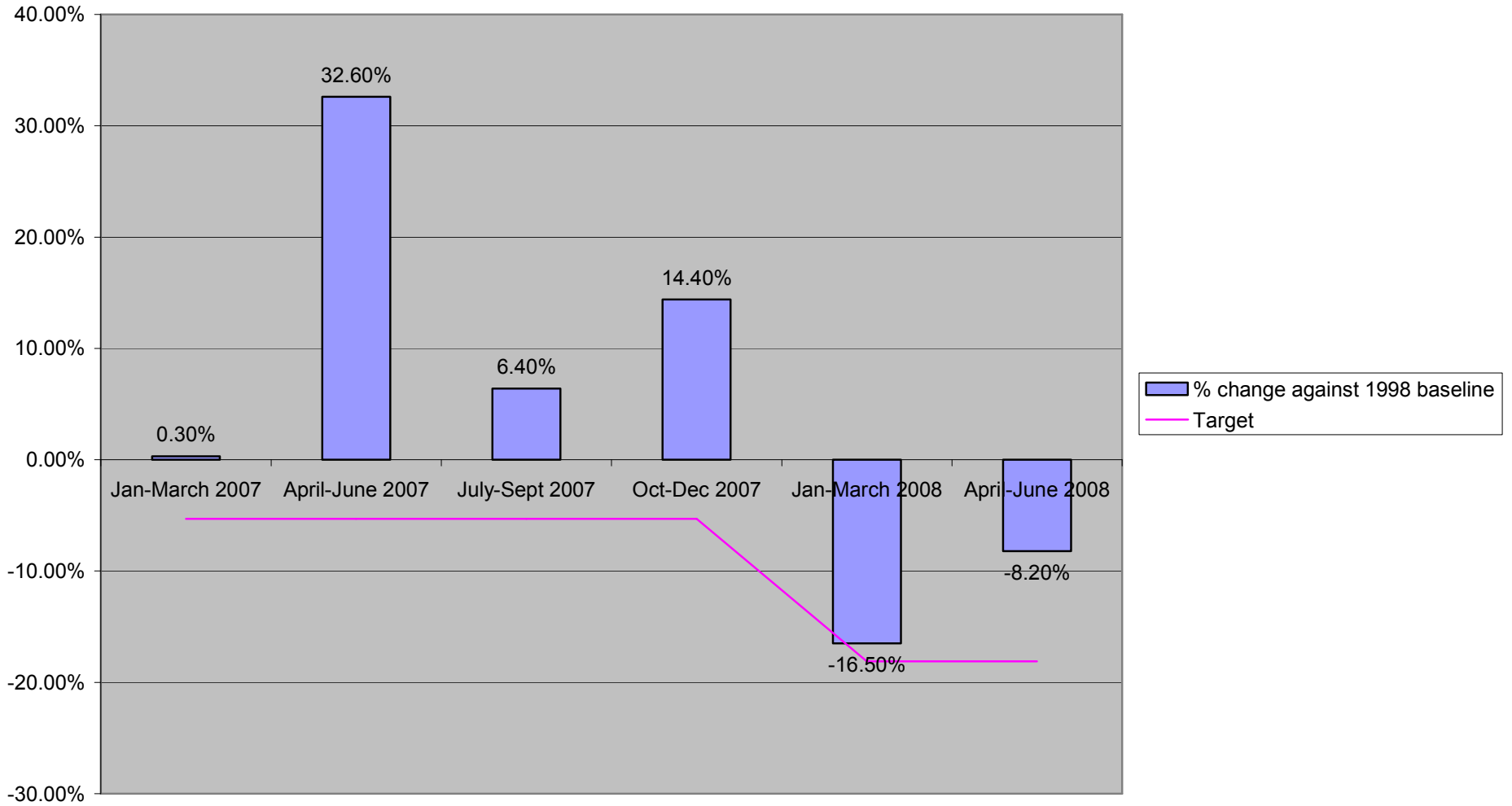
**Equality Impact**

Programmes to support children and young people from minority ethnic communities are on going. All data is analysed by ethnicity and the larger ethnic groups are showing improvement at the GCSE 5+A\*-C

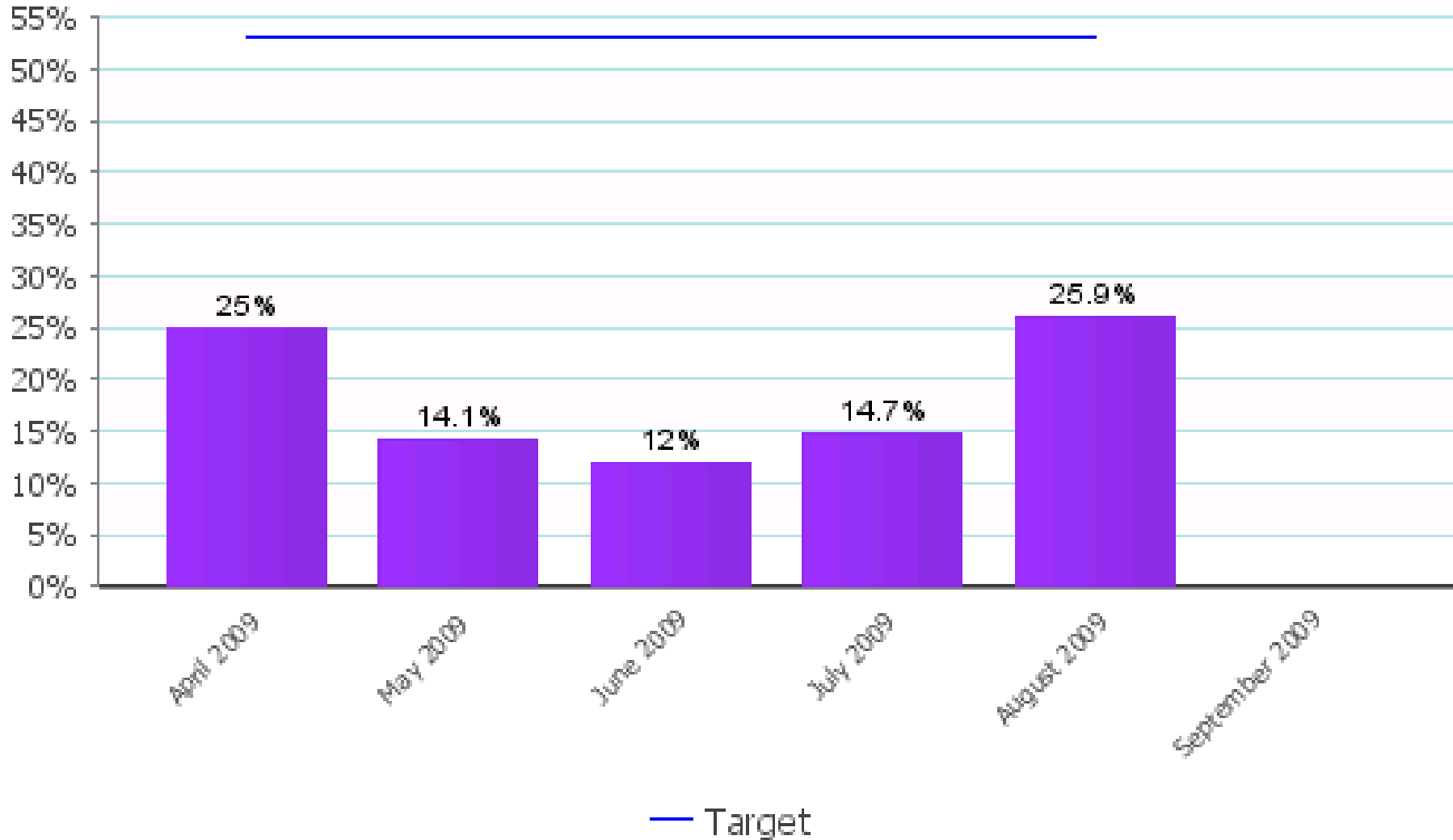
Pregnant schoolgirls and school-age parents all have a Connexions worker and all teenage mothers are supported through the joint Children's Centre and Support for Teenage Parents Programme.

Work is ongoing to monitor mobility of children and young people who move home or schools frequently and promote good induction programmes, some standards fund money is held centrally to support this work.

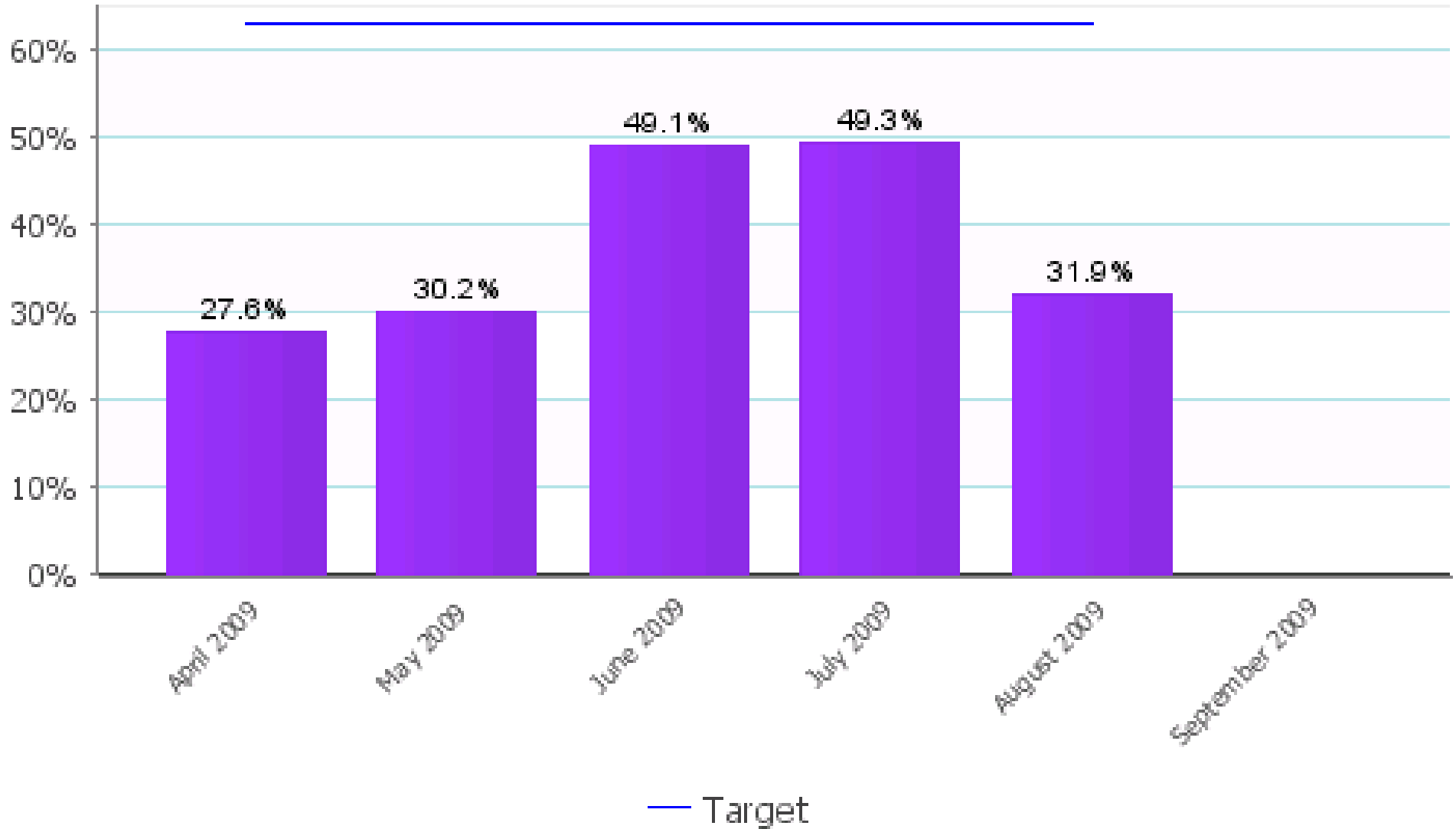
**NI 112: Percentage change of under-18 conceptions against 1998 baseline**



### CY02\_H\_N0059 Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral



**CY02\_H\_N0060 Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement**



### CY02\_H\_N0067 Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales

