

## LAA TARGET - ACTION PLAN

<b>LAA Indicator No.</b>	<b>NI 63</b>
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<b>Reporting Frequency</b>	

<b>SCS Theme:</b>	Ensuring that children and young people are safe and enjoy, achieve and make a positive contribution in Coventry	<b>SCS Priority:</b>	<p><b>SCS Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children in Early Years will have the foundation for happy, healthy and successful lives.</li> <li>• Children and young people's achievements and aspirations will have been fulfilled to the benefit of themselves, their communities and neighbourhoods.</li> <li>• All young people's aspirations will have been raised and their career and employability prospects will have improved.</li> <li>• Children and young people will be making a greater positive contribution.</li> <li>• Children and young people will have supportive families, friends and communities.</li> <li>• Children, young people and their families will have access to universal services and support delivered locally through extended schools, children's centres and community settings.</li> <li>• There will be greater participation of families, children and young people in the design of services and development of local strategies</li> </ul> <p><b>SCS Short term priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the outcomes for children in need e.g. children with a disability, looked after children, and young carers.</li> </ul>
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**1: LAA Target**

Indicator Definition	Baseline & Year	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Success Criteria
Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	57.1% 2006/07	66%	67%	68%	

**LAA Target information**

It is anticipated that the trend over the next three years will be a flatter curve, with a slow but still improving trend, with efforts focussed on embedding the practice changes already introduced and noted above, in order to maintain and build on the step change achieved in the last year.

**2: Equalities and Community Cohesion Implications**

**Summary of overall negative/ positive impacts on target groups/areas:**

Similar to national trends, there is a slight under-representation of Asian or Asian British children in the looked after population, compared to the local population, and a slight over-representation of children from Black or Black British origins. Ensuring continued stability of placements will have a positive impact on the life chances of children in care. We are working to increase the availability of culturally relevant placements and thereby to ensure placement stability is not affected by issues of heritage. Where possible, children placed in foster care are matched with families from a similar cultural and ethnic background.

### 3: Strategic Summary

Description of key activity or activities that may contribute towards achieving target
<p>A placement stability report is published monthly and circulated to team managers to ensure that the focus on planning for children in care is maintained. Monthly panels are held to sustain placement decision making for children in care and these address the need to minimise movement. The contract with an external provider for residential care is focussed on developing placements within 20 miles of Coventry.</p>

### 4: Delivery Plan – Performance Monitoring of Actions

Ref Nr	Planned Action(s)	Target/ Milestone	Link to Other Plans	Lead Officer	Progress <i>To be completed as part of quarterly monitoring.</i>
4.3	Continue to improve placement stability through effective assessment and interventions with children, high quality support and supervision to foster carers and effective quality audit and outcome monitoring of	Quarterly	Neighbourhood and Specialist Services operational plans	ISM Foster Casehold ISM SM LAC	The small-scale placement stability project continues to progress. Feedback from carers has been positive and an interim report will be produced

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	external placements.				in October 2008 to evaluate the intervention and impact on placement stability.

## 5. Performance Indicators

Indicators - Performance Monitoring of Indicators								
Ref No	Description	Baseline	Target 08/09	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target Met Yes/No
NI 63	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	57.1% 2006/07	66%	67.5				
Other indicators that will be used to track progress, including disaggregated measures for target groups.								

## 6: Funding & Planned Spend

Funding & Planned Spend	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Total	Comment/Rationale
Parenting pack to all foster carers, self esteem resources, e-learning, CST worker, training, research consultancy.  The Placement Stability Project.	48,000	Not known	Not known	48,000	Awaiting confirmation of possible further funding for 2009-2011.

## 7: Risk Assessment

Ref No.	Risk	Mitigating action
	By maintaining children in stable placements we run a risk of affecting our ability to reduce the numbers of looked after children overall.	The current projects in place both with Neighbourhood and Specialist Services with the aim of reducing overall numbers will remain mindful of needs of individual children for stability.
	We may also be unable to recruit sufficient foster carers to provide for children with complex needs.	We will continue with recruitment campaigns.