

EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY MEASURE DETAIL

SERVICE AREA	Children
MEASURE	CHN 2: Unit cost of delivering educational and social care services for children and young people
SUMMARY DEFINITION	This measures the cost of all education provision for children together with the cost of a basket of the main social care services provided for children.
RATIONALE FOR MEASURE	<p>Although it is recognised that many councils do not have integrated children's services, this measure, by combining costs in this way, is designed to help drive efficiencies by providing an opportunity to explore the costs together and hopefully focus attention on how greater efficiencies can be achieved through greater co-operation between the services.</p> <p>The measure thus has potential to drive greater integration in the delivery of services to children and young people.</p>
DETAILED DEFINITION (with inclusions and exclusions)	<p><u>This measure combines expenditure on both education and social care for children. Ideally, it should be reported as a single figure. However if this is not easily possible for councils to calculate, two separate cost figures, one for educational services and another for the basket of social care services, will be acceptable.</u></p> <p>The cost of provision of pre-school, primary, secondary and special education should be as reported in the Local Financing Return based on the CIPFA Accounting Code of Practice (BVACOP).</p> <p>The cost of provision of social care should be also be based on the BVACOP, applied to the following subdivisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment and casework 2. Fostering/family placement 3. Adoption services 4. Children with a disability (excluding the cost of residential care) 5. Support to formerly looked after children 6. Youth crime <p>Cost of school transport and residential care is not included in this measure as they are measured separately.</p>
FORMULA	<p>$N = A / B$ where:</p> <p>A = total expenditure (pre-school + primary school + secondary + additional support for learning (ASL) + social care for children and young people)</p> <p>B = number of children aged 0-16 years plus the number of children and young people 16-18 in receipt of social care</p>

UNIT OF MEASURE	£	DECIMAL PLACES	None
MEASUREMENT PERIOD	Full year	DATA SOURCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Financing Return • Service Records
DATA AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY	Cost data available from annual Local Financing Return		
QUALITY CHECK MEASURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SPI EC 5: Supervision: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The number of new supervision requirements made during the year b) The proportion of children seen by a supervising officer within 15 days 2. SPI EC 6: Academic achievement: The number and percentage of young people ceasing to be looked after, who achieved SCQF level 3 or better in English and Maths or other subjects 3. SPI EC 8: Provision of respite services 4. Number of children on child protection register per 1,000 population 5. Number of children in care living in own homes 6. User and carer satisfaction 		
DRILL DOWN MEASURES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ratio of support staff to professional staff 2. Cost of respite care 3. Cost of fostering and adoption 4. Cost of supporting formerly looked after children 5. Cost of youth crime 6. Cost of supporting children with disabilities 7. Number of looked after children per 1,000 population aged 0-18 8. Costs of different types of school provision 9. Teacher absences and vacancies 		
REPORTING YEAR	06/07	Yes	07/08 Yes
PROPOSED FUTURE MEASURE (where applicable)	None		