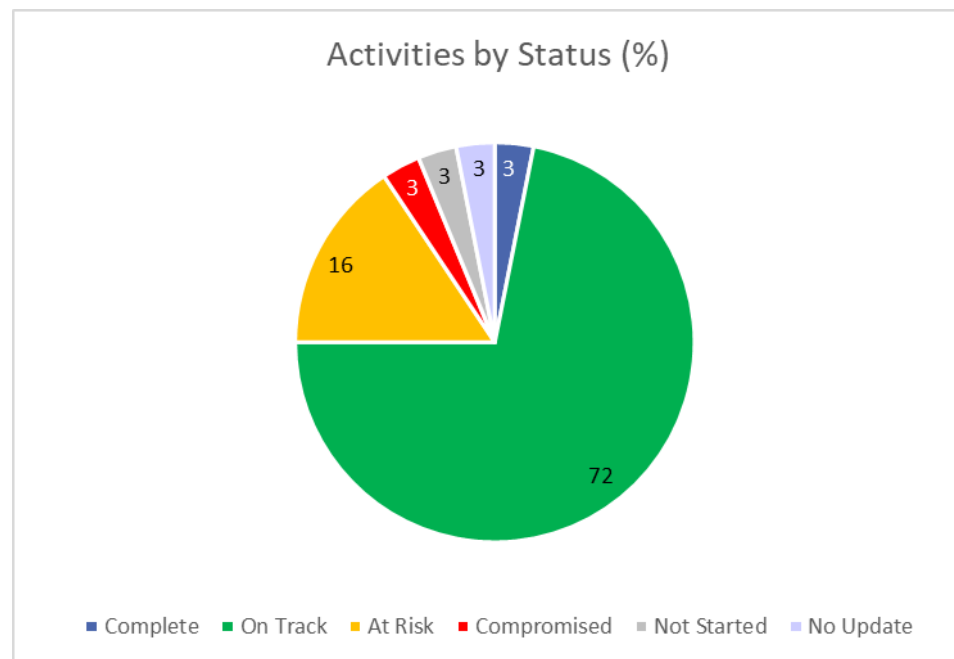


1. Children & Young People OSC Progress on the Integrated Delivery Plan Quarter 2

1.1 Key Insights for Quarter 2 2022/23



Of the remaining 214 actions within the Integrated Delivery Plan, 32 are attributable to the Childrens Social Care OSC. At the end of Quarter 2 72% of activities are on track to achieve their objectives within the set timeframes. 19% of activities are At Risk or Compromised, 3% Completed and a further 3% are yet to start.

Completed activity:

The following activity has been completed this Quarter;

- Working alongside Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and other partner agencies develop a Warwickshire & Coventry Children & Young People's Mental Health Improvement Strategy and action plan: Establish an 18-25 transitional offer for those moving from children/ young people's service into adult mental health service. **The Service is in place with Coventry and Warwickshire MIND across Coventry and Warwickshire. Extension to the current contract with provider agreed. This will be reviewed in March 2023**

1.2 Activity within the Integrated Delivery Plan is aligned to the delivery of the priorities within the Council Plan 2022 -27, progress is therefore shown below against the Area of Focus “**Deliver our Child Friendly Warwickshire strategy - Happy, healthy, safe children**” . Commentary is by exception, with detail provided against activity that is at risk, compromised or not started.

1.3 **Deliver our Child Friendly Warwickshire strategy - Happy, healthy, safe children**

Activity	Status	Narrative
Open our first Family Hub at the Wheelwright Lane Centre which will specialise in support for children, young people and their families with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) issues.	At Risk	Joint options report scheduled for Corporate Board 19th Oct 22 for decision making.
Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: Evaluate and seek to extend across the county Warwickshire Family Safeguarding being piloted in the north of the county, which integrates professionals specialising in mental health, substance misuse and domestic abuse with children’s services social workers.	At Risk	The evaluation of the pilot implementation of the WFS model in the north of Warwickshire has continued strongly but evaluation is still at an early stage. Meanwhile new seminal documents from central government and influential thinkers have outlined a potential change in approach wherein partnership organisations would be mandated to resource staff to work within a multi-agency setting to address issues such as Domestic Abuse and associated concerns such as alcohol and substance misuse and mental health. This would change the source of funding for future multiagency initiatives that would at least in part reflect the current WFS initiative. Additionally the financial envelope available to resource Children and Family Support is experiencing increasing pressure and as such the potential roll out of WFS across the wider County is under review. A consultation is underway in respect of future restructure, the outcome of which will be clear by the end of November.
Improve stability and outcomes for young offenders, children in care and care experienced young people: Ensure that Youth Justice and Children in Care Teams are sensitive to all aspects of diversity and work to address unfavourable disproportionality in the system.	Compromised	There are considerable concerns regarding the lack of placements and the quality of placements for children in residential care, leading to too many children experiencing instability. We are however placing more children with their connected families, and we have a new marketing campaign for foster carers which has resulted in 6 foster carer applications in one month in September.
Improve stability and outcomes for young offenders,	At Risk	Home 1: Delays continue to be experienced due to delays

children in care and care experienced young people: **Open our first Children's Home and identify properties for three other homes open by December 2023.**

Working alongside Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and other partner agencies develop a Warwickshire & Coventry Children & Young People's Mental Health Improvement Strategy and action plan: **Continue to develop the eating disorder pathway and services.**

Working alongside Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and other partner agencies develop a Warwickshire & Coventry Children & Young People's Mental Health Improvement Strategy and action plan: **Strengthen support for vulnerable children and young people including those in crisis, looked after children, those with autism, Learning Disabilities and young offenders.**

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experienced in registration with the regulatory body, Ofsted. Home 2 is on track pending planning and development approvals. This home will provide 4 beds in the main home and potential for 1 or 2 emergency beds in a separate annex. Community engagement for home 2 took place in September 2022. Home 3: A property has been identified and work is ongoing to support and manage current provision occupying the premises. Home 4: Work continues to explore the market and purchase a property.

Improving performance in relation to urgent and routine referral times into the eating disorder service remains a focus. Workforce issues have been addressed with more practitioners recruited to the service over the summer. Issues around step down from the service have been identified and this has an impact on the number of new referrals which can be seen by the team. Work has begun with National Health Service England providing support to look at this issue and in particular how GPs and their support can help with step up and step down to the service. Additional investment into the service from System Development Fund monies is helping to expand the current provision and also provide an intensive home support service to prevent children and young people needing to access Tier 4 provision.

Multi-agency meetings continue to take place to look at support for Children and Young People in crisis. There is currently a survey out to providers of support services to children and young people, asking them to complete with young people they work with. The survey aims to find out what Children and Young People of the ages of 14 – 18 think is needed to keep themselves and others well in the community and, if crisis support is needed, what this support could look like. The deadline for the survey is 28th October. Once feedback is gathered this will be considered by the Crisis Bronze Group and actions formulated from the results.

Meetings are currently taking place with Public Health, Warwickshire County Council, Integrated Care Board and other partners regarding

		<p>the mental wellbeing of children and young people who are refugees and asylum seekers and their access to the system / RISE for support.</p> <p>Commissioners from Children and Young People mental health and Autism/ Learning Disability continue to work with partner agencies to support the implementation of the Autism Strategy; and there is dedicated Children and Young People mental health provision linked to the Youth Justice Team.</p>
<p>Improve the health of children and young people in Warwickshire: Deliver the Child Accident Prevention work programme in partnership with key stakeholders.</p>	<p>Not Started</p>	<p>It was agreed with Cllr Bell that this activity would be postponed due to capacity within the public health team.</p> <p>*Next step of this work was to complete an audit in partnership with George Eliot A&E department but agreed due to pressures on A&E at present, it was not practical to complete at this time.</p>
<p>Improve the health of children and young people in Warwickshire: Coordinate a targeted project focused on piloting a community-based Health Champions programme across 3 priorities (childhood obesity, child poverty, Black and Asian and under- represented ethnic communities).</p>		<p>No update from Service Q2</p>

2 The following activities are On Track

Activity
<p>Establish and implement a Children’s Services Sustainability and Improvement plan, that maintains “good” graded services (Ofsted Inspection published February 2022) addressing areas for improvement and maintain the new ways of working implemented by the £12m Children’s Change Fund received 2020-2023 from the Council and the Department for Education (DfE).</p>
<p>Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: Open the new Youth Centre in Bedworth.</p>
<p>Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: Increase youth outreach work on the streets through the Youth Service bus being out and about out in all communities.</p>
<p>Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: Provide free youth services led support in schools.</p>

Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: **Establish capital programme to improve and extend capacity at Youth & Community Centres and Children & Family Centres.**

Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: **Continue to provide free parenting courses and advice, including exploration of new parenting approaches.**

Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: **Further increase timely access to brokerage and family support workers.**

Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: **Provide a warm welcome and support to navigate services for refugees from Ukraine and other countries moving to Warwickshire.**

Continue to implement and evaluate Warwickshire Family Values (Council & DfE funded until 2023): **Sustain and develop the Caring Dads offer to improve our engagement with fathers to improve the lives of children.**

Continue to implement and evaluate Warwickshire Family Values (Council & DfE funded until 2023): **Extend our use of Family Group Conferences (FGC) by guaranteeing access to an FGC for all children on the edge of care and subject to a child protection plan.**

Continue to implement and evaluate Warwickshire Family Values (Council & DfE funded until 2023): **Continue to train Children's Services and other professionals in Restorative Practice.**

Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: **Provide advanced training to council and key partner agencies in County Lines and Child Exploitation.**

Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: **Evaluate and seek to sustain Family Drug & Alcohol Court (funded by DfE until March 2023).**

Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: **Improve the timeliness of Children and Family Assessments.**

Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: **Improve the timeliness of work undertaken pre-proceedings & continue to use this mechanism to divert from care proceedings.**

Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: **Review and implement new integrated Adolescent Support Team, to reduce homelessness, missing episodes and divert adolescents from entering care.**

Improve stability and outcomes for young offenders, children in care and care experienced young people: **Increase the number of Warwickshire foster carers by 10% by 2027.**

Improve stability and outcomes for young offenders, children in care and care experienced young people: **Implement new placement hub to identify the best homes for children in care and increase wrap around support for foster carers and children in care.**

Improve stability and outcomes for young offenders, children in care and care experienced young people: **Review and improve the quality of supported accommodation for 16 –24-year-olds in line with new legislation.**

Working alongside Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and other partner agencies develop a Warwickshire & Coventry Children & Young People's Mental Health Improvement Strategy and action plan: **Further explore and establish action plan for alternative methods to identify, assess, diagnose and support autistic children, to reduce assessment waiting times.**

Working alongside Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and other partner agencies to develop a Warwickshire & Coventry Children & Young People's Mental Health Improvement Strategy and action plan: **Further develop the mental health in schools trailblazers programme.**

Implement the Tackling Social Inequalities Strategy action plan: **Increase the number of children accessing Holiday and Food (HAF) scheme.**

Implement the Tackling Social Inequalities Strategy action plan: **Continue to provide support to families experiencing negative impact of increased cost of living through advice and support to maximise income and other measures to address fuel, food and digital inequality.**

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