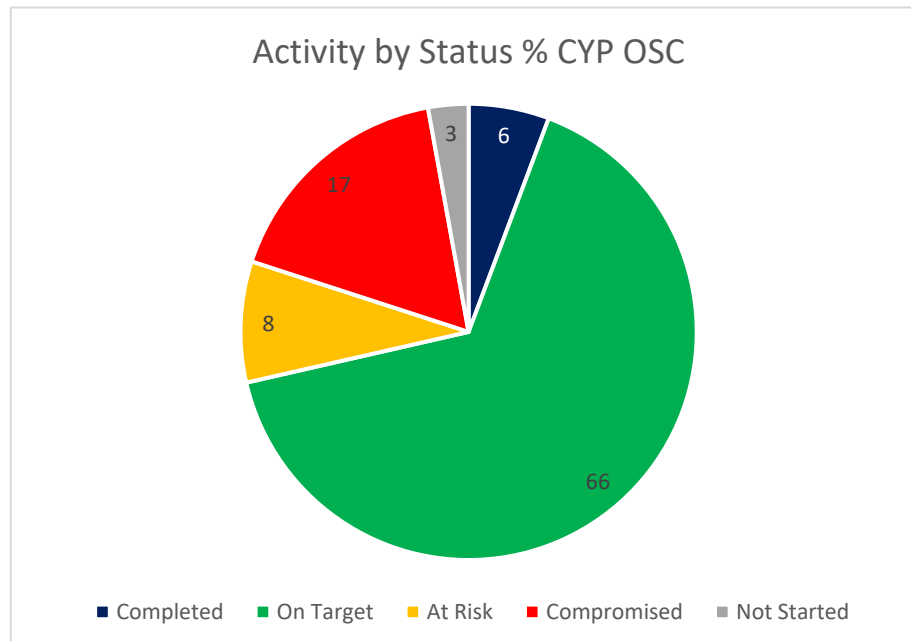


1. Children & Young People OSC Progress on the Integrated Delivery Plan Year End

1.1 Key Insights for Year End 2023/24

Of the 175 actions within the Integrated Delivery Plan, 35 are attributable to the Children & Young People OSC. At Year End 66% of activities are On Track to achieve their objectives within the set timeframes. 25% of activities are At Risk or Compromised, and a further 6% are complete. Three percent have yet to start.



The following activity has been completed this Quarter;

- **Deliver the strategy and action plan with partners to support young people in Nuneaton to achieve higher educational attainment and outcomes including: Supporting the work of the Nuneaton Education Alliance which provides free resources for all schools in Nuneaton with training for school staff on a variety of subjects, including detailed autism training, and training on learning behaviours.**

The Nuneaton Education Strategy has now come to an end (March 2024) and evaluation on outcomes is currently taking place, to be ready for publication summer 2024. There is an underspend (due to covid) and this has been agreed to be carried over, the Nuneaton Education Alliance is currently planning on how this will be spent by April 2025.

- **Deliver the strategy and action plan with partners to support young people in Nuneaton to achieve higher educational attainment and outcomes including: Provide next round of curriculum network sessions between secondary subject leaders and primary teachers.**

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- **Deliver initiatives to improve how users of our services can have a better experience of interacting with the Council. Our initial focus will be on improving the following - Admissions: Implement an improvement plan for school admissions to ensure that our statutory responsibilities are followed and that the Service has improved business continuity and resilience.**

Project is completed and significant service improvements made. Processes and enhanced structure in place and a significant reduction of complaints achieved.

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

Activity	Status	Narrative
Implement a family help approach, to enable more children to receive support earlier from the early help team, particularly for children under the age of five years old.	Compromised	Our Pathfinder status will allow us to work differently with other partner agencies to increase early help for 0–5-year-olds. How this work will be developed in progress. There has been a slight fall in overall early help numbers, but we remain the highest in the region for early help support.
Increase access to Early Help and Targeted Youth Work: Open the new Youth Centre in Bedworth.	Compromised	Awaiting recommendation from property services to identify an alternative location. We hope this could be the Pears Site, but costs and terms of use are to be confirmed.
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.	Compromised	Capital work has been delayed and is likely to not progress due to lack of resources.
Improve stability and outcomes for young offenders, children in care and care experienced young people: Open our own Children’s Homes, identify, purchase, engage with community and seek registration to have five homes, providing a home in total for 20 children.	At Risk	Beechwood Nuneaton 1 bed home and Acorn lodge 2 Bed Leamington going operational by end of April. Oak House 4 Bed registering once registered manager in post July. Silver Birch Bedworth 4 bed registering one building works completed July. 4th home identified currently going through property purchase processes.

<p>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 programme.</p>	<p>At Risk</p>	<p>Roll out of Wave 7 of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) programme for Rugby has continued and over the past weeks, recruitment of a further 12 schools have taken place to add to 23 schools already signed up. Wave 9 focussing on Nuneaton and Bedworth and North Warwickshire, and the 16-18 cohort is stalling owing to problems in recruiting colleges and sixth forms to the programme. Only North Warwickshire South Leicestershire College has been recruited with other schools and colleges not responding to invites to participate. A meeting between commissioners and the provider Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT), is planned for after Easter to discuss how to progress this.</p> <p>Workstreams for the MHST programme continue to be developed. In particular, the data workstream has been active, looking at the development of an MHST dashboard. High amounts of underspend in the programme have been highlighted by commissioners and National Health Service England. CWPT are in the process of finalising an underspend plan to be considered with commissioners at a meeting in April.</p>
<p>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 mental health and emotional wellbeing support for vulnerable children and young people within Residential Care settings.</p>	<p>At Risk</p>	<p>Work is ongoing with Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust to develop a mental health support offer to foster carers, other professionals, and children in the new residential homes. The milestone of varying the Rise contract from April 2024 with this offer will not be met owing to issues in agreeing the offer and the financial envelope. The aim is to vary the contract from 1st August 2024, in line with the extension of the contract for the Rise service. The new service will therefore begin on 1st August and current provision will run until then.</p>

1.3 Through education, improve life opportunities for children, young people and those with special educational needs.

Activity	Status	Narrative
Deliver our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Inclusion Change Programme and Written Statement of Action (WSOA) following the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection to deliver against the key requirements and milestones: Ensure the effective delivery of services across SEND and Inclusion by reviewing current service delivery, engaging in a public consultation and implementing a future operating model.	Compromised	Report to go to Cabinet in May 2024 regarding refreshed plan and financial sustainability.
Delivery of the Education Capital Programme including: Queen Elizabeth secondary school expansion (North Warwickshire – Atherstone)	Not Started	Project delayed but places being offered via the school through temporary accommodation. Project now being re-costed with a proposed start of Summer 2024 with completion in Spring 2025. Permanent increase of 150 places.
Delivery of the Education Capital Programme including: Stratford upon Avon School secondary school expansion (Stratford District)	Compromised	Due to the cost profile of the scheme, a new contractor has been procured and the overall project which has been delayed has been re-profiled in conjunction with the school. Current capacity is being met on the school site with temporary accommodation planned for September 2024 to meet increase of pupils. The project will be formally completed in September 2025.
Delivery of the Education Capital Programme including: Myton Gardens new primary school (Warwick District)	Compromised	Due to the cost profile of the scheme, a new contractor has been procured and the scheme has been delayed. Pupils will be educated in the new Oakley School allowing Myton Gardens to open and the new physical school building will be completed before September 2025.

2 The following activities are On Track

Activity
Implement the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and associated Delivery Plan.
Implement the Safe Accommodation duties, including the commissioning activity related to delivering accommodation and support for victim/survivors of domestic abuse.
Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: Provide early intervention education in schools to children about protective behaviours, to prevent exploitation.
Continue to identify and protect children at risk of abuse and neglect: Continue to embed restorative practice and provision of support to families, which avoids the need to initiate Court process.
Improve stability and outcomes for young offenders, children in care and care experienced young people: Increase the number of Warwickshire foster carers by 2% by 2027.
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. Review findings of the evaluation of the differentiated diagnosis project for children awaiting autism diagnostic assessment and implement recommendations.
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.
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.
Improve the health of children and young people in Warwickshire: Deliver the Child Accident Prevention work programme in partnership with key stakeholders.

Develop long-term commissioning options and future delivery models for the Healthy Child Programme and Children and Family Centres in order to maximise the potential for integration, improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people and reduce health inequalities.

Work with our local universities, colleges, schools and partners to improve young people's aspiration for further and higher education opportunities including: Participating as part of the "Think Higher" outreach programme.

Work with our local universities, colleges, schools and partners to improve young people's aspiration for further and higher education opportunities including: Developing an options appraisal on the potential for the County Council to further work with local universities and other partners to improve education attainment and social mobility, particularly focussing on areas of the county where educational attainment is lower.

Work with our local universities, colleges, schools and partners to improve young people's aspiration for further and higher education opportunities including: Continue to work with schools and employers to improve careers education and activities to help raise awareness and understanding of the many and various jobs and career opportunities available across Warwickshire.

Ensure high quality school places are provided across the County where they are needed by: Developing a refreshed Education sufficiency strategy bringing together early years, 5-16, post 16 & SEND to meet the projected demand for places, aligned to anticipated population and housing growth in the County.

Ensure high quality school places are provided across the County where they are needed by: Building a new all-through School and Nursery at Oakley Grove for South Leamington/ Warwick anticipated by September 2024.

Deliver our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Inclusion Change Programme and Written Statement of Action (WSOA) following the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection to deliver against the key requirements and milestones: Reduce waiting times for autism diagnostic assessments with the longest wait for a diagnostic assessment reduced from 242 weeks to 13 weeks or lower by September 2024.

Deliver our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Inclusion Change Programme and Written Statement of Action (WSOA) following the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection to deliver against the key requirements and milestones: Further develop the role of the Area Analysis Group (AAG) and Education Challenge Board to enable challenge and support for school leaders.

Improve our Education, Training & Employment outcomes for young people and residents across the County by working with partners to support young people aged 16-18 (up to 25 for young people with SEND) into Education, Employment or Training.

Improve our Education, Training & Employment outcomes for young people and residents across the County by offering targeted support to any young person identified as not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Develop and establish Warwickshire's Education Strategy with stakeholder engagement on the draft Strategy during Summer 2023 and final Council approval December 2023.

Develop and embed a multi-agency county-wide strategic approach to improving school attendance by embedding attendance into appropriate strategies and delivery plans across the council to ensure other teams and stakeholders take ownership and responsibility for pupil attendance.

Delivery of the Education Capital Programme including: Oakley School – new all through school with nursery (Warwick District).

Develop and launch our new Skills Strategy (a sub-set to our economic strategy) setting out how we will work with the education and training sector and businesses to raise awareness and understanding of the wide range of careers options available in the county, and the various routeways into these employment opportunities.

Improve data maturity and embed a performance culture, by implementing data sharing and multi-agency dashboards to enable early help.