

Islington Together Delivery Plan 2024-26

Quarterly Narrative Update: Q1 2024/25 (April – June 2024)

CHILD-FRIENDLY

Islington is a place where all children and young people are rooted in a community where they feel safe, can thrive and are able to be part of and lead change.

(Lead Directorate: Children & Young People)

Delivery Plan Progress

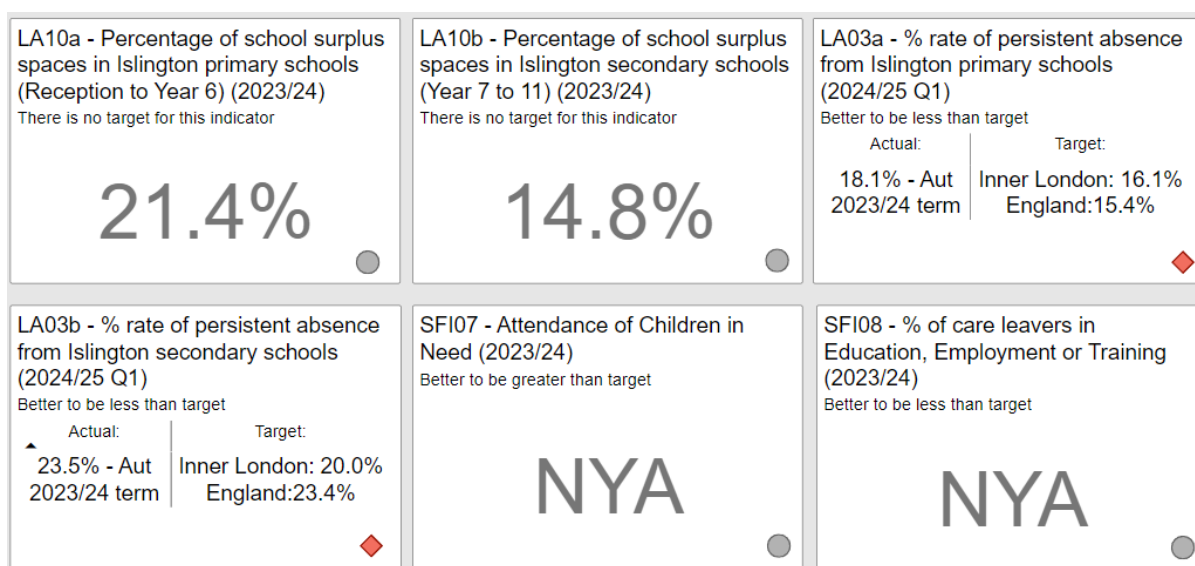
<p>DP1 - Create a seamless offer of support for families with school age children (5-19) including SEND</p>	<p>DP2 - Develop a 0-19 (to 25 with SEND) locality based approach to supporting children and families</p>	<p>DP3 - Develop the Child Friendly Islington programme with partners, ready to deliver 'test and learn' initiatives</p>
<p>Green 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025</p>	<p>Green 1 May 2024 to 31 March 2025</p>	<p>Green 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026</p>
<p>DP4 - Implement the schools re-organisation plan</p>	<p>DP5 - Collaborate with partners to improve the factors affecting school attendance</p>	<p>DP6 - Mature and embed the framework for Lifelong Corporate Parenting</p>
<p>Green 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026</p>	<p>Green 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2026</p>	<p>Green 1 October 2024 to 1 April 2025</p>

- **DP1:** Design and vision workshops have defined principles for a model for supporting parents of children aged 5-19 for all services who support this age range. A proposed target operating model has been drafted for agreement. No serious risks or challenges are identified at this stage.
- **DP2:** Design and vision workshops have been conducted with key partners in family hub network. Next step is to engage with schools particularly in the context of the Govt's Opportunities Mission and upcoming legislative changes. No serious risks or challenges are identified at this stage, although we await the Government budget announcement for more information about funding to understand how we can ensure family hubs are self-sustaining.
- **DP3:** The overall approach has been agreed with Lead Members and CMT. Community power voice and influence approach being considered with proposals being drafted for the Executive. Desk research has been conducted into need and best practice around each pillar. Initiatives kick-off meetings scheduled for Sept, with launch event planned for 2 October. No serious risks or challenges are identified.
- **DP4:** Blessed Sacrament School discontinued from end July 2024. Montem Primary School will amalgamate with Duncombe Primary School from end August 2024. Phase 3 Proposals were approved by Executive in September for delivery during 2024-25. This will remove a further 5.5 forms of entry in primary and reduce the projected deficit significantly.
- **DP5:** Analysis completed on attendance, factors driving this and the business case for an approach that involves the wider determinants of attendance. Investment for over 2

years of attendance support to schools was approved at the Executive in July. 'Call to Arms' and scrutiny review scopes agreed with Lead Member and Chair of CYP Scrutiny Committee.

- **DP6:** A motion was agreed at Full Council in September for 'Care Leaver' to be a local protected characteristic by the London Borough of Islington. The council is starting to embed the Care Leavers Covenant into our work and developing and implementing plans around jobs, apprenticeships traineeships, work experience, mentoring and coaching. Continuing to develop our support for young people in years 12 and 13 through the newly introduced Post 16 Pupil Premium for looked-after children. Developing and implementing partnerships within and outside the council to embed the idea of the 'family firm'.

IMPACT



- **LA10a & LA10b:** A target is not applicable for these metrics as they are monitoring change. These figures are calculated for 2023/24 using January census return data.
- **LA03a:** The published Autumn 2023/24 figure shows 18.1% of Islington primary school children were persistently absent. This is an improvement on Autumn Term 2022/23 when 24.5% of Islington primary school children having had been persistently absent. The target for this indicator is to be below the Inner London average, which was 16.1% so the target was not met. Islington's figure was also above the national percentage rate of 15.4%.
- **LA03b:** The published Autumn 2023/24 whole year figure shows 23.5% of Islington secondary school children were persistently absent. An improvement could be seen compared to the same period previous year (Autumn term 2022/23), when the persistent absence rate was 28.0%. The target for this indicator is to be below the Inner London average, which was 20.0% so the target was not met. Islington's rate was in line with the national percentage rate of 23.4%.
- **SF107 & SF108:** Data is not yet available for the Delivery Plan metrics on attendance of Children in Need and care leavers in Education, Employment or Training.