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<p><b>RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:</b>  The Trust Governance Documents have now largely been agreed and signed off by respective members and the first shadow Trust meeting was held on the 13 December. New Membership arrangements have begun and the Trust now has formal representation from all 6 Districts, Further Education Providers, Primary, special and secondary heads associations.</p> <p>Since the last report the Annual Performance assessment has confirmed that 'we' have retained a Grade 3 or 'Good' rating in all areas of Children's Services</p>	
<p><b>CURRENT ACTIVITY:</b>  Planning and development work continues in relation to the core areas of Trust business</p> <p><b>(1) Child-centred, outcome-led vision:</b> Development of the New Plan (08-11) based around emerging priorities as agreed by the Trust that are currently out for consultation. Specifications are in the process of being developed.</p> <p><b>(2) Integrated front line delivery:</b> Work commissioned to develop models for multi agency team arrangements, to be delivered/organised around the child, young person or family rather than professional boundaries or existing agencies.</p> <p><b>(3) Integrated processes:</b> Continuing oversight of developments linked to the roll out of Common assessment and Contactpoint on behalf of the Trust</p> <p><b>(4) Integrated strategy (joint planning and commissioning):</b> Review of local data for assessment of local needs commissioned in line with the emerging priorities from Loughborough University using Trust membership fee and in conjunction with Extended services. Will be tied into Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.</p> <p><b>(5) Inter-agency governance:</b> the development of the Trust board and sign off of the Governance documents</p>	
<p><b>FUTURE CHALLENGES:</b>  Ensuring the aspirations and fresh approaches in the new Plan are delivered given the wider context – for example standing up multi agency teams and common assessment incorporate major reform of process and service configuration.</p>	
<p><b>ISSUES FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF CHESHIRE PARTNERSHIP:</b>  Sustaining governance and momentum around the key partnership work programmes for Children's Services reform.</p>	