

Warwickshire Police Authority – 18 December 2009

Report of the Safeguarding Children Lead

Summary

This report provides an update for Members on the progress against the Authority's commitment to the Children and Young People Framework.

Recommendation

That the report and Action Plan be noted.

1. Police Authority Update

(1) Commitment to Children and Young People Action Plan

The Commitment to Children and Young People Action Plan is attached at Annex A and will be submitted to the Authority annually. The following progress against the Action Plan has been made since the last report of the Safeguarding Children Lead to the Police Authority.

- The Commitment to Children and Young People has been reviewed and republished in October 2009, one year on from the original publication.
- Information on the age groups and diversity of children and young people in Warwickshire has been collated, to take into account more recent statistics. Annex B provides an overview of this information.
- The National Youth Agency has carried out consultation with young people on behalf of the Police Authority. On 1 December, 30 year 8 pupils from Manor Park and Hartshill Schools were consulted during a 2 hour session. On 3 December, UK Youth Parliament, including some local members, were consulted.
- Members of the Warwickshire Youth Parliament attended the Police Authority meeting held on 18 November and met with the Chair before the meeting.

(2) Making Safeguarding Everybody's Business Conference

On 29 September 2009, Debbie Mullis and I attended the Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands conference, 'Making Safeguarding Everybody's Business'. The event brought together representatives from many agencies across the West Midlands, whose work affects children and young people.

There were over 100 attendees at the conference which set out the national outline for the safeguarding of children, looked at the current inspection framework and its implications on the comprehensive area assessment, and provided delegates with details of the West Midlands Children's Forum sector-led improvement plan.

Sir Roger Singleton, who is the current Chairman of the Independent Safeguarding Authority and was appointed as the government's Chief Adviser on the Safety of Children in April 2009, made the keynote address.

Sir Roger, who focussed on the key challenges ahead, said, "When I look back I remain absolutely convinced that children are better looked after today. Let's celebrate our success and be determined to avoid defeatism. We should build on the fact that the vast majority of children are well protected." He also went on to state how impressed he was with examples of good collaboration he had already seen in the West Midlands.

The National Safeguarding Delivery Unit (NSDU) is being established to bring together staff working in government departments, with staff seconded from Local Authorities and the voluntary and independent sector, to ensure the co-ordination of central government departments of policies to safeguard children. The NSDU aims to bring greater co-ordination between central government departments. The unit hopes to work effectively with government office staff.

Sir Roger will submit an annual report to parliament on the extent that the Laming recommendations are being implemented, the first of which will be in April 2010.

Organisations such as the police authority can challenge local initiatives and the quality of safeguarding through the West Midlands Government Office.

Ed Balls MP has asked Sir Roger Singleton to look at the vetting and barring scheme and to draw the line between those who should be registered and those who should not.

Mark Green, the Chair of the West Midlands Children's Forum, explained that the Forum is made up of Strategic Authority Leaders. The Forum carries out a programme of work to safeguard children and the collaboration of key agencies is driving improvement. Warwickshire County Council is represented on the Forum.

Warwickshire County Councillor and Police Authority Member, Izzi Seccombe, provided a presentation on the Children's Services Lead Member perspective. Cllr Seccombe spoke of the capacity issues in social work teams and the increased demands since the 'Baby P' case. Warwickshire County Council had an increase of 10% in statutory caseloads in just over 6 months following this case.

Colin Green, Director of Children, Learning and Young People for Coventry City Council, provided a regional perspective and explained the role of the West Midlands Children's Forum Safeguarding Programme. The Forum has developed a work programme, supported by IEWM, to address issues where collaborative working at a regional level can really make a difference.

Chris Batty from HMI provided an overview of the two new inspection programmes for children's services. The focus of the inspections is on outcomes and impact. The methodology builds on the Joint Area Review and considers the users perspective.

The two new inspection programmes are, annual unannounced inspections of contact, referral and assessment, and a three yearly rolling programme of inspection for safeguarding and Looked after Children Services. As the inspections are unannounced, there are no pre-selected documents or case files. Survey focus groups and other methods are used.

The conference closed with a panel discussion, which considered future challenges including:

- Clear accountability for all partners.
- Elected Members need to be clear about where they step in.
- How learning from serious case reviews is applied.
- The development of the Lead Members' Network.
- The importance of engaging with different groups of children and young people to ensure services are effective for this group.

The conference provided a good overview of the work taking place in the West Midlands to safeguard children and provided opportunities to meet with representatives from organisations such as police forces, local authorities and the independent sector.

(3) Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board Conference

Debbie Mullis attended the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) conference held on 13 November 2009 titled, Child Protection: Learning from Laming. The event brought together representatives from the WSCB, its sub-committees and associate members.

Eyewitness Theatre facilitated the conference, performing pieces based on child protection cases, including the Victoria Climbié and 'Baby P' cases. Group work took place after each performance to identify the child protection issues, opportunities for partners to work together and how improvements could be made to prevent such cases happening again.

2. Partnerships

(1) Warwickshire Youth Justice Service

Previously known as the Youth Offending Service (YOS) the multi-disciplinary team continues to work with young people between 10 and 17 years old who have offended or are likely to do so. Staff from Social Care, Health, Education, Connexions, Probation and the Police, do preventative and rehabilitative work to prevent further offending. They also help the young people understand the consequences of their misbehaviour and its impact on victims and communities.

The recent change in name to the Warwickshire Youth Justice Service demonstrates the holistic approach to tackling offending. It incorporates the work done with parents, victims, carers and communities, as well as with the young people themselves.

The past decade has witnessed the ever-increasing success of the service under the leadership of Diane Johnson. This month Diane is leaving the Service for which she has worked tirelessly to promote and deliver a first class service to the children and young people of Warwickshire. The YOS has been an exemplary partner within the Warwickshire Criminal Justice System. Lesley Tregear, currently an Operations Manager for the service, will be taking over from Diane. I wish Diane success and happiness in the future.

(2) Positive About Young People

Warwickshire Police take an active part in the work done by this very successful Warwickshire partnership. The projects and interventions are designed to ensure the safety and well being of children and young people between 8 and 13 years old. The programmes promote safer communities, encourage social inclusion and generally improve the life chances of children, many of whom are vulnerable or are at risk of offending. Diversionary activities during school holidays and out of school hours engage the children who find them both enjoyable and beneficial. The schemes are popular with local residents who recognise that they help the young people and play a positive part in reducing anti-social behaviour and criminality. Police Community Support Officers are particularly prominent in this work.

In October, Michael Maguire, Head of Positive About Young People (PAYP), visited Warwickshire Police Authority. He described the invaluable contribution of the police in the successful delivery of numerous PAYP schemes. Last year's programme achieved 42,123 contacts with young people across Warwickshire. As a result of the meeting, we hope to strengthen links between PAYP and the Police Authority and to pursue opportunities for consultation and engagement with these particular children and young people, their parents, carers and neighbourhood communities.

(3) Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan

The Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) acknowledges its reliance on effective inter-agency co-operation and collaboration. The police are valued contributors to this partnership.

Since the publication of Lord Laming's Progress Report on Child Protection in March 2009, considerable attention has been given to ensure local compliance, which has resulted in increased demands on professional services. In Warwickshire, there are approximately 428 children subject to child protection plans, which shows an increase of 40% over the past five years.

The Board's strategic priorities for 2008/2011 are:

- Promoting the safer employment agenda.

- Implementing and sustaining arrangements for the review of all child deaths in Warwickshire.
- Preventing unintentional injury in childhood.
- Reducing the incidence of missing children.
- Defining thresholds for professional intervention.

Police work incorporates a number of activities which contribute to these priorities. Particular emphasis has been given in the Force to road safety. Road safety measures, attention to safer cycling, education and training programmes in schools, appear to have had a positive impact and reduced the number of fatalities and serious road accidents involving children.

(4) Missing Children

DS Hewison chairs the Missing Children Task Group which focuses on reducing the incidence of missing children. The children who most frequently go missing and subsequently get lost within the system are often from the travelling community, asylum seekers or victims of criminality such as trafficking and forced marriages. The task group is mindful of the government's 'Young Runaways' Action Plan.

In Warwickshire, improvements have already been made to co-ordinate activity and close the gaps in knowledge and practice. Warwickshire Police introduced a comprehensive database to record missing children reports, which provides an analysis of those who are missing and enables agencies, using the Common Assessment Framework, to focus on those who are at greatest risk.

The Safer Schools Partnership raises awareness of risk. Preventative measures and early interventions are offered in those schools in which officers are based.

(5) Public Service Agreement

The Government has established a Public Service Agreement (PSA) to improve children and young people's safety. It is intended to underline the priority to keeping children safe described in the Department for Children, Schools and Families Staying Safe Action Plan, published in 2008.

The following indicators are used to monitor the PSA. Warwickshire's performance is underneath each indicator.

- Percentage of children who have experienced bullying.
In Warwickshire, there is a reduction in the number of pupils who report having been bullied and an increase in pupil's confidence about how their school deals with bullying.
- Percentage of children referred to children's social care who received an initial assessment within seven working days.
For 2008/09 the local figure is 80%.
- Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries.
Evidence of a gradual reduction from 1,239 in 2005/6 to 1,061 in 2008/9
- Preventable child deaths as recorded through child death review panel processes.
The panel reviewed 10 deaths during 2008/09 of which one was deemed preventable. It is likely more reviews will be held in the future.

3. Police Force Update

The Force takes the well-being and safety of children very seriously. The impressive range of activity in which they engage is captured in the Commitment to Children and Young People Action Plan.

**Angela O'Boyle
Lead Member**

1. Commitment of the Authority to Children and Young People					
Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale	Owner
a. The Authority has nominated a Lead Member or dedicated group to 'champion' children and young people. The Lead Member or group should have a clearly defined role	The Authority has appointed a Lead Member, Angela O'Boyle (AO'B) and a Lead Officer, Debbie Mullis (DM).	-	-	-	-
b. The Authority is knowledgeable of the age groups and diversity of the children and young people within its area	The Authority gathers information on the age groups and diversity of the children and young people in Warwickshire.	-	-	Ongoing	AO'B/DM
c. The Authority has a clear statement of how it will meet the objectives of Every Child Matters (ECM) as set out in the local Children and Young People's Plan(s). This will include considering ECM/RTA aims in all Authority functions and working in partnership to safeguard, promote welfare and improve the well-being of children and young people. The Authority should demonstrate the impact of Authority decisions on children and young people in all Authority committee reports	The Police Authority Commitment to Children and Young People, which details how the Authority will meet the ECM objectives and will work in partnership, has been reviewed and republished in 2009. The Authority report cover sheet includes a heading for diversity issues. Children and young people will be considered as part of the age strand.	Lack of clear direction for the Authority and individuals.	To review the Commitment to Children and Young People annually.	October 2010	AO'B/DM

2. The Authority Effectively Monitors, Scrutinises, Challenges and Supports the Force to Fulfil its Duties Under the Act

Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale	Owner
a. The full Authority receives regular updates from the force on the progress of the commitment to children and young people	The Authority will receive updates via the Protective Services, Standards and Planning Governance Stream at Full Police Authority meetings.	-	Ensure reports are received on timely basis.	18/12/09 21/04/10 15/09/10	AO'B/DM
b. The Authority monitors, scrutinises, challenges and supports the force using Section B of this template for oversight of Force activity	The template will be updated regularly and progress reports will be provided to Full Police Authority to scrutinise.	-	Meet regularly with DI Nigel Jones to discuss force actions.	Ongoing	AO'B/DM/DI Nigel Jones
c. The Authority is represented on the force's children and young people group	Force implementing a Young Persons' Forum. It is hoped this will be in place soon.	-	Stay updated on Force progress in implementing this group.	January 2009	AO'B/DM
d. The Authority receives accurate and clear plans of the resource implications from the force	The Authority receives this information via the Resources Stream of the Authority.	-	-	Ongoing	Resources Stream
e. The Authority's complaints committee has oversight of complaints made by children and young people against the force	This information is scrutinised by the Authority's Professional Standards Committee.	Complaints by children and young people are not dealt with appropriately, leading to loss of confidence and engagement from this group.	Continued scrutiny of complaints made by children and young people.	Ongoing	AO'B with Professional Standards Committee

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3. A Clear Statement of the Authority's Responsibilities towards Children and Young People is Available

Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale	Owner
a. A clear plan is in place to promote and raise awareness of the ECM/RTA objectives, and the Authority's approach to these to all staff	A Police Authority Commitment to Children and Young People has been produced, which details how the Authority will meet the ECM objectives and will work in partnership.	Staff do not take ECM outcomes into consideration when carrying out their duties.	To review the Commitment to Children and Young People. To ensure that Members and Officers are aware of the Commitment.	October 2010 Ongoing	AO'B/DM
b. The Authority has an effective Community Engagement Strategy that reflects the commitment of the Authority to children and young people	The Authority has a Community Engagement strategy for 2008-2011.	Children and Young Peoples' views are not reflected. Authority Commitment is not seen.	-	-	-
c. All Members, staff and Custody Visitors are aware of their own responsibilities to children and young people in carrying out their duties	The Commitment document will assist with informing Members, staff and Custody Visitors of the ECM objectives and work taking place in the Authority and nationally. Speakers for sessions are being sourced.	Members, staff and Custody Visitors do not consider ECM outcomes when carrying out their duties.	Provide an awareness session for Members, staff and Custody Visitors.	Awaiting timescales in the Member Training Plan	AO'B/John McPhail

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4. The Authority Listens and Responds to the Views of Children, Young People and their Families

Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale	Owner
a. The Authority ensures it engages and listens to the views of children and young people to inform its work	<p>The Authority has a Community Engagement strategy for 2008-2011.</p> <p>The National Youth Agency has conducted two consultation sessions with young people on behalf of the Police Authority.</p> <p>Members of the Local Youth Parliament attended a Police Authority meeting.</p>	<p>Children and Young Peoples' views are not reflected.</p> <p>Authority Commitment is not seen.</p>	<p>Establish a formal process for ongoing engagement and consultation with children and young people.</p>	<p>February 2010</p>	<p>AO'B/John McPhail working in partnership with other organisations</p>

5. Effective Partnership Working to Safeguard, Promote Welfare and Improve Well-being of Children and Young People

Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale	Owner
a. The Authority, as a Relevant Partner, engages with the Local Children Services Authorities	<p>The Authority engages with the Local Children's Services Authority, including the Safeguarding Children Board, Children's Trust, Youth Justice Service and Positive About Young People.</p>	-	<p>Ensure the existing links continue and further links are made.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>AO'B/DM</p>

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1. Senior Management Commitment to Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children with a Clear Line of Accountability within the Organisation				
Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale
a. Having an identified ACPO or senior officer lead on children issues	ACC Bill Holland.	-	-	-
b. Having a strategy setting out internal implementation and development taking into account the objectives of ECM/RTA into all policing functions	Action Plan initiated. A Steering Group has been identified to take forward ECM actions to ensure service compliance.	Officers treat a case (or cases) in an inappropriate way.	Monitor compliance.	Complete
c. Having a clear partnership strategy setting out how the police force can and will contribute to the objectives of ECM/RTA in cooperation with external partners	The force has a partnership strategy through the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board. A Detective Superintendent sits on the Board, which is attended by many partner organisations.	Future failure of the group through a lack of commitment or a lack of clear shared objectives regarding outcomes.	-	Complete
d. All strategies reflecting the force contribution to ECM reflects relevant HMIC thematic and baseline inspections	HMIC inspection graded Warwickshire Police 'Good' in respect of child protection services. Any areas for improvement have been included in PIERO and Violence Reduction Group activity that takes account of ECM.	Harm to victim. Failure to meet national standards.	Monitor compliance.	Complete

2. The Police Force Should Ensure that all Officers and Staff are Familiar with the Force Commitment and Responsibilities under ECM

Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale
a. An appropriate risk-based training programme is in place for police staff. Safe recruitment – vetting standards are secure	<p>Training for Specialist Officers and new recruits in place. Awareness training being developed for non-specialist staff.</p> <p>Audit of safe recruiting and vetting indicates compliance and secure processes.</p>	Police staff not having necessary skills and failing to provide a professional service to children victims of crime. Harm to victims and damage to public confidence in the force.	<p>Implementation of awareness training.</p> <p>Learning Needs Analysis completed for submission to Training Panel and prioritisation accordingly.</p>	Review January 2010
b. A clear plan to promote and raise awareness of the ECM/RTA objectives, and the force's approach to these, to all police staff is in place and implemented	<p>Training for specialist officers and new officers includes ECM. Specific ECM awareness training will be provided as part of the awareness session being developed for non-specialist staff.</p> <p>Communicating ECM through intranet site and Bear Facts newsletter.</p>	Police staff not having necessary skills and failing to provide a professional service to children victims of crime. Harm to victims and damage to public confidence in the force.	<p>Ensure ECM awareness raising is provided in training being developed for non-specialist officers.</p> <p>Continue to communicate through intranet and newsletter.</p>	Review January 2010
c. Every member of police force staff are aware of their own responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in carrying out their duties. Forces should demonstrate a proactive approach to ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities	Marketed via Internal Communications and reflected in Procedures. Will be re-enforced in action 2b above.	Police staff not having necessary skills and failing to provide a professional service to children victims of crime. Harm to victims and damage to public confidence in the force.	Continue to communicate through internal communications.	Ongoing

3. Service Development Takes Account of the Need to Safeguard, Promote Welfare and Improve Well-being of Children and Young People and is Informed, Where Appropriate, by the Views of Children and Families

Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale
<p>a. Ensure the implications of ECM/RTA are reflected and considered in all force policy as it develops</p>	<p>Equality Impact Assessments of all force policies take account of children and young people through the age diversity strand.</p> <p>Force policy impact assessment procedures comply with the National Centre for Policing Excellence Guidance in Investigating Abuse.</p> <p>ECM is integrated into the Child Protection Policy & Operating Procedures and into the Force policy on reducing first time entrants to the judicial system.</p>	<p>The impact of policy on children and young people is not considered when developing policy, leading to a policy being detrimental to this group.</p>	<p>Ensure ongoing monitoring of force policies and consider ECM in development of new policies.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>b. Processes are in place to consider, gather and reflect the views of children, young people and their families in all policies where there is considered to be implications in respect of ECM/RTA</p>	<p>A Young Persons' Forum is being established whose terms of reference include this requirement.</p> <p>The Safer Schools Partnership has processes in place to gather the views of children, young people and their families on the impact of the partnership on communities and how the outcomes of ECM are being addressed.</p>	<p>Failure to act in best interests of children through a gap in our knowledge.</p>	<p>Young Persons' Forum to be established and processes for engagement and consultation to be developed.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

4. Effective Inter-agency Working to Safeguard, Promote Welfare and Improve Well-being of Children				
Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale
a. Forces to be compliant with ACPO & Working Together guidance. A clear protocol for interagency working at strategic & operation level established and ACPO lead to ensure the force is represented at Children's Trusts and LSCBs. Frequency of police attendance at the Board is to be agreed by all partners (including police)	This is complied with.	Moving away from the guidance over time if it is not monitored.	Ensure continued compliance with guidance and representation at the Children's Trust and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.	Ongoing
b. Identified shared aims, objectives, targets and priorities for interagency working that clearly identify the anticipated contribution of the police force	Performance Framework has been established through Quality & Information Sub-Committee, agreed by Safeguarding Board.	Lack of joined up indicators/targets leading to conflicting priorities.	Continued involvement in interagency working.	Ongoing

5. Effective Inter-agency Working to Safeguard, Promote Welfare and Improve Well-being of Children				
Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale
a. Have clear information sharing protocols with national and local partner agencies	In place. The Safer Schools Partnership has information sharing protocols in place, last updated in July 2009.	Failure to share relevant information resulting in a child being subjected to abuse.	Monitor and update protocols as required.	Ongoing
b. Ensure effective information sharing systems are established	In place with partner agencies. Requirement to implement information sharing agreements with voluntary sector.	Failure to share relevant information resulting in a child being subjected to abuse.	Quality & Information Sub-committee of the Safeguarding Board is developing sharing of information links with the voluntary sector.	Ongoing

c. Health	A procedure is in place.	Failure to share relevant information resulting in a child coming to harm.	More active implementation to take place between agencies.	Ongoing
d. Policies to work in partnership to divert children and young people away from crime	<p>Children's Strategic Partnership and LSCB effective in this area.</p> <p>Linked in with the Safer Schools initiative and Youth Justice Service.</p> <p>The Force is adopting the national policy to develop Youth Restorative Disposal.</p>	Failure to direct children away from crime at an early stage leading to entrenched criminality later in life.	Continued partnership working to divert children and young people away from crime.	Ongoing
e. Work in partnership to educate children and young people on issues such as substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and the prevention of crime	<p>Children's Strategic Partnership, Local Safeguarding Children Board, Youth Justice Service and Positive about Young People effective in this area.</p> <p>This is a key feature of the Safer Schools initiative.</p>	Lost opportunities to engage with children if partnership not turned into action.	<p>Continued partnership working to educate children and young people about these issues.</p> <p>To develop and expand working relationships with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) on issues of cyber bullying.</p>	Ongoing

6. Operational Policies: Working with Individual Children/Forces to have Processes in Place to Consider the Following:

Requirement	Current Position	Risks	Action	Timescale
a. Children under the age of 18 suspected as having committed an offence are recognised as vulnerable	Developed links with the Youth Justice Service and Positive About Young People. Procedures to recognise vulnerability of offenders under 18 established.	Failure to address offending/reasons for offending leading to more serious problems later in life.	Ensure ongoing compliance and partnership working.	Ongoing
b. Identifying vulnerable children at harm in domestic violence, substance misuse and missing persons cases	Established through multi-agency procedures. A Partnership Missing Children Group meets regularly. Common Assessment Framework helps to identify vulnerable children and young people.	Potential for serious mental and physical injury.	Ensure ongoing compliance and partnership working. The Force, with partners, is developing a Family Centred Intervention approach.	Ongoing
c. Identifying, understanding and protecting children as victims and witnesses	Compliance achieved.	Children's needs not considered, subsequent loss of evidence and threats to their safety follows.	Monitor compliance.	Ongoing
d. Policies regarding using police powers to take children into protective custody	In place.	If not communicated/monitored there will be a failure to protect children in vulnerable situations.	Monitor compliance.	Ongoing
e. Prioritising the investigation of crime and the protection of children from harm	This is a key feature of the Force's daily briefing sessions.	Failure to prioritise action in line with the force vision to protect people from death or injury.	Monitor compliance.	Ongoing

Warwickshire Children and Young People Population

Warwickshire has a typically ageing population. Between 2004 and 2008 the number of people aged 65 and over has increased by 7.6%, with the number aged under 15 decreasing by 0.4% over the same period.

Compared to the England and Wales age structure, Warwickshire is under represented in terms of very young children and people aged 20-34, but is over represented in terms of older people aged 50-79.

The Warwickshire Observatory has conducted an audit to establish the children and young people population in the county. The results are based on the 2001 Census, the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 and information from a variety of key agencies and support services in Warwickshire. The audit reports that there are 109,890 dependent children in Warwickshire or 21.7% of the county population, counting those aged 0-15 and those aged 16-18 in full-time education, living in a family with parents.

The proportion of children and young people aged 0-15 is fairly even across the county, as the following table shows. (These figures do not include those aged 16-18 in full time education, living with parents).

	Total Population	Children (0-15)	% of Population
Warwickshire	530,700	97,600	18.4
North Warwickshire	62,300	11,100	17.8
Nuneaton and Bedworth	122,000	23,900	19.6
Rugby	91,700	18,300	20.0
Stratford	118,800	21,300	17.9
Warwick	135,700	23,100	17.0

Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding.

Population Mid 2008 estimates. Source: National Statistics Mid Year Population Estimates.

The following table provides the age breakdown of children and young people in Warwickshire.

	Total	Age 0	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19
Warwickshire	530,700	6,100	23,700	29,200	32,100	33,200
North	62,300	600	2,500	3,300	3,800	4,000
Nuneaton & Bedworth	122,000	1,600	5,900	6,900	7,900	8,200
Rugby	91,700	1,200	4,400	5,400	6,000	6,600
Stratford	118,800	1,200	5,100	6,600	7,100	6,800
Warwick	135,700	1,500	5,900	7,000	7,300	7,600

Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding.

Population Mid 2008 estimates. Source: National Statistics Mid Year Population Estimates.

Mid 2006 population estimates for those aged 0-15 by ethnicity, show that the estimated 'White British' population for this age group is 89.8%, with the remaining population belonging to each of the remaining 15 ethnic groups. The next highest ethnic group for this age range is the 'Asian or Asian British: Indian' group at 2.9%. This reflects the figures for the overall diversity in Warwickshire. Detailed figures for each ethnic group, by district/borough and gender are available at the Police Authority.

It is estimated in the mid 2006 population statistics that the percentage of males aged 0-15 in Warwickshire is greater than the number of females, with 54% of this age group being male. This is higher than the figure for England which is 51%.