

# APPENDIX B

## 2015 End of Key Stage Teacher Assessment Outcomes Monmouthshire

All schools are subject to rigorous reporting and monitoring of standards each year, with the principal focus in key stages 2 and 3 being on English/Welsh first language, mathematics and science, and the percentage of pupils achieving the expected level in all three core subjects (core subject indicator – CSI).

In the Foundation Phase (formerly key stage 1), following the implementation of a revised curriculum, schools reported for the first time in 2012 on the performance of 7 year olds in language, literacy and communication (English or Welsh language) (LLC), mathematical development (MD), and personal and social development, wellbeing and cultural development (PSDWCD). The foundation phase indicator (FPI) measures the percentage achieving the expected outcome in all three areas of learning.

Whilst assessment of LLC and MD is broadly comparable to performance in English/Welsh and mathematics at KS2 and KS3, PSDWCD is not the same as science. Instead it provides a holistic assessment of pupils' wellbeing and the extent to which they are able to inter-relate appropriately with those around them. It also reflects a growing awareness of culture and diversity and of the environment in which they live. As such, it is an important measure of their overall 'readiness' for learning. Achievement in each of LLC, MD and PSDWCD is measured in relation to one of six 'outcome' descriptors.

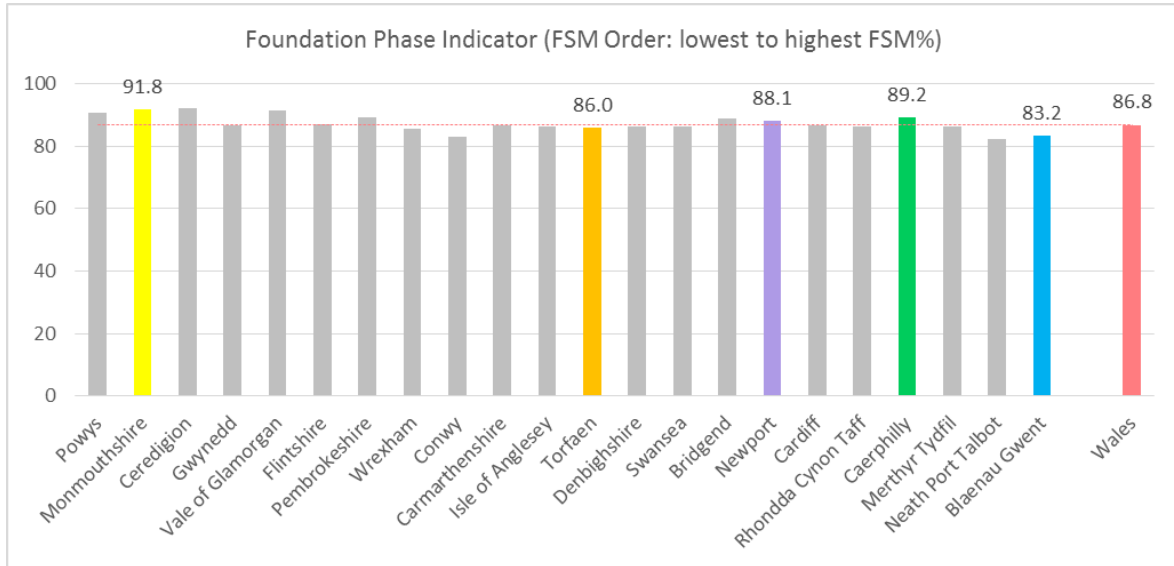
### **Expected levels of achievement at the end of foundation phase, key stage 2 and key stage 3:**

The 'average' pupil is expected to achieve outcome 5 by the end of the foundation phase (formerly national curriculum level 2), with more able pupils achieving outcome 6 (formerly level 3). At the end of key stages 2 and 3, the 'average' pupil is expected to achieve level 4 and above and level 5 and above respectively and more able pupils are expected to achieve level 5 and 6 respectively.

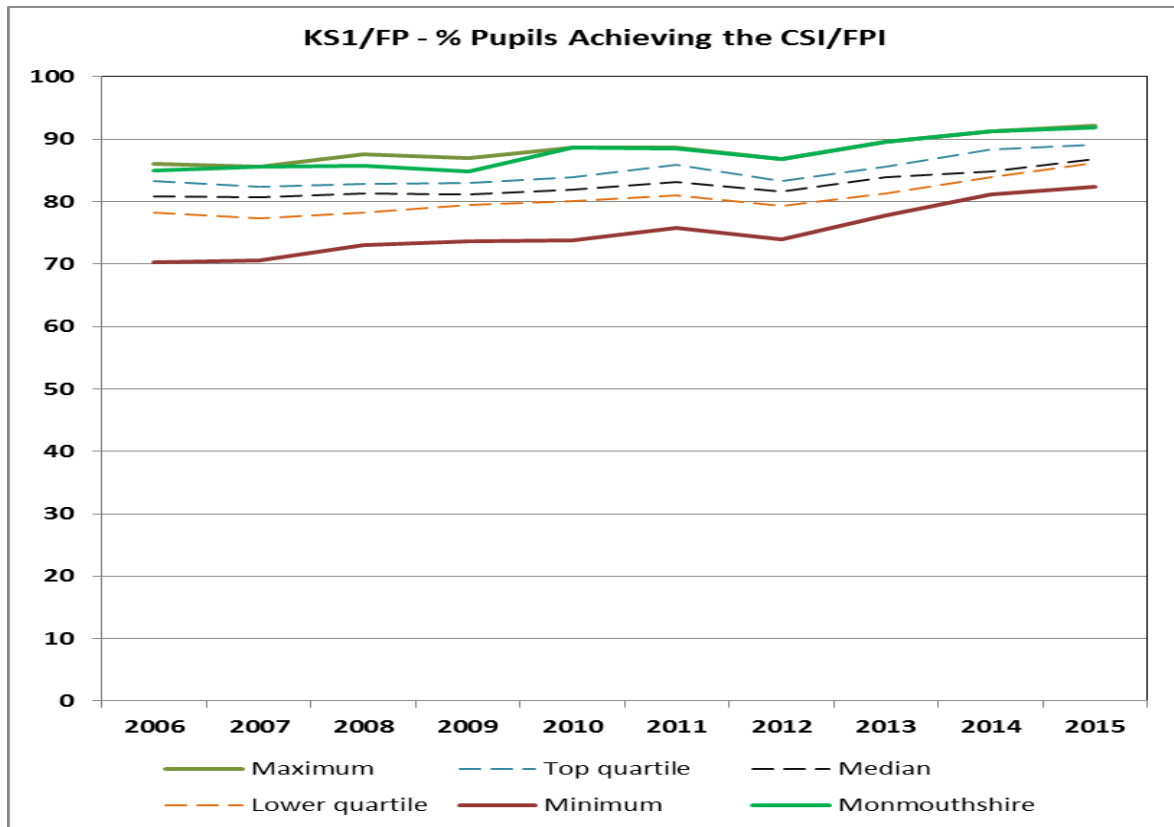
Please note that for future years the Minister for Education and Skills' statement of 13 May 2015, points to changes to expectations. The expected levels at the end of each phase of education have not yet been specifically defined, by the Welsh Government.

## 1. Foundation Phase

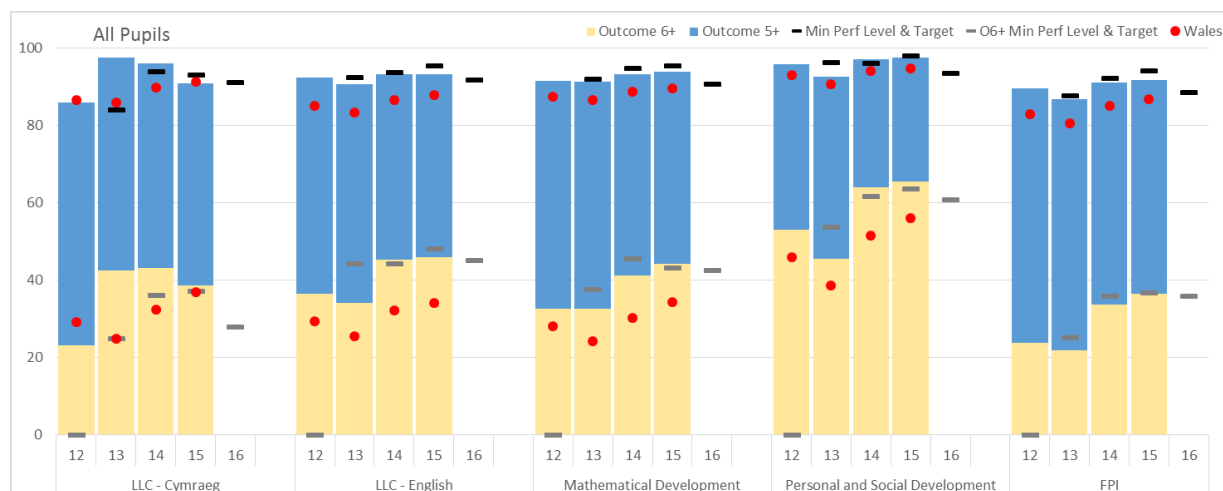
Performance in the foundation phase continues to improve, with 91.8% pupils achieving the foundation phase indicator (FPI) in 2015, an increase from 91.2% in 2014. Monmouthshire currently ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales for the FPI when compared with other local authorities, which is in line with the LA's FSM ranking (2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 PLASC data).



## 10 Year Performance Summary – FPI / CSI (before 2012)



There have been improvements at both the expected level (outcome 5+) in all areas apart from LLC-English and LLC-Cymraeg, and at the higher level (outcome 6) in all indicators, except LLC-Cymraeg.



### Percentage of pupils achieving Outcome 5+:

|                           | FPI    | LLC English | LLC Welsh | Mathematical Development | PSDWCD |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015</b> | 91.8 ↑ | 93.3 ↓      | 90.9 ↓    | 93.9 ↑                   | 97.6 ↑ |
| <b>Target</b>             | 94.2   | 95.4        | 93.0      | 95.4                     | 97.9   |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2014</b> | 91.2   | 93.4        | 96.1      | 93.3                     | 97.2   |
| <b>Wales 2014</b>         | 86.8   | 88.0        | 91.3      | 89.7                     | 94.8   |

### Percentage of pupils achieving Outcome 6:

|                                  | LLC English | LLC Welsh | Mathematical Development | PSDWCD |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015</b>        | 43.7 ↑      | 38.6 ↓    | 44.4 ↑                   | 65.6 ↑ |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015 Target</b> | 48.1        | 37.2      | 43.2                     | 63.6   |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2014</b>        | 42.7        | 43.1      | 41.2                     | 64.1   |
| <b>Wales 2014</b>                | 34.2        | 36.9      | 34.3                     | 56.0   |

Performance in the Foundation Phase Indicator has improved by 0.6 percentage points and is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales.

Performance in LLC English has declined by 0.1 percentage points at outcome 5+, but improved by 1.0 at outcome 6. Performance is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales at outcome 5+.

Performance in LLC Welsh has declined by 5.2 percentage points at outcome 5+, and by 4.5 at outcome 6. Performance is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in Wales at outcome 5+.

Performance in mathematical development has improved by 0.6 percentage points at outcome 5+ and by 3.2 at outcome 6. Performance is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales at outcome 5+.

Performance in PSDWCD has improved by 0.4 percentage points at outcome 5+ and improved by 1.5 at outcome 6. Performance is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales at outcome 5+.

Performance is within 3% of the schools' aggregate targets for each area of learning. Schools are expected to set realistic but challenging targets.

**Gender differences at outcome 5+ (boys' performance – girls' performance):**

|                      | FPI  |      | LLC English |      | LLC Welsh |       | Mathematical Development |      | PSDWCD |      |
|----------------------|------|------|-------------|------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|------|--------|------|
|                      | 2014 | 2015 | 2014        | 2015 | 2014      | 2015  | 2014                     | 2015 | 2014   | 2015 |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b> | -6.5 | -6.4 | -5.3        | -5.1 | -9.1      | -23.5 | -4.4                     | -4.1 | -2.9   | -3.0 |
| <b>Wales</b>         | -8.5 | -7.8 | -8.3        | -7.6 | -8.3      | -7.6  | -7.9                     | -6.7 | -5.3   | -4.8 |

At outcome 5+ gender differences have remained approximately the same apart from in LLC-Welsh where it increased significantly. Gender differences remain less than the Wales average for each area of learning, except LLC-Welsh.

**Gender differences at outcome 6 (boys' performance – girls' performance):**

|                      | LLC English |       | LLC Welsh |       | Mathematical Development |      | PSDWCD |       |
|----------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|------|--------|-------|
|                      | 2014        | 2015  | 2014      | 2015  | 2014                     | 2015 | 2014   | 2015  |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b> | -6.3        | -11.9 | -27.9     | -24.6 | 3.3                      | -1.8 | -10.2  | -15.5 |
| <b>Wales</b>         | -12.1       |       | 12.3      |       | 0.9                      |      | -18.1  |       |

At outcome 6+ gender differences have increased slightly for LLC-English and PSDWCD, but decreased for and LLC-Welsh and PSDWCD. National gender differences for 2015 at outcome 6+ are not yet available.

**Wales rankings:**

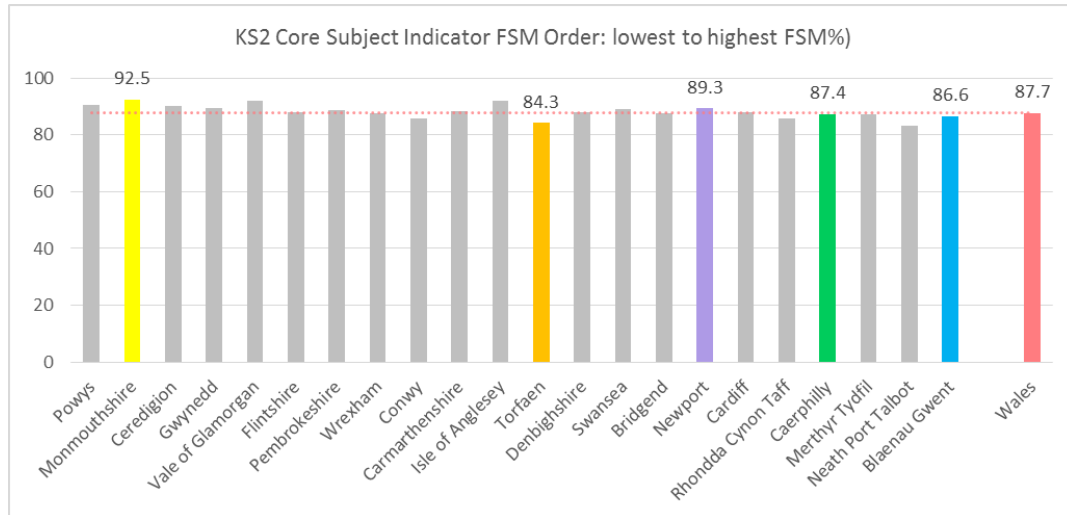
When compared with other LAs in Wales, performance in Monmouthshire is exactly in line with expectation in each area of learning apart from LLC-Welsh, where it is significantly lower.

|             | FPI | LLC English | LLC Welsh | Mathematical Development | PSDWCD |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|
| <b>2015</b> | 2   | 2           | 16        | 3                        | 2      |
| <b>2014</b> | 1   | 1           | 2         | 1                        | 1      |
| <b>2013</b> | 1   | 1           | 15        | 3                        | 2      |

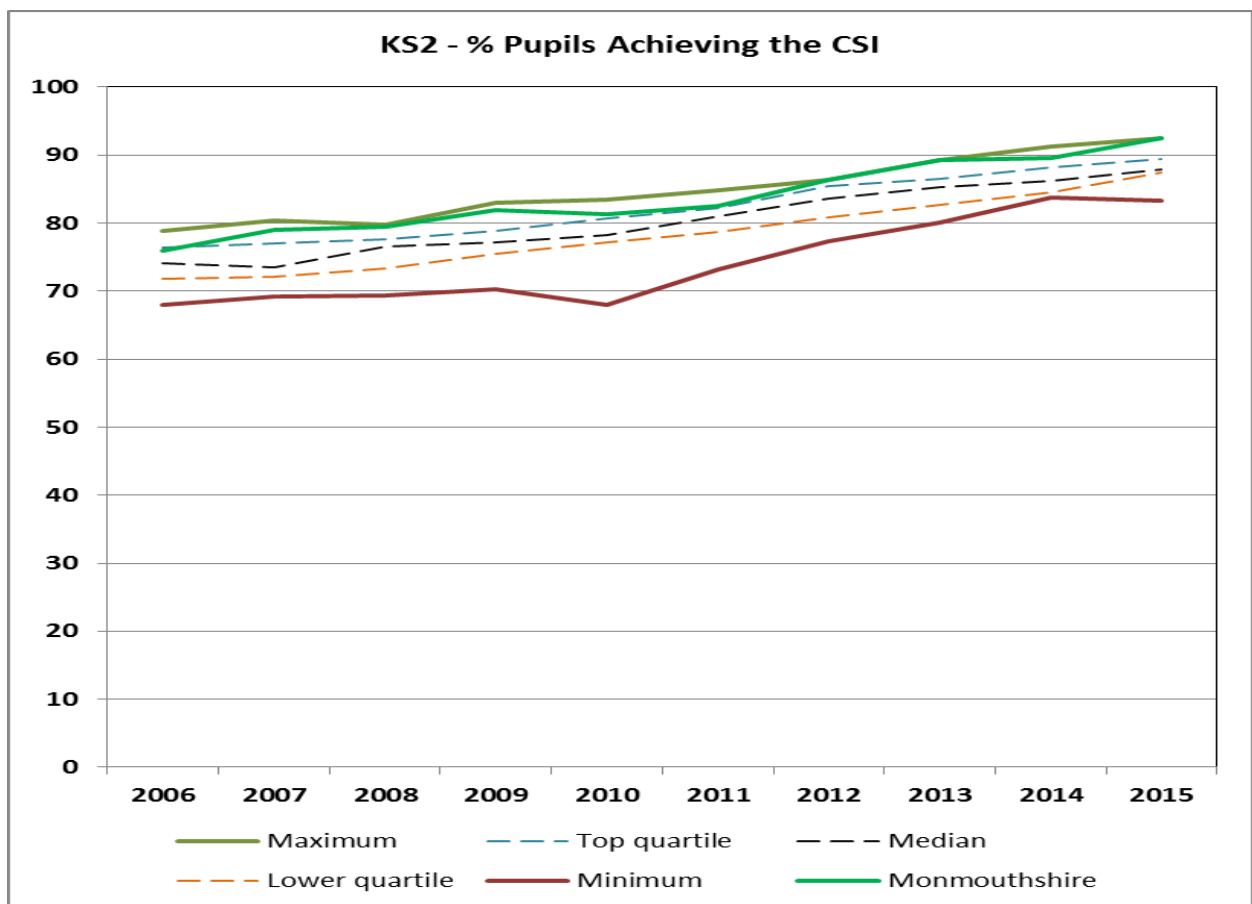
| FPI                 |      | LLC - English       |      | LLC - Welsh           |      | Math. Dev.            |      | PSD                   |      |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Ceredigion          | 92.2 | Ceredigion          | 94.0 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 96.2 | Ceredigion            | 94.5 | Ceredigion            | 98.1 |
| Monmouthshire       | 91.8 | Monmouthshire       | 93.3 | Newport               | 95.9 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 93.9 | Monmouthshire         | 97.6 |
| The Vale of Glamorg | 91.5 | The Vale of Glamorg | 92.7 | Bridgend              | 95.4 | Monmouthshire         | 93.9 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 96.9 |
| Powys               | 90.6 | Powys               | 91.5 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 94.4 | Powys                 | 92.7 | Pembrokeshire         | 96.1 |
| Pembrokeshire       | 89.2 | Pembrokeshire       | 91.1 | Powys                 | 94.1 | Caerphilly            | 91.9 | Powys                 | 96.0 |
| Caerphilly          | 89.2 | Bridgend            | 90.5 | Ceredigion            | 93.8 | Pembrokeshire         | 91.7 | Isle of Anglesey      | 95.8 |
| Bridgend            | 88.8 | Newport             | 90.2 | Caerphilly            | 93.8 | Bridgend              | 91.5 | Denbighshire          | 95.7 |
| Newport             | 88.1 | Caerphilly          | 90.1 | Cardiff               | 92.8 | South East Wales      | 90.7 | Flintshire            | 95.6 |
| South East Wales    | 88.0 | South East Wales    | 90.0 | Neath Port Talbot     | 92.6 | Gwynedd               | 90.4 | Newport               | 95.6 |
| Flintshire          | 87.0 | Flintshire          | 89.0 | Swansea               | 92.2 | Flintshire            | 90.2 | South East Wales      | 95.6 |
| Gwynedd             | 86.8 | Torfaen             | 88.7 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 92.1 | Newport               | 90.2 | Gwynedd               | 95.5 |
| Cardiff             | 86.8 | Wales               | 88.0 | Denbighshire          | 91.9 | Torfaen               | 90.1 | Caerphilly            | 95.4 |
| Wales               | 86.8 | Cardiff             | 87.9 | South East Wales      | 91.6 | Carmarthenshire       | 89.8 | Carmarthenshire       | 95.2 |
| Cardiff             | 86.7 | Denbighshire        | 87.6 | Carmarthenshire       | 91.4 | Wales                 | 89.7 | Swansea               | 94.9 |
| Denbighshire        | 86.4 | Wrexham             | 87.2 | Torfaen               | 91.3 | Isle of Anglesey      | 89.4 | Bridgend              | 94.9 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taff  | 86.3 | Merthyr Tydfil      | 87.2 | Wales                 | 91.3 | Denbighshire          | 89.4 | Blaenau Gwent         | 94.8 |
| Isle of Anglesey    | 86.2 | Swansea             | 87.0 | Flintshire            | 91.2 | Cardiff               | 89.4 | Wales                 | 94.8 |
| Swansea             | 86.2 | Blaenau Gwent       | 87.0 | Monmouthshire         | 90.9 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 89.1 | Conwy                 | 94.7 |
| Merthyr Tydfil      | 86.2 | Rhondda Cynon Taff  | 86.8 | Pembrokeshire         | 90.1 | Swansea               | 89.0 | Torfaen               | 94.7 |
| Torfaen             | 86.0 | Isle of Anglesey    | 86.1 | Isle of Anglesey      | 89.8 | Wrexham               | 88.7 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 94.3 |
| Wrexham             | 85.5 | Conwy               | 86.1 | Wrexham               | 89.2 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 88.1 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 94.3 |
| Blaenau Gwent       | 83.2 | Carmarthenshire     | 83.4 | Gwynedd               | 88.4 | Conwy                 | 87.9 | Cardiff               | 94.0 |
| Conwy               | 82.9 | Neath Port Talbot   | 82.8 | Conwy                 | 84.6 | Blaenau Gwent         | 86.0 | Wrexham               | 93.9 |
| Neath Port Talbot   | 82.3 | Gwynedd             | *    | Blaenau Gwent         | 67.3 | Neath Port Talbot     | 85.2 | Neath Port Talbot     | 92.7 |

## 2. Key Stage 2

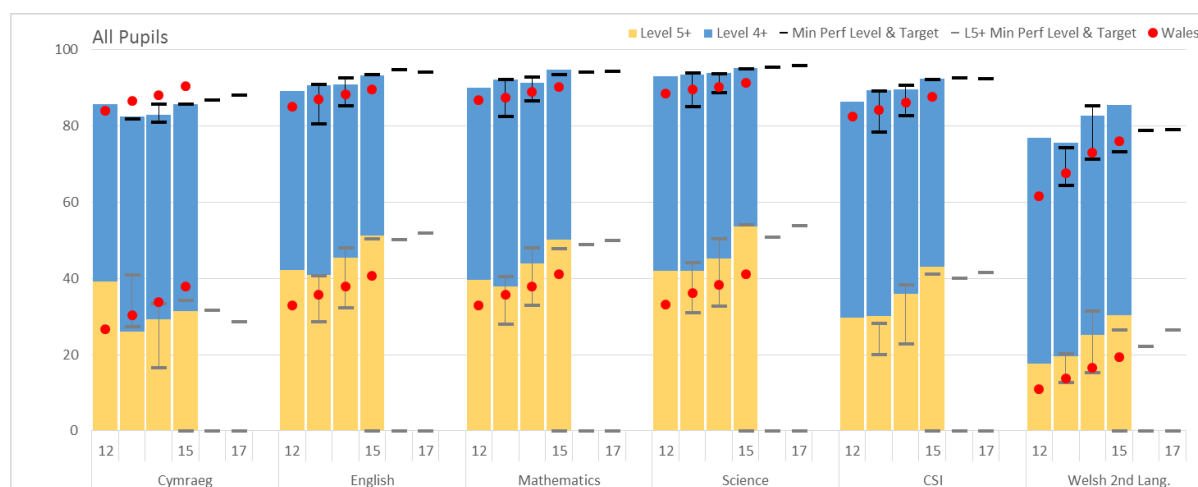
Performance continues to improve, with 92.5% pupils achieving the core subject indicator (CSI) in 2015, an increase from 89.5% in 2014. Monmouthshire is now ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Wales, which is slightly higher than could be expected given the LA's FSM ranking.



## 10 Year Performance Summary – Key Stage 2 CSI



Performance at both the expected level (Level 4+) and the expected level+1 (Level 5+) improved in 2015. Performance is above the national average for all indicators, except for Level 5+ in Cymraeg.



### Percentage of pupils achieving level 4+:

|                           | CSI    | English | Welsh (First Language) | Mathematics | Science |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015</b> | 92.5 ↑ | 93.4 ↑  | 85.7 ↑                 | 94.7 ↑      | 95.2 ↑  |
| <b>Target</b>             | 92.2   | 93.4    | 85.7                   | 93.6        | 95.0    |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2014</b> | 89.5   | 90.8    | 82.9                   | 91.4        | 93.9    |
| <b>Wales 2014</b>         | 87.7   | 89.6    | 90.5                   | 90.2        | 91.4    |

### Percentage of pupils achieving level 5+:

|                                  | English | Welsh (First Language) | Mathematics | Science |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015</b>        | 51.2 ↑  | 31.4 ↑                 | 50.2 ↑      | 53.6 ↑  |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015 Target</b> | 50.5    | 34.3                   | 47.8        | 54.0    |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2014</b>        | 45.4    | 29.3                   | 44.0        | 45.3    |
| <b>Wales 2014</b>                | 40.8    | 38.0                   | 41.2        | 41.1    |

Performance in the CSI has improved by 3.0 percentage points and is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Wales.

Performance in English at the expected level 4+ has improved by 2.6 percentage points and is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales. Performance at the higher level 5+ improved by 5.8 percentage points.

Performance in Welsh (first language) at the expected level 4+ improved by 2.8 percentage points, but is ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in Wales. Performance in Welsh (first language) at the higher level improved by 2.1 percentage points.

Performance in mathematics at the expected level 4+ has improved by 3.3 percentage points and is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Wales. Performance in mathematics at the higher level 5+ improved by 6.2 percentage points.

Performance in science at the expected level 4+ has improved by 1.3 percentage points and is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Wales. Performance in science at the higher level 5+ has improved by 8.2 percentage points.

Performance at the expected level 4+ for all indicators all either in line with or within approximately 1% of school aggregate targets.

### Gender differences at level 4+ (boys' performance – girls' performance):

|                      | CSI  |      | English |      | Welsh (First Language) |       | Mathematics |      | Science |      |
|----------------------|------|------|---------|------|------------------------|-------|-------------|------|---------|------|
|                      | 2014 | 2015 | 2014    | 2015 | 2014                   | 2015  | 2014        | 2015 | 2014    | 2015 |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b> | -4.4 | -4.2 | -4.0    | -4.8 | -29.0                  | -10.0 | -2.9        | -0.4 | -3.0    | -1.4 |
| <b>Wales</b>         | -6.3 | -5.8 | -7.0    | -6.2 | -8.5                   | -6.0  | -3.8        | -3.7 | -4.2    | -3.7 |

At level 4+ gender differences have remained approximately the same, apart from in mathematics and science where they reduced slightly and Welsh (first language) where they reduced significantly. Gender differences are slightly less than the Wales average for all indicators, except Welsh (first language).

### Gender differences at level 5+ (boys' performance – girls' performance):

|                      | English |       | Welsh (First Language) |       | Mathematics |      | Science |      |
|----------------------|---------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------------|------|---------|------|
|                      | 2014    | 2015  | 2014                   | 2015  | 2014        | 2015 | 2014    | 2015 |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b> | -9.0    | -16.2 | -12.6                  | -43.3 | 3.9         | -1.9 | -1.8    | -6.7 |
| <b>Wales</b>         | -11.7   |       | -13.3                  |       | -8.5        |      | -3.0    |      |

At level 5+ gender differences increased for each subject, apart from mathematics. National gender differences for 2015 at level 5+ are not yet available, but the gender difference in Welsh is significantly larger than the Wales 2014 average.

### Wales rankings:

Improvements in performance have increased the LA's rankings against other LAs in Wales in all indicators.

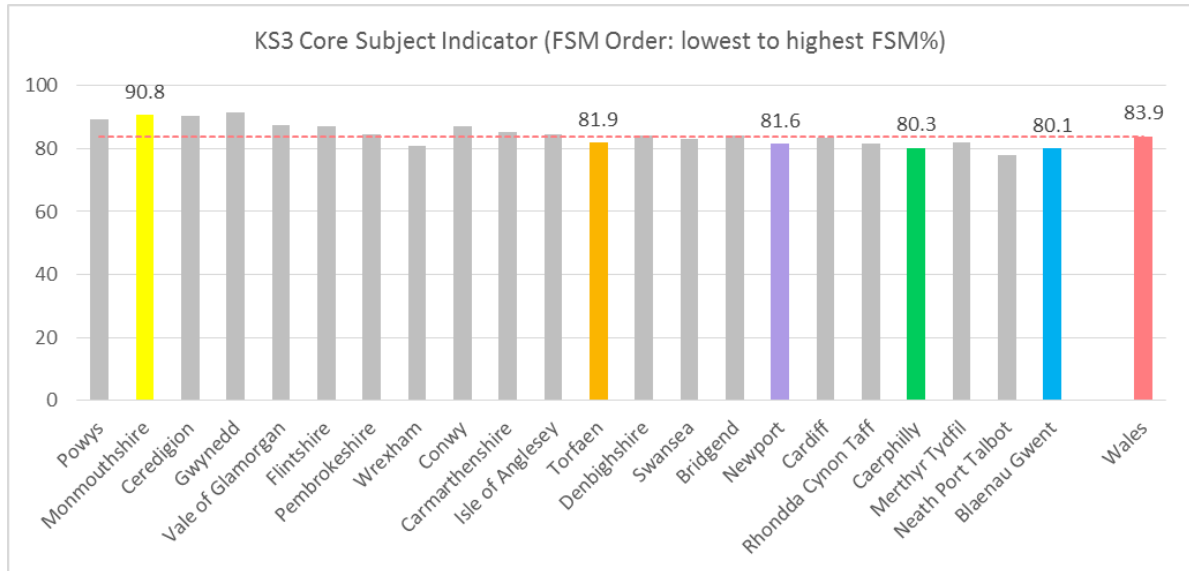
|             | CSI | English | Welsh (first language) | Mathematics | Science |
|-------------|-----|---------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <b>2015</b> | 1   | 2       | 20                     | 1           | 1       |
| <b>2014</b> | 3   | 4       | 22                     | 4           | 3       |
| <b>2013</b> | 1   | 1       | 21                     | 1           | 1       |

| CSI                 |      | English             |      | Welsh 1st Lang.       |      | Mathematics           |      | Science               |      |
|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Monmouthshire       | 92.5 | The Vale of Glamorg | 93.5 | Torfaen               | 97.4 | Monmouthshire         | 94.7 | Monmouthshire         | 95.2 |
| The Vale of Glamorg | 92.1 | Monmouthshire       | 93.4 | Powys                 | 96.6 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 93.7 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 95.1 |
| Isle of Anglesey    | 91.8 | Isle of Anglesey    | 93.2 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 95.9 | Isle of Anglesey      | 93.5 | Isle of Anglesey      | 93.9 |
| Powys               | 90.4 | Powys               | 91.9 | Bridgend              | 94.7 | Powys                 | 92.5 | Powys                 | 93.5 |
| Ceredigion          | 90.3 | Newport             | 91.5 | Newport               | 94.1 | Ceredigion            | 92.2 | Newport               | 93.4 |
| Gwynedd             | 89.5 | Ceredigion          | 91.1 | Cardiff               | 93.7 | Gwynedd               | 91.3 | Gwynedd               | 93.2 |
| Newport             | 89.3 | Swansea             | 90.9 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 93.5 | Swansea               | 91.3 | Pembrokeshire         | 92.9 |
| Swansea             | 89.2 | Pembrokeshire       | 90.5 | Swansea               | 92.9 | Newport               | 91.2 | Ceredigion            | 92.7 |
| Pembrokeshire       | 88.6 | Flintshire          | 90.1 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 92.3 | Flintshire            | 90.9 | Swansea               | 92.6 |
| Carmarthenshire     | 88.2 | Gwynedd             | 90.0 | Caerphilly            | 90.7 | Pembrokeshire         | 90.8 | Flintshire            | 92.1 |
| South East Wales    | 88.1 | Carmarthenshire     | 90.0 | South East Wales      | 90.6 | Wrexham               | 90.4 | Carmarthenshire       | 91.9 |
| Denbighshire        | 87.9 | South East Wales    | 90.0 | Denbighshire          | 90.6 | Carmarthenshire       | 90.4 | Wrexham               | 91.8 |
| Flintshire          | 87.9 | Cardiff             | 89.9 | Wales                 | 90.5 | South East Wales      | 90.2 | South East Wales      | 91.4 |
| Cardiff             | 87.8 | Wrexham             | 89.8 | Gwynedd               | 90.4 | Denbighshire          | 90.2 | Wales                 | 91.4 |
| Wrexham             | 87.7 | Denbighshire        | 89.7 | Neath Port Talbot     | 90.1 | Wales                 | 90.2 | Denbighshire          | 91.2 |
| Wales               | 87.7 | Wales               | 89.6 | Isle of Anglesey      | 89.7 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 90.1 | Bridgend              | 91.1 |
| Bridgend            | 87.6 | Bridgend            | 89.5 | Wrexham               | 88.9 | Bridgend              | 90.0 | Caerphilly            | 91.0 |
| Merthyr Tydfil      | 87.4 | Merthyr Tydfil      | 89.3 | Carmarthenshire       | 88.6 | Cardiff               | 89.9 | Conwy                 | 90.9 |
| Caerphilly          | 87.4 | Caerphilly          | 89.3 | Ceredigion            | 88.3 | Conwy                 | 89.5 | Cardiff               | 90.8 |
| Blaenau Gwent       | 86.6 | Conwy               | 88.5 | Conwy                 | 87.4 | Caerphilly            | 89.3 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 90.4 |
| Conwy               | 85.8 | Rhondda Cynon Taff  | 88.0 | Flintshire            | 86.4 | Blaenau Gwent         | 89.0 | Torfaen               | 90.4 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taff  | 85.8 | Blaenau Gwent       | 87.9 | Monmouthshire         | 85.7 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 88.9 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 89.4 |
| Torfaen             | 84.3 | Torfaen             | 87.1 | Pembrokeshire         | 85.4 | Torfaen               | 87.3 | Blaenau Gwent         | 89.4 |
| Neath Port Talbot   | 83.3 | Neath Port Talbot   | 85.3 | Blaenau Gwent         | 69.2 | Neath Port Talbot     | 85.8 | Neath Port Talbot     | 87.6 |

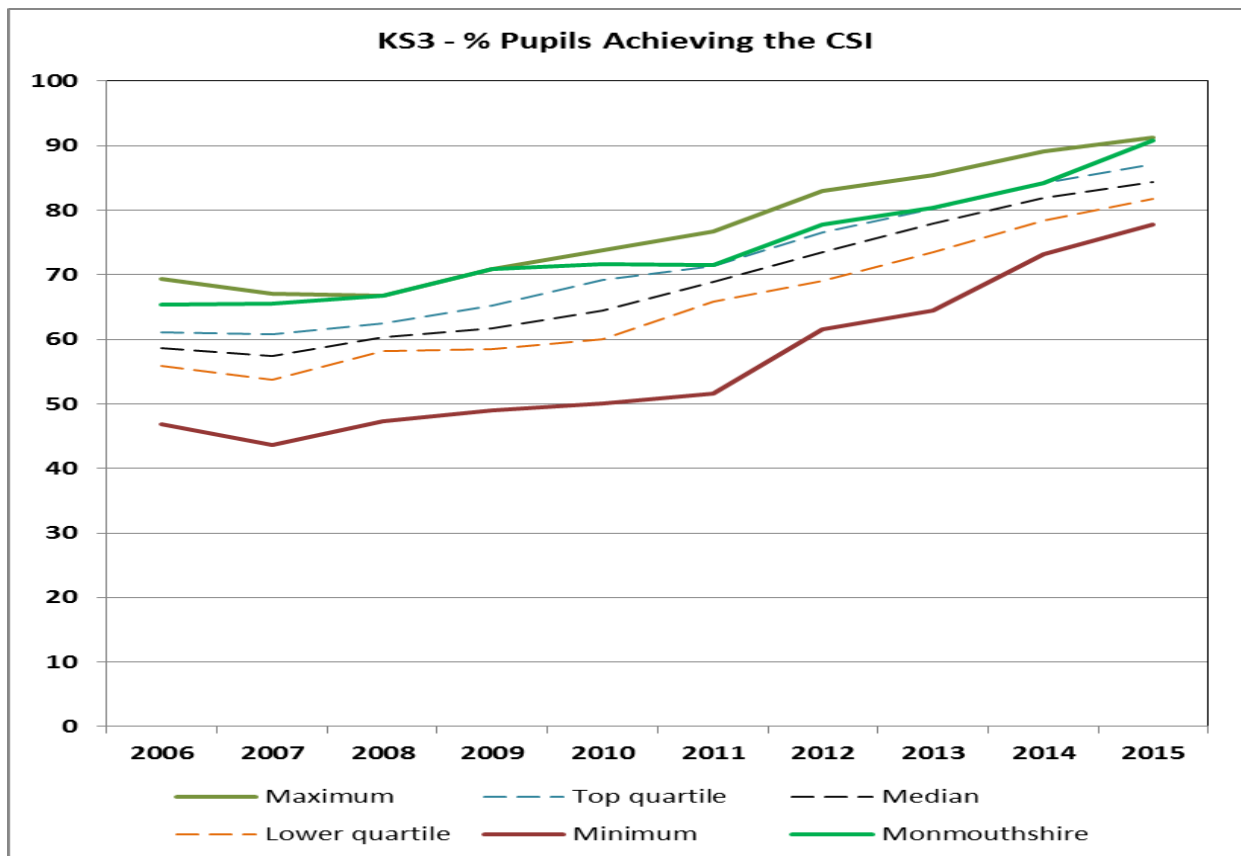


### 3. Key Stage 3

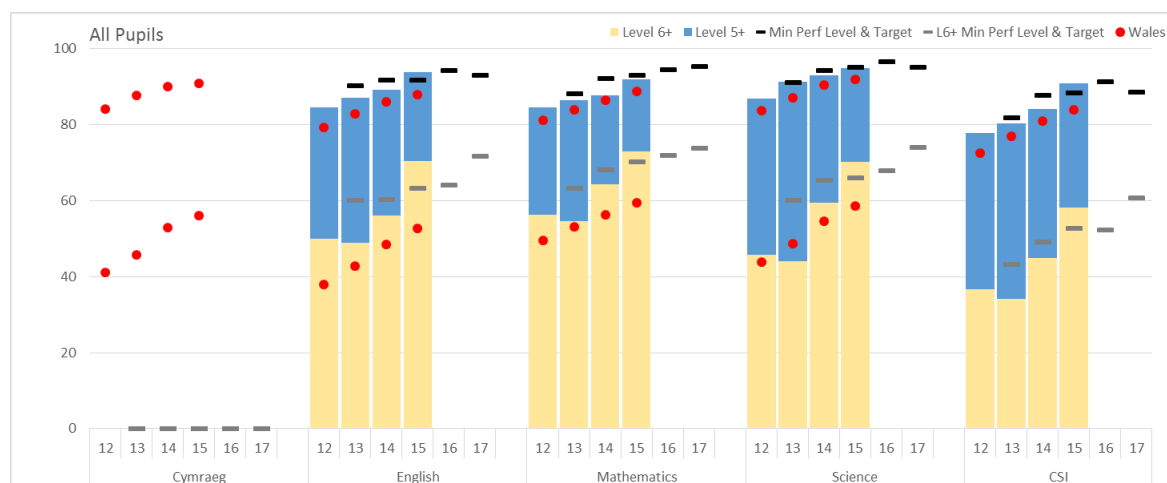
Performance improved in 2015, with 90.8% pupils achieving the core subject indicator (CSI), a significant increase from 84.2% in 2014. Monmouthshire is now ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales, which is line with the LA's FSM ranking.



### 10 Year Performance Summary – Key Stage 3 CSI



Performance has improved across all indicators at the expected level 5+ and to a greater extent at level 6+



### Percentage of pupils achieving level 5+

|                                  | CSI    | English | Welsh (First Language) | Mathematics | Science |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015</b>        | 90.8 ↑ | 93.7 ↑  | - →                    | 92.0 ↑      | 94.9 ↑  |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015 Target</b> | 88.3   | 91.7    | -                      | 92.9        | 95.2    |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2014</b>        | 84.2   | 89.2    | -                      | 87.7        | 93.0    |
| <b>Wales 2014</b>                | 83.9   | 87.9    | 90.9                   | 88.7        | 91.8    |

### Percentage of pupils achieving level 6+

|                                  | English | Maths  | Science |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015</b>        | 70.5 ↑  | 73.0 ↑ | 70.2 ↑  |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015 Target</b> | 63.3    | 70.3   | 65.9    |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2014</b>        | 56.0    | 64.4   | 59.4    |
| <b>Wales 2014</b>                | 52.6    | 59.5   | 58.5    |

### Percentage of pupils achieving level 7+

|                           | English | Maths  | Science |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| <b>Monmouthshire 2015</b> | 22.5 ↑  | 37.6 ↑ | 27.7 ↑  |
| <b>Monmouthshire 2014</b> | 18.0    | 26.6   | 19.0    |
| <b>Wales 2014</b>         | 16.6    | 26.3   | 20.7    |

Performance in the CSI has improved by 4.5 percentage points and is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wales.

Performance in English at the expected level 5+ has improved by 4.5 percentage points and is now ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Wales. Performance in English at the higher level 6+ has improved by 14.5 percentage points.

Performance in mathematics at the expected level 5+ has improved by 4.7 percentage points, and is now ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Wales. Performance in mathematics at the higher level 6+ has improved by 8.6 percentage points.

Performance in science at the expected level 5+ has improved by 1.9 percentage points, and is now ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in Wales. Performance in science at the higher level 6+ has improved by 10.6 percentage points.

Performance at the expected Level 5+ was within 3% of aggregate school targets for all indicators.

**Gender differences at level 5+ (boys' performance – girls' performance):**

|                      | CSI  |      | English |      | Mathematics |      | Science |      |
|----------------------|------|------|---------|------|-------------|------|---------|------|
|                      | 2014 | 2015 | 2014    | 2015 | 2014        | 2015 | 2014    | 2015 |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b> | -9.5 | -6.2 | -7.8    | -6.9 | -7.8        | -5.0 | -6.1    | -3.5 |
| <b>Wales</b>         | -8.7 | -7.4 | -10.3   | -8.2 | -4.1        | -3.4 | -5.3    | -4.5 |

Gender differences have reduced in all indicators to now be approximately in line with the Wales' average.

**Gender differences at level 6+ (boys' performance – girls' performance):**

|                      | English |       | Mathematics |      | Science |      |
|----------------------|---------|-------|-------------|------|---------|------|
|                      | 2014    | 2015  | 2014        | 2015 | 2014    | 2015 |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b> | -24.2   | -14.9 | -7.7        | -1.9 | -15.7   | -7.4 |
| <b>Wales</b>         | -17.3   |       | -5.0        |      | -10.3   |      |

Gender differences have decreased significantly in each core subject. National gender differences for 2015 at level 6+ are not yet available.

**Gender differences at level 7+ (boys' performance – girls' performance):**

|                      | English |      | Mathematics |      | Science |       |
|----------------------|---------|------|-------------|------|---------|-------|
|                      | 2014    | 2015 | 2014        | 2015 | 2014    | 2015  |
| <b>Monmouthshire</b> | -14.5   | -9.1 | -5.6        | 3.3  | -9.9    | -11.2 |
| <b>Wales</b>         | -8.5    |      | -1.6        |      | 4.6     |       |

Gender differences have reduced for English and mathematics, but increased slightly for science. National gender differences for 2015 at level 7+ are not yet available.

**Wales rankings:**

Improvements have been made in Monmouthshire's rank position for all indicators.

|             | CSI | English | Mathematics | Science |
|-------------|-----|---------|-------------|---------|
| <b>2015</b> | 2   | 1       | 4           | 4       |
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| Gwynedd             | 91.3 | Monmouthshire       | 93.7 | Powys                 | 95.7 | Gwynedd               | 93.4 | Ceredigion            | 96.1 |
| Monmouthshire       | 90.8 | Ceredigion          | 93.4 | Wrexham               | 93.9 | Ceredigion            | 92.8 | Gwynedd               | 95.9 |
| Ceredigion          | 90.5 | The Vale of Glamorg | 92.1 | Isle of Anglesey      | 93.2 | Flintshire            | 92.0 | Conwy                 | 94.9 |
| Powys               | 89.3 | Powys               | 91.9 | Swansea               | 93.2 | Monmouthshire         | 92.0 | Monmouthshire         | 94.9 |
| The Vale of Glamorg | 87.4 | Conwy               | 91.4 | Gwynedd               | 93.0 | Powys                 | 91.8 | Powys                 | 94.6 |
| Conwy               | 87.2 | Flintshire          | 91.4 | Cardiff               | 92.8 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 91.4 | Flintshire            | 94.3 |
| Flintshire          | 87.1 | Gwynedd             | 91.3 | Denbighshire          | 92.5 | Conwy                 | 91.1 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 94.1 |
| Camarthenshire      | 85.1 | Pembrokeshire       | 88.6 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 92.5 | Camarthenshire        | 90.4 | Denbighshire          | 93.1 |
| Isle of Anglesey    | 84.5 | Bridgend            | 88.6 | The Vale of Glamorgan | 91.9 | Denbighshire          | 89.7 | Isle of Anglesey      | 92.6 |
| Pembrokeshire       | 84.5 | Camarthenshire      | 88.4 | Conwy                 | 91.5 | Cardiff               | 89.3 | Camarthenshire        | 91.9 |
| Denbighshire        | 84.3 | Isle of Anglesey    | 87.9 | Pembrokeshire         | 90.9 | Isle of Anglesey      | 88.9 | Torfaen               | 91.8 |
| Bridgend            | 84.3 | Wales               | 87.9 | Wales                 | 90.9 | Wales                 | 88.7 | Wales                 | 91.8 |
| Wales               | 83.9 | Denbighshire        | 87.8 | Ceredigion            | 90.8 | Pembrokeshire         | 88.6 | Bridgend              | 91.7 |
| Cardiff             | 83.4 | Swansea             | 87.6 | Caerphilly            | 88.9 | Swansea               | 87.9 | Cardiff               | 91.5 |
| Swansea             | 83.2 | Merthyr Tydfil      | 87.2 | South East Wales      | 88.2 | Bridgend              | 87.8 | Pembrokeshire         | 91.2 |
| South East Wales    | 82.2 | Newport             | 87.2 | Bridgend              | 87.3 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 87.5 | Newport               | 91.1 |
| Merthyr Tydfil      | 81.9 | Torfaen             | 86.9 | Torfaen               | 87.0 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 87.3 | South East Wales      | 91.0 |
| Torfaen             | 81.9 | Cardiff             | 86.7 | Camarthenshire        | 86.5 | South East Wales      | 87.0 | Rhondda Cynon Taff    | 90.7 |
| Rhondda Cynon Taff  | 81.6 | South East Wales    | 86.5 | Neath Port Talbot     | 85.0 | Newport               | 86.7 | Wrexham               | 90.6 |
| Newport             | 81.6 | Wrexham             | 86.1 | Flintshire            | 80.0 | Torfaen               | 86.5 | Swansea               | 90.2 |
| Wrexham             | 80.9 | Rhondda Cynon Taff  | 86.0 | Merthyr Tydfil        | .    | Caerphilly            | 86.1 | Caerphilly            | 90.2 |
| Caerphilly          | 80.3 | Neath Port Talbot   | 84.2 | Blaenau Gwent         | .    | Wrexham               | 85.9 | Merthyr Tydfil        | 89.3 |
| Blaenau Gwent       | 80.1 | Blaenau Gwent       | 83.8 | Monmouthshire         | .    | Blaenau Gwent         | 85.1 | Neath Port Talbot     | 87.8 |
| Neath Port Talbot   | 77.8 | Caerphilly          | 83.7 | Newport               | .    | Neath Port Talbot     | 83.4 | Blaenau Gwent         | 87.7 |