

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Agenda



**9.30 am Monday, 12 April 2021
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1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 1 March 2021 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Performance Indicators Quarter 3 2020/21 –
Report of the Director of Children and Adult Services
(Pages 7 - 34)
5. Work Programme –
Report of the Managing Director
(Pages 35 - 54)
6. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting
7. Questions



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Wednesday 31 March 2021

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Bartch, Mrs Culley, Ali, Bell, Crudass, C L B Hughes, Lister, Lucas, Renton and Snedker

Statutory Co-optees

Malcolm Frank and Carly Spence

Non Statutory Co-optees

Maura Regan, Tim Fisher, Nick Lindsay, Janet Woodcock and John Armitage

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 1 March 2021

PRESENT – Councillors C L B Hughes (Chair), Bartch, Mrs Culley, Ali, Bell, Crudass, Lister, Lucas, Renton and Snedker

STATUTORY CO-OPTEES – Carly Spence

NON-STATUTORY CO-OPTEES – John Armitage

APOLOGIES – Tim Fisher and Nick Lindsay

ABSENT – Malcolm Frank, Maura Regan and Janet Woodcock

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Ian Neale (Darlington Mind)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jane Kochanowski (Assistant Director of Children's Services), Christine Shields (Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation), Tony Murphy (Head of Education and Inclusion), Martin Webster (Workforce Development Manager) and Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

CYP25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

CYP26 MINUTES

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 4 January 2021.

With reference to Item CYP19/Jan/21 Members agreed to amend the resolution in respect of (a).

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 4 January 2021 be approved as a correct record with the exception of Minute CYP19/Jan/21, resolution (a) to be amended to read:

- (a) That this Scrutiny Committee has no comment to make on the proposed schedule of fees and charges for those services within its remit (as there are none) and supports the Children's Services budget allocation recommendations contained within the Revenue Estimates 2021/22 section of the draft Medium Term Financial Plan.

CYP27 PRESENTATION ON THE DARLINGTON MIND CHILDREN IN NEED SELF-HARM PROJECT

Ian Neale, Darlington Mind Young Persons Co-ordinator gave an update on the Children in Need Self-Harm Project and the work of Darlington Mind in supporting young people in all mental health issues and Members advised that young people were worried about Covid-19 and returning to school on 8 March and were generally

struggling with their mental health.

It was reported that there were currently two counsellors offering help to young people and Ian advised Members that they can signpost young people for counselling to him upon completion of a referral form with a view to offering the young person the support they require. This service is available to young people aged 11-18 years and referrals were usually made from schools, parents or self-referral.

Discussion ensued on how to encourage more young people to take up mentoring roles and future plans to have peer mentors within schools. Members also referred to other organisations ie. the Listening Post who are also working with young people's mental health issues.

RESOLVED – That Ian be thanked for his interesting and informative update.

CYP28 DEVELOPMENT OF THE DARLINGTON CARE COLLECTIVE

The Director of Children and Adult Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to provide an outline and overview of the Developing Darlington Care Collective (DDCC), including aims and objectives of the group.

It was reported that the concept of a 'Care Collective' followed on from the National Social Care Recruitment Campaign ("We need you now, they need you always") and was initially discussed during the first Covid-19 pandemic lockdown.

The rationale included providing support to the Care Sector in response to Covid-19, particularly in terms of low-level role capacity and need, supporting mental health and resilience, whilst creating opportunities to develop partnerships and multi-agency working across the health, social care and education sector in Darlington.

It was also reported that a number of priorities had been discussed with cross sector partners across the borough including support for the development of capacity across the Children and Adults Care Sector, particularly Care Homes and Children's Residential Care, should a second wave of Covid19 manifest and to promote good mental health and make every contact count (MECC); the Workforce Development Team had linked with key partners from across the borough to gauge appetite in supporting and being part of the DDCC; and a number of key questions were identified and answered in the initial DDCC Steering Group Meetings.

Martin Webster, Workforce Development Manager outlined the four key focus priorities of the Darlington Care Collective; ways to support the Adult Care Home Sector and Children's Residential Services and support across the board for those working with people; how the Collective were looking at ways to develop volunteering, training and employment opportunities through multi-agency working bringing together 50 key partners from across the Borough, including the Council, Care Homes, Health partners, the Police, Children's residential homes, colleges, universities and the voluntary sector; and the key drivers around supporting the sector in terms of bodes and designing consistent and sustainable models of training to link people into opportunities including access to Work Force Capacity Funding.

The submitted report also outlined specific headline plans for the DDCC in 2021 and

all DDCC partners have agreed to co-produce a shared project plan for 2021 onwards.

Members questions related to apprenticeship schemes and access to funding; support for employment opportunities and getting people engaged into the process and progression of social work.

RESOLVED – (a) That the submitted report be noted in terms of the DDCC progressing and supporting Social Care succession planning and partnership development.

(b) That MECC (Making Every Contact Count) is considered as an informal local area approach to convey health related information to residents.

CYP29 PROGRESS UPDATE ON DIGITAL INCLUSION

Following a request by the Chair, Tony Murphy Head of Education and Inclusion provided Members with a verbal update regarding digital inclusion.

He advised Members that there had been approximately 3,600 devices issued to schools and Academy Trusts up to February to focus on disadvantaged children and the number of devices available to each school was based on the Department for Education (DfE) estimates.

He also advised that school leaders were learning from families that because remote learning had developed throughout the pandemic and a higher degree of formal learning had been developed, the limited number of devices in households was creating problems and detailed allocation and distribution data had been requested from the DfE so that the authority can support schools in the best way.

It was also reported that the Education Strategy Group meet weekly with the DfE to examine the level of need and also to identify any other barriers to learning.

Discussion ensued on the varied home learning experiences within families; the mental health impact on parents and in particular single parents; the barriers to accessing learning for some families who have multiple people trying to access remotely; access issues especially in rural areas; and the access to quiet space which is limited in some households. Members acknowledged that despite schools returning on 8 March this was an issue to remain at the top of this Scrutiny Committee's agenda.

RESOLVED – That the verbal update be noted.

CYP30 WORK PROGRAMME

The Managing Director submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to this Scrutiny Committee's work programme and to consider any additional areas which Members suggest should be included in the approved work programme.

It was reported that as part of the ongoing review to understand the impact that Covid-19 has had in Darlington and what future actions may be required a second virtual evidence gathering event to hear the 'voice of the child and young person' had been arranged for 4 March 2021, however due to the current government restrictions on schools this had to be delayed and a new date was to be arranged.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Q3 2020/21

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with an update on performance against key performance indicators.

Summary

2. This report provides Quarter 3 (October – December) 2020/21 performance information in line with an indicator set agreed by Monitoring and Coordination Group on 2 July 2018, and subsequently by Scrutiny Committee Chairs.
3. It is suggested monitoring focuses on issues and exceptions, and relevant Assistant Directors will attend the meeting to respond to queries raised by the committee regarding the performance information contained within this report.
4. Where indicators are reported annually, quarterly updates will not be available.

Where are we performing well?

5. 92.5% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days of the Strategy meeting being held / section 47 being initiated, which remains higher than our statistical neighbour, regional and national average benchmarks.
6. 100% of children with a Child Protection (CP) plan, and 100% of Children in Care (CiC) have an allocated social worker.
7. Year to date no child has ceased to be subject to a CP plan who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years, we continue to positively perform below our targets of 5%.
8. 85.8% of children received a statutory CP visit within 10 working days in Q3. This is in line with the target of 90% and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (77.7%).
9. 93.4% of statutory CiC visits were completed within timescale year to date. This is above the target of 90% and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (88.2%).
10. 6.7% of Children in Care (CiC), as at December 2020, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This performance is better than the internal target (10%), national (10%), statistical neighbour (9.9%) and regional averages (10%) and an improvement on the 10.7% as at December 2019.
11. 7.4% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at December 2020. This is a positive performance and below target of 10%.

12. 100% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during Q3 2020/21.
13. 91.7% of children due a review health assessment year to date had one completed.
14. 26.5% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET) which is positivity below target of 30% and 98.0% were in suitable accommodation.

Where do we need to improve?

15. 75.6% of referrals were screened and completed within 1 day during Q3 2020/21 giving us a year to date performance of 77.7%, below the target of 90%.
16. 19.7% of re-referrals year to date, were repeated within 12 months, above the target of 18%. However, this has continued to decrease over the year.
17. Timeliness of assessments is 85.2% which is below the target of 90%, reasons for this are analysed and monitored by the Head of Service.
18. At the end of December 2020, the percentage of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 8.3%, above the 6% target.
19. The number of Children in Care has decreased to 284 by the end of December 2020, in line with the number at the end of December 2019 (280), work continues to safely reduce the number of children becoming looked after.
20. As a result of dental surgery closures during lockdown, 29.5% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment, have had one completed.

Recommendation

21. It is recommended:
 - a) That performance information provided in this report is reviewed and noted, and relevant queries raised with the appropriate Assistant Director.

James Stroyan
Director of Children and Adult Services

Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Sharon Raine Head of Performance and Transformation: Extension 6091

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report supports the Council's Crime and Disorder responsibilities
Health and Well Being	This report supports performance improvement relating to improving the health and wellbeing of residents
Sustainability	This report supports the Council's sustainability responsibilities
Diversity	This report supports the promotion of diversity
Wards Affected	This report supports performance improvement across all Wards
Groups Affected	This report supports performance improvement which benefits all groups
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework
Key Decision	This is not a key decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) by involving Members in the scrutiny of performance relating to the delivery of key outcomes
Efficiency	Scrutiny of performance is integral to optimising outcomes.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report may have an impact on their emotional and physical health, social development, education and future employment.

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Children's Social Care Performance & Quality Assurance Report

Quarter 3 (October - December 2020)

Scrutiny

Scrutiny

Quarter 3 2020/21 Performance Summary

Referral: 75.6% of referrals have been completed within 1 working day during Q3 2020/21, with a year to date total of 77.7%. Extensive work regarding referral enquiries has been required for some cases, resulting in completion taking longer than the statutory timescale. However, the additional work has been to the benefit of the child.

Re-Referrals: 19.7% of children have been re-referred to Children's Social Care within 12 months of a previous referral. This is above the internal target of 18%, but below our statistical neighbour (20.8%), regional (22.4%) and national average (22.6%) (LAIT 2020).

Early Help: 170 Early Help Assessments have been completed during Q3 2020/21.

Missing: Of the children and young people who are reported missing from home, 85.1% have been offered a return home interview within the 72-hour timescale. Where the co-ordinator cannot engage the child or young person, discussion takes place with parents, carers, teachers or social workers to offer insight around reducing the missing episodes. Of those who went missing 23.8% were a Child in Care.

Children & Families Assessments: 203 children had a single assessment carried out during Q3 2020/21, which is comparable to the 204 assessments completed during the same period last year. The rate of assessments was 237.8 per 10,000 of the population at the end of December 2020.

C&F Timeliness: Social workers completed 85.2% of the C&F assessments within timescale year to date. This is below our target of 90%, statistical neighbour (87.7%) and regional average (88.8%) and above national average (83.8%) as recorded for 2020 in the LAIT.

Section 47 enquiries: 44 section 47 enquiries were started during Q3 2019/20 involving 76 children, 2 of which were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) at the time of the enquiry.

Child Protection Conference Timeliness: Year to date 92.5% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting / section 47 being initiated, excluding transfer-in conferences, against our target of 95%. Darlington's performance remains higher than our statistical neighbour (80.8%), regional (83.1%) and national average (77.6%) (LAIT 2020).

Child Protection Plans: 88 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of December 2020. This is slightly below the 91 children who were subject to CP at the end of December 2019. Darlington currently has a rate of 39.2 per 10,000 population for children subject to a CPP which is lower than the regional average (70.0), statistical neighbour (53.9) and the national average (42.8) as reported in the 2020 LAIT.

100.0% of CP cases were allocated to a social worker and all the CP reviews were carried out in timescale. During Q3 2020/21 there were no children ceasing CP who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years. At the end of December 2020, the percentage of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 8.3%, above the 6% target.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 85.8% of children received a statutory Child Protection (CP) visit in Q3 2020/21 within 10 working days, this is below target of 90% but an increase on the 77.7% that was completed in this timescale in Q3 2019/20.

Children in Care: 284 children are currently in care as at December 2020, which is a slight increase on the number of children (280) that were in care as at December 2019. During Q3 2020/21 a total of 13 children came into the care of the Local Authority, which is lower than in Q3 2019/20 (18). During Q3 2020/21, 31 children ceased to be in care. This demonstrates the curve in respect of the number of CiC is moving in the right direction.

Children in Care Reviews: 100.0% of Children in Care (CiC) were allocated to a qualified social worker. All reviews, except for 1, have been completed within required timescales during Q3 2020/21.

Statutory visits of Children in Care: During Q3 2020/21, 93.9% of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale, this is an improvement compared to Q3 2019/20 when there were 89.7% visits completed in timescale. Year to date 93.4% of CiC visits have been completed in timescale which is above the target of 90%.

Children in Care Placements: 6.7% of Children in Care (CiC), as at December 2020, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is positively below the internal target (10%), national (10%), statistical neighbour (9.9%) and regional averages (10%) as recorded in the LAIT 2020, and below the 10.7% as at December 2019.

76.1% of our Children in Care aged under 16 (who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years) have been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years. This is a higher percentage compared with December 2019 (72.7%) and is positively above the 68% target.

7.4% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at December 2020, which is a positive reduction when compared to December 2019 (10.3%) and below internal target (10%). This relates to young people who have been placed in residential care due to their disability / placed with family / or placed for adoption, and this provision was not available within 20 miles.

Initial Health Assessments: 100.0% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during Q3 2020/21.

Health and Dental Reviews: 91.7% of children due a review health assessment by December 2020 have had one completed. This percentage has increased slightly compared with 90.4% completed reviews at the end of December 2019.

As a result of dental surgery closures during lockdown, 29.5% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment has had one completed.

The percentage of children who have refused their medical checks has continued to decrease, with only 4.5% refusing their health review and 3.2% refusing their dental review. Although they are refusing, they are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

Care Leavers: 100.0% of care leavers were in suitable accommodation at the end of Q3 2020/21.

The percentage of care leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) continues to be positively below the target set of 30% at 26.5% at the end of Q3 2020/21.

REFERRALS - TIMELINESS**DEFINITION**

Percentage of referrals completed within 1 working day and over 3 working days. Referrals completed within 1 working day indicates that decisions regarding the services required are made in a timely manner to minimise drift and delay and to ensure that children are safe.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

75.6% of the referrals completed within timescale during Q3 2020/21.

We have experienced a rise in referrals taking longer than 3 working days to complete, currently just below the 5% target with 4.2%. However, consideration is needed regarding the number of siblings in these families. 3 families with 3 children during Q3 2019/20 compared to 4 families with 12 children during Q3 2020/21 had their referral outcomed over timescale resulting in the increased percentage out of time.

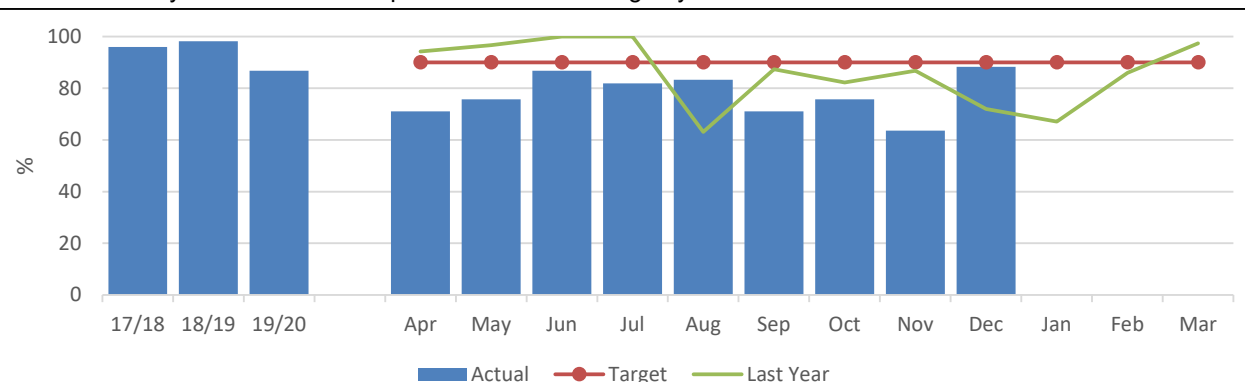
CSC 022

Monthly % of referrals completed within 1 working day.

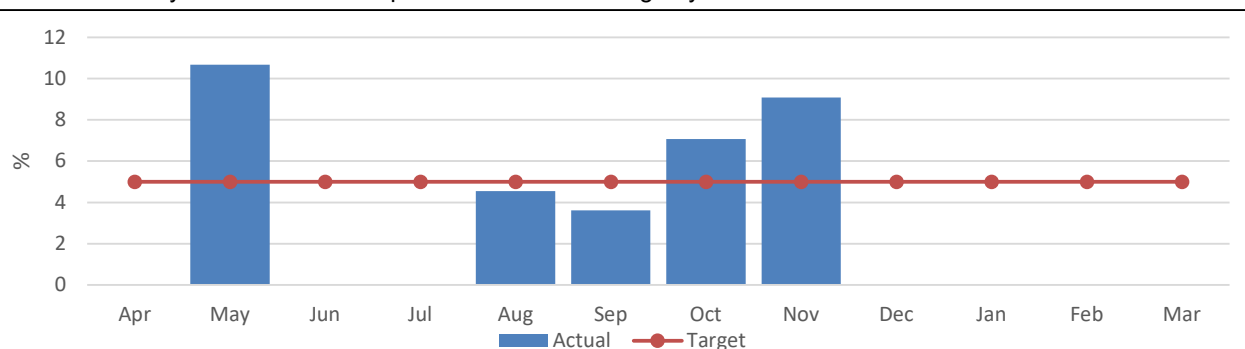
CSC 026

Monthly % of referrals completed in over 3 working days.

CSC 022: Monthly % of referrals completed within 1 working day.



CSC 026: Monthly % of referrals completed in over 3 working days.



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%	5%
	Apr-20	71.1	0.0
	May-20	75.7	10.7
	Jun-20	86.8	0.0
	Jul-20	81.8	0.0
	Aug-20	83.3	4.6
	Sep-20	71.1	3.6
	Oct-20	75.8	7.1
	Nov-20	63.6	9.1
	Dec-20	88.2	0.0
	Jan-21		
	Feb-21		
	Mar-21		
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	96.0	1.8
	2018/19	98.2	0.0
	2019/20	86.8	1.6
	2020/21 YTD	77.7	4.2

REFERRALS - RE-REFERRALS

DEFINITION

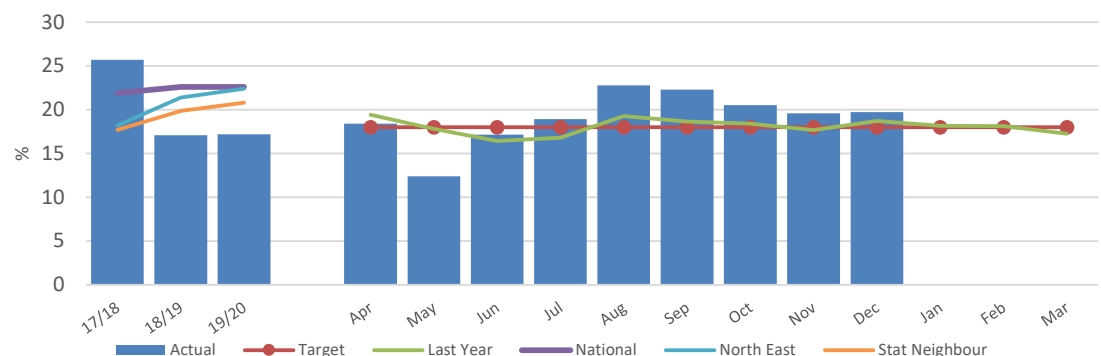
Percentage of re-referrals that are received within 12 months of a previous referral (based on referral start dates)
A re-referral to Children's Social Care could be an indication that the previous referral was inappropriately closed down without addressing the initial concerns or issues.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

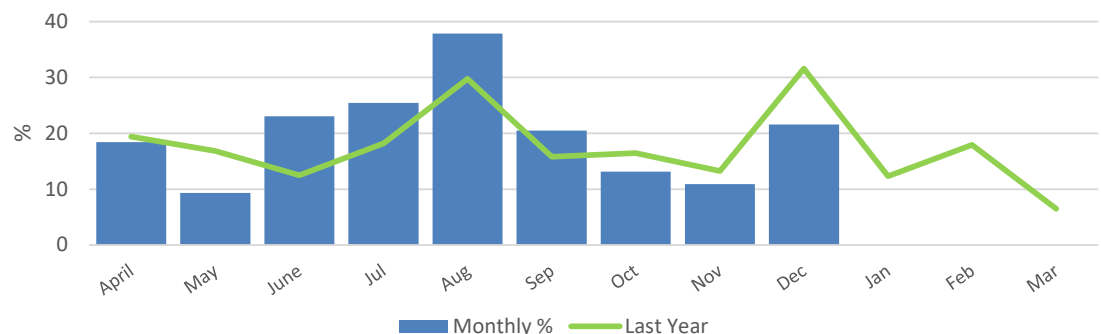
30 re-referrals from 12 families have been made during Q3 2020/21. This has resulted in 19.7% of our referrals year to date being repeated within 12 months. This is above the internal target of 18%, but below our statistical neighbour (20.8%), regional (22.4%) and national average (22.6%) (LAIT 2020). The number of children being re-referred is also below the number in Q3 2019/20, which saw 43 children from 23 families being re-referred.

CSC 034	CSC 032	
Monthly number of re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months	% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (cumulative)	% of referrals that are re-referrals (monthly)

CSC 032: % re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (cumulative)



% of referrals that are re-referrals (monthly)



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target		18%	
	Apr-20	7	18.4	18.4
	May-20	7	12.4	9.3
	Jun-20	21	17.2	23.1
	Jul-20	14	18.9	25.5
	Aug-20	25	22.8	37.9
	Sep-20	17	22.3	20.5
	Oct-20	13	20.5	13.1
	Nov-20	6	19.6	10.9
	Dec-20	11	19.7	21.6
	Jan-21			
	Feb-21			
	Mar-21			
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	247	25.7	
	2018/19	205	17.1	
	2019/20	171	17.2	
	2020/21 YTD	121	19.7	

EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS - STARTED

DEFINITION

The number of individual Early Help Assessments (EHA) started in month and year to date, including those initiated by external agencies. The start date of the EHA is taken from the form created date in Liquid Logic and the start date of the external EHA is taken from the contact date when the agency informed us of the EHA.

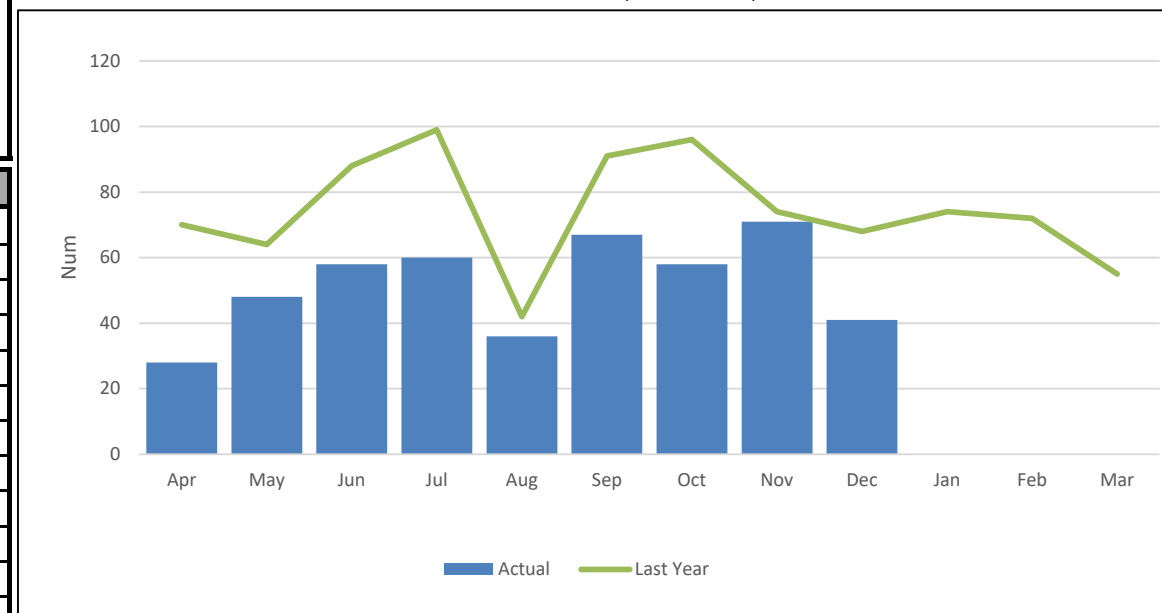
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

170 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started during Q3 2020/21.

CSC 002

Total number of individual EHA's started in month (inc. external)

CSC 002: Total number of individual EHA's started in month (inc. external)



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	
Apr-20	28
May-20	48
Jun-20	58
Jul-20	60
Aug-20	36
Sep-20	67
Oct-20	58
Nov-20	71
Dec-20	41
Jan-21	
Feb-21	
Mar-21	

ANNUAL TREND

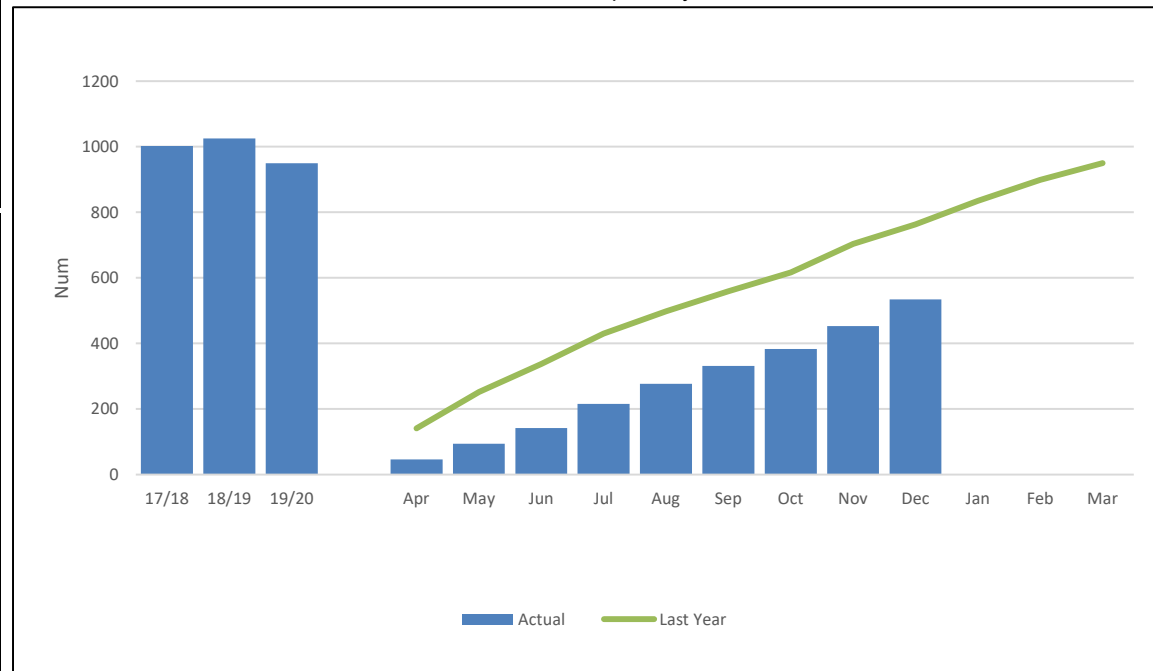
2017/18	877
2018/19	869
2019/20	893
2020/21 YTD	467

MISSING EPISODES																																													
DEFINITION		The number of episodes of children going missing in Darlington, including Children in Care, Children in Care with another authority and children who are not currently open to Social Care. The percentage of Return Home Interviews (RHI) completed within 72 hours and the level of engagement by the child.																																											
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS		16 Children in Care (CiC) were reported missing in Q3 2020/21. Where children are looked after by other authorities but cared for in Darlington, the ERASE Team have been alerted and provided with relevant information to ensure that the young people have been appropriately placed.																																											
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ASSESSMENTS	
DEFINITION	Monthly and cumulative number of Children & Families assessments completed.
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	203 C&F assessments have been completed in Q3 2020/21.

CSC 036
Number of children & families assessments completed year to date

CSC 036: Number of children & families assessments completed year to date



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE		
	Apr-20	46
	May-20	94
	Jun-20	142
	Jul-20	216
	Aug-20	277
	Sep-20	331
	Oct-20	383
	Nov-20	453
	Dec-20	534
	Jan-21	
	Feb-21	
	Mar-21	
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	1,002
	2018/19	1,025
	2019/20	950
	2020/21 YTD	534

ASSESSMENTS - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION	<p>Of those assessments completed in a period, the percentage completed within 45 working days. Day zero is the first working day on or after the start date of the referral, or strategy discussion decided to initiate S47 enquiries, or where new information indicates that an assessment should be undertaken. The end date is the first working day on or after the recorded date the Team Manager closes the single assessment.</p> <p>A process indicator as a proxy measure for improved child safety and how quickly services can respond when a child is thought to be at risk of serious harm. Local authorities should investigate and address concerns in a timely and efficient way.</p>
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>As at December 2020, 85.2% (455 / 534) of the C&F assessments were completed within 45 days.</p> <p>This is below our target of 90%, statistical neighbour (87.7%) and regional average (88.8%) and above national average (83.8%) as recorded for 2020 in the LAIT.</p>
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CSC 038
% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (Year to date)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%
	Apr-20	71.7
	May-20	62.8
	Jun-20	75.4
	Jul-20	77.8
	Aug-20	81.6
	Sep-20	80.4
	Oct-20	81.5
	Nov-20	83.7
	Dec-20	85.2
	Jan-21	
	Feb-21	
	Mar-21	
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	93.3
	2018/19	81.5
	2019/20	88.7
	2020/21 YTD	85.2

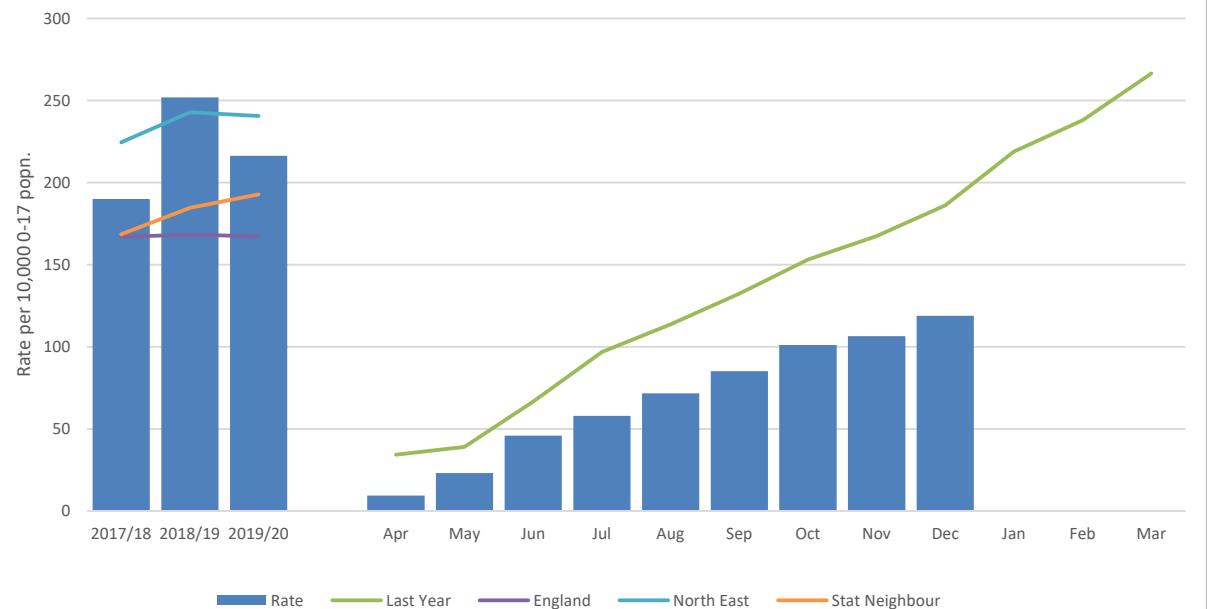
SECTION 47 - STARTED

DEFINITION	Number of children who have had a section 47 enquiries started monthly and year to date and the actual number of enquires started.
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	44 section 47 enquires were started during Q3 2020/21 involving 76 children, 2 of which were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) at the time of the enquiry.

CSC 166	CSC 164
All children who had a section 47 enquires started in the month	Rate of section 47 enquiries started per 10,000 of the 0-17 population (Cumulative)

Rate of section 47 enquiries started per 10,000 of the 0-17 population (inc. children already on CPP)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE			
	Apr-20	21	9.4
	May-20	31	23.2
	Jun-20	51	45.9
	Jul-20	27	57.9
	Aug-20	31	71.7
	Sep-20	30	85.1
	Oct-20	36	101.1
	Nov-20	12	106.4
	Dec-20	28	118.9
	Jan-21		
	Feb-21		
	Mar-21		
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	426	190.0
	2018/19	646	251.8
	2019/20	484	216.2
	2020/21	267	118.9



INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION

Of those ICPC's held within the period (excluding transfer ins), the percentage held within 15 working days of the S47 enquiry. Provides an indication of how quickly the safety of children who are judged to be continuing to, or likely to suffer significant harm is being considered by a multi-agency meeting.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Of the 22 children (who were not transferred in), 21 had their Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) within timescale (95.5%) during Q3 2020/21. 1 child did not receive their conference in time during October 2020 and went on to have a CP plan as the outcome.

Although the delayed conferences have taken us slightly below our target of 95%, our performance remains higher than our statistical neighbour (80.8%), regional (83.1%) and national average (77.6%) (LAIT 2020).

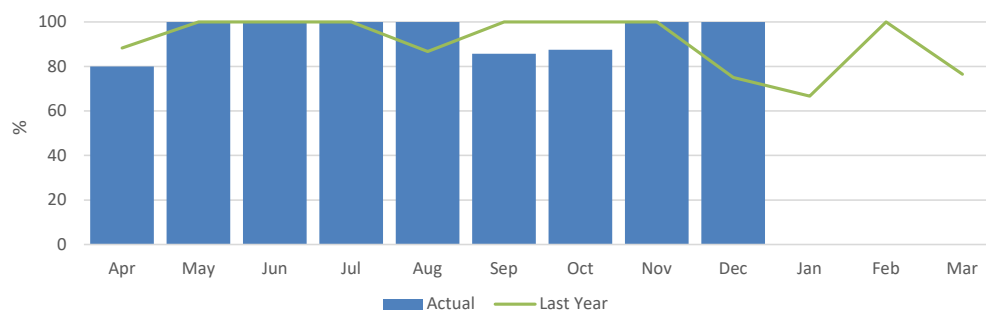
CSC 178

Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.

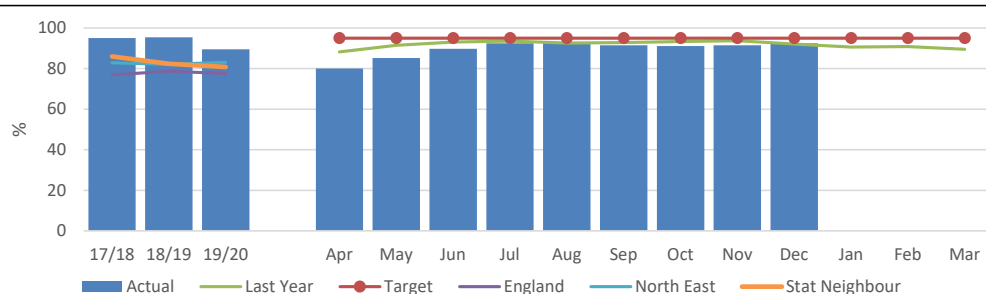
CSC 176

% of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) was within 15 days of the initiating strategy discussion / S47 start recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook (CPP). This EXCLUDES transfer-in conferences. Year to Date

CSC 178: Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.



CSC 176: % of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) was within 15 days of the initiating strategy discussion / S47 start recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook (CPP). This EXCLUDES transfer-in conferences. Year to Date



CHILD PROTECTION

DEFINITION

Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

88 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of December 2020. This is comparable to the 91 children who were subject to CP at the end of December 2019. Darlington currently has a 39.2 rate per 10,000 population for children subject to a CPP which is lower than the regional average (70.0), statistical neighbour (53.9) and the national average (42.8) as reported in the 2020 LAIT.

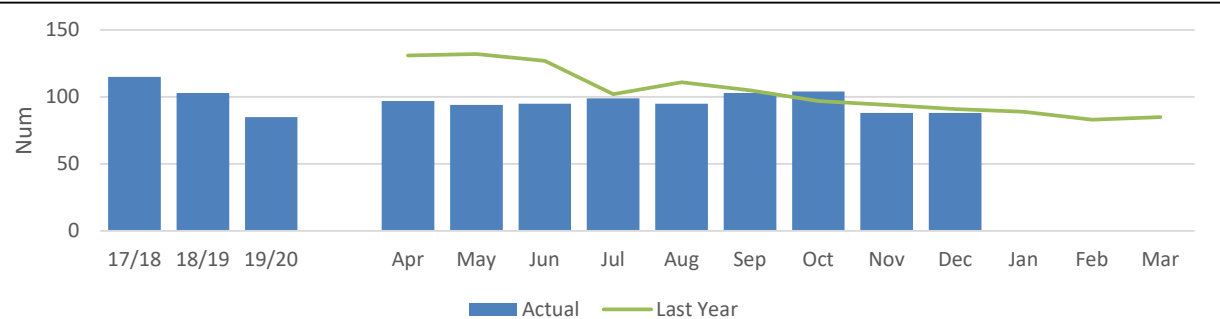
CSC 182

Number of children subject to a child protection plan

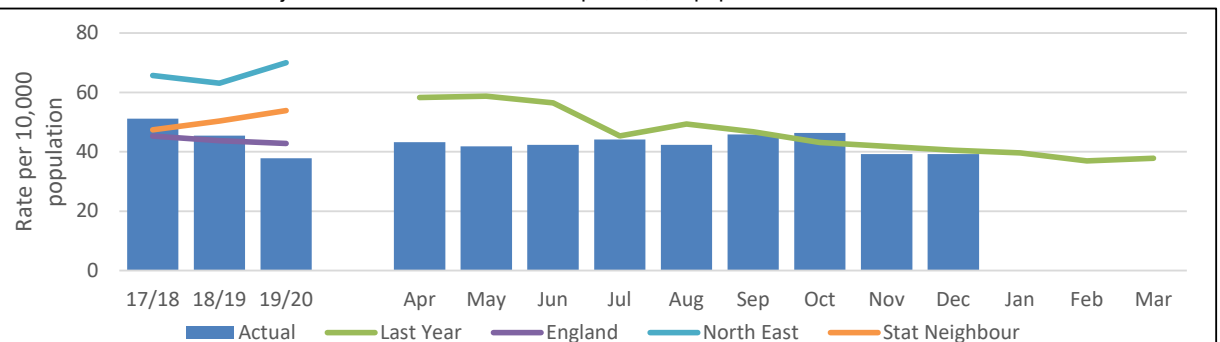
CSC 181

Rate of children subject to a Child Protection Plan per 10,000 population

CSC 182: Number of children subject to a child protection plan



CSC 181: Rate of children subject to a Child Protection Plan per 10,000 population



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Month	CSC 182	CSC 181
Apr-20	97	43.2
May-20	94	41.9
Jun-20	95	42.3
Jul-20	99	44.1
Aug-20	95	42.3
Sep-20	103	45.9
Oct-20	104	46.3
Nov-20	88	39.2
Dec-20	88	39.2
Jan-21		
Feb-21		
Mar-21		

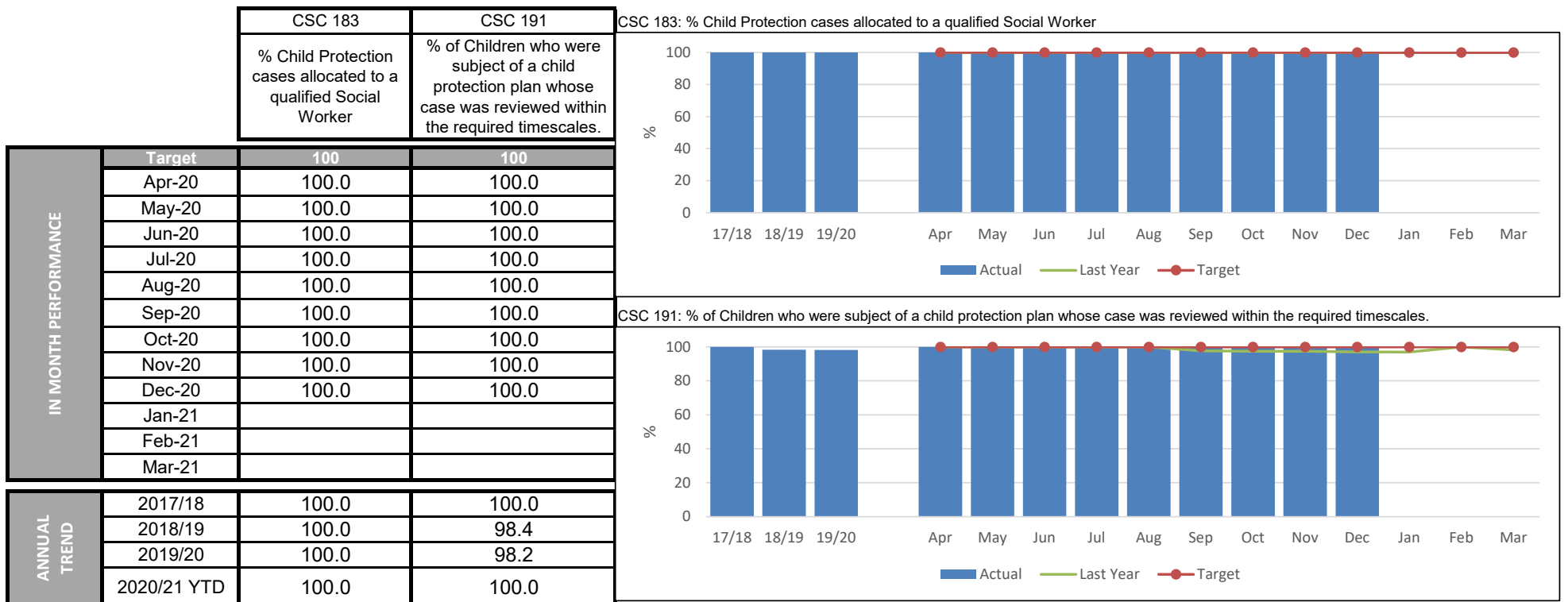
ANNUAL TREND

Year	CSC 182	CSC 181
2017/18	115	50.8
2018/19	103	45.7
2019/20	85	37.8
2020/21 YTD	88	39.2

CHILD PROTECTION - ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION	<p>The percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan at the end of the month and who at that date had had a Plan continuously for at least the previous 3 months, whose case was reviewed within the required timescales.</p> <p>Reviews are a key element in delivering Child Protection Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of effectiveness of the interventions provided to children subject to a Child Protection Plan. "Working Together to Safeguard Children" guidance requires that the first review should be within 3 months of the initial child protection conference and thereafter at intervals of no more than 6 months.</p>
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>100% of Child Protection Cases were allocated to a qualified social worker.</p> <p>100% of Child Protection reviews have been completed within the required timescales.</p> <p>Performance remains higher than statistical neighbours (89.9%), regional (92.9%) and national averages (91.5%) as reported in the 2020 LAIT.</p>

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CHILD PROTECTION - TIME PERIODS

DEFINITION

Percentage of children ceasing to be subject to a Child Protection Plan who had been subject to a Plan for 2 or more years, and percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan for the 2nd or subsequent time within a) 2 years of a previous plan, and b) with a previous plan at any point. These indicators reflect the underlying principle that professionals should be working towards specified outcomes which, if implemented effectively, should lead to all children not needing to be the subject of a Child Protection Plan within a maximum of two years, or becoming subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

At the end of December 2020, 8.3% became subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending.

Year to date no child has ceased to be subject to a CP plan who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years and we continue to remain below our targets of 5%.

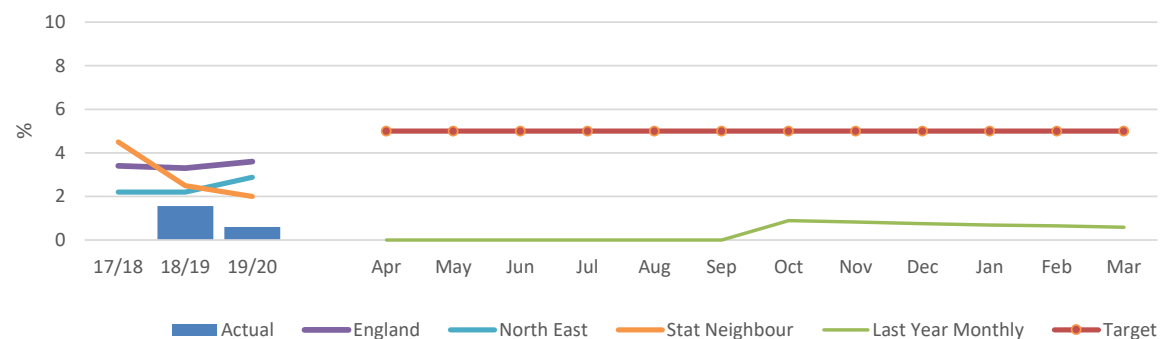
CSC 186

% children ceasing to be subject of a CPP who had been subject to a CPP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)

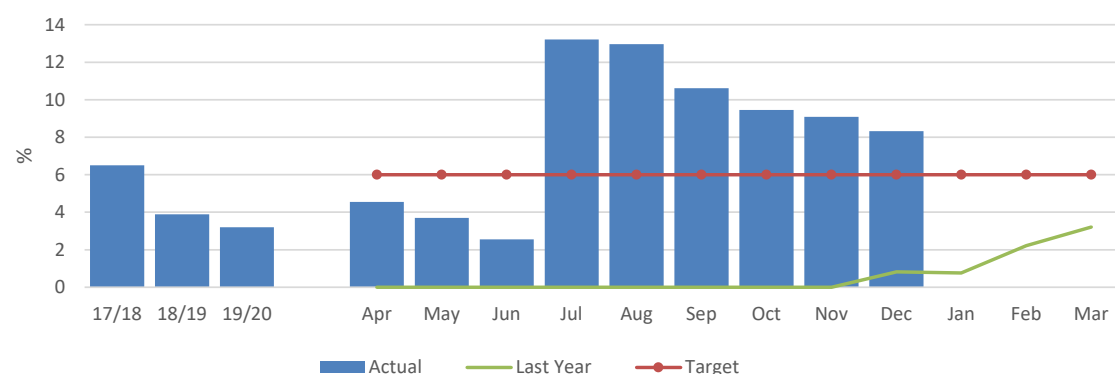
CSC 188

% of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time **within 2 years of a previous plan ending** (Cumulative)

CSC 186: % children ceasing to be subject of a CPP who had been subject to a CPP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)



CSC 188: % of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending (Cumulative)



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	5%	6%
Apr-20	0.0	4.6
May-20	0.0	3.7
Jun-20	0.0	2.6
Jul-20	0.0	13.2
Aug-20	0.0	13.0
Sep-20	0.0	10.6
Oct-20	0.0	9.5
Nov-20	0.0	9.1
Dec-20	0.0	8.3
Jan-21		
Feb-21		
Mar-21		

ANNUAL TREND

2017/18	0.0	6.5
2018/19	1.6	3.9
2019/20	0.6	3.2
2020/21	0.0	8.3

CHILD PROTECTION - STATUTORY VISITS**DEFINITION**

Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan who had all statutory visits carried out within timescales and percentage of Child Protection statutory visits completed within timescale monthly and year to date.

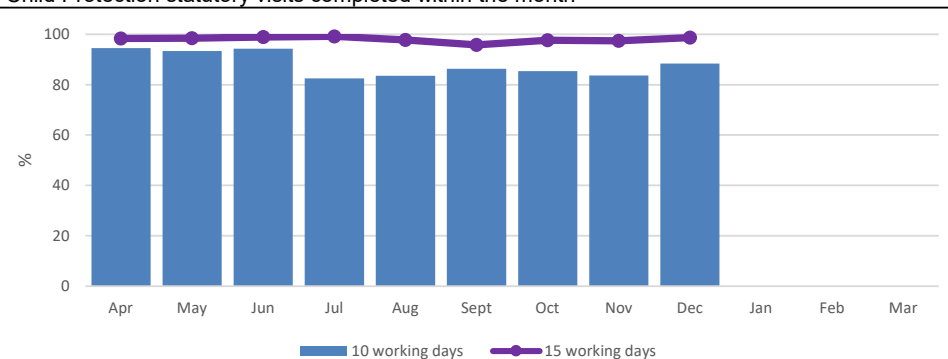
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

85.8% of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in Q3 2020/21. This is with 10.2% more visits taking place than in Q3 2019/20 and an increase on the 77.7% that were completed in this timescale.

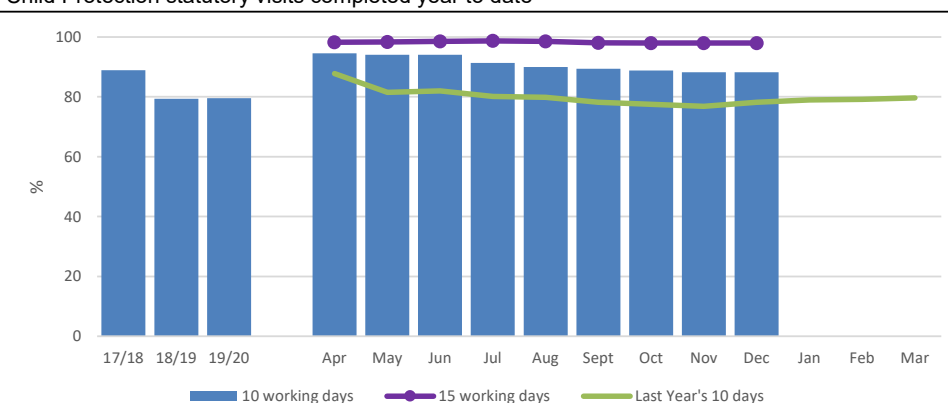
98.0% of the visits were completed within 15 working days in Q3 2020/21. This shows that 85.6% of the missed visits, were completed within 5 days of being out of timescale.

CSC 252a		CSC 252b	
% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 10 working days within the month	% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 15 working days within the month	% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 10 working days year to date (cumulative)	% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 15 working days year to date (cumulative)

% Child Protection statutory visits completed within the month



% Child Protection statutory visits completed year to date



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90	90	90	90
	Apr-20	94.6	98.3	94.6	98.3
	May-20	93.4	98.4	94.0	98.4
	Jun-20	94.3	98.9	94.1	98.5
	Jul-20	82.5	99.2	91.3	98.7
	Aug-20	83.6	97.8	90.0	98.5
	Sep-20	86.3	95.8	89.4	98.1
	Oct-20	85.3	97.7	88.8	98.0
	Nov-20	83.7	97.4	88.2	98.0
	Dec-20	88.4	98.7	88.2	98.0
	Jan-21				
	Feb-21				
	Mar-21				
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	88.9		88.9	
	2018/19	79.3	95.7	79.3	95.7
	2019/20	79.6	92.0	79.6	93.8
	2020/21	88.4	98.7	88.2	98.0

CHILDREN IN CARE**DEFINITION**

Number of Children in Care at the end of each month.

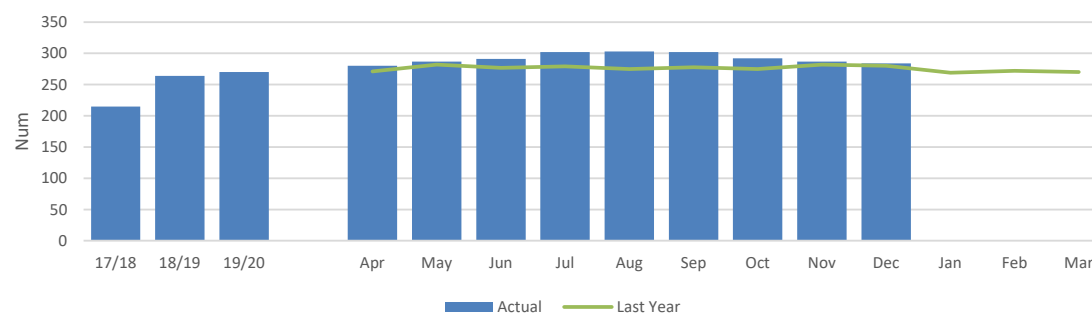
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

284 children are currently in care as at December 2020 which is comparable to the number of children (280) that were in care as at December 2019.

The rate of Children in Care (CiC) per 10,000 population is currently 126.5 which is higher than our statistical neighbours (100.3), regional (108.0) and national average (67.0) (LAIT 2020).

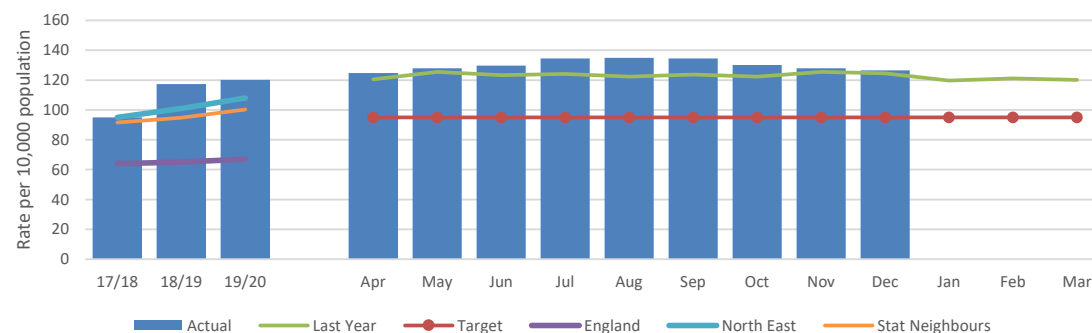
CSC 201	CSC 200
Total number of Children in Care	Rate of Children in Care Per 10,000 population

CSC 201: Total number of Children in Care

**IN MONTH PERFORMANCE**

Target		95
Apr-20	280	124.7
May-20	287	127.8
Jun-20	291	129.6
Jul-20	302	134.5
Aug-20	303	134.9
Sep-20	302	134.5
Oct-20	292	130.0
Nov-20	287	127.8
Dec-20	284	126.5
Jan-21		
Feb-21		
Mar-21		

CSC 200: Rate of Children in Care Per 10,000 population

**ANNUAL TREND**

2017/18	215	95.0
2018/19	264	117.2
2019/20	270	120.1
2020/21	284	126.5

CHILDREN IN CARE - ALLOCATION & REVIEWS**DEFINITION**

The percentage of Children in Care cases which should have been reviewed during the year ending 31 March that were reviewed on time during the year and the percentage of Children in Care cases that were allocated to a qualified Social Worker at the end of the month.

To improve compliance with local authorities' legal requirements under the Review of Children's cases Regulations 1991. The purpose of the review is to consider the plan for the child's welfare, to monitor the progress of the plan and amend it as necessary in light of changed information and circumstances. The statutory intervals are within 20 working days of placement, then within 3 months and 6 monthly thereafter, but reviews may be rescheduled or held inside these intervals if there are significant changes to the child's care plan.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

100.0% of Children in Care (CiC) are allocated to a qualified social worker.

All reviews, except for 1, have been completed within required timescales during Q3 2020/21.

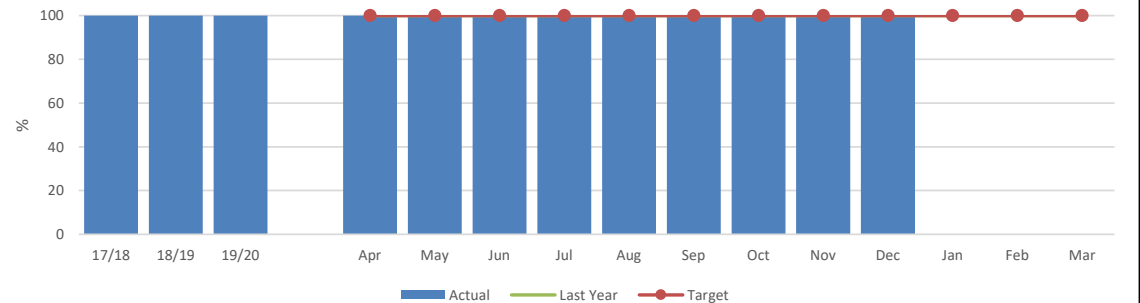
CSC 227

% Children in Care allocated to a qualified Social Worker

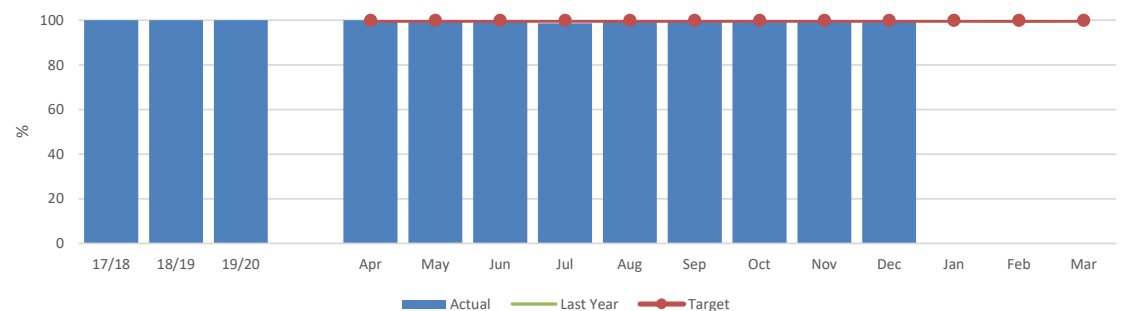
CSC 218

% of Children in Care whose reviews had been completed within required timescales (as at month end)

CSC 227: % Children in Care allocated to a qualified Social Worker



CSC 218: % of Children in Care whose reviews had been completed within required timescales (as at month end)



CHILDREN IN CARE - STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION

Percentage of Children in Care who had all statutory visits completed within required timescales and percentage of Children in Care's statutory visits completed within timescales each month and year to date.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

During Q3 2020/21, 93.9% of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale, this is an improvement compared to Q3 2019/20 when there were 89.7% visits completed in timescale.

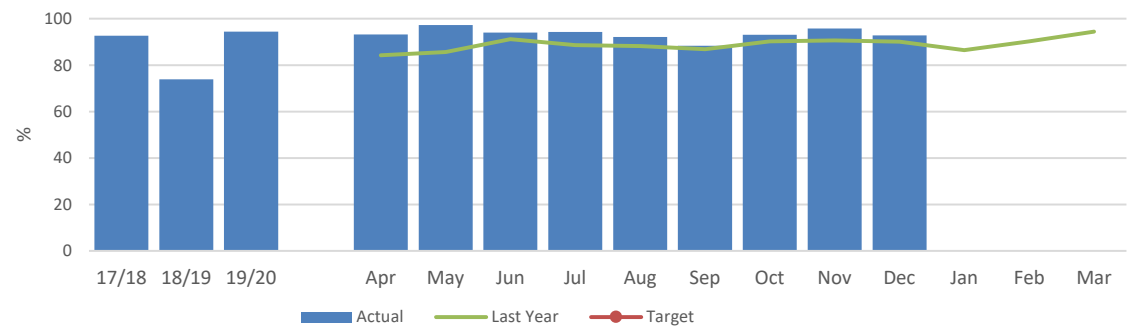
CSC 260a

% Child in Care statutory visits completed in timescale within the month

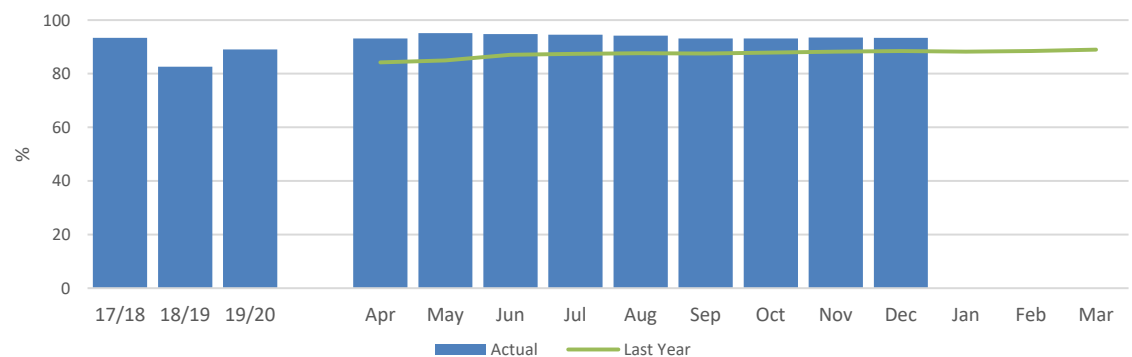
CSC 260b

% Child in Care statutory visits completed in timescale year to date

CSC 260a: % Child in Care statutory visits completed in timescale within the month



CSC 260b: % Child in Care statutory visits completed in timescale year to date



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	90	90
Apr-20	93.1	93.1
May-20	97.3	95.1
Jun-20	94.0	94.7
Jul-20	94.3	94.6
Aug-20	92.2	94.2
Sep-20	88.4	93.2
Oct-20	93.1	93.2
Nov-20	95.8	93.5
Dec-20	92.8	93.4
Jan-21		
Feb-21		
Mar-21		

ANNUAL TREND

2017/18	93.4	93.4
2018/19	82.6	82.6
2019/20	89.0	89.0
2020/21	92.8	93.4

CHILDREN IN CARE - PLACEMENTS**DEFINITION**

Of those Children in Care at the point in time (excluding series of short-term placements), the percentage that had 3 or more separate placements in the previous 12 months; who had been in their current placement for 2 or more years. and who were placed more than 20 miles away from their home address.

On the whole stability is associated with better outcomes; placement instability has been highlighted as a key barrier to improving educational outcomes. Proper assessment and an adequate choice of placements to meet the varied needs of different children are essential if appropriate stable placements are to be made. Inappropriate placements often break down and lead to frequent moves. Nevertheless, the circumstances of some individual children will require 3 or more separate placements during a year if they and others are to be kept safe.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

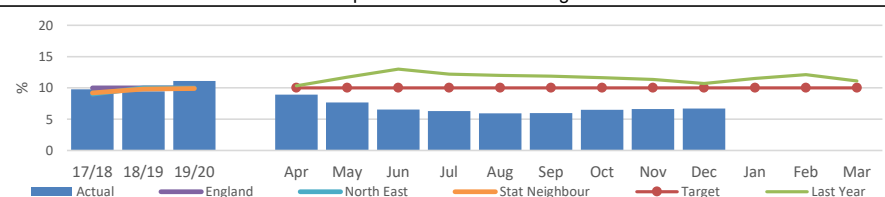
6.7% of Children in Care, as at December 2020, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is positively below the internal target (10%), national (10), statistical neighbour (9.9) and regional averages (10) as recorded in the LAIT 2020, and below the 10.7% as at December 2019.

Currently, 76.1% of our Children in Care aged under 16 (who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years) have been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years. This is a higher percentage compared with December 2019 (72.7%) and is positively above the 68% target.

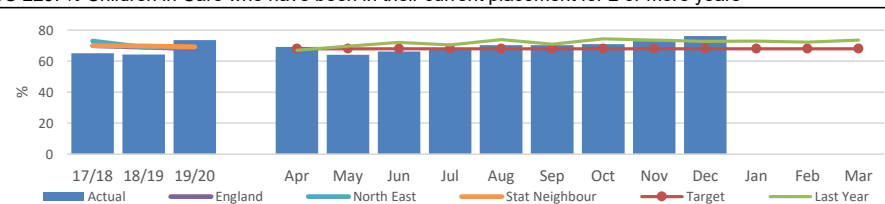
7.4% (20 children) of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at December 2020. This is positively below target of 10%.

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE		CSC 228 % Children in Care with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months	CSC 229 % Children in Care who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years	CSC 230 % Children in Care placed 20 miles or more away from home
	Target	10%	68%	10%
	Apr-20	8.9	69.2	10.0
	May-20	7.7	64.1	9.6
	Jun-20	6.5	66.3	8.8
	Jul-20	6.3	68.1	8.6
	Aug-20	5.9	70.3	8.6
	Sep-20	6.0	70.3	7.2
	Oct-20	6.5	71.0	8.5
	Nov-20	6.6	73.0	7.3
	Dec-20	6.7	76.1	7.4
	Jan-21			
	Feb-21			
	Mar-21			
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	9.8	65.1	12.0
	2018/19	9.5	64.4	9.7
	2019/20	11.1	73.6	9.6
	2020/21	6.7	76.1	7.4

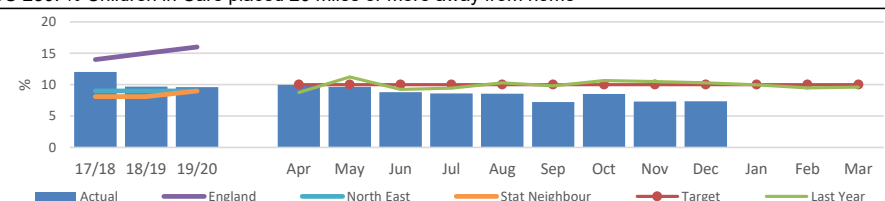
CSC 228: % Children in Care with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months



CSC 229: % Children in Care who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years



CSC 230: % Children in Care placed 20 miles or more away from home



CHILDREN IN CARE - INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

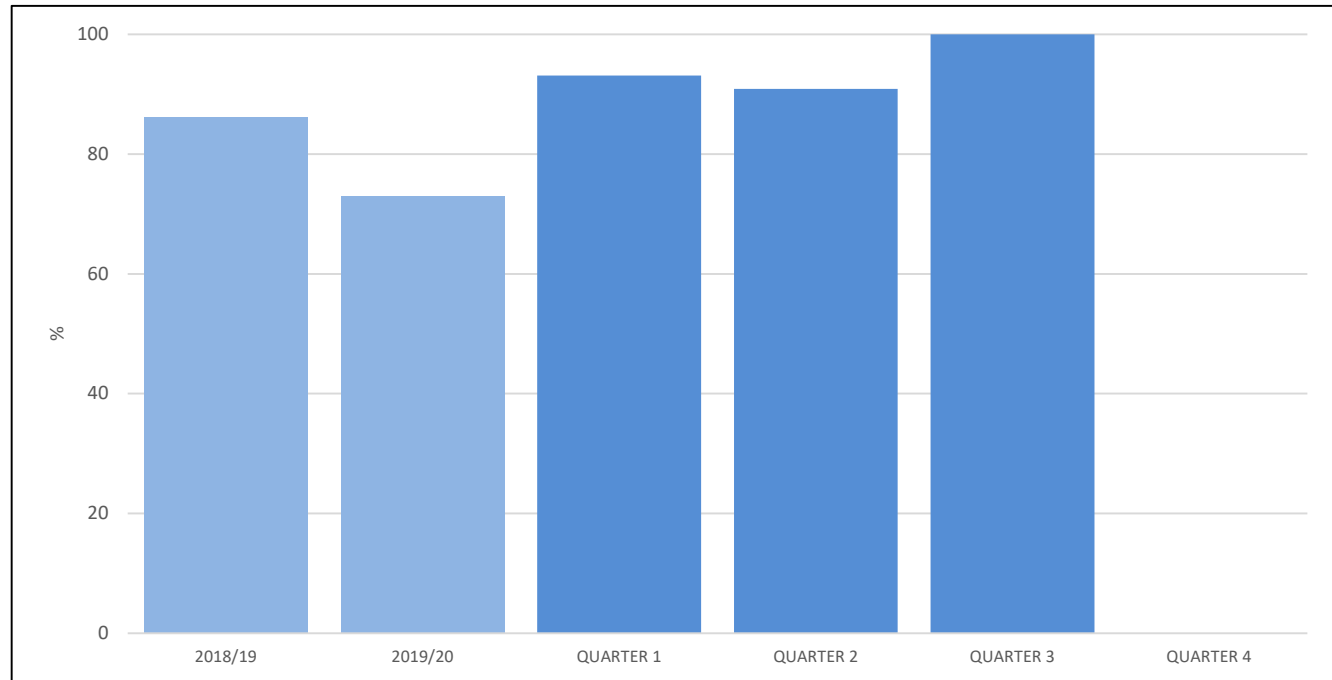
Percentage of Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of a child coming into our care year to date (data from Health), and percentage of IHA forms returned to Health within 7 working days.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

100.0% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during Q3 2020/21.

% Newly in to care with a completed Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days (from Health)

% Newly in to care with a completed Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days (from Health)



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target

95

Apr-20

May-20

Jun-20

93.1

Jul-20

Aug-20

Sep-20

90.9

Oct-20

Nov-20

Dec-20

100.0

Jan-21

Feb-21

Mar-21

ANNUAL TREND

2017/18

82.0

2018/19

86.2

2019/20

72.9

2020/21

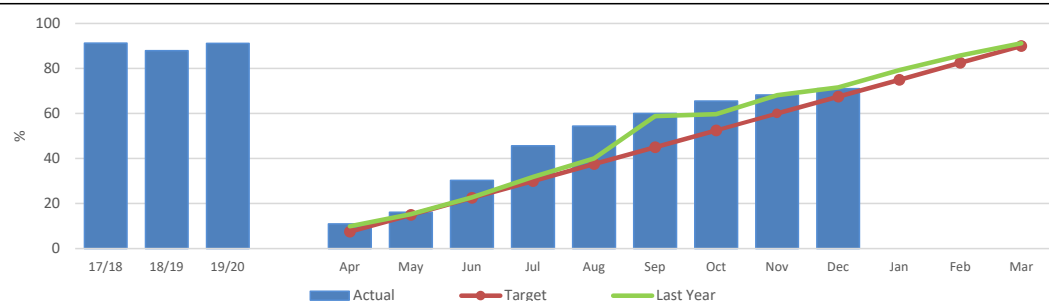
93.4%

CHILDREN IN CARE - HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

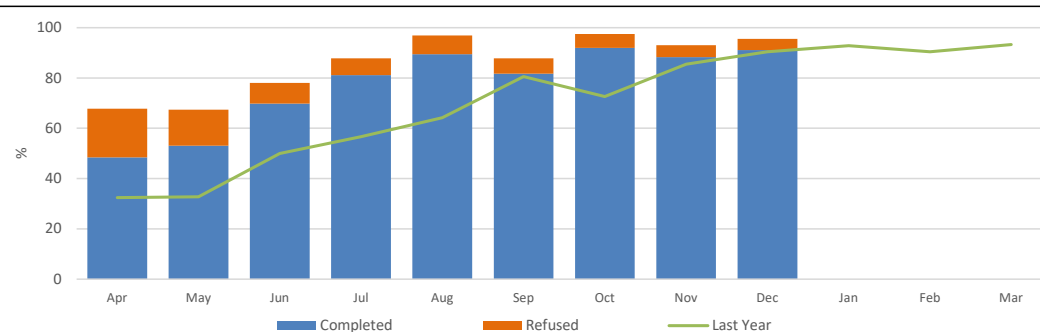
DEFINITION	Of the Children in Care (CiC) at 31 March who had been in care continuously for at least 12 months, the percentage who have had their Review Health Assessment (RHA) completed and the percentage who have an up to date Health Check. Children in Care share many of the same health risks and problems as their peers, but often to a greater degree. These indicators track the participation of our Children in Care's health as a proxy for monitoring the general health and wellbeing of the children, as well as providing a check on the effectiveness of joint working with Health to secure good health outcomes for Children in Care.
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	91.1% of children due a review health assessment by December 2020 have had one completed. This percentage is above December 2019 (90.4%) and is an accomplishment when considering the restraints the pandemic has had on access to health organisations. 4.5% of the children due a review are refusing to have one completed at this time. Although they are refusing, they are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

CSC 250		CSC 250b
The % of CiC who have an up to date Health Checks (<i>excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March</i>)	The % of CiC who were due a Review Health Check (year to date) who refused to engage	The % of Children in Care who were due a Review Health Check year to date and were completed and recorded

CSC 250: % of CiC who are up to date for a Review Health Check at 31st March



CSC 250b: % of CiC due a Review Health Check during the year (to date) that have had one, and % that refused



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%		90%
	Apr-20	11.0	19.4	48.4
	May-20	16.1	14.3	53.1
	Jun-20	30.3	8.2	69.9
	Jul-20	45.7	6.7	81.1
	Aug-20	54.4	7.4	89.5
	Sep-20	60.1	6.1	81.7
	Oct-20	65.6	5.6	91.9
	Nov-20	68.2	4.8	88.3
	Dec-20	71.1	4.5	91.1
	Jan-21			
	Feb-21			
	Mar-21			
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	91.3		
	2018/19	87.9		87.9
	2019/20	91.2	3.1	93.3
	2020/21	71.1	4.5	91.1

CHILDREN IN CARE - DENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

Of the Children in Care (CiC) at 31 March who had been in care continuously for at least 12 months, the percentage who had had their teeth checked by a dentist during the previous 12 months, and the percentage who had had an annual health check during the previous 12 months.

Children in Care share many of the same health risks and problems as their peers, but often to a greater degree. These indicators track the participation of our Children in Care with dental checks as a proxy for monitoring the general health and wellbeing of the children, as well as providing a check on the effectiveness of joint working with Health to secure good health outcomes for Children in Care.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

29.5% of children due a dental check assessment by December 2020 have had one completed. This is lower than the 85.8% of CiC who were up to date with their assessments by December 2019, however NHS dental practises have been closed for a considerable length of time during the pandemic and when opened, were only admitting emergency cases.

3.2% of the children due a dental check are refusing to have one completed at this time. Although they are refusing, they are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

CSC 251

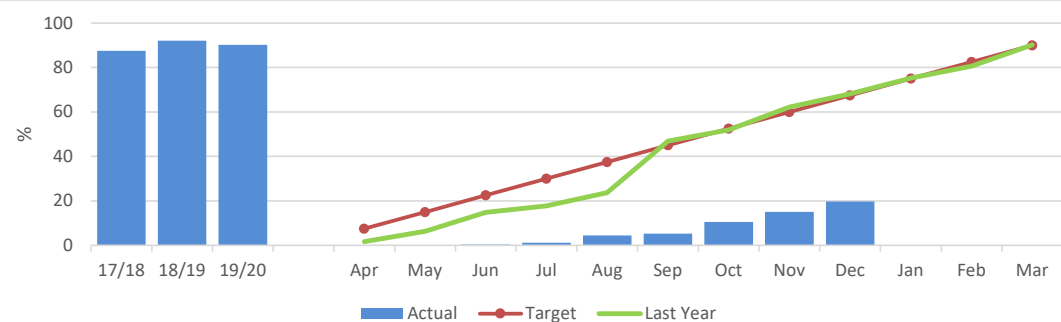
The % of Children in Care with up to date dental checks (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March)

The % of Children in Care who were due a dental check (year to date) who refused to engage

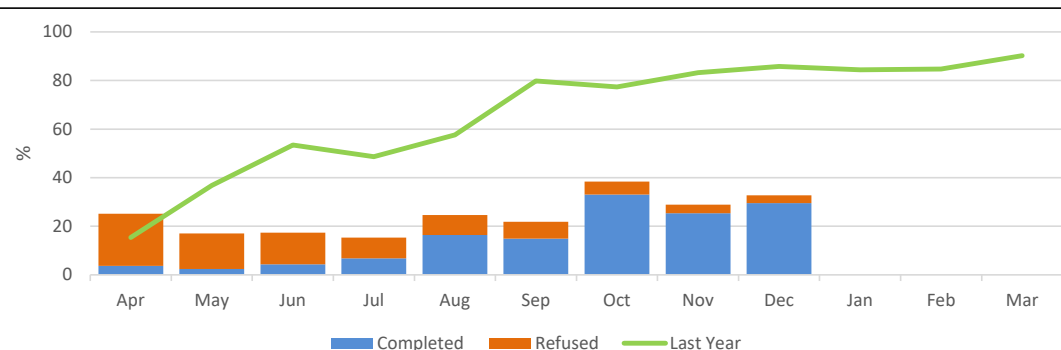
CSC 251d

The % of Children in Care who were due a dental check year to date and were up to date by the report date

CSC 251: % of Children in Care who are up to date for a Dental Check at 31st March



CSC 251d: % of Children in Care due a Dental Check (to date) that have had one, and the % that refused



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%		90%
	Apr-20	0.0	21.4	3.7
	May-20	0.0	14.6	2.4
	Jun-20	0.4	13.0	4.4
	Jul-20	1.2	8.5	6.8
	Aug-20	4.4	8.2	16.4
	Sep-20	5.2	6.9	14.9
	Oct-20	10.5	5.4	33.0
	Nov-20	15.0	3.5	25.4
	Dec-20	19.7	3.2	29.5
	Jan-21			
	Feb-21			
	Mar-21			
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	87.5		
	2018/19	92.1		92.1
	2019/20	90.2	3.1	90.2
	2020/21	19.7	3.2	29.5

CARE LEAVERS**DEFINITION**

The percentage of 'former relevant' care leavers aged 19-21 who were in suitable accommodation at their most recent contact, and the percentage who were not in employment, education or training at their most recent contact. Published data is included for comparison however data submitted to DfE by Local Authorities captures the young person's status around their 19th, 20th, or 21st birthday each year rather than the latest available information. This measures accommodation and employment outcomes for young people formerly in care - a key group at risk of social exclusion. It is intended to increase the proportion of former care leavers who are in suitable accommodation and employment, education or training.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

98.0% of our care leavers were in suitable accommodation at the end of December 2020. This is above target of 95%. The 2.0% of care leavers in unsuitable accommodation is due to young people being recalled to custody during this quarter.

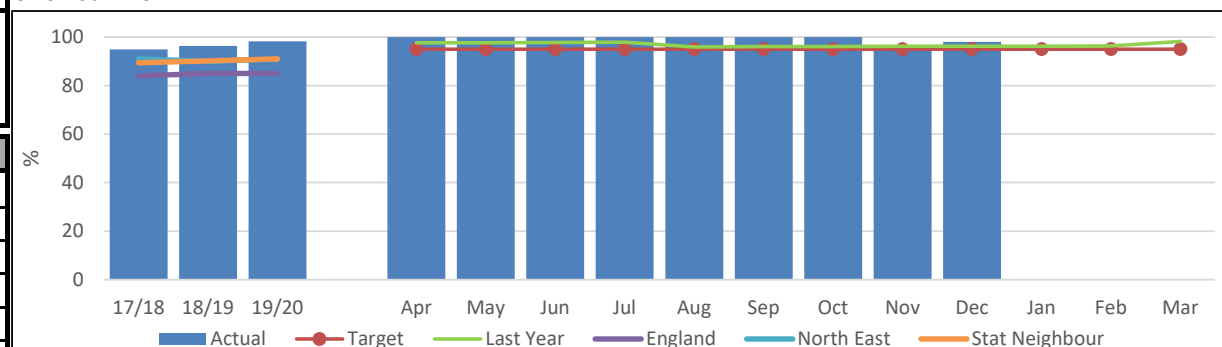
Of the young people (aged 19-21) as at December 2020 who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET):

- 10.2% NEET because of illness or disability
- 6.1% NEET because of other circumstances
- 10.2% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting.

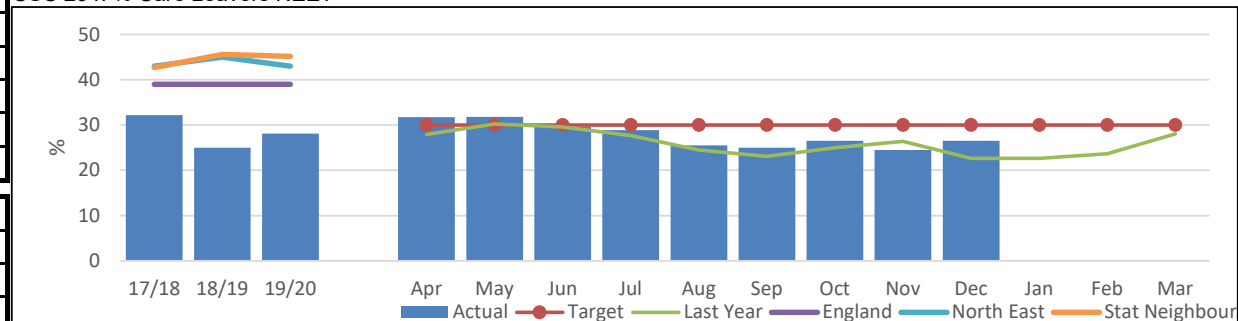
This equates to 26.5% of our care leavers which is below internal target of 30% NEET.

CSC 286	CSC 294
% Care Leavers in suitable accommodation	% Care Leavers NEET

CSC 286: % Care Leavers in suitable accommodation



CSC 294: % Care Leavers NEET



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	95%	30%
	Apr-20	100.0	31.7
	May-20	100.0	31.8
	Jun-20	100.0	29.6
	Jul-20	100.0	28.9
	Aug-20	100.0	25.5
	Sep-20	100.0	25.0
	Oct-20	100.0	26.5
	Nov-20	95.9	24.5
	Dec-20	98.0	26.5
	Jan-21		
	Feb-21		
	Mar-21		
ANNUAL TREND	2017/19	94.9	32.2
	2018/19	96.4	25.0
	2019/20	98.2	28.1
	2020/21	98.0	26.5

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 12 APRIL 2021

WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2020/21 Municipal Year and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included.

Summary

2. Members are requested to consider the attached draft work programme (**Appendix 1**) for the remainder of the Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee in the last Municipal Year.
3. Any additional areas of work which Members wish to add to the agreed work programme will require the completion of a quad of aims in accordance with the previously approved procedure (**Appendix 2**).

Recommendations

4. Members are requested to note the work programme and consider any additional items which they may wish to include.

Paul Wildsmith
Managing Director

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Author: Allison Hill

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address

Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the eight outcomes.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. The format of the proposed work programme has been reviewed to enable Members of this Scrutiny Committee to provide a rigorous and informed challenge to the areas for discussion.
6. Each topic links to the outcomes and the conditions in the Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington Perfectly Placed:-

<p>SCS Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Children with the best start in lifeb) More businesses more jobsc) A safe and caring communityd) More people caring for our environmente) More people active and involvedf) Enough support for people when neededg) More people healthy and independenth) A place designed to thrive	<p>Three Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Build strong communitiesb) Grow the economyc) Spend every pound wisely
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7. In addition, each topic links to performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework (PMF) to provide robust and accurate data for Members to use when considering topics and the work they wish to undertake. There are some topics where appropriate PMF indicators have not yet been identified however; these can be added as the work programme for each topic is developed.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

8. Any Member seeking to add a new item to the work programme will need to complete a quad of aims.
9. A copy of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 3** for information.

Review Group Items

10. As part of the ongoing review to understand the impact that Covid-19 has had in Darlington on our children and young people and what future actions may be required, a Review Group meeting was held on 4 March 2020 to examine evidence received from various organisations; and a second virtual evidence gathering event to hear the 'voice of the child and young person' was held on 25 March 2021.

APPENDIX 1

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Performance Management and Regulation	Q3 12 April 2021 Q4 Sept 2021 Q2 Dec 2021	Sharon Raine	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed More people healthy and independent	Build strong communities Spend every pound wisely	Agreed set of indicators	To receive quarterly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary
Autism Provision Joint Review Group	21 June 2021	Christine Shields				
Local Designated Officer Annual Report	23 August 2021	James Stroyan /Amanda Hugill	A safe and caring community			To examine the Annual Report and assure Members that allegations made against staff who work with children are reported and how they are actioned

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Learning and Skills Service Annual Report	25 October 2021	Paul Richardson	Enough support for people when needed			Annual Report to demonstrate challenge
IRO Annual Report	25 October 2021	Martin Graham	Children with the best start in life		CSC201	To examine the Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer for Looked After Children
Children and Young People Public Health Overview and Childhood Healthy Weight Plan	25 October 2021	Ken Ross	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed More people healthy and independent	Build Strong Communities	PBH 009 PBH 013c PBH 016 PBH 018 PBH 020 PBH 021 PBH 054	Annual monitoring
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	25 October 2021	Ann Baxter, Independent Chair	A safe and caring community	Build strong communities		Annually monitoring
Adoption Tees Valley Annual Report 2020/21	25 October 2021	Vicky Davidson-Boyd, Service Manager, Adoption Tees Valley	Children with the best start in life			Annual monitoring
Darlington Care Collective	20 December 2021	Christine Shields	One Darlington Perfectly Placed			To provide an Update on the Care Collective

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
			A safe and caring Community Children with the best start in life			
Children and Young Peoples Plan	21 February 2022	Christine Shields	Children with the best start in life			Annual Update
2021/22 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment	21 February 2022	Tony Murphy/Nicola Davies	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed	Build Strong Communities		Annual Report
Private Children's Homes and Planning Guidance	TBA					Following an update to the Scrutiny meeting on 11 March 2019 Members agreed to monitor the number of private children's homes in the borough.
JOINT REVIEW WITH HEALTH AND HOUSING AND ADULTS SCRUTINY:						
Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Autism Provision Review Group	Scoping Meeting held on 2 March 2020	Christine Shields	Enough support for people when needed			To review the provisions and services and contractual arrangements between this Council and our providers who provide the Autism provisions, diagnoses and support services for Darlington.
REVIEWS						
Adoptive Services	Approved by Scrutiny at their meeting held on 29 June 2020	Vicky Davidson-Boyd				To examine how the Regional Adoption Agency is serving Darlington and to examine how the Coronavirus Pandemic has affected adoption
Effects of the Pandemic on Children and Young People Review	2 nd Evidence gathering event held 25 March 2021.					To examine how children and young people are coping with the current situation arising from the

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
						Covid 19 Pandemic and how this has affected them.

ARCHIVED ITEMS

Looked After Children Missing From Care	2 July 2018	Alison Poulter / Chris Bell	Enough support for people when needed			To examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid episodes and examine partnership working and parent engagement
LAC Missing from Care – Reasons and Interventions	10 September 2018	Joanne Stoddart	Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed		CSC246	To examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid. To invite the Police Liaison Officer to attend Scrutiny to discuss
Educational Landscape	Archived on 3 Oct 2018	Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life	Build Strong Communities	CSC 044	To examine school improvement

					Basket of LAIT KS1, KS2, GCSE & A Level indicators. Local Authority Interactive Tool (LAIT) academic year 2014/15/ Ofsted Sept 2014/ Department for Education (DFE) performance data	including the decline in performance for maths and English and what action is being taking to address this.
Stability of Places for Looked After Children	10 December 2018	Joanne Stoddart	Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed	Build strong communities	CSC 228 CSC 229	To monitor annually the stability of places for Looked After Children. To be monitored via the regular performance reports in future
Children Services Accessibility Strategy	10 December 2018		Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed			To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to consider the Strategy prior to Cabinet.
SEND High Needs Review: Strategy and Funding	29 October 2018 10 Dec 2018	Tony Murphy	Children with the best start in life More People healthy and independent			To give Scrutiny Members the opportunity to consider 3 of the 4 core elements of the Review. Members to carry out a T/F Review on the proposals.
Home to School Transport	29 October 2018					Verbal update to Members

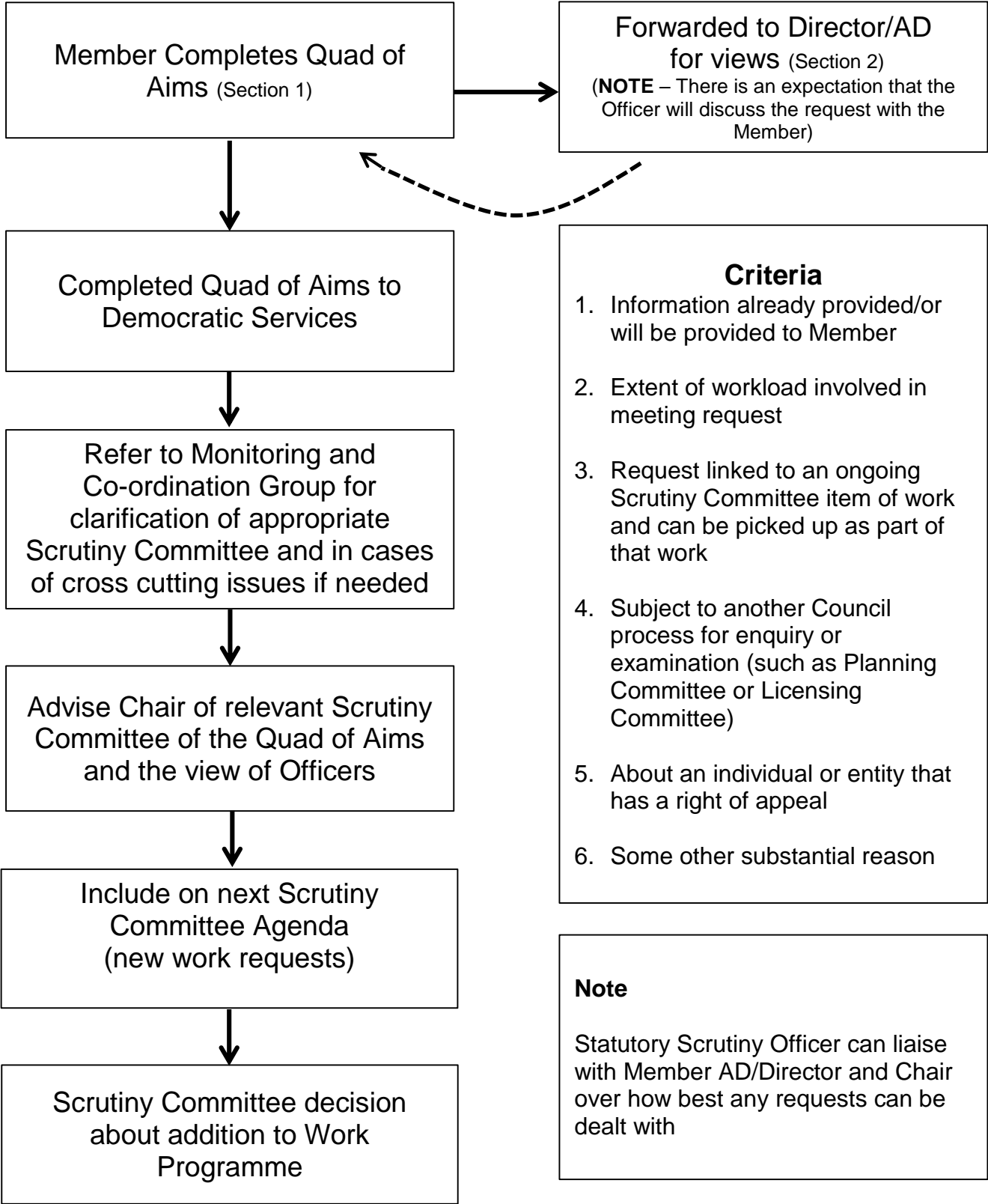
			Enough support for people when needed			
SEND Strategy and Funding Consultation Review Group	10 December 2018		Children with the best start in life			To give a Scrutiny response to the consultation on the SEND Strategy and Funding and SEND Travel Assistance Policy
Childhood Obesity/ Oral Health/Mental Health Links	Review suspended –to continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan. Update report on the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan to Scrutiny on 3 February 2020.		Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed More People Healthy and Independent	Build Strong Communities		To investigate the high incidence of childhood obesity in Darlington and the associated links to poor dental health; and whether the desire to promote good 'self image' has an impact on mental health issues in young people.
Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24	Special Meeting 13 January 2020	Elizabeth Davison	One Darlington Perfectly Placed	Spend Every Pound Wisely		To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan in relation to the areas within this Scrutiny's remit
Council Plan 2020/23	Special Meeting on 13 January 2020	Paul Wildsmith				To consider the Council Plan
Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Update	3 February 2020	Christine Shields				Update report on the community based initiatives funded from Voluntary Sector Development

						Fund monies, piloted during 2019/20.
Home to School Transport	3 February 2020	Tony Murphy/ Graham Easterlow				To update Members on the current position/ changes to regulations which may impact on the MTFP
Extension of Funding to 21 for Children in Foster Care	March 2020	Jane Kochanowski	Children with the best start in life A safe and caring community Enough support for people when needed More people healthy and independent	Build strong communities		Annual monitoring – a duty on Local Authorities to facilitate, monitor and support staying put arrangements. Now monitored by quarterly performance reports.
Academy Trusts	2 November 2020	Presentation by Katherine Cowell, the Interim Regional Schools Commissioner for the North of England	Children with the best start in life			To examine safeguarding measures and health and safety training in place within the boroughs Academies and attainment within Academy Trusts.
SEND - Outcomes for Parents following Covid-19	4 January 2021	Carla Scaith Darlington Parent Carer Forum				To continue to monitor SEND/ EHCPs. To receive the survey results from the Parent

						Carer Forum SEND Survey and to receive information relating to experiences of the Parent Carer Forum.
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**PROCESS FOR ADDING AN ITEM TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE’S
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME**



PLEASE RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

QUAD OF AIMS (MEMBERS' REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY SCRUTINY)

SECTION 1 TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS

NOTE – This document should only be completed if there is a clearly defined and significant outcome from any potential further work. This document should **not** be completed as a request for or understanding of information.

REASON FOR REQUEST?	RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)
PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)	HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Signed Councillor

Date

SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

(NOTE – There is an expectation that Officers will discuss the request with the Member)

<div>1. (a) Is the information available elsewhere? Yes No If yes, please indicate where the information can be found (attach if possible and return with this document to Democratic Services) (b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so? </div> <div>2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff? </div> <div>3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that? </div> <div>4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway? </div> <div>5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal? </div> <div>6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme? </div>	<div>Criteria</div> <div>1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member</div> <div>2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request</div> <div>3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work</div> <div>4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)</div> <div>5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal</div> <div>6. Some other substantial reason</div>
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Signed Position Date

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DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN

3 March to 31 July 2021

Title	Decision Maker and Date
Darlington Crematorium Refurbishment – Cost Update	Cabinet 9 Mar 2021
Local Transport Plan	Cabinet 9 Mar 2021
Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	Cabinet 9 Mar 2021
Schedule of Transactions	Cabinet 9 Mar 2021
Supporting the Childhood Health Weight Plan for Darlington	Cabinet 9 Mar 2021
Annual Procurement Plan 2021/22	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021
Proposed Waiting Restrictions George Stephenson Drive - Objections	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021
Release of Capital Allocation in the MTFP - Capitalised Repairs in Corporate Buildings	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Capital Projects	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021
Stronger Communities Fund	Cabinet 13 Apr 2021
Customer Engagement Strategy 2021/24	Cabinet 4 May 2021
School Term Dates 2022/23	Cabinet 1 Jun 2021
Partnership Working in Darlington	Cabinet 1 Jun 2021
Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Reports 2019/20	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring Outturn 2020/21	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter One	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Representation on Other Bodies 2021/22	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Revenue Budget Outturn 2020/21	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 1	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Xentrall Shared Services Annual Report	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Climate Change - Update	Cabinet

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