

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Agenda



9.30 am Monday, 21 June 2021
The Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Darlington. DL1 5QT

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Appointment of Chair for the Municipal Year 2021/22
3. Appointment of Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2021/22
4. Declarations of Interest
5. To consider the times of Meetings of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/22 on the dates agreed in the Calendar by Cabinet at Minute C97/Feb/21
6. To approve the Minutes of the meetings of this Scrutiny Committee held on :
 - (a) 12 April 2021; and (Pages 3 - 6)
 - (b) Special Meeting on 22 April 2021 (Pages 7 - 8)
7. Performance Indicators 2020/21 - Year End –
Report of the Group Director of People
(Pages 9 - 36)
8. Work Programme –
Report of the Group Director of Operations
(Pages 37 - 54)

9. 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
10. Questions



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Friday, 11 June 2021

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

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

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, 12 April 2021

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

STATUTORY CO-OPTees – None

NON-STATUTORY CO-OPTees – None

APOLOGIES – Carly Spence, Tim Fisher, Nick Lindsay and John Armitage

ABSENT – Malcolm Frank, Maura Regan and Janet Woodcock

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jane Kochanowski (Assistant Director of Children's Services), Sharon Raine (Head of Performance and Transformation), Allison Hill (Democratic Officer) and Tony Murphy (Head of Education and Inclusion)

CYP31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

CYP32 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 MARCH 2021

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 1 March 2021.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 1 March 2021 be approved as a correct record.

CYP33 HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The Chair and Members held a moment of reflection for HRH Prince Philip and acknowledged his work with children and young people and in particular with the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

CYP34 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS QUARTER 3 2020/21

The Director of Children and Adults Services submitted a report (previously circulated) to provide Members with an update on performance against key performance indicators.

The submitted report provided Quarter 3 (October to December) 2020/21 performance information in line with an indicator set agreed by the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group and subsequently by each individual Scrutiny Committee.

The submitted report highlighted where Children and Young People Services were performing well and where there was a need to improve. It was also outlined that where indicators are reported annually, quarterly updates will not be available.

It was highlighted that 92.5 per cent 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; 100 per cent of children with a Child Protection (CP) plan and 100 per cent of Children in Care (CiC) have an allocated social worker; 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 continue to positively perform below our targets of 5 per cent; 85.8 per cent of children received a statutory CP visit within 10 working days in Quarter 3; 93.4 per cent of statutory CiC visits were completed within timescale year to date above the target of 90 per cent and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (88.2 per cent); 6.7 per cent of Children in Care (CiC), as at December 2020, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months which is better than the internal target, national, regional averages (all at 10 per cent) and statistical neighbour (9.9 per cent) which was an improvement on 10.7 per cent as at December 2019; 7.4 per cent of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at December 2020; 100 per cent of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during Quarter 3 2020/21; 91.7 per cent of children due a review health assessment year to date had one completed; and 26.5 per cent of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET) which is positivity below target of 30 per cent and 98.0 per cent were in suitable accommodation.

The areas highlighted for focus were in respect of referrals screened and completed within 1 day which was 75.6 per cent during Q3 2020/21 giving a year to date performance of 77.7 per cent, below the target of 90 per cent; 19.7 per cent of re-referrals year to date, were repeated within 12 months, above the target of 18 per cent; timeliness of assessments was 85.2 per cent, below the target of 90 per cent; at the end of December 2020, the percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 8.3 per cent, above the 6 per cent target; the number of Children in Care had decreased to 284 by the end of December 2020, in line with the number at the end of December 2019 (280) and work continues to safely reduce the number of children becoming looked after; and as a result of dental surgery closures during lockdown, 29.5 per cent of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment, have had one completed.

Members discussed in particular the percentage of referrals completed within one working day and the rise in those taking over 3 working days and questioned what procedures were in place to expedite this; the percentage of re-referrals that are received within 12 months of a previous referral and what has been done to address this area; regarding the number of children and families assessments completed and if there were any emerging themes; a Member questioned if officers were expecting any change in the number of Child Protection Plans coming out of lockdown and the reasons why this authority was below the regional statistics for Child Protection Plans; and discussed the number of children in care with three or more separate placements which had reduced however Members felt still required constant monitoring.

Members also acknowledged the work that had been undertaken to ensure that the number of initial health assessments completed within 20 working days was 100 per

cent; however they questioned what the authority intended to do to encourage the number of children in care to have an annual dental check; and Members requested further information on the number of agency social workers the authority employed; and the approximate ratio of Looked after children placed from outside the authority in Darlington.

RESOLVED – That the performance information reported for Quarter 3 2020/21 be noted.

CYP35 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 would like to suggest should be included in the previously approved work programme

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.

CYP36 FINAL REPORT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE REVIEW GROUP

With the prior approval of the Chair to the matter being treated as urgent to make recommendations at the earliest time the Review Group established to examine the effects of the pandemic on children and young people presented their final report to Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee for approval.

The final report outlined the findings and recommendations of the Review Group established by this Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 4 January 2021.

The aim of the review was to examine the current picture, identify good practice and if there are any gaps in service; and to make suggestions or recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Darlington Cares Board and/or Cabinet.

Members discussed the report and recommendations and Councillor Crudass presented a number of additional comments and recommendations to be included in the report. Members confirmed that as this was an important piece of work they wanted to ensure that a unanimous decision could be made on the final report, therefore agreed to refer the final report back to the Review Group to re-consider the final report and the additions presented by Councillor Crudass.

RESOLVED – That no decision be made on the final report and that it be referred back to the Review Group for further discussion and be presented to a Special meeting of this Scrutiny for approval.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 22 April 2021

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

STATUTORY CO-OPTees – None

NON-STATUTORY CO-OPTees – None

APOLOGIES – Nick Lindsay and John Armitage

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Tony Murphy (Head of Education and Inclusion) and Allison Hill (Democratic Officer)

CYP37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

CYP38 FINAL REPORT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE REVIEW GROUP

The Review Group established to examine the effects of the pandemic on children and young people presented, for further consideration, their final report to Members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee for approval.

The final report outlined the findings and recommendations of the Review Group established by this Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 4 January 2021.

The aim of the review was to examine the current picture, identify good practice and if there are any gaps in service; and to make suggestions or recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Darlington Cares Board and/or Cabinet.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Review Group be approved and forwarded to Cabinet and the relevant outside bodies for their consideration.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 21 June 2021

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2020/21

Purpose of the Report

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

Summary

2. This report provides year end performance information (April 2020 – March 2021) 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. 94.4% 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. During 2020/21 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 target of 5%.
8. 89.0% of children received a statutory CP visit within 10 working days during 2020/21. This is in line with the target of 90%.
9. 93.1% of statutory CiC visits were completed within timescale during 2020/21. This is above the target of 90% and an improvement on the timeliness of visits when compared with the same period last year (89.0%).
10. 8.1% of Children in Care (CiC), as at March 2021, 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%) as recorded in the LAIT 2020.
11. 71.9% 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

positively above our target of 68.0% and our statistical neighbours (69.3%), regional (69.0%) and national average (68.0%).

12. 9.4% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at March 2021. This is a positive performance and below target of 10%.
13. 90.9% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during 2020/21.
14. 91.2% of children due a review health assessment year to date had one completed.
15. 24.6% of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training (NEET) which is positivity below target of 30% and 98.1% were in suitable accommodation.

Where do we need to improve?

16. 77.7% of referrals were screened and completed within 1 day during 2020/21, below the target of 90%.
17. 19.1% of re-referrals year to date, were repeated within 12 months, above the target of 18%. This is a smaller cohort of children re-referred when comparing with 2019/20, but due to the decrease in referrals this has increased our percentage rate.
18. Timeliness of assessments is 86.4% which is below the target of 90%, reasons for this are analysed and monitored by the Head of Service.
19. At the end of March 2021, 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 9.4%, above the 6% target.
20. The number of Children in Care has decreased to 272 by the end of March 2021, in line with the number at the end of March 2020 (270), work continues to safely reduce the number of children becoming looked after.
21. As a result of dental surgery closures during national lockdowns, 57.2% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment, have had one completed.

Recommendation

22. 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
Group Director of People

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

Year end - 2020/21

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2020/21 Performance Summary

Referral: 77.7% of referrals received during 2020/21 were completed within 1 working day and 4.7% took over 3 working days to complete. 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: 19.1% of the 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: 623 Early Help Assessments have been completed during 2020/21.

Missing: Of the children and young people who are reported missing from home, 87.5% 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 19.7% were a Child in Care.

Children & Families Assessments: 692 children had a single assessment carried out during 2020/21 with a rate of assessments as 308.2 per 10,000 of the population at the end of March 2021.

C&F Timeliness: Social workers completed 86.4% of the C&F assessments within timescale during 2020/21. This is in line with our statistical neighbour (87.7%) and regional average (88.8%) and above the national average (83.1%) as recorded for 2020 in the LAIT, but below our target of 90%.

Section 47 enquiries: 197 section 47 enquiries were started during 2020/21 involving 361 children, 7 of which were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) at the time of the enquiry.

Child Protection Conference Timeliness: 94.4% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting / section 47 being initiated, excluding transfer-in conferences, during 2020/21. Darlington's performance remains higher than our statistical neighbour (80.8%), regional (83.1%) and national average (77.6%) (LAIT 2020) and in line with internal target of 95%.

Child Protection Plans: 87 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of March 2021. This is comparable to the 85 children open to a plan at the end of March 2020. Darlington's rate equated to 38.8 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 2020/21 there were no children ceasing CP who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years. At the end of March 2021, 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 9.4%, above the 6% target.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 89.0% of children received a statutory Child Protection (CP) visit in 2020/21 within 10 working days, this is in line with our target of 90%.

Children in Care: 272 children are currently in care as at March 2021, which is comparable to the number of children (270) that were in care as at March 2020. During 2020/21 a total of 82 children came into the care of the Local Authority, which is lower than in 2019/20 (109). During 2020/21, 80 children ceased to be in care.

Children in Care Reviews: 100.0% of Children in Care (CiC) were allocated to a qualified social worker. 99.6% of the reviews have been completed within required timescales during 2020/21.

Children in Care Statutory visits: 93.1% of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale during 2020/21. This is an improvement compared to 2019/20 when there were 89.0% visits completed in timescale and above our internal target of 90%.

Children in Care Placements: 8.1% of Children in Care (CiC), as at March 2021, 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.

71.9% 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 positively above our target of 68.0% and our statistical neighbours (69.3%), regional (69.0%) and national average (68.0%).

9.4% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at March 2021, which is similar to that at March 2020 (9.6%) and below our target of 10.0%. 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: 90.9% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during 2020/21.

Health and Dental Reviews: 91.2% of children due a review health assessment by March 2021 have had one completed. This percentage is comparable to the end of 2019/20 (93.3%) and is above our 90% target.

As a result of dental surgery closures during national lockdowns, 57.2% 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 through the year, with 3.7% refusing their health review and 2.8% 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: 98.1% of care leavers were in suitable accommodation at the end of March 2021. The 1.9% of care leavers in unsuitable accommodation was due to being in custody. This is above our target of 95%.

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 24.6% at the end of March 2021.

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.

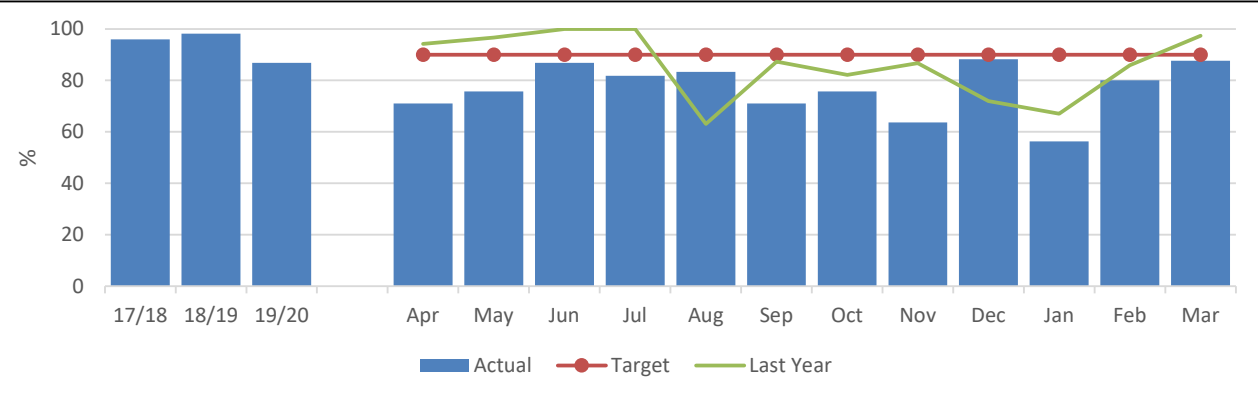
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

77.7% of referrals were completed within 1 working day during 2020/21 and 4.7% of the referrals took over 3 working days to complete.

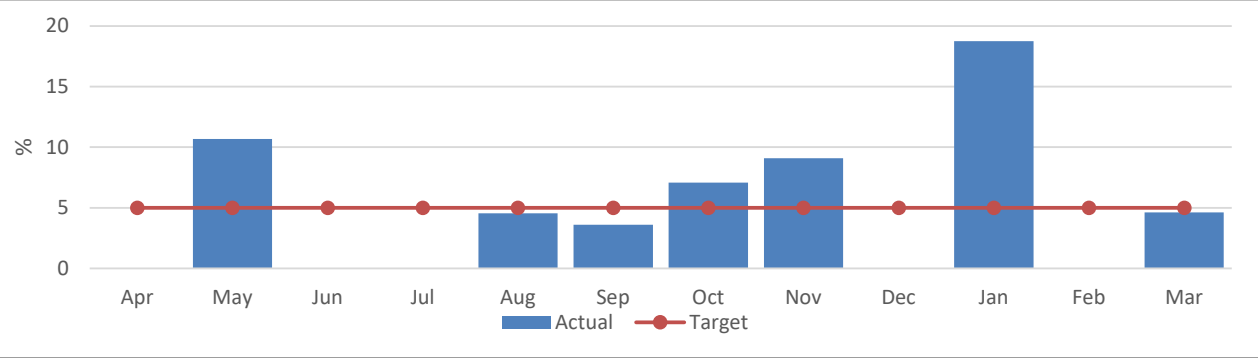
All referrals that are not completed in timescale are reviewed each month by Team Managers. It has been noted that the majority of the delays have been a result of waiting for further information from third parties to make an informed decision or difficulties in contacting the families. All delays were confirmed being required and in the best interest of the family and children.

CSC 022	CSC 026
Monthly % of referrals completed within 1 working day.	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	56.3	18.8
	Feb-21	80.0	0.0
Mar-21	87.7	4.6	

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%	4.7%

REFERRALS - RE-REFERRALS

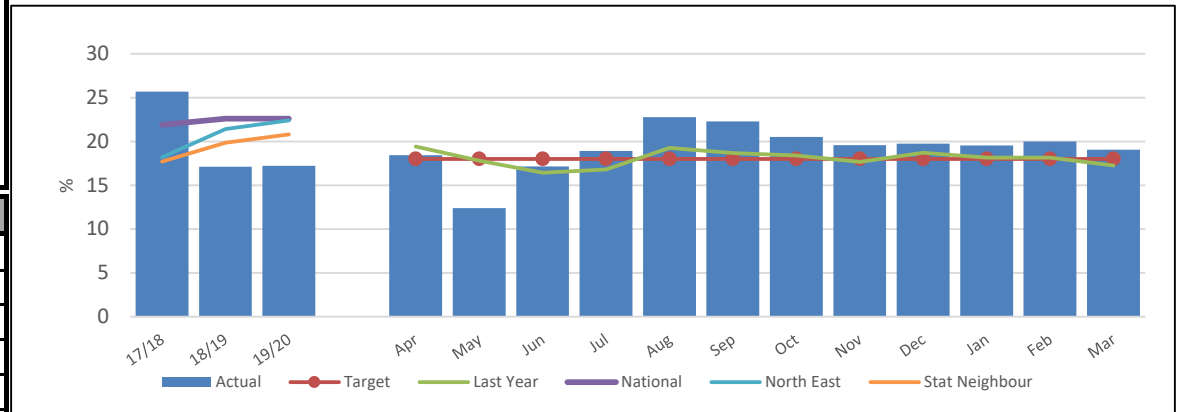
DEFINITION
 Percentage of re-referrals that are received within 12 months of a previous referral (based on referral start dates)
 A re-referral to Children's Social Care could be an indication that the previous referral was inappropriately closed down without addressing the initial concerns or issues.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS
 143 re-referrals were made during 2020/21 period equating to 19.1% of our referrals being repeated within 12 months. This is a smaller cohort of children re-referred when comparing with 2019/20 (171), but due to the decrease in referrals (992 in 2019/20 to 750 in 2020/21) this has increased our rate.
 Although this has taken us above target of 18%, we remain below our statistical neighbour (20.8%), national (22.6%) and the regional average (22.4%), as recorded for 2020 in the LAIT.

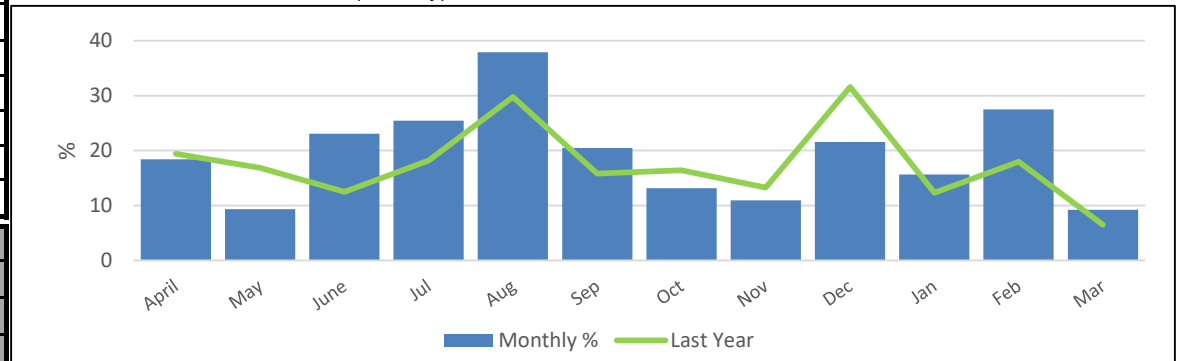
CSC 034	CSC 032	% of referrals that are re-referrals (monthly)
Monthly number of re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months	% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (cumulative)	

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	5	19.5	15.6
	Feb-21	11	20.0	27.5
Mar-21	6	19.1	9.2	
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	247	25.7	
	2018/19	205	17.1	
	2019/20	171	17.2	
	2020/21 YTD	143	19.1	

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



% of referrals that are re-referrals (monthly)



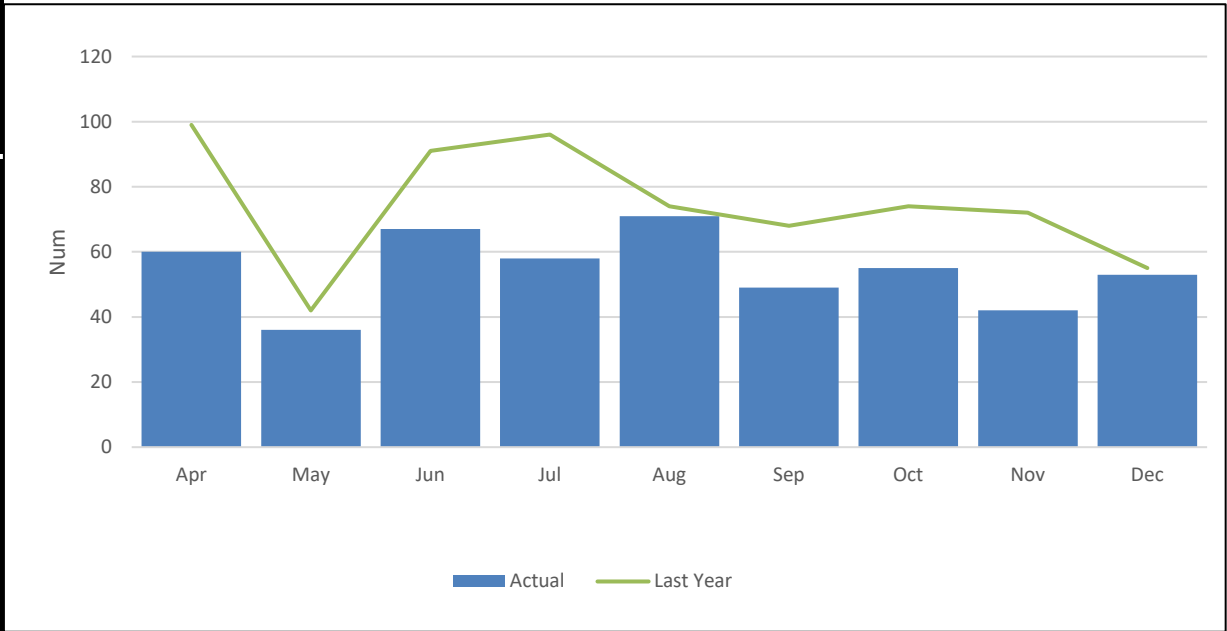
EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS - STARTED

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 623 Early Help Assessment's (EHA) were started during 2020/21 period which is a decrease on the 893 completed in 2019/20.

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	46
	Jun-20	58
	Jul-20	60
	Aug-20	36
	Sep-20	67
	Oct-20	58
	Nov-20	71
	Dec-20	49
	Jan-21	55
	Feb-21	42
	Mar-21	53

ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	877
	2018/19	869
	2019/20	893
	2020/21 YTD	623

MISSING EPISODES	
DEFINITION	The number of episodes of children going missing in Darlington who are a Child in Care (CiC).
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	30 Children in Care (CiC) were reported missing during 2020/21 with a total of 107 episodes. 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.

CSC 246
Number of missing relating to Children in Care with DBC

	Ep.	Child.
Apr-20	9	5
May-20	12	8
Jun-20	6	6
Jul-20	10	6
Aug-20	6	5
Sep-20	4	4
Oct-20	6	3
Nov-20	11	10
Dec-20	12	8
Jan-21	4	2
Feb-21	8	4
Mar-21	19	8

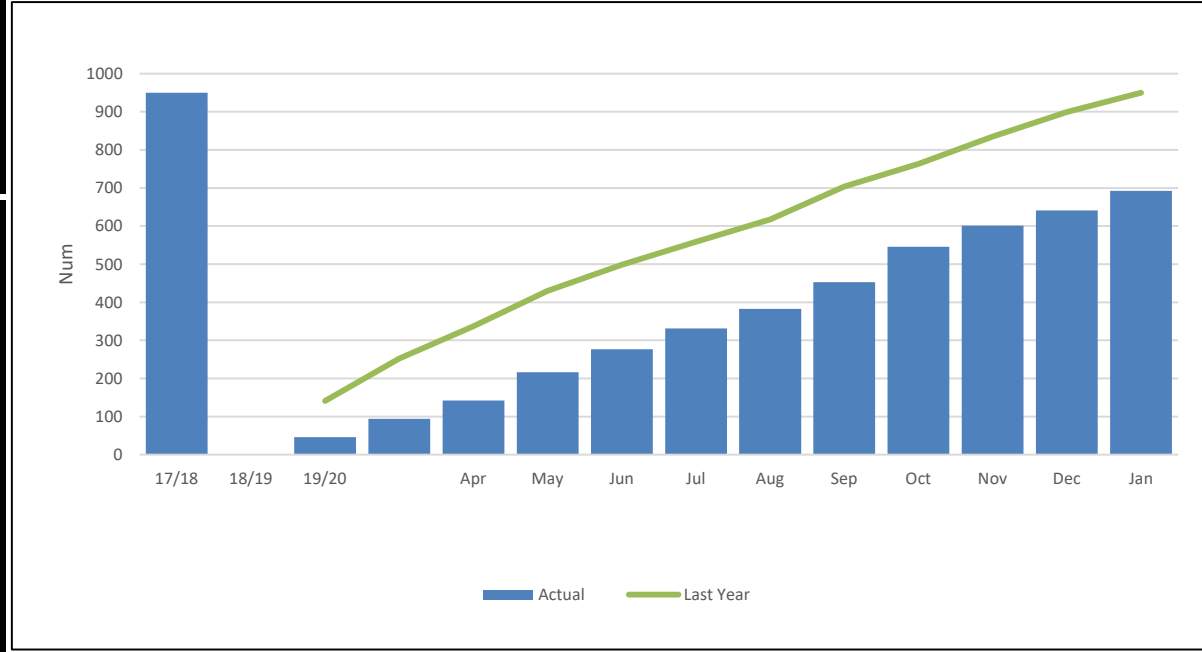
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

ANNUAL TREND child counted once	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 YTD
	199	129	107
	36	24	30

ASSESSMENTS	
DEFINITION	Monthly and cumulative number of Children & Families assessments completed
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	692 C&F assessments have been completed in total throughout the 2020/21 period, a 27.2% decrease on the 950 completed throughout 2019/20. This has resulted in a 308.2 rate of C&F assessments completed per population.

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

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



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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	546
	Jan-21	601
	Feb-21	641
	Mar-21	692
	ANNUAL TREND	2017/18
2018/19		1,025
2019/20		950
2020/21 YTD		692

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>86.4% of our C&F assessments were completed within 45 working days during the 2020/21 period. This is in line with our statistical neighbour (87.7%) and regional average (88.8%) and above the national average (83.1%) as recorded for 2020 in the LAIT, but below our target of 90%.</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	85.4
	Jan-21	85.9
	Feb-21	86.3
	Mar-21	86.4

ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	93.3
	2018/19	81.5
	2019/20	88.7
	2020/21 YTD	86.4

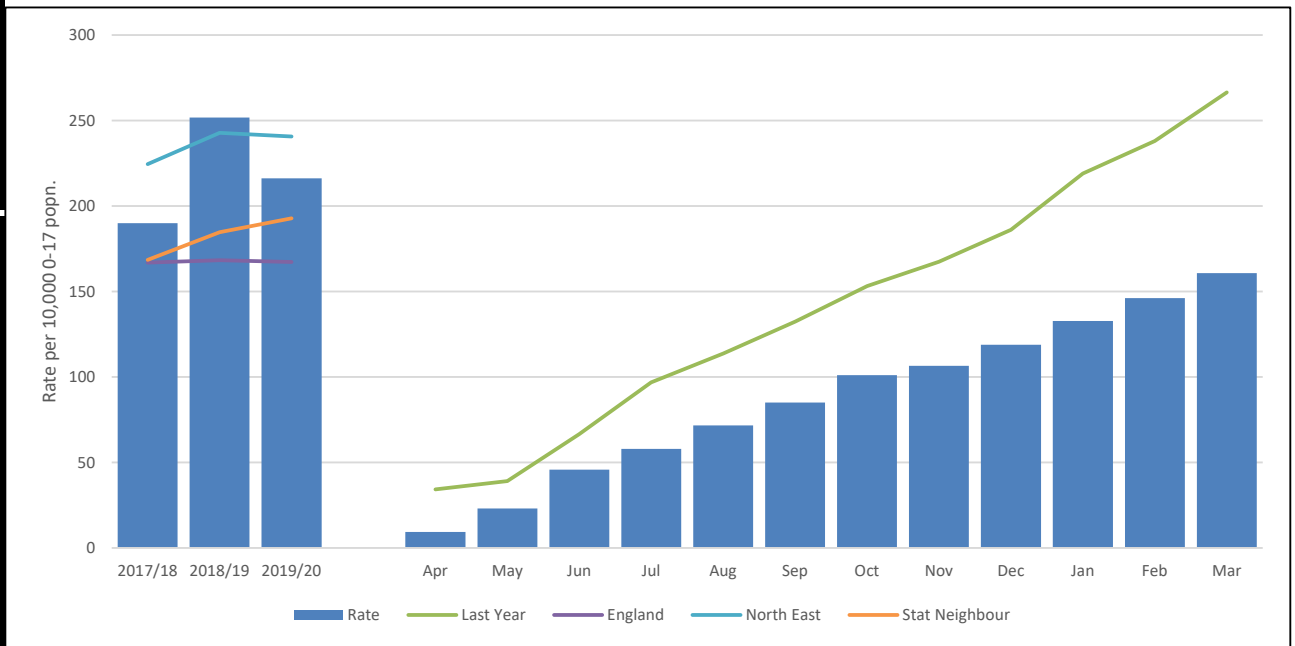
SECTION 47 - STARTED

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 361 section 47 enquires were started during 2020/21. The rate of enquires started equates to 160.8, which is below our statistical neighbour (192.8), national (167.2) and regional average (240.6) as recorded for 2020 in LAIT.

	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		CSC 166	CSC 164
	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	31	132.7
	Feb-21	30	146.1
	Mar-21	33	160.8

ANNUAL TREND		CSC 166	CSC 164
	2017/18	426	190.0
	2018/19	646	251.8
	2019/20	484	216.2
2020/21	361	160.8	

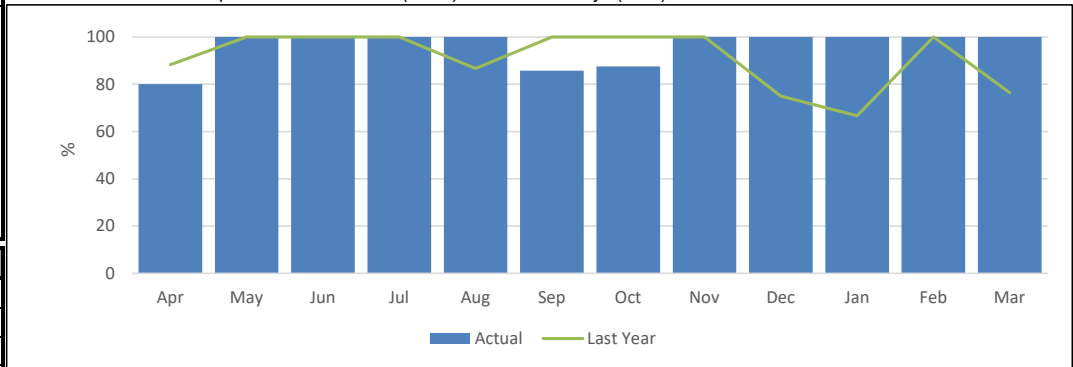
INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES - TIMELINESS

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 94.4% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting / section 47 being initiated, excluding transfer-in conferences, during 2020/21.
There has been an improvement in the timeliness of the conferences when compared to 2019/20 (89.5%) and now in line with internal target of 95% and our performance remains higher than our statistical neighbour (80.8%), regional (83.1%) and national average (77.6%) as recorded for 2020 in the LAIT.

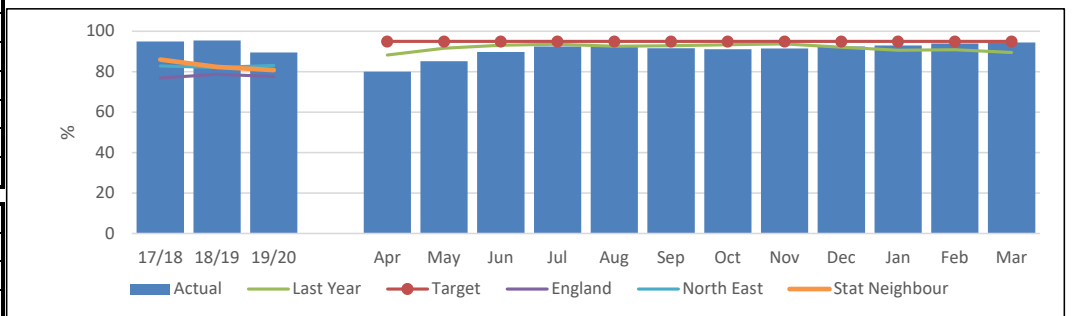
CSC 178	CSC 176
Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.	% of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) was 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.



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	CSC 178	CSC 176
		100	95
Apr-20		80.0	80.0
May-20		100.0	85.2
Jun-20		100.0	89.7
Jul-20		100.0	92.5
Aug-20		100.0	93.0
Sep-20		85.7	91.6
Oct-20		87.5	91.1
Nov-20		100.0	91.5
Dec-20		100.0	92.5
Jan-21		100.0	93.0
Feb-21		100.0	94.0
Mar-21		100.0	94.4

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



ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	CSC 178	CSC 176
	2018/19	95.0	95.0
	2019/20	95.4	95.4
	2020/21	89.5	89.5
	2020/21	94.4	94.4

CHILD PROTECTION

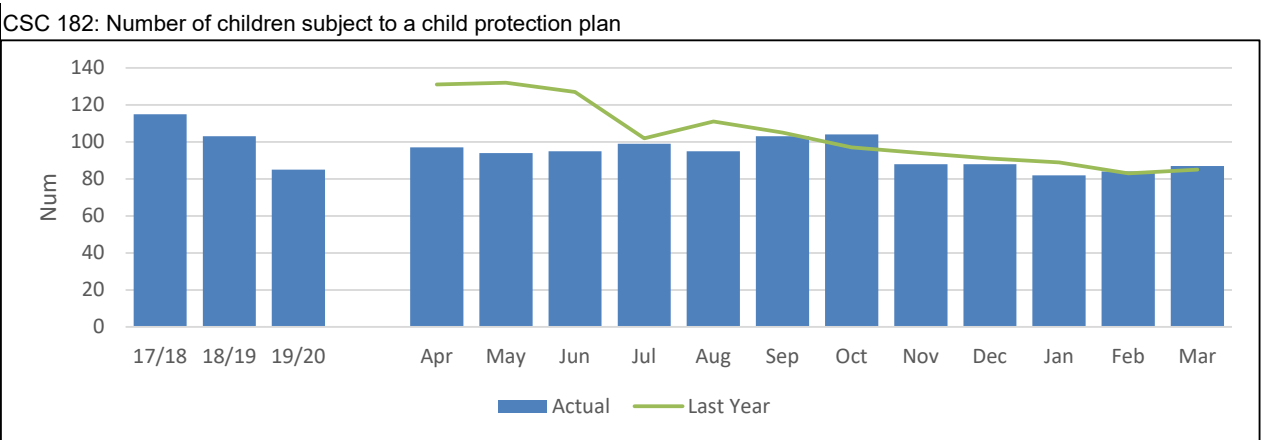
DEFINITION Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

87 children were subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) as at the end of March 2021. This is comparable to the 85 children open to a plan at the end of March 2020.

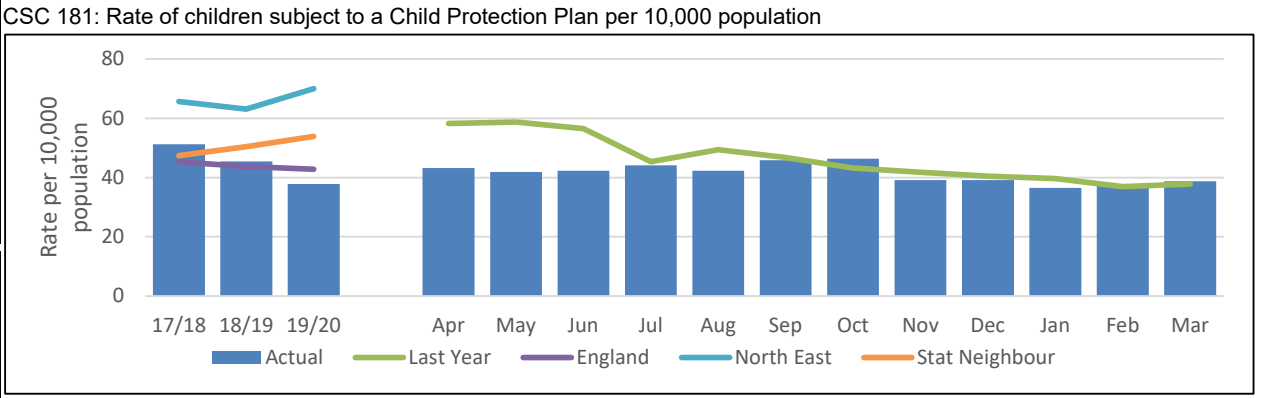
Darlington currently has a 38.8 rate per 10,000 for children subject to a CPP which is lower than our statistical neighbour (53.9), regional (70.0) and national average (42.8) as reported in the 2020 LAIT.

CSC 182	CSC 181
Number of children subject to a child protection plan	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	82	36.5
Feb-21	84	37.4
Mar-21	87	38.8



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	87	38.8

CHILD PROTECTION - ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION

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.

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.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

100% of Child Protection Cases were allocated to a qualified social worker.

100% of Child Protection reviews have been completed within the required timescales.

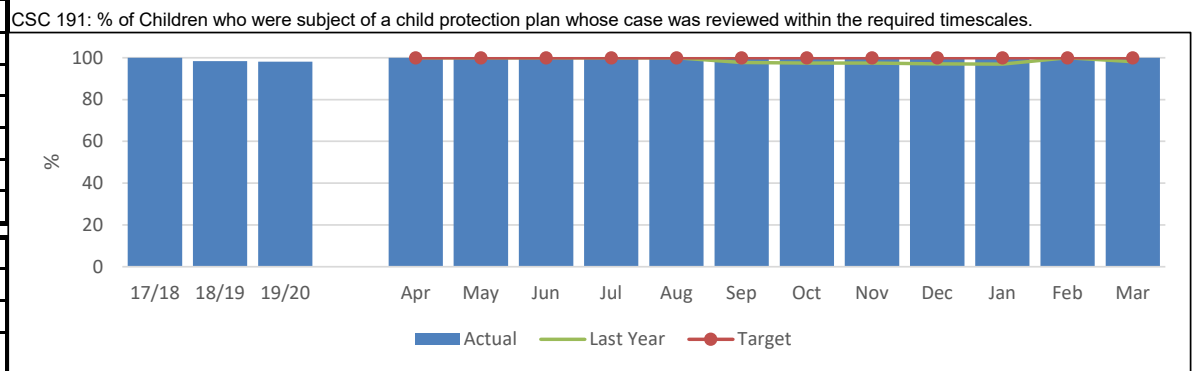
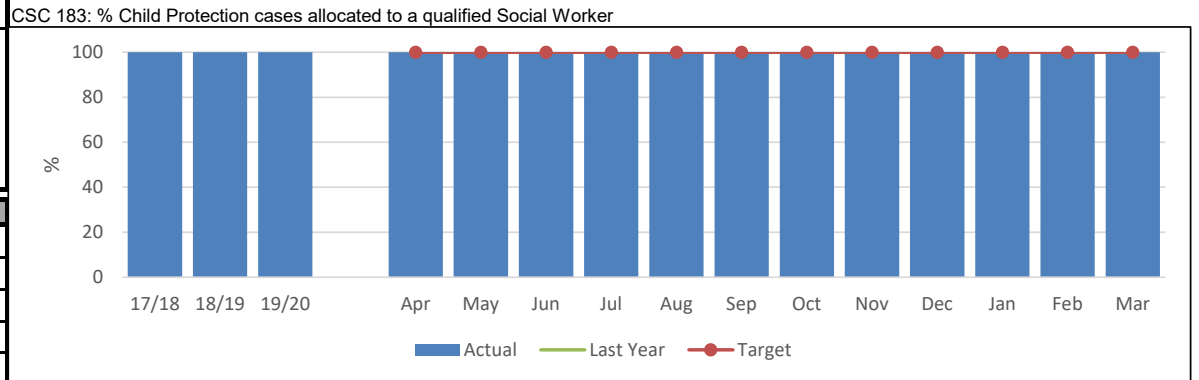
Performance remains higher than statistical neighbours (89.9%), regional (92.9%) and national averages (91.5%) as reported in the 2020 LAIT.

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CSC 183	CSC 191
% Child Protection cases allocated to a qualified Social Worker	% of Children who were subject of a child protection plan whose case was reviewed within the required timescales.

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	100	100	
	Apr-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	May-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Jun-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Jul-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Aug-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Sep-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Oct-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Nov-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Dec-20	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Jan-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Feb-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Mar-21	100.0	100.0	100.0

ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	100.0	100.0
	2018/19	100.0	98.4
	2019/20	100.0	98.2
	2020/21 YTD	100.0	100.0

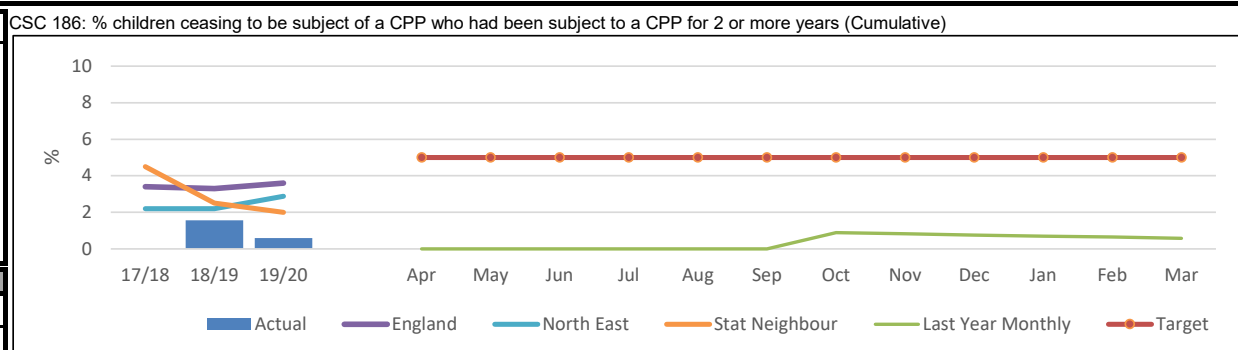


CHILD PROTECTION - TIME PERIODS

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.

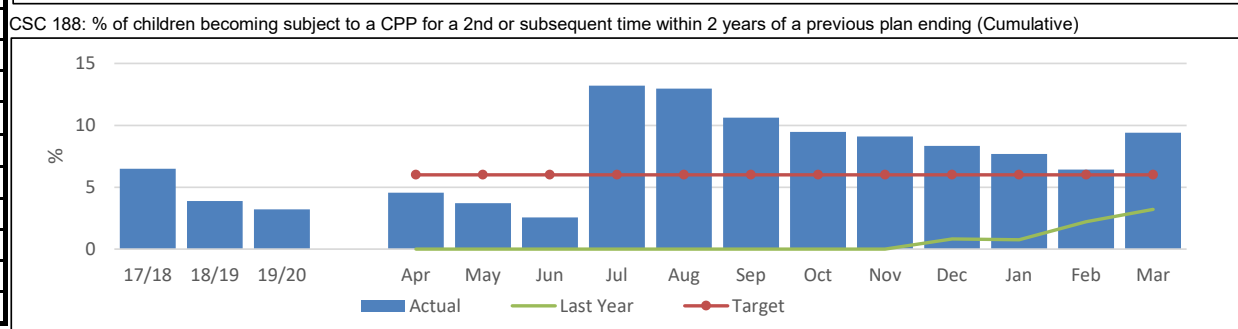
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS
 At the end of March 2021 the figure for children becoming subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 9.4% (this relates to 11 children from 4 families previously being subject to a CP plan). This is above our internal target of 6 %, however the family sizes should be taken into consideration which are similar to previous years.
 There has been no child who has been subject to a CP plan for 2 or more years and we continue to remain below our targets of 5%.

CSC 186	CSC 188
% children ceasing to be subject of a CPP who had been subject to a CPP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)	% 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	0.0	7.7
Feb-21	0.0	6.4
Mar-21	0.0	9.4



ANNUAL TREND

2017/18	0.0	6.5
2018/19	1.6	3.9
2019/20	0.6	3.2
2020/21	0.0	9.4

CHILD PROTECTION - STATUTORY VISITS

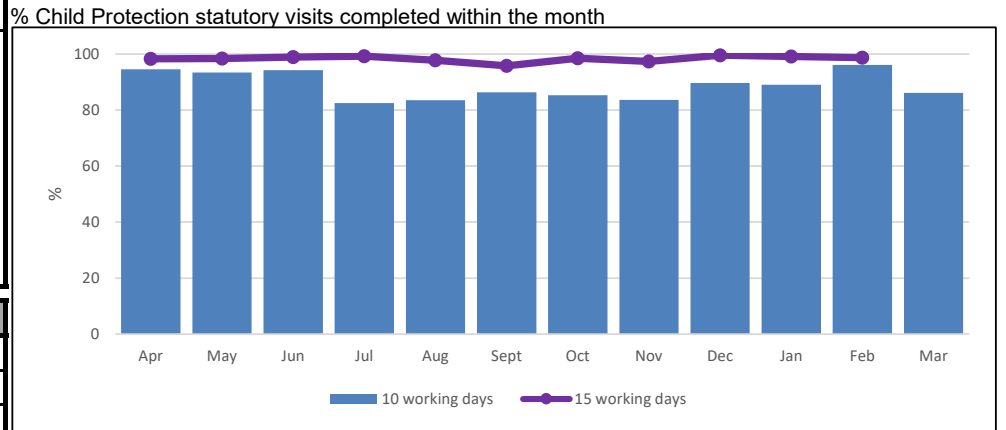
DEFINITION Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan who had all statutory visits carried out within timescales and percentage of Child Protection statutory visits completed within timescale monthly and year to date.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

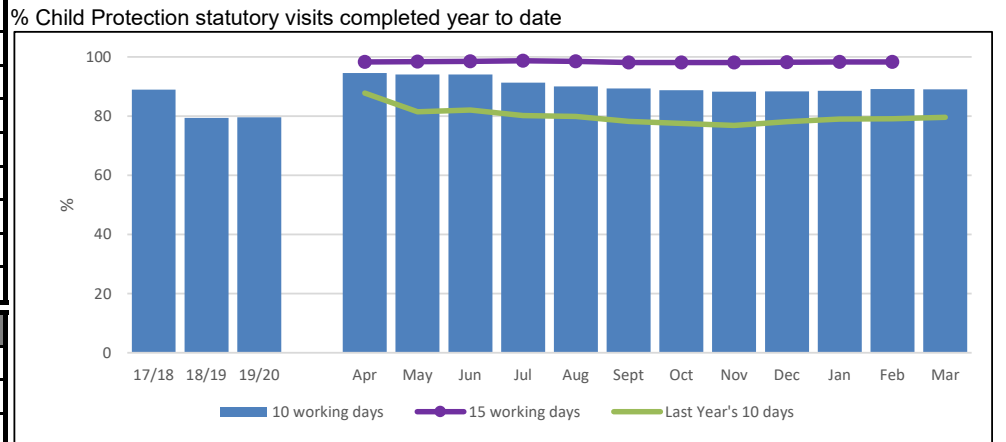
89.0% of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days during 2020/21 period. This is an improvement on the 79.6% that were completed in this timescale during 2019/20 and is in line with our 90% target.

98.4% of the cumulative visits were completed within 15 working days during 2020/21.

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)



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	98.4
Jun-20	94.3	98.9	94.1	98.5	98.5
Jul-20	82.5	99.2	91.3	98.7	98.7
Aug-20	83.6	97.8	90.0	98.5	98.5
Sep-20	86.3	95.8	89.4	98.1	98.1
Oct-20	85.3	98.5	88.8	98.1	98.1
Nov-20	83.7	97.4	88.2	98.1	98.1
Dec-20	89.7	99.6	88.4	98.2	98.2
Jan-21	90.2	99.1	88.5	98.3	98.3
Feb-21	96.1	98.7	89.2	98.3	98.3
Mar-21	86.1	99.5	89.0	98.4	98.4



ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	88.9	98.9	88.9	98.9
	2018/19	79.3	95.7	79.3	95.7
	2019/20	79.6	92.0	79.6	93.8
	2020/21	89.0	98.4	89.0	98.4

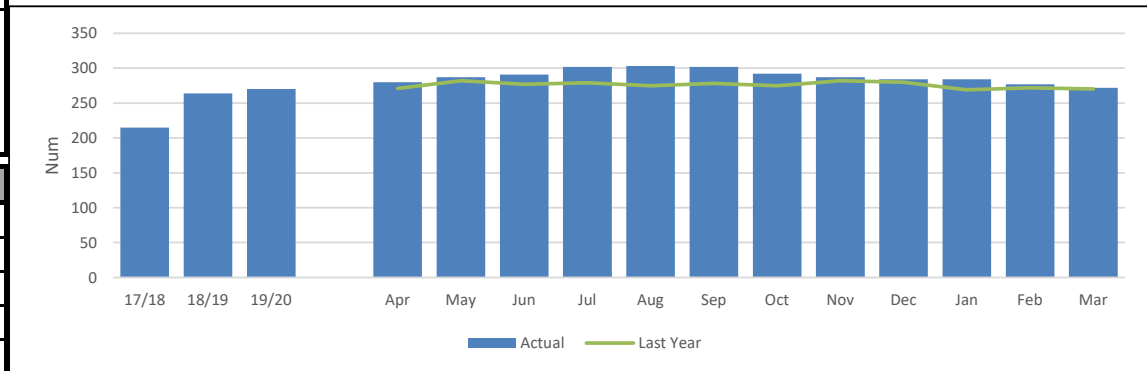
CHILDREN IN CARE

DEFINITION	Number of Children in Care at the end of each month.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>272 children are currently in care as at March 2021 which is comparable to the number of children (270) that were in care as at March 2020.</p> <p>The rate of Children in Care (CiC) per 10,000 population is currently at 121.1 which is higher than our statistical neighbours (100.3), regional (108.0) and national average (67.0).</p> <p>The courts have been closed for a considerable time since March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and when open are hearing a smaller number of cases. As a result, there have been less cases able to be progressed to ceasing to be in care due to awaiting action such as adoption orders being granted or care orders being discharged by the court.</p>
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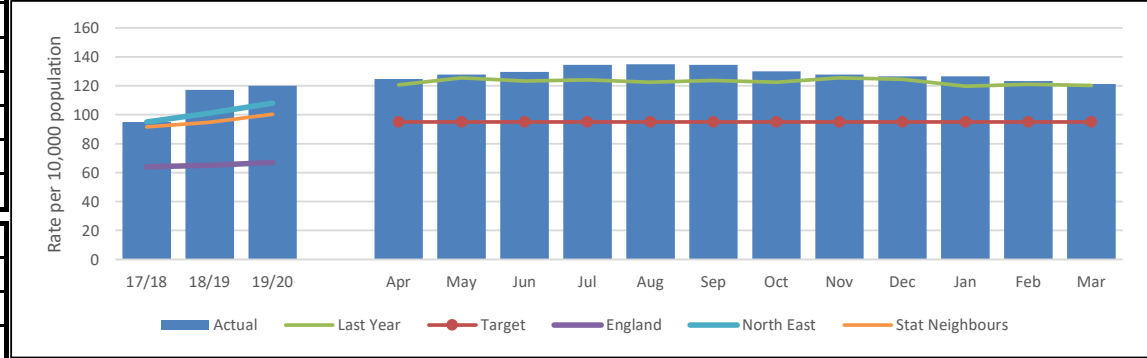
CSC 201	CSC 200
Total number of Children in Care	Rate of Children in Care Per 10,000 population

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	284	126.5
	Feb-21	277	123.4
	Mar-21	272	121.1

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	272	121.1

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.

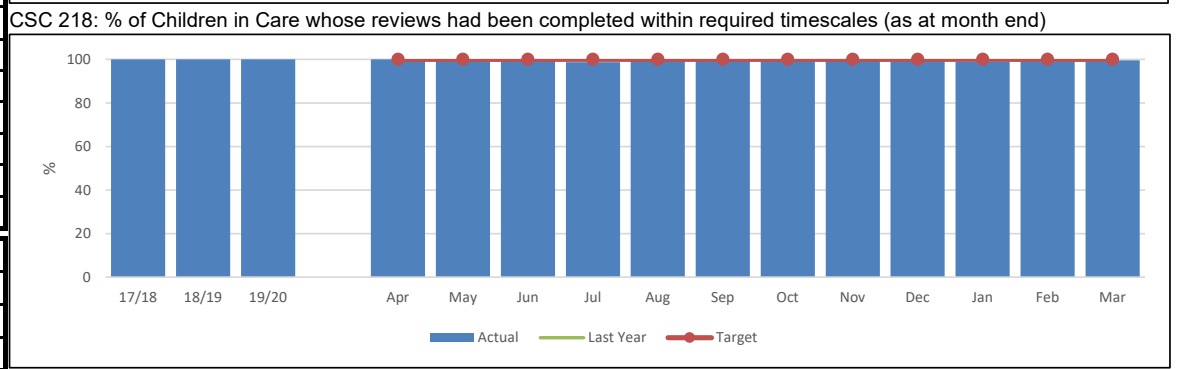
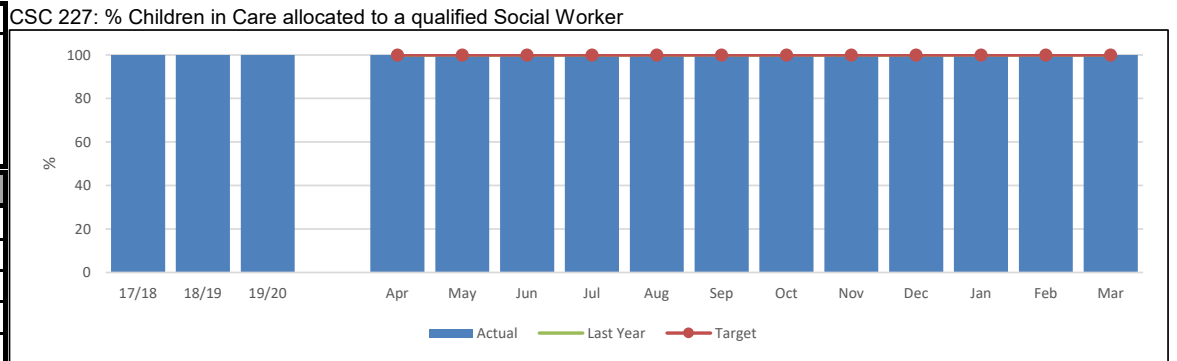
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

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

99.6% of the reviews have been completed within the required timescales during 2020/21.

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		CSC 227	CSC 218
		% Children in Care allocated to a qualified Social Worker	% of Children in Care whose reviews had been completed within required timescales (as at month end)
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	100	100
	Apr-20	100.0	100.0
	May-20	100.0	100.0
	Jun-20	100.0	100.0
	Jul-20	100.0	98.7
	Aug-20	100.0	99.6
	Sep-20	100.0	100.0
	Oct-20	100.0	99.6
	Nov-20	100.0	99.6
	Dec-20	100.0	99.6
	Jan-21	100.0	98.9
	Feb-21	100.0	99.6
	Mar-21	100.0	99.6
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	100.0	100.0
	2018/19	100.0	100.0
	2019/20	100.0	100.0
	2020/21	100.0	99.6



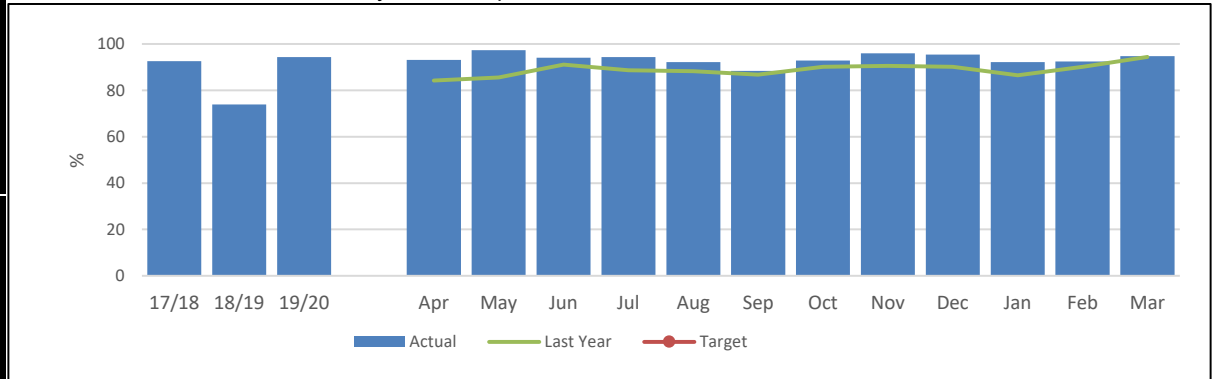
CHILDREN IN CARE - STATUTORY VISITS

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 93.1% of Child in Care (CiC) statutory visits have been completed in timescale during 2020/21. This is an increase on the 89.0% CiC statutory visits completed in timescale during 2019/20. There has also been an 11.6% increase in the number of visits taking place from 3,456 during 2019/20 to 3,858.
We are above our internal target of 90% of visits completed in timescale.

CSC 260a	CSC 260b
% Child in Care statutory visits completed in timescale within the month	% Child in Care statutory visits completed in timescale year to date

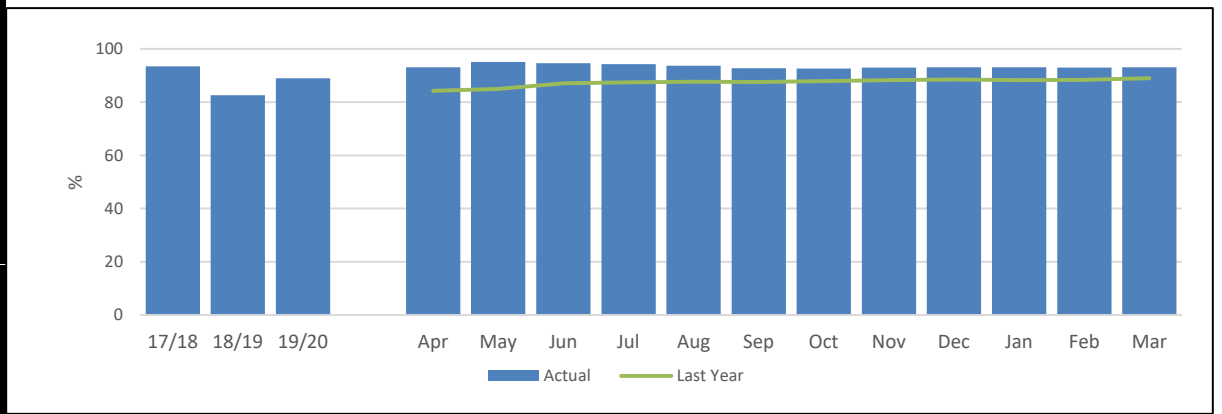
CSC 260a: % Child in Care statutory visits completed in timescale within the month



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90	90	
	Apr-20	93.1	93.1	93.1
	May-20	97.3	95.1	95.1
	Jun-20	94.0	94.6	94.6
	Jul-20	94.3	94.3	94.3
	Aug-20	92.2	93.6	93.6
	Sep-20	88.4	92.7	92.7
	Oct-20	92.8	92.6	92.6
	Nov-20	96.0	92.9	92.9
	Dec-20	95.5	93.1	93.1
	Jan-21	92.2	93.1	93.1
	Feb-21	92.4	93.0	93.0
	Mar-21	94.8	93.1	93.1

ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	93.4	93.4
	2018/19	82.6	82.6
	2019/20	89.0	89.0
	2020/21	93.1	93.1

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



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.

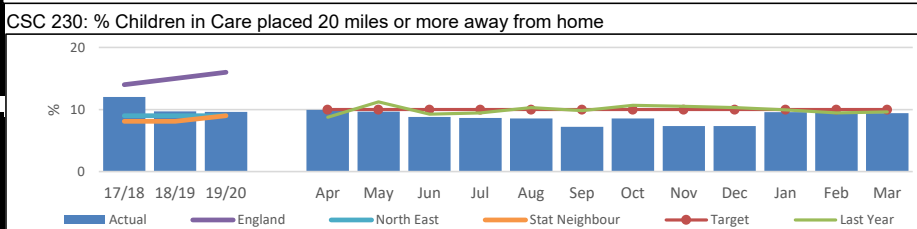
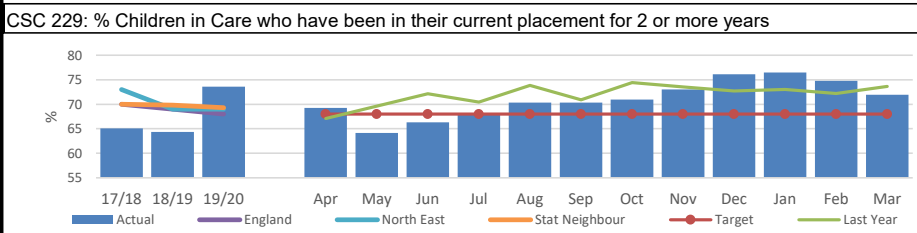
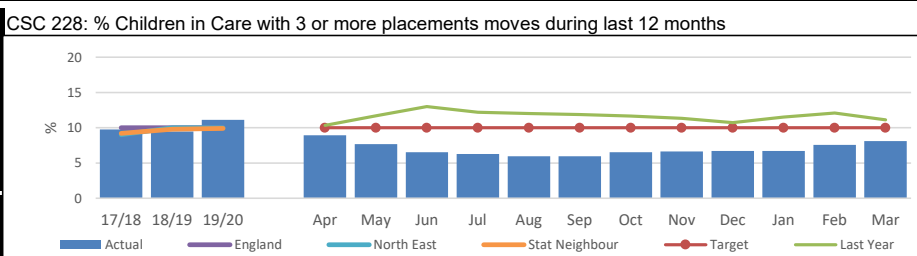
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

8.1% of Children in Care (CiC) as at March 2021 have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is below our target of 10.0% and our statistical neighbours (9.9%) regional (10.0%) and national average (10.0%) as recorded for 2020 in LAIT. All children who are placed over 20 miles away are confirmed as appropriate and for the benefit of the child by the head of service each month.

As at March 2021, 71.9% 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 positively above our target of 68.0% and our statistical neighbours (69.3%), regional (69.0%) and national average (68.0%).

9.4% of our children in care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at March 2021 which is similar to that at March 2020 (9.6%) and below our target of 10.0%.

	CSC 228	CSC 229	CSC 230	
	% Children in Care with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months	% Children in Care who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years	% Children in Care placed 20 miles or more away from home	
	Target	10%	68%	
	10%	68%	10%	
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	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	6.7	76.5	9.6
	Feb-21	7.6	74.8	9.5
	Mar-21	8.1	71.9	9.4
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	8.1	71.9	9.4



CHILDREN IN CARE - INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

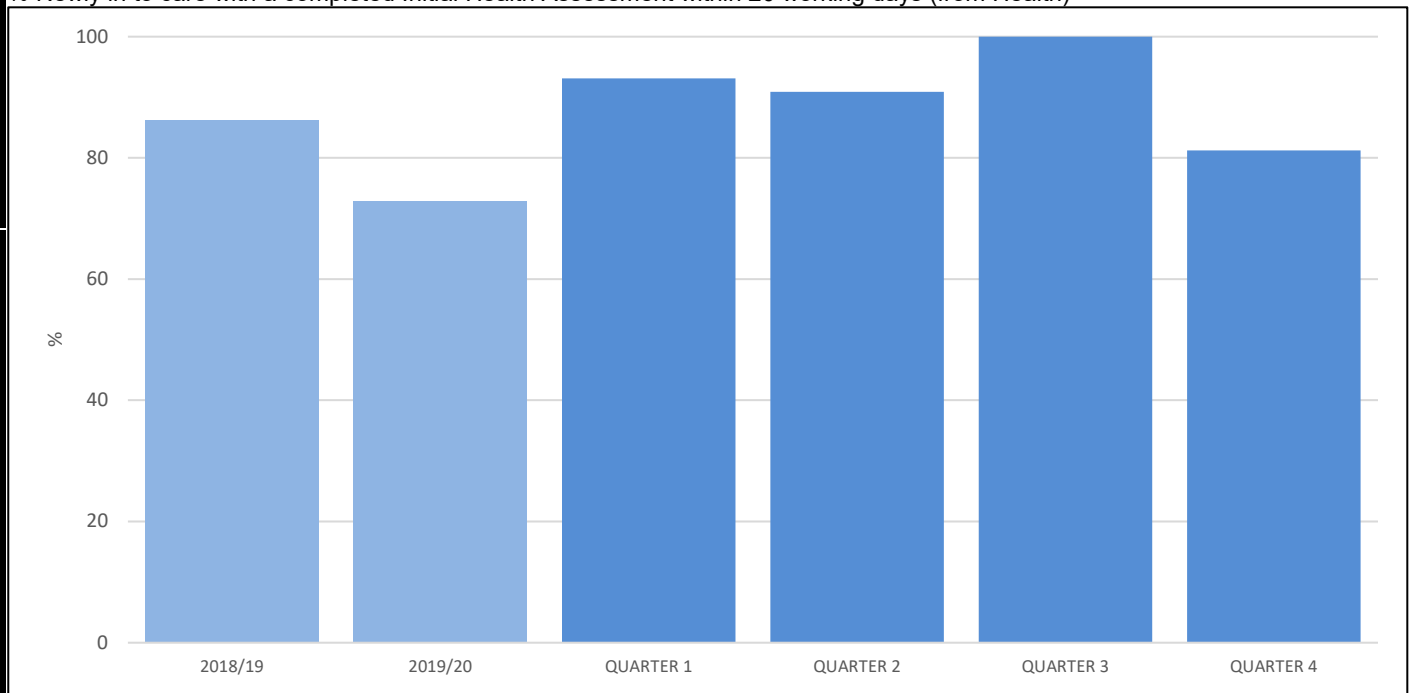
DEFINITION	Percentage of Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of a child coming into our care year to date (data from Health), and percentage of IHA forms returned to Health within 7 working days.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	Health report 90.9% of the children, newly into care, were seen by CDDFT within 20 working days for an initial health assessment during 2020/21.
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% 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	81.3	
ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	82.0
	2018/19	86.2
	2019/20	72.9
	2020/21	90.9%

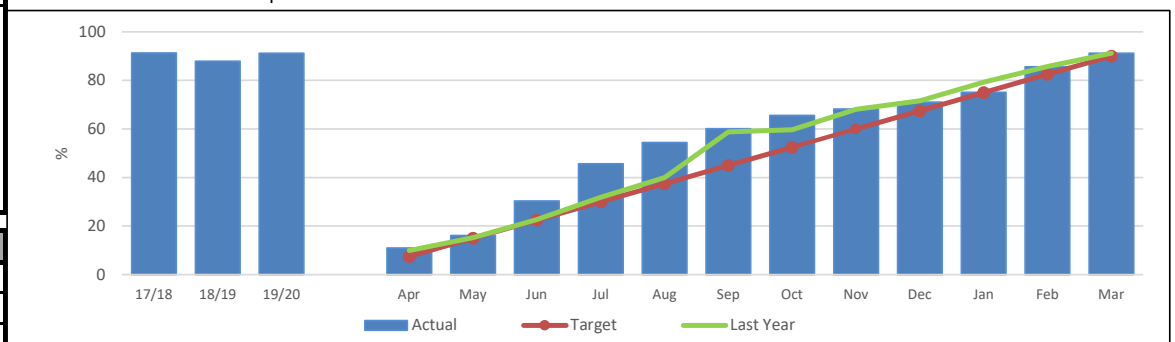
CHILDREN IN CARE - HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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
 91.2% of children due a review health assessment during the 2020/21 period have had one completed. This percentage is comparable to the end of 2019/20 (93.3%) and is above our 90% target.

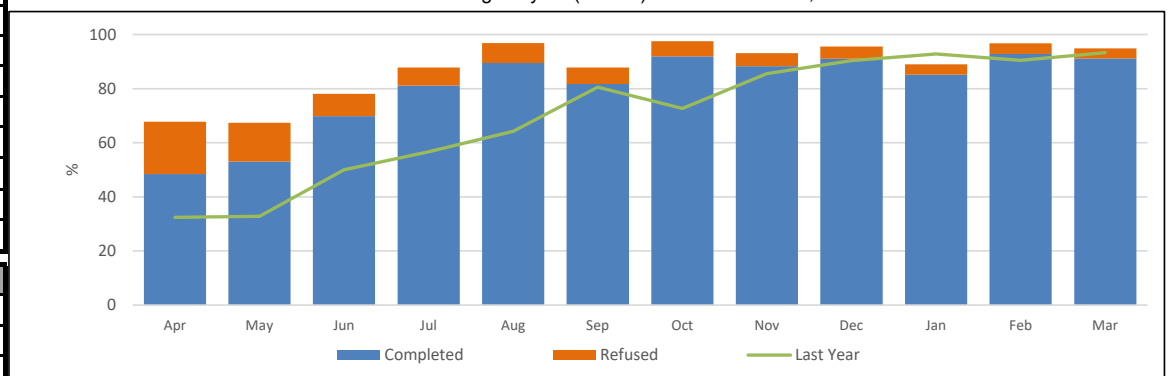
CSC 250		CSC 250b
The % of CiC who have an up to date Health Checks (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March)	The % of CiC who were due a Review Health Check (year to date) who refused to engage	The % of Children in Care who were due a Review Health Check year to date and were completed and recorded

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



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	75.1	3.8		85.2
	Feb-21	85.7	3.9		92.8
	Mar-21	91.2	3.7		91.2

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



ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	91.3		
	2018/19	87.9		87.9
	2019/20	91.2	3.1	93.3
	2020/21	91.2	3.7	91.2

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.

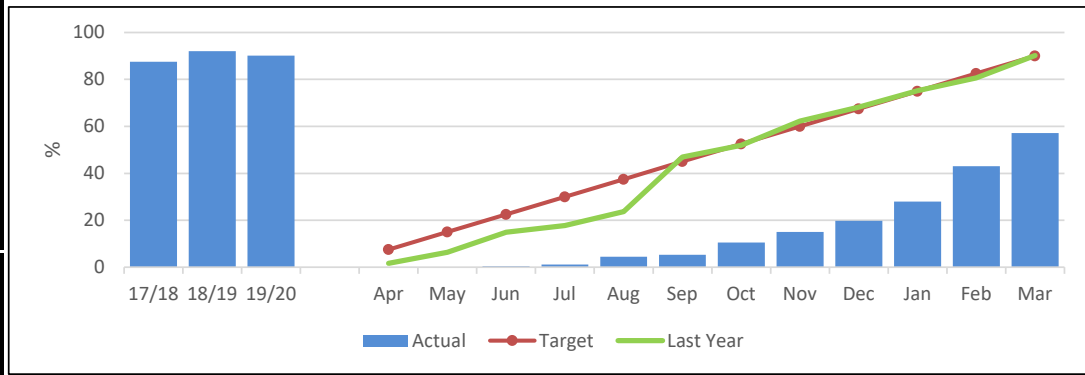
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

57.2% of children due a dental check assessment had one completed in 2020/21. This is below our target of 90% but was expected due to the long closures of dental practises and limited access when opened during 2020/21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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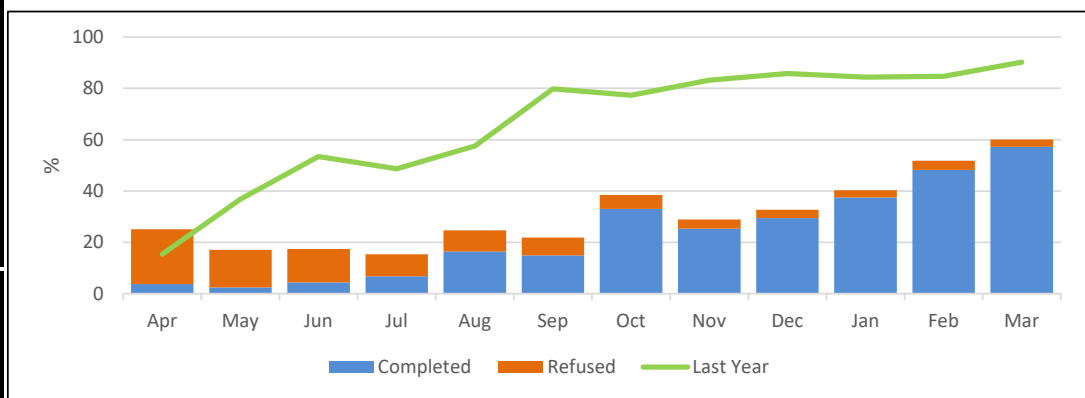
CSC 251		CSC 251d
The % of Children in Care with up to date Dental Checks (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March)	The % of Children in Care who were due a Dental Check (year to date) who refused to engage	The % of Children in Care who were due a Dental Check year to date and were up to date by the report date

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



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	28.0	2.9		37.4
	Feb-21	43.1	3.6		48.2
	Mar-21	57.2	2.8		57.2

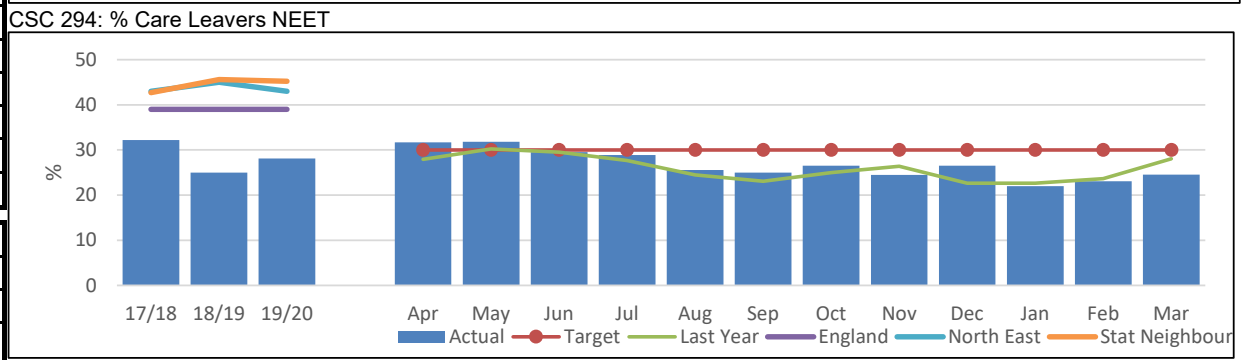
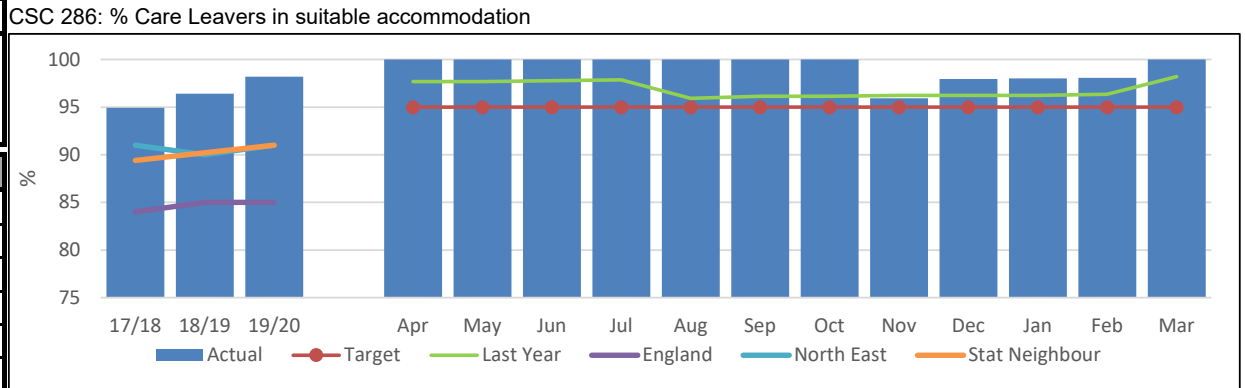
CSC 251d: % of Children in Care due a Dental Check (to date) that have had one, and the % that refused



ANNUAL TREND	2017/18	87.5		
	2018/19	92.1		92.1
	2019/20	90.2	3.1	90.2
	2020/21	57.2	2.8	57.2

CARE LEAVERS	
DEFINITION	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>98.1% of our care leavers were in suitable accommodation at the end of March 2021. The 1.9% of care leavers in unsuitable accommodation was due to being in custody. This is above our target of 95%.</p> <p>Of the young people (aged 19-21) as at March 2021 who were not in education, employment or training (NEET).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.3% NEET because of illness or disability • 8.8% NEET because of other circumstances • 10.5% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting. <p>This equates to 24.6% of our care leavers which is below our internal target of 30% NEET.</p>

	CSC 286		CSC 294	
	Target	% Care Leavers in suitable accommodation	Target	% Care Leavers NEET
	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	98.0	22.0		
Feb-21	98.1	23.1		
Mar-21	98.1	24.6		
ANNUAL TREND	2017/19	94.9	32.2	
	2018/19	96.4	25.0	
	2019/20	98.2	28.1	
	2020/21	98.1	24.6	



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 21 JUNE 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 2021/22 Municipal Year and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included.

Summary

1. Members are requested to consider the attached draft work programme (**Appendix 1**) for the 2021/22 Municipal Year which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee in the last Municipal Year.
2. Once the work programme has been approved by this Scrutiny Committee, 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

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

Elizabeth Davison
Group Director of Operations

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

4. 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.
5. 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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Note - the SCS is currently under review and is due to be considered further at a meeting of Council on 15 July 2021

6. 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

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

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APPENDIX 1

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

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Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Performance Management and Regulation	Q3 12 April 2021 Q4 21 June 2021 Q1 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
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

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	SCS Outcome	Darlington Conditions	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role
Darlington Care Collective	20 December 2021	Christine Shields	One Darlington Perfectly Placed A safe and caring Community Children with the best start in life			To provide an Update on the Care Collective
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
Accessibility Strategy	21 February 2022	Tony Murphy/Helen Ellison/Karen Williamson	Children with the best start in life Enough support for people when needed			To consult with Scrutiny prior to Cabinet approval
JOINT REVIEW WITH HEALTH AND HOUSING AND ADULTS SCRUTINY:						

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. Final Report to Health and Housing on 14 April 2021. Cross Party Joint Working Group to be established.	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	Final report presented to CYP on 12 April 2021 & Special 22 April 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
	Report to Cabinet 4 May 2021					Covid 19 Pandemic and how this has affected them.

ARCHIVED ITEMS

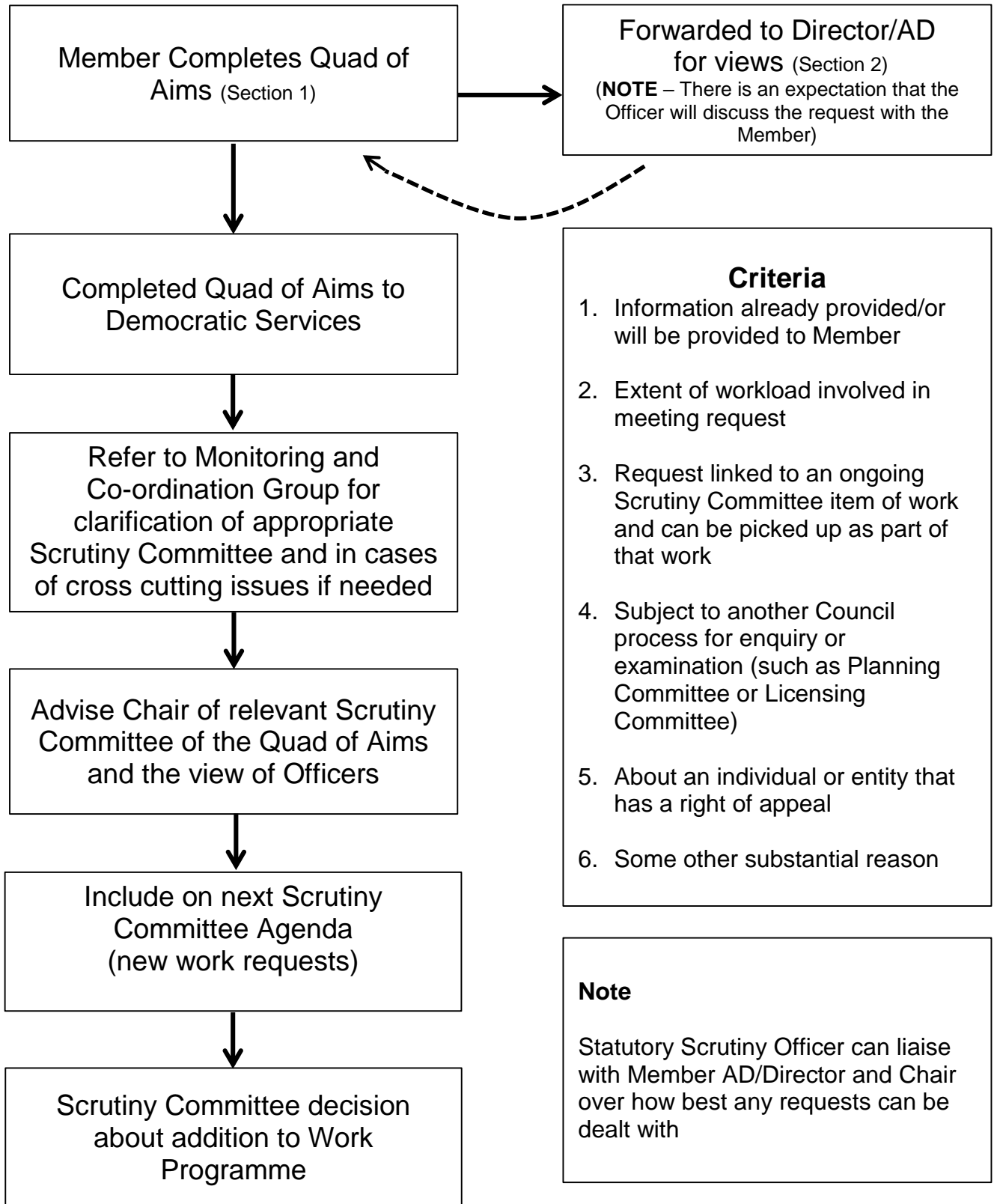
Looked After Children Missing From Care	2 July 2018	Alison Poulter / Chris Bell	Enough support for people when needed			To examine the reasons why children in care go missing and the interventions in place to avoid episodes and examine partnership working and parent engagement
LAC Missing from Care – 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		To examine school improvement 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 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 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 consider 3 of the 4 core elements of the Review. Members to carry out a T/F Review on the proposals. Verbal update to Members
Home to School Transport	29 October 2018		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	Review suspended –to continue to		Children with the best start in life	Build Strong Communities		To investigate the high incidence of

Links	<p>monitor the effectiveness of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan.</p> <p>Update report on the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan to Scrutiny on 3 February 2020.</p>		<p>Enough support for people when needed</p> <p>More People Healthy and Independent</p>			<p>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.</p>
Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 to 2023/24	<p>Special Meeting 13 January 2020</p>	Elizabeth Davison	One Darlington Perfectly Placed	Spend Every Pound Wisely		<p>To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan in relation to the areas within this Scrutiny's remit</p>
Council Plan 2020/23	<p>Special Meeting on 13 January 2020</p>	Paul Wildsmith				<p>To consider the Council Plan</p>
Voluntary and Community Sector Funding Update	<p>3 February 2020</p>	Christine Shields				<p>Update report on the community based initiatives funded from Voluntary Sector Development Fund monies, piloted during 2019/20.</p>
Home to School Transport	<p>3 February 2020</p>	Tony Murphy/ Graham Easterlow				<p>To update Members on the current position/ changes to regulations which may impact on the MTFP</p>
Extension of Funding to 21 for Children in Foster Care	<p>March 2020</p>	Jane Kochanowski	<p>Children with the best start in life</p> <p>A safe and caring</p>	Build strong communities		<p>Annual monitoring – a duty on Local Authorities to facilitate, monitor</p>

			community Enough support for people when needed More people healthy and independent			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.

PROCESS FOR ADDING AN ITEM TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME



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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?

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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)

	Criteria
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)	1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member
(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?	2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request
2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?	3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work
3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?	4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)
4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?	5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal
5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?	6. Some other substantial reason
6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme?	

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Signed **Position** **Date**

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FORWARD PLAN**

FOR THE PERIOD: 2 JUNE 2021 - 31 OCTOBER 2021

Title	Decision Maker and Date
Climate Change Cross Party Working Group	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Collection of Council Tax, Business Rates and Rent 2020-21	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Land at Faverdale East Business Park	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Playing Pitch and Facilities Strategy	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
Proposed Waiting Restrictions on Woodland Road, Outram Street and Duke Street	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Revenue Budget Outturn 2020/21	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 1	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Schedule of Transactions	Cabinet 6 Jul 2021
Xentrall Shared Services Annual Report	
Annual Review of the Investment Fund	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
Complaints Made to Local Government Ombudsman	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Reports 2019/20	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
Rail Heritage Quarter Update	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
Restoration of Locomotion No 1 Replica	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
School Term Dates 2022/23	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
Tees Valley Energy Recovery Facility	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021

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Council Fleet	Cabinet 7 Sep 2021
Annual Procurement Plan 2021/22 - Update	Cabinet 5 Oct 2021
Treasury Management Annual and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2020/2021	Council 25 Nov 2021 Cabinet 5 Oct 2021