



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Children's Social Care Performance & Quality Assurance Report

Quarter 2 (July - September) 2021/22

Scrutiny

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.
ANALYSIS	68.2% (165 / 242) of the referrals completed this year were finalised within 1 working day. This is below the 90% target and similar to the 68.5% completed during Q2 2020/21.
	We have experienced a rise in referrals taking longer than 3 working days to complete, currently above the 5% target with 6.2% but a reduction on those in Q2 2020/21 that took over 3 days (9.0%). These relate to 7 families with a total of 15 children.
PERFORMANCE	All referrals that are completed out of timescale are reviewed by the service manager to ensure delay was unavoidable. A summary of the reasons are as follows:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complexity of the case and chronologies and as such requiring further work. • Awaiting outcome of a connected court matter • Difficulties in contacting the family for further information • Awaiting further information from a 3rd party. <p>No negative impacts on the families have been highlighted because of these delays.</p>

		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.
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%	5%	
	Apr-21	70.0	6.0	
	May-21	72.5	0.7	
	Jun-21	61.7	15.0	
	Jul-21	77.6	0.0	
	Aug-21	63.3	6.3	
	Sep-21	66.7	9.5	
	Oct-21			
	Nov-21			
	Dec-21			
	Jan-22			
	Feb-22			
	Mar-22			
ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	98.2	0.0	
	2019/20	86.8	1.6	
	2020/21	77.7	4.7	
	2021/22	68.2%	7.6%	

REFERRALS - RE-REFERRALS

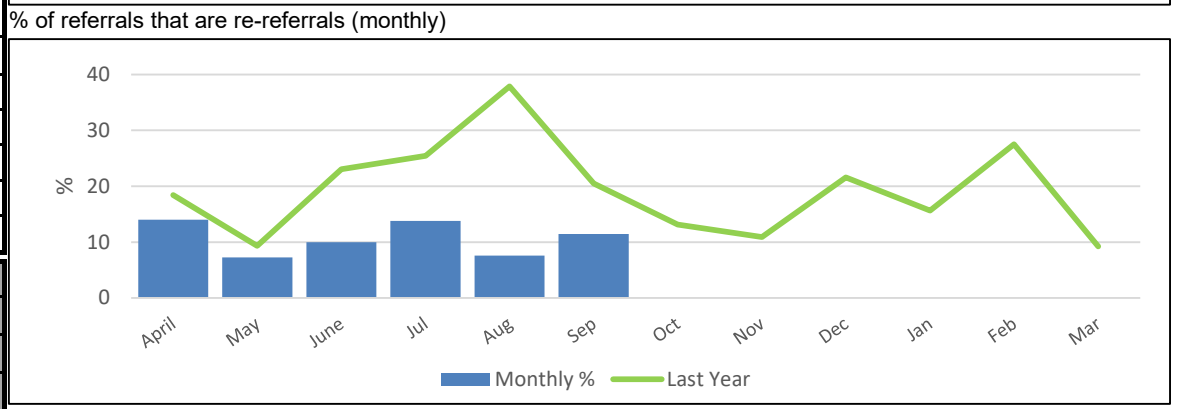
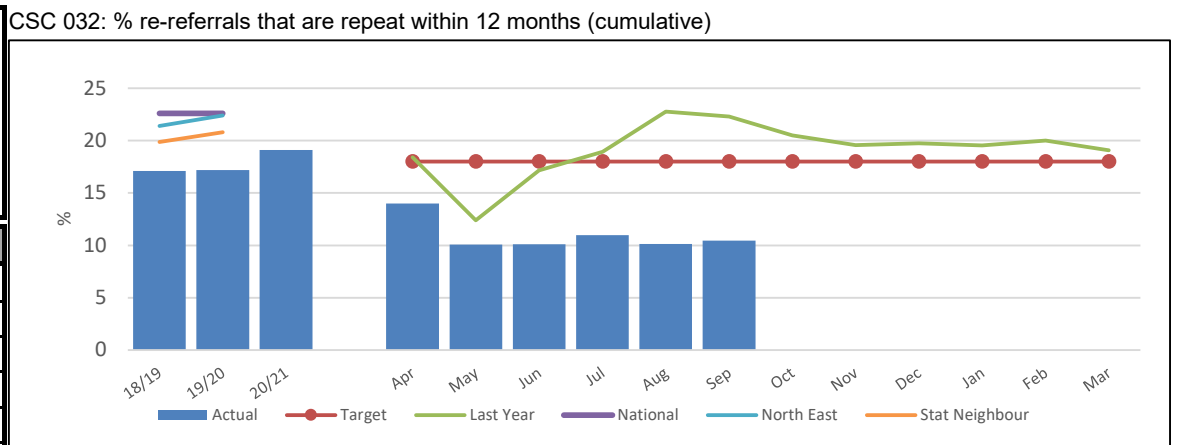
DEFINITION
 Percentage of re-referrals that are received within 12 months of a previous referral (based on referral start dates)
 A re-referral to Children's Social Care could be an indication that the previous referral was inappropriately closed down without addressing the initial concerns or issues.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS
 Re-referrals continue to remain low with 26 children, from 14 families, being re-referred to social care during Q2 2021/22. This equates to 10.7% of our referrals during this period having been repeated within 12 months. This is below the internal target of 18%.
 5 of the 14 families that were re-referrals went straight to Strategy whilst the remaining progressed to a C&F assessment.

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)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target		18%	
	Apr-21	7	14.0	14.0
	May-21	5	10.1	7.2
	Jun-21	6	10.1	10.0
	Jul-21	8	11.0	13.8
	Aug-21	6	10.1	7.6
	Sep-21	12	10.5	11.4
	Oct-21			
	Nov-21			
	Dec-21			
	Jan-22			
	Feb-22			
Mar-22				

ANNUAL TREND			
2018/19	205	17.1	
2019/20	171	17.2	
2020/21	143	19.1	
2021/22	44	10.5	

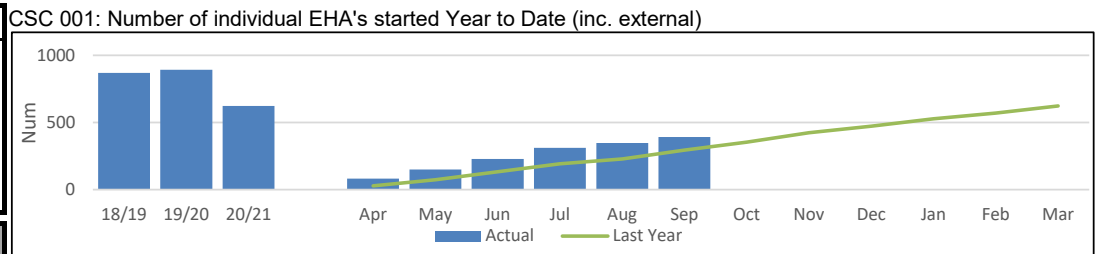


EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS - STARTED

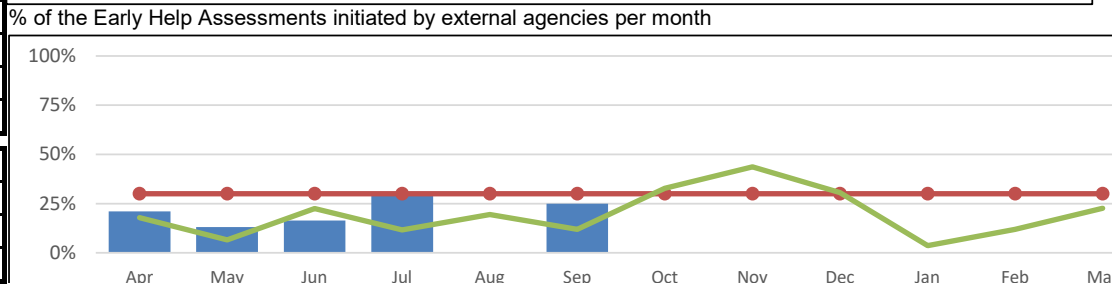
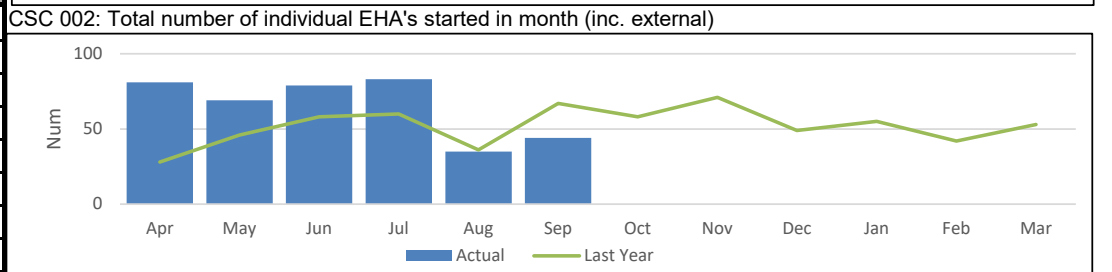
DEFINITION The number of individual Early Help Assessments (EHA) started in month and year to date, including those initiated by external agencies. The start date of the EHA is taken from the form created date in Liquid Logic and the start date of the external EHA is taken from the contact date when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

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 162 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started during Q2 2021/22 (35 of which were initiated by external agencies). This is below target of 30% with 21.6% of EHA's initiated by external agencies but is above Q2 2019/20 at 19.4% and Q2 2020/21 at 13.5%.

CSC 002	Number and percentage of the EHA's initiated by external agencies per month	CSC 001
Total number of individual EHA's started in month (inc. external)		Number of individual EHA's started Year to Date (inc. external)



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	30%			Target
	Apr-21	81	17	21.0%	81
	May-21	69	9	13.0%	150
	Jun-21	79	13	16.5%	229
	Jul-21	83	24	28.9%	312
	Aug-21	35			347
	Sep-21	44	11	25.0%	391
	Oct-21				
	Nov-21				
	Dec-21				
	Jan-22				
	Feb-22				
	Mar-22				



ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total number of individual EHA's started in month (inc. external)	869	893	623	391
Number of individual EHA's started Year to Date (inc. external)	869	893	623	391
Percentage of EHA's initiated by external agencies	33.1%	29.7%	20.4%	18.9%

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	<p>The total number of missing episodes in Q2 2021/22 was 147 involving 55 children.</p> <p>85.5% (47) of the children during Q2 2021/22 have had 3 or less missing episodes and 4 had 10 or more. Of the 55 children who went missing during Q2; 9 are open to either Early Help (4) or social care (5), 16 were open to other local authorities with 53 episodes and 15 were Children in Care (CiC) with 64 episodes, 18 children were not open to social care when they were reported missing (with 19 episodes).</p> <p>61.9% (91 / 147) of the missing episodes were less than 12 hours between the child being reported missing and reported home and safe.</p> <p>By the end of Q2 2021/22, Return Home Interviews (RHI) (excluding children from other authorities) have been offered in 98.9% of the cases, 86.2% of which were offered within 72 hours and 48.9% of the children engaged in their RHI.</p> <p>6 of the children reported missing in Q2 2021/22 were open to CSE services with 37 missing episodes. 9 of the 35 episodes saw the young person engage in their RHI (2 episodes related to the young person being OLA and not being offered a RHI).</p>

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

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	CSC 246	
	Ep.	Child.
Apr-21	8	5
May-21	15	7
Jun-21	28	10
Jul-21	15	6
Aug-21	25	6
Sep-21	24	10
Oct-21		
Nov-21		
Dec-21		
Jan-22		
Feb-22		
Mar-22		

ANNUAL TREND child counted once	2018/19	199	36
	2019/20	129	24
	2020/21	107	30
	2021/22	115	24

ASSESSMENTS

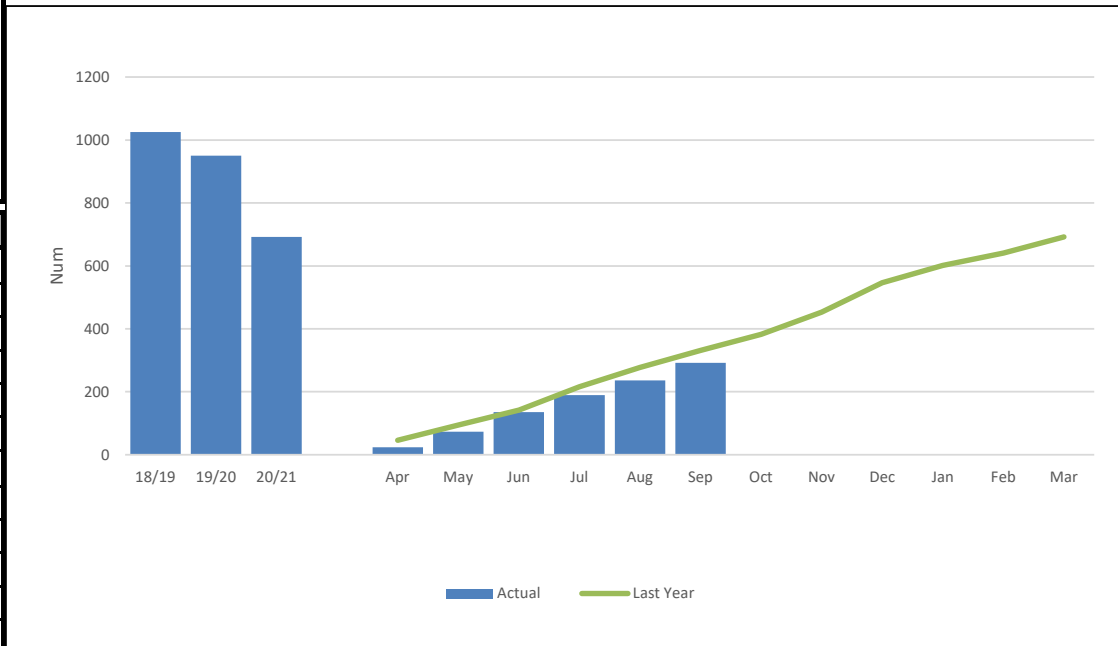
DEFINITION	Monthly and cumulative number of Children & Families assessments completed.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>157 C&F assessments have been completed in Q1 2021/22, compared with 189 completed in Q2 2020/21.</p> <p>42.7% (67 / 157) of the C&F assessments required no further action and 37.6% (59 / 157) were outcomed for a CiN plan. Only 5.1% (8 / 157) saw an outcome for a strategy, which is low compared to previous years.</p>
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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-21	24
	May-21	73
	Jun-21	135
	Jul-21	189
	Aug-21	236
	Sep-21	292
	Oct-21	
	Nov-21	
	Dec-21	
	Jan-22	
	Feb-22	
	Mar-22	



ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	1,025
	2019/20	950
	2020/21	692
	2021/22	292

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>During Q2 2021, 87.3% (137 / 157) of our C&F assessments were completed within timescale. This is below our target of 90%, and gives a year to date figure of 88.4% which is higher than the 80.4% for the same period last year.</p>
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CSC 038
% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (Year to date)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%
	Apr-21	87.5
	May-21	91.8
	Jun-21	90.4
	Jul-21	87.8
	Aug-21	87.7
	Sep-21	88.4
	Oct-21	
	Nov-21	
	Dec-21	
	Jan-22	
	Feb-22	
Mar-22		

ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	81.5
	2019/20	88.7
	2020/21	86.4
	2021/22	88.4

SECTION 47 - STARTED

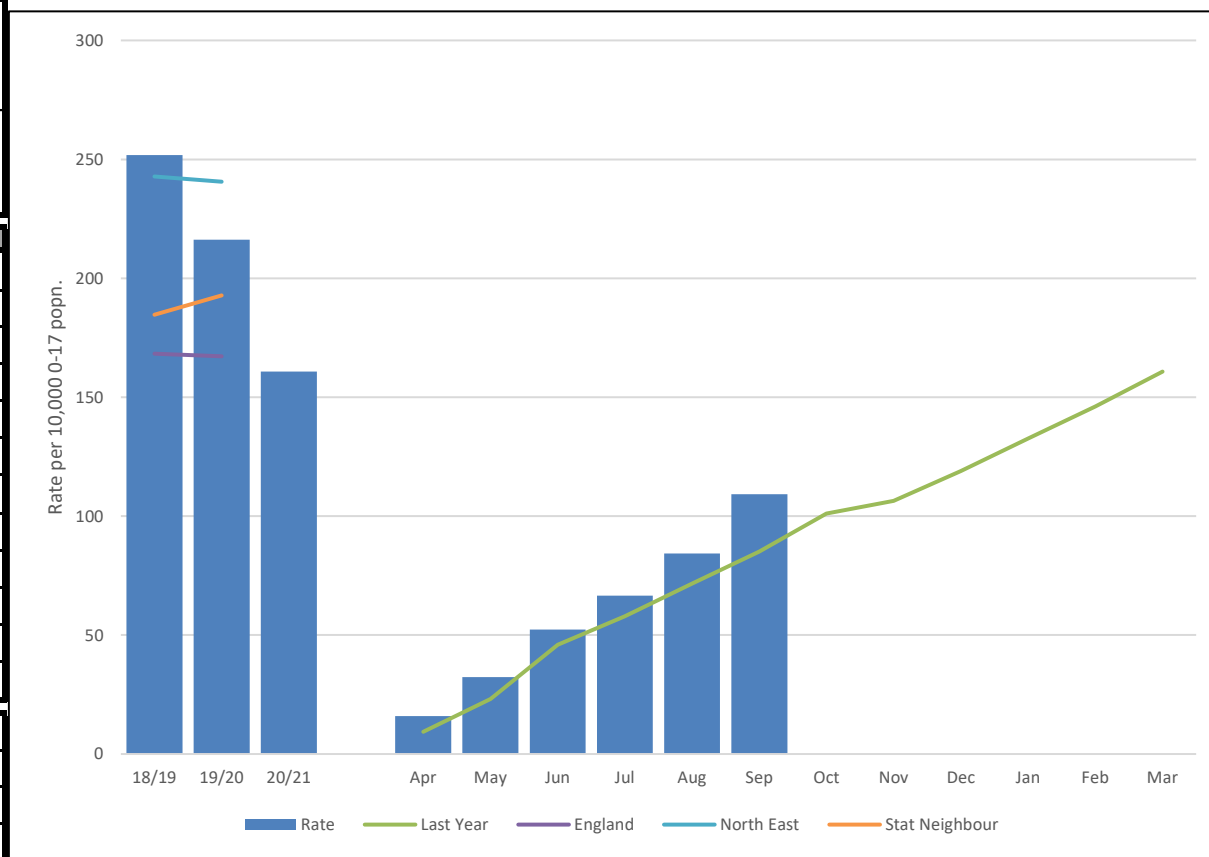
DEFINITION	Number of children who have had a section 47 enquiries started monthly and year to date and the actual number of enquires started.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	60 section 47 enquires were started during Q2 2021/22 involving 128 children, 4 of which were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) at the time of the enquiry. This is a 30.4% increase on the 46 section 47 enquiries started in Q2 2020/21, for 45.5% more children (88).
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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-21	36	16.0
	May-21	37	32.4
	Jun-21	45	52.4
	Jul-21	32	66.6
	Aug-21	40	84.3
	Sep-21	56	109.2
	Oct-21		
	Nov-21		
	Dec-21		
Jan-22			
Feb-22			
Mar-22			
ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	426	190.0
	2019/20	646	251.8
	2020/21	484	216.2
	2021/22	246	109.2



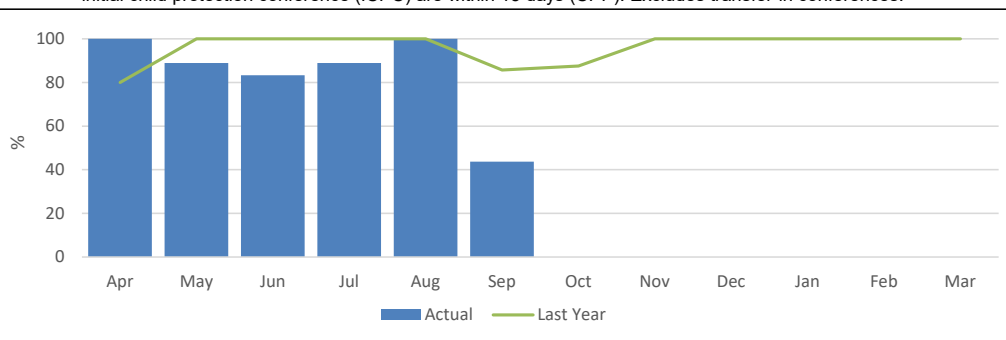
INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES - TIMELINESS

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 37 children (who were not transferred in), 26 had their Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) within timescale (70.3%) during Q2 2021/22. 9 of these children who did not receive their conference in timescale were in September and include a sibling group of 7, and the ICPC was initially booked in time but then cancelled as it was deemed not required, although on further consideration a decision was made to go ahead with a conference, by which time it was out of timescale. Late notification of a conference being required affected the remaining 4 children.

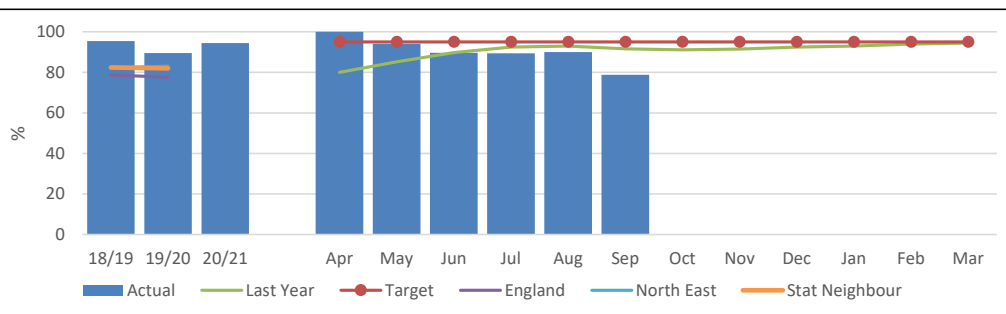
	CSC 178	CSC 176
	Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.	% of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) 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
	Apr-21	100	100.0
May-21		88.9	94.1
Jun-21		83.3	89.7
Jul-21		88.9	89.4
Aug-21		100.0	90.0
Sep-21		43.8	78.8
Oct-21			
Nov-21			
Dec-21			
Jan-22			
Feb-22			
Mar-22			

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



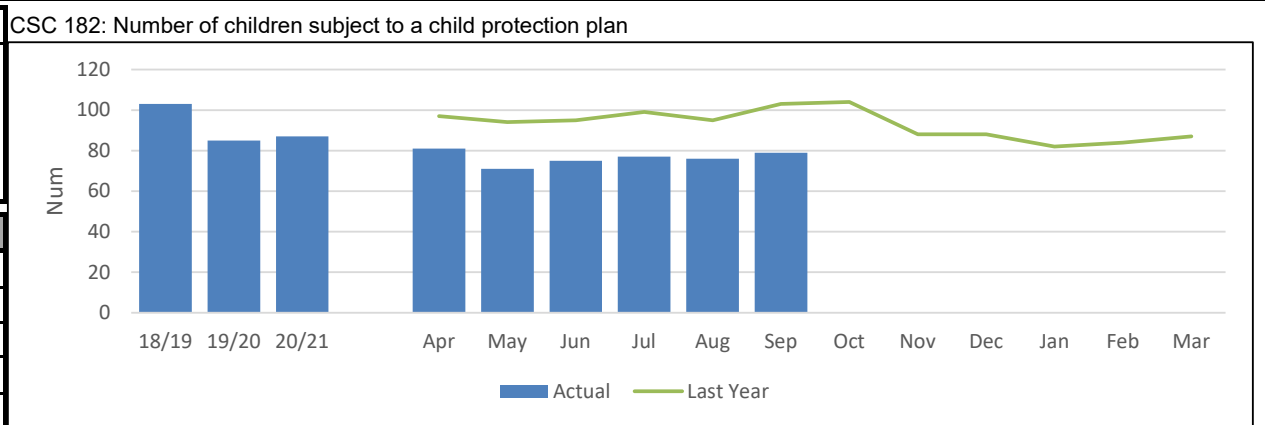
ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	CSC 178	CSC 176
	2019/20	89.5	89.5
	2020/21	94.4	94.4
	2021/22	43.8	78.8

CHILD PROTECTION

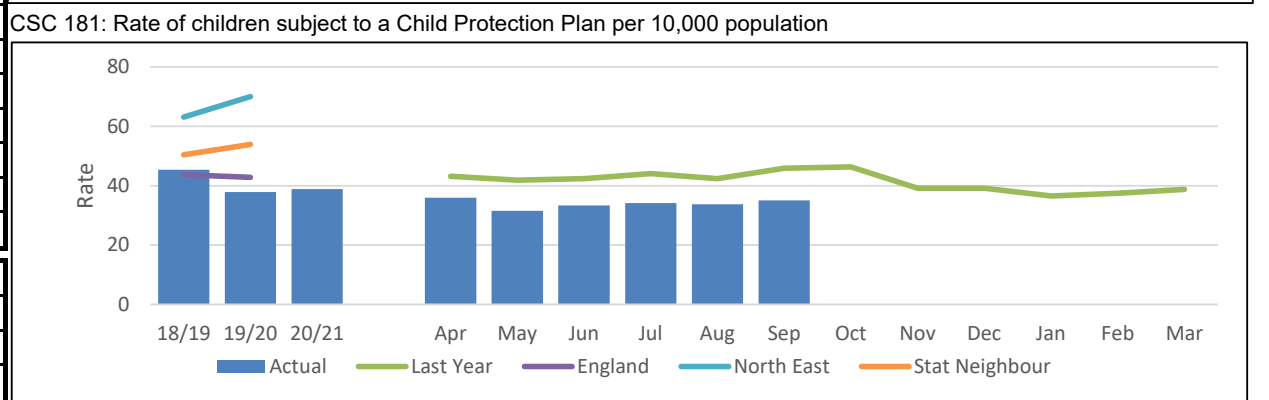
DEFINITION	Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	79 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of September 2021. This is a 23.3% drop compared to the 103 children who were subject to CP at the end of September 2020. Darlington currently has a 35.1 rate per 10,000 population for children subject to a CPP.
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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	Apr-21	81	36.0
	May-21	71	31.5
	Jun-21	75	33.3
	Jul-21	77	34.2
	Aug-21	76	33.7
	Sep-21	79	35.1
	Oct-21		
	Nov-21		
	Dec-21		
	Jan-22		
	Feb-22		
	Mar-22		



ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	103	45.7
	2019/20	85	37.8
	2020/21	87	38.8
	2021/22	79	35.1

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.

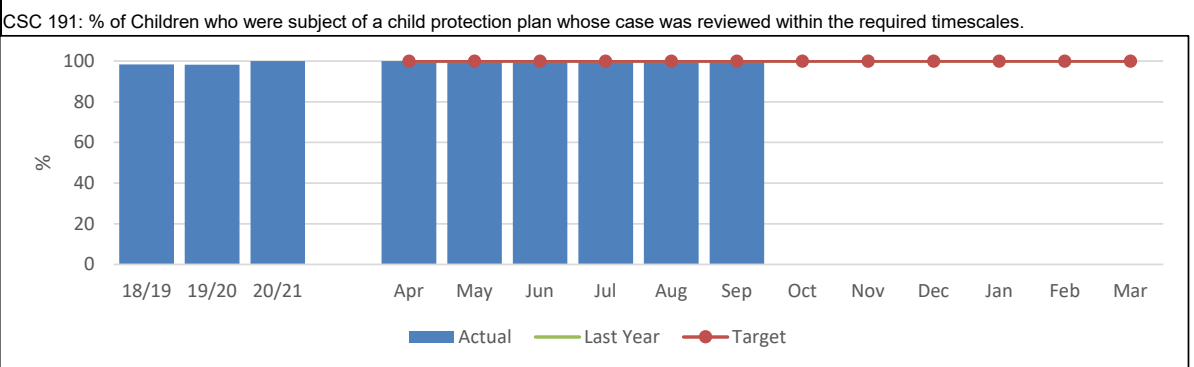
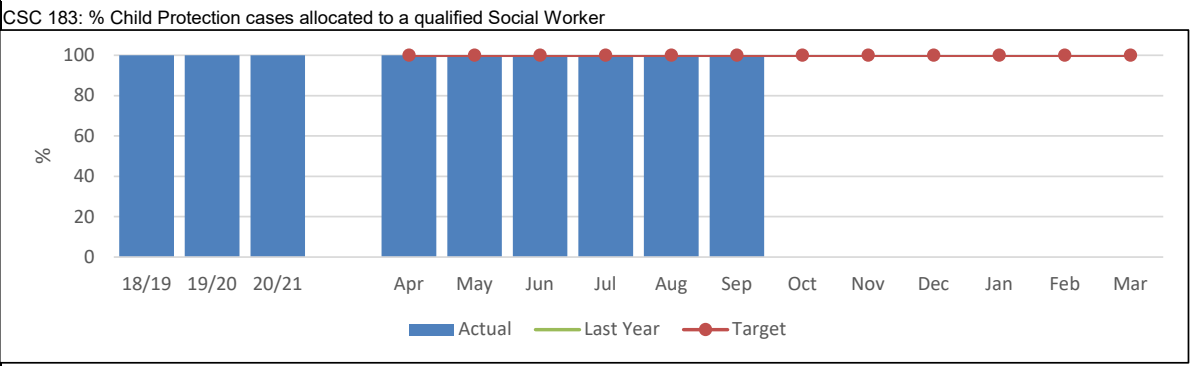
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

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

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

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-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	May-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Jun-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Jul-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Aug-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Sep-21	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Oct-21			
	Nov-21			
	Dec-21			
	Jan-22			
	Feb-22			
Mar-22				



ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	100.0	98.4
	2019/20	100.0	98.2
	2020/21	100.0	100.0
	2021/22	100.0	100.0

CHILD PROTECTION - TIME PERIODS

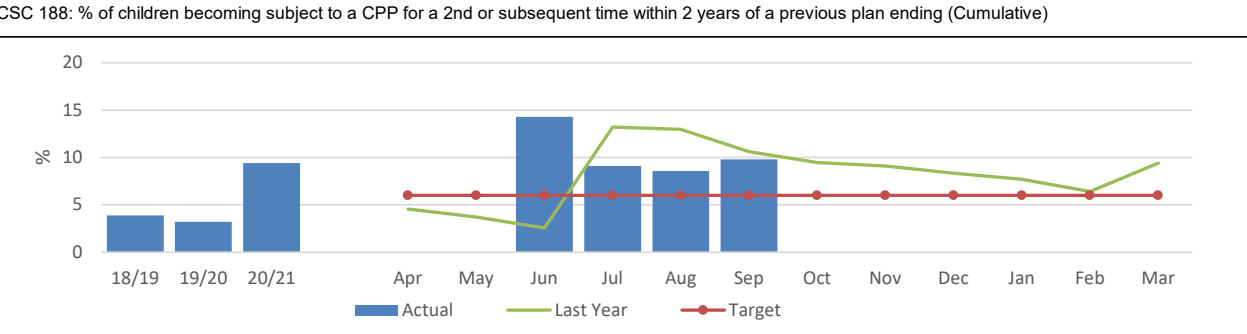
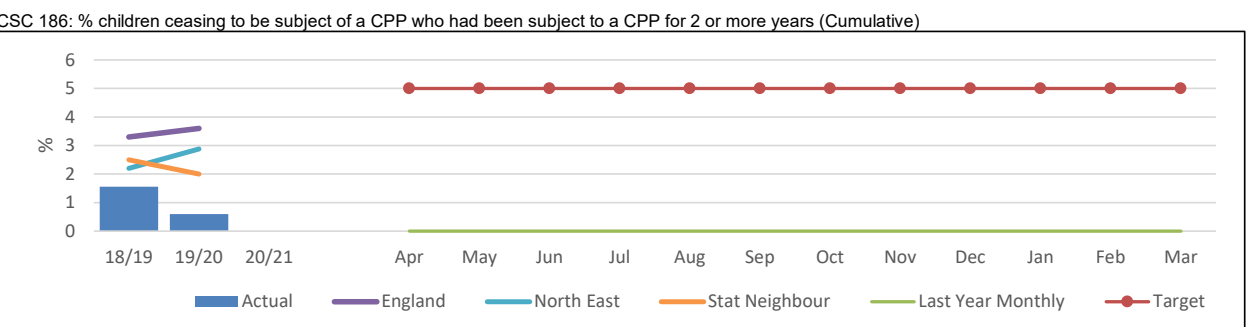
DEFINITION
 Percentage of children ceasing to be subject to a Child Protection Plan who had been subject to a Plan for 2 or more years, and percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan for the 2nd or subsequent time within a) 2 years of a previous plan, and b) with a previous plan 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
 Of the 51 children who became subject to a CP plan by the end of Q2 2021/22, 9.8% (5 children) became subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending.
 14 children (27.5%) from 7 families had been subject to a CP plan for a second time ever.
 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 target 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-21	0.0	0.0	0.0
	May-21	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Jun-21	0.0	0.0	14.3
	Jul-21	0.0	0.0	9.1
	Aug-21	0.0	0.0	8.6
	Sep-21	0.0	0.0	9.8
	Oct-21			
	Nov-21			
	Dec-21			
	Jan-22			
	Feb-22			
	Mar-22			

ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	1.6	3.9
	2019/20	0.6	3.2
	2020/21	0.0	9.4
	2021/22	0.0	9.8

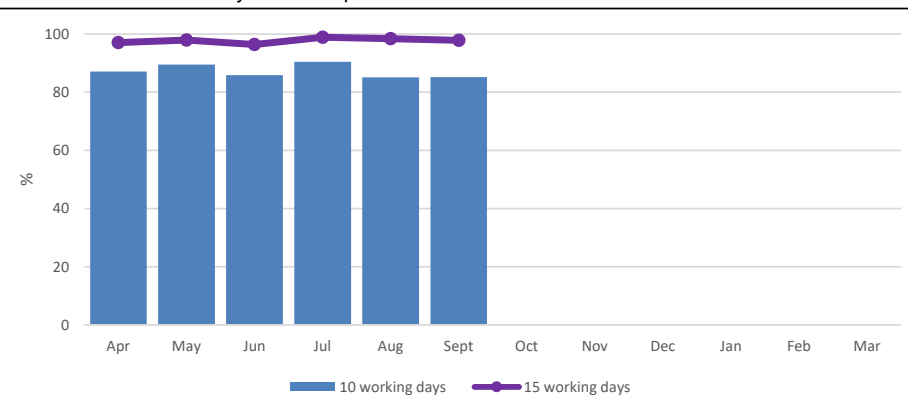


CHILD PROTECTION - STATUTORY VISITS

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	87.1% (1,042 / 1,196) of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days by end of Q2 2021/22 and 97.7% (1,169 / 1,196) of the visits were completed within 15 working days.

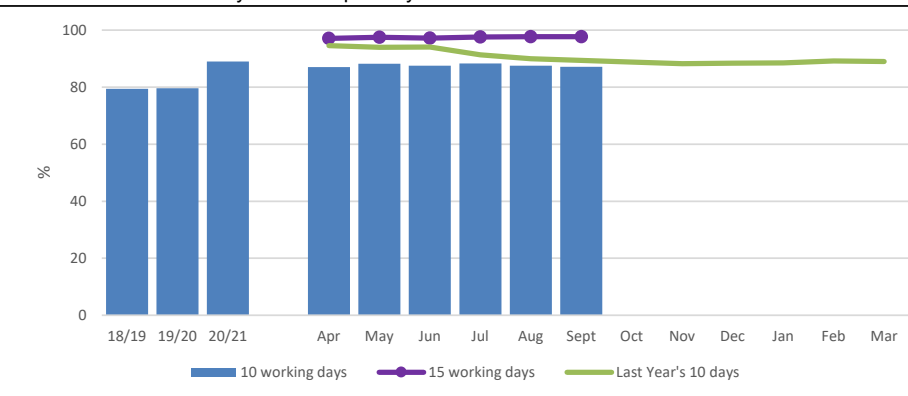
CSC 252a		CSC 252b	
% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 10 working days within the month	% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 15 working days within the month	% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 10 working days year to date (cumulative)	% Child Protection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

% Child Protection statutory visits completed within the month



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90	90	90	90
	Apr-21	87.1	97.1	87.1	97.1
	May-21	89.5	97.9	88.3	97.5
	Jun-21	85.9	96.4	87.5	97.2
	Jul-21	90.4	98.9	88.3	97.6
	Aug-21	85.1	98.4	87.6	97.7
	Sep-21	85.2	97.8	87.1	97.7
	Oct-21				
	Nov-21				
	Dec-21				
	Jan-22				
	Feb-22				
	Mar-22				

% Child Protection statutory visits completed year to date



ANNUAL TREND	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
	2021/22	85.2	97.8	87.1	97.7

CHILDREN IN CARE

DEFINITION	Number of Children in Care at the end of each month.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	266 children were in care as at September 2021 which is a 11.9% reduction from the 302 children in care at the end of September 2020.
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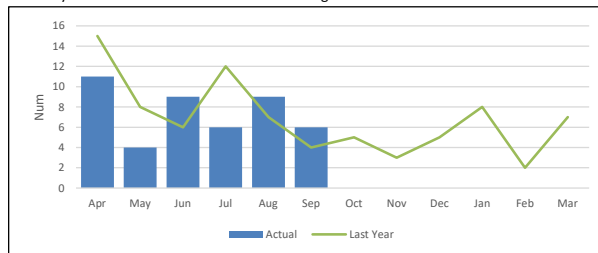
	CSC 201	CSC 200		
	Total number of Children in Care	Rate of Children in Care Per 10,000 population		
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	95	<p>CSC 201: Total number of Children in Care</p>	
	Apr-21	276		122.5
	May-21	269		119.4
	Jun-21	264		117.2
	Jul-21	260		115.4
	Aug-21	261		115.9
	Sep-21	266		118.1
	Oct-21			
	Nov-21			
	Dec-21			
	Jan-22			
	Feb-22			
	Mar-22			
ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	264	117.2	<p>CSC 200: Rate of Children in Care Per 10,000 population</p>
	2019/20	270	120.1	
	2020/21	272	121.1	
	2021/22	266	118.1	

CHILDREN IN CARE - COMING INTO CARE

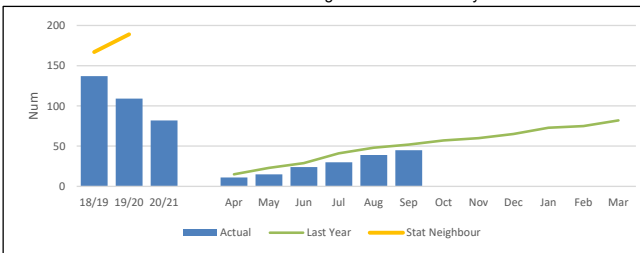
DEFINITION	Number of children coming into the care of the local authority during the month and year to date and their first placement type.
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>21 children came into care in Q2 2021/22, which is a 8.7% decrease when compared with the 23 children coming into care in Q2 2020/21 and a 34.4% decrease compared to 32 children in Q2 2019/20.</p> <p>During Q2 2021/22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 children became CiC due to interim care orders issued by the court • 3 children became CiC as removed under police protection • 5 children became CiC under Section 20 accommodation. <p>The primary presenting issues for the children coming into care are predominantly due to physical abuse (28.6%, 6 / 21) and mental health concerns of the parent (23.8%, 5 / 21). It is of note that a high proportion of secondary contributing factors for the children coming into care was parent's alcohol / substance misuse or emotional abuse.</p> <p>During Q2, 3 of the 21 children coming into care were placed with their parent, 1 placed with connected carer's, 13 placed with an internal foster carer, 1 with homes and hostels and 2 children from 1 family in other type of placement.</p>

	CSC 209 Monthly number of new cases of children coming into care	CSC 208 Total number of new cases of children coming into care within the year	First placement type in care										
			Placed with parent (P1)	Connected Carer (U1&U3)	Foster care (U5&U6) - Internal	Foster care (U5&U6) - External	NHS/ Medical trust (R2)	Family centre/ Mother & Baby unit (R3)	Homes and Hostels (K2)	Other placement (Z1)	YOI - (R5)		
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Apr-21	11	11	1	2	2	3	3					
	May-21	4	15		2	1	1						
	Jun-21	9	24	3	1	2		2					1
	Jul-21	6	30			6							
	Aug-21	9	39	3		5		1					
	Sep-21	6	45		1	2				1	2		
	Oct-21												
	Nov-21												
	Dec-21												
	Jan-22												
	Feb-22												
	Mar-22												
	ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	136	136	25	43	38	21	3	1	2	1	2
2019/20		109	109	11	44	23	14	6			6	5	
2020/21		82	82	11	18	19	2	11	1	3	16	1	
2021/22		45	45	7	6	18	4	6	0	1	2	1	

Monthly number of new cases of children coming into care



Total number of new cases of children coming into care within the year



CHILDREN IN CARE - CEASING CARE

DEFINITION Number of children ceasing to be a Child in Care during each month and year to date and their destination when they ceased being in care.

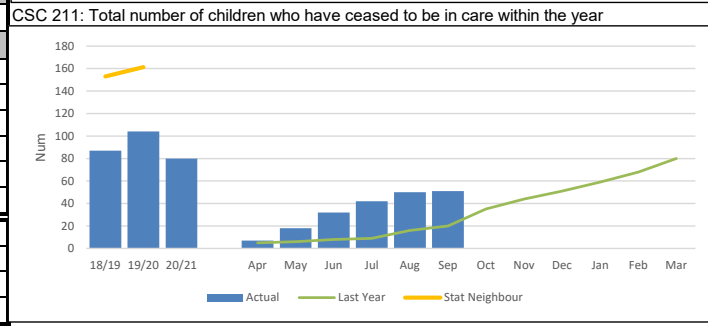
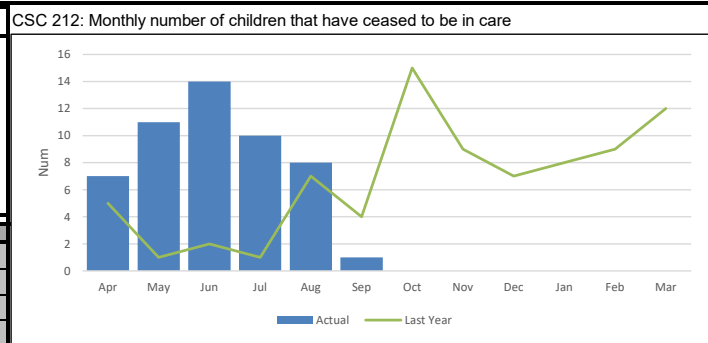
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 19 children and young people ceased to be in care during Q2 2021/22. This is an increase on the number of children ceasing care in Q2 2020/201 (12) although a decrease from Q2 2019/20 (31).

Of the 19 children who did cease CiC:

- 1 young person ceased as they turned 18 and became a care leaver.
- 3 children were adopted.
- 5 children had a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) granted to a relative.
- 8 children returned home to their parent (6 of which with a CiN plan).
- 2 children aged 16 and 17 moved to YMCA

There are a further 15 children waiting to move into an adoptive placement / order to be granted, and 8 children are waiting for court progression for care order discharge.

	CSC 212	CSC 211	Awaiting to ceased CiC		Destination on ceasing to be a Child in Care						
			Monthly number of children that have ceased to be in care	Total number of children who have ceased to be in care within the year	Children waiting to move into adoptive placement/ order to be granted	Children waiting for progression for care order discharge	Returned home to parent or other person with no PR (planned and unplanned)	Special Guardianship Order (SGO) / Child Arrangement Order (CAO)	Adopted	Turned 18 years old	Other; aged under 18
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE											
Apr-21	7	7	20	21		5		2			
May-21	11	18	19	17	3	4	1	3			
Jun-21	14	32	14	23		6	6	2			
Jul-21	10	42	14	14	6	1	3				
Aug-21	8	50	14	14	2	3		1	2		
Sep-21	1	51	15	8		1					
Oct-21											
Nov-21											
Dec-21											
Jan-22											
Feb-22											
Mar-22											
ANNUAL TREND											
2018/19	87	87			24	16	10	27	10		
2019/20	104	104			30	40	11	17	6		
2020/21	80	80	18	21	22	39	7	9	3		
2021/22	51	51	15	8	11	20	10	8	2		



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.

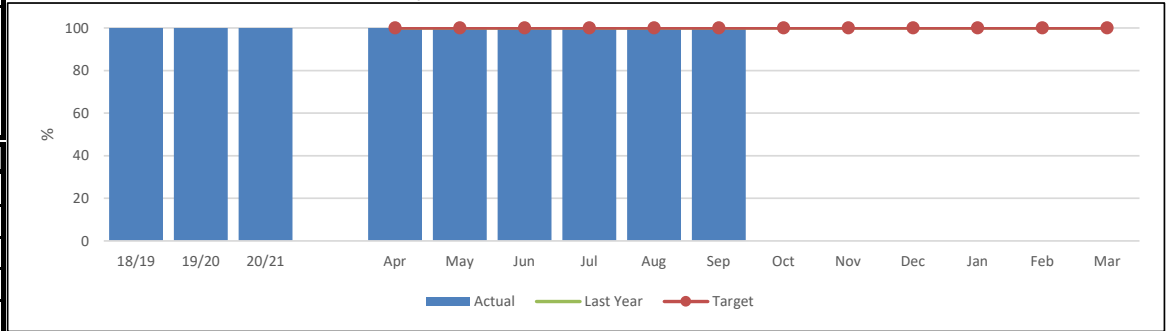
To improve compliance with local authorities' legal requirements under the Review of Children's cases Regulations 1991. The purpose of the review is to consider the plan for the child's welfare, to monitor the progress of the plan and amend it as necessary in light of changed information and circumstances. 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.

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)

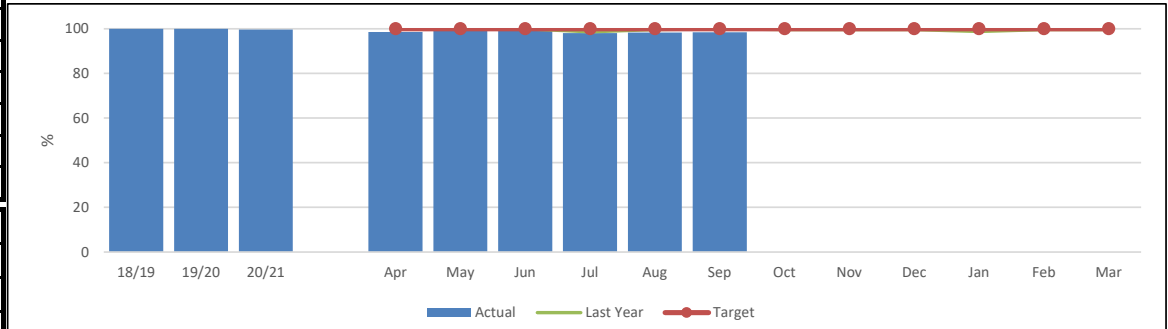
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	100	100
	Apr-21	100.0	98.5
	May-21	100.0	99.2
	Jun-21	100.0	99.3
	Jul-21	100.0	98.1
	Aug-21	100.0	98.3
	Sep-21	100.0	98.4
	Oct-21		
	Nov-21		
	Dec-21		
	Jan-22		
	Feb-22		
	Mar-22		

ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	100.0	100.0
	2019/20	100.0	100.0
	2020/21	100.0	99.6
	2021/22	100.0	98.4

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)

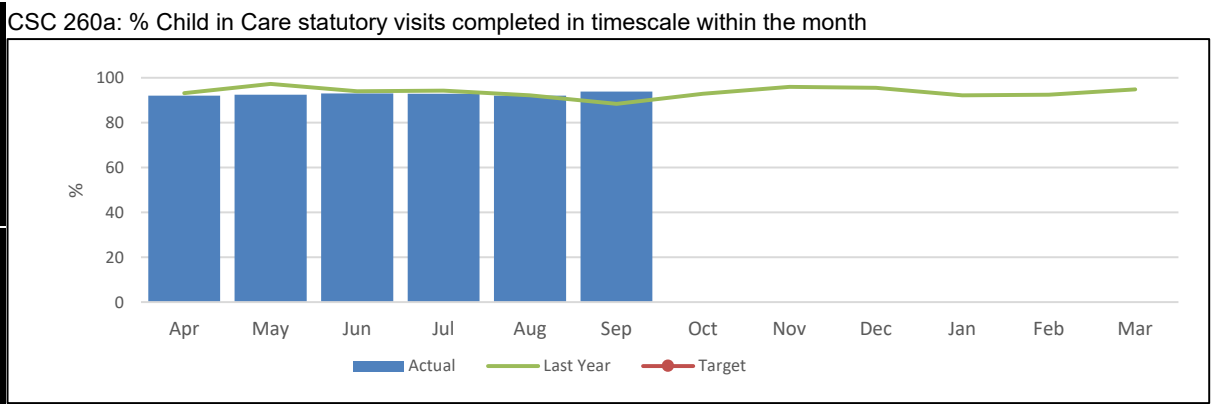


CHILDREN IN CARE - STATUTORY VISITS

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.

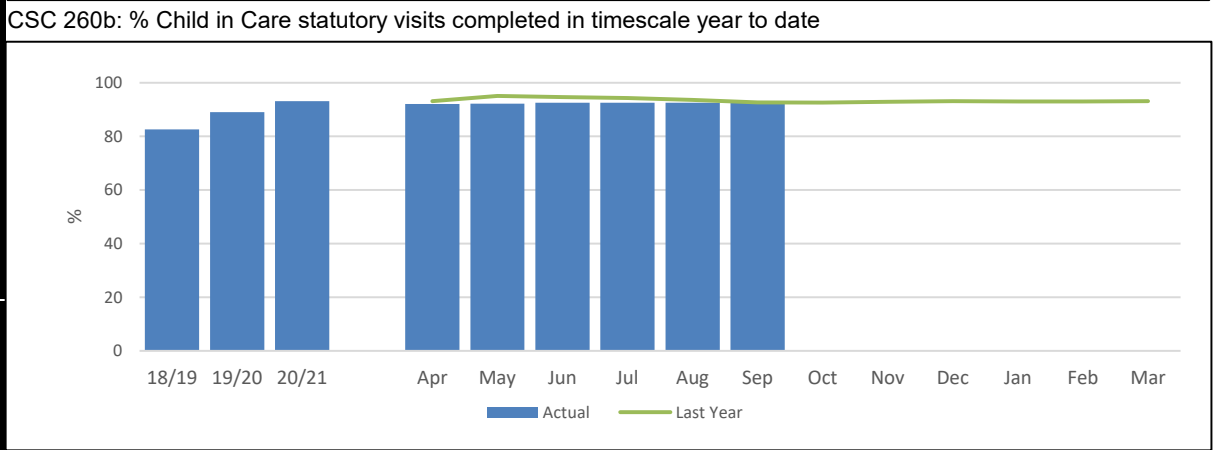
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS During Q2 2021/22, 92.9% (691 / 744) of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale. This is a small decrease compared with Q2 2020/21 when there were 93.2% of visits completed in timescale.

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



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Month	Target	CSC 260a	CSC 260b
Apr-21	90	92.1	92.1
May-21	90	92.4	92.2
Jun-21	90	93.0	92.5
Jul-21	90	92.9	92.6
Aug-21	90	92.1	92.5
Sep-21	90	93.8	92.7
Oct-21			
Nov-21			
Dec-21			
Jan-22			
Feb-22			
Mar-22			



ANNUAL TREND

Year	CSC 260a	CSC 260b
2018/19	82.6	82.6
2019/20	89.0	89.0
2020/21	93.1	93.1
2021/22	93.8	92.7

CHILDREN IN CARE - PLACEMENTS

DEFINITION	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>9.8% (26 / 266) of Children in Care, as at September 2021, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is below the internal target (10.0%), but above the 6.0% as at September 2020.</p> <p>Currently, 69.8% (74 / 106) 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 lower percentage compared with September 2020 (70.3%) and is just above the 68% target.</p> <p>8.3% (21 children) of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at September 2021. This is below target of 10%. All these placements have been confirmed by team managers to be appropriate for the child enabling them to have the best support either with family links or specialised care.</p>
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		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	
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	10%	68%	10%	CSC 228: % Children in Care with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months
	Apr-21	8.7	70.9	7.8	CSC 229: % Children in Care who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years
	May-21	9.3	73.0	8.0	
	Jun-21	9.8	69.1	8.8	
	Jul-21	9.6	72.9	9.2	
	Aug-21	10.3	73.5	8.9	
	Sep-21	9.8	69.8	8.3	
	Oct-21				
	Nov-21				
	Dec-21				
	Jan-22				
	Feb-22				
	Mar-22				
ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	9.5	64.4	9.7	CSC 230: % Children in Care placed 20 miles or more away from home
	2019/20	11.1	73.6	9.6	
	2020/21	8.1	71.9	9.4	
	2021/22	9.8	69.8	8.3	

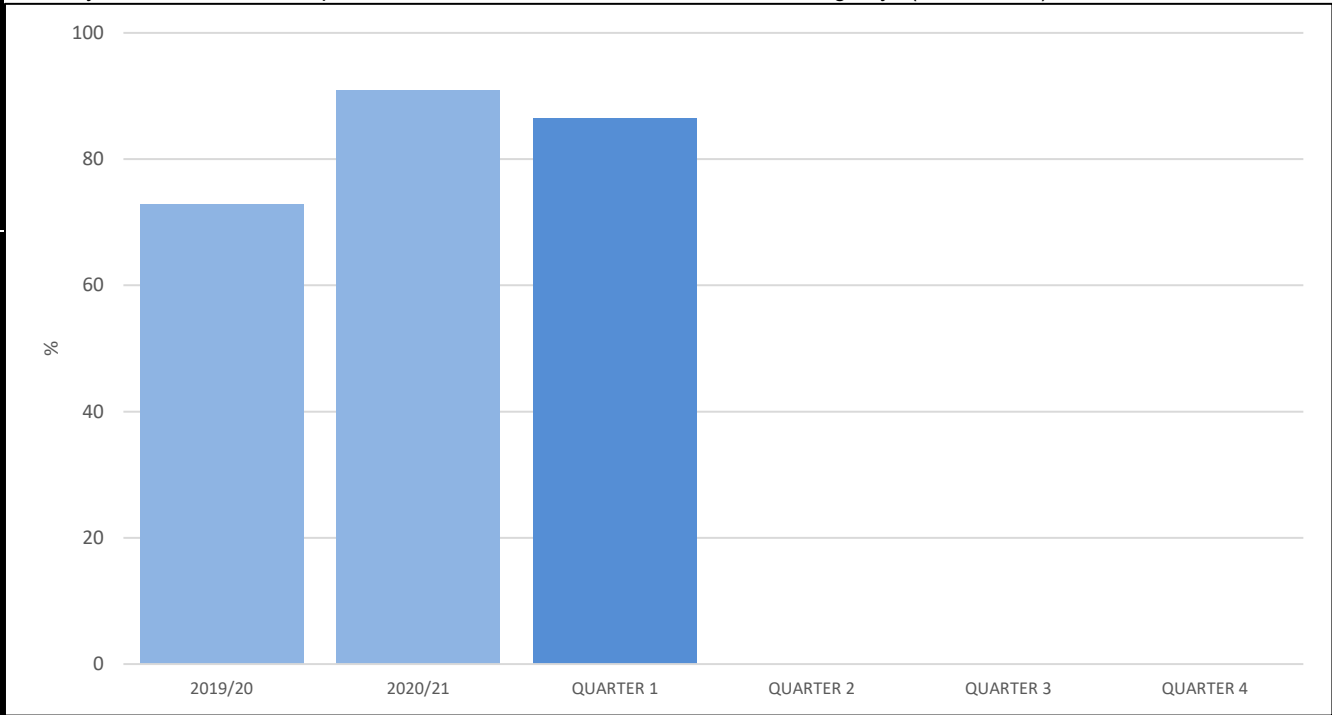
CHILDREN IN CARE - INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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	We are awaiting the Q2 figures from CDDFT regarding the percentage of children they saw within their timescale of 20 days.
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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-21	
	May-21	
	Jun-21	86.4
	Jul-21	
	Aug-21	
	Sep-21	
	Oct-21	
	Nov-21	
	Dec-21	
	Jan-22	
	Feb-22	
	Mar-22	

ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	86.2
	2019/20	72.9
	2020/21	90.9
	2021/22	86.4%

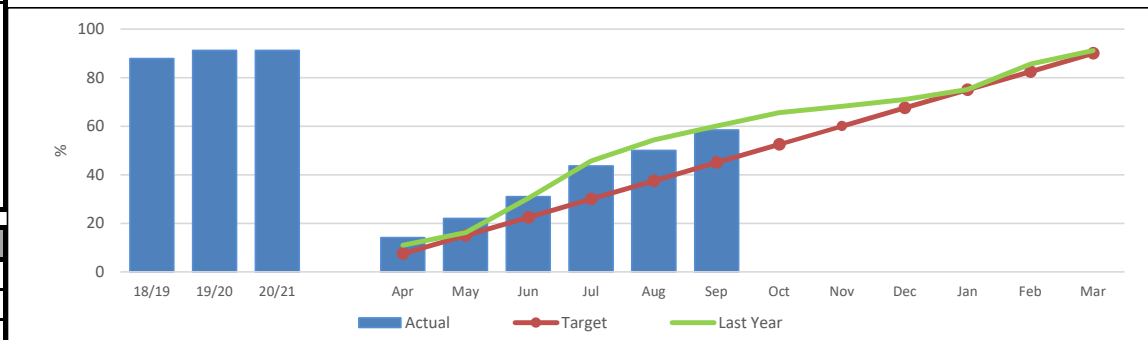
CHILDREN IN CARE - HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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
 93.7% (89 / 95) of children due a review health assessment by end of Q2 2021 have had one completed. This percentage is above the 60.1% for the same period last year.
 Of the 6 children who did not have a health review, 4 (4.2% of total cohort) of them 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.

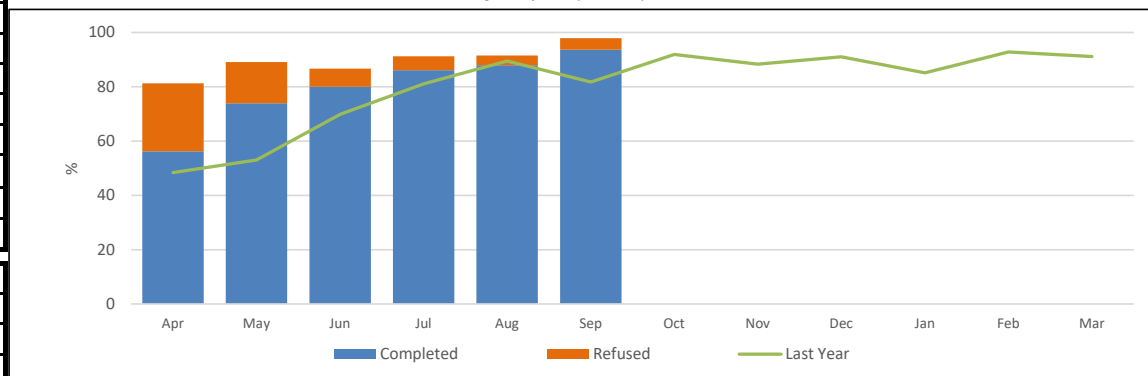
CSC 250		CSC 250b
The % of CiC who have an up to date Health Checks (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March)	The % of CiC who were due a Review Health Check (year to date) who refused to engage	The % of Children in Care who were due a Review Health Check year to date and were completed and recorded

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



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%	90%	
	Apr-21	14.1	25.0	56.3
	May-21	22.0	15.2	73.9
	Jun-21	31.0	6.7	80.0
	Jul-21	43.6	5.1	86.1
	Aug-21	50.0	3.6	88.0
	Sep-21	58.4	4.2	93.7
	Oct-21			
	Nov-21			
	Dec-21			
	Jan-22			
	Feb-22			
	Mar-22			

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



ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	87.9		87.9
	2019/20	91.2	3.1	93.3
	2020/21	91.2	3.7	91.2
	2021/22	58.4	4.2	93.7

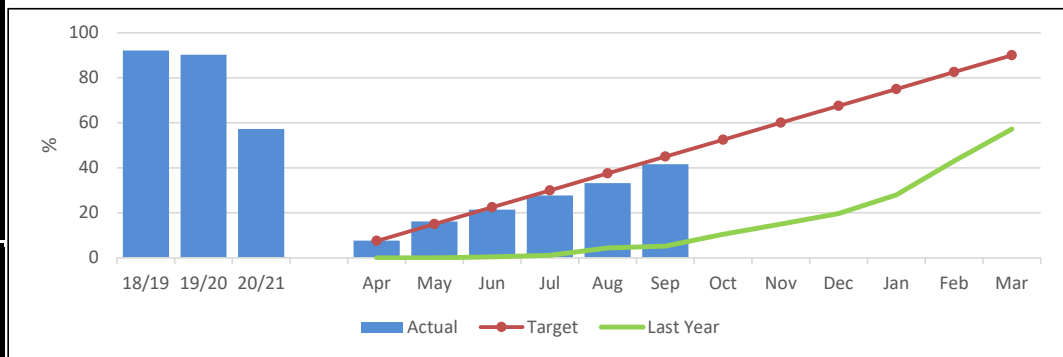
CHILDREN IN CARE - DENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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
 75.7% (87 / 115) of children due a dental check assessment by end of Q2 2021 have had one completed, with the recovery continuing from the low levels when dental practices were closed due to Covid-19 lockdown.
 Of the 28 children who did not have a dental check, 3 (2.6% of the total cohort) of them 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.

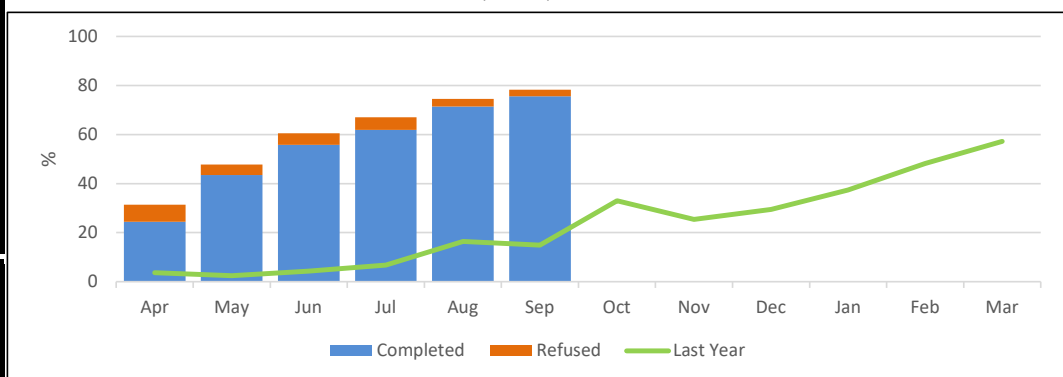
CSC 251		CSC 251d
The % of Children in Care with up to date Dental Checks (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March)	The % of Children in Care who were due a Dental Check (year to date) who refused to engage	The % of Children in Care who were due a Dental Check year to date and were up to date 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-21	7.7	7.0	24.4
	May-21	16.2	4.3	43.5
	Jun-21	21.4	4.7	55.8
	Jul-21	27.7	5.2	61.9
	Aug-21	33.2	3.1	71.4
	Sep-21	41.6	2.6	75.7
	Oct-21			
	Nov-21			
	Dec-21			
	Jan-22			
	Feb-22			
	Mar-22			

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



ANNUAL TREND	2018/19	92.1		92.1
	2019/20	90.2	3.1	90.2
	2020/21	57.2	2.8	57.2
	2021/22	41.6	2.6	75.7

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

100.0% of our care leavers were in suitable accommodation at the end of Q2 2021.

There were 10 young people (aged 19-21) as at 30 September 2021 who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

- 6 NEET because of illness or disability
- 1 NEET because of other circumstances
- 3 NEET because of pregnancy or parenting.

This equates to 21.3% of our care leavers which is below the internal target of 30% NEET.

