



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Children's Social Care Performance & Practice Report

Quarter 2 (July - September 2022)

Scrutiny

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Q2 2022-23 Performance Summary

Referrals: 84.4% of referrals received during Q2 2022/23 were completed within 1 working day and 0.3% took over 3 working days to complete. Extensive work regarding referral enquiries has been required for some cases requiring further information from third parties and further contacts with the family. This has resulted in completion taking longer than the statutory timescale. However, the additional work has been to the benefit of the child.

Re-Referrals: 15.3% of the children referred during Q2 2022/23 have been re-referred to Children's Social Care within 12 months of a previous referral. This is outperforming the internal target of 18%.

Early Help: 355 Early Help Assessments were started during Q2 2022/23, 10.1% of which were started by an external agency.

Missing: Of the children and young people who were reported missing from home, 80.2% have been offered a return home interview within the 72-hour timescale. Where the co-ordinator cannot engage the child or young person, discussions take place with parents, carers, teachers or social workers to offer insight around reducing the missing episodes. Of those who went missing, 26.9% were a Child in Care accounting for 55.9% of the missing episodes.

Children & Families Assessments: 310 children had a single assessment carried out during Q2 2022/23. Social workers completed 68.1% of the C&F assessments within timescale during Q2 2022/23. This is significantly below our internal target of 90%.

Section 47 Enquiries: 96 section 47 enquiries were started during Q2 2022/23 involving 173 children, 10 of which were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) at the time of the enquiry.

Child Protection Conference timeliness: 87.2% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting / section 47 being initiated, excluding children who were transferred-in conference, during Q2 2022/23.

Child Protection Plans: 118 children were supported by a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of September 2022. This is an increase compared to the 103 children who were supported by a CP plan at the end of September 2021. Darlington currently has a rate of 52.1 per 10,000 population for children on a CP plan.

100.0% of CP cases were allocated to a social worker and all of the CP reviews were carried out in timescale. No child ceased to be subject to a CP plan in Q2 2022/23 after being subject to the plan for 2 or more years, meeting our cumulative performance measure target of (5%) with 4.7%. As of September 2022, no child open to CP has been on their plan for more than 18 months. At the end of September 2022, the percentage of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 8.1%, above the 6% target and relates to 3 families.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 62.2% of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in Q2 2022/23 and 87.0% of the visits were completed within 15 working days.

Children in Care: 286 children were in care as of September 2022, 13 of which are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. During Q2 2022/23 a total of 39 children came into the care of DBC, 6 of which were unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, and a total of 33 children ceased to be in care.

Children in Care Reviews: 100.0% of Children in Care (CiC) were allocated to a qualified social worker. 98.9% of the reviews have been completed within required timescales during Q2 2022/21.

Children in Care Statutory visits: 85.2% of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale during Q2 2022/23.

Children in Care Placements: 11.9% of Children in Care (CiC), as of September 2022, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. 63.3% 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. 11.1% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as of September 2022. 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 is not available within 20 miles.

Initial Health Assessments: We are awaiting the official data from CDDFT to confirm the percentage of the children, that came into our care during Q2 2022/23, had a health appointment within 20 days.

Health and Dental Reviews: 72.4% of children due a review health assessment by September 2022 have had one completed. 40.7% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment by September 2022 have had one completed. The percentage of children who have refused their medical checks has positively decreased throughout the year, with 5.7% refusing their health review and 1.9% 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: 98.2% of care leavers (aged 19-21) were in suitable accommodation at the end of September 2022 with 1 young person in custody. The percentage of care leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) continues to be positively below the target of 30% with 19.6% at the end of September 2022. 21.4% of our care leavers (aged 19-21) were engaging in education (10.7% of which are in studies beyond A level) and 58.9% young people were in training or employment (28.6% in full time, 30.3% in part time).

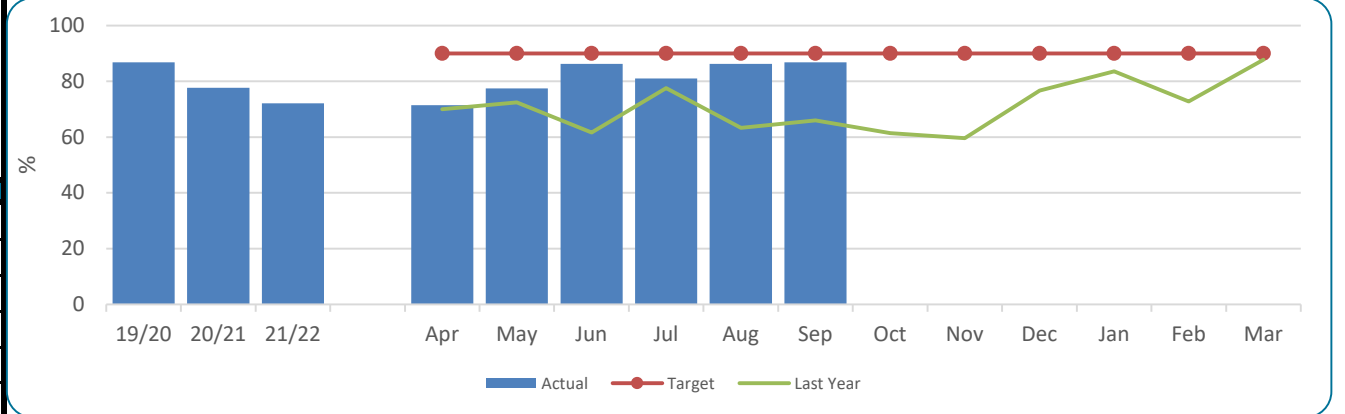
REFERRALS: TIMELINESS

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.

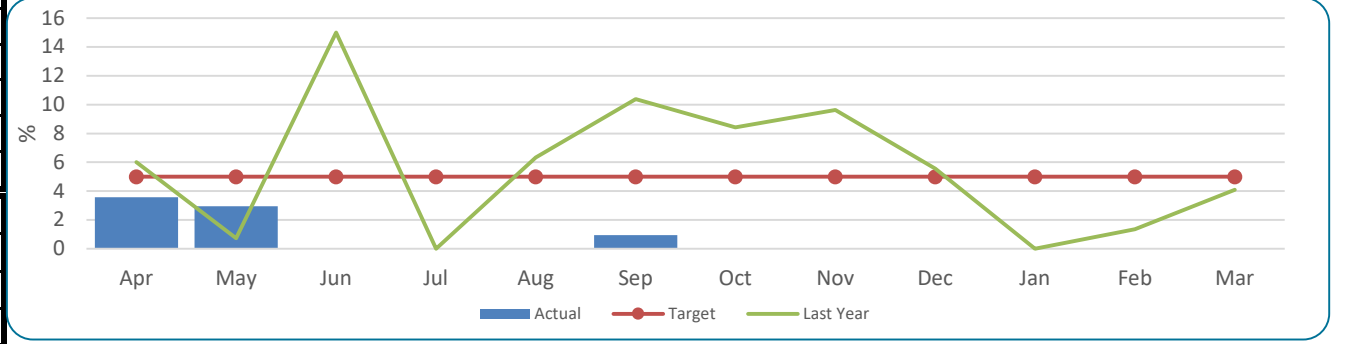
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS In Q2 2022/23, 84.4% of the children had their referral completed within 1 working day. This is a positive increase when compared with 79.6% in Q1 2022/23, however, this is still below our 90% target. 0.3% of the referrals took over 3 working days to be completed in Q2 2022/23 which is positively below our target of 5%.

		CSC 022	CSC 026
		Monthly % of referrals completed within 1 working day.	Monthly % of referrals completed in over 3 working days.
In Month Performance	Target	90%	5%
	Apr-22	71.4	3.6
	May-22	77.5	2.9
	Jun-22	86.2	0.0
	Jul-22	81.1	0.0
	Aug-22	86.3	0.0
	Sep-22	86.8	0.9
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
Annual Trend	2019/20	86.8	1.6
	2020/21	77.7	4.7
	2021/22	72.1	5.6
	2022/23	82.2%	1.0%

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



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

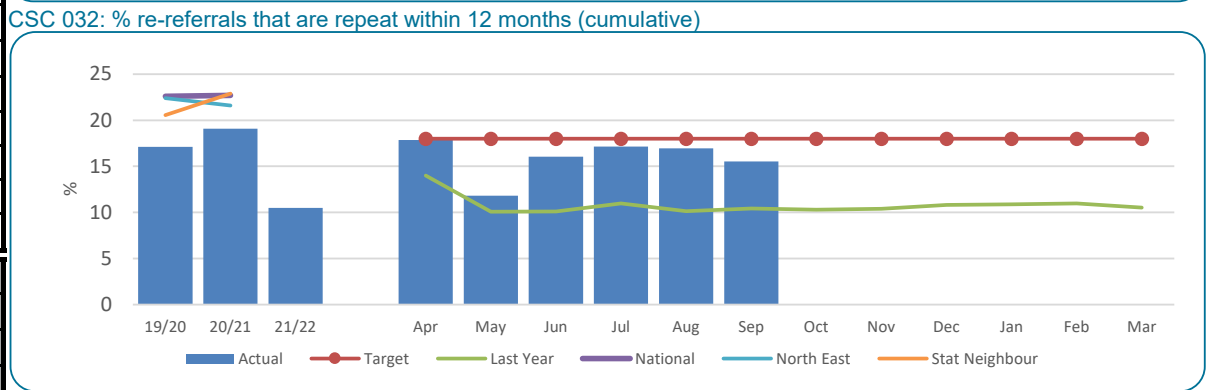
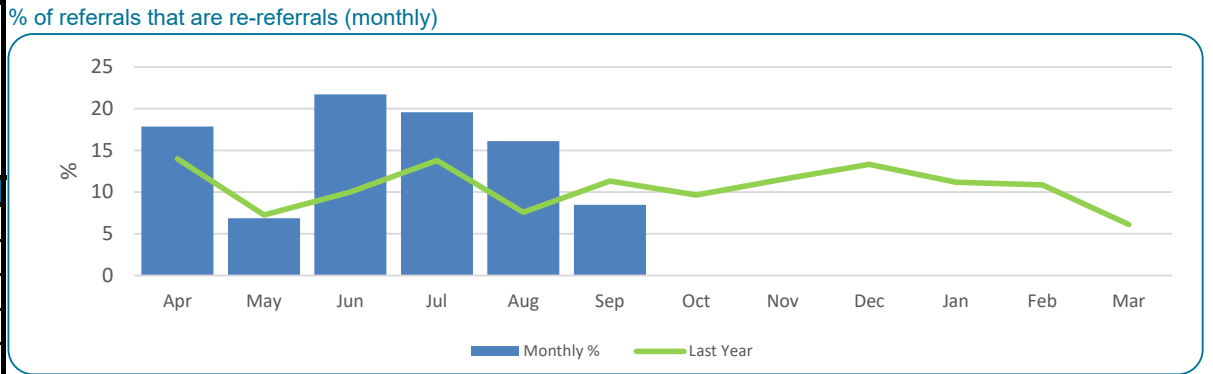


REFERRALS: RE-REFERRALS

DEFINITION	Percentage of re-referrals that are received within 12 months of a previous referral (based on referral start dates and in line with DfE definition). 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.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>During Q2 2022/23, 58 children from 32 families have had a new referral within 12 months of their last referral starting. This is an increase in re-referrals compared to Q2 2021/22 with 26 children but comparable to Q2 2020/21 (56 children) and Q2 2019/20 (54 children).</p> <p>Cumulatively we are still outperforming our 18% target with 15.5% of the referrals being repeated within 12 months of a previous referral starting.</p>
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		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-22	15	17.9	17.9
	May-22	7	11.8	6.9
	Jun-22	30	16.1	21.7
	Jul-22	29	17.2	19.6
	Aug-22	20	17.0	16.1
	Sep-22	9	15.5	8.5
	Oct-22			
	Nov-22			
	Dec-22			
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	171	17.1	
	2020/21	143	19.1	
	2021/22	106	10.5	
	2022/23	110	15.5	

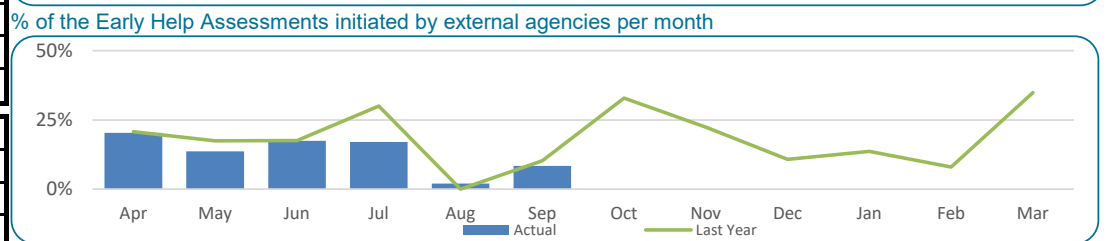
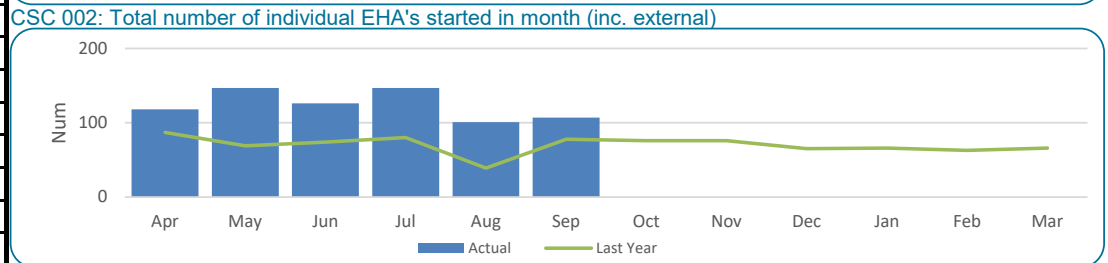


EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS: STARTED

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 355 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started in Q2 2022/23, 10.1% of which were initiated by external agencies. This is an increase on Q2 2021/22 (197 EHA's) but with a decrease on the proportion of externally started EHA's (16.2%).

		CSC 002		CSC 001	
		Total number of individual EHA's started in month (inc. external)	Number and percentage of the EHA's initiated by external agencies per month	Number of individual EHA's started; year to date (inc. external)	
In Month Performance	Target			TBC	
	Apr-22	118	24	20.3%	118
	May-22	147	20	13.6%	265
	Jun-22	126	22	17.5%	391
	Jul-22	147	25	17.0%	538
	Aug-22	101	2	2.0%	639
	Sep-22	107	9	8.4%	746
	Oct-22				
	Nov-22				
	Dec-22				
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
	Mar-23				
Annual Trend	2019/20	893	265	29.7%	893
	2020/21	623	127	20.4%	623
	2021/22	839	161	19.2%	839
	2022/23	746	102	13.7%	746



MISSING: EPISODES

DEFINITION	The number of episodes of children going missing in Darlington, including Children in Care.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>The total number of missing episodes in Q2 2022/23 was 245 involving 67 individual children. Excluding children open to another LA, this equates to 186 missing episodes involving 56 children. 55 (82.1%) children in Q2 2022/23 had 3 or less missing episodes, 48 of which only had 1 missing episode. 6 (9.0%) young people had 10 or more; 4 of which were a Child in Care and 2 were a Child in Care of another LA. Our CiC young people continue to dominate the number of missing episodes and with 18 of the 67 children (26.9%), accounting for over half (55.9%) of all the missing episodes (137 / 245).</p>
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		CSC 215		CSC 246			
		Total number of missing episodes and children involved in month		Missing - Children in Care with DBC		Of which are in a placement more than 20 miles from home	
		Episode	Child	Episode	Child	Episode	Child
In Month Performance	Apr-22	57	27	33	6		
	May-22	62	31	29	9		
	Jun-22	86	38	45	10	1	1
	Jul-22	80	32	47	12		
	Aug-22	96	29	53	11		
	Sep-22	69	27	37	6		
	Oct-22						
	Nov-22						
	Dec-22						
	Jan-23						
	Feb-23						
	Mar-23						
Annual Trend	2019/20	351	136	129	24	32	10
	2020/21	370	152	107	30	15	4
	2021/22	582	174	253	31	22	4
	2022/23	450	112	244	22	1	1

ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION Monthly and cumulative number of Children & Families (C&F) assessments completed.

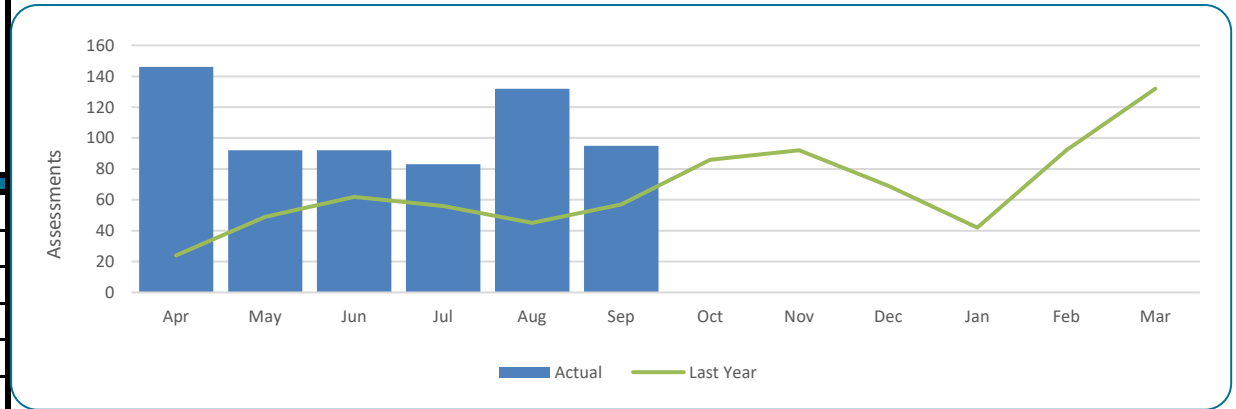
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 310 children had a C&F assessment completed in Q2 2022/23. This continues to be a large increase on previous years, with 158 in Q2 2020/21, 189 in Q2 2021/22 and 222 in Q2 2019/20.

The percentage breakdowns of the C&F outcomes are comparable to Q1 2022/23.

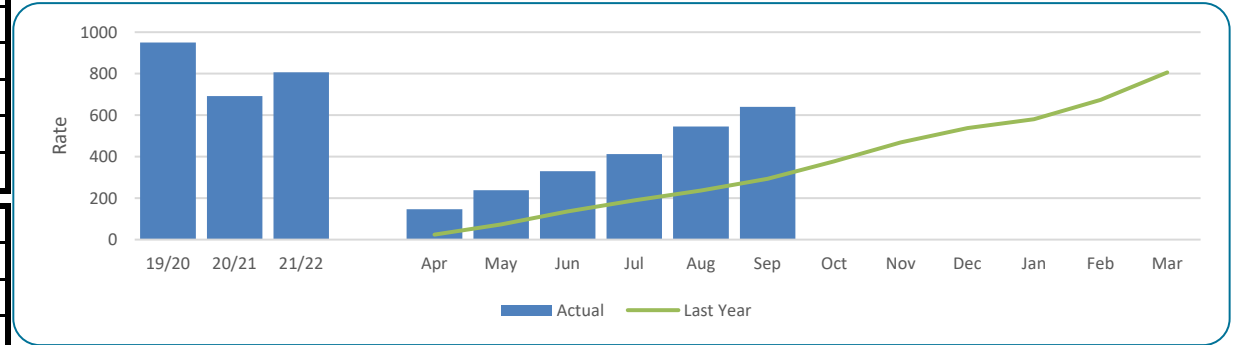
CSC 036 CSC 035

		CSC 036 Number of C&F assessments completed year to date	CSC 035 Rate of C&F assessments completed per 10,000 of the 0-17 population.
In Month Performance	Apr-22	146	64.5
	May-22	238	102.5
	Jun-22	330	145.8
	Jul-22	413	182.5
	Aug-22	545	240.8
	Sep-22	640	282.8
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
	Annual Trend	2019/20	950
2020/21		692	308.2
2021/22		806	357.8
2022/23		640	282.8

CSC 037: Monthly number of C&F assessments completed



CSC 035: Rate of C&F assessments completed per 10,000 of the 0-17 population.



ASSESSMENTS: TIMELINESS

DEFINITION Of those assessments completed in a period, the percentage completed within 45 working days.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 68.1% of our C&F assessments were completed within timescale in Q2 2022/23. This is below the performance of Q2 2021/22 (88.4%) and Q2 2020/21 (80.4%) and that of last quarter (Q1 2022/23, 79.1%).

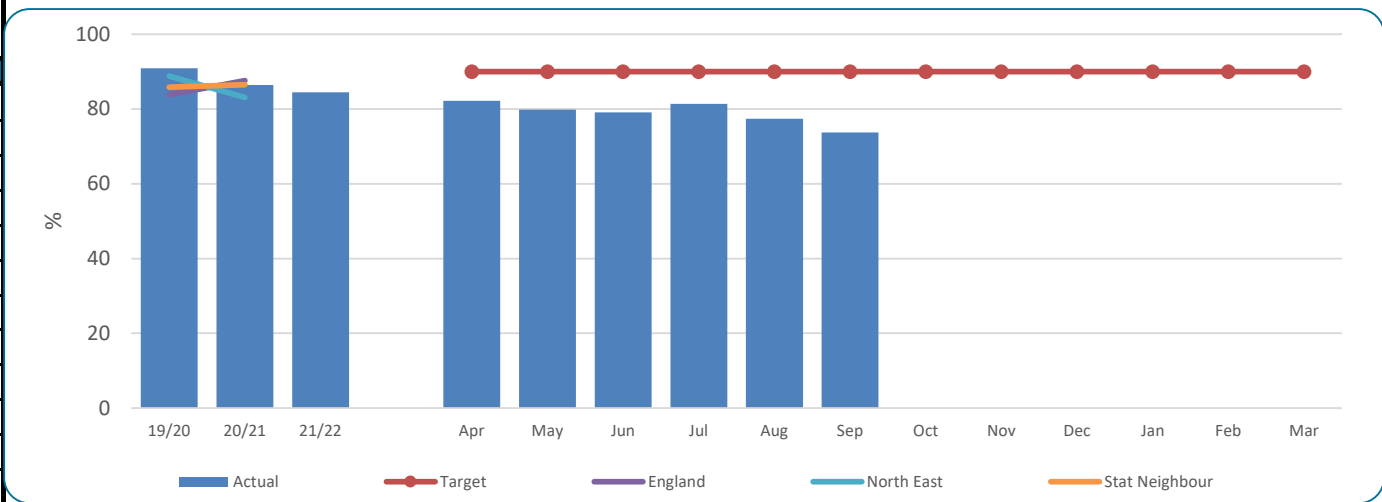
CSC 038

% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (year to date)

In Month Performance	Target	90%
	Apr-22	82.2
	May-22	79.8
	Jun-22	79.1
	Jul-22	81.4
	Aug-22	77.4
	Sep-22	73.8
	Oct-22	
	Nov-22	
	Dec-22	
	Jan-23	
	Feb-23	
	Mar-23	

Annual Trend		
2019/20		90.9
2020/21		86.4
2021/22		84.5
2022/23		73.8

% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (year to date)



SECTION 47 ENQUIRES: 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.

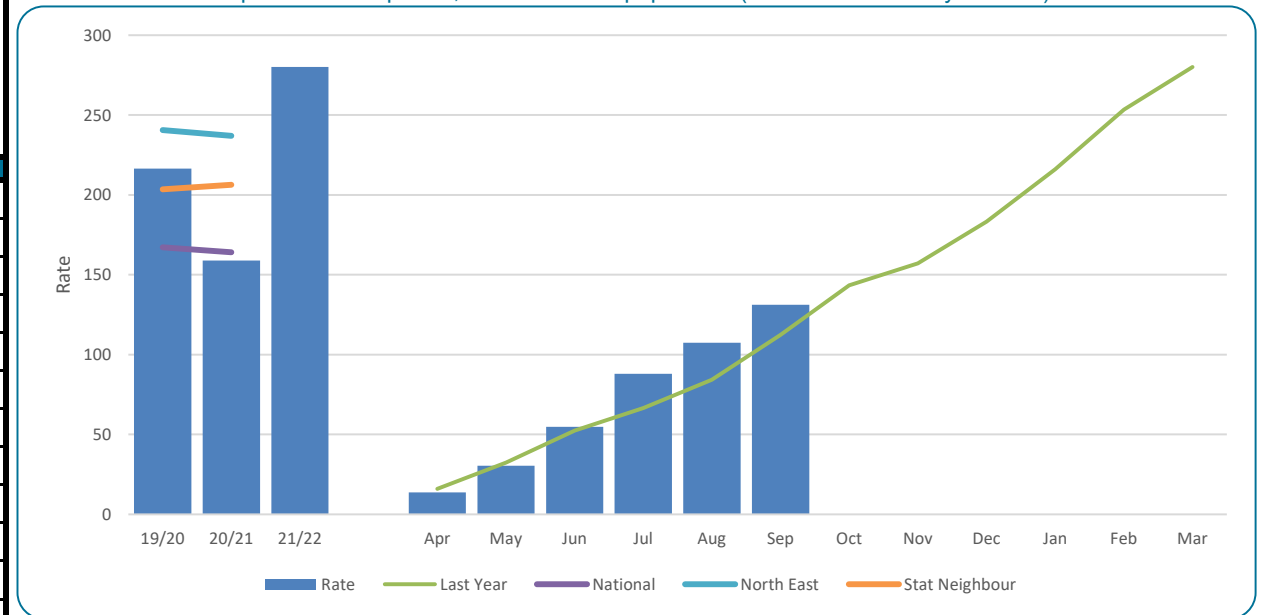
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 96 section 47 enquires were started in Q2 2022/23, involving 173 children.

CSC 166

CSC 164

		Number of children who had a section 47 enquiry	Rate of section 47 enquiries started per 10,000 of the 0-17 population (Cumulative)
In Month Performance	Apr-22	31	13.7
	May-22	38	30.5
	Jun-22	55	54.8
	Jul-22	75	87.9
	Aug-22	44	107.4
	Sep-22	54	131.2
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
	Annual Trend	2019/20	486
2020/21		358	158.9
2021/22		633	280.1
2022/23		297	131.2

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



INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES: TIMELINESS

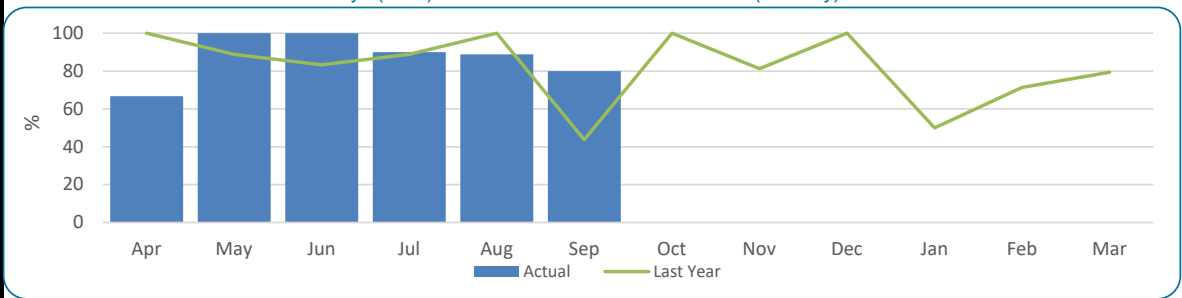
DEFINITION Of those Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC) held within the period (excluding transfer ins), the percentage recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / section 47 enquiry to ICPC are within 15 days (CPP). This provides an indication of how quickly the safety of the child is considered by a multi-agency meeting.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS Of the 47 children (who were not transferred in), 41 had their Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) within timescale (87.2%) in Q2 2022/23. 6 children from 4 families did not have their ICPC within timescale in due to late conference notification and the family requesting a date change.

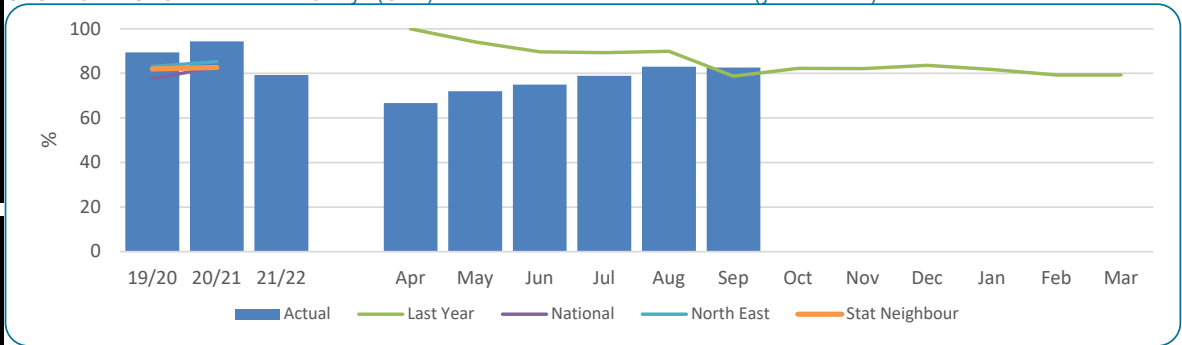
Although we are below the internal target of 95%, this is an improvement on the timeliness seen in Q1 2022/23 (75.0%) and Q2 2021/22 (78.8%) both of which saw less conferences being held during the quarter.

		CSC 178		CSC 176	
		% ICPC's held within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences (monthly).		% ICPC's held within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences (year to date).	
In Month Performance	Target				95%
	Apr-22	14 / 21	66.7	14 / 21	66.7
	May-22	4 / 4	100.0	18 / 25	72.0
	Jun-22	3 / 3	100.0	21 / 28	75.0
	Jul-22	9 / 10	90.0	30 / 38	79.0
	Aug-22	24 / 27	88.9	54 / 65	83.1
	Sep-22	8 / 10	80.0	62 / 75	82.7
	Oct-22				
	Nov-22				
	Dec-22				
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
	Mar-23				
Annual Trend	2019/20	153 / 171	87.7	153 / 171	89.5
	2020/21	119 / 126	94.4	119 / 126	94.4
	2021/22	138 / 174	79.3	138 / 174	79.3
	2022/23	62 / 75	82.7	62 / 75	82.7

CSC 178: % ICPC's held within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences (monthly).



CSC 176: % ICPC's held within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences (year to date).



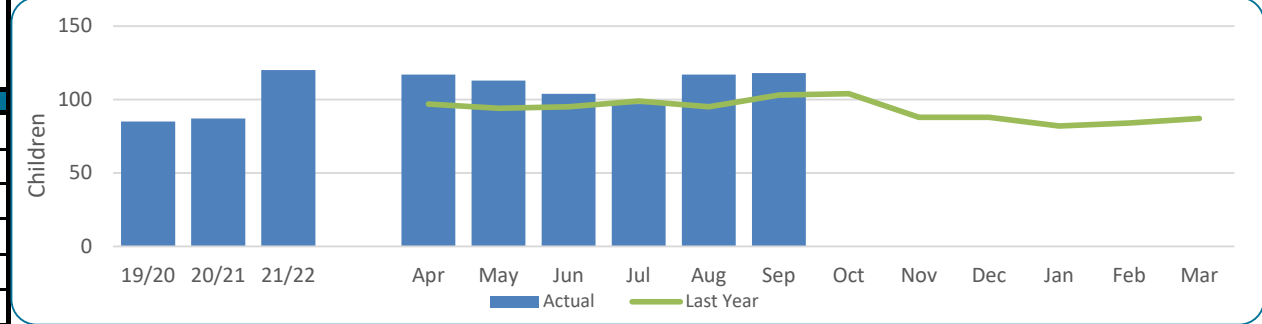
CHILD PROTECTION PLANS

DEFINITION	Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.
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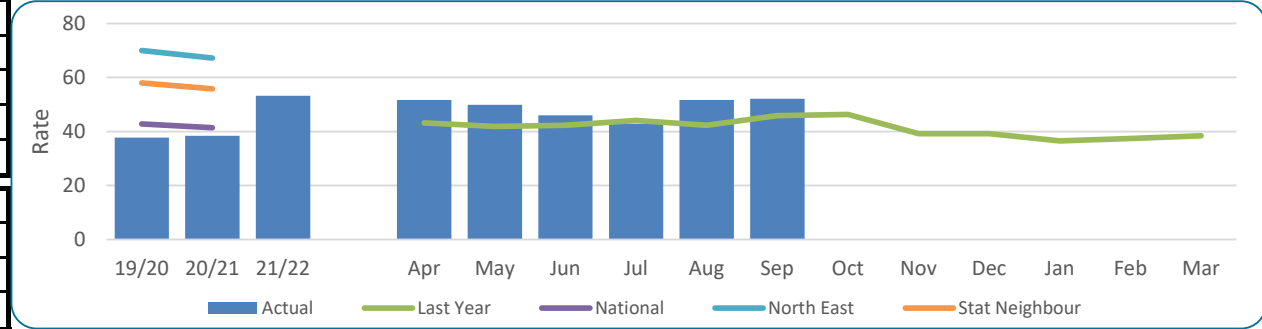
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	118 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of September 2022 with 42 children starting a CP plan during Q2 2022/23.
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		CSC 182	CSC 181
		Number of children subject to a CP plan	Rate of children subject to a CP Plan per 10,000 population
In Month Performance	Apr-22	117	51.7
	May-22	113	49.9
	Jun-22	104	46.0
	Jul-22	97	42.9
	Aug-22	117	51.7
	Sep-22	118	52.1
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
	Annual Trend	2019/20	85
2020/21		87	38.4
2021/22		120	53.3
2022/23		118	52.1

CSC 182: Number of children subject to a CP plan



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



CHILD PROTECTION PLANS: ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION

The percentage of children subject to a Child Protection (CP) 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.

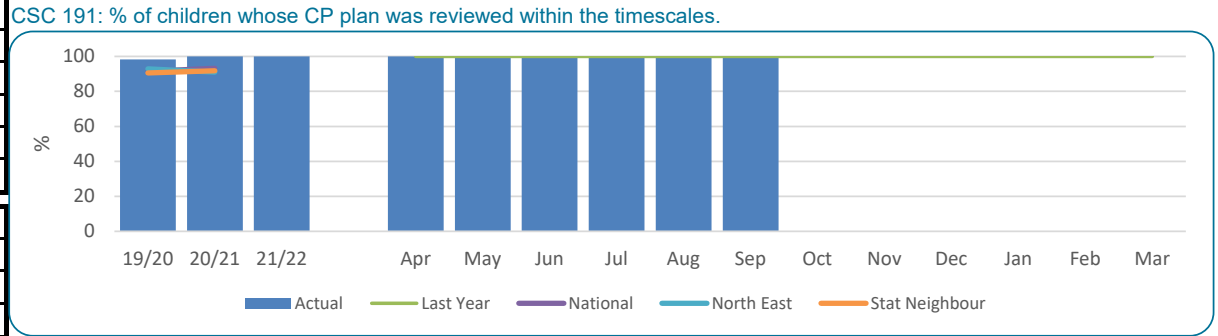
Reviews are a key element in delivering CP Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of effectiveness of the interventions provided to children subject to a CP plan. "Working Together to Safeguard Children" guidance requires that the first review should be within 3 months of their ICPC 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.

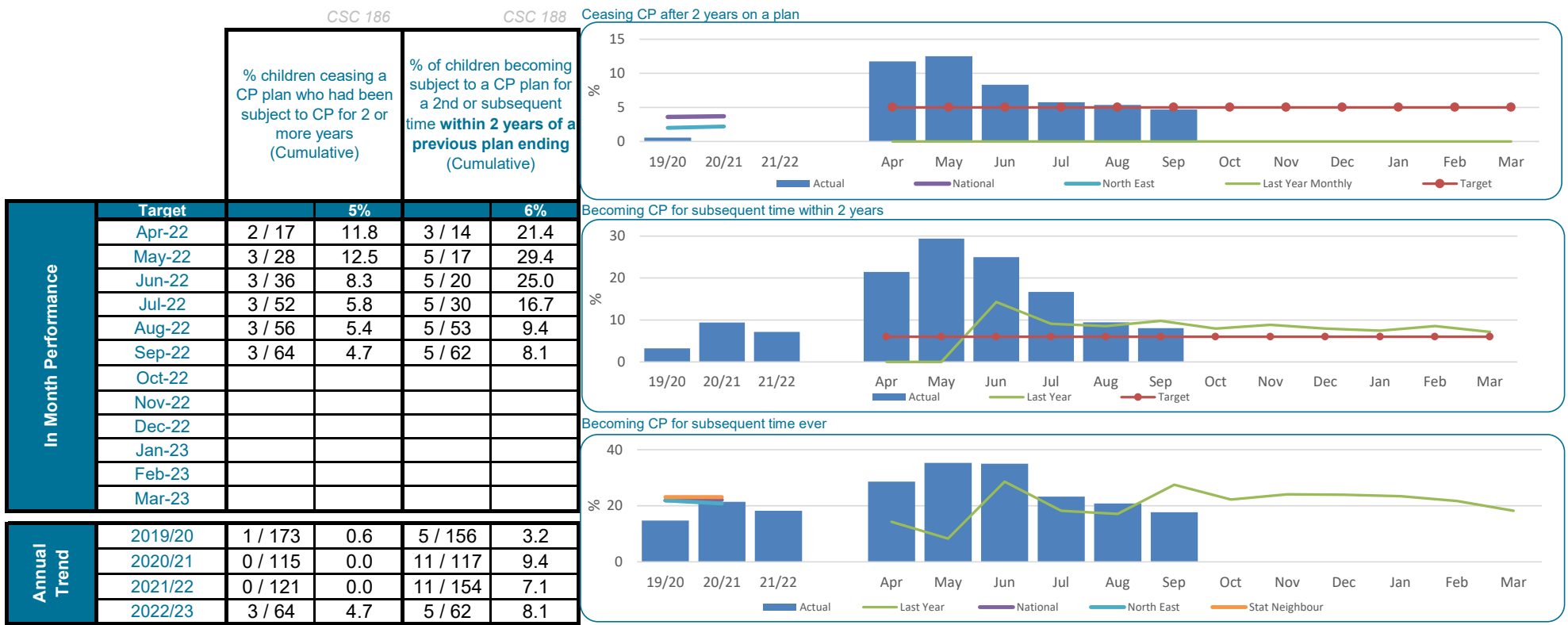
		CSC 183	CSC 191
		% of children with a CP plan allocated to a qualified social worker	% of children whose CP plan was reviewed within the timescales.
In Month Performance	Target	100	100
	Apr-22	100.0	100.0
	May-22	100.0	100.0
	Jun-22	100.0	100.0
	Jul-22	100.0	100.0
	Aug-22	100.0	100.0
	Sep-22	100.0	100.0
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
Annual Trend	2019/20	100.0	98.2
	2020/21	100.0	100.0
	2021/22	100.0	100.0
	2022/23	100.0	100.0



CHILD PROTECTION PLAN: 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 2 years of a previous plan, 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
 No child ceased to be subject to a CP plan during Q2 2022/23 who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years, meeting our cumulative performance measure target (5%) with 4.7%. As of September 2022, no child open to CP has been on their plan for more than 18 months.
 No child became subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending during Q2 2022/23, reducing our cumulative performance measure to 8.1% bringing us closer to the target of 6%.

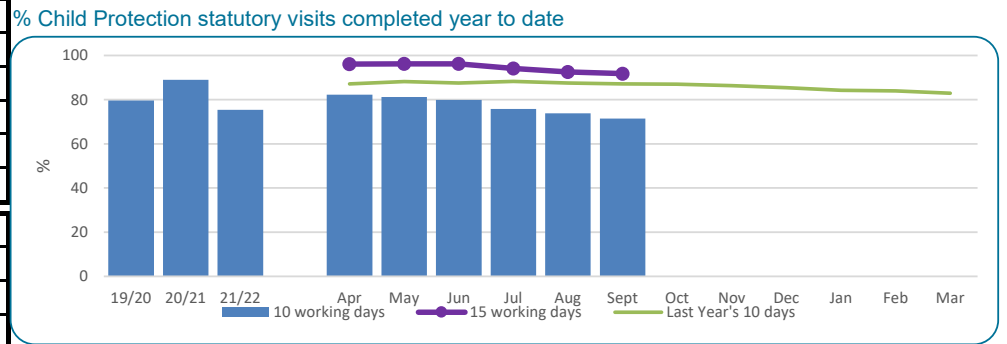
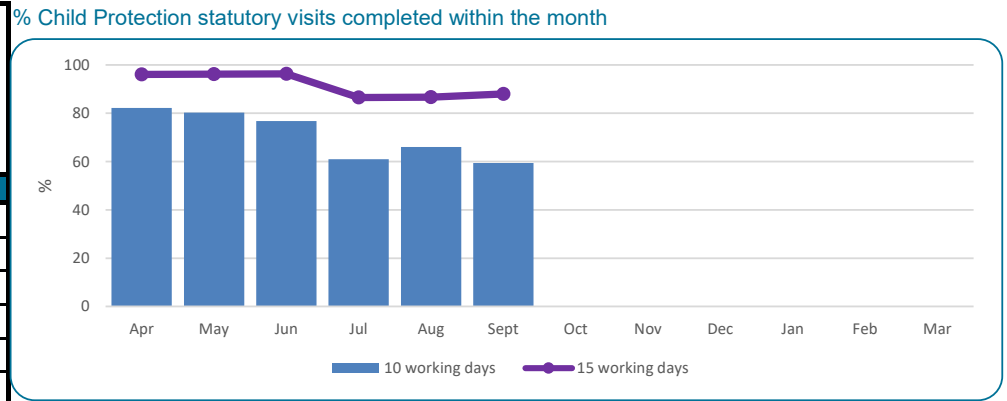


CHILD PROTECTION: STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection (CP) 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 62.2% of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in Q2 2022/23 and 87.0% of the visits were completed within 15 working days.

		<i>CSC 252a</i>		<i>CSC 252b</i>	
		% CP visits completed within 10 working days within the month	% CP visits completed within 15 working days within the month	% CP visits completed within 10 working days year to date (cumulative)	% CP visits completed within 15 working days year to date (cumulative)
In Month Performance	Target	90	90	90	90
	Apr-22	82.2	96.1	82.2	96.1
	May-22	80.2	96.2	81.2	96.2
	Jun-22	76.7	96.3	79.9	96.2
	Jul-22	61.0	86.5	75.9	94.1
	Aug-22	66.0	86.6	73.9	92.6
	Sep-22	59.3	88.0	71.4	91.8
	Oct-22				
	Nov-22				
	Dec-22				
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
Mar-23					
Annual Trend	2019/20	79.6	92.0	79.6	93.8
	2020/21	89.0	98.4	89.0	98.4
	2021/22	75.4	95.0	82.9	96.8
	2022/23	59.3	88.0	71.4	91.8



CHILDREN IN CARE

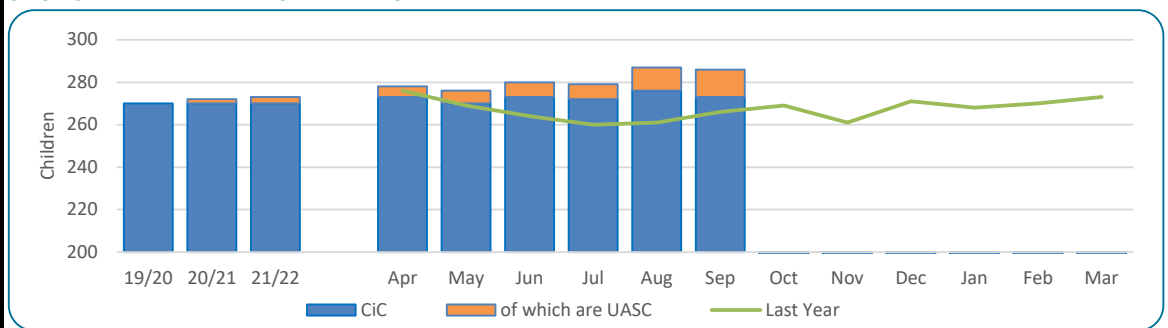
DEFINITION Number of Children in Care (CiC) at the end of each month and of which are Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child (UASC).

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 286 children were in care at the end of September 2022, 13 (4.5%) of which are unaccompanied asylum-seeking.

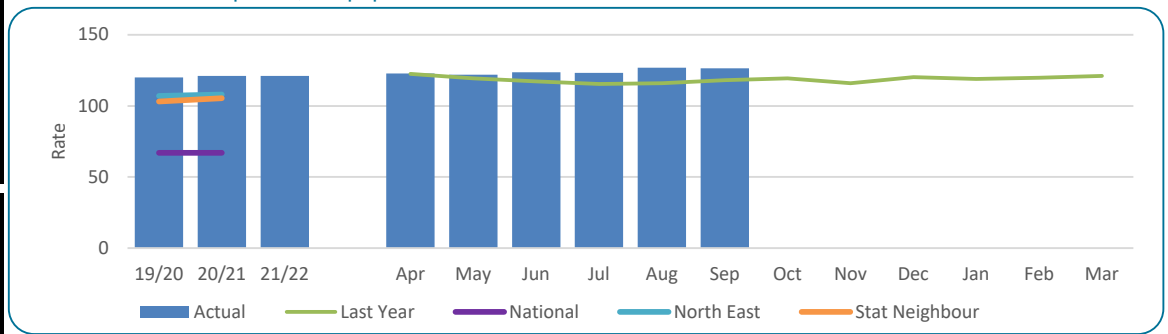
For comparison, 273 children, excluding UASC, were in our care at the end of September 2022, an increase from 266 at the end of September 2021 but a decrease from 302 at the end of September 2020.

		CSC 201	CSC 200	
		Total number of Children in Care	Of which are identified as a UASC	Rate of CiC per 10,000 population
In Month Performance	Target			95
	Apr-22	278	5	122.8
	May-22	276	6	122.0
	Jun-22	280	7	123.7
	Jul-22	279	7	123.3
	Aug-22	287	11	126.8
	Sep-22	286	13	126.4
	Oct-22			
	Nov-22			
	Dec-22			
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	270		120.0
	2020/21	272	2	121.1
	2021/22	273	3	121.2
	2022/23	286	13	126.4

CSC 201: Total number of Children in Care



CSC 200: Rate of CiC per 10,000 population



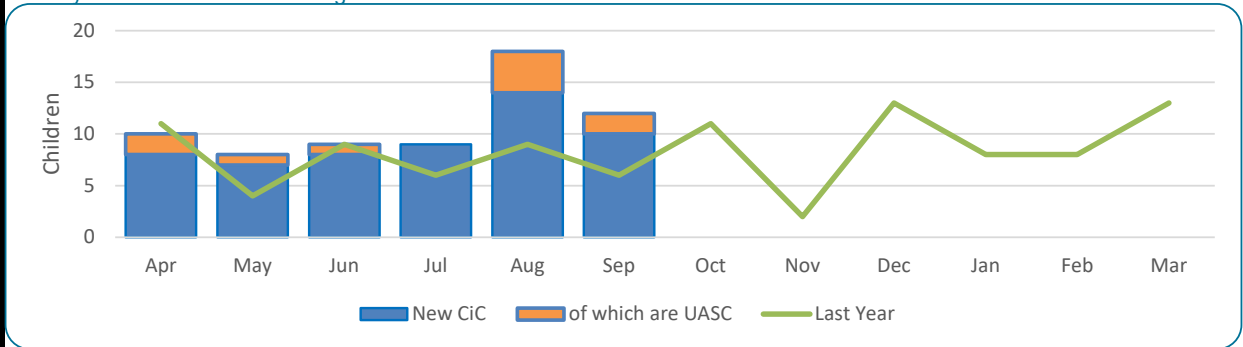
CHILDREN IN CARE: COMING INTO CARE

DEFINITION Number of children coming into the care of the local authority during the month and year to date and where they are an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC).

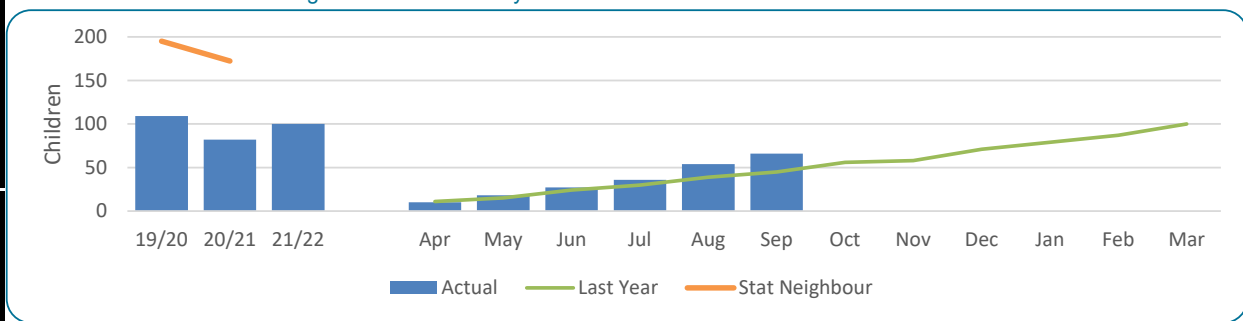
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 33 children from 25 families came into care in Q2 2022/23, a further 6 young people; 5 males and a female, came into care after being accepted by the Home Office as UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child).
This is an increase when compared with the 21 children who came into care in Q2 2021/22 and from Q2 2020/21 (23 children), but comparable with Q2 2019/20 (32 children).

		CSC 209	CSC 208	
		Monthly number of children coming into care	Cumulative number of children coming into care	of which are UASC
In Month Performance	Apr-22	10	10	2
	May-22	8	18	1
	Jun-22	9	27	1
	Jul-22	9	36	
	Aug-22	18	54	4
	Sep-22	12	66	2
	Oct-22			
	Nov-22			
	Dec-22			
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	109	109	
	2020/21	82	82	2
	2021/22	100	100	2
	2022/23	66	66	10

Monthly number of children coming into care



Total number 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. This could be due to returning home to parent or other person with no PR (planned and unplanned), having a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) / Child Arrangement Order (CAO) granted by the courts to a carer, adoption or turning 18 years old and becoming a care leaver and supported by a personal advisor. Other reasons why a child could cease care could be due to receiving a custodial sentence or moving out of the area and transferring to a different local authority.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

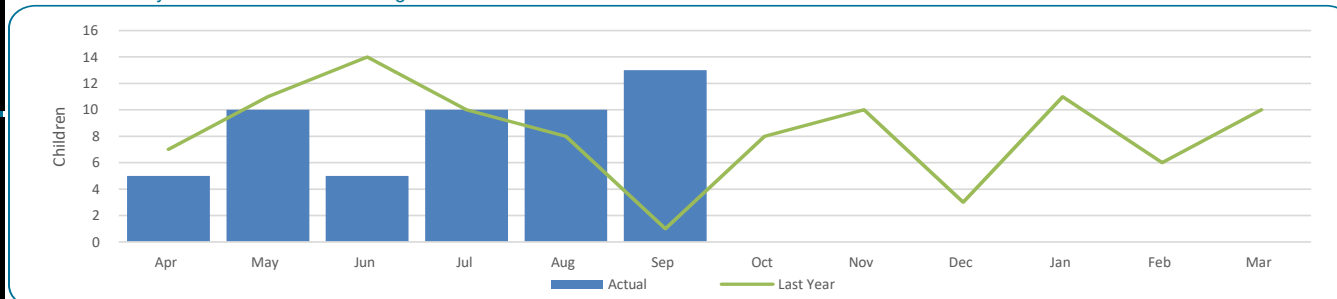
33 children and young people ceased to be in care in Q2 2022/23 from 15 families. This is the highest number of children ceasing care during a quarter period that we have seen. For comparison there were 19 children who ceased care in Q2 2021/22, 12 in Q2 2020/21 and 31 in Q2 2019/20.

Of the 33 children and young people who did cease CiC:

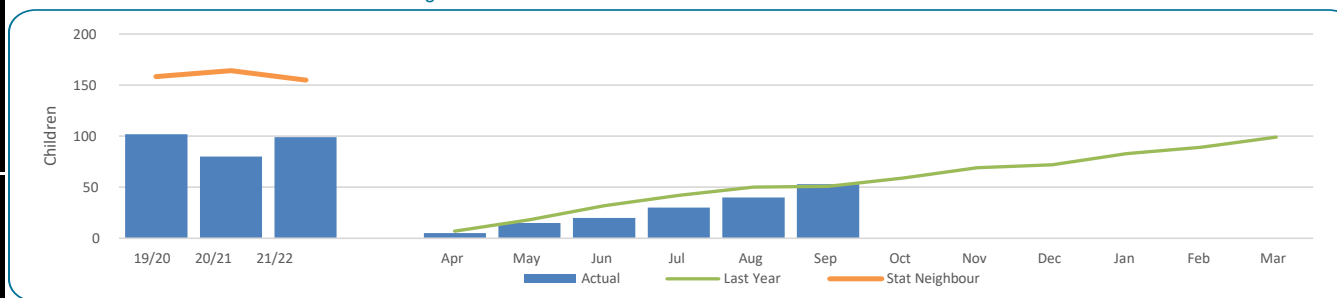
- 42.3% had a Special Guardianship Order / Child Arrangement Order granted to a relative
- 24.2% were adopted
- 12.1% turned 18 years and became care leavers
- 18.2% returned home to their parent(s)
- 3.0% refused to remain in care and now supported on a CiN plan.

		CSC 212	CSC 211
		Monthly number of children ceasing care	Cumulative number of children ceasing care
In Month Performance	Apr-22	5	5
	May-22	10	15
	Jun-22	5	20
	Jul-22	10	30
	Aug-22	10	40
	Sep-22	13	53
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
Annual Trend	2019/20	102	102
	2020/21	80	80
	2021/22	99	99
	2022/23	53	53

CSC 212: Monthly number of children ceasing care



CSC 211: Cumulative number of children ceasing care

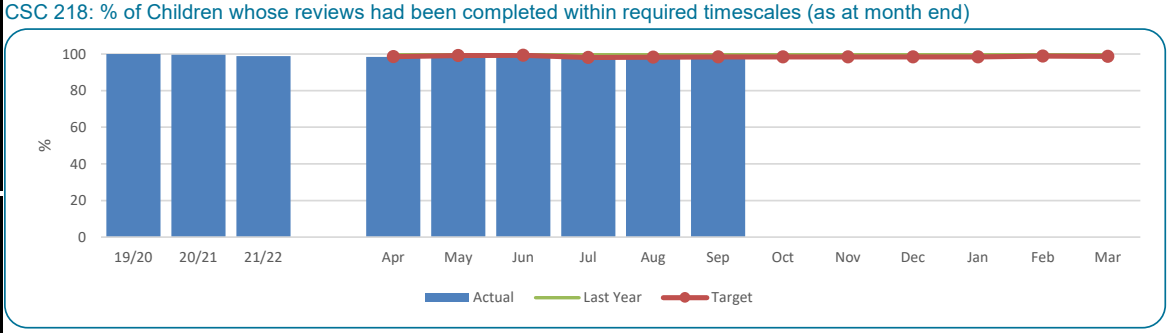
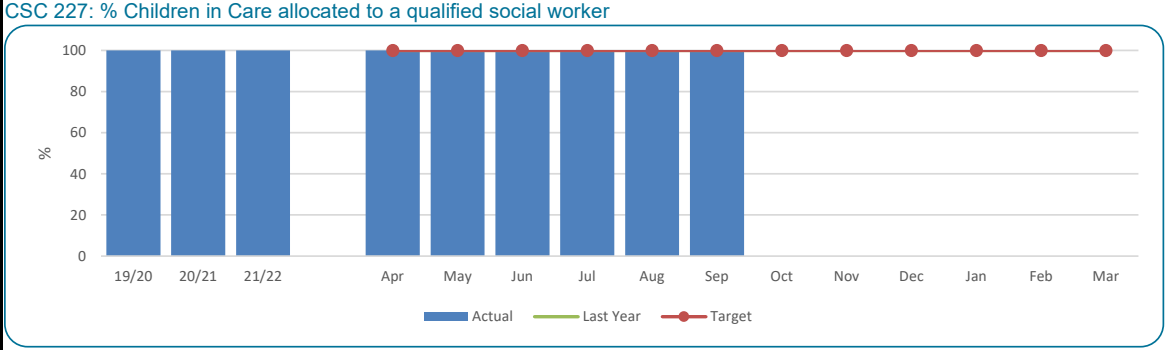


CHILDREN IN CARE: ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION The percentage of Children in Care (CiC) which should have been reviewed during the year ending 31 March that were reviewed on time and the percentage of Children in Care that were allocated to a qualified social worker at the end of the month. 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% of Children in Care (CiC) are allocated to a qualified social worker and 98.9% of the reviews have been completed within required timescales.

		CSC 227	CSC 218
		% Children in Care allocated to a qualified social worker	% of Children whose reviews had been completed within required timescales (as at month end)
In Month Performance	Target	100	100
	Apr-22	100.0	98.5
	May-22	100.0	99.1
	Jun-22	100.0	98.8
	Jul-22	100.0	99.0
	Aug-22	100.0	98.7
	Sep-22	100.0	98.9
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	100.0	100.0
	2020/21	100.0	99.6
	2021/22	100.0	98.8
	2022/23	100.0	98.9

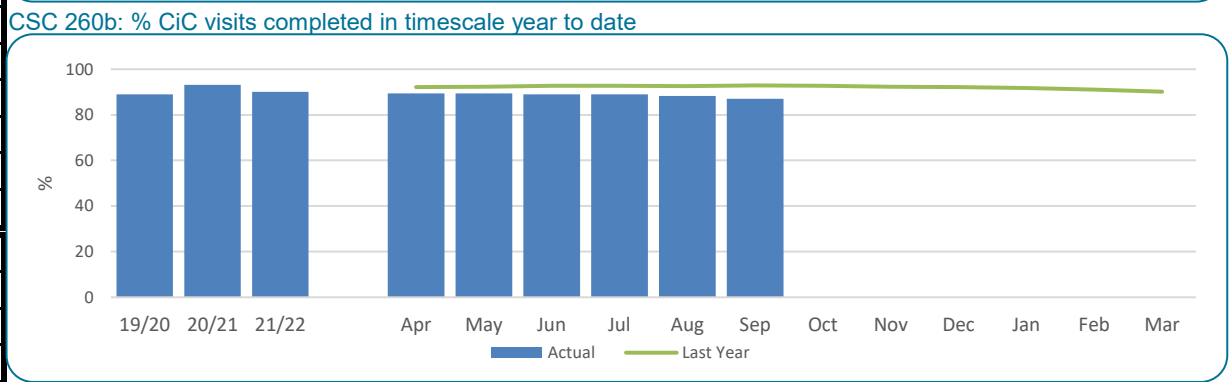
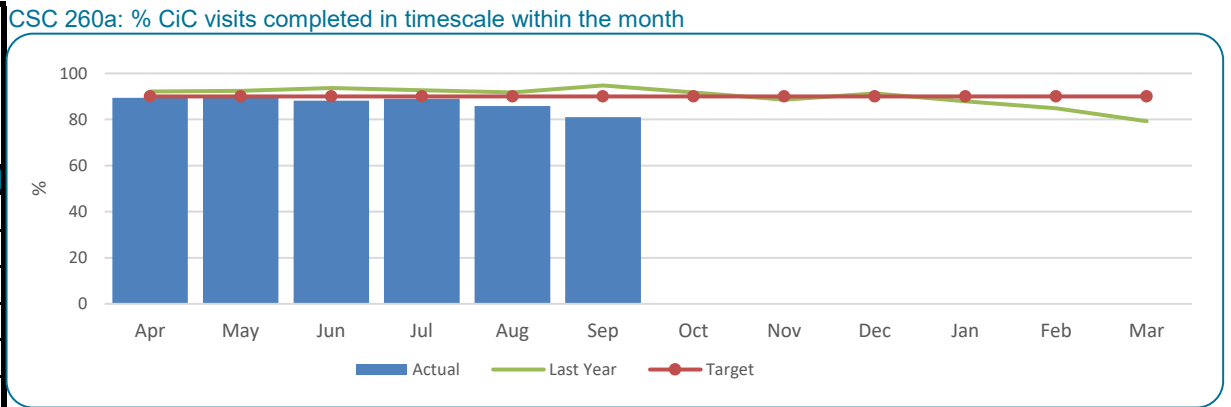


CHILDREN IN CARE: STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION	Percentage of Children in Care (CiC) who had all statutory visits completed within required timescales each month and year to date.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	85.2% of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale in Q2 2022/23. This is a decrease when compared with Q2 2021/22 (93.0%) and Q2 2020/21 (90.9%) and the year to date completed in timescale remains below target of 90%.
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		CSC 260a	CSC 260b
		% CiC visits completed in timescale within the month	% CiC visits completed in timescale year to date
In Month Performance	Target	90	90
	Apr-22	89.4	89.4
	May-22	89.4	89.4
	Jun-22	88.1	89.0
	Jul-22	88.9	89.0
	Aug-22	85.8	88.2
	Sep-22	81.0	87.0
	Oct-22		
	Nov-22		
	Dec-22		
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
Annual Trend	2019/20	89.0	89.0
	2020/21	93.1	93.1
	2021/22	90.1	90.1
	2022/23	81.0	87.0



CHILDREN IN CARE: PLACEMENTS

DEFINITION

Of those Children in Care (CiC) 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 (under the age of 16 years) had been in their current placement for 2 or more years. and who were placed more than 20 miles away from their home address. 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.

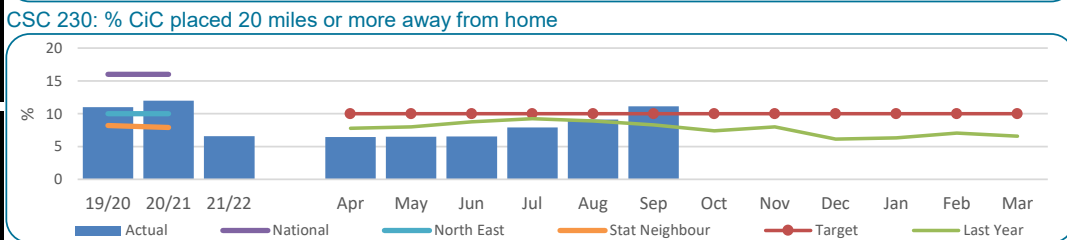
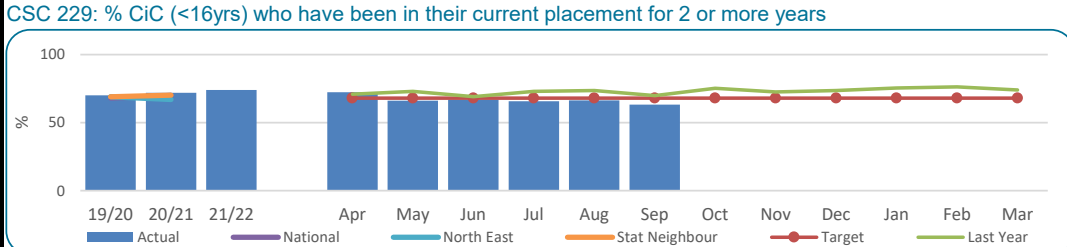
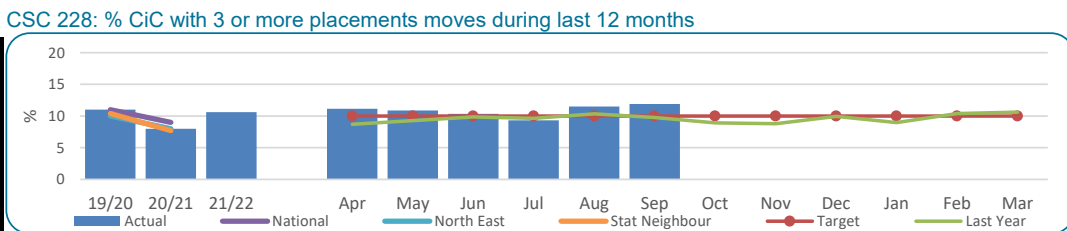
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

11.9% of our Children in Care, as at September 2022, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is negatively above internal target (10.0%), and above the 9.8% as at September 2021.

Currently, 63.3% 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 negatively below our 68% internal target.

11.1% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at September 2022. Although higher than target of 10% and higher than September 2021 (8.3%), 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.

		CSC 228	CSC 229	CSC 230
		% CiC with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months	% CiC (<16yrs) who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years	% CiC placed 20 miles or more away from home
In Month Performance	Target	10%	68%	10%
	Apr-22	11.2	72.3	6.4
	May-22	10.9	66.1	6.5
	Jun-22	10.4	67.0	6.5
	Jul-22	9.3	65.8	7.9
	Aug-22	11.5	66.4	9.1
	Sep-22	11.9	63.3	11.1
	Oct-22			
	Nov-22			
	Dec-22			
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
Mar-23				
Annual Trend	2019/20	11.0	70.0	11.0
	2020/21	8.0	72.0	12.0
	2021/22	10.6	74.0	6.6
	2022/23	11.9	63.3	11.1

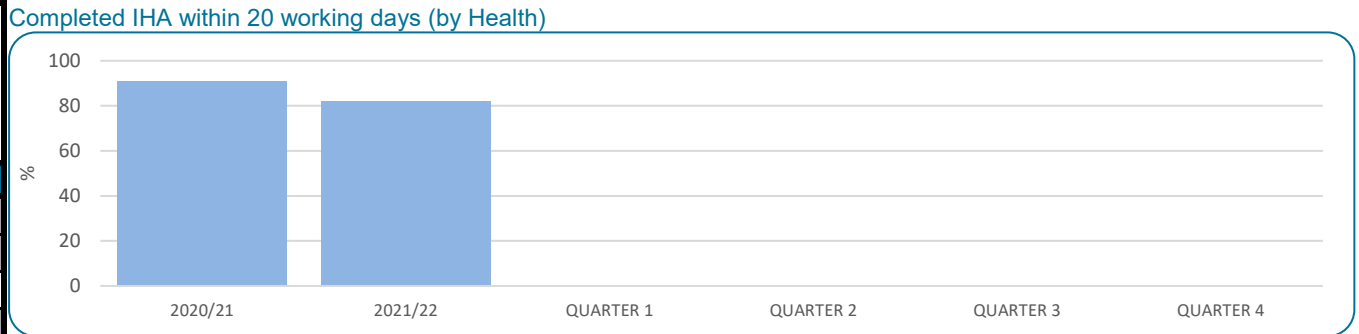


CHILDREN IN CARE: INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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. This excludes children / young people coming into care due to being remand or UASC.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	The quarterly reports from health have been requested to understand how many of the assessments have gone on to be completed within the 20 day timescale.
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		Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)
In Month Performance	Target	95
	Apr-22	
	May-22	
	Jun-22	TBC /
	Jul-22	
	Aug-22	
	Sep-22	TBC /
	Oct-22	
	Nov-22	
	Dec-22	
	Jan-23	
	Feb-23	
	Mar-23	
Annual Trend	2019/20	72.9
	2020/21	90.9
	2021/22	82.1
	2022/23	



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 (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March). 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

72.4% of children due a review health assessment by September 2022 have had one completed.

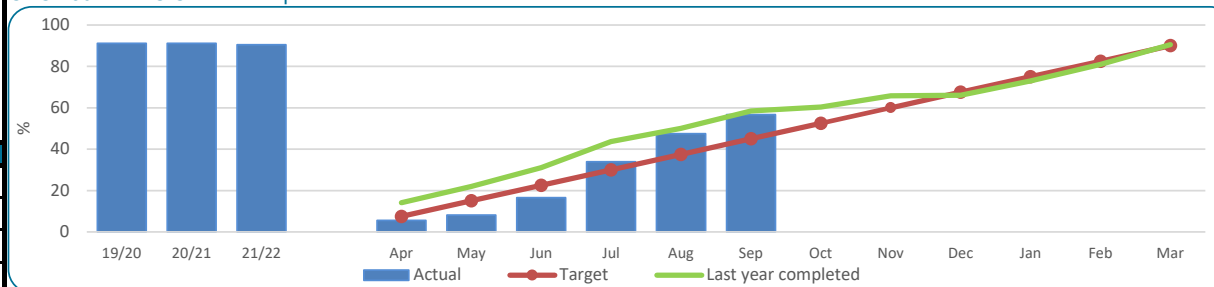
Of the children who have not had their health review, 5.7% of them are refusing to have one completed at this time. Although they are refusing, they are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

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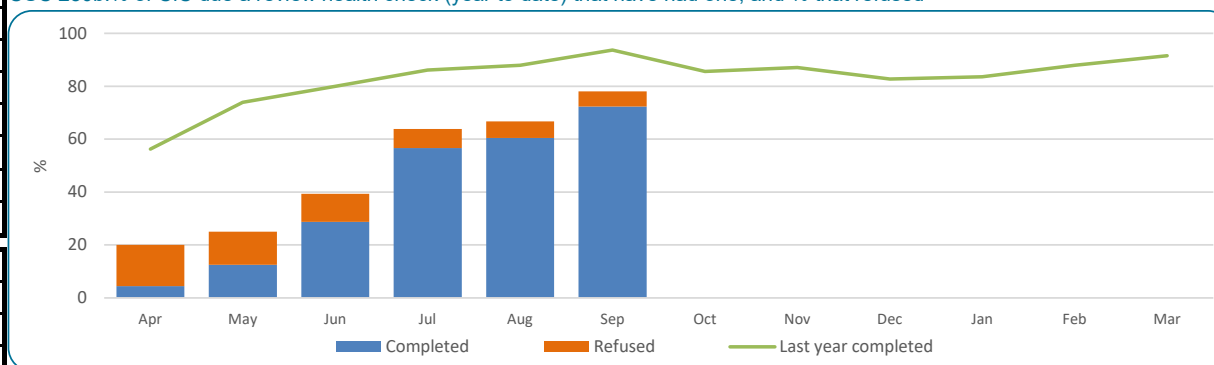
CSC 250b

	CSC 250		CSC 250b	
	Target	% of CiC who have an up to date health checks	% of CiC refusing engagement in their review health check (in month)	% of CiC who had a review health check completed (year to date)
In Month Performance	90%			90%
Apr-22		5.6	15.6	4.4
May-22		8.1	12.5	12.5
Jun-22		16.5	10.6	28.8
Jul-22		33.9	7.2	56.6
Aug-22		47.5	6.3	60.4
Sep-22		56.7	5.7	72.4
Oct-22				
Nov-22				
Dec-22				
Jan-23				
Feb-23				
Mar-23				
Annual Trend				
2019/20		91.2	3.1	93.3
2020/21		91.2	3.7	91.2
2021/22		90.5	3.7	91.6
2022/23		56.7	5.7	72.4

CSC 250: % of CiC who are up to date for a review health check



CSC 250b: % of CiC due a review health check (year to date) that have had one, and % that refused



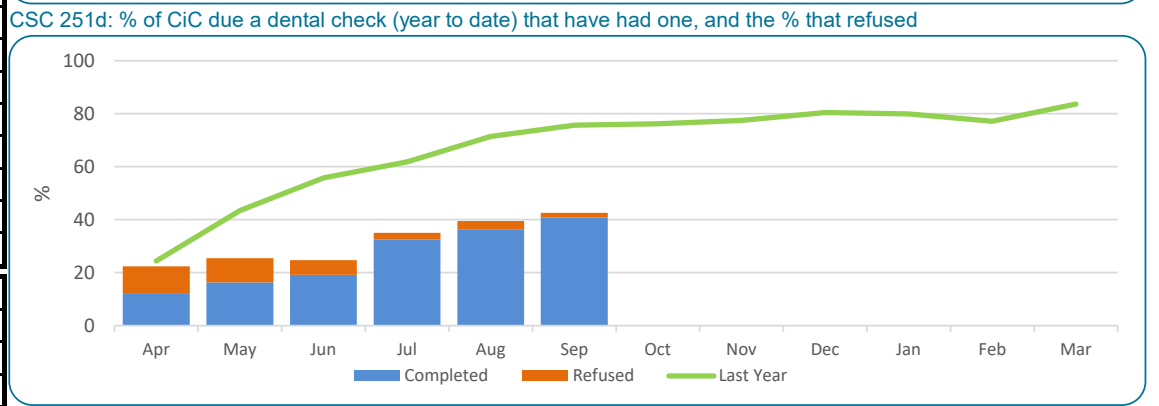
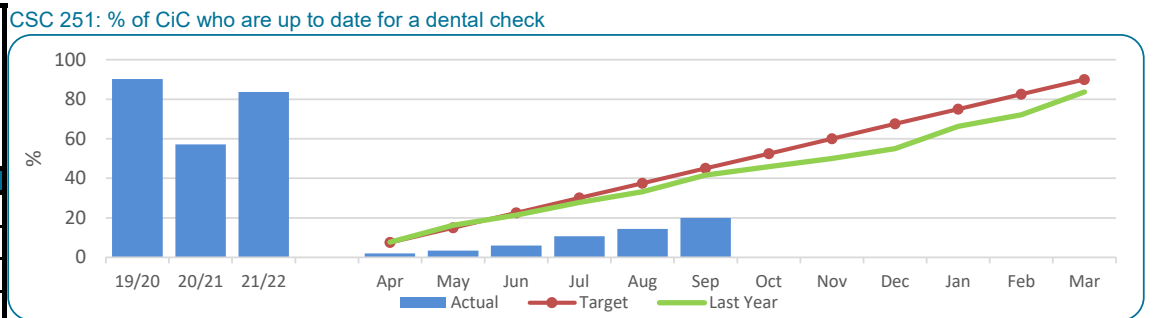
CHILDREN IN CARE: DENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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 (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March). 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 40.7% of children due a dental check assessment by September 2022 have had one completed. Work is progressing to secure check-ups with an NHS dentist which should see this proportion rise over the next couple of months.

Of the children who have not had their dental check, 1.9% 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	
		% of CiC who have an up to date dental check	% of CiC refusing engagement in their dental check (in month)	% of CiC who had a dental check completed (year to date)
In Month Performance	Target	90%		90%
	Apr-22	2.0	10.2	12.2
	May-22	3.5	9.1	16.4
	Jun-22	5.9	5.5	19.2
	Jul-22	10.6	2.6	32.5
	Aug-22	14.4	3.3	36.3
	Sep-22	19.9	1.9	40.7
	Oct-22			
	Nov-22			
	Dec-22			
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	90.2	3.1	90.2
	2020/21	57.2	2.8	57.2
	2021/22	83.7	2.6	83.7
	2022/23	19.9	1.9	40.7



CARE LEAVERS

DEFINITION	Former relevant care leavers split to show the young people who, at 31st March, will be aged 19-21 and those who will be aged 22-25. The percentage 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. 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.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>98.2% of our care leavers aged 19-21 and 96.1% of our care leavers aged 22-25 were in suitable accommodation at the end of June 2022. This is below 100% due to young people being in custody.</p> <p>Of the care leavers, aged 19-21, as of 30th September 2022, the following were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.6% NEET because of illness or disability • 8.9% NEET because of other circumstances • 7.1% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting. <p>This equates to 19.6% of our care leavers which is positively below the internal target of 30% NEET.</p> <p>Of the care leavers, aged 22-25, as of 30th September 2022, the following were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.9% NEET because of illness or disability • 5.9% NEET because of other circumstances • 7.8% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting. <p>This equates to 19.6%.</p> <p>21.4% young people, aged 19-21, were engaging in education (10.7% are in studies beyond A level) and 58.9% young people were in training or employment (28.6% in full time, 30.3% in part time).</p> <p>11.8% young people, aged 22-25, were engaging in education (7.8% are in studies beyond A level) and 68.6% young people were in training or employment (23.5% in full time, 45.1% in part time).</p>
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		19-21 year olds		22-25 year olds	
		% Care leavers in suitable accommodation	% Care leavers NEET	% Care leavers in suitable accommodation	% Care leavers NEET
In Month Performance	Target	90%	30%		
	Apr-22	98.2	23.2	98.2	18.2
	May-22	98.2	21.4	96.3	16.7
	Jun-22	98.2	19.6	96.3	20.4
	Jul-22	98.2	25.5	96.3	20.4
	Aug-22	98.2	25.0	96.2	22.6
	Sep-22	98.2	19.6	96.1	19.6
	Oct-22				
	Nov-22				
	Dec-22				
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
Mar-23					
Annual Trend	2019/20	97.8	27.0	100.0	6.7
	2020/21	100.0	24.6	92.9	17.9
	2021/22	100.0	22.2	97.3	18.4
	2022/23	98.2	19.6	96.1	19.6

