



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Children's Social Care Performance & Practice Report

QUARTER 3 - October - December 2022

Scrutiny

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Q3 2022-23 Performance Summary

Referrals: 85.8% of referrals received in Q3 2022/23 were completed within 1 working day. This is an increase when compared with 67.1% in Q3 2021/22 and relates to double the number of referrals. Although this is still below our 90% target, we have seen a continued improvement over the timeliness of referrals since the start of this reporting year. 0.4% Referrals took over 3 working days to be completed in Q3 2022/23 which is performing ahead of our 5% target.

Re-Referrals: 20.3% of the children referred in Q3 2022/23 have been re-referred to Children's Social Care within 12 months of a previous referral. This is an increase in re-referrals compared to Q3 2021/22, Q3 2020/21 and Q3 2019/20. This increase is likely to relate to receiving double the number of referrals during this quarter compared to the previous 3 years.

Early Help: 456 Early Help Assessments were started in Q3 2022/23, 12.1% of which were started by an external agency.

Missing: Of the children and young people who were reported missing from home, 92.8% have been offered a return home interview within the 72-hour timescale in Q3 2022/23. 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, 29.1% were a Child in Care accounting for 54.4% of the missing episodes.

Children & Families Assessments: 438 children had a single assessment carried out in Q3 2022/23, this continues to be a large increase on previous years, with 247 completed in Q3 2021/22, 215 in Q3 2020/21 and 204 in Q3 2019/20. Social workers completed 65.3% of the C&F assessments within timescale in Q3 2022/23. This is significantly below our internal target of 90%. The increase in the number of assessments being required has had a negative effect on the timeliness of completion on the system, our frontline social workers are often prioritising visiting families; undertaking duty visits or supporting in a crisis; resulting in the written completion of assessments being delayed. Plans are in place to give social workers the dedicated time to complete outstanding tasks also overtime has been offered to support this. In the longer-term, discussions with our business support colleagues have commenced to explore how they can relieve some of the administrative pressures on social workers and their managers.

Section 47 Enquiries: 77 section 47 enquires were started in Q3 2022/23 involving 170 children.

Child Protection Conference timeliness: 65.7% 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, in Q3 2022/23.

Child Protection Plans: 97 children were supported by a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of December 2022. This is an increase compared to the 88 children who were supported by a CP plan at the end of December 2021. Darlington currently has a of 42.9 rate per 10,000 population for children on a CP plan.

100.0% of CP cases were allocated to a social worker and all the CP reviews were carried out in timescale. No child ceased to be subject to a CP plan in Q3 2022/23 after being subject to the plan for 2 or more years, meeting our cumulative performance measure target of (5%) with 2.6%. As of December 2022, no child open to CP has been on their plan for more than 2 years. At the end of December 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 7.7%, above the 6% target.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 63.3% of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in Q3 2022/23 and 86.8% of the visits were completed within 15 working days. The capacity of social workers to make regular visits has been impacted on during 2022/23 due to rising workloads. This has resulted in other social workers assisting in carrying out visits but has also resulted in delays in updating the system. Changes have been made to case allocation for the A&S teams based on the child's location. This aims to help reduce travel times and times away from the office, which in time will improve the performance of visit recording.

Children in Care: 314 children were in care as of December 2022, 18 of which are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. During Q3 2022/23 a total of 49 children came into the care of DBC, 6 of which were unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, and a total of 21 children ceased to be in care.

Children in Care Reviews: 100.0% of Children in Care (CiC) were allocated to a qualified social worker. 98.1% of the reviews have been completed within required timescales in Q3 2022/21.

Children in Care Statutory visits: 78.4% of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale in Q3 2022/23. The capacity of social workers to ensure time to update visit recording has been impacted on during 2022/23 due to rising workloads. Changes have been made to case allocation for the A&S teams based on the child's location. This aims to help reduce travel times and times away from the office, which in time will improve the performance of visit recording.

Children in Care Placements: 14.0% of Children in Care (CiC), as of December 2022, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. 63.8% 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. 12.8% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as of December 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 in Q3 2022/23, had a health appointment within 20 days.

Health and Dental Reviews: 88.0% of children due a review health assessment by December 2022 have had one completed. 52.2% of Children in Care, that were due a dental check assessment by December 2022 have had one completed.

The percentage of children who have refused their medical checks has decreased throughout the year, with 2.7% refusing their health review and 1.4% 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 December 2022 with 1 young person in custody. The percentage of care leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) continues to exceed the target set of 30% at 21.8% at the end of December 2022. 20.0% of young people, aged 19-21, were engaging in education (12.7% of which are in studies beyond A level) and 58.2% young people were in training or employment (27.3% in full time, 30.9% 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 Q3 2022/23, 85.8% of the children had their referral completed within 1 working day. This is an increase when compared with 67.1% in Q3 2021/22 and relates to double the number of referrals. Although this is still below our 90% target, we have seen a continued improvement over the timeliness of referrals since the start of this reporting year.

0.4% Referrals took over 3 working days to be completed in Q3 2022/23 which is performing ahead of our 5% target.

		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	
	Jul-22	81.1	
	Aug-22	86.3	
	Sep-22	87.0	0.9
	Oct-22	81.9	1.1
	Nov-22	91.4	
	Dec-22	85.1	
	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	83.6%	0.8%

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



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

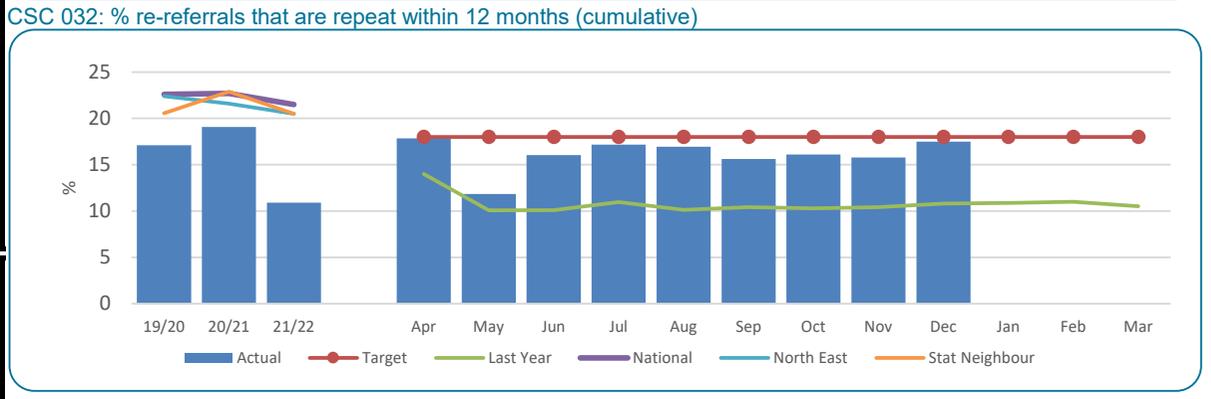


REFERRALS: RE-REFERRALS

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>20.3% of the children referred during Q3 2022/23 have been re-referred to Children's Social Care within 12 months of a previous referral. This is an increase in re-referrals compared to Q3 2021/22, Q3 2020/21 and Q3 2019/20. This increase is likely to relate to receiving double the number of referrals during this quarter compared to the previous 3 years.</p> <p>Cumulatively we are still achieving our internal 18% target with 17.5% 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	15.6	8.3
	Oct-22	32	16.1	18.1
	Nov-22	19	15.8	13.7
	Dec-22	42	17.5	29.8
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	171	17.1	
	2020/21	143	19.1	
	2021/22	106	10.9	
	2022/23	203	17.5	



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 456 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started in Q3 2022/23, 12.1% of which were initiated by external agencies. This is an increase on Q3 2021/22 (217 EHA's) but with a decrease on the proportion of externally started EHA's (22.6%).

		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	116	24	20.7%	116
	May-22	147	20	13.6%	263
	Jun-22	126	22	17.5%	389
	Jul-22	147	25	17.0%	536
	Aug-22	101	2	2.0%	637
	Sep-22	115	9	7.8%	752
	Oct-22	134	16	11.9%	886
	Nov-22	160	21	13.1%	1,046
	Dec-22	162	18	11.1%	1,208
	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	1,208	157	13.0%	1,208



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 Q3 2022/23 was 125 involving 55 individual children and young people. This is a reduction on the missing episodes recorded in Q2 2022/23 (245 involving 67 individual CYP). Excluding children open to another LA this equates to 102 missing episodes involving 41 children and young people.</p> <p>Our CiC young people continue to dominate the number of missing episodes and with 16 of the 55 children accounting for over half of all the missing episodes (68 / 125).</p> <p>77.6% (97) of the 125 missing episodes had a duration of less than 12 hours from being reported, to the child being located and returned home. 4.8% (6) of the episodes lasted over 72 hours.</p> <p>In Q3 2022/23, Return Home Interviews (RHI) (excluding children from other authorities) have been offered in 98.9% of the cases, 92.8% of which were offered within 72 hours and 72.2% of the children engaged in their RHI. Each are a performance improvement when compared to Q2 2022/23.</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	52	26	32	10	1	1	
	Nov-22	45	29	20	7			
	Dec-22	28	15	16	5			
	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		575	137	312	26	2	2	

ASSESSMENTS

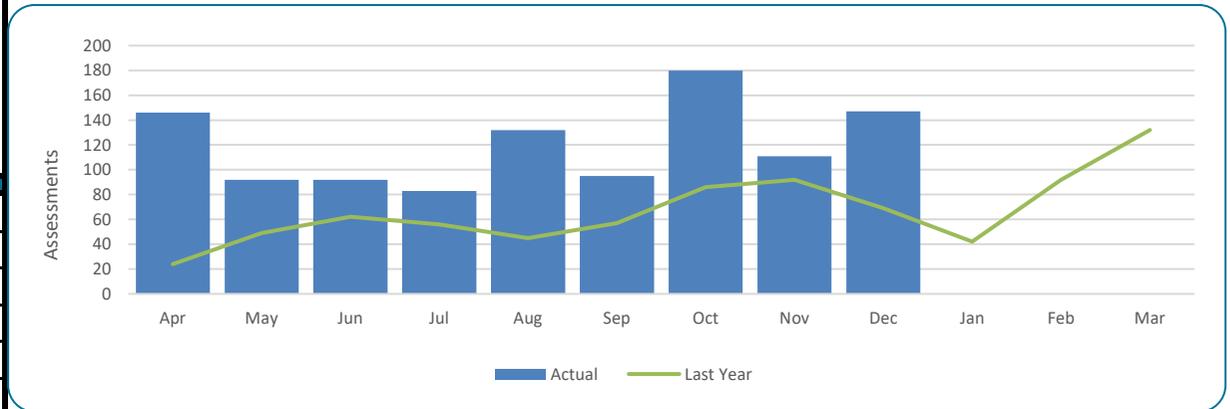
DEFINITION Monthly and cumulative number of Children & Families (C&F) assessments completed for a child.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 438 children had a C&F assessment completed in Q3 2022/23. This continues to be a large increase on previous years, with 247 in Q3 2021/22, 215 in Q3 2020/21 and 204 in Q3 2019/20.
This increase in C&F assessments will be a result of the increase in referrals we have received during Q3 2022/23.

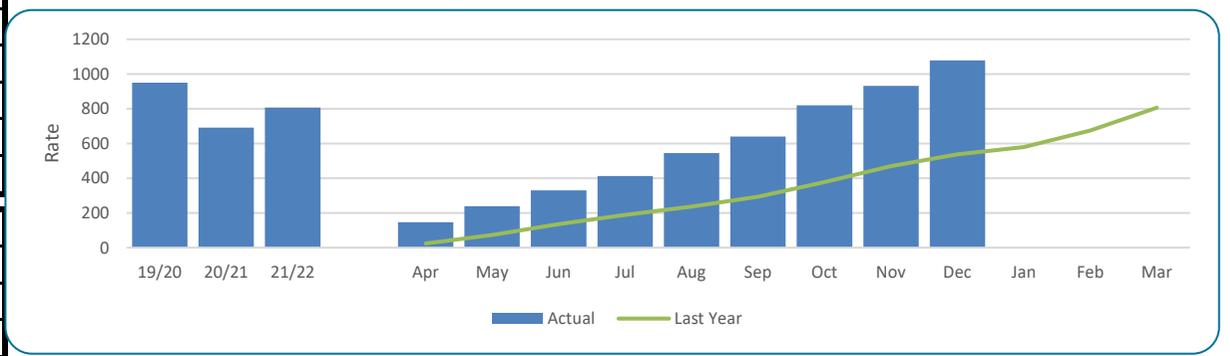
CSC 036 CSC 035

		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	820	362.3
	Nov-22	931	411.4
	Dec-22	1,078	476.3
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
Annual Trend	2019/20	950	422.7
	2020/21	692	308.2
	2021/22	806	357.8
	2022/23	1,078	476.3

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.



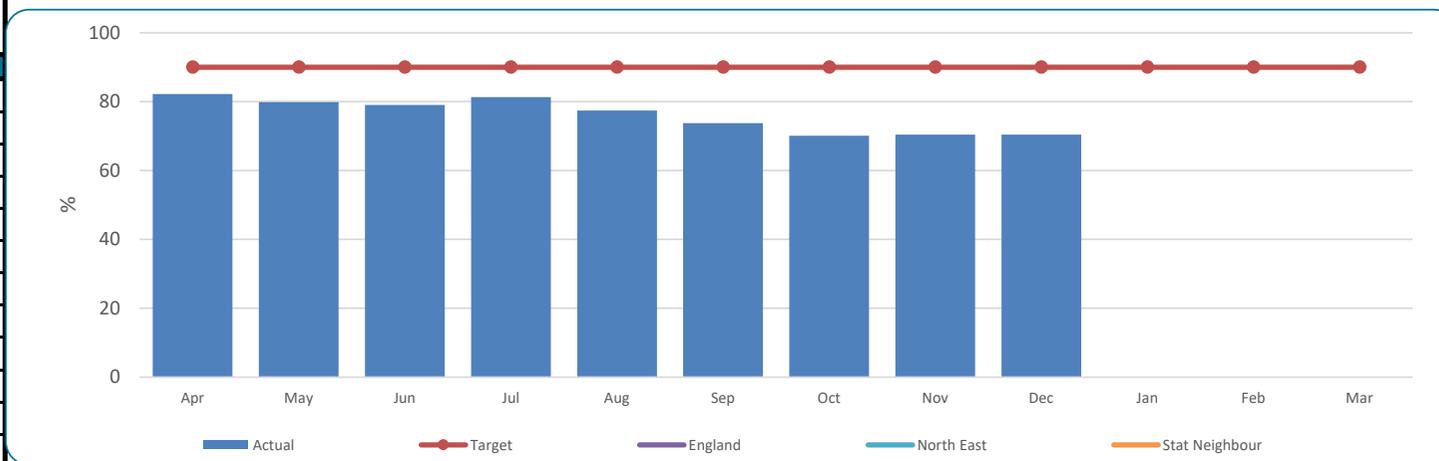
ASSESSMENTS: TIMELINESS

DEFINITION	<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>65.3% (286 / 438) of our C&F assessments were completed within timescale in Q3 2022/23. This is below Q2 2022/23 performance of 68.1% in timescale.</p> <p>During Q3 2022/23 additional hours were given to social workers to assist in the completion of outstanding work, which included C&F assessments. This additional resource is likely to have affected the timeliness of the completions.</p>
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		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	70.1
	Nov-22	70.5
	Dec-22	70.4
	Jan-23	
	Feb-23	
	Mar-23	
Annual Trend	2019/20	90.9
	2020/21	86.4
	2021/22	84.5
	2022/23	70.4

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



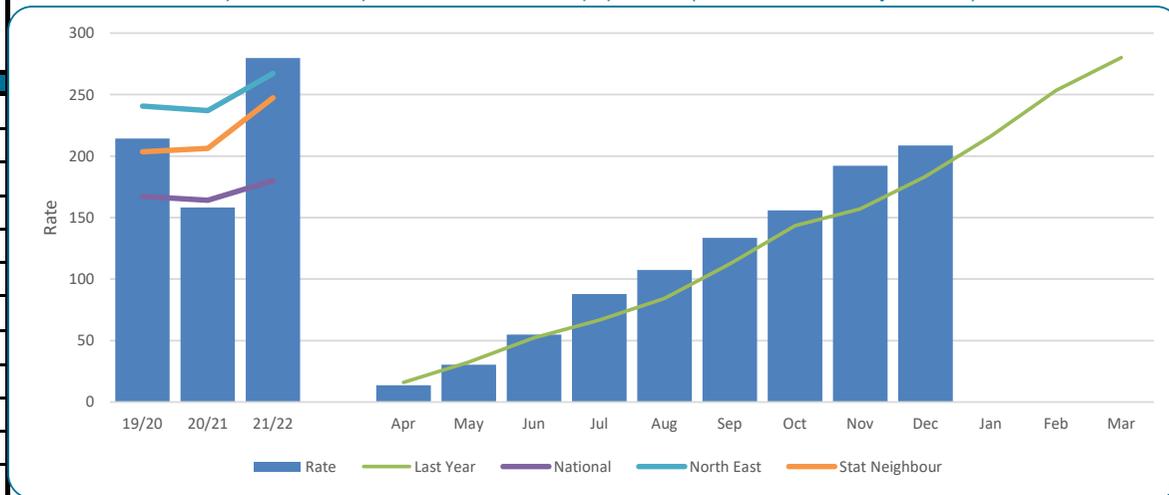
SECTION 47 ENQUIRES: STARTED

DEFINITION	Number of children who have had a section 47 enquiries started monthly and year to date and the actual number of enquires started.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	77 section 47 enquires were started in Q3 2022/23, these were involving 170 children.
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		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	59	133.4
	Oct-22	51	156.0
	Nov-22	82	192.2
	Dec-22	37	208.6
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
Annual Trend	2019/20	486	214.4
	2020/21	358	158.2
	2021/22	633	279.7
	2022/23	472	208.6

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

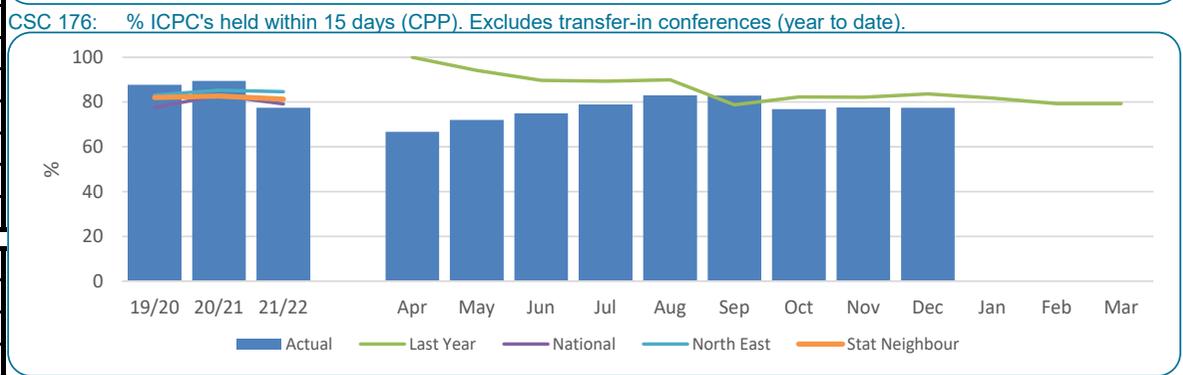
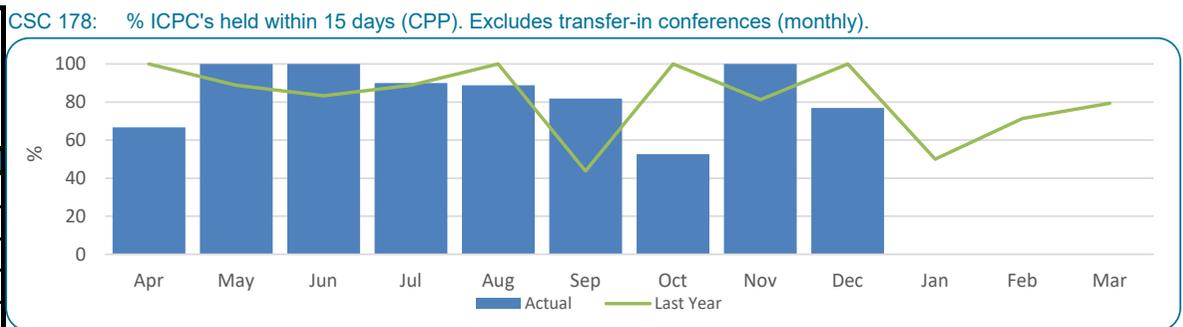


INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES: TIMELINESS

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 35 children (who were not transferred in), 23 had their Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) within timescale (65.7%) in Q3 2022/23. This is a decrease on the conference timeliness compared to Q3 2021/22, which saw 83.7% of conferences held in timescale.

		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	9 / 11	81.8	63 / 76	82.9
	Oct-22	10 / 19	52.6	73 / 95	76.8
	Nov-22	3 / 3	100.0	76 / 98	77.6
	Dec-22	10 / 13	76.9	86 / 111	77.5
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
	Mar-23				
Annual Trend	2019/20	150 / 171	87.7	150 / 171	87.7
	2020/21	112 / 126	89.5	112 / 126	89.5
	2021/22	135 / 174	77.5	135 / 174	77.5
	2022/23	86 / 111	77.5	86 / 111	77.5



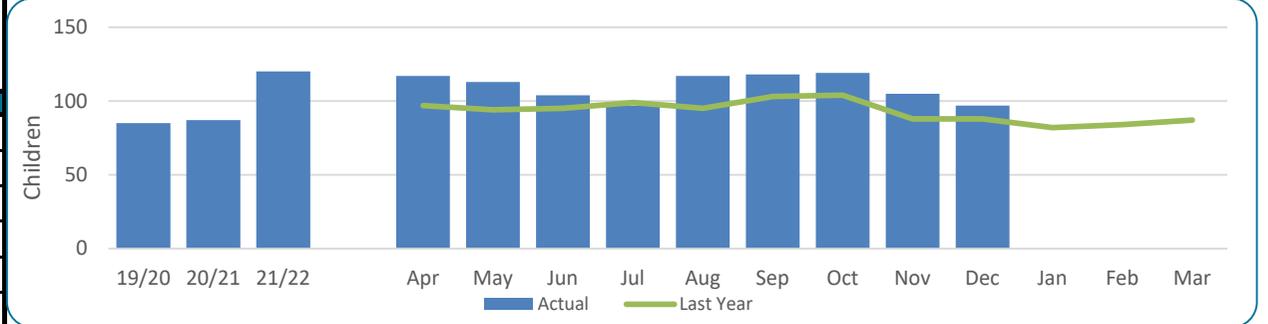
CHILD PROTECTION PLANS

DEFINITION	Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.
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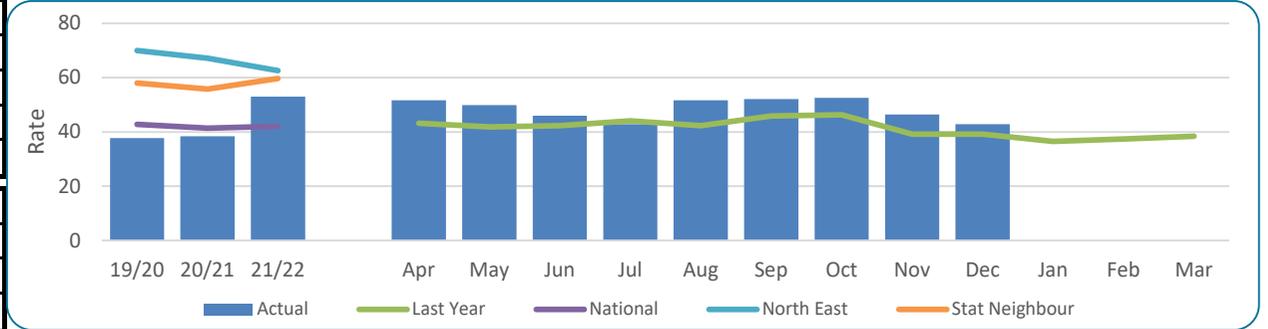
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	97 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of December 2022 with 29 children starting a CP plan during this time and 46 ceasing their plan.
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		CSC 182	CSC 181
		Number of children subject to a CP plan	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	119	52.6
	Nov-22	105	46.4
	Dec-22	97	42.9
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
Annual Trend	2019/20	85	37.7
	2020/21	87	38.4
	2021/22	120	53.0
	2022/23	97	42.9

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

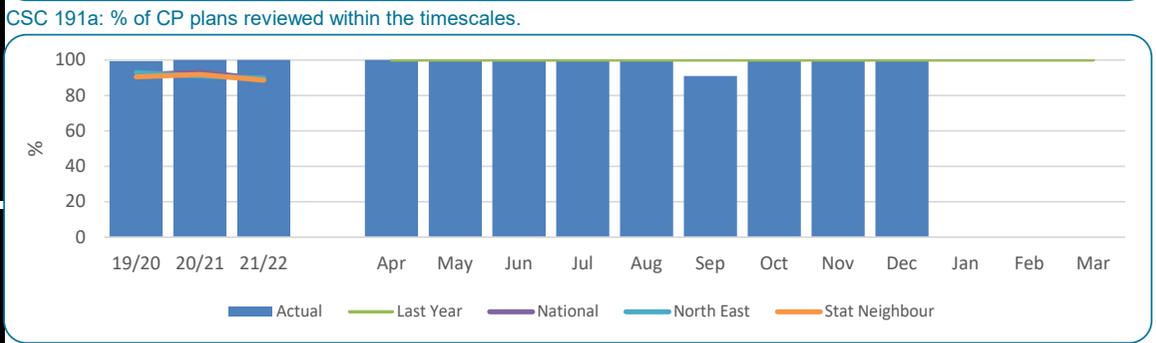
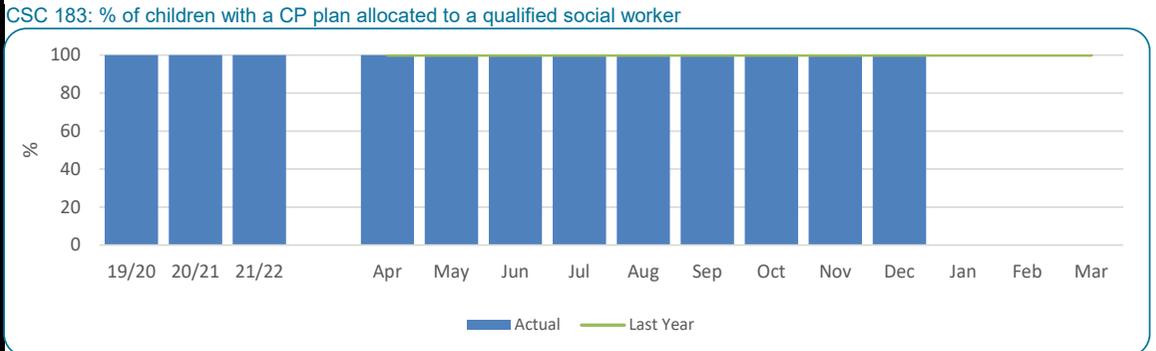
DEFINITION Reviews are a key element in delivering CP Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of effectiveness of the interventions provided to children subject to a CP plan. "Working Together to Safeguard Children" 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 during Q3 2022/23.

		<i>CSC 183</i>	<i>CSC 191a</i>	
		% of children with a CP plan allocated to a qualified social worker	CP plan review meetings held in timescale during the month	% of CP plans reviewed within the timescales.
In Month Performance	Target	100		100
	Apr-22	100.0	10 / 10	100.0
	May-22	100.0	13 / 13	100.0
	Jun-22	100.0	15 / 15	100.0
	Jul-22	100.0	20 / 20	100.0
	Aug-22	100.0	7 / 7	100.0
	Sep-22	100.0	10 / 11	90.9
	Oct-22	100.0	15 / 15	100.0
	Nov-22	100.0	16 / 16	100.0
	Dec-22	100.0	17 / 17	100.0
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	100.0	170 / 171	99.4
	2020/21	100.0	138 / 138	100.0
	2021/22	100.0	159 / 159	100.0
	2022/23	100.0	123 / 124	99.2



CHILD PROTECTION PLAN: TIME PERIODS

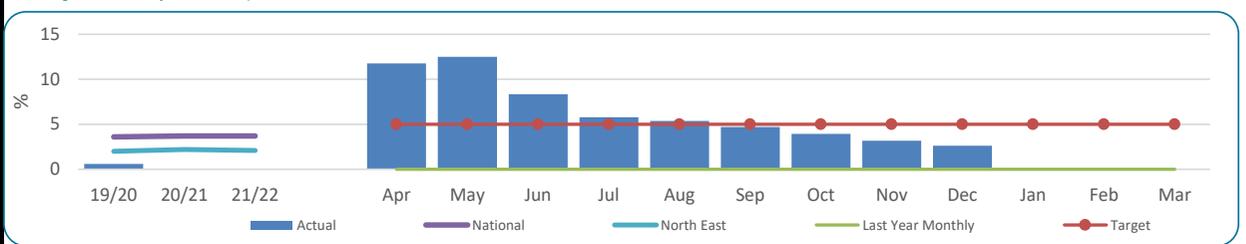
DEFINITION Percentage of children ceasing to be subject to a Child Protection Plan who had been subject to a Plan for 2 or more years, and percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan for the 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending. These indicators reflect 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 Q3 2022/23 who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years, reducing our cumulative performance measure to below target (5%) to 2.6%. As of December 2022, no child open to CP has been on their plan for more than 2 years.

During Q3 2022/23, 2 children became subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending. This has taken us above our internal target (6%).

		CSC 186		CSC 188	
		% children ceasing a CP plan who had been subject to CP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)		% of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending (Cumulative)	
In Month Performance	Target	5%	6%	5%	6%
	Apr-22	2 / 17	11.8	3 / 14	21.4
	May-22	3 / 28	12.5	5 / 17	29.4
	Jun-22	3 / 36	8.3	5 / 20	25.0
	Jul-22	3 / 52	5.8	5 / 30	16.7
	Aug-22	3 / 56	5.4	5 / 53	9.4
	Sep-22	3 / 64	4.7	5 / 62	8.1
	Oct-22	3 / 76	4.0	5 / 75	6.7
	Nov-22	3 / 95	3.2	7 / 80	8.8
	Dec-22	3 / 114	2.6	7 / 91	7.7
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
	Mar-23				
Annual Trend	2019/20	1 / 173	0.6	5 / 156	3.2
	2020/21	0 / 115	0.0	11 / 117	9.4
	2021/22	0 / 121	0.0	11 / 154	7.1
	2022/23	3 / 114	2.6	7 / 91	7.7

Ceasing CP after 2 years on a plan



Becoming CP for subsequent time within 2 years

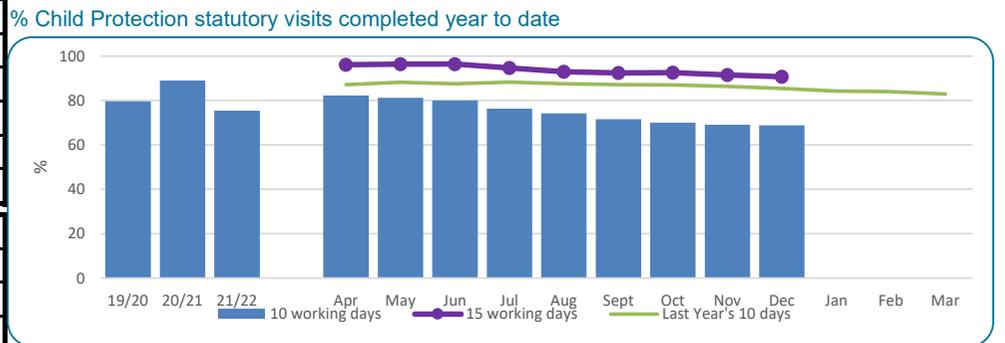
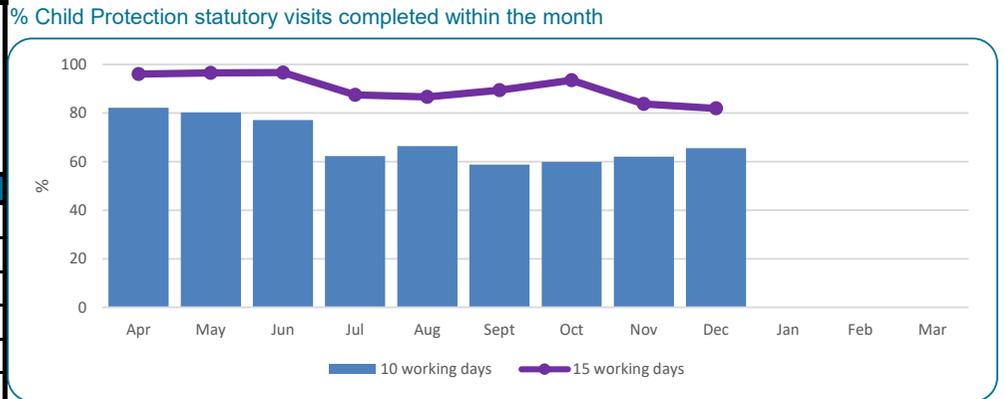


CHILD PROTECTION: STATUTORY VISITS

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 63.3% of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days and 86.8% of the visits were completed within 15 working days

		CSC 252a		CSC 252b	
		% 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	96.5	81.2	96.3
	Jun-22	77.1	96.7	80.0	96.4
	Jul-22	62.2	87.5	76.3	94.6
	Aug-22	66.4	86.7	74.2	93.0
	Sep-22	58.8	89.4	71.6	92.4
	Oct-22	59.8	93.5	70.0	92.5
	Nov-22	62.0	83.8	69.1	91.5
	Dec-22	65.5	81.9	68.9	90.7
	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	65.5	81.9	68.9	90.7



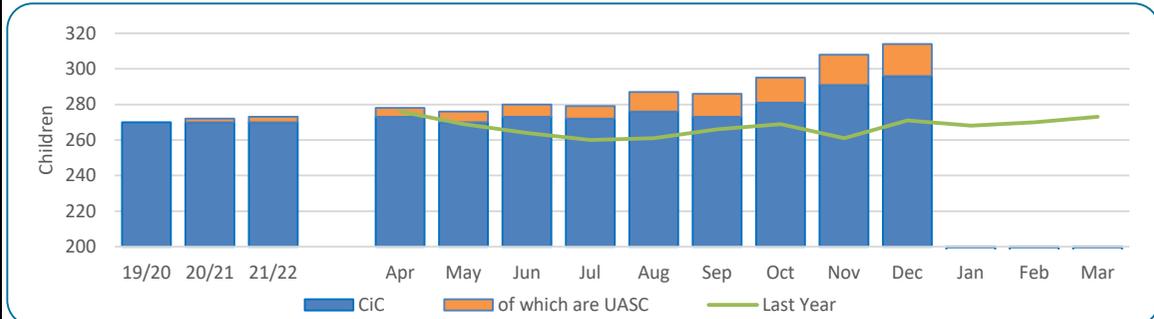
CHILDREN IN CARE

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

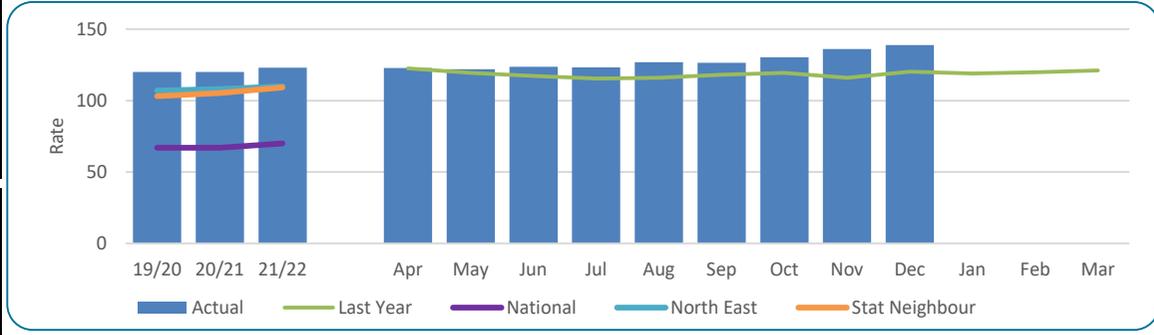
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 314 children were in care as at December 2022, 18 (5.7%) of which are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.
 This equates to 296 children, excluding UASC, were in our care at the end of December 2022, an increase from 269 at the end of December 2021 and from 284 at the end of December 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	295	14	130.3
	Nov-22	308	17	136.1
	Dec-22	314	18	138.7
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	270		120.0
	2020/21	272	2	120.0
	2021/22	273	3	123.0
	2022/23	314	18	138.7

CSC 201: Total number of Children in Care



CSC 200: Rate of CiC per 10,000 population



CHILDREN IN CARE: COMING INTO CARE

DEFINITION

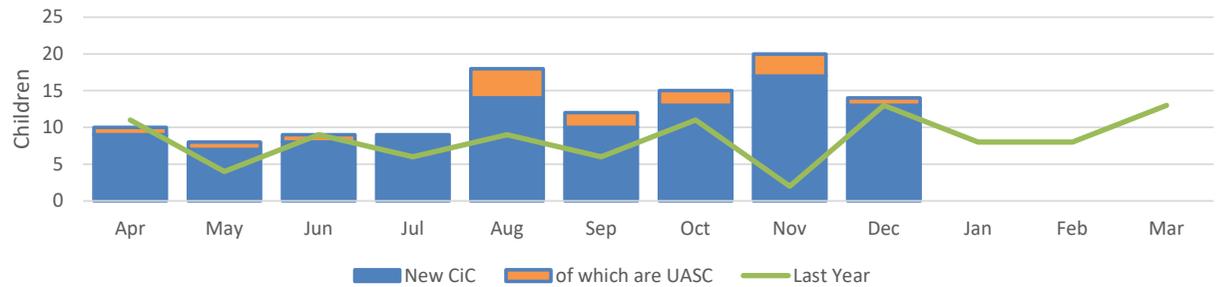
Number of children coming into the care of the local authority during the month and year to date and where they are an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC). This is further broken down to show their first placement type.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

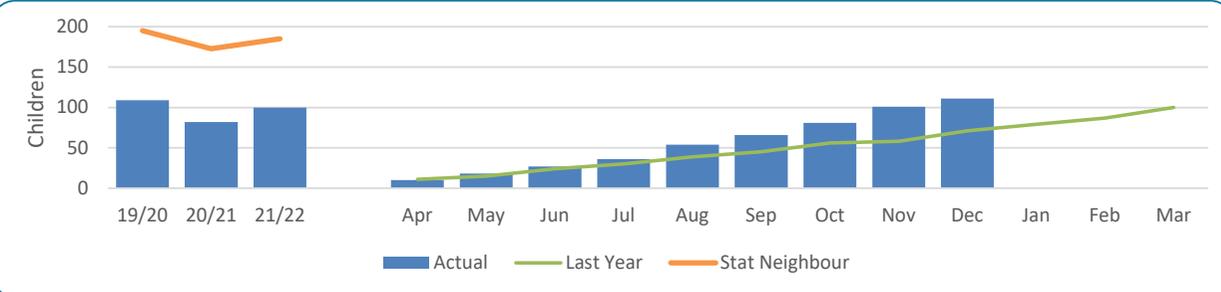
43 children from 22 families came into care in Q3 2022/23, a further 6 young people came into care after accepted by the Home Office as UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child). 4 are aged 16 and over are being supported in residential homes and the 2 aged 12 and 15 are with foster carers. This is an increase when compared with the 26 children who came into care in Q3 2021/22, although a smaller increase when comparing family groups from 21 families in Q3 2022/23 and 18 families in Q3 2021/22.

		CSC 209	CSC 208	of which are UASC
		Monthly number of children coming into care	Cumulative number of children coming into care	
In Month Performance	Apr-22	10	10	1
	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	15	81	2
	Nov-22	20	101	3
	Dec-22	14	111	1
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	109	109	
	2020/21	82	82	2
	2021/22	100	100	2
	2022/23	115	111	15

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 and their destination when they ceased being in care. 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.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>21 children and young people ceased to be in care in Q3 2022/23 from 16 families. This is the same number of children who ceased in Q3 2021/22, a reduction compared to Q3 2020/21 but an increase on Q3 2019/20.</p> <p>Of the children and young people who did cease CiC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 52.4% had a Special Guardianship Order / Child Arrangement Order granted to a relative 23.8% returned home to their parent(s). 23.8% turned 18 years and became a care leaver. No child was adopted during Q3.
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		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	6	59
	Nov-22	7	66
	Dec-22	8	74
	Jan-23		
	Feb-23		
	Mar-23		
	Annual Trend	2019/20	102
2020/21		80	80
2021/22		99	99
2022/23		74	74

CSC 212: Monthly 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.

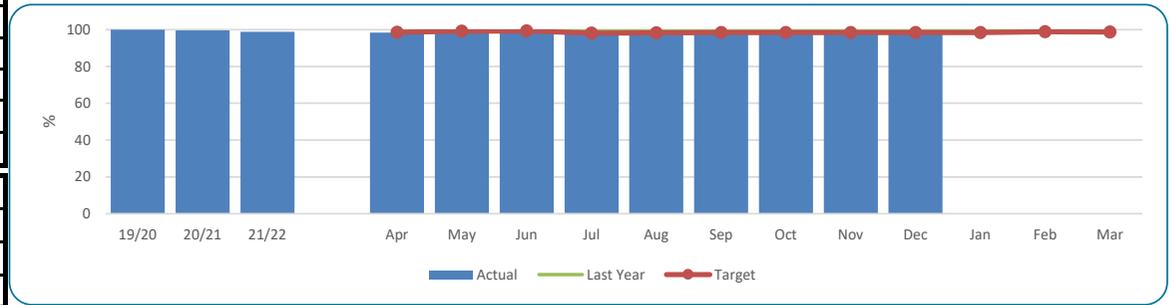
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 100% of Children in Care (CiC) are allocated to a qualified social worker and 98.1% of the reviews have been completed within required timescales.

		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	100.0	98.9
	Nov-22	100.0	98.9
	Dec-22	100.0	98.1
	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	98.1

CSC 227: % Children in Care allocated to a qualified social worker



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

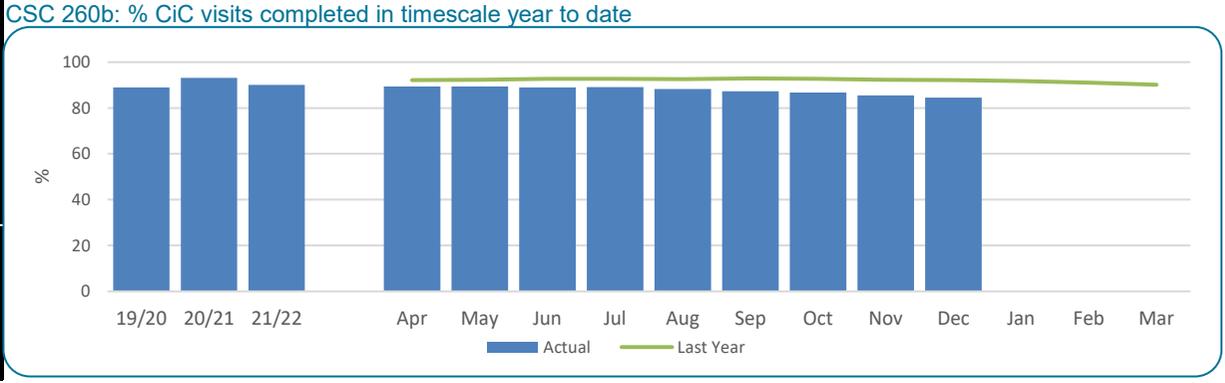
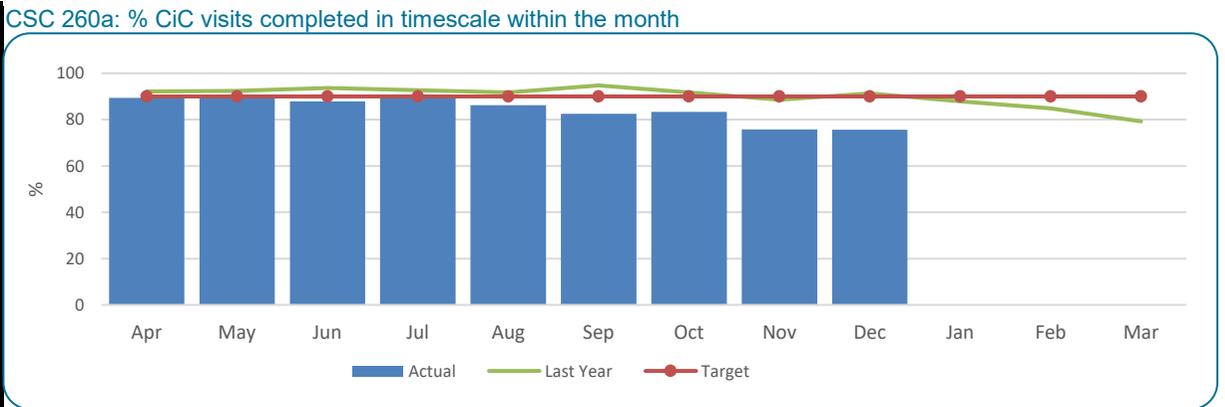


CHILDREN IN CARE: STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION Percentage of Children in Care (CiC) who had all statutory visits completed within required timescales each month and year to date.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 78.4% of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale in Q3 2022/23. This is a decrease when compared with Q3 2021/22 (90.5%) and Q3 2020/21 (94.3%).

		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	87.9	88.9
	Jul-22	89.4	89.0
	Aug-22	86.2	88.3
	Sep-22	82.5	87.3
	Oct-22	83.4	86.8
	Nov-22	75.8	85.5
	Dec-22	75.7	84.5
	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	75.7	84.5



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.

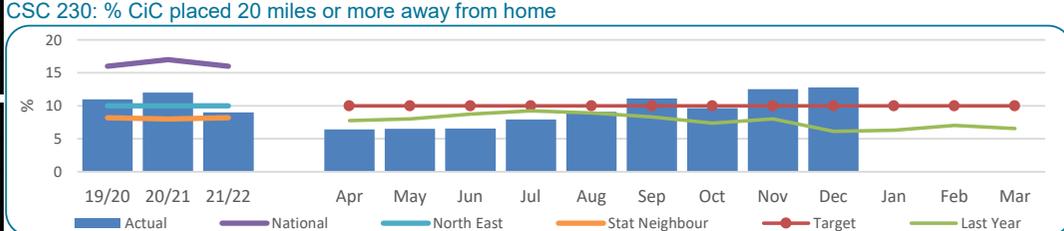
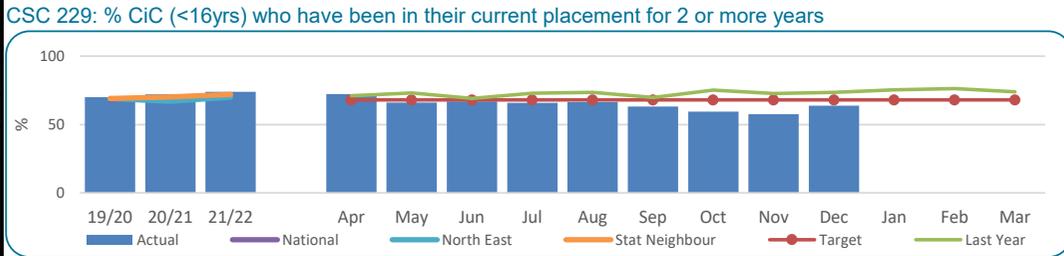
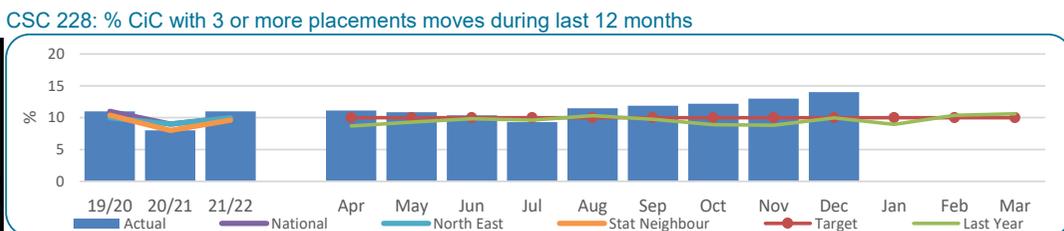
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

14.0% of our Children in Care, as of December 2022, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is above internal target (10.0%), and above the 10.0% as of December 2021.

Currently, 63.8% 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 below our 68% internal target.

12.8% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as of December 2022. This is above target of 10% and of December 2021. 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	12.2	59.5	9.6
	Nov-22	13.0	57.6	12.5
	Dec-22	14.0	63.8	12.8
	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	11.0	74.0	9.0
	2022/23	14.0	63.8	12.8



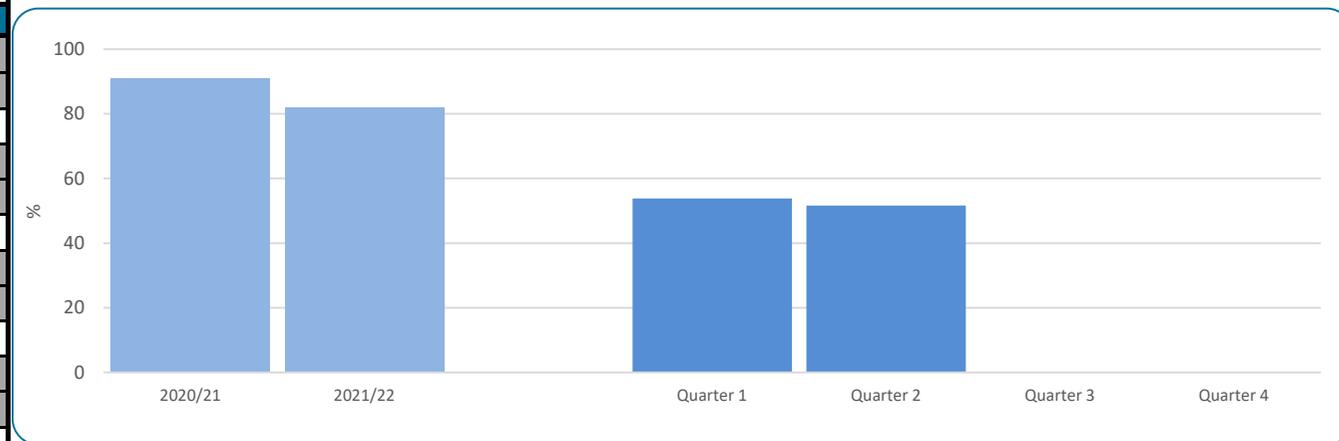
CHILDREN IN CARE: INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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 / youngpeople 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	14 / 26
	Jul-22	
	Aug-22	
	Sep-22	16 / 31
	Oct-22	
	Nov-22	
	Dec-22	TBC /
	Jan-23	
	Feb-23	
	Mar-23	
Annual Trend	2019/20	72.9
	2020/21	90.9
	2021/22	82.1
	2022/23	52.6%

Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)

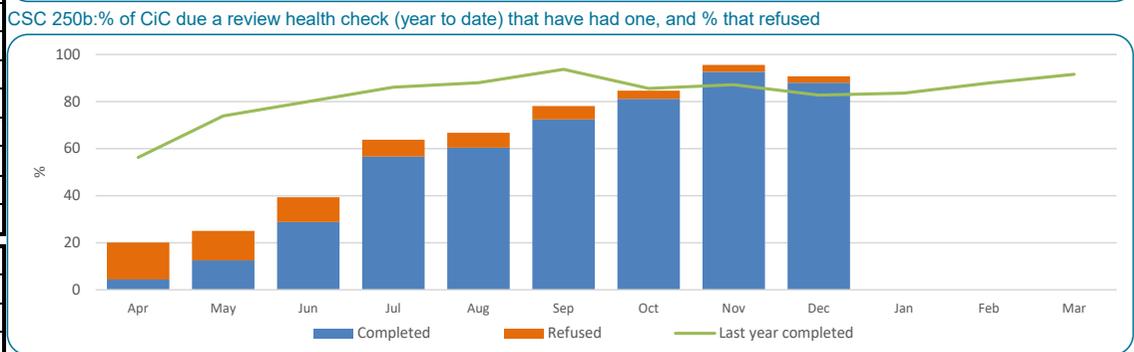
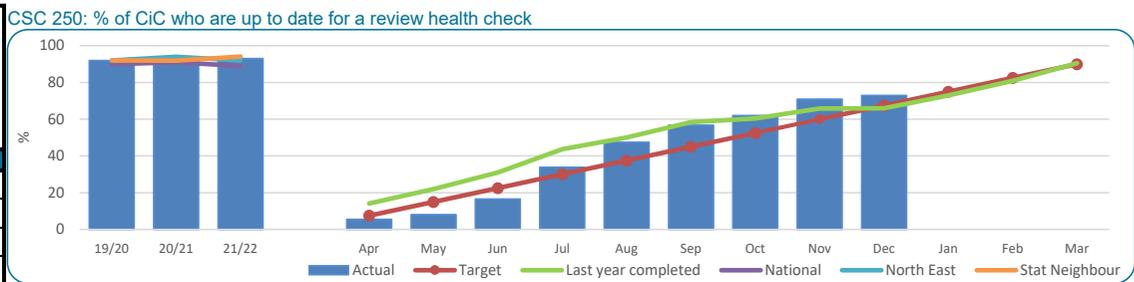


CHILDREN IN CARE: HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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 88.0% of children due a review health assessment by December 2022 have had one completed.
Of the children who have not had their health review, 2.7% 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.

		CSC 250	CSC 250b	
		% 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	Target	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	62.0	3.4	81.2
	Nov-22	70.9	3.0	92.6
	Dec-22	73.0	2.7	88.0
	Jan-23			
	Feb-23			
	Mar-23			
Annual Trend	2019/20	92.0	3.1	93.3
	2020/21	94.0	3.7	91.2
	2021/22	93.0	3.7	91.6
	2022/23	73.0	2.7	88.0



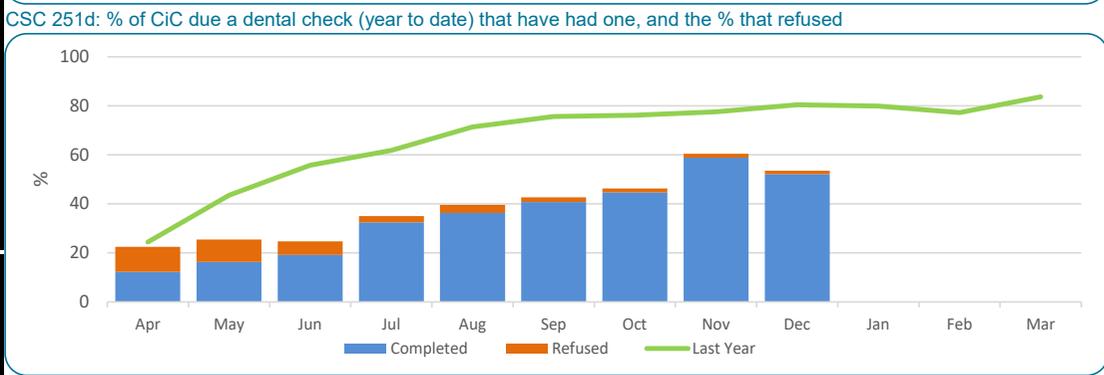
CHILDREN IN CARE: DENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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 52.2% of children due a dental check assessment by December 2022 have had one completed. Work has progressed to secure check-ups with a dentist which has increased the number of checks being completed.

Of the children who have not had their dental check, 1.4% 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.

		<i>CSC 251</i>		<i>CSC 251d</i>	
		% 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	25.3	1.6	44.7	
	Nov-22	31.3	1.6	58.9	
	Dec-22	32.3	1.4	52.2	
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
	Mar-23				
Annual Trend	2019/20	94.0	3.1	90.2	
	2020/21	68.0	2.8	57.2	
	2021/22	89.0	2.6	83.7	
	2022/23	32.3	1.4	52.2	



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.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

98.2% of our care leavers aged 19-21 and 98.0% of our care leavers aged 22-25 were in suitable accommodation at the end of December 2022. This was due to young people (1 aged 19-21 and 1 aged 22-25) being in custody.

Of the care leavers, aged 19-21, as of 31st December 2022, were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

- 3.6% NEET because of illness or disability
- 9.1% NEET because of other circumstances
- 9.1% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting.

This equates to 21.8% of our care leavers which is positively below the internal target of 30% NEET.

Of the care leavers, aged 22-25, 10 of them, as of 31st December 2022, were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

- 7.8% NEET because of illness or disability
- 7.8% NEET because of other circumstances
- 9.8% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting.

This equates to 25.5%.

20.0% of young people, aged 19-21, were engaging in education (12.7% of which are in studies beyond A level) and 58.2% young people were in training or employment (27.3% in full time, 30.9% in part time).

7.8% of young people, aged 22-25, were engaging in education (5.9% of which are in studies beyond A level) and 66.7% young people were in training or employment (29.4% in full time, 37.3% in part time).

		CSC 286 19-21 year olds		CSC 294 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	98.2	19.6	96.1	19.6
	Nov-22	98.2	21.4	96.1	21.6
	Dec-22	98.2	21.8	98.0	25.5
	Jan-23				
	Feb-23				
	Mar-23				
Annual Trend	2019/20	95.0	27.0	100.0	6.7
	2020/21	100.0	21.0	92.9	17.9
	2021/22	98.0	20.0	97.3	18.4
	2022/23	98.2	21.8	98.0	25.5

