



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Children's Social Care Performance Report

March 2024 Year End 2023-24

Scrutiny

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Year end 2023-24 Performance Summary

Referrals: In 2023/24, 81.4% (1,119 / 1,374) of the children had their referral completed within 1 working day. This is decrease when compared with 84.1% in 2022/23, and not meeting our 90% target. 1.7% of referrals took over 3 working days to be completed in 2023/24 which is outperforming our target of 5%.

Re-Referrals: During 2023/24, 332 children from 198 families have had a new referral within 12 months of their last referral starting. This is a continued year-on-year increase in re-referrals compared to 2022/23 (286 children), 2021/22 (106 children) and 2020/21 (143 children). Due to the reduction in referrals made to social care, and an increase in re-referrals, it has resulted in at total of 24.2% of our referrals this year being repeated within 12 months of a previous referral starting. Re-referrals are being scrutinised during the weekly WRM meeting to ensure best practise and learning outcomes are shared.

Building Stronger Families: At the end of 2023/24, there were 197 families, 423 children open to the Building Stronger Families team. A further 64 families with 125 children were open to an external agency and supporting the families. 1,417 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started in 2023/24, a -14.1% drop in the 1,650 completed during 2022/23. 14.4% (204) of the EHA's started, were initiated by external agencies.

Missing: The total number of missing episodes in 2023/24 was 423 involving 122 individual children and young people. This is a reduction compared to 2022/23 which saw 691 episodes of missing involving 162 individual children. 93 (76.2%) children in 2023/24 had 3 or less missing episodes, 20 (16.4%) children were reported missing between 4 and 9 times in the year. 9 (7.4%) young people were reported 10 or more times during 2023/24, all except one are/were a child in care. In 2023/24, all Return Home Interviews (RHI) (excluding children from other authorities) were offered except for 2, 87.8% of which were offered within 72 hours and 76.9% of the RHI's had the child's engagement. This is a positive increase in children engaging with their RHI compared to previous years (2022/23, 84.6% in 72hrs with 59.1% engagement and 2021/22, 75.8% in 72hrs with 51.2% engagement).

Children & Families Assessments: 1,554 children had a C&F assessment completed in 2023/24. This is a continual increase when compared to 2022/23 (1,461), 2021/22 (806) and 2020/21 (692). 62.7% (975 / 1,554) of our C&F assessments were completed within timescale in 2023/24. This is significantly below target of 90.0% but focused work on C&Fs has been done in the second half of this year which is evident in the increase in assessments outcomed within 45 days. Between April and October 2023, assessments were averaging at 52.5% completed in timescale in a month, since then, this has increased to an average of 80.5% a month.

Section 47 Enquiries: 372 section 47 enquires were started in 2023/24, involving 693 individual children, 22 of which were already on an open Child Protection (CP) plan.

Child Protection Conference timeliness: 79.5% 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 2023/24. This measure continues to be negatively below the target of 95% although an increase in performance compared to the last 2 years.

Child Protection Plans: 146 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of March 2024 with a rate of 65.6 per 10,000 population with a CP plan. This is an increase on previous years and comparable to the increase in CiN plans open and decrease in Children in Care. Of the 196 children who became subject to a CP plan in 2023/24, 7 became subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending (3.6%), and 35 children (17.9%) had been subject to a CP plan for a second time ever.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 69.0% (2,050 / 2,973) of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in 2023/24 and 90.4% (2,688 / 2,973) of the visits were completed within 15 working days. In comparison to 2022/23, the number of visits carried out has had a 16.5% increase (from 2,553 to 2,973 visits) along with the percentage that were carried out within timescale (67.8% within 10 days and 90.0% within 15 days).

Children in Care: 300 children were in care as at March 2024, 18 of which are unaccompanied asylum-seekers. The rate of children in care per 10,000 population has started to fall this reporting year and was at 134.8 at the end of March 2024, compared to 142.3 at March 2023 and closer to pre-covid levels of 120.0 at March 2021. 121 children came into care in 2023/24 from 81 families. This is a decrease when compared with the 149 children who came into care in 2022/23 from 104 families. 11 of the young people came into care after accepted by the Home Office as UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child) during 2023/24, a reduction on the 18 who came into care during 2022/23. 143 children and young people, from 112 families ceased to be in care in 2023/24. This is the highest yearly number of children ceasing care we have seen. We have also seen a reduction in the number of children coming into care who have previously been in care (13 in 2023/24 from 22 in 2022/23). The proportion of children who returned home to their parent(s) (42.7%) has doubled when compared to 2022/23 (21.0%), 2021/22 (28.3%) and Q1 2020/21 (27.5%).

Children in Care Reviews: 100.0% of Children in Care (CiC) were allocated to a qualified social worker. 93.5% of the reviews have been completed within required timescales in 2023/24.

Children in Care Statutory visits: 81.0% (3,079 / 3,801) of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale in 2023/24. This is a year-on-year decrease in performance from 93.1% in 2020/21, 90.1% in 2021/22 and 83.4% in 2022/23. Reviews of the new locality allocations for the A&S teams is occurring and where appropriate are amended to ensure a fair and even distribution of allocation and workloads.

Children in Care Placements: 17.0% of our Children in Care, as at March 2024, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is negatively above internal target (10.0%). Currently, 61.1% of our Children in Care aged under 16 (who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years) have been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years. This is negatively below our 68% target however an improvement when compared to 2022/23.

10.4% (29 / 278) of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at March 2024 which is the lowest number of children this year and compared to March 2023 which saw 37 children placed 20 or more miles from the family home. 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: 65.5% of IHA's completed in 2023/24 were completed within the required timescale of 5 days and 60.7% of those children received a health assessment within 20 days.

Health and Dental Reviews: 91.1% of children due a review health assessment by March 2024 have had one completed and 90.7% of the children in care have an up to date health check. Currently only 1.3% of the children and young people are refusing to attend a health review. 83.1% of children due a dental health assessment by March 2024 have had one completed and 83.5% of the children in care have an up to date dental check. Currently 3.0% of the children and young people are refusing to attend a dental check-up. The young people are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

Care Leavers: 98.4% of our care leavers aged 19-21 and 97.9% of our care leavers aged 22-25 were in suitable accommodation at the end of March 2024. The percentage of care leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) continues to be positively below the target set of 30% at 22.6% for care leavers aged 19-21 and 14.6% for those aged 22-25 at the end of March 2024. 193.4% of the young people, aged 19-21, were engaging in education (including studies beyond A level) and 58.1% of the young people were in training or employment (including apprenticeships). 8.3% of the young people, aged 22-25, were engaging in education (including studies beyond A level) and 77.1% of the young people were in training or employment (including apprenticeships).

REFERRALS: TIMELINESS

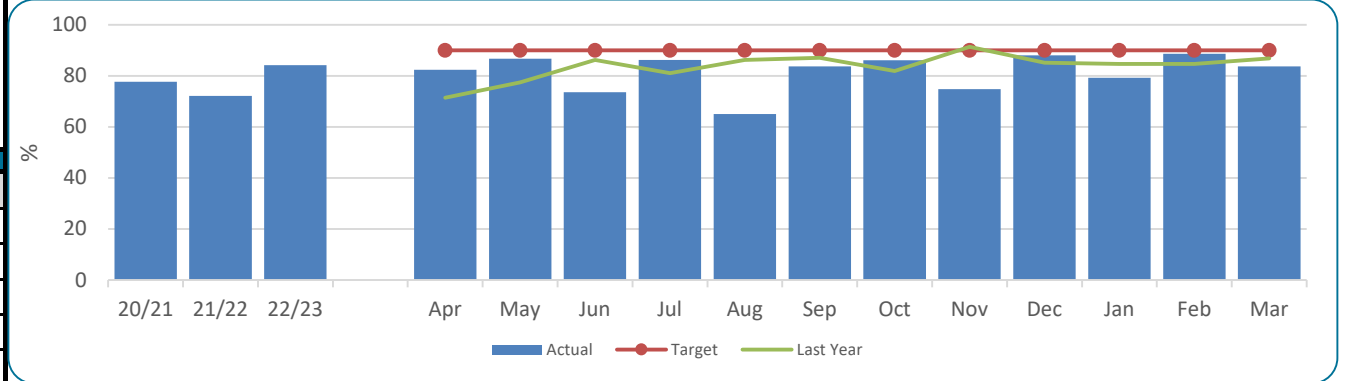
DEFINITION Percentage of referrals completed within 1 working day and over 3 working days. Referrals completed within 1 working day indicates that decisions regarding the services required are made in a timely manner to minimise drift and delay and to ensure that children are safe.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS In 2023/24, 81.4% (1,119 / 1,374) of the children had their referral completed within 1 working day. This is decrease when compared with 84.1% in 2022/23, and not meeting our 90% target. The statutory timescale for a referral is 1 working day from the service receiving the contact. Due to the drop in the timeliness of contact outcomes in 2023/24 this has had a negative impact on the timescale of a referral outcome.

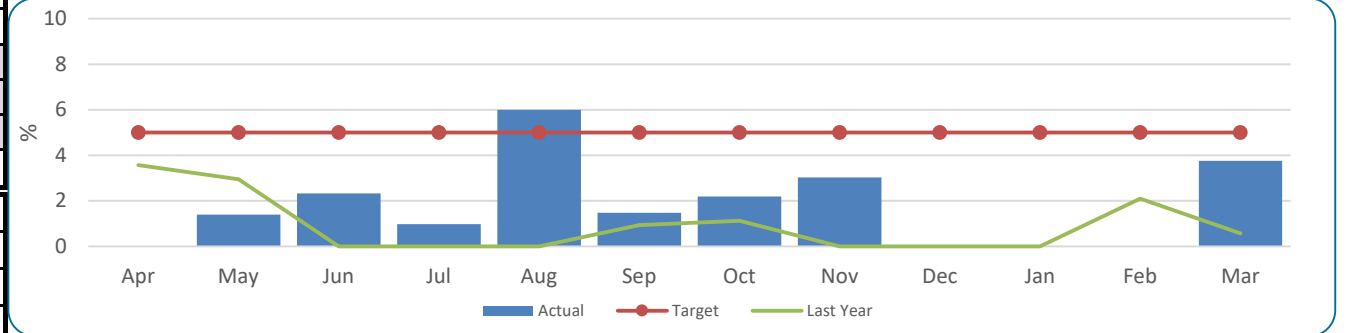
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		CSC 022	CSC 026	
		Monthly % of referrals completed within 1 working day.	Monthly % of referrals completed in over 3 working days.	
		Target	90%	5%
In Month Performance	Apr-23	82.4		
	May-23	86.7	1.4	
	Jun-23	73.6	2.3	
	Jul-23	86.3	1.0	
	Aug-23	65.0	6.0	
	Sep-23	83.7	1.5	
	Oct-23	86.1	2.2	
	Nov-23	74.8	3.0	
	Dec-23	88.0		
	Jan-24	79.3		
	Feb-24	88.6		
	Mar-24	83.8	3.8	
Annual Trend	2020/21	77.7	4.7	
	2021/22	72.1	5.6	
	2022/23	84.1	0.8	
	2023/24	81.4	1.7	

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.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

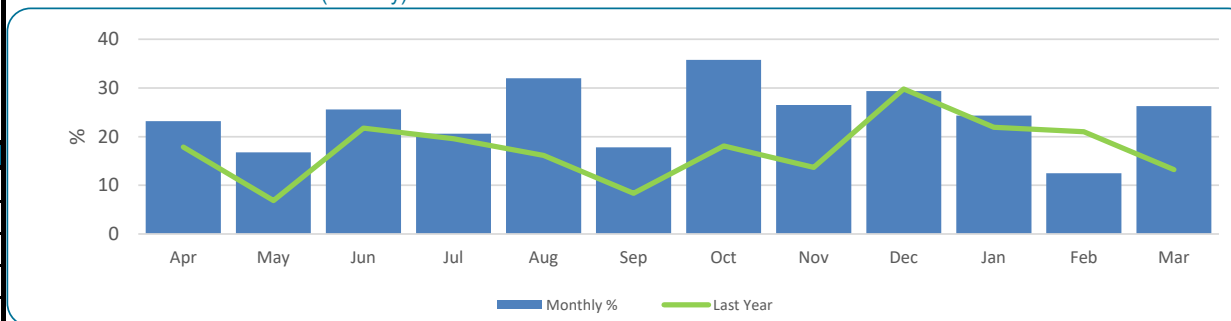
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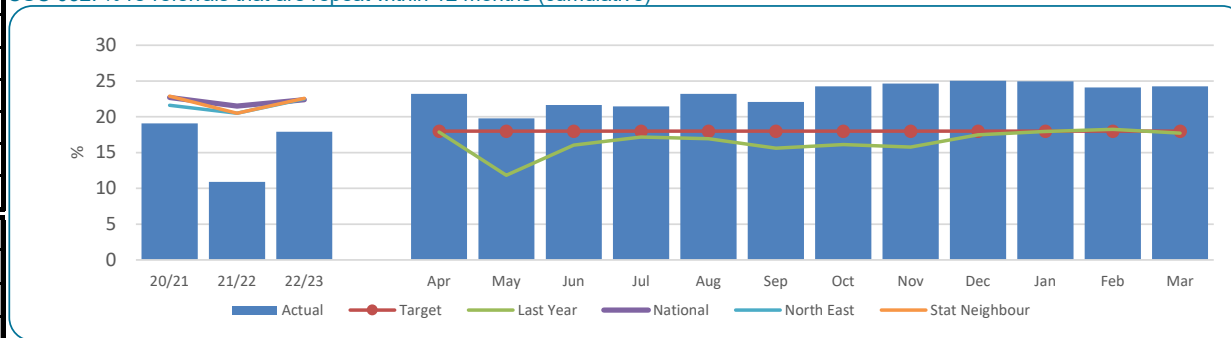
Re-referrals are being scrutinised during weekly WRM meeting to ensure best practise and learning outcomes are shared. Nicola Brownhill has also conducted some re-referral reviews during the year, sharing her findings in clinics and with her team at the front door.

		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-23	29	23.2	23.2
	May-23	24	19.8	16.8
	Jun-23	33	21.7	25.6
	Jul-23	21	21.4	20.6
	Aug-23	32	23.2	32.0
	Sep-23	24	22.1	17.8
	Oct-23	49	24.3	35.8
	Nov-23	35	24.6	26.5
	Dec-23	27	25.0	29.3
	Jan-24	27	25.0	24.3
	Feb-24	11	24.1	12.5
	Mar-24	21	24.2	26.3
Annual Trend	2020/21	143	19.1	
	2021/22	106	10.9	
	2022/23	286	17.9	
	2023/24	333	24.2	

% of referrals that are re-referrals (monthly)



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

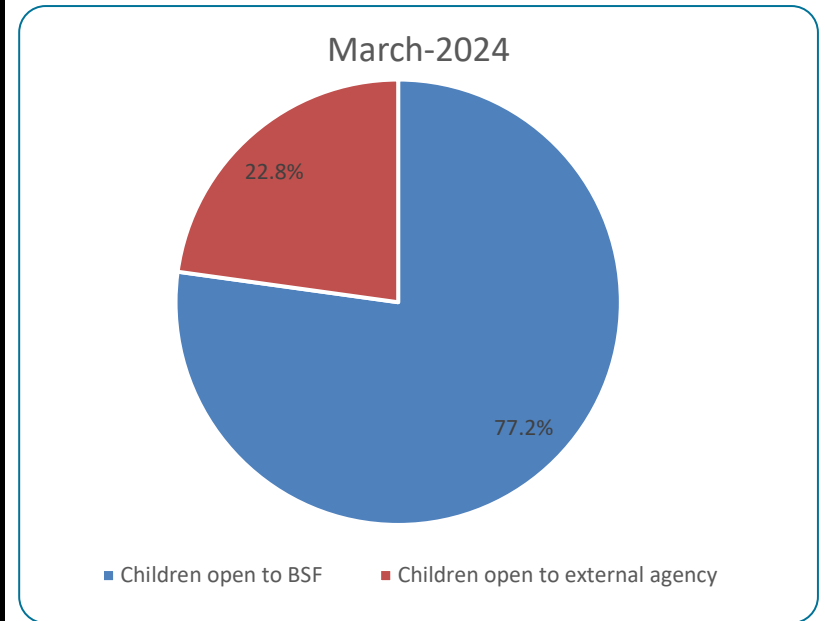


BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES: OPEN EPISODES

DEFINITION The number of children and families that have an open episode with the Building Stronger Families (BSF) team at the end of each reporting month. Also reported is the number of children and families that have an open episode with an external agency. The proportion of children open to BSF is then calculated using the total cohort and displayed as a percentage.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS At the end of 2023/24, there were 197 families, 423 children open to the Building Stronger Families team. A further 64 families with 125 children were open to an external agency and supporting the families.

	Open to BSF at month end		Open to an external agency at month end		% of children open to BSF	
	Children	Families	Children	Families		
						%
In Month Performance	Apr-23	487	223	123	65	79.8%
	May-23	491	230	124	68	79.8%
	Jun-23	511	240	97	52	84.0%
	Jul-23	472	225	97	57	83.0%
	Aug-23	468	225	87	51	84.3%
	Sep-23	460	223	60	35	88.5%
	Oct-23	377	179	55	30	87.3%
	Nov-23	375	182	65	32	85.2%
	Dec-23	452	221	72	37	86.3%
	Jan-24	491	232	70	37	87.5%
	Feb-24	396	180	95	50	80.7%
	Mar-24	423	197	125	64	77.2%
Annual Trend	2020/21	253	123	93	43	73.1%
	2021/22	411	191	73	35	84.9%
	2022/23	490	218	125	68	79.7%
	2023/24	423	197	125	64	77.2%



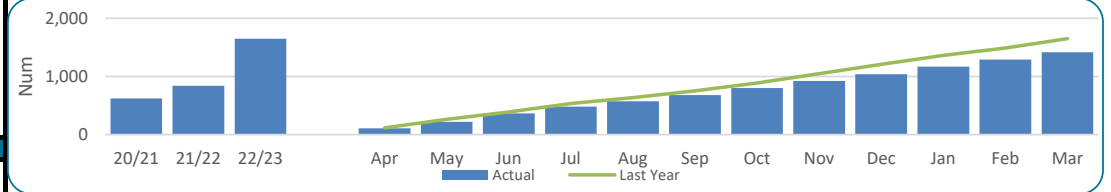
EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS: STARTED

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.
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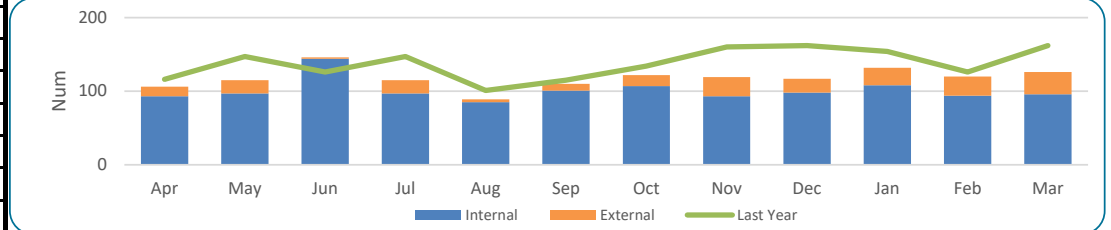
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	1,417 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started in 2023/24, a -14.1% drop in the 1,650 completed during 2022/23. 14.4% (204) of the EHA's started, were initiated by external agencies.
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		CSC 002		CSC 001		
		Total number of individual 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-23	106	13	12.3%	106	
	May-23	115	18	15.7%	221	
	Jun-23	146	2	1.4%	367	
	Jul-23	115	18	15.7%	482	
	Aug-23	89	4	4.5%	571	
	Sep-23	110	9	8.2%	681	
	Oct-23	122	15	12.3%	803	
	Nov-23	119	26	21.8%	922	
	Dec-23	117	19	16.2%	1,039	
	Jan-24	132	24	18.2%	1,171	
	Feb-24	120	26	21.7%	1,291	
	Mar-24	126	30	23.8%	1,417	
Annual Trend	2020/21	623	127	20.4%	623	
	2021/22	839	161	19.2%	839	
	2022/23	1,650	223	13.5%	1,650	
	2023/24	1,417	204	14.4%	1,417	

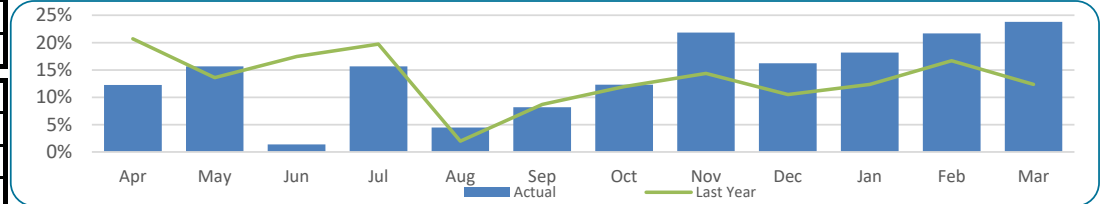
CSC 001: Number of individual EHA's started; year to date (inc. external)



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



% of the Early Help Assessments initiated by external agencies per month



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. The number of episodes missing is cumulated to give a year to date figure but the children are only counted once for the year to date total.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>The total number of missing episodes in 2023/24 was 423 involving 122 individual children and young people. This is a reduction compared to 2022/23 which saw 691 episodes of missing involving 162 individual children.</p> <p>93 (76.2%) children in 2023/24 had 3 or less missing episodes, 20 (16.4%) children were reported missing between 4 and 9 times in the year. 9 (7.4%) young people were reported 10 or more times during 2023/24, all except one are/were a child in care.</p> <p>CiC young people have seen the largest decrease in missing episodes compared to 2022/23, going from 55.4% (383 / 691) of the total episodes to 35.9% (152 / 423) of the total episodes.</p> <p>In 2023/24, all Return Home Interviews (RHI) (excluding children from other authorities) were offered except for 2, 87.8% of which were offered within 72 hours and 76.9% of the children engaged in their RHI. This is a positive increase in children engaging with their RHI compared to previous years (2022/23, 84.6% in 72hrs with 59.1% engagement and 2021/22, 75.8% in 72hrs with 51.2% engagement).</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	
In Month Performance		Episode	Child	Episode	Child	Episode	Child
	Apr-23	24	17	10	7		
	May-23	55	30	26	12		
	Jun-23	38	26	22	10	2	2
	Jul-23	62	30	26	11	2	2
	Aug-23	40	15	14	5	3	1
	Sep-23	42	19	14	6		
	Oct-23	53	24	13	6	1	1
	Nov-23	45	17	9	6	1	1
	Dec-23	13	13	4	4		
	Jan-24	16	12	4	4		
	Feb-24	20	17	4	3	1	1
	Mar-24	15	13	6	4	3	2
Annual Trend	2020/21	370	152	107	30	15	4
	2021/22	582	174	253	31	22	4
	2022/23	691	162	383	31	2	2
	2023/24	423	122	152	27	13	6

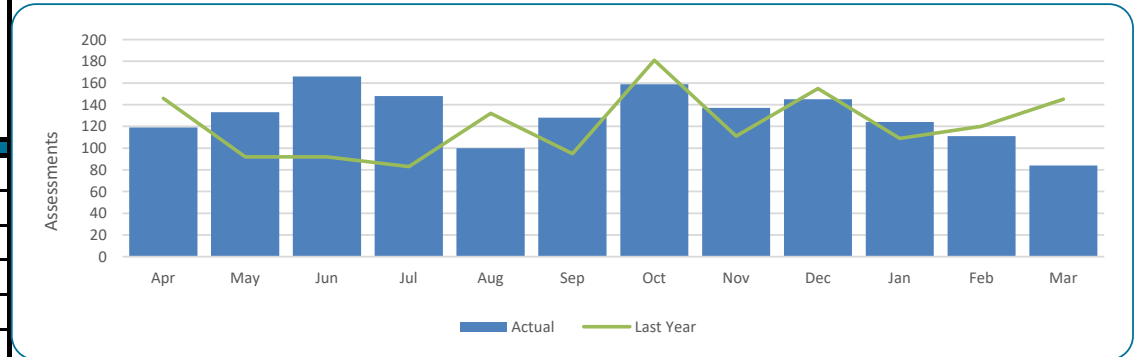
ASSESSMENTS

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

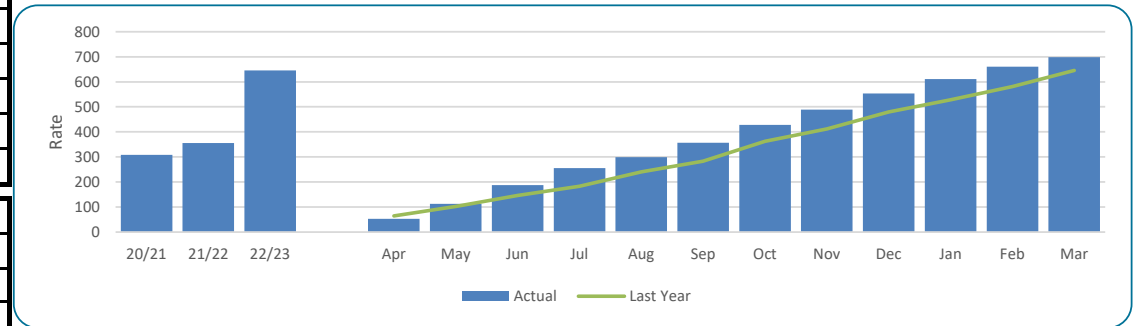
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		CSC 037	CSC 036	CSC 035
		Monthly number of C&F assessments completed	Number of C&F assessments completed year to date	Rate of C&F assessments completed per 10,000 of the 0-17 population.
In Month Performance	Apr-23	119	119	53.5
	May-23	133	252	113.2
	Jun-23	166	418	187.8
	Jul-23	148	566	255.7
	Aug-23	100	666	299.3
	Sep-23	128	794	356.8
	Oct-23	159	953	428.3
	Nov-23	137	1,088	488.9
	Dec-23	145	1,231	553.2
	Jan-24	124	1,359	610.7
	Feb-24	111	1,470	660.6
	Mar-24	84	1,554	698.3
Annual Trend	2020/21	692	692	308.2
	2021/22	806	806	356.1
	2022/23	1,461	1,461	645.5
	2023/24	1,554	1,554	698.3

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

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.

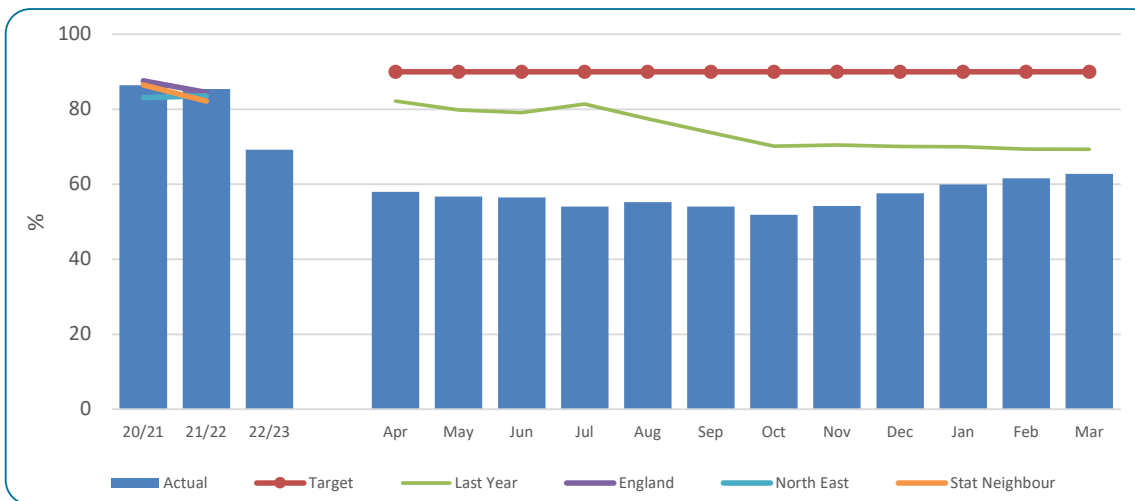
A process indicator as a proxy measure for improved child safety and how quickly services can respond when a child is thought to be at risk of serious harm. Local authorities should investigate and address concerns in a timely and efficient way.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

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		CSC 038	CSC 040
		% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (year to date)	Monthly % completed within 45 working days
In Month Performance	Target	90%	90%
	Apr-23	58.0	58.0
	May-23	56.8	55.6
	Jun-23	56.5	56.0
	Jul-23	54.1	47.3
	Aug-23	55.3	62.0
	Sep-23	54.0	47.7
	Oct-23	51.8	40.9
	Nov-23	54.2	70.8
	Dec-23	57.6	81.4
	Jan-24	60.0	85.5
	Feb-24	61.6	80.2
Mar-24	62.7	84.5	
Annual Trend	2020/21	86.4	
	2021/22	85.4	
	2022/23	69.2	
	2023/24	62.7	84.5

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

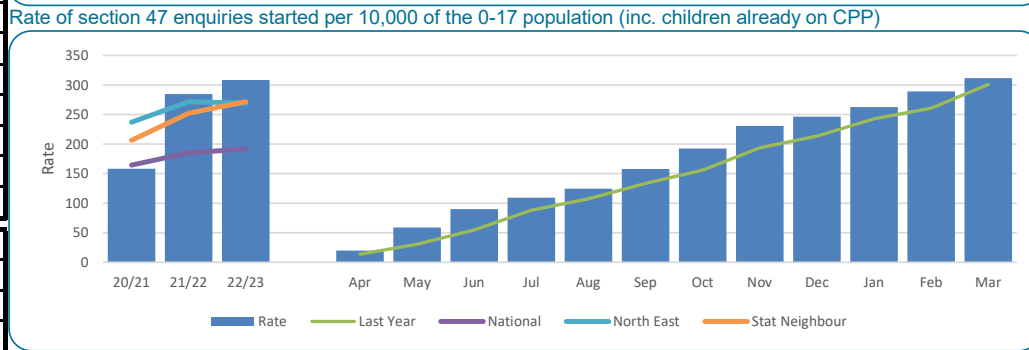
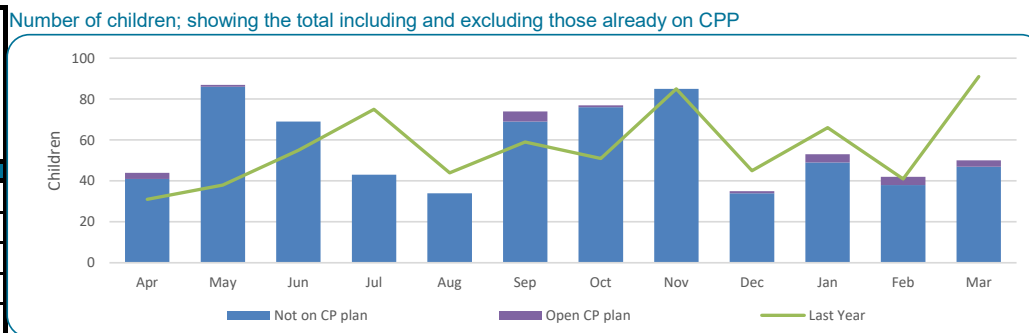


SECTION 47 ENQUIRES: STARTED

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	<p>372 section 47 enquires were started in 2023/24, involving 693 individual children, 22 of which were already on an open Child Protection (CP) plan.</p> <p>Our rate of enquires per 10,000 population was 311.4 at the end of 2023/24. Although an increase on previous year, it is not a corresponding increase when compared with strategies held, this will be due to the increase in no further action taken on some strategies in 2023/24.</p>
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		CSC 166	CSC 164		
		Section 47 enquires started in the month	Number of children who had a section 47 enquiry	Of which also had an open CPP plan	Rate of section 47 enquires started per 10,000 of the 0-17 population (Cumulative)
In Month Performance	Apr-23	24	44	3	19.8
	May-23	48	87	1	58.9
	Jun-23	39	69		89.9
	Jul-23	19	43		109.2
	Aug-23	18	34		124.5
	Sep-23	39	74	5	157.7
	Oct-23	38	77	1	192.3
	Nov-23	45	85		230.5
	Dec-23	16	35	1	246.3
	Jan-24	30	53	4	262.4
	Feb-24	27	42	4	289.0
	Mar-24	29	50	3	311.4
Annual Trend	2020/21	195	358	7	158.2
	2021/22	317	633	14	284.5
	2022/23	351	681	30	308.3
	2023/24	372	693	22	311.4



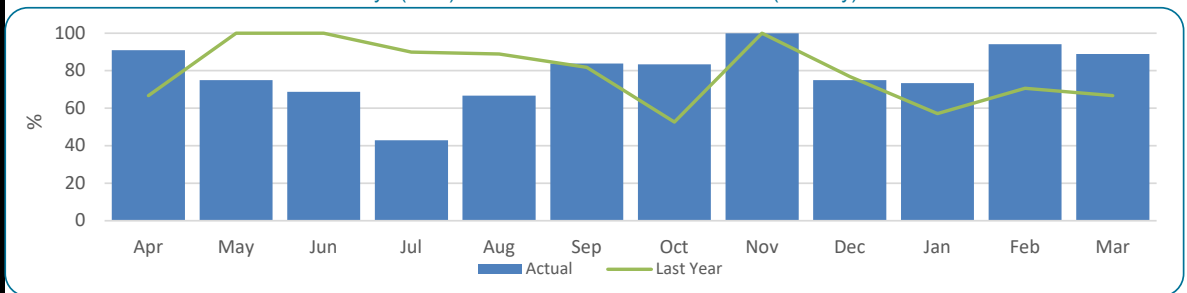
INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES: TIMELINESS

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.

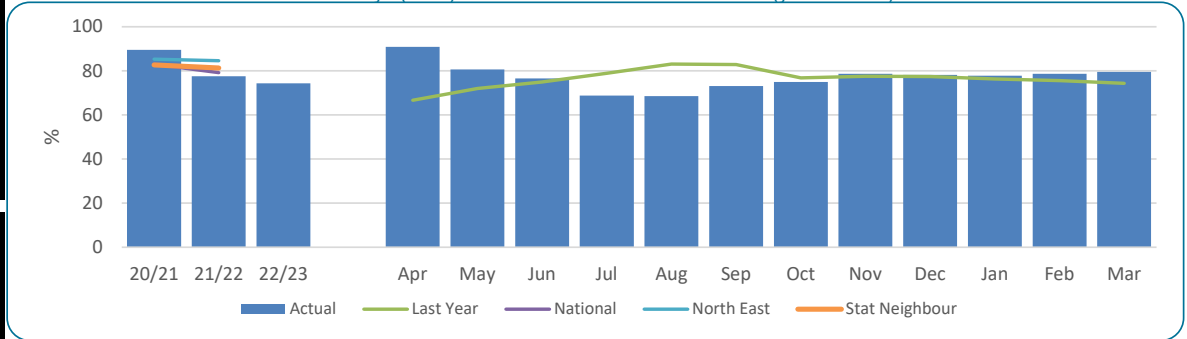
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS Of the 215 children (who were not transferred in), 171 had their Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) within timescale (79.5%) in 2023/24. This measure continues to be negatively below the target of 95% although an increase in performance compared to the last 2 years.

	CSC 178		CSC 176		95%
	Target	% 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).	95%	
In Month Performance	Apr-23	10 / 11	90.9	10 / 11	90.9
	May-23	15 / 20	75.0	25 / 31	80.7
	Jun-23	11 / 16	68.8	36 / 47	76.6
	Jul-23	6 / 14	42.9	42 / 61	68.9
	Aug-23	8 / 12	66.7	50 / 73	68.5
	Sep-23	26 / 31	83.9	76 / 104	73.1
	Oct-23	20 / 24	83.3	96 / 128	75.0
	Nov-23	22 / 22	100.0	118 / 150	78.7
	Dec-23	18 / 24	75.0	136 / 174	78.2
	Jan-24	11 / 15	73.3	147 / 189	77.8
	Feb-24	16 / 17	94.1	159 / 202	78.7
	Mar-24	8 / 9	88.9	171 / 215	79.5
Annual Trend	2020/21	112 / 126	89.5	112 / 126	89.5
	2021/22	135 / 174	77.5	135 / 174	77.5
	2022/23	116 / 156	74.4	116 / 156	74.4
	2023/24	171 / 215	79.5	171 / 215	79.5

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).



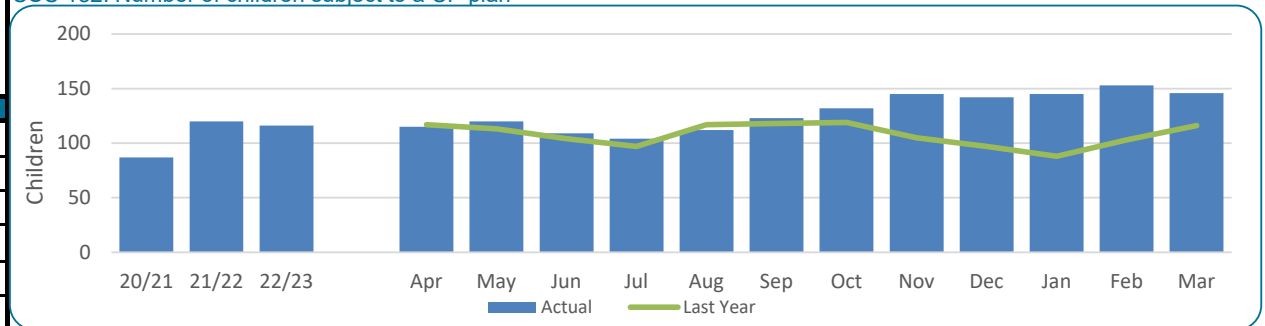
CHILD PROTECTION PLANS

DEFINITION	Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.
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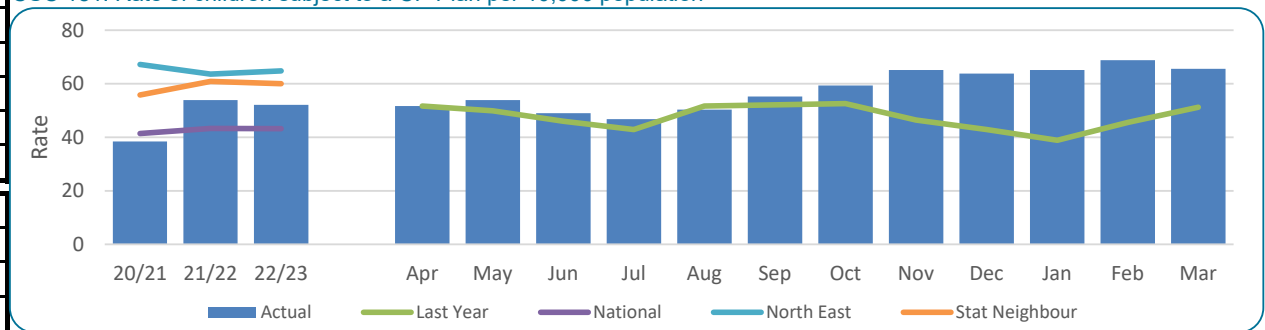
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>146 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of March 2024 with a rate of 65.6 per 10,000 population with a CP plan.</p> <p>This is an increase on previous years and comparable to the increase in CiN plans open and decrease in Children in Care.</p>
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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-23	115	51.7
	May-23	120	53.9
	Jun-23	109	49.0
	Jul-23	104	46.7
	Aug-23	112	50.3
	Sep-23	123	55.3
	Oct-23	132	59.3
	Nov-23	145	65.2
	Dec-23	142	63.8
	Jan-24	145	65.2
	Feb-24	153	68.8
	Mar-24	146	65.6
Annual Trend	2020/21	87	38.4
	2021/22	120	53.9
	2022/23	116	52.1
	2023/24	146	65.6

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

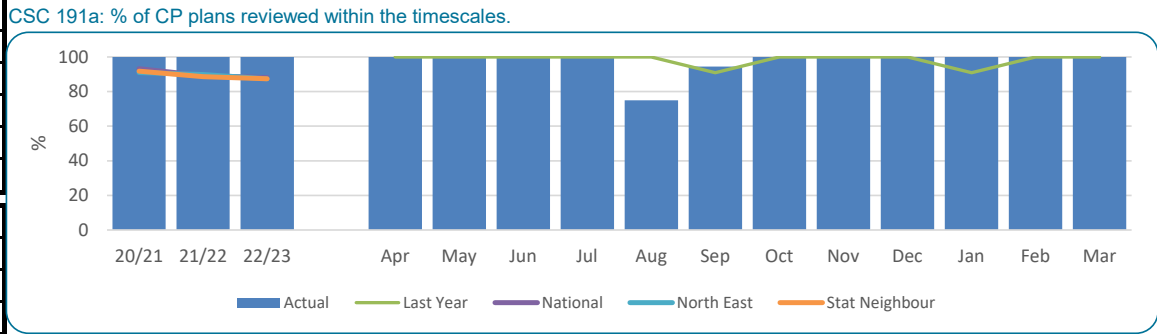
DEFINITION Reviews are a key element in delivering CP Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of effectiveness of the interventions provided to children subject to a CP plan. "Working Together to Safeguard Children"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

98.5% of Child Protection reviews have been completed within the required timescales.

		CSC 183	CSC 191a	
		% 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-23	100.0	14 / 14	100.0
	May-23	100.0	13 / 13	100.0
	Jun-23	100.0	17 / 17	100.0
	Jul-23	100.0	19 / 19	100.0
	Aug-23	100.0	6 / 8	75.0
	Sep-23	100.0	17 / 18	94.4
	Oct-23	100.0	16 / 16	100.0
	Nov-23	100.0	11 / 11	100.0
	Dec-23	100.0	21 / 21	100.0
	Jan-24	100.0	16 / 16	100.0
	Feb-24	100.0	18 / 18	100.0
	Mar-24	100.0	25 / 25	100.0
Annual Trend	2020/21	100.0	138 / 138	100.0
	2021/22	100.0	159 / 159	100.0
	2022/23	100.0	155 / 155	100.0
	2023/24	100.0	193 / 196	98.5



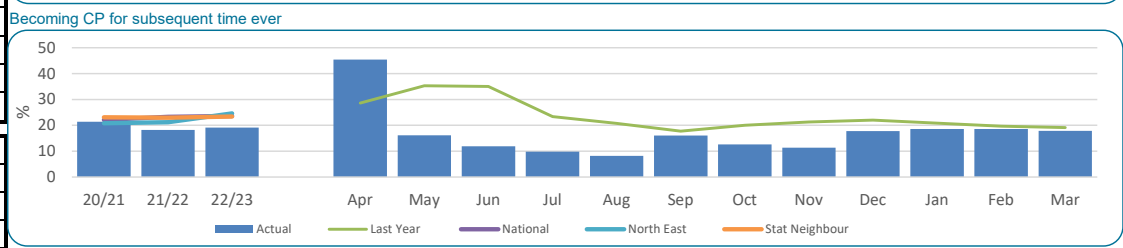
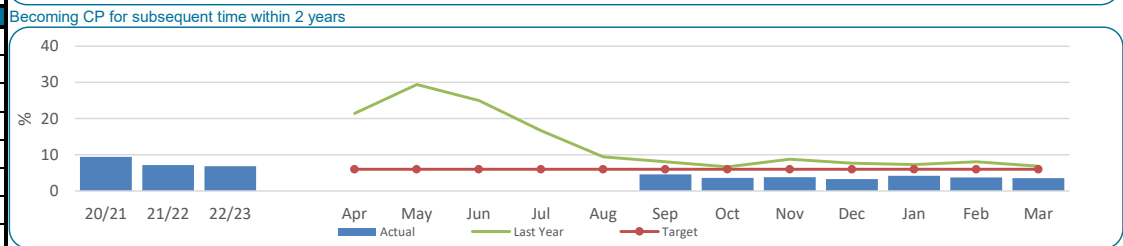
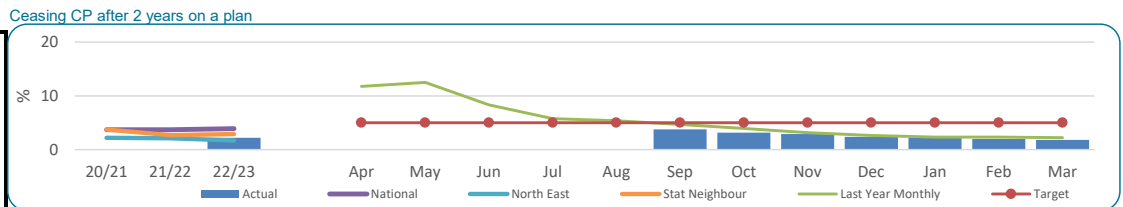
CHILD PROTECTION PLAN: TIME PERIODS

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 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 196 children who became subject to a CP plan in 2023/24, 7 became subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending (3.6%), and 35 children (17.9%) had been subject to a CP plan for a second time ever.

3 of the 166 children who have ceased to be subject to a CP plan in 2023/24, did so after being subject to the plan for 2 or more years.

		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)		% of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a 2nd or subsequent time ever (Cumulative)	
In Month Performance	Target		5%		6%		
	Apr-23	0 / 12	0.0	0 / 11	0.0	5 / 11	45.5
	May-23	0 / 27	0.0	0 / 31	0.0	5 / 31	16.1
	Jun-23	0 / 49	0.0	0 / 42	0.0	5 / 42	11.9
	Jul-23	0 / 63	0.0	0 / 51	0.0	5 / 51	9.8
	Aug-23	0 / 65	0.0	0 / 61	0.0	5 / 61	8.2
	Sep-23	3 / 80	3.8	4 / 87	4.6	14 / 87	16.1
	Oct-23	3 / 95	3.2	4 / 111	3.6	14 / 111	12.6
	Nov-23	3 / 103	2.9	5 / 132	3.8	15 / 132	11.4
	Dec-23	3 / 126	2.4	5 / 152	3.3	27 / 152	17.8
	Jan-24	3 / 138	2.2	7 / 167	4.2	31 / 167	18.6
	Feb-24	3 / 151	2.0	7 / 188	3.7	35 / 188	18.6
Mar-24	3 / 166	1.8	7 / 196	3.6	35 / 196	17.9	
Annual Trend	2020/21	0 / 115	0.0	11 / 117	9.4	25 / 117	21.4
	2021/22	0 / 121	0.0	11 / 154	7.1	28 / 154	18.2
	2022/23	3 / 135	2.2	9 / 131	6.9	25 / 131	19.1
	2023/24	3 / 166	1.8	7 / 196	3.6	35 / 196	17.9



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.

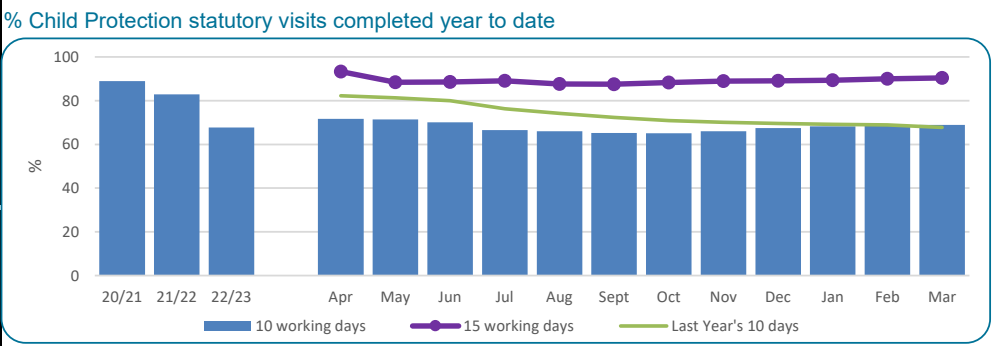
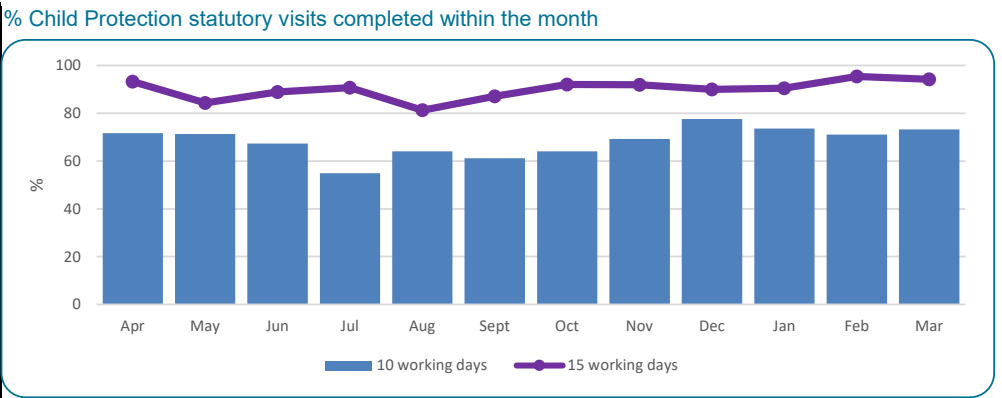
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

69.0% (2,050 / 2,973) of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in 2023/24 and 90.4% (2,688 / 2,973) of the visits were completed within 15 working days.

In comparison to 2022/23, the number of visits carried out has had a 16.5% increase (from 2,553 to 2,973 visits) along with the percentage that were carried out within timescale (67.8% within 10 days and 90.0% within 15 days).

The timeliness of CP visits carried out within 10 working days is still below the 90% target.

		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-23	71.7	93.3	71.7	93.3
	May-23	71.3	84.3	71.5	88.4
	Jun-23	67.3	88.9	70.1	88.6
	Jul-23	54.9	90.8	66.5	89.1
	Aug-23	64.1	81.3	66.0	87.6
	Sep-23	61.2	87.1	65.2	87.5
	Oct-23	64.0	92.0	65.0	88.3
	Nov-23	69.2	92.0	66.0	88.9
	Dec-23	77.6	90.0	67.5	89.1
	Jan-24	73.6	90.5	68.3	89.3
	Feb-24	71.1	95.4	68.6	90.0
Mar-24	73.2	94.2	69.0	90.4	
Annual Trend	2020/21			89.0	98.4
	2021/22			82.9	96.8
	2022/23			67.8	90.0
	2023/24	73.2	94.2	69.0	90.4



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).

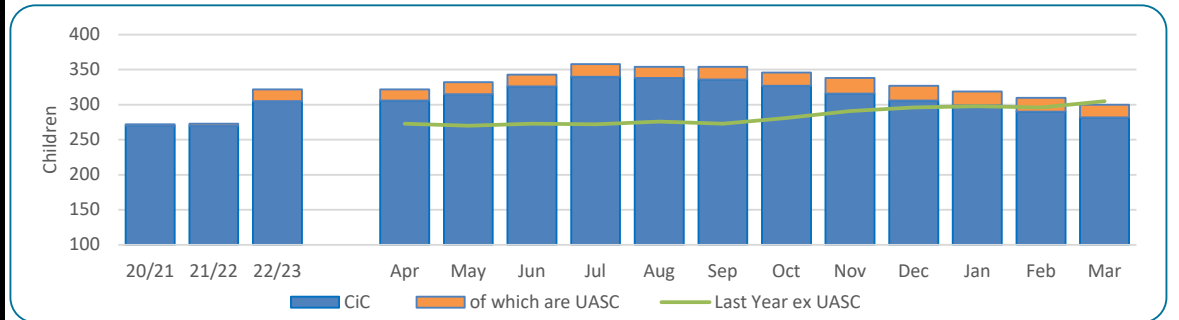
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

300 children were in care as at March 2024, 18 of which are unaccompanied asylum-seekers.

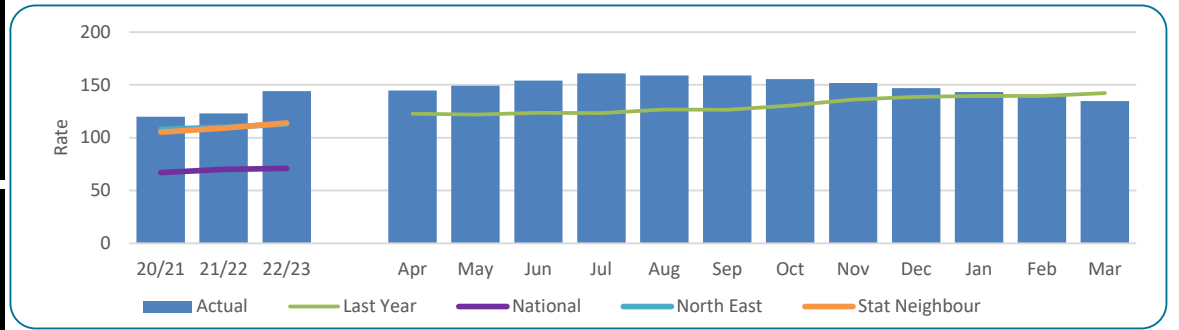
The rate of children in care per 10,000 population has started to fall this reporting year and was at 134.8 at the end of March 2024, compared to 142.3 at March 2023 and closer to pre-covid levels of 120.0 at March 2021.

		CSC 201	CSC 207	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-23	322	16	144.7
	May-23	332	17	149.2
	Jun-23	343	17	154.1
	Jul-23	358	18	160.9
	Aug-23	354	16	159.1
	Sep-23	354	18	159.1
	Oct-23	346	19	155.5
	Nov-23	338	22	151.9
	Dec-23	327	21	147.0
	Jan-24	319	20	143.4
	Feb-24	310	20	139.3
	Mar-24	300	18	134.8
Annual Trend	2020/21	272	2	120.0
	2021/22	273	3	123.0
	2022/23	322	17	142.3
	2023/24	300	18	134.8

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.

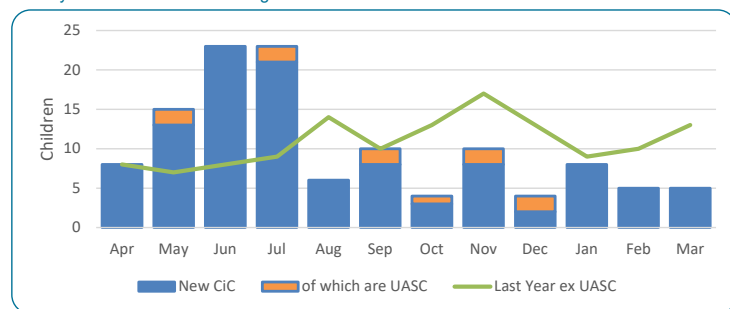
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

121 children came into care in 2023/24 from 81 families. This is a decrease when compared with the 149 children who came into care in 2022/23 from 104 families. 11 of the young people came into care after accepted by the Home Office as UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child) during 2023/24, a reduction on the 18 who came into care during 2022/23.

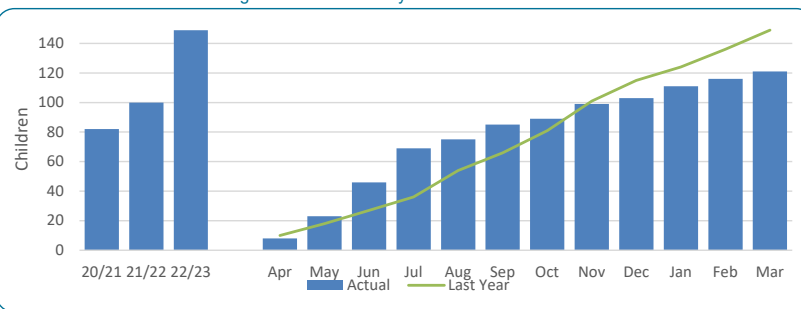
The primary and secondary presenting issues for the children coming into care in 2023/24 are predominantly due to; substance misuse (22.2%, 7.0% of which was alcohol related), neglect (17.8%), physical abuse (14.6%), domestic abuse (13.5%) and mental health concerns (12.4%).

		CSC 209	CSC 208b	First placement type in care										
		Monthly number of children coming into care	Cumulative number of children coming into care	of which are UASC	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)	Res accom. / Independ. living (H5&P2)	Other placement (Z1)	YOI - (R5)
In Month Performance	Apr-23	8	8				1						7	
	May-23	15	23	2		2	3					3	7	
	Jun-23	23	46		7	6	4			1			5	
	Jul-23	23	69	2	4	1	5					2	11	
	Aug-23	6	75		1		1	1					3	
	Sep-23	10	85	2			1		1		2		6	
	Oct-23	4	89	1			3	1						
	Nov-23	10	99	2	2		5		2				1	
	Dec-23	4	103	2			2						1	1
	Jan-24	8	111				3		2				3	
	Feb-24	5	116				3		2					
	Mar-24	5	121				3						1	1
	Annual Trend	2020/21	82	82	2	11	18	19	2	11	1	3	16	16
2021/22		100	100	2	15	10	27	14	14	0	2	17	17	1
2022/23		149	149	18	22	13	42	11	5	2	5	13	36	
2023/24		121	121	11	14	9	34	2	7	1	2	8	44	0

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.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

143 children and young people, from 112 families ceased to be in care in 2023/24. This is the highest yearly number of children ceasing care we have seen. We have also seen a reduction in the number of children coming into care who have previously been in care (13 in 2023/24 and 22 in 2022/23).

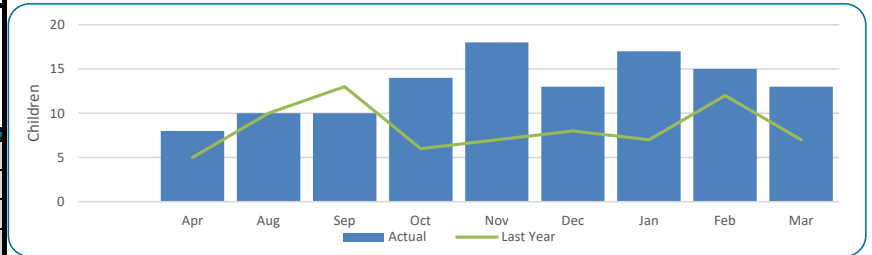
Of the 143 children and young people who did cease CiC:

- 42.7% returned home to their parent(s).
- 30.1% had a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) / Child Arrangement Order (CAO) granted to a relative.
- 8.4% were adopted
- 8.4% due to turning 18 and becoming a care leaver.
- 7.0% were UASC turning 18 and becoming a care leaver.
- 3.5% for other reasons (UASC following an age assessment, ceased care as it was identified they were over the age of 18, transferred to another LA)

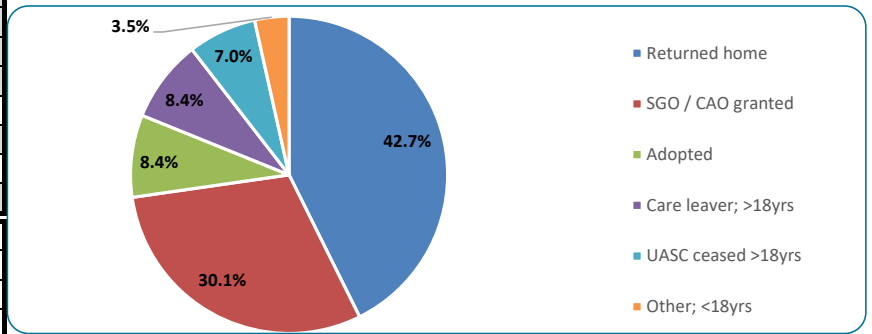
The proportion of children who returned home to their parent(s) has doubled when compared to 2022/23 (21.0%), 2021/22 (28.3%) and Q1 2020/21 (27.5%).

	CSC 212		CSC 211		Reason for ceasing to be a Child in Care				
	Monthly number of children ceasing care	Cumulative number of children ceasing care	Returned home	SGO / CAO granted	Adopted	Care leaver; >18yrs	UASC ceased >18yrs	Other; <18yrs	
In Month Performance	Apr-23	8	8	5	2			1	
	May-23	4	12	1	1	1	1		
	Jun-23	13	25	6	2	4		1	
	Jul-23	8	33	5	2			1	
	Aug-23	10	43	6			2	2	
	Sep-23	10	53	3	3	2	2		
	Oct-23	14	67	7	7				
	Nov-23	18	85	10	6	2			
	Dec-23	13	98	4	5			2	2
	Jan-24	17	115	5	7	2	2	1	
	Feb-24	15	129	3	6	1	2		3
	Mar-24	13	143	6	2		3	2	
Annual Trend	2020/21	80	80	22	39	7	9		3
	2021/22	99	99	28	34	15	19		3
	2022/23	100	100	21	39	17	21		2
	2023/24	143	143	61	43	12	12	10	5

CSC 212: Monthly number of children ceasing care



Cumulative reason for children ceasing care

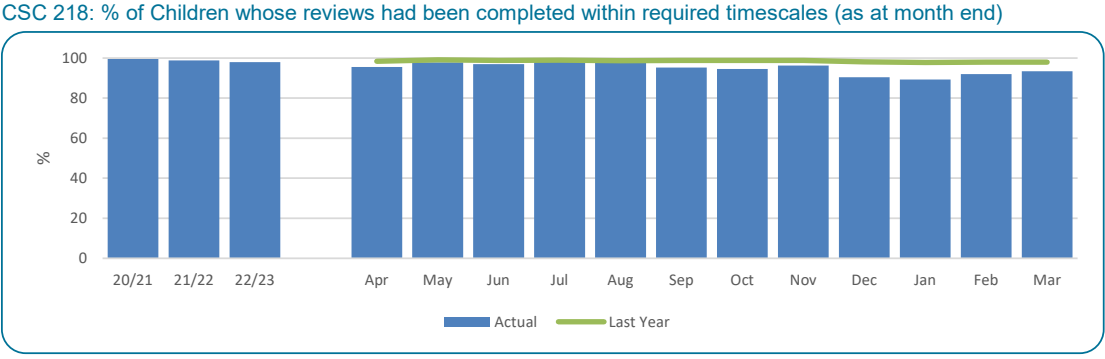


CHILDREN IN CARE: ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

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.
271 of the 290 reviews (93.5%), were completed within required timescales during 2023/24.

		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	Num	%	
		Apr-23	100.0	65 / 68	95.6
		May-23	100.0	139 / 142	97.9
		Jun-23	100.0	194 / 200	97.0
		Jul-23	100.0	252 / 255	98.8
		Aug-23	100.0	291 / 292	99.7
		Sep-23	100.0	321 / 337	95.3
		Oct-23	100.0	315 / 333	94.6
		Nov-23	100.0	309 / 321	96.3
		Dec-23	100.0	285 / 315	90.5
		Jan-24	100.0	274 / 307	89.3
		Feb-24	100.0	278 / 302	92.1
		Mar-24	100.0	271 / 290	93.5
Annual Trend	2020/21	100.0	249 / 250	99.6	
	2021/22	100.0	243 / 246	98.8	
	2022/23	100.0	297 / 303	98.0	
	2023/24	100.0	271 / 290	93.5	

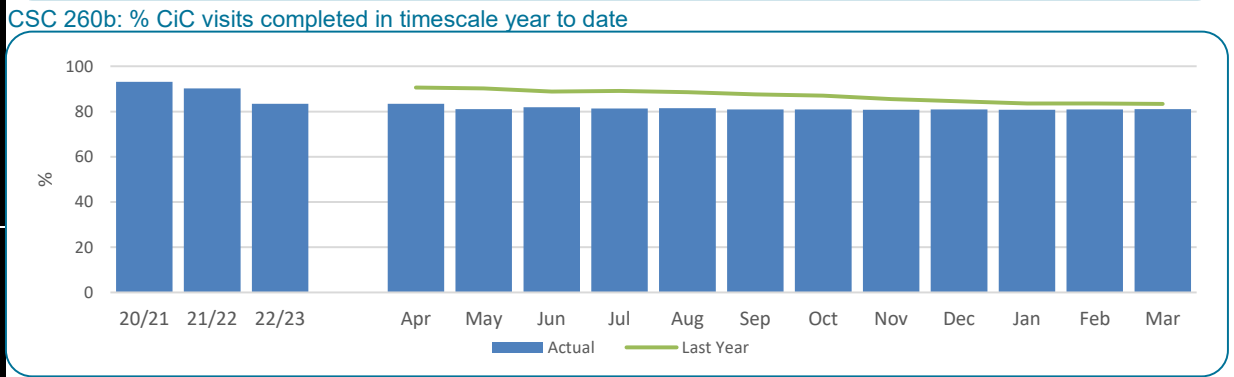
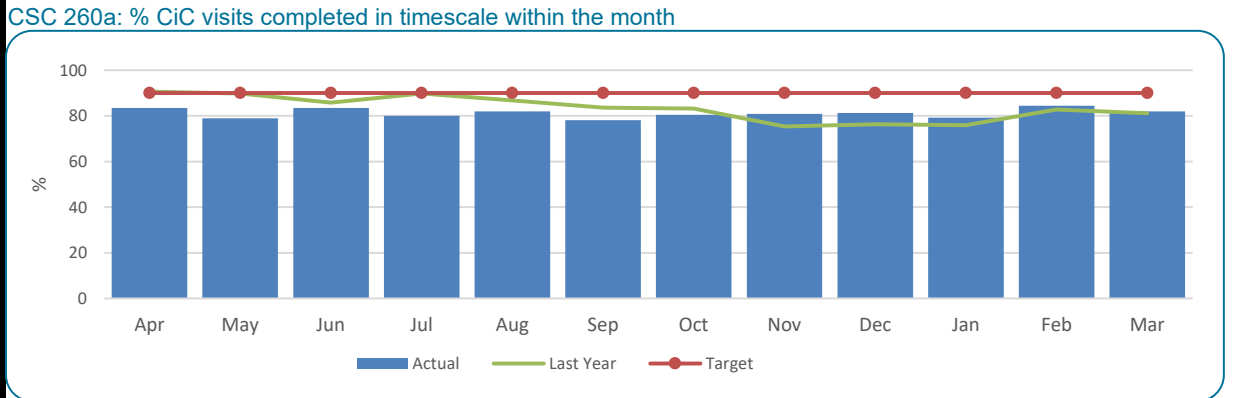


CHILDREN IN CARE: STATUTORY VISITS

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	<p>81.0% (3,079 / 3,801) of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale in 2023/24. This is a year-on-year decrease in performance from 93.1% in 2020/21, 90.1% in 2021/22 and 83.4% in 2022/23.</p> <p>We have seen an increase in the number of visits required over the past 3 years, however this year's total is comparable to the 3,856 CiC visits that were carried out in 2020/21.</p>
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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-23	83.4	83.4
	May-23	78.9	81.0
	Jun-23	83.5	81.9
	Jul-23	80.0	81.4
	Aug-23	82.0	81.5
	Sep-23	78.1	80.9
	Oct-23	80.4	80.8
	Nov-23	80.8	80.8
	Dec-23	81.3	80.9
	Jan-24	79.2	80.7
	Feb-24	84.4	81.0
	Mar-24	81.9	81.0
Annual Trend	2020/21		93.1
	2021/22		90.1
	2022/23		83.4
	2023/24	81.9	81.0



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

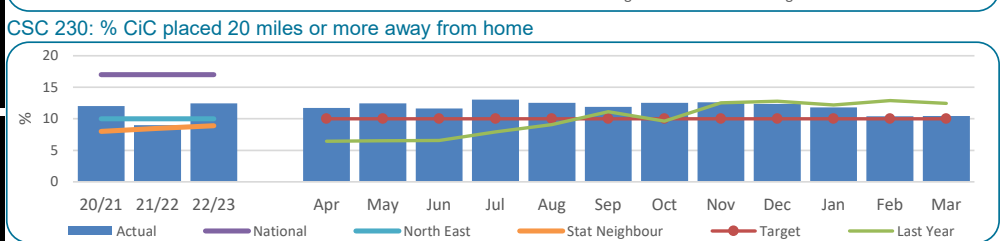
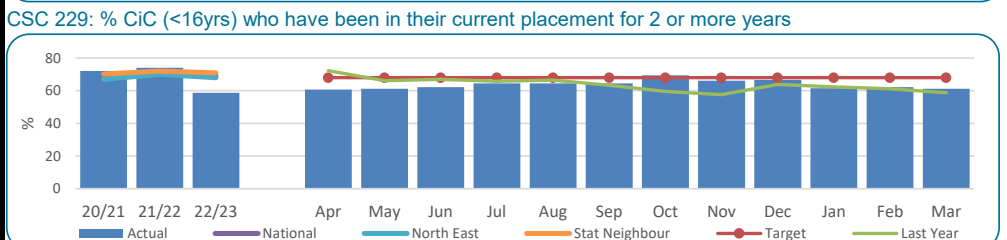
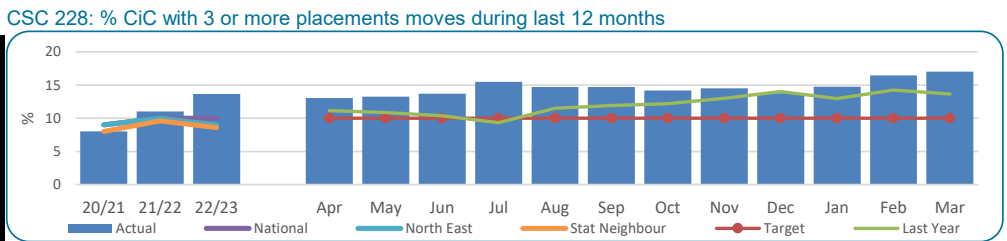
17.0% (51 children) of our Children in Care, as at March 2024, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is negatively above internal target (10.0%) and has never been below target in a month during 2023/24.

Currently, 61.1% (77 / 126) 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% target however an improvement when compared to 2022/23.

10.4% (29 / 278) of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at March 2024 which is the lowest number of children this year and compared to March 2023 which saw 37 children placed 20 or more miles from the family home.

All these placements are confirmed 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	Children	10%	Children	68%	Children	10%
			%		%		%
	Apr-23	42	13.0	77	60.6	35	11.7
	May-23	44	13.3	77	61.1	38	12.5
	Jun-23	47	13.7	77	62.1	37	11.6
	Jul-23	56	15.5	80	64.5	43	13.0
	Aug-23	52	14.7	80	64.5	41	12.5
	Sep-23	52	14.7	80	64.5	39	11.9
	Oct-23	49	14.2	82	69.5	40	12.5
	Nov-23	49	14.5	82	66.1	39	12.6
	Dec-23	45	13.8	84	66.7	37	12.4
	Jan-24	47	14.7	80	61.5	35	11.8
	Feb-24	51	16.5	79	62.2	30	10.4
Mar-24	51	17.0	77	61.1	29	10.4	
Annual Trend	2020/21		8.0		72.0		12.0
	2021/22	30	11.0	88	74.0	25	9.0
	2022/23	44	13.7	74	58.7	37	12.5
	2023/24	51	17.0	77	61.1	29	10.4



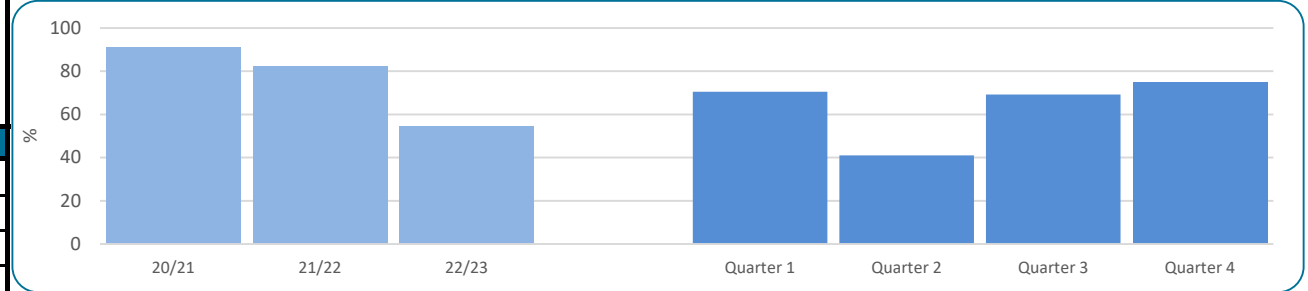
CHILDREN IN CARE: INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION	Percentage of Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of a child coming into our care year to date (data from Health), and percentage of IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days. This excludes children / young people coming into care due to being remand or UASC.
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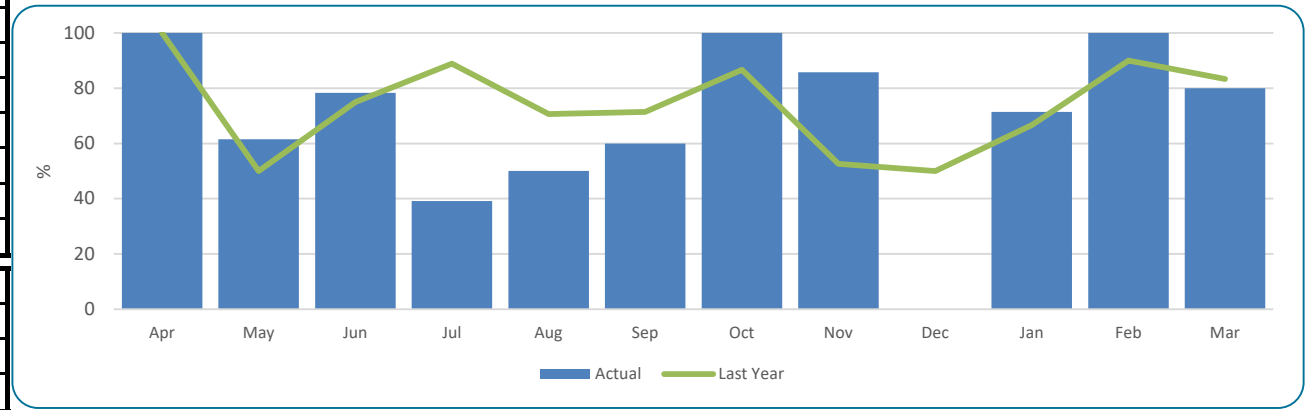
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	65.5% of IHA's completed in 2023/24 were completed within the required timescale of 5 days and 60.7% of those children received a health assessment within 20 days.
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	Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)	IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days
Target	95	
In Month Performance		
Apr-23		8 / 8
May-23		8 / 13
Jun-23	31 / 44	18 / 23
Jul-23		9 / 23
Aug-23		3 / 6
Sep-23	16 / 39	6 / 10
Oct-23		2 / 2
Nov-23		6 / 7
Dec-23	9 / 13	0 / 4
Jan-24		5 / 7
Feb-24		5 / 5
Mar-24	12 / 16	4 / 5
Annual Trend		
2020/21	90.9%	87.7%
2021/22	82.1%	89.4%
2022/23	54.5%	72.4%
2023/24	60.7%	65.5%

Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)



IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days



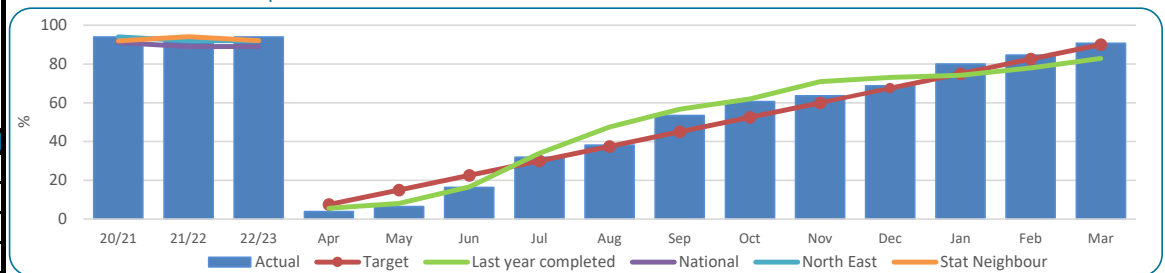
CHILDREN IN CARE: HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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.

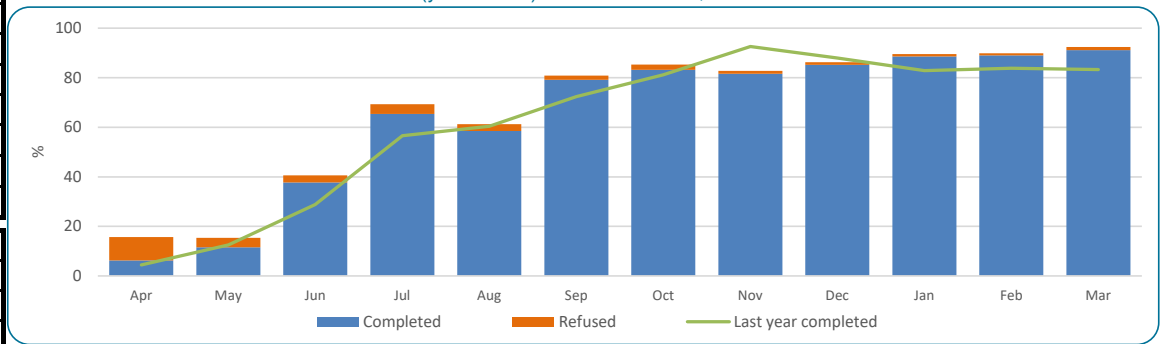
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS 91.1% of children due a review health assessment by March 2024 have had one completed and 90.7% of the children in care have an up to date health check. Currently only 1.3% of the children and young people are refusing to attend a health review. They are continually reminded of the 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 who had a review health check completed (year to date)
In Month Performance	Target	90%	90%
	Apr-23	3.8	6.3
	May-23	6.4	11.5
	Jun-23	16.4	37.7
	Jul-23	32.0	65.3
	Aug-23	38.2	58.5
	Sep-23	53.5	79.2
	Oct-23	60.6	83.2
	Nov-23	63.6	81.6
	Dec-23	68.7	85.2
	Jan-24	80.0	88.6
	Feb-24	84.6	89.0
	Mar-24	90.7	91.1
Annual Trend	2020/21	94.0	91.2
	2021/22	93.0	91.6
	2022/23	94.0	83.3
	2023/24	90.7	91.1

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

83.1% of children due a dental health assessment by March 2024 have had one completed and 83.5% of the children in care have an up to date dental check.

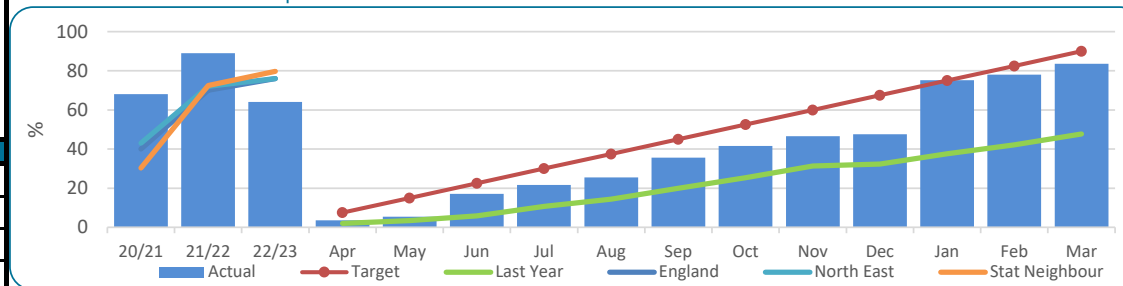
Currently 3.0% of the children and young people are refusing to attend a dental check-up. They are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

CSC 251

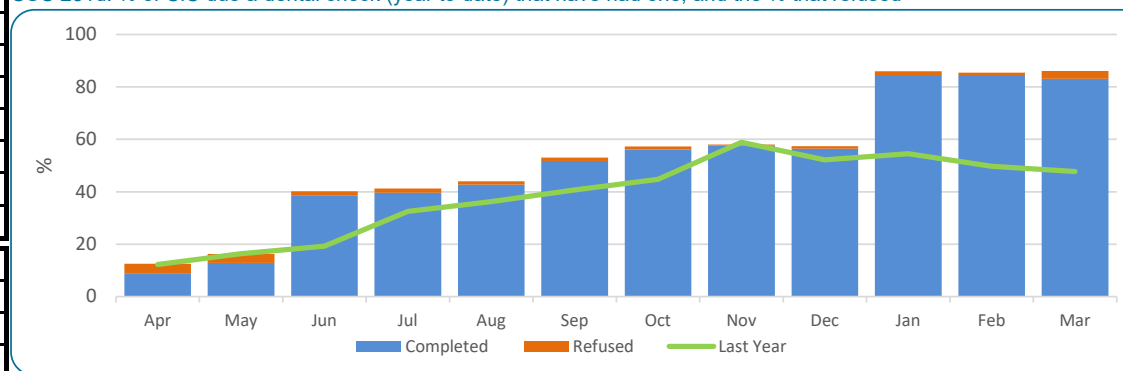
CSC 251d

	% 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)
Target	90%		90%
Apr-23	3.5	3.6	8.9
May-23	5.5	3.4	12.8
Jun-23	17.1	1.7	38.5
Jul-23	21.7	1.5	39.7
Aug-23	25.4	1.3	42.7
Sep-23	35.5	1.2	51.8
Oct-23	41.6	1.1	56.2
Nov-23	46.6	0.5	57.6
Dec-23	47.5	0.9	56.5
Jan-24	75.2	1.8	84.2
Feb-24	78.1	1.3	84.1
Mar-24	83.5	3.0	83.1

CSC 251: % of CiC who are up to date for a dental check



CSC 251d: % of CiC due a dental check (year to date) that have had one, and the % that refused



In Month Performance

	% 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)
Annual Trend			
2020/21	68.0	2.8	57.2
2021/22	89.0	2.6	83.7
2022/23	64.0	1.4	47.7
2023/24	83.5	3.0	83.1

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

98.4% of our care leavers aged 19-21 and 97.9% of our care leavers aged 22-25 were in suitable accommodation at the end of March 2024.

Of the care leavers, as at 31st March 2024 aged 19-21, 17 of them were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).
 • 6.5% NEET because of illness or disability
 • 11.3% NEET because of other circumstances
 • 4.8% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting.
 This equates to 22.6% of our care leavers which is positively below the internal target of 30% NEET.

Of the 48 care leavers, as at 31st March 2024 aged 22-25, 7 of them were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).
 • 4.2% NEET because of illness or disability
 • 6.3% NEET because of other circumstances
 • 4.1% NEET because of pregnancy or parenting.
 This equates to 14.6%.

19.4% young people, aged 19-21, were engaging in education (8.1% of which are in studies beyond A level) and 58.1% young people were in training or employment (29.0% in full time and 29.0% in part time).

8.3% young people, aged 22-25, were engaging in education (4.2% of which are in studies beyond A level) and 77.1% young people were in training or employment (27.1% in full time and 50.0% 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-23	98.4	21.9	95.3	15.6
	May-23	98.4	25.0	95.3	17.2
	Jun-23	98.4	27.0	95.2	19.0
	Jul-23	100.0	26.2	95.1	19.7
	Aug-23	98.4	25.4	94.7	19.3
	Sep-23	98.4	23.8	94.6	21.4
	Oct-23	98.4	24.2	96.4	26.8
	Nov-23	98.4	27.4	94.4	25.9
	Dec-23	98.4	25.8	96.3	20.4
	Jan-24	98.4	25.8	96.2	21.2
	Feb-24	96.7	24.6	98.0	14.0
Mar-24	98.4	22.6	97.9	14.6	
Annual Trend	2020/21	100.0	21.0	92.9	17.9
	2021/22	98.0	20.0	97.3	18.4
	2022/23	96.3	20.4	95.9	18.4
	2023/24	98.4	22.6	97.9	14.6

