



DARLINGTON

Borough Council

Children's Social Care Performance & Practice Report

September 2024 Q2 2024/25

Scrutiny

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Quarter 2 2024-25 Performance Summary

Referrals: 104 referrals, involving 163 children were started in Q2 2024/25, a decrease on the 189 referrals in Q2 2023/24. 85.3% (139 / 163) of the children had their referral completed within 1 working day in Q2 2024/25, not meeting our 90% target, however the timescale is an improvement on Q2 2023/24 performance (78.9%). 0.6% of the referrals took over 3 working days to be completed in Q2 2024/25 which is outperforming our target of 5%.

Re-Referrals: In Q2 2024/25, 19 of the 163 children referred (11.6%), from 17 families, had a new referral within 12 months of their last referral starting. This is positively below target (18%), and a large reduction on the 77 children re-referred during Q2 2023/24.

Building Stronger Families: At the end of Q2 2024/25, there were 229 families, 467 children, open to the Building Stronger Families team. A further 56 families with 108 children were open to an external agency supporting the families.

Missing: The total number of missing episodes in Q2 2024/25 was 91, involving 30 individual children and young people. This is a reduction compared to Q2 2023/24 which saw 144 episodes of missing involving 54 individual children. The reduction is mainly seen in the missing of CiC young people open to another local authority. In Q2 2024/25, all Return Home Interviews (RHI) (excluding children from other authorities) were offered, 87.5% of which were offered within 72 hours and 51.4% of the children engaged in their RHI.

Children & Families Assessments: 164 children had a C&F assessment completed in Q2 2024/25. This is below the 376 assessments started in Q2 2023/24, and in line with pre covid figures. 93.9% of the assessments were completed with the 45 day timescale. This is an increase to previous years (51.2% in Q2 2023/24, 73.8% in Q2 2022/23 and 88.4% in Q2 2021/22) and evidence of sustained targeted work and support throughout the year.

Section 47 Enquiries: 49 section 47 enquiries were started in Q2 2024/25, involving 92 individual children, 5 of which were already on an open Child Protection (CP) plan. This a reduction on the 76 section 47 enquiries started during Q2 2023/24.

Child Protection Conference timeliness: 79.3% of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) were held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting / section 47 being initiated, excluding children who were transferred-in conference, during Q2 2024/25.

We work with partner agencies who need notice so that they can prepare reports and arrange for someone to attend the meeting. The decision that there is a need for an Initial Child Protection Conference is one that needs to be made within a short timeframe. Generally, this means that the decision needs to be made in less than 10 working days.

When dealing with complex situations this can be a challenge for the social worker and their managers. Performance has dropped in recent times due to late notification by the Social Work Teams that a Child Protection Conference is needed. This is being continually monitored through Performance Clinics and we have seen a slight improvement since Q1 2024/25.

Child Protection Plans: 99 children were subject to a Child Protection plan (CP) as at the end of Q2 2024/25 with a rate of 44.5 per 10,000 population with a CP plan.

During Q2 2024/25, there were no children who started a CP plan who had ceased a previous CP plan within 2 years. The target for this measure is 6%, but due to the lower numbers starting a plan, this remains a high percentage (11.1%) after the 7 children (3 families) started their 2nd plan in June 2024.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 75.6% (535 / 708) of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in Q2 2024/25 and 93.4% (661 / 708) of the visits were completed within 15 working days. Although below target (90%), this is an improvement on Q2 2023/24 where 60.0% of visits occurred within timescale. Each month this year, workers have managed to complete over 90% of the visits within 15 days.

Children in Care: 286 children were in care as at September 2024, 20 (7.0%) of which are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people. 4 young people came into care after accepted by the Home Office as UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child) during Q2 2024/25. 10 further children, from 7 families, also came into care during this time. This is a significant decrease when compared with the 35 children (excluding UASC) who came into care in Q2 2023/24.

18 children and young people, from 13 families ceased to be in care in Q2 2024/25 3 of which were UASC and turned 18yrs becoming care leavers (3 of which were UASC).

Children in Care Reviews: 88.9% (16 / 18) of the initial CiC reviews have been carried out in timescale as at September 2024. 97.2% (206 / 212) of subsequent review have been carried out in timescale.

At the end of March 2024, to enable better quality reviews to be undertaken, the decision was taken by the Senior Leadership Team that if the Social Worker's report was not completed for the Child's Looked After Review, then the meeting would be rearranged. In Quarter 2, this decision has continued to impact on the number of reviews held within the required timescale, but we have seen a steady improvement since the previous quarter. This continues to be monitored through Performance Clinics.

Children in Care Statutory visits: 83.9% (636 / 758) of statutory visits for Children in Care (CiC) were completed in timescale in Q2 2024/25. This is an improved performance compared to Q2 2023/24 (80.0%) but remains below target (90%).

Children in Care Placements: 9.2% of our CiC, as of September 2024, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is positively below target (10%). Currently, 53.5% 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% target.

10.2% of our CiC have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as of September 2024, in line with our 10% target. 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: 57.1% of IHA's completed in Q2 2024/25 were completed within the required timescale of 5 days and 28.6% of those children received a health assessment within 20 days. The main reasons for the reduction in the number of children receiving their assessment within 20 days is due to cancelled appointment and medical professionals' availability.

Health and Dental Reviews: 84.7% of children due a review health assessment by September 2024 have had one completed and 53.8% of the children in care have an up-to-date health check. Currently only 2.4% of the children / young people are refusing to attend a health review.

35.9% of children due a dental health assessment by September 2024 have had one completed. Currently 5.1% of the children / 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.

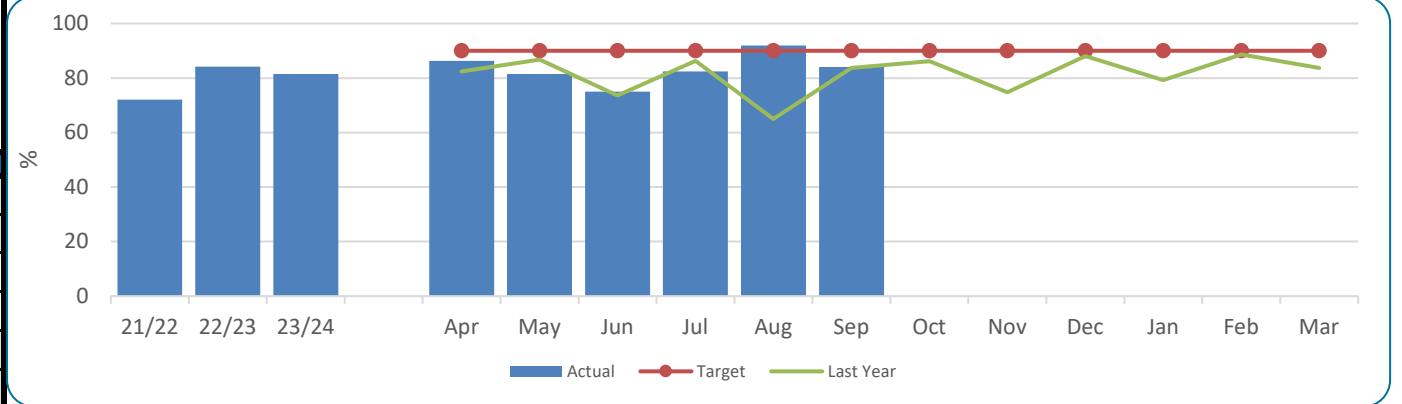
Care Leavers: 96.9% of our care leavers aged 19-21 and 96.4% of our care leavers aged 22-25 were in suitable accommodation at the end of September 2024. 21.9% of the young people, aged 19-21, were engaging in education including studies beyond A level, and 56.3% young people were in training or employment (32.8% in full time and 23.3% in part time). 10.7% young people, aged 22-25, were engaging in education including studies beyond A level and 64.3% young people were in training or employment (23.2% in full time and 41.1% in part time).

REFERRALS: TIMELINESS

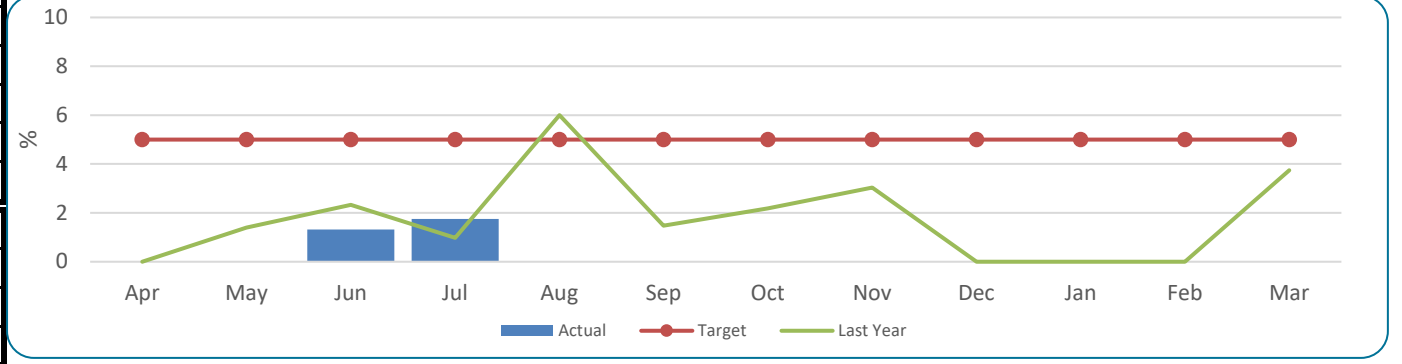
DEFINITION Percentage of referrals completed within 1 working day and over 3 working days. Referrals completed within 1 working day indicates that decisions regarding the services required are made in a timely manner to minimise drift and delay and to ensure that children are safe.

		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-24	86.3	
	May-24	81.5	
	Jun-24	75.0	1.3
	Jul-24	82.5	1.8
	Aug-24	91.9	
	Sep-24	84.1	
	Oct-24		
	Nov-24		
	Dec-24		
	Jan-25		
	Feb-25		
Mar-25			
Annual Trend	2021/22	72.1	5.6
	2022/23	84.1	0.8
	2023/24	81.4	1.7
	2024/25	82.8	0.5

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



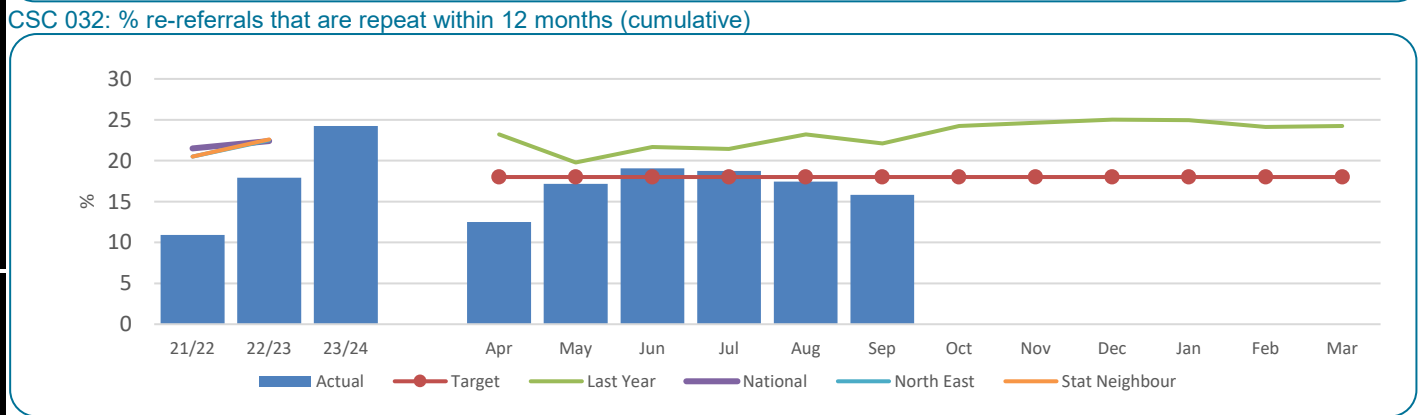
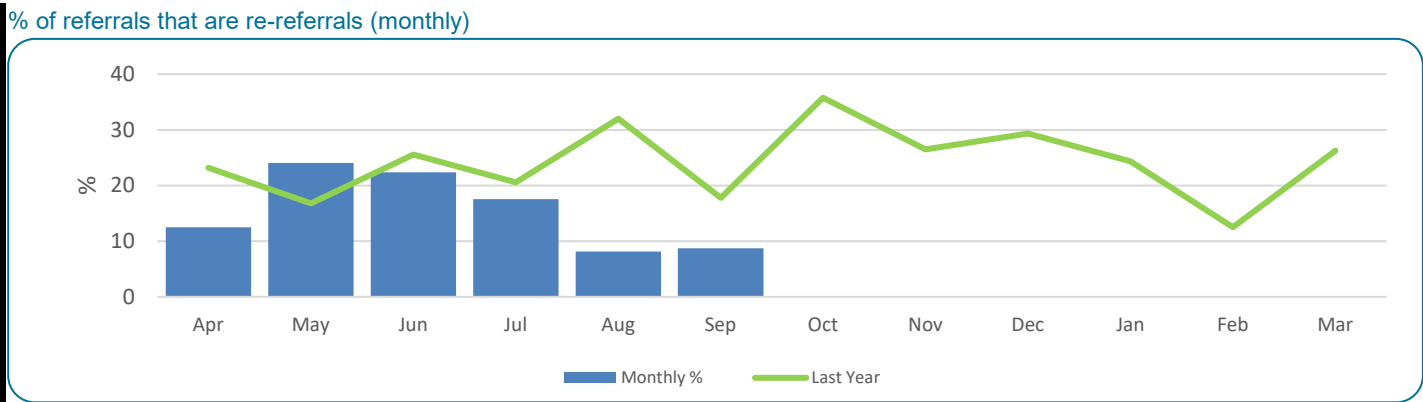
CSC 026: Monthly % of referrals completed in over 3 working days.



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.

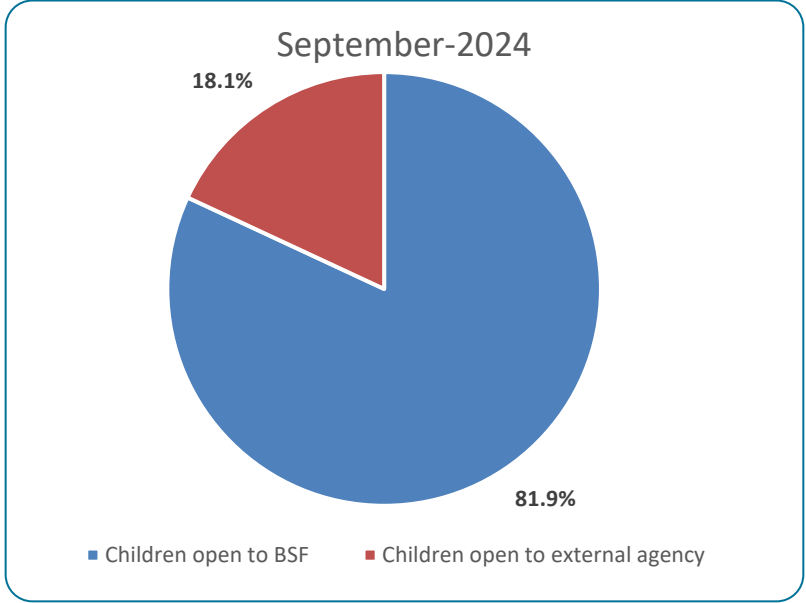
		CSC 034	CSC 032	
		Monthly number of re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months	% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (cumulative)	% of referrals that are re-referrals (monthly)
In Month Performance	Target		18%	
	Apr-24	10	12.5	12.5
	May-24	13	17.2	24.1
	Jun-24	17	19.1	22.4
	Jul-24	10	18.7	17.5
	Aug-24	3	17.4	8.1
	Sep-24	6	15.8	8.7
	Oct-24			
	Nov-24			
	Dec-24			
	Jan-25			
	Feb-25			
	Mar-25			
Annual Trend	2021/22	106	10.9	
	2022/23	286	17.9	
	2023/24	333	24.2	
	2024/25	59	15.8	



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.

		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-24	418	201	128	65	76.6%
	May-24	429	208	117	63	78.6%
	Jun-24	416	205	108	60	79.4%
	Jul-24	428	206	123	67	77.7%
	Aug-24	447	218	111	61	80.1%
	Sep-24	467	229	103	56	81.9%
	Oct-24					
	Nov-24					
	Dec-24					
	Jan-25					
	Feb-25					
	Mar-25					
Annual Trend	2021/22	411	191	73	35	84.9%
	2022/23	490	218	125	68	79.7%
	2023/24	423	197	125	64	77.2%
	2024/25	467	229	103	56	81.9%



EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS: STARTED

DEFINITION

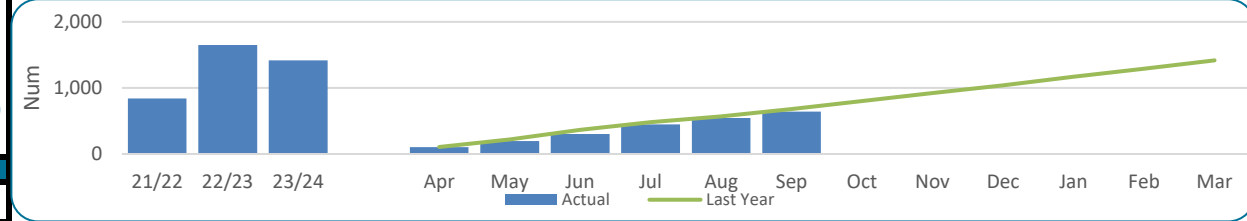
The number of individual Early Help Assessments (EHA) started in month and year to date, including those initiated by external agencies. The start date of the EHA is taken from the form created date in Liquid Logic and the start date of the external EHA is taken from the contact date when the agency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

CSC 002

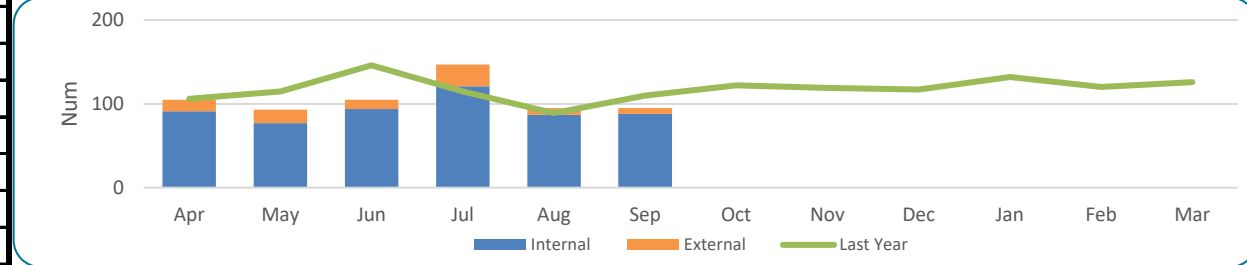
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Total number of individual EHA's started in month (inc. external)	Number and percentage of the EHA's initiated by external agencies per month	Number of individual EHA's started; year to date (inc. external)
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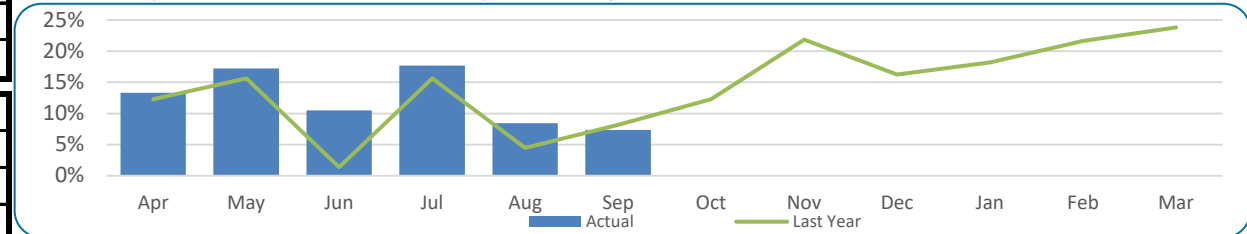
CSC 001: Number of individual EHA's started; year to date (inc. external)



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



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



In Month Performance	Target	TBC			
	Apr-24	105	14	13.3%	105
	May-24	93	16	17.2%	198
	Jun-24	105	11	10.5%	303
	Jul-24	147	26	17.7%	449
	Aug-24	95	8	8.4%	545
	Sep-24	95	7	7.4%	640
	Oct-24				
	Nov-24				
	Dec-24				
	Jan-25				
	Feb-25				
	Mar-25				

Annual Trend	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
	2024/25	640	82	12.8%	640

MISSING: EPISODES

DEFINITION	The number of episodes of children going missing in Darlington, including Children in Care,
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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-24	19	12	7	2		
	May-24	16	12	8	4		
	Jun-24	15	11	6	4	2	2
	Jul-24	23	12	9	4	3	2
	Aug-24	40	17	23	5	5	4
	Sep-24	28	13	16	3		
	Oct-24						
	Nov-24						
	Dec-24						
	Jan-25						
	Feb-25						
	Mar-25						
Annual Trend	2021/22	582	174	253	31	22	4
	2022/23	691	162	383	31	2	2
	2023/24	423	122	152	27	13	6
	2024/25	141	53	69	9	10	5

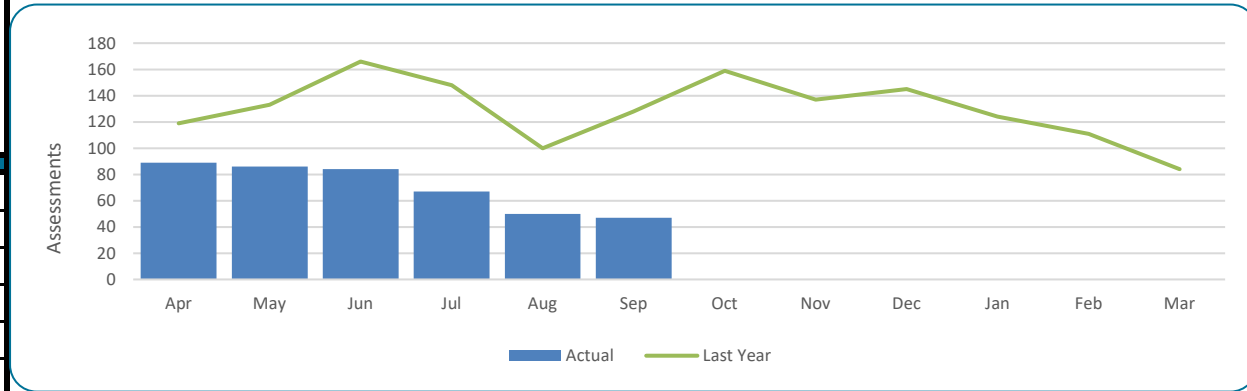
ASSESSMENTS

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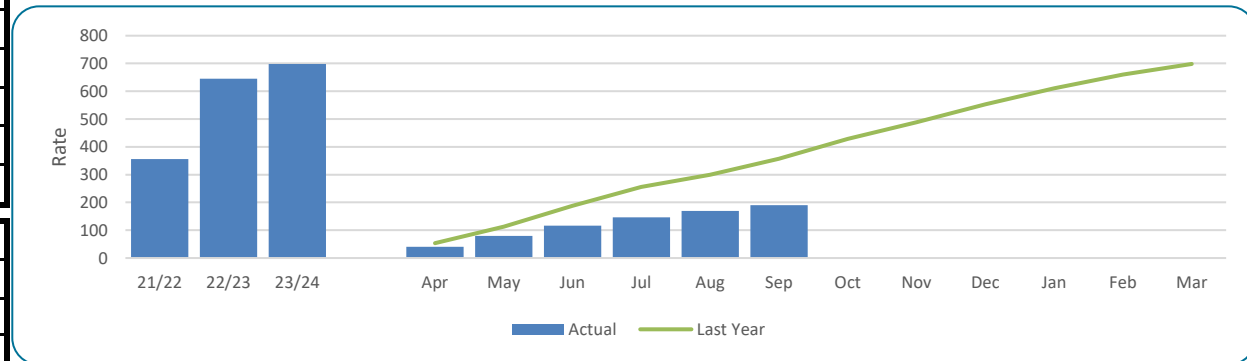
Monthly and cumulative number of Children & Families (C&F) assessments completed for a child.

	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-24	89	89	40.0
	May-24	86	177	79.5
	Jun-24	84	259	116.4
	Jul-24	67	326	146.5
	Aug-24	50	378	169.9
	Sep-24	47	423	190.1
	Oct-24			
	Nov-24			
	Dec-24			
	Jan-25			
	Feb-25			
	Mar-25			
Annual Trend	2021/22	806	806	356.1
	2022/23	1,461	1,461	645.5
	2023/24	1,554	1,554	698.3
	2024/25	423	423	190.1

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.

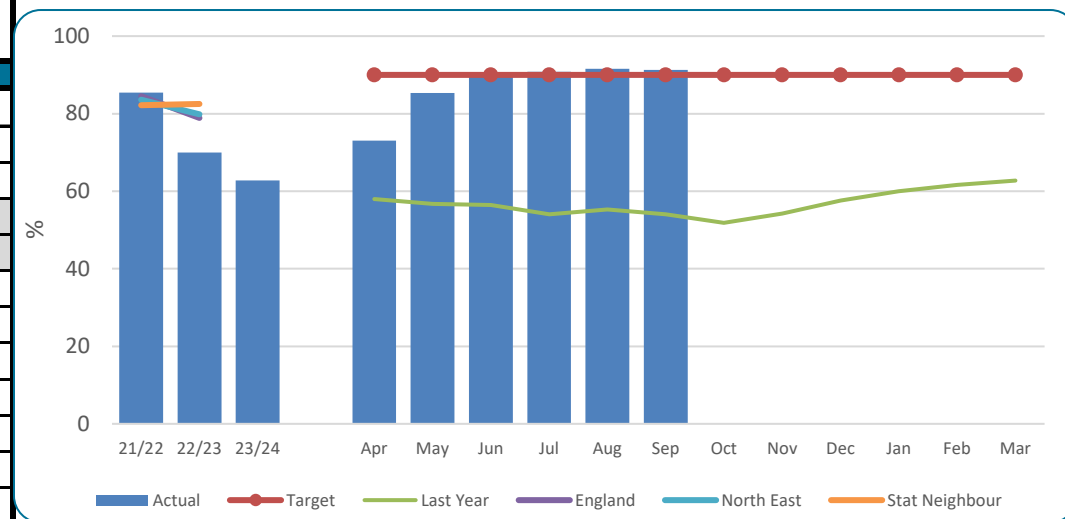


ASSESSMENTS: TIMELINESS

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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		CSC 038	CSC 040	CSC 060	CSC 080	CSC 100
		% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (year to date)	Monthly % completed within 45 working days	Monthly % completed within 25 working days	Monthly % completed within 15 working days	Monthly % completed within 10 working days
In Month Performance	Target	90%	90%			
	Apr-24	73.0	73.0	4.5	3.4	3.4
	May-24	85.3	97.7	7.0	3.5	1.2
	Jun-24	89.6	98.8	19.1	19.1	19.1
	Jul-24	90.8	95.5	3.0	3.0	
	Aug-24	91.5	96.0	6.0		
	Sep-24	91.3	89.4	4.3	4.3	4.3
	Oct-24					
	Nov-24					
	Dec-24					
	Jan-25					
	Feb-25					
	Mar-25					
Annual Trend	2021/22	85.4		17.4	7.6	5.3
	2022/23	70.0		30.3	18.6	13.8
	2023/24	62.7		11.9	9.5	1.2
	2024/25	91.3	89.4	4.3	4.3	4.3

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

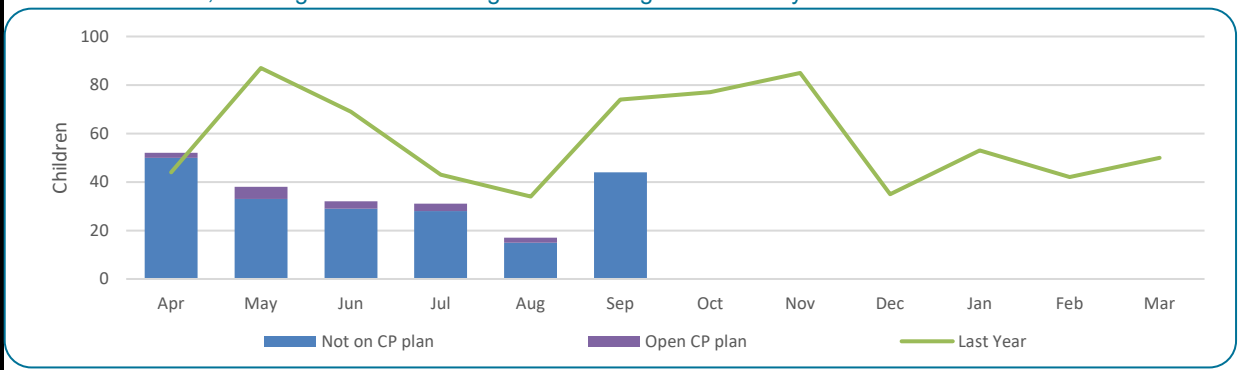


SECTION 47 ENQUIRES: STARTED

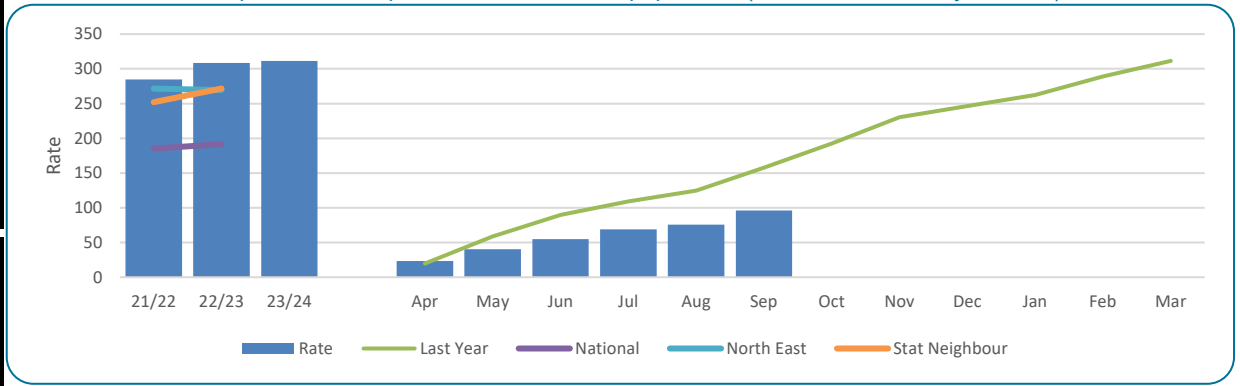
DEFINITION	Number of children who have had a section 47 enquiries started monthly and year to date and the actual number of enquires started.
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		CSC 166		CSC 164	
		Section 47 enquires started in the month	Number of children who had a section 47 enquiry	Of which also had an open CPP plan	Rate of section 47 enquiries started per 10,000 of the 0-17 population (Cumulative)
In Month Performance	Apr-24	28	52	2	23.4
	May-24	21	38	5	40.4
	Jun-24	18	32	3	54.8
	Jul-24	15	31	3	68.8
	Aug-24	14	17	2	75.5
	Sep-24	20	44		96.2
	Oct-24				
	Nov-24				
	Dec-24				
	Jan-25				
	Feb-25				
	Mar-25				
Annual Trend	2021/22	317	633	14	284.5
	2022/23	351	681	30	308.3
	2023/24	372	693	22	311.4
	2024/25	116	214	15	96.2

Number of children; showing the total including and excluding those already on CPP



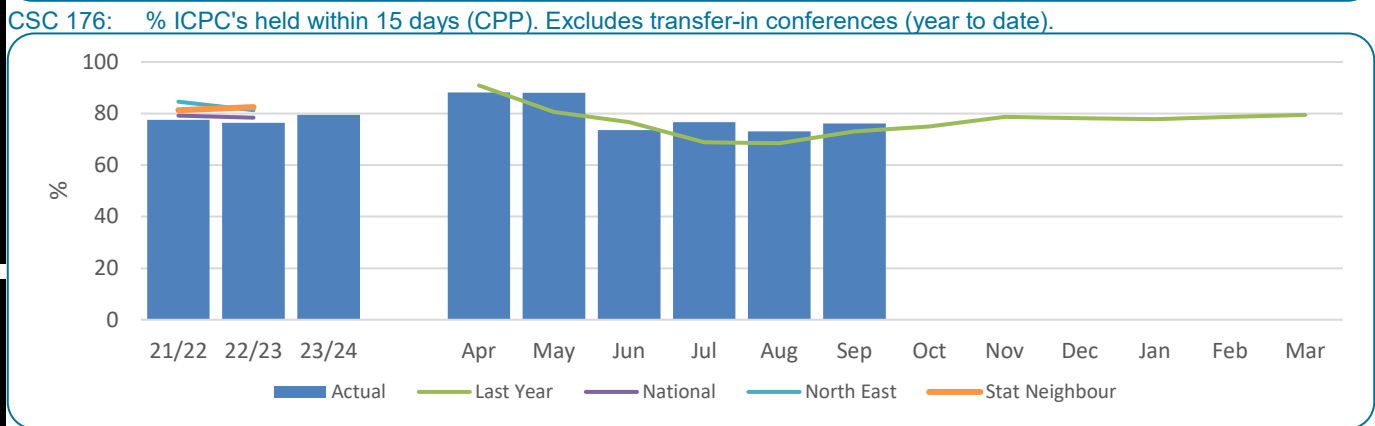
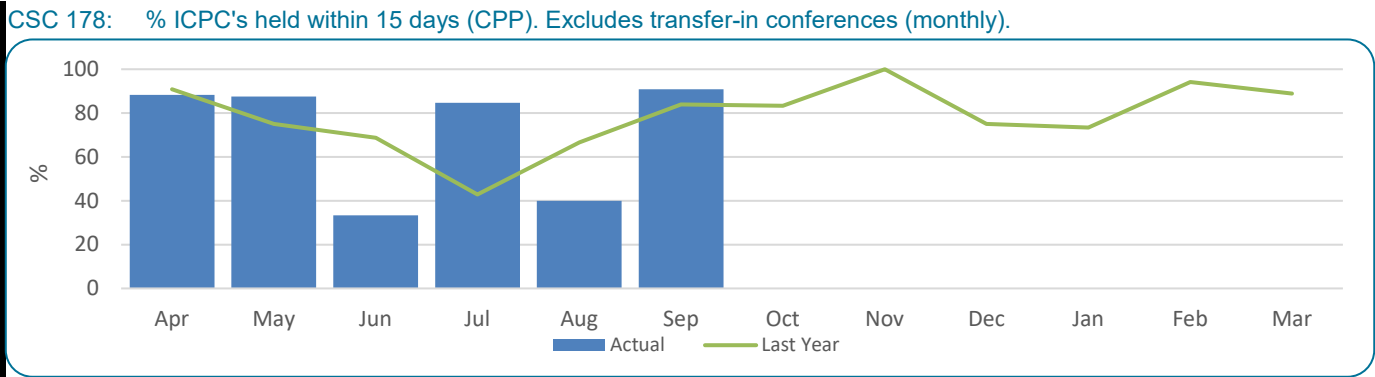
Rate of section 47 enquiries started per 10,000 of the 0-17 population (inc. children already on CPP)



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.

		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-24	15 / 17	88.2	15 / 17	88.2
	May-24	7 / 8	87.5	22 / 25	88.0
	Jun-24	3 / 9	33.3	25 / 34	73.5
	Jul-24	11 / 13	84.6	36 / 47	76.6
	Aug-24	2 / 5	40.0	38 / 52	73.1
	Sep-24	10 / 11	90.9	48 / 63	76.2
	Oct-24				
	Nov-24				
	Dec-24				
	Jan-25				
	Feb-25				
Mar-25					
Annual Trend	2021/22			135 / 174	77.5
	2022/23			119 / 156	76.4
	2023/24			171 / 215	79.5
	2024/25	48 / 63	76.2	48 / 63	76.2

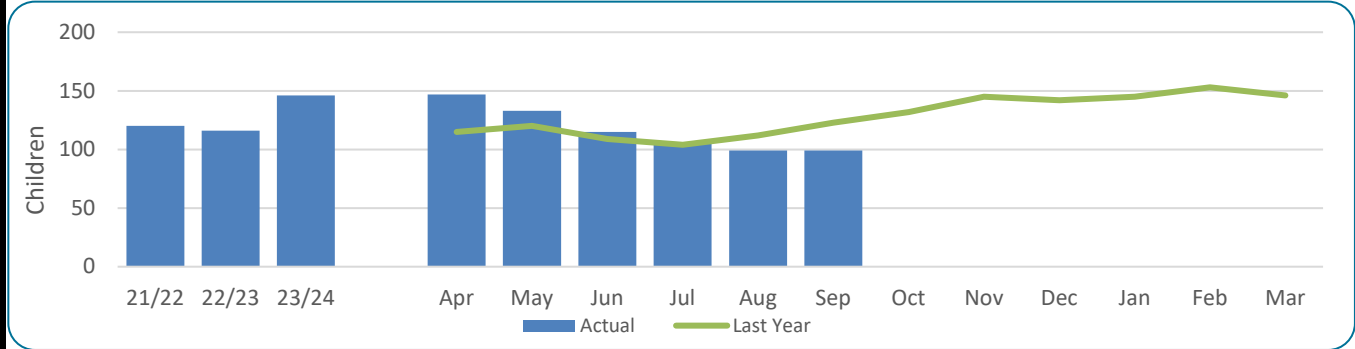


CHILD PROTECTION PLANS

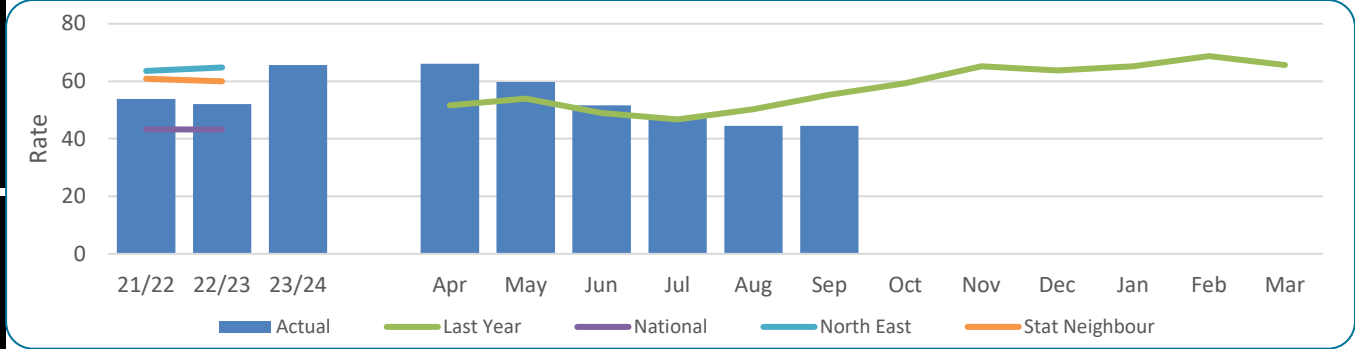
DEFINITION	Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.
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		CSC 182	CSC 181
		Number of children subject to a CP plan	Rate of children subject to a CP Plan per 10,000 population
In Month Performance	Apr-24	147	66.1
	May-24	133	59.8
	Jun-24	115	51.7
	Jul-24	106	47.6
	Aug-24	99	44.5
	Sep-24	99	44.5
	Oct-24		
	Nov-24		
	Dec-24		
	Jan-25		
	Feb-25		
	Mar-25		
	Annual Trend	2021/22	120
2022/23		116	52.1
2023/24		146	65.6
2024/25		99	44.5

CSC 182: Number of children subject to a CP plan



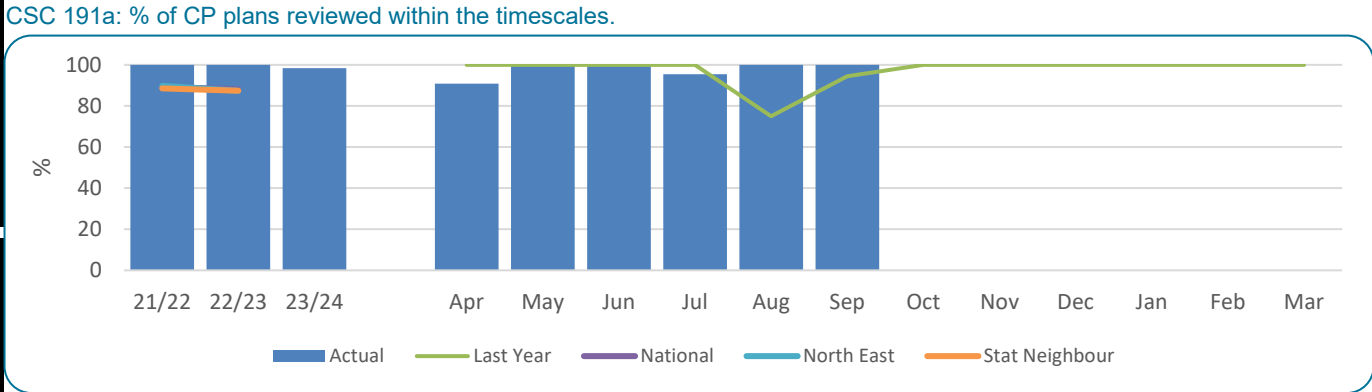
CSC 181: Rate of children subject to a CP Plan per 10,000 population



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.

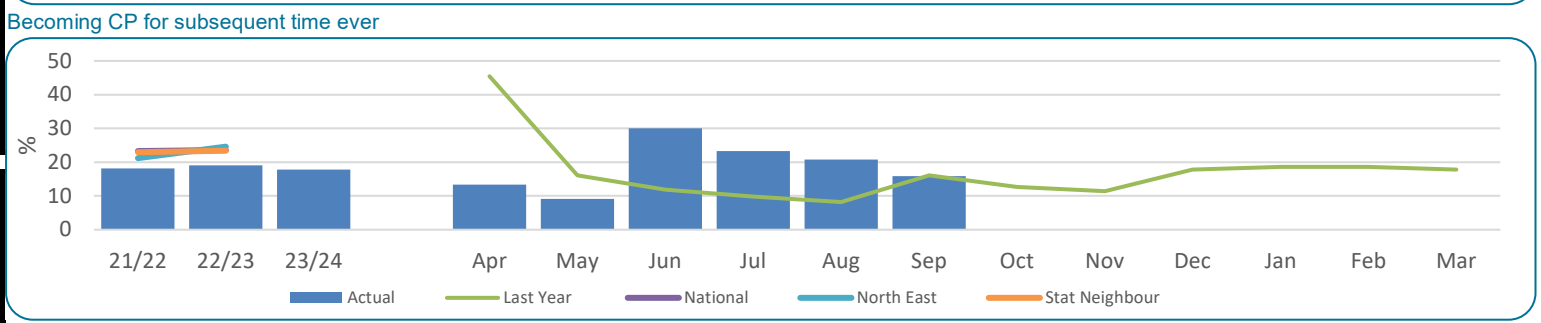
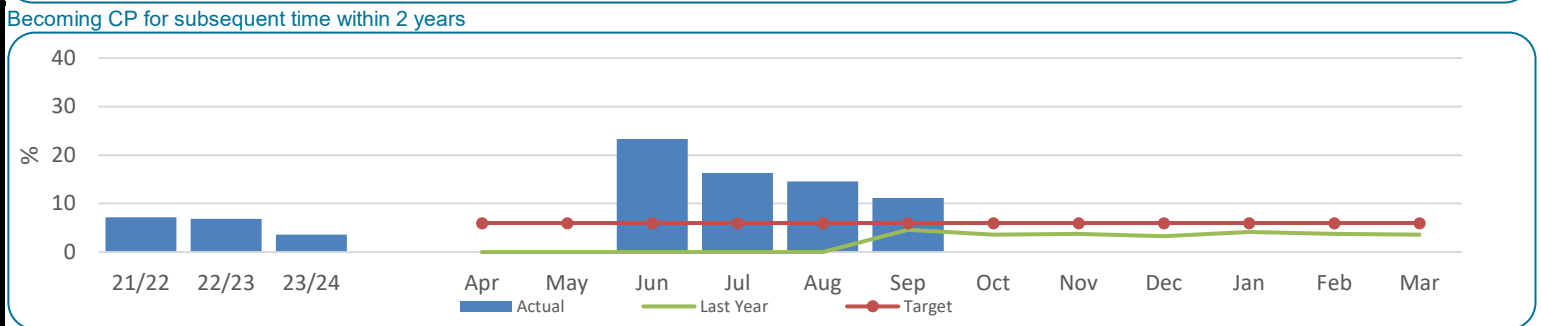
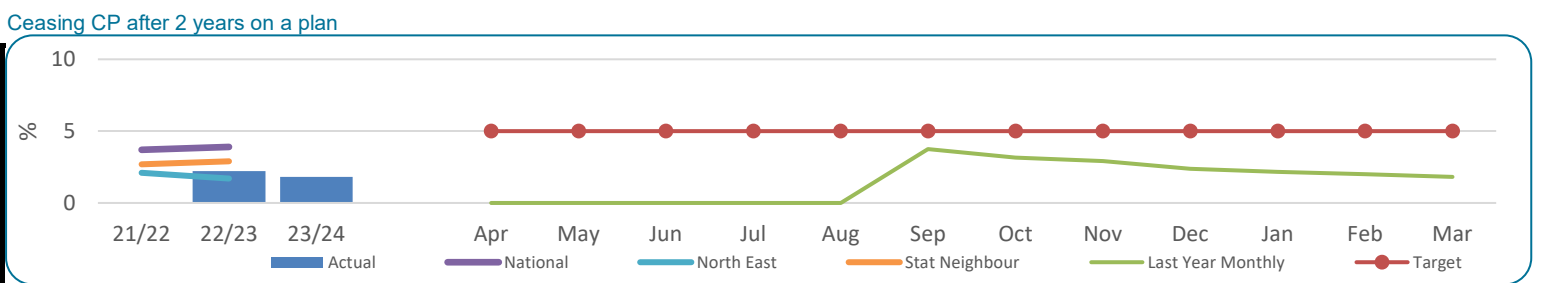
		CSC 183	CSC 191a	
		% of children with a CP plan allocated to a qualified social worker	CP plan review meetings held in timescale during the month	% of CP plans reviewed within the timescales.
In Month Performance	Target	100		100
	Apr-24	100.0	10 / 11	90.9
	May-24	100.0	18 / 18	100.0
	Jun-24	100.0	17 / 17	100.0
	Jul-24	100.0	21 / 22	95.5
	Aug-24	100.0	9 / 9	100.0
	Sep-24	100.0	16 / 16	100.0
	Oct-24			
	Nov-24			
	Dec-24			
	Jan-25			
	Feb-25			
Mar-25				
Annual Trend	2021/22	100.0	159 / 159	100.0
	2022/23	100.0	155 / 155	100.0
	2023/24	100.0	193 / 196	98.5
	2024/25	100.0	91 / 93	97.8



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.

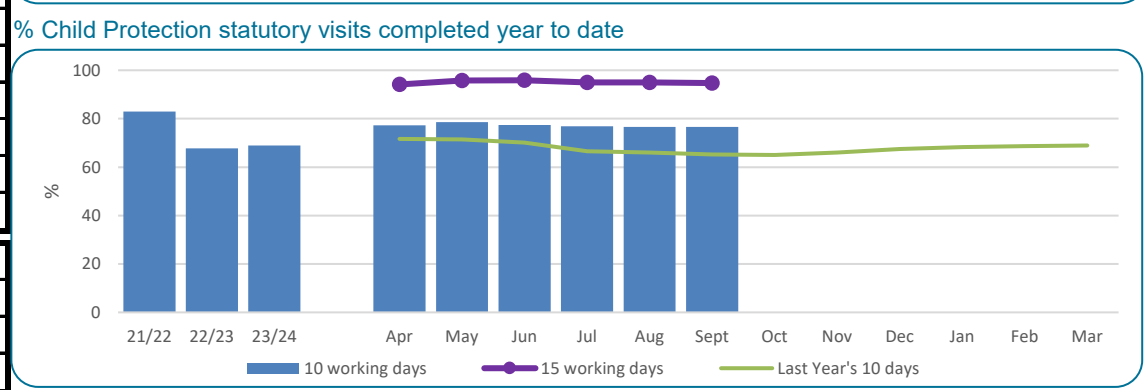
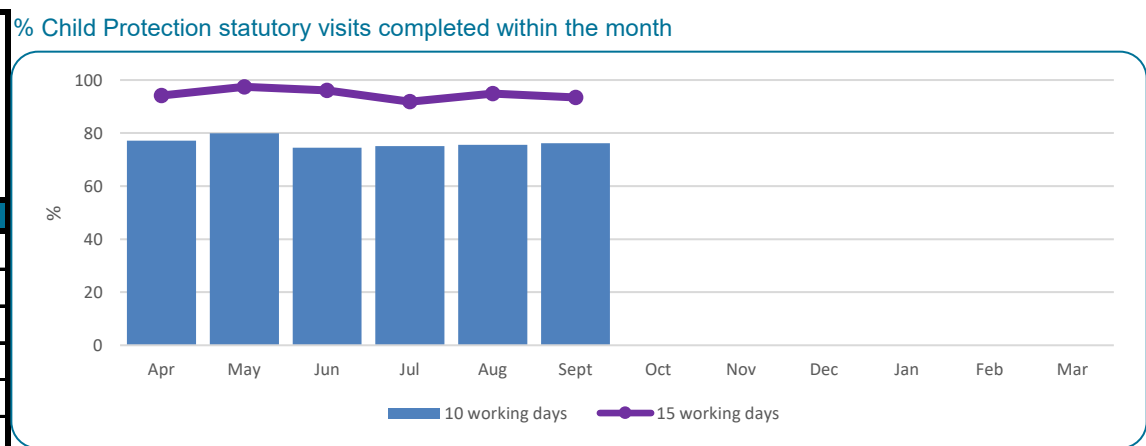
		CSC 186		CSC 188			
		% children ceasing a CP plan who had been subject to CP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)		% of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending (Cumulative)		% of children becoming subject to a CP plan for a 2nd or subsequent time ever (Cumulative)	
In Month Performance	Target		5%		6%		
	Apr-24	0 / 14	0.0	0 / 15	0.0	2 / 15	13.3
	May-24	0 / 34	0.0	0 / 22	0.0	2 / 22	9.1
	Jun-24	0 / 60	0.0	7 / 30	23.3	9 / 30	30.0
	Jul-24	0 / 82	0.0	7 / 43	16.3	10 / 43	23.3
	Aug-24	0 / 94	0.0	7 / 48	14.6	10 / 48	20.8
	Sep-24	0 / 94	0.0	7 / 63	11.1	10 / 63	15.9
	Oct-24						
	Nov-24						
	Dec-24						
	Jan-25						
	Feb-25						
	Mar-25						
Annual Trend	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
	2024/25	0 / 94	0.0	7 / 63	11.1	10 / 63	15.9



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.

		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-24	77.2	94.1	77.2	94.1
	May-24	79.9	97.4	78.6	95.8
	Jun-24	74.5	96.0	77.5	95.9
	Jul-24	75.1	91.8	76.9	94.9
	Aug-24	75.5	94.9	76.7	94.9
	Sep-24	76.2	93.5	76.6	94.7
	Oct-24				
	Nov-24				
	Dec-24				
	Jan-25				
	Feb-25				
	Mar-25				
Annual Trend	2021/22			82.9	96.8
	2022/23			67.8	90.0
	2023/24			69.0	90.4
	2024/25	76.2	93.5	76.6	94.7

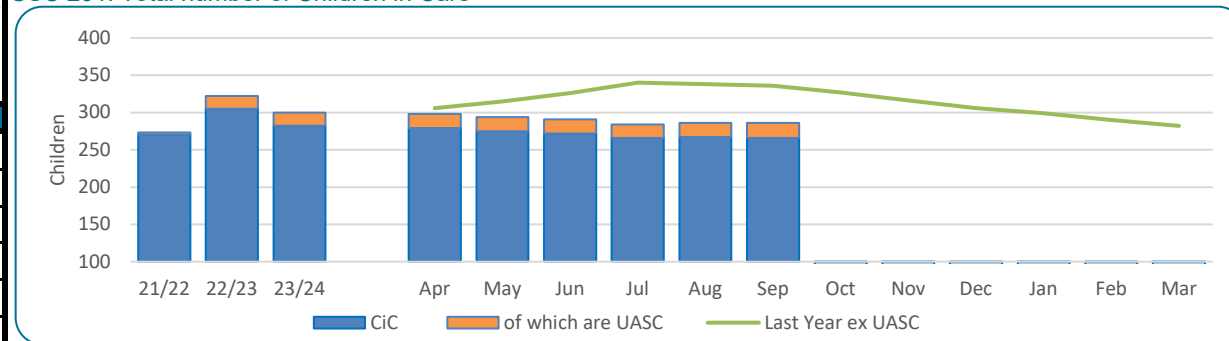


CHILDREN IN CARE

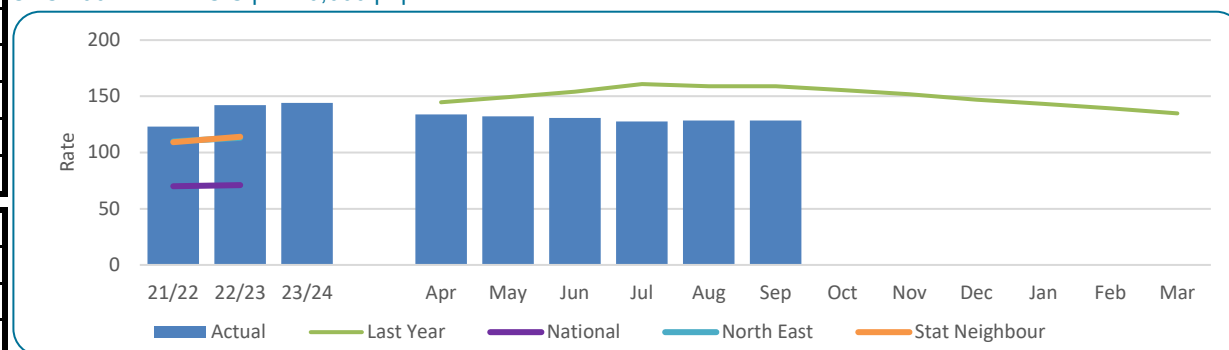
DEFINITION Number of Children in Care (CiC) at the end of each month and of which are Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child (UASC).

		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-24	298	19	133.9
	May-24	294	19	132.1
	Jun-24	291	19	130.8
	Jul-24	284	18	127.6
	Aug-24	286	19	128.5
	Sep-24	286	20	128.5
	Oct-24			
	Nov-24			
	Dec-24			
	Jan-25			
	Feb-25			
	Mar-25			
Annual Trend	2021/22	273	3	123.0
	2022/23	322	17	142.3
	2023/24	300	18	134.8
	2024/25	286	20	128.5

CSC 201: Total number of Children in Care



CSC 200: Rate of CiC per 10,000 population

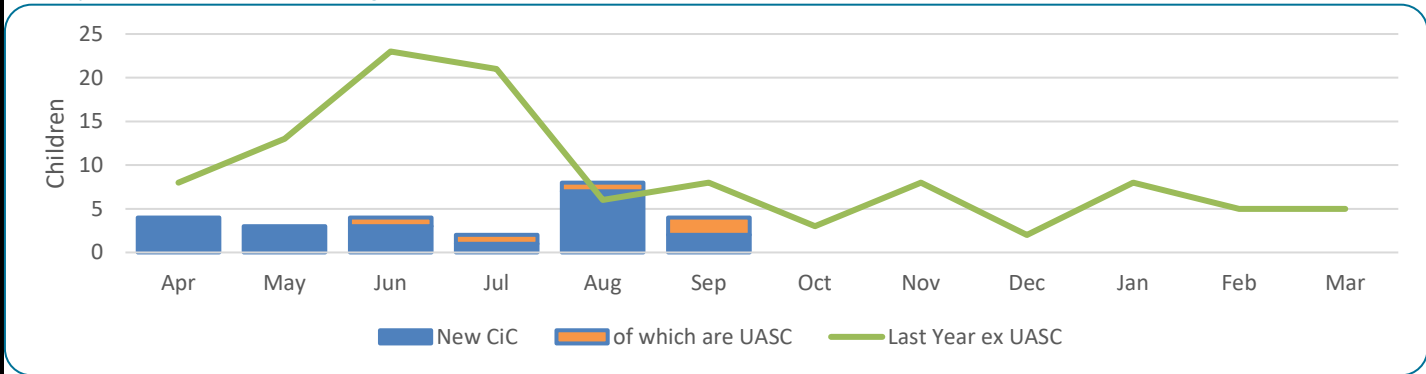


CHILDREN IN CARE: COMING INTO CARE

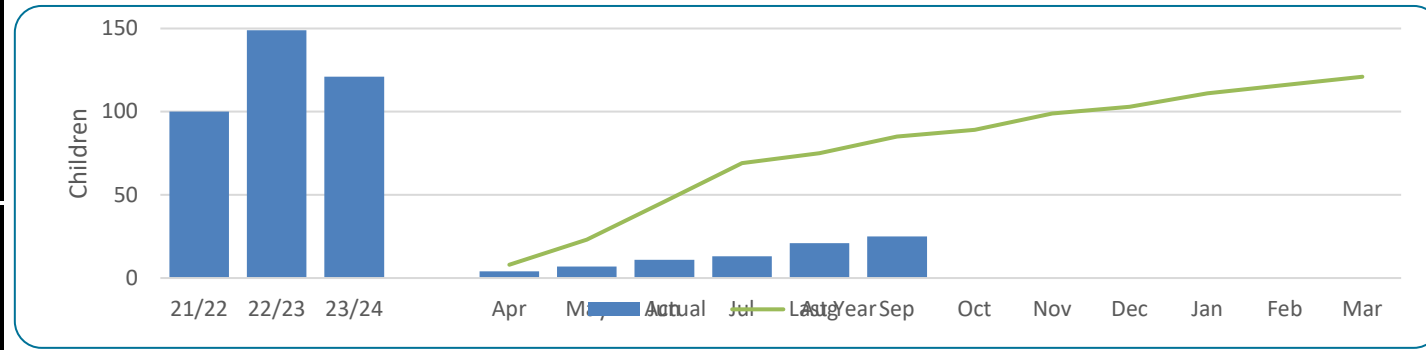
DEFINITION Number of children coming into the care of the local authority during the month and year to date and where they are an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC). This is further broken down to show their first placement type.

		CSC 209	CSC 208b	
		Monthly number of children coming into care	Cumulative number of children coming into care	of which are UASC
In Month Performance	Apr-24	4	4	
	May-24	3	7	
	Jun-24	4	11	1
	Jul-24	2	13	1
	Aug-24	8	21	1
	Sep-24	4	25	2
	Oct-24			
	Nov-24			
	Dec-24			
	Jan-25			
Feb-25				
Mar-25				
Annual Trend	2021/22	100	100	2
	2022/23	149	149	18
	2023/24	121	121	11
	2024/25	25	25	5

Monthly number of children coming into care



Total number of children coming into care within the year

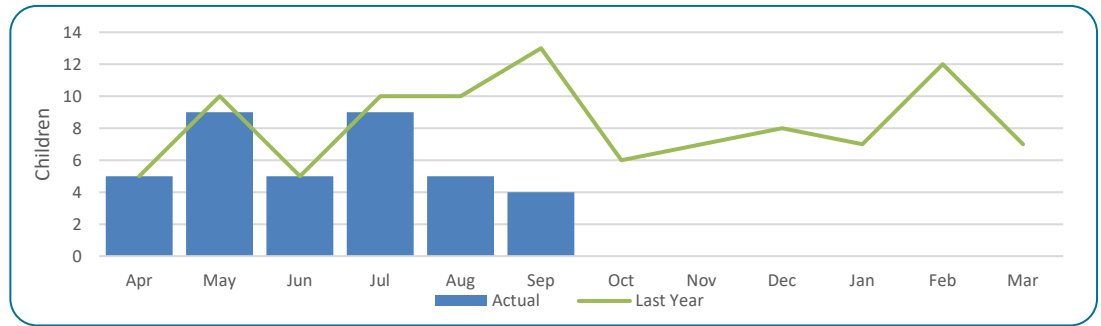


CHILDREN IN CARE: CEASING CARE

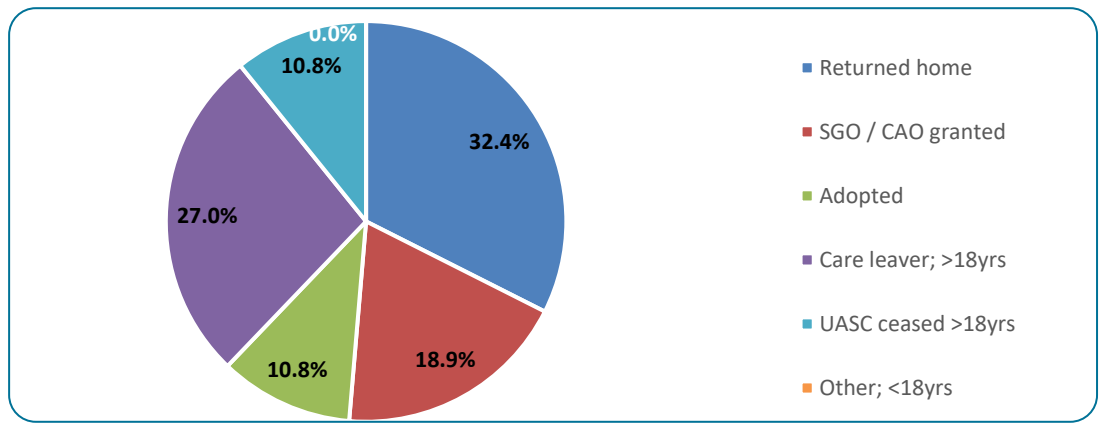
DEFINITION Number of children ceasing to be a Child in Care during each month and year to date and their destination when they ceased being in care. This could be due to returning home to parent or other person with no PR (planned and unplanned), having a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) / Child Arrangement 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.

		CSC 212	CSC 211
		Monthly number of children ceasing care	Cumulative number of children ceasing care
In Month Performance	Apr-24	5	5
	May-24	9	14
	Jun-24	5	19
	Jul-24	9	28
	Aug-24	5	33
	Sep-24	4	37
	Oct-24		
	Nov-24		
	Dec-24		
	Jan-25		
	Feb-25		
	Mar-25		
Annual Trend	2021/22	99	99
	2022/23	100	100
	2023/24	143	143
	2024/25	37	37

CSC 212: Monthly number of children ceasing care



Cumulative reason for children ceasing care



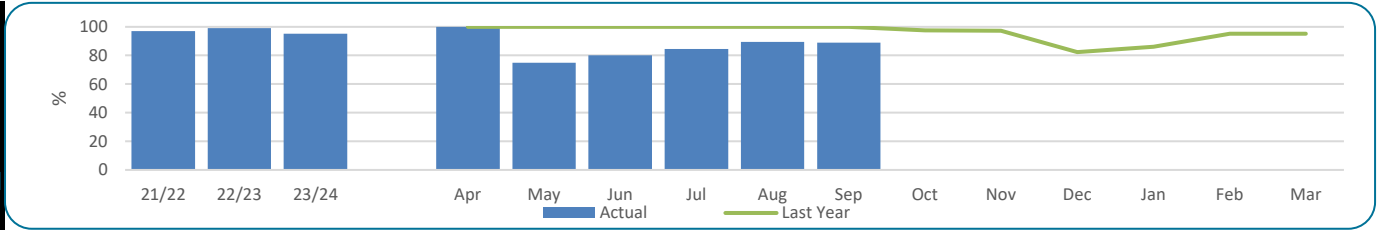
CHILDREN IN CARE: REVIEWS

DEFINITION

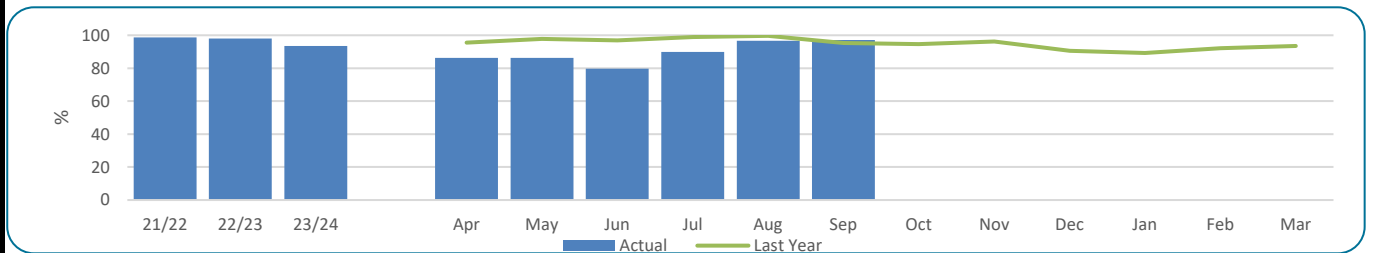
The purpose of the review is to consider the plan for the child's welfare, to monitor the progress of the plan and amend it as necessary in light of changed information and circumstances. The statutory intervals are within 20 working days of placement, then within 3 months and 6 monthly thereafter, but reviews may be rescheduled or held inside these intervals if there are significant changes to the child's care plan..Percentage of the current Children in Care (CiC) who have had their initial review, and all of their subsequent reviews completed within the required timescales.

		CSC 219		CSC 218		CSC 220		
		% CiC initial reviews completed within timescales (as at month end)		% CiC reviews had been completed within required timescales (as at month end)		% CiC subsequent reviews completed within timescales		
		Target	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
In Month Performance	Apr-24	4 / 4	4	100.0	63 / 73	86.3	57 / 67	85.1
	May-24	6 / 8	6	75.0	114 / 132	86.4	106 / 123	86.2
	Jun-24	8 / 10	8	80.0	125 / 157	79.6	121 / 149	81.2
	Jul-24	11 / 13	11	84.6	189 / 210	90.0	183 / 201	91.0
	Aug-24	17 / 19	17	89.5	208 / 215	96.7	151 / 152	99.3
	Sep-24	16 / 18	16	88.9	206 / 212	97.2	151 / 152	99.3
	Oct-24							
	Nov-24							
	Dec-24							
	Jan-25							
	Feb-25							
	Mar-25							
	Annual Trend	2021/22	68 / 70	68	97.1	243 / 246	98.8	225 / 226
2022/23		104 / 105	104	99.1	297 / 303	98.0	278 / 282	98.6
2023/24		59 / 62	59	95.2	271 / 290	93.5	260 / 278	93.5
2024/25		16 / 18	16	88.9	206 / 212	97.2	151 / 152	99.3

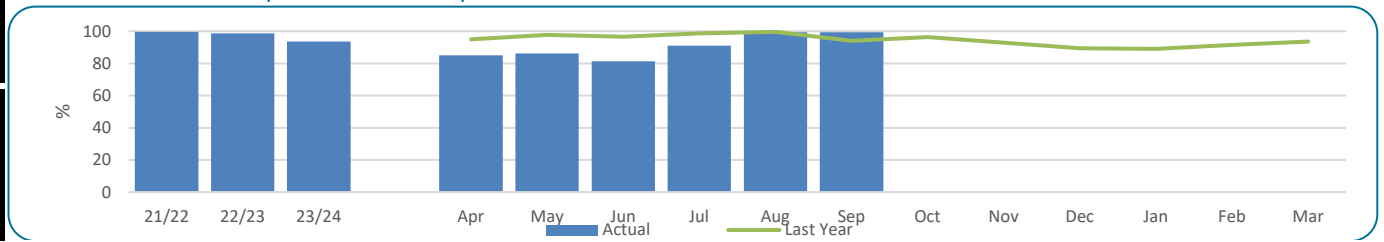
CSC 219: % CiC initial reviews completed within timescales (as at month end)



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



CSC 220: % CiC subsequent reviews completed within timescales

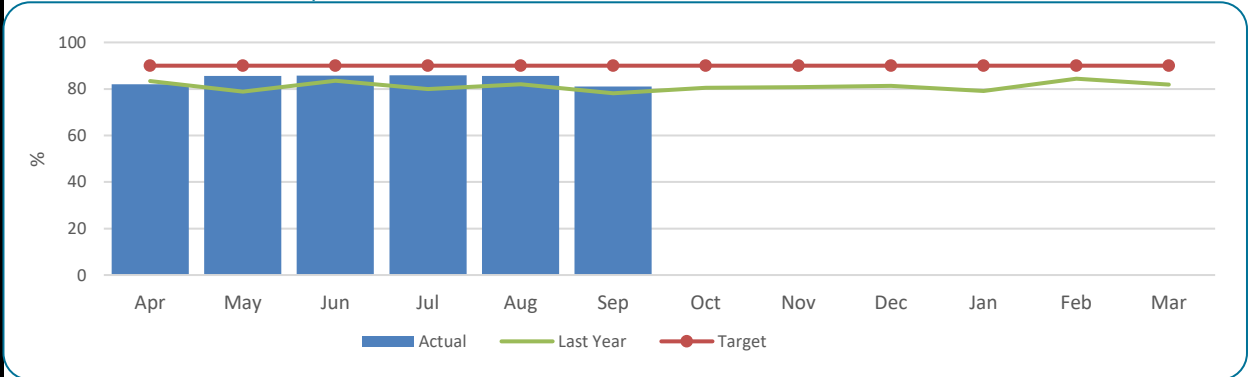


CHILDREN IN CARE: STATUTORY VISITS

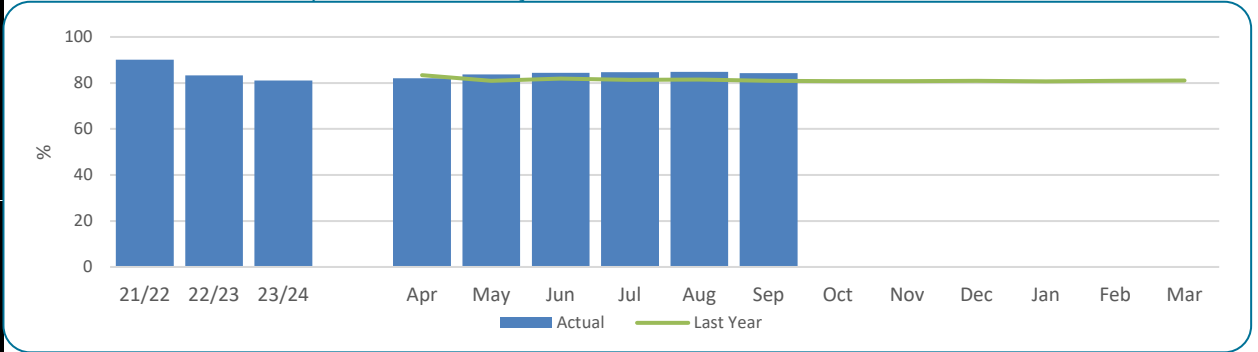
DEFINITION	Percentage of Children in Care (CiC) who had all statutory visits completed within required timescales each month and year to date.
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		CSC 260a	CSC 260b
		% CiC visits completed in timescale within the month	% CiC visits completed in timescale year to date
In Month Performance	Target	90	90
	Apr-24	82.1	82.1
	May-24	85.6	83.7
	Jun-24	85.8	84.4
	Jul-24	85.9	84.7
	Aug-24	85.6	84.9
	Sep-24	81.1	84.3
	Oct-24		
	Nov-24		
	Dec-24		
	Jan-25		
	Feb-25		
	Mar-25		
Annual Trend	2021/22		90.1
	2022/23		83.4
	2023/24		81.0
	2024/25	81.1	84.3

CSC 260a: % CiC visits completed in timescale within the month



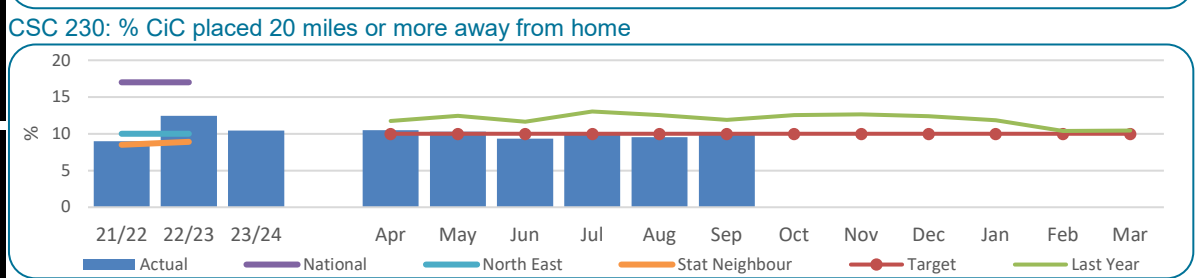
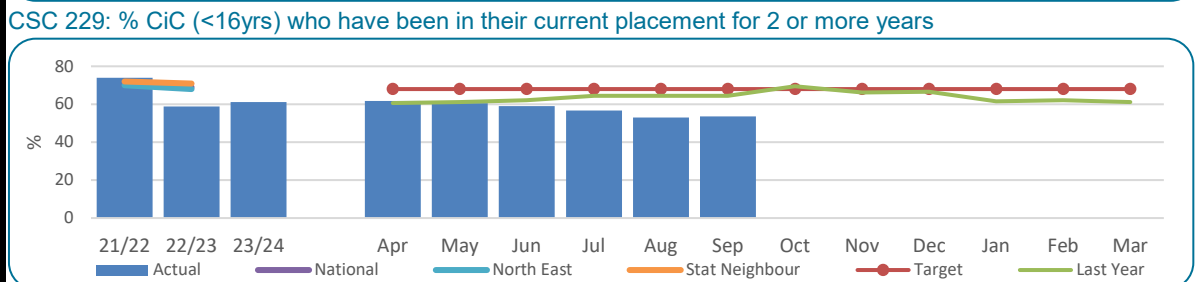
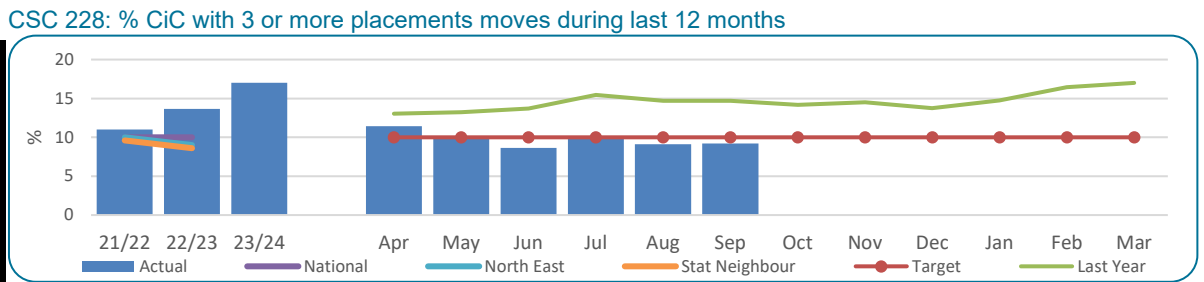
CSC 260b: % CiC visits completed in timescale year to date



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.

		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%	
		Children	%	Children	%	Children	%
	Apr-24	34	11.4	79	61.7	29	10.5
	May-24	29	9.9	75	60.5	28	10.3
	Jun-24	25	8.7	72	59.0	25	9.3
	Jul-24	28	9.9	67	56.8	26	10.0
	Aug-24	26	9.1	62	53.0	25	9.5
	Sep-24	27	9.2	68	53.5	27	10.2
	Oct-24						
	Nov-24						
	Dec-24						
	Jan-25						
	Feb-25						
Mar-25							
Annual Trend	2021/22	30	11.0	88.0	74.0	25.0	9.0
	2022/23	44	13.7	74	58.7	37	12.5
	2023/24	51	17.0	77	61.1	29	10.4
	2024/25	27	9.2	68	53.5	27	10.2

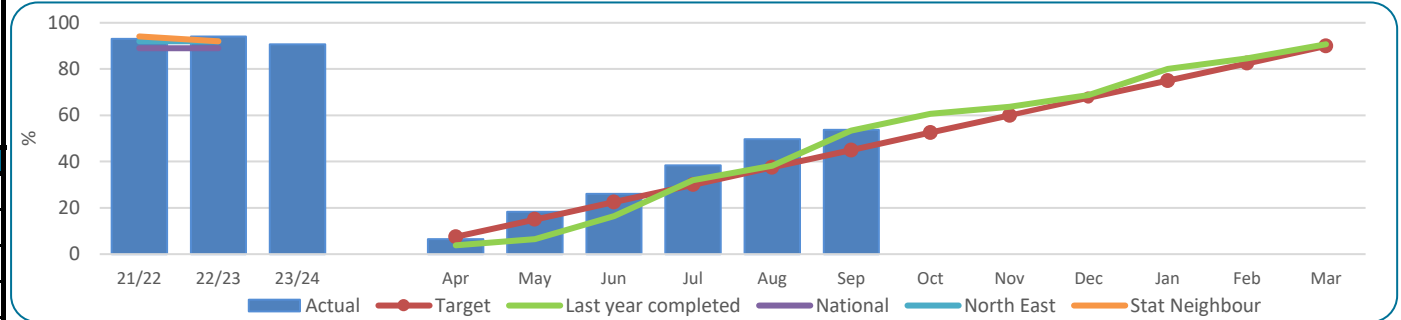


CHILDREN IN CARE: HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

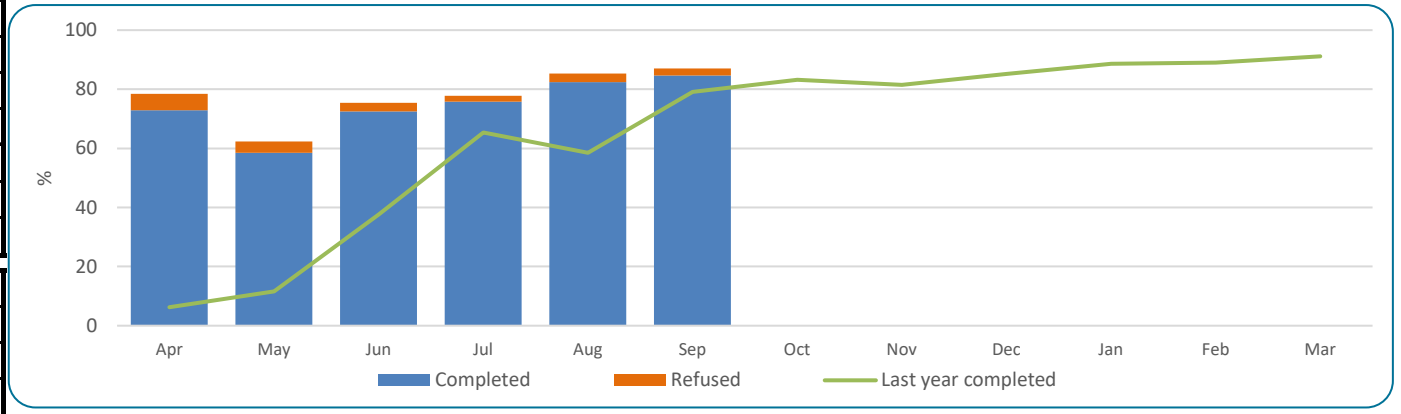
DEFINITION Of the Children in Care (CiC) at 31 March who had been in care continuously for at least 12 months, the percentage who have had their Review Health Assessment (RHA) completed and the percentage who have an up to date Health Check (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March). Children 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.

		CSC 250	CSC 250b	
		% of CiC who have an up to date health checks	% of CiC refusing engagement in their review health check (YTD)	% of CiC who are due and had a review health check completed (year to date)
In Month Performance	Target	90%		90%
	Apr-24	6.4	5.6	72.9
	May-24	18.3	3.8	58.5
	Jun-24	26.0	2.9	72.5
	Jul-24	38.5	2.0	75.8
	Aug-24	49.6	2.9	82.4
	Sep-24	53.8	2.4	84.7
	Oct-24			
	Nov-24			
	Dec-24			
	Jan-25			
	Feb-25			
	Mar-25			
Annual Trend	2021/22	93.0	3.7	91.6
	2022/23	94.0	1.6	83.3
	2023/24	90.7	1.3	91.1
	2024/25	53.8	2.4	84.7

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

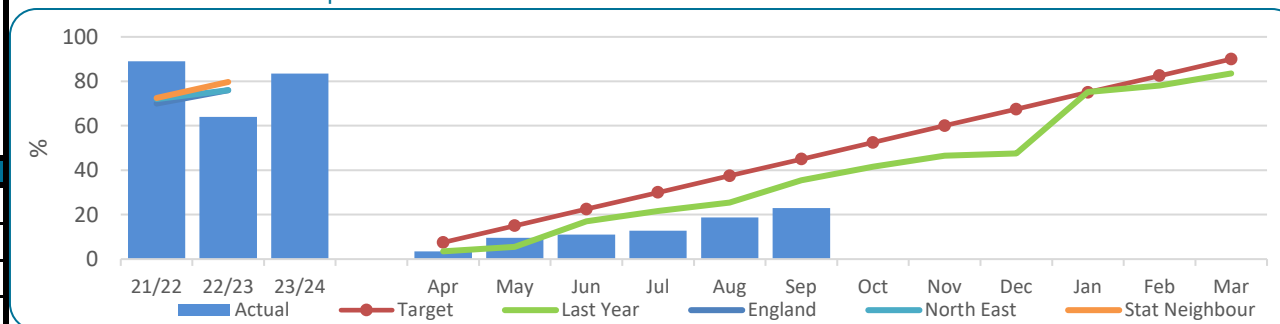
Of the Children in Care (CiC) at 31 March who had been in care continuously for at least 12 months, the percentage who had had their teeth checked by a dentist during the previous 12 months, and the percentage who had had an annual health check during the previous 12 months (excludes any who will turn 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.

CSC 251

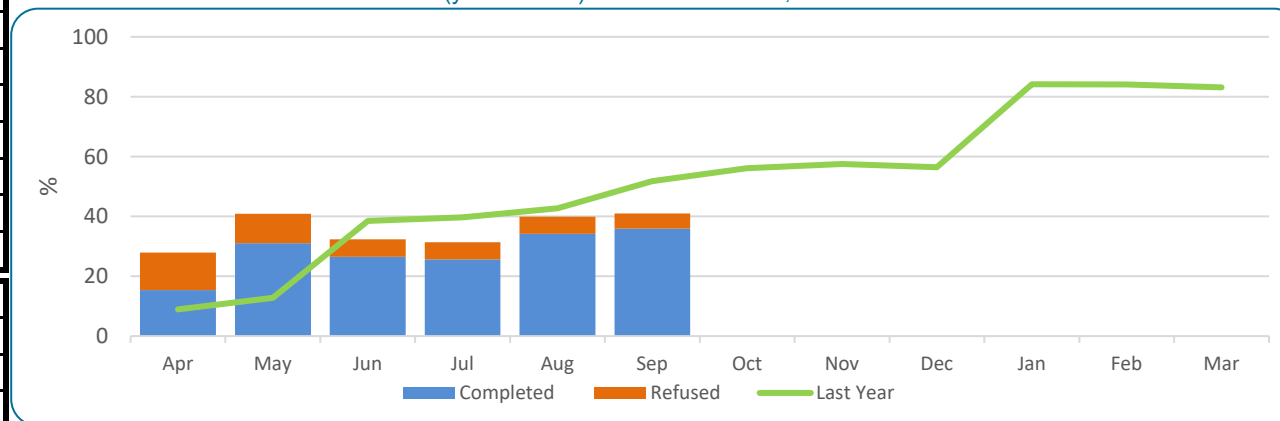
CSC 251d

		% of CiC who have an up to date dental check	% of CiC refusing engagement in their dental check (YTD)	% of CiC who are due and had a dental check completed (year to date)
Target		90%		90%
Apr-24		3.4	12.5	15.4
May-24		9.7	9.9	31.0
Jun-24		11.0	5.9	26.5
Jul-24		12.8	5.8	25.6
Aug-24		18.8	5.7	34.2
Sep-24		22.9	5.1	35.9
Oct-24				
Nov-24				
Dec-24				
Jan-25				
Feb-25				
Mar-25				

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



Annual Trend

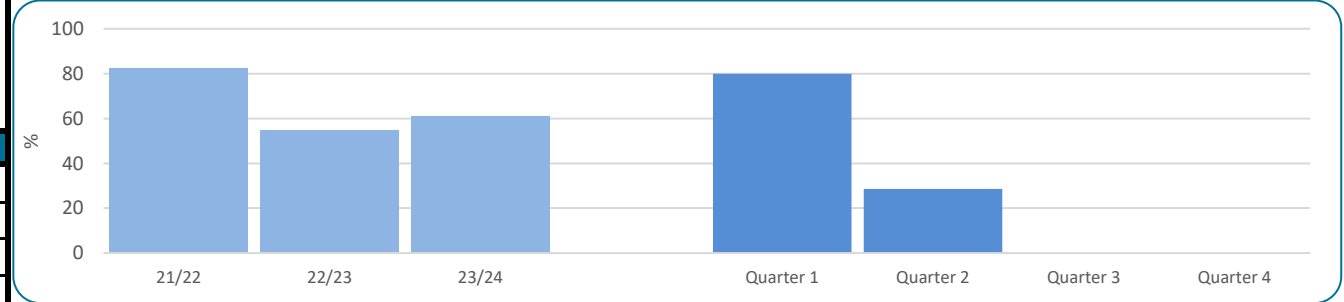
2021/22	89.0	2.6	83.7
2022/23	64.0	1.4	47.7
2023/24	83.5	3.0	83.1
2024/25	22.9	5.1	35.9

CHILDREN IN CARE: INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

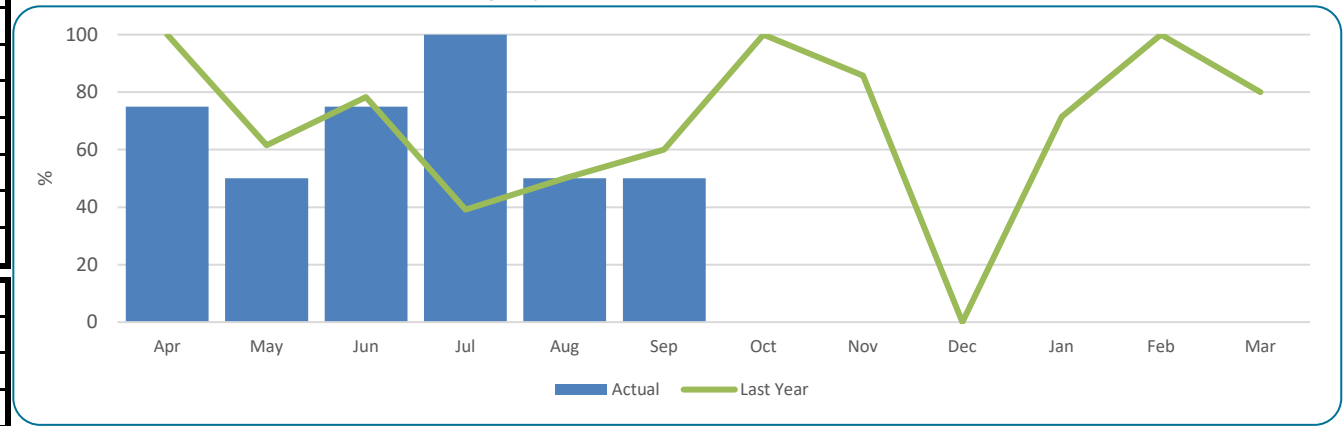
DEFINITION Percentage of Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of a child coming into our care year to date (data from Health), and percentage of IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days. This excludes children / young people coming into care due to being remand or UASC.

		Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)	IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days
In Month Performance	Target	95	
	Apr-24		3 / 4
	May-24		1 / 2
	Jun-24	8 / 10	3 / 4
	Jul-24		2 / 2
	Aug-24		4 / 8
	Sep-24	4 / 14	2 / 4
	Oct-24		
	Nov-24		
	Dec-24		
	Jan-25		
	Feb-25		
	Mar-25		
Annual Trend	2021/22	82.1%	89.4%
	2022/23	54.5%	72.4%
	2023/24	60.7%	65.5%
	2024/25	50.0%	62.5%

Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)



IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days



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.

		CSC 286		CSC 294	
		19-21 year olds		22-25 year olds	
		% Care leavers in suitable accommodation	% Care leavers NEET	% Care leavers in suitable accommodation	% Care leavers NEET
In Month Performance	Target	90%	30%		
	Apr-24	100.0	21.2	96.8	21.0
	May-24	95.4	18.5	96.6	16.9
	Jun-24	93.8	23.4	96.5	17.5
	Jul-24	95.2	25.8	96.4	19.6
	Aug-24	95.3	25.0	94.6	25.0
	Sep-24	96.9	21.9	96.4	25.0
	Oct-24				
	Nov-24				
	Dec-24				
	Jan-25				
	Feb-25				
Mar-25					
Annual Trend	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
	2024/25	96.9	21.9	96.4	25.0

