



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Children's Social Care Performance Report

March 2025 YE 2024/25

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Year end 2024-25 Performance Summary

Referrals: A total of 962 children had a referral to social care in 2024/25, a -29.9% reduction on the 1,374 children referred during 2023/24, giving us a rate of 432.3 compared to a 686.7 rate in 2023/24. This is below the most recent publication for our stat neighbours (576.6), regional (598.8) and national (518.3) averages. 80.1% led straight to a C&F assessment, 19.0% had a strategy within 48 hours and 0.8% were a CP transfer in. There were also 161 additional referrals received requesting singular reports for Special Educational Needs (SEN) assessments. This breakdown of referrals is similar to last year.

79.5% of the 962 referrals were outcomed within 1 working day. A small decrease in the 81.4% completed within 1 working day during 2023/24. 20 (2.1%) of the 962 referrals were outcomed over 3 working days, which is outperforming our target of 5% but an increase compared to the 1.7% of referrals taking over 3 working days in 2023/24.

Re-Referrals: In 2024/25, 124 re-referrals were made into social care within 12 months of their last referral ending, equating to 12.9%, keeping us below our internal target of 18%. This is a positive decrease of -62.8% compared to last year, which saw 333 re-referrals, equating to 23.1%.

As this measure is a running 12-month calculation, it can take some time when implementing improvement measures to see the results, which are now beginning to become evident.

Building Stronger Families: At the end of 2024/25, there were 219 families, 443 children open to the Building Stronger Families team. A further 70 families with 145 children were open to an external agency supporting the families. 1,299 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started in 2024/25, 14.5% of which were led by an external agency and 1,109 children, 538 families ended an episode working with BSF during 2024/25, 74.7% of which ceased following positive impact and change.

Missing: The total number of missing episodes in 2024/25 was 272, involving 81 individual children and young people (CYP). This is a reduction when compared to 2023/24 which seen 423 episodes of missing involving 122 individual children. The reduction is mainly seen in the missing cases of Children in Care young people open to another local authority (27.2% of the episodes in 2023/24 and 12.5% of the episodes in 2024/25).

98.6% of Return Home Interviews (RHI) (excluding children from other authorities) were offered during 2024/25.

62 of the 81 CYP's (76.5%) had 3 or less episodes of missing during 2024/25 and 14 (17.3%) had between 4 and 6 episodes, with 5 further CYP's having more than 10 episodes.

Children & Families Assessments: 925 children had a C&F assessment completed in 2024/25. This is a -40.5% decrease compared to the 1,554 assessments started in 2023/24, and more in line with pre covid figures.

89.4% of the assessments were completed with the 45-day timescale during 2024/25. This is a significant increase to previous years (62.7% in 2023/24 and 70.0% in 2022/23) and evidence of the sustained and targeted work and support throughout the year.

Section 47 Enquiries: 277 section 47 enquiries were started in 2024/25, involving 522 individual children, 33 of which were already on an open Child Protection (CP) plan. 526 children had a section 47 enquiry completed in 2024/25 with 33.5% outcomed for an ICPC and 65.1% with the continuation of the C&F assessment.

Child Protection Conference timeliness: 76.9% 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 2024/25.

Performance has dropped below the target of 95% despite work during the year to improve this. The predominant reason for the delays is due to late notification by the Social Work Teams that a Child Protection Conference is needed within 10 working days of the enquiry to allow a minimum of 5 working days for the partner agencies to prepare reports and arrange for someone to attend the meeting.

Child Protection Plans: 111 children had a CP plan open at the end of March 2025. This is a -24.0% decrease on the 146 plans open at the end of March 2023 and closer to the 116 plans open at March 2023.

140 CP plans were started in 2024/25, a decrease from 196 plans starting in 2023/24, similar to the 134 started in 2022/23 that had a similar number on a plan at the end of the year, and 174 plans ceased during 2024/25.

During 2024/25, there were 17 children who started a CP plan after ceasing their previous CP plan within 2 years. The target for this measure is 6%, and the 17 children equate to 12.1% of the total children starting a CP plan in the year. These 17 children represent 7 families, unfortunately 6 of the 7 families returned to a CP for the same or similar reasons as the previous, predominantly around substance misuse and domestic violence despite the targeted work that was done with the families during the plan.

No child has ceased their CP plan after being subject to it for more than 2 years.

Child Protection Statutory visits: 76.3% (2,328 / 3,050) of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days in 2024/25 Each month this year, the Social Workers have completed over 90% of the visits within 15 days.

Children in Care: 265 children were in care as at March 2025, 22 (8.3%) of which were unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people. This is a -11.6% decrease on the 300 children in care in March 2024 and a -17.7% decrease on the 322 children in March 2023.

14.5% (9 / 62) of the children and young people coming into care during 2024/25 were accepted by the Home Office as UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child). 53 further children, from 39 families, also came into care during this time.

95 children and young people, from 76 families ceased to be in care in 2024/25. 33 children (34.7%) returned home, 17 (17.9%) had an SGO/CAO granted, 14 (14.7%) were adopted and 29 (30.5%) turned 18yrs becoming care leavers (4 of which were UASC), and 2 for other reasons.

Children in Care Reviews: 95.0% of the initial Children in Care reviews carred out on children currently in care, were done in timescale as at March 2025. 87.7% of subsequent review have been carried out in timescale.

Children in Care Statutory visits: 83.7% (2,598 / 3,103) of statutory visits for Children in Care were completed in timescale in 2024/25. Although improving performance on the previous 2 years, this remains below target (90%).

Children in Care Placements: When comparing placements from March 2025 with March 2024 we see a healthy reduction in the placements of IFA (from 26.0% to 23.8%) and the increase of connected carer placements (from 15.3% to 20.0%). Placed with parents, overall, has remained consistent along with adoptive placements but where we have seen a negative shift is the increase in residential accommodation (from 14.0% to 16.6%) and the decrease in in-house foster placements (from 22.3% to 19.6%). The percentage of children in a long-term foster placement has remaining consistent with 35.7% at March 2025.

13.3% (35 children) of our Children in Care, as of March 2025, have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is above target (10%). As our Children in Care numbers reduce, 1 child move will result in a larger percentage fluctuation which can disguise the fact that this measure has improved with 35 children having 3+ moves in the year compared to 51 during 2023/24 and 44 during 2022/23.

53.3% (65 / 122) of our Children in Care aged under 16 (who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years) have been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years.

12.1% of our Children in Care have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as of March 2025. This has exceeded our target of 10%. Although the number of children placed at a distance is the same as at March 2024, the cohort for this measure has reduced resulting in a higher percentage than if the cohort had remained consistent.

Health and Dental Reviews: 93.2% of children due a review health assessment by March 2025 have had one completed, with only 2 young people refusing to engage in their latest medical checks.

69.4% of children due a dental check-up in 2024/25 have had one completed with 8 young people are refusing to engage in the medical checks. The children and young people are continually reminded of the benefits of having a check-up and encouraged to take part.

Initial Health Assessments: 58.6% of the children who came into care during 2024/25, for more than 20 days, had their IHA forms sent to Health within the 5 day timescale. 55.2% of the children were then seen by a health professional 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.

Care Leavers: 96.7% of our care leavers aged 19-21 and 95.7% of our care leavers aged 22-25 were in suitable accommodation at the end of March 2025.

41.0% of care leavers aged 19-21 are deemed NEET with no education, employment or training, a further 38.3% of care leavers aged 22-25 are also deemed NEET. A review of recording and decision making is taking place regarding all our care leavers to ensure accurate recording.

50.8% young people aged 19-21, were in training or employment (31.1% in full time and 19.7% in part time) and 8.2% were in education, and 48.9% young people aged 22-25, were in training or employment (27.7% in full time and 21.3% in part time) and 12.8% were in education.

REFERRALS: TIMELINESS

DEFINITION

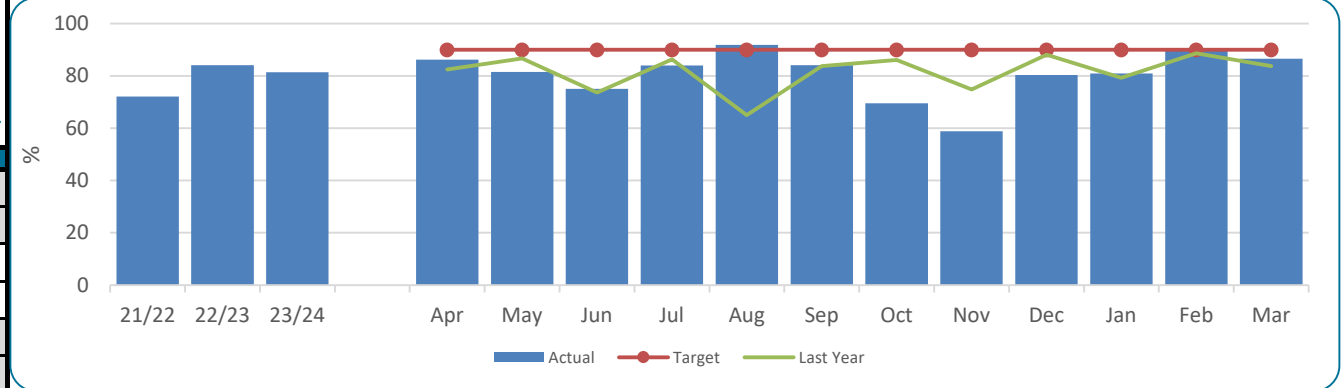
Percentage of referrals completed within 1 working day and over 3 working days. Referrals completed within 1 working day indicates that decisions regarding the services required are made in a timely manner to minimise drift and delay and to ensure that children are safe.

CSC 022

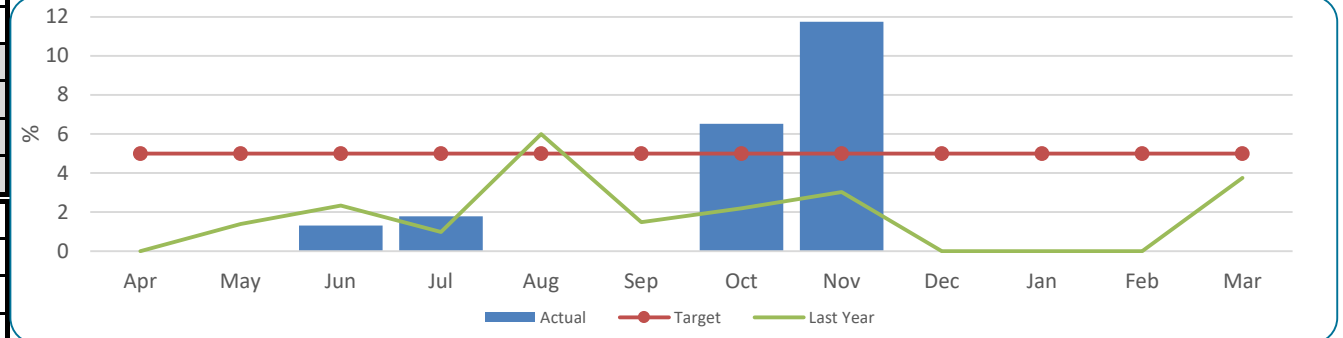
CSC 026

In Month Performance	Target	90%	5%
	Apr-24	86.3	
	May-24	81.5	
	Jun-24	75.0	1.3
	Jul-24	83.9	1.8
	Aug-24	91.9	
	Sep-24	84.1	
	Oct-24	69.6	6.5
	Nov-24	58.8	11.8
	Dec-24	80.4	
	Jan-25	81.0	
	Feb-25	90.3	
	Mar-25	86.5	
Annual Trend	2021/22	72.1	5.6
	2022/23	84.1	0.8
	2023/24	81.4	1.7
	2024/25	79.5	2.1

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



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



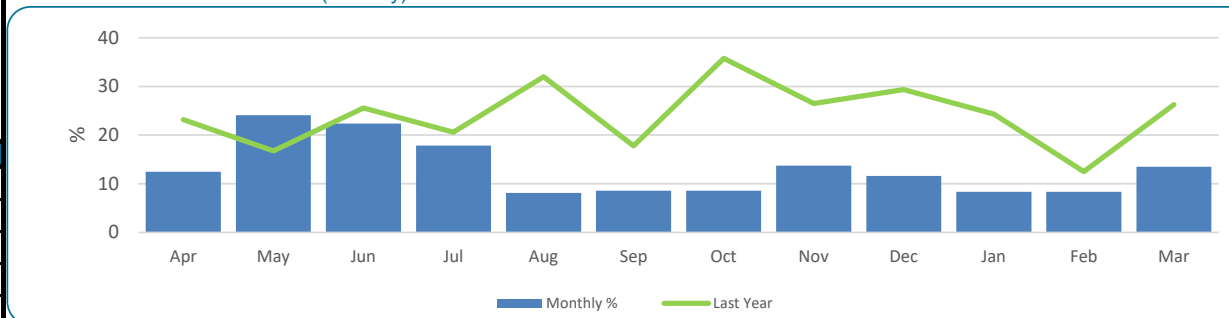
REFERRALS: RE-REFERRALS

DEFINITION

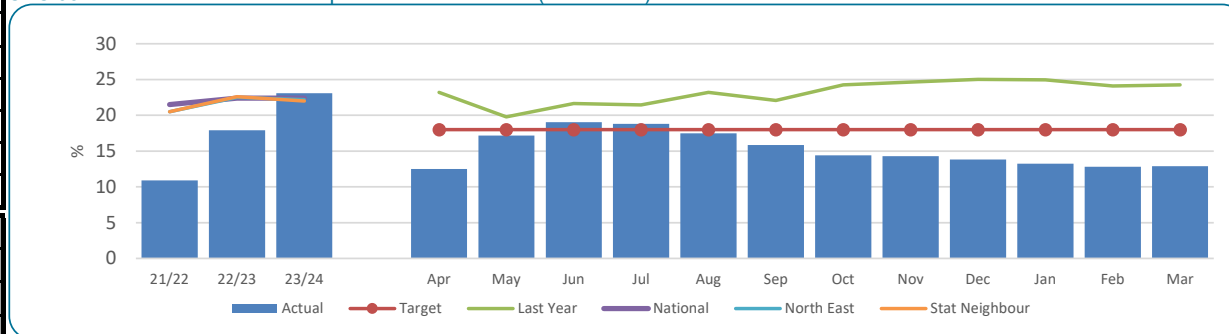
Percentage of re-referrals that are received within 12 months of a previous referral (based on referral start dates and in line with DfE definition).
A re-referral to Children's Social Care could be an indication that the previous referral was inappropriately closed down without addressing the initial 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	18.8	17.9
	Aug-24	3	17.5	8.1
	Sep-24	6	15.9	8.6
	Oct-24	8	14.4	8.6
	Nov-24	14	14.3	13.7
	Dec-24	13	13.8	11.6
	Jan-25	7	13.2	8.3
	Feb-25	6	12.8	8.3
	Mar-25	17	12.9	13.5
Annual Trend	2021/22	106	10.9	
	2022/23	286	17.9	
	2023/24	333	23.1	
	2024/25	124	12.9	

% of referrals that are re-referrals (monthly)



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

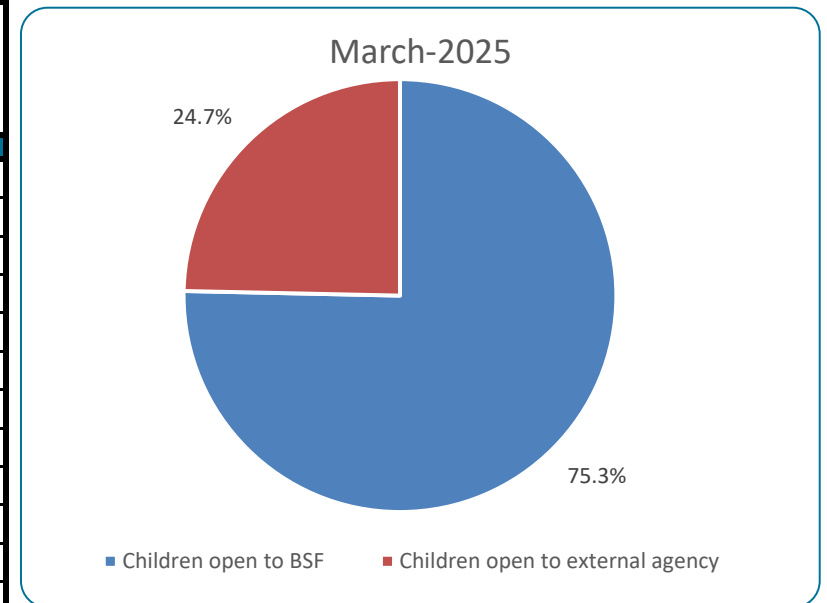


BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES: OPEN EPISODES

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.

		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	443	215	118	60	79.0%
	Nov-24	498	233	102	55	83.0%
	Dec-24	447	212	103	53	81.3%
	Jan-25	458	213	116	58	79.8%
	Feb-25	483	232	124	63	79.6%
	Mar-25	443	219	145	70	75.3%
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	443	219	145	70	75.3%



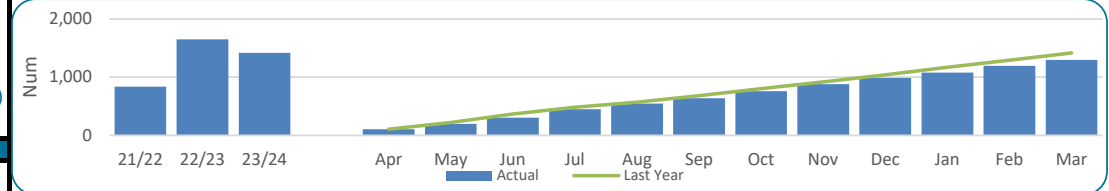
EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS: STARTED

DEFINITION

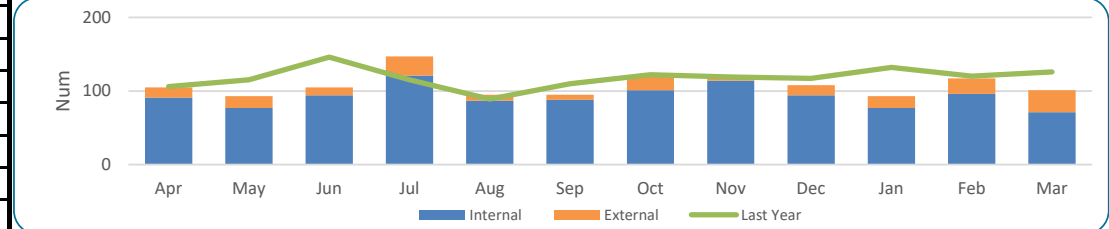
The number of individual Early Help Assessments (EHA) started in month and year to date, including those initiated by external agencies. The start date of the EHA is taken from the form created date in Liquid Logic and the start date of the external EHA is taken from the contact date when the agency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

		CSC 002		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-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	119	18	15.1%	759
	Nov-24	121	7	5.8%	880
	Dec-24	108	14	13.0%	988
	Jan-25	93	16	17.2%	1,079
	Feb-25	117	21	17.9%	1,198
	Mar-25	101	30	29.7%	1,299
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	1,299	188	14.5%	1,299

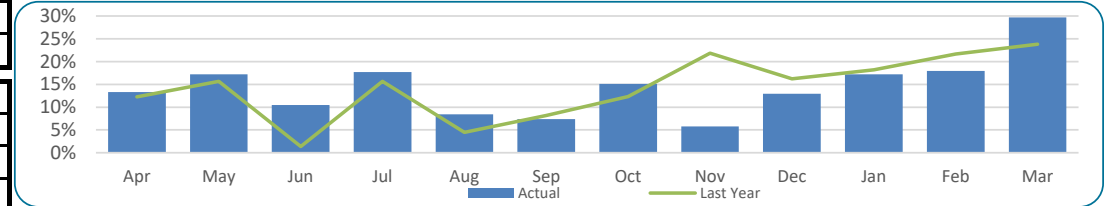
CSC 001: Number of individual EHA's started; year to date (inc. external)



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.

		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-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	43	17	25	5	5	4
	Sep-24	31	14	19	4		
	Oct-24	26	13	10	4	1	1
	Nov-24	16	10	11	5	2	2
	Dec-24	16	12	14	10	4	4
	Jan-25	33	16	25	9	6	4
	Feb-25	19	16	11	9	2	2
	Mar-25	15	11	9	9		
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	272	81	154	24	25	11

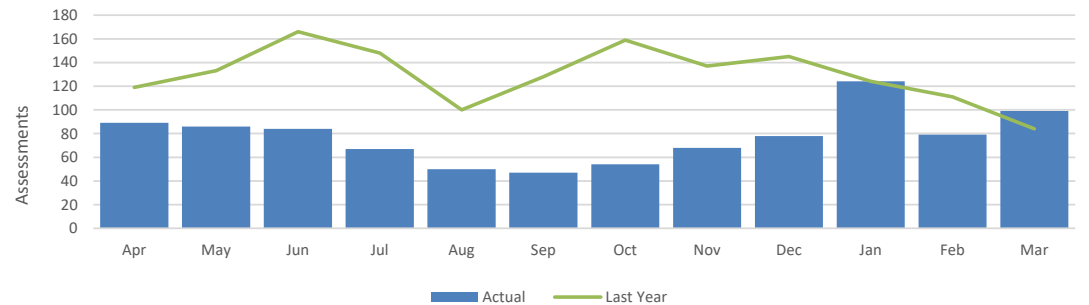
ASSESSMENTS

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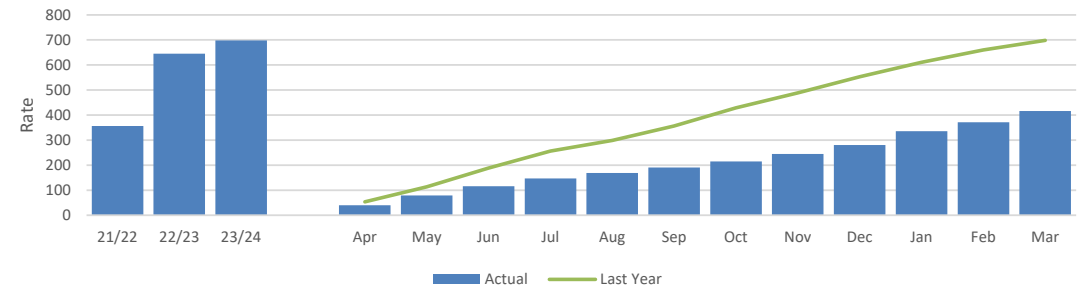
Monthly and cumulative number of Children & Families (C&F) assessments completed for a child.

		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	175	78.6
	Jun-24	84	259	116.4
	Jul-24	67	326	146.5
	Aug-24	50	376	169.0
	Sep-24	47	423	190.1
	Oct-24	54	477	214.4
	Nov-24	68	545	244.9
	Dec-24	78	623	280.4
	Jan-25	124	747	335.7
	Feb-25	79	826	371.2
	Mar-25	99	925	415.7
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	925	925	415.7

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.



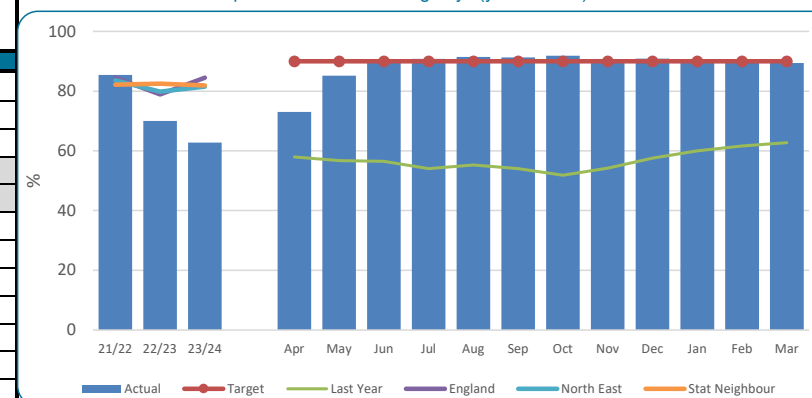
ASSESSMENTS: TIMELINESS**DEFINITION**

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.

		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	85.1	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	91.8	96.3	18.5	1.9	1.9
	Nov-24	90.3	79.4	14.7	5.9	5.9
	Dec-24	90.9	94.9	18.0	7.7	7.7
	Jan-25	90.6	89.5	18.6	11.3	4.0
	Feb-25	89.6	79.8	16.5	15.2	12.7
	Mar-25	89.4	87.9	13.1	5.1	4.0
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	89.4	87.9	13.1	5.1	4.0

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



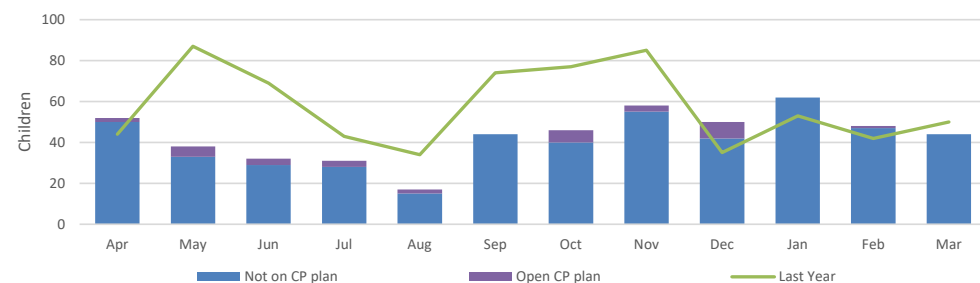
SECTION 47 ENQUIRES: STARTED

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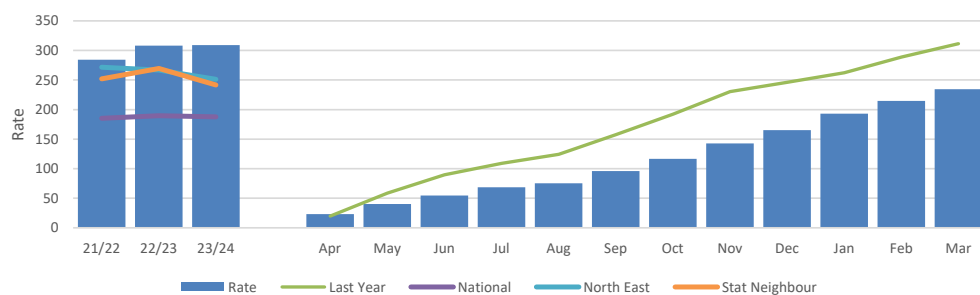
Number of children who have had a section 47 enquiries started monthly and year to date and the actual number of enquires started.

		CSC 166		CSC 164	
		Section 47 enquiries 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	28	46	6	116.8
	Nov-24	28	58	3	142.9
	Dec-24	28	50	8	165.4
	Jan-25	33	62		193.2
	Feb-25	20	48	1	214.8
	Mar-25	24	44		234.6
Annual Trend	2021/22	317	633	14	284.5
	2022/23	351	681	30	308.3
	2023/24	372	693	22	308.8
	2024/25	277	522	33	234.6

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)



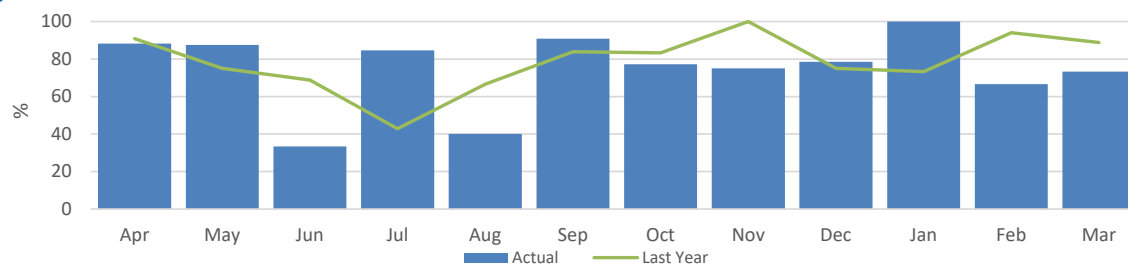
INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES: TIMELINESS

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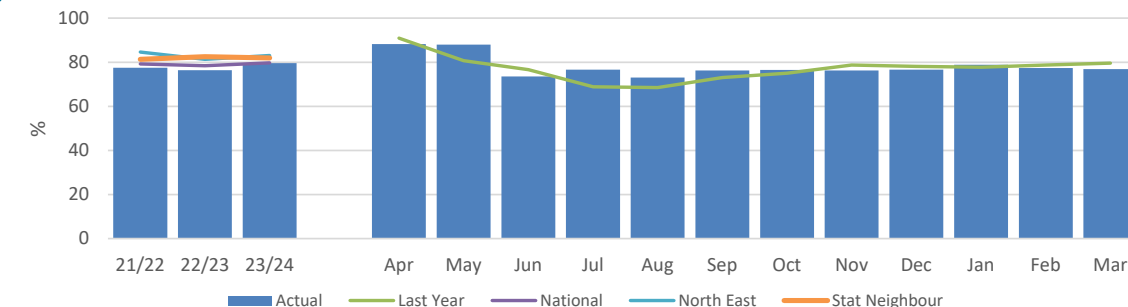
Of those Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC) held within the period (excluding transfer ins), the percentage recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / section 47 enquiry to ICPC are within 15 days (CPP). This provides an indication of how quickly the 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	17 / 22	77.3	65 / 85	76.5
	Nov-24	9 / 12	75.0	74 / 97	76.3
	Dec-24	11 / 14	78.6	85 / 111	76.6
	Jan-25	12 / 12	100.0	97 / 123	78.9
	Feb-25	12 / 18	66.7	109 / 141	77.3
	Mar-25	11 / 15	73.3	120 / 156	76.9
Annual Trend	2021/22			135 / 174	77.5
	2022/23			119 / 156	76.4
	2023/24			171 / 215	79.5
	2024/25	120 / 156	76.9	120 / 156	76.9

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).



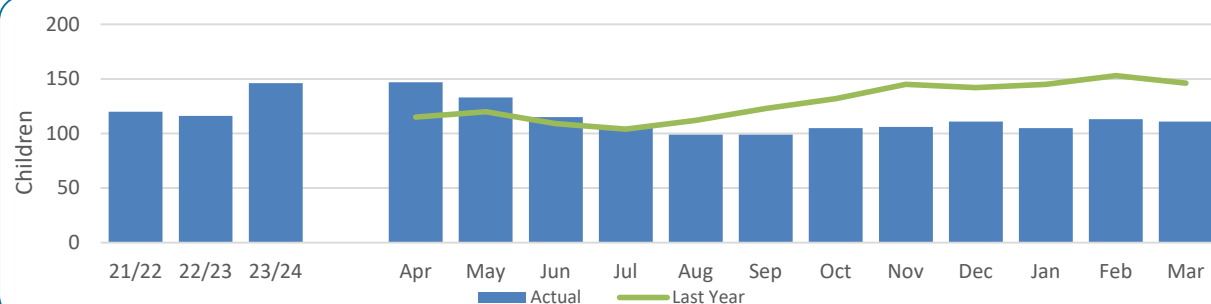
CHILD PROTECTION PLANS

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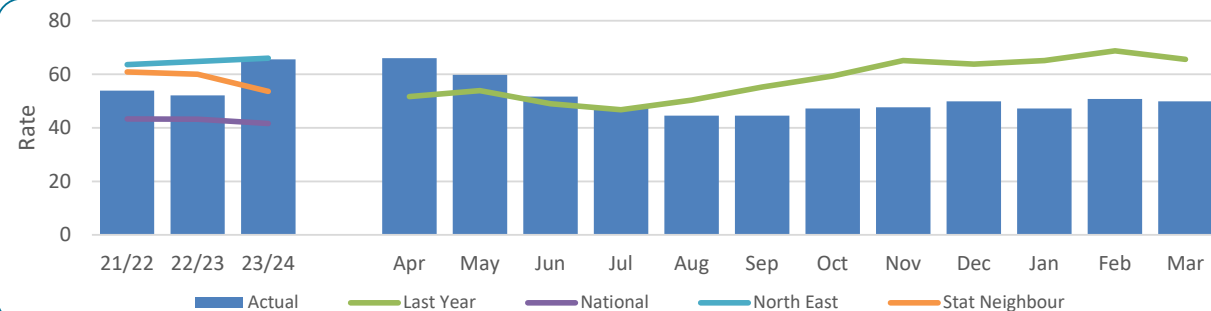
Number of children subject to a Child Protection plan at the end of the month.

		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	105	47.2
	Nov-24	106	47.6
	Dec-24	111	49.9
	Jan-25	105	47.2
	Feb-25	113	50.8
	Mar-25	111	49.9
Annual Trend	2021/22	120	53.9
	2022/23	116	52.1
	2023/24	146	65.6
	2024/25	111	49.9

CSC 182: Number of children subject to a CP plan



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



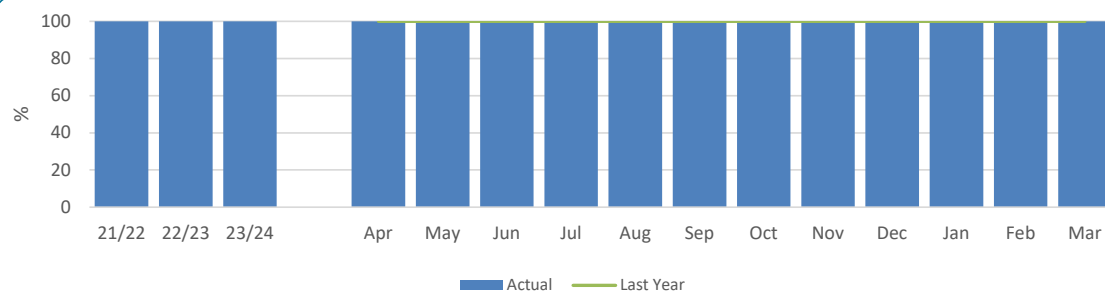
CHILD PROTECTION PLANS: ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION

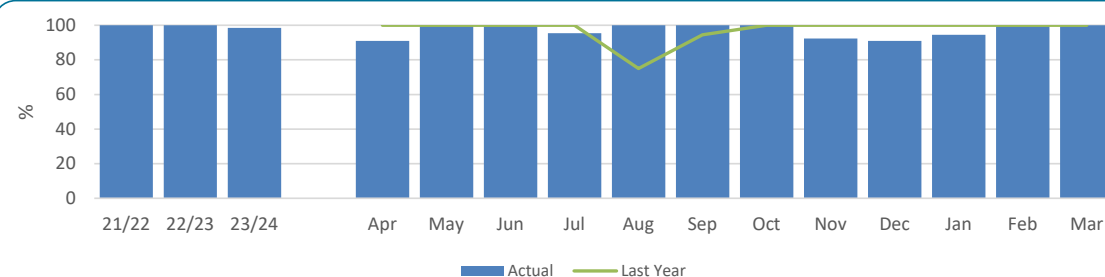
Reviews are a key element in delivering CP Plans and effective reviews should ensure the provision of good quality interventions. This indicator is a proxy for the measurement of effectiveness of the interventions provided to children subject to a CP plan. "Working Together to Safeguard Children" guidance requires that the first review should be within 3 months of their ICPC and thereafter at intervals of no more than 6 months.

		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	100.0	13 / 13	100.0
	Nov-24	100.0	12 / 13	92.3
	Dec-24	100.0	10 / 11	90.9
	Jan-25	100.0	17 / 18	94.4
	Feb-25	100.0	8 / 8	100.0
	Mar-25	100.0	17 / 17	100.0
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	168 / 173	97.1

CSC 183: % of children with a CP plan allocated to a qualified social worker



CSC 191a: % of CP plans reviewed within the timescales.



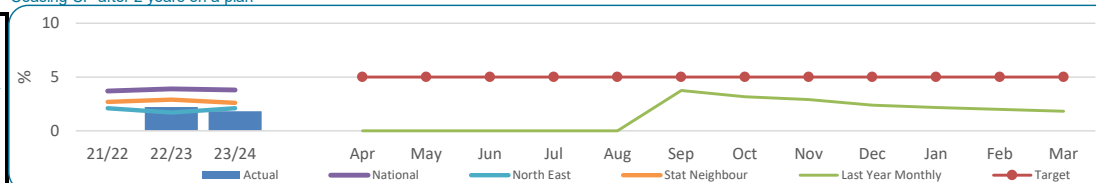
CHILD PROTECTION PLAN: TIME PERIODS

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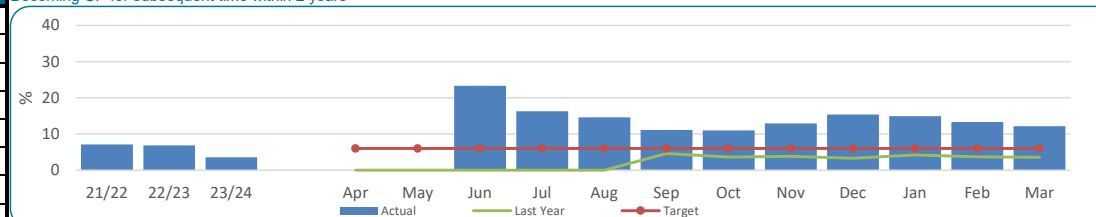
Percentage of children ceasing to be subject to a Child Protection Plan who had been subject to a Plan for 2 or more years, and percentage of children becoming subject to a Child Protection Plan for the 2nd or subsequent time within a) 2 years of a previous plan, and b) with a previous plan at any point. 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	0 / 122	0.0	9 / 82	11.0	15 / 82	18.3
	Nov-24	0 / 132	0.0	12 / 93	12.9	18 / 93	19.4
	Dec-24	0 / 138	0.0	16 / 104	15.4	25 / 104	24.0
Annual Trend	Jan-25	0 / 154	0.0	17 / 114	14.9	28 / 114	24.6
	Feb-25	0 / 159	0.0	17 / 128	13.3	33 / 128	25.8
	Mar-25	0 / 174	0.0	17 / 140	12.1	33 / 140	23.6
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 / 174	0.0	17 / 140	12.1	33 / 140	23.6

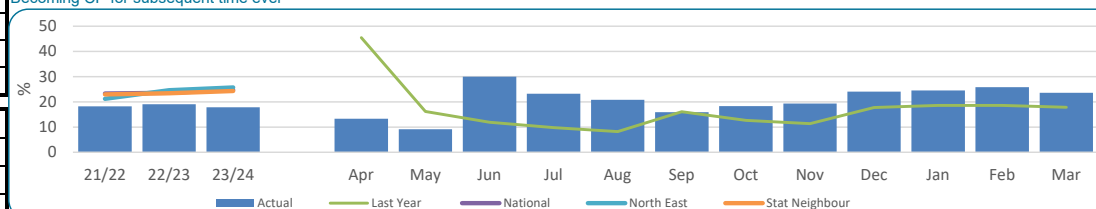
Ceasing CP after 2 years on a plan



Becoming CP for subsequent time within 2 years



Becoming CP for subsequent time ever



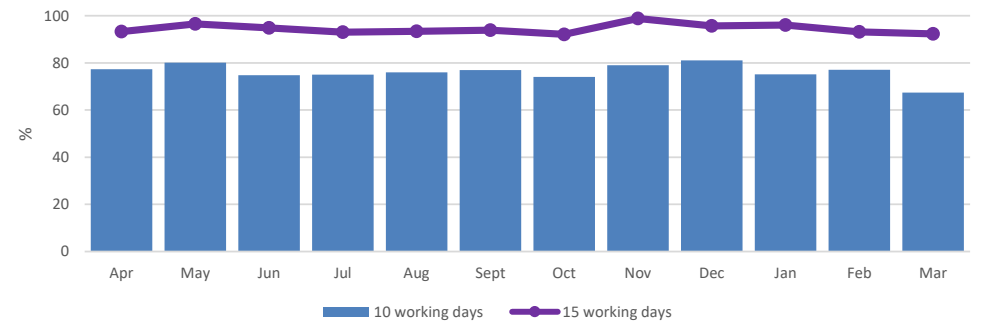
CHILD PROTECTION: STATUTORY VISITS

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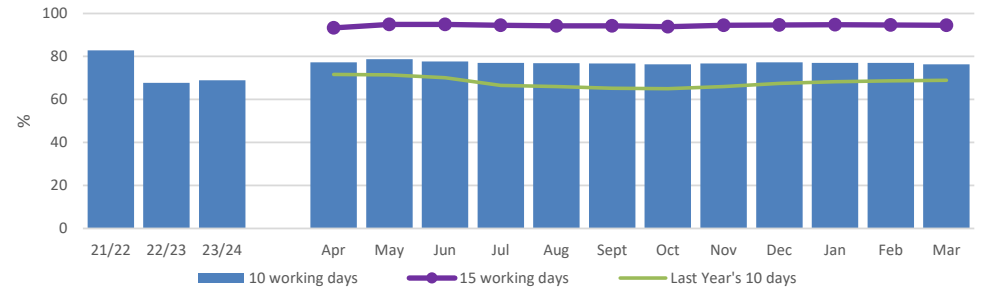
Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection (CP) plan who had all statutory visits carried out within timescales and percentage of Child Protection statutory visits completed within timescale monthly and year to date.

		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	77.3	93.3	77.3	93.3
	May-24	80.1	96.5	78.7	94.9
	Jun-24	74.8	94.8	77.7	94.9
	Jul-24	75.0	93.1	77.0	94.5
	Aug-24	75.9	93.4	76.8	94.3
	Sep-24	77.0	93.9	76.8	94.2
	Oct-24	74.1	92.1	76.4	93.9
	Nov-24	79.1	98.8	76.7	94.5
	Dec-24	81.0	95.7	77.2	94.6
	Jan-25	75.1	96.0	77.0	94.8
	Feb-25	77.0	93.2	77.0	94.6
	Mar-25	67.4	92.3	76.3	94.5
Annual Trend	2021/22			82.9	96.8
	2022/23			67.8	90.0
	2023/24			69.0	90.4
	2024/25	67.4	92.3	76.3	94.5

% Child Protection statutory visits completed within the month



% Child Protection statutory visits completed year to date



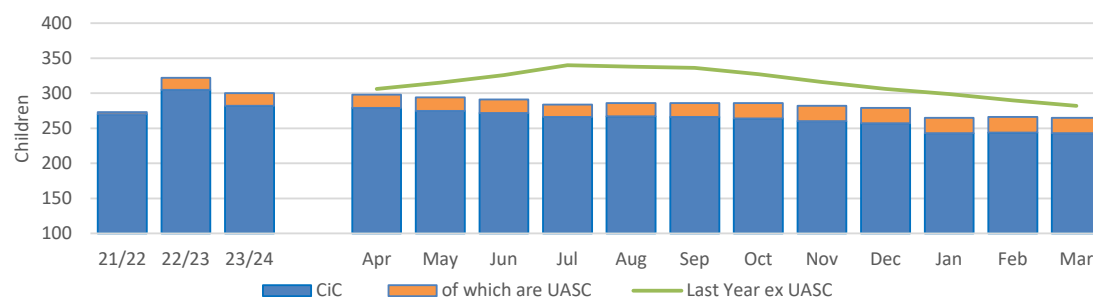
CHILDREN IN CARE

DEFINITION

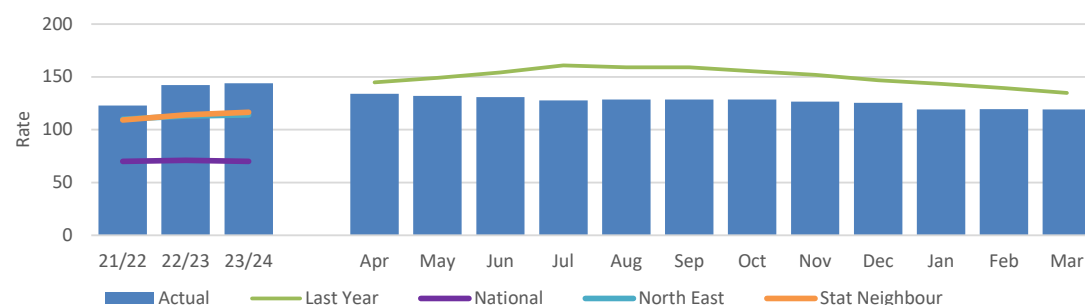
Number of Children in Care (CiC) at the end of each month and of which are Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child (UASC).

		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	286	22	128.5
	Nov-24	282	22	126.7
	Dec-24	279	22	125.4
	Jan-25	265	22	119.1
	Feb-25	266	22	119.5
	Mar-25	265	22	119.1
Annual Trend	2021/22	273	3	123.0
	2022/23	322	17	142.3
	2023/24	300	18	134.8
	2024/25	265	22	119.1

CSC 201: Total number of Children in Care



CSC 200: Rate of CiC per 10,000 population



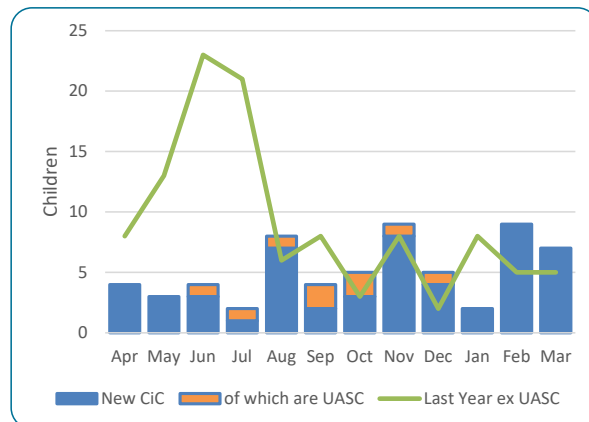
CHILDREN IN CARE: COMING INTO CARE

DEFINITION

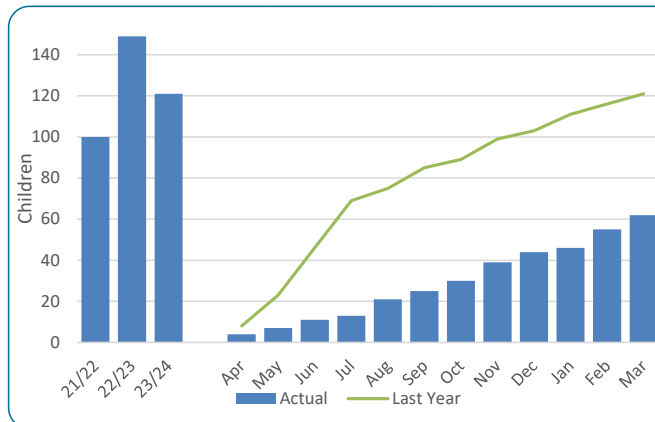
Number of children coming into the care of the local authority during the month and year to date and where they are an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC). This is further broken down to show their first placement type.

		CSC 209	CSC 208b		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. / Independent living (H5,P2, K3)	Other placement (Z1)	YOI - (R5)
In Month Performance	Apr-24	4	4				2				1		1	
	May-24	3	7				3							
	Jun-24	4	11	1			1	1				1	1	
	Jul-24	2	13	1								1		1
	Aug-24	8	21	1	1						1	1	5	
	Sep-24	4	25	2			2	1				1		
	Oct-24	5	30	2			2	2					1	
	Nov-24	9	39	1	4		1				1	1	2	
	Dec-24	5	44	1	2			1	2					
	Jan-25	2	46			1	1							
	Feb-25	9	55			1	4						4	
	Mar-25	7	62		1		1		1	1	1			2
Annual Trend	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	
	2024/25	62	62	9	8	2	17	5	3	1	4	5	14	3

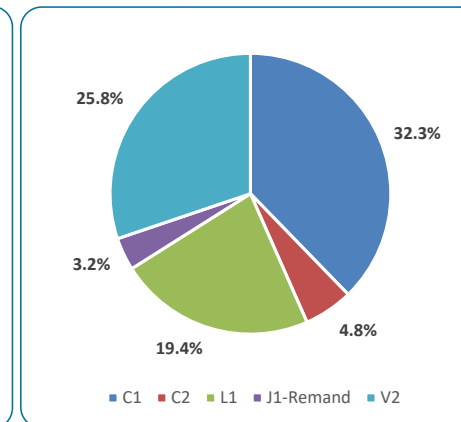
Monthly number of children coming into care



Total number of children coming into care within the year



Legal status coming into care-Exc UASC



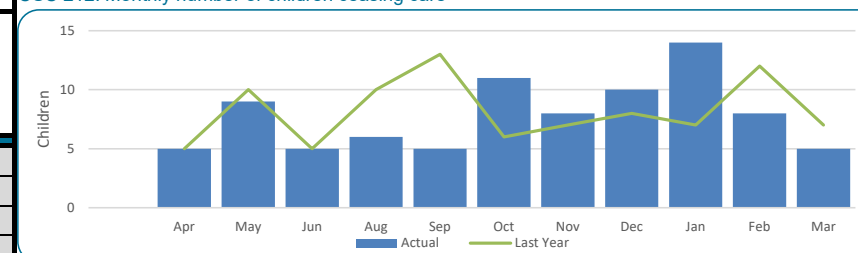
CHILDREN IN CARE: CEASING CARE

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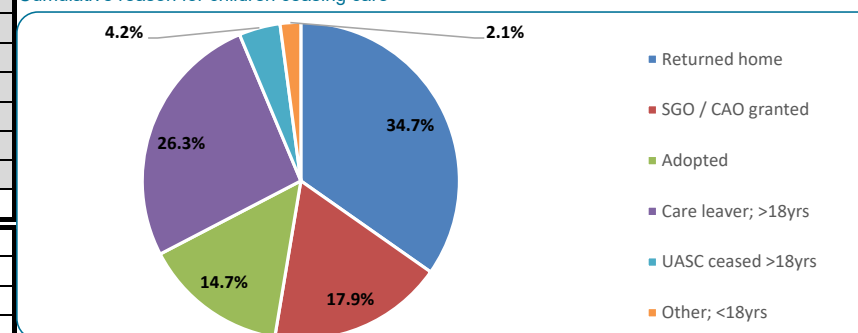
Number of children ceasing to be a Child in Care during each month and year to date and their destination when they ceased being in care. This could be due to returning home to parent or other person with no PR (planned and unplanned), having a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) / Child Arrangement Order (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	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-24	5	5	1	2	1	1		
	May-24	9	14	4	2		3		
	Jun-24	5	19		2	1	1	1	
	Jul-24	9	28	4	1		2	2	
	Aug-24	6	34	2		1	3		
	Sep-24	5	39	1		1	3		
	Oct-24	11	50	1	5	1	3	1	
	Nov-24	8	58	6		1	1		
	Dec-24	10	68	5	2	1	2		
	Jan-25	14	82	4	3	3	4		
	Feb-25	8	90	2		4	2		
	Mar-25	5	95	3					2
Annual Trend	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
	2024/25	95	95	33	17	14	25	4	2

CSC 212: Monthly number of children ceasing care



Cumulative reason for children ceasing care

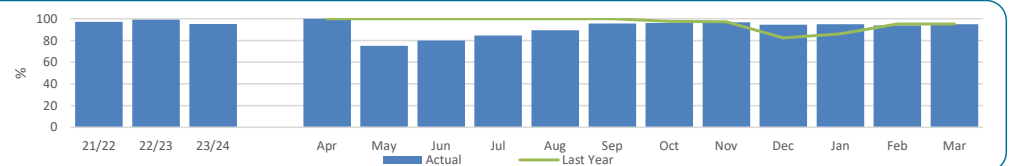


CHILDREN IN CARE: REVIEWS**DEFINITION**

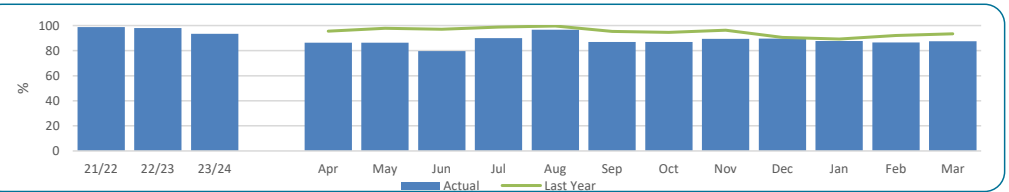
The purpose of the review is to consider the plan for the child's welfare, to monitor the progress of the plan and amend it as necessary in light of changed information and circumstances. The statutory intervals are within 20 working days of placement, then within 3 months and 6 monthly thereafter, but 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	
In Month Performance	Target	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
	Apr-24	4 / 4	100.0	63 / 73	86.3	57 / 67	85.1
	May-24	6 / 8	75.0	114 / 132	86.4	106 / 123	86.2
	Jun-24	8 / 10	80.0	125 / 157	79.6	121 / 149	81.2
	Jul-24	11 / 13	84.6	189 / 210	90.0	183 / 201	91.0
	Aug-24	17 / 19	89.5	208 / 215	96.7	151 / 152	99.3
	Sep-24	22 / 23	95.7	241 / 277	87.0	232 / 264	87.9
	Oct-24	25 / 26	96.2	245 / 282	86.9	234 / 267	87.6
	Nov-24	30 / 31	96.8	246 / 275	89.5	232 / 257	90.3
	Dec-24	35 / 37	94.6	249 / 278	89.6	233 / 258	90.3
	Jan-25	37 / 39	94.9	234 / 267	87.6	223 / 252	88.5
	Feb-25	31 / 33	93.9	217 / 251	86.5	176 / 200	88.0
	Mar-25	38 / 40	95.0	224 / 256	87.5	214 / 244	87.7
Annual Trend	2021/22	68 / 70	97.1	243 / 246	98.8	225 / 226	99.6
	2022/23	104 / 105	99.1	297 / 303	98.0	278 / 282	98.6
	2023/24	59 / 62	95.2	271 / 290	93.5	260 / 278	93.5
	2024/25	38 / 40	95.0	224 / 256	87.5	214 / 244	87.7

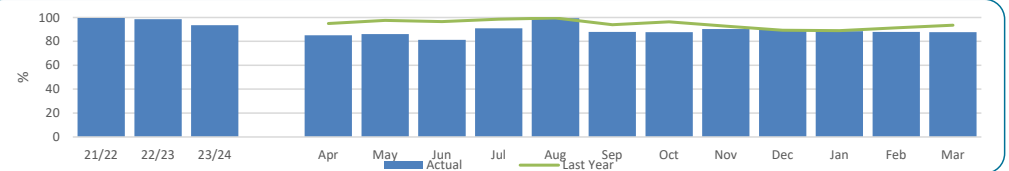
CSC 219: % CiC initial reviews completed within timescales (as at month end)



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



CSC 220: % CiC subsequent reviews completed within timescales



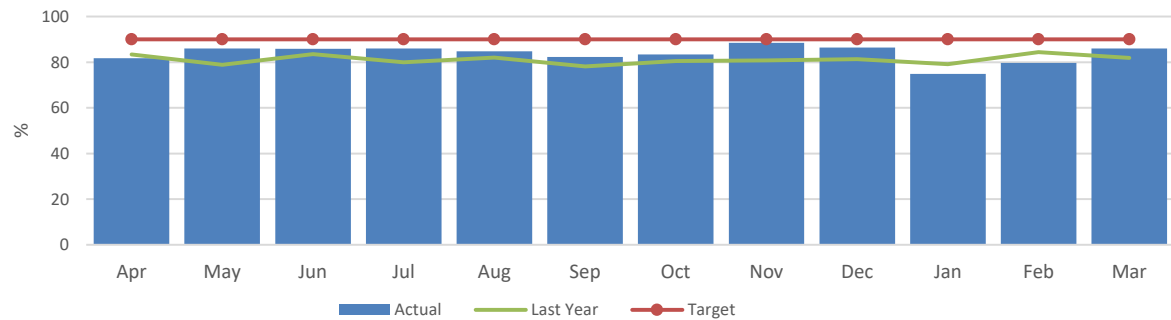
CHILDREN IN CARE: STATUTORY VISITS

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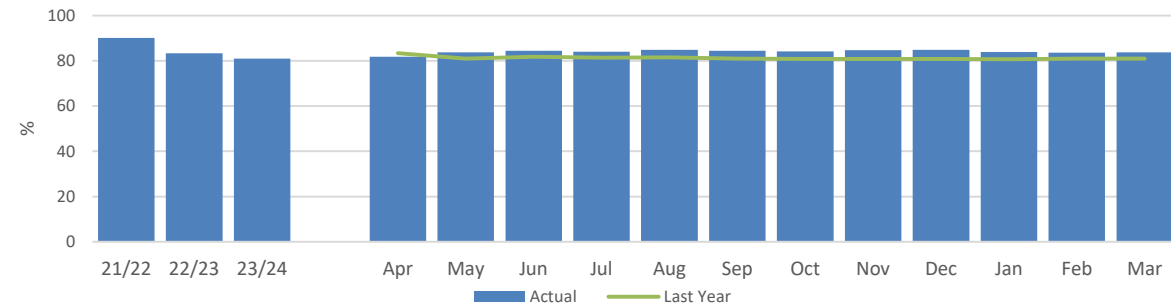
Percentage of Children in Care (CiC) who had all statutory visits completed within required timescales each month and year to date.

		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	81.8	81.8
	May-24	86.0	83.8
	Jun-24	85.9	84.4
	Jul-24	86.0	84.0
	Aug-24	84.8	84.8
	Sep-24	82.3	84.4
	Oct-24	83.3	84.2
	Nov-24	88.4	84.7
	Dec-24	86.5	84.9
	Jan-25	74.8	83.9
	Feb-25	79.7	83.6
	Mar-25	85.9	83.7
Annual Trend	2021/22		90.1
	2022/23		83.4
	2023/24		81.0
	2024/25	85.9	83.7

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



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



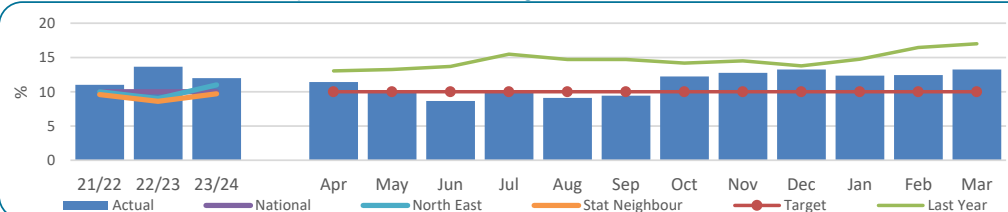
CHILDREN IN CARE: PLACEMENTS

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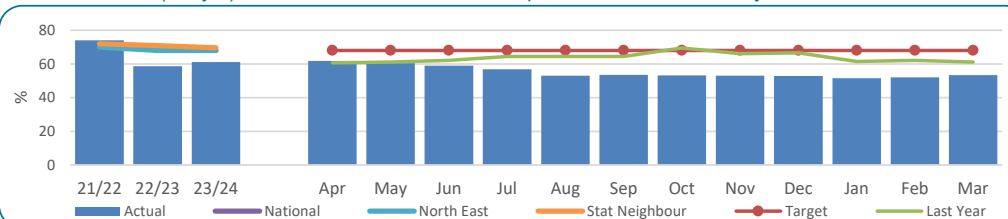
Of those Children in Care (CiC) at the point in time (excluding series of short-term placements), the percentage that had 3 or more separate placements in the previous 12 months; who (under the age of 16 years) had been in their current placement for 2 or more years. and who were placed more than 20 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	9.4	68	53.5	27	10.2
	Oct-24	35	12.2	68	53.1	29	11.2
	Nov-24	36	12.8	69	53.1	29	11.5
	Dec-24	37	13.3	65	52.9	30	12.1
	Jan-25	33	12.4	64	51.6	28	11.8
	Feb-25	33	12.5	65	52.0	29	12.0
	Mar-25	35	13.3	65	53.3	29	12.1
Annual Trend	2021/22	30	11.0	88	74.0	24	9.2
	2022/23	44	13.7	74	58.7	37	12.5
	2023/24	51	12.0	77	61.1	29	10.4
	2024/25	35	13.3	65	53.3	29	12.1

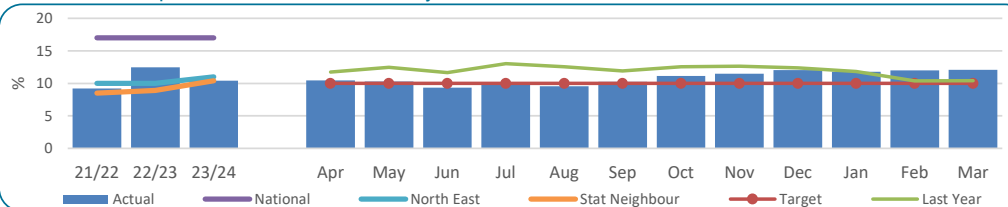
CSC 228: % CiC with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months



CSC 229: % CiC (<16yrs) who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years



CSC 230: % CiC placed 20 miles or more away from home



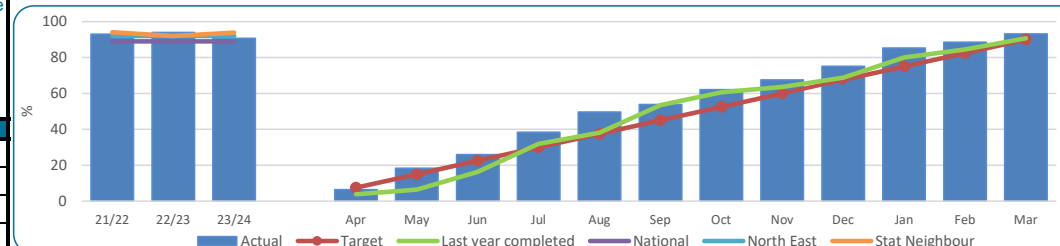
CHILDREN IN CARE: HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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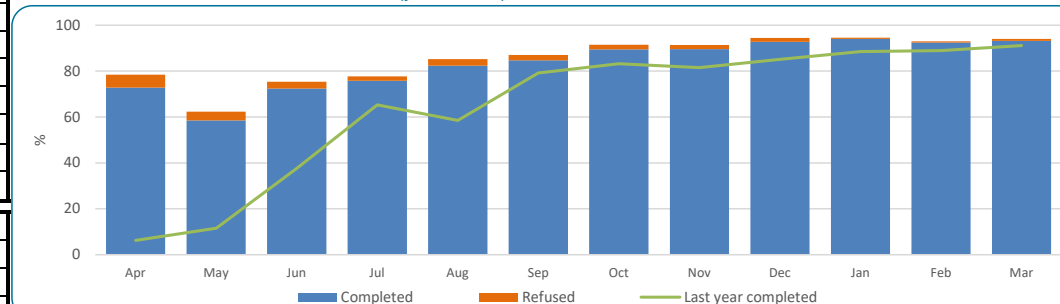
Of the Children in Care (CiC) at 31 March who had been in care continuously for at least 12 months, the percentage who have had their Review Health Assessment (RHA) completed and the percentage who have an up to date Health Check (excludes any who will turn 18 before 31st March). Children in Care share 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 250a	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 had a review health check completed (Snapshot at month end)	% 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	88.0	72.9
	May-24	18.3	3.8	52.9	58.5
	Jun-24	26.0	2.9	76.5	72.5
	Jul-24	38.5	2.0	67.9	75.8
	Aug-24	49.6	2.9	82.4	82.4
	Sep-24	53.8	2.4	77.8	84.7
	Oct-24	62.1	2.1	18.8	89.4
	Nov-24	67.6	1.8	71.4	89.6
	Dec-24	75.2	1.7	100.0	92.8
	Jan-25	85.3	0.5	87.5	94.1
	Feb-25	88.5	0.5	61.5	92.5
	Mar-25	93.2	0.9	82.6	93.2
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	93.2	0.9	82.6	93.2

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



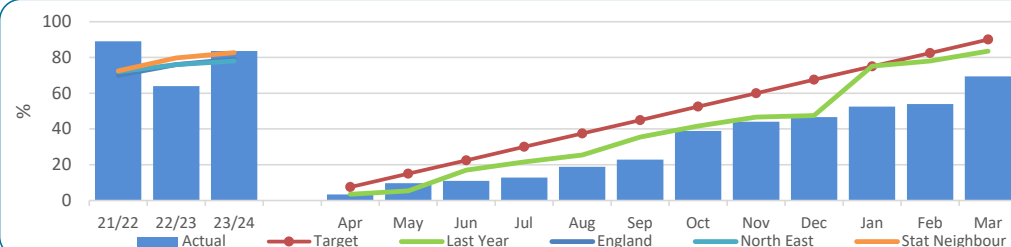
CHILDREN IN CARE: DENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

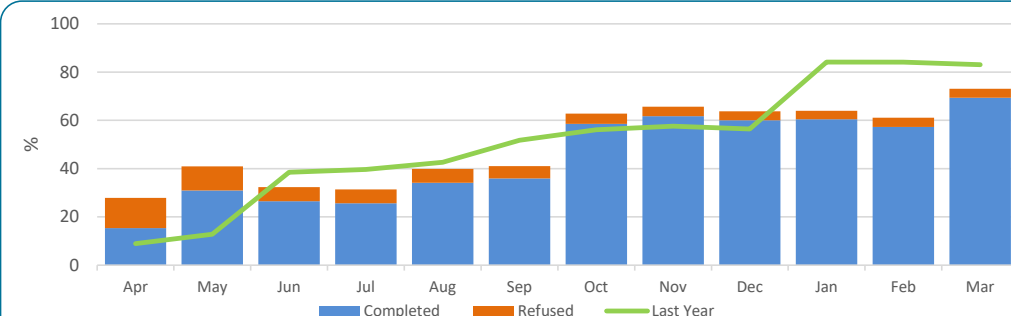
Of the Children in Care (CiC) at 31 March who had been in care continuously for at least 12 months, the percentage who had had their teeth checked by a dentist during the previous 12 months, and the percentage who had had an annual health check during the previous 12 months (excludes any who will turn 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 251c		CSC 251d
		% of CiC who have an up to date dental check	% of CiC refusing engagement in their dental check (YTD)	% of CiC who had a dental check completed (Snapshot at month end)	% of CiC who are due and had a dental check completed (year to date)
In Month Performance	Target	90%			90%
	Apr-24	3.4	12.5	50.0	15.4
	May-24	9.7	9.9	46.7	31.0
	Jun-24	11.0	5.9	11.5	26.5
	Jul-24	12.8	5.8	22.7	25.6
	Aug-24	18.8	5.7	39.1	34.2
	Sep-24	22.9	5.1	18.8	35.9
	Oct-24	38.9	4.3	50.0	58.5
	Nov-24	44.1	4.0	8.3	61.7
	Dec-24	46.7	3.8	13.3	60.0
	Jan-25	52.6	3.5	21.7	60.5
	Feb-25	54.0	3.8	23.8	57.3
Mar-25	69.4	3.7	69.2	69.4	
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	69.4	3.7	69.2	69.4

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



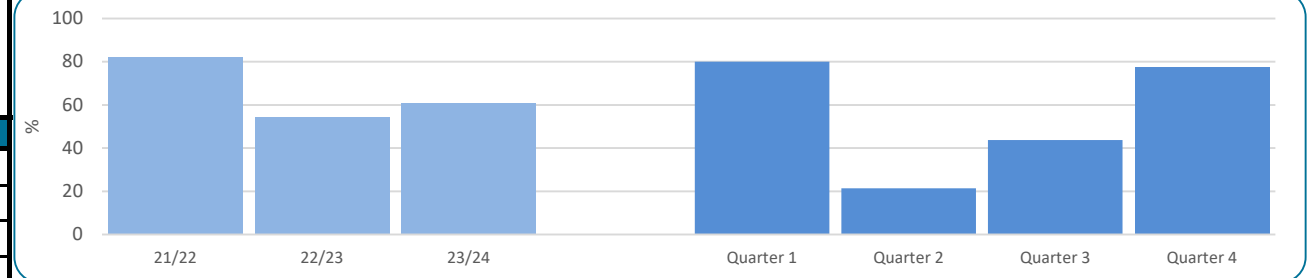
CHILDREN IN CARE: INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

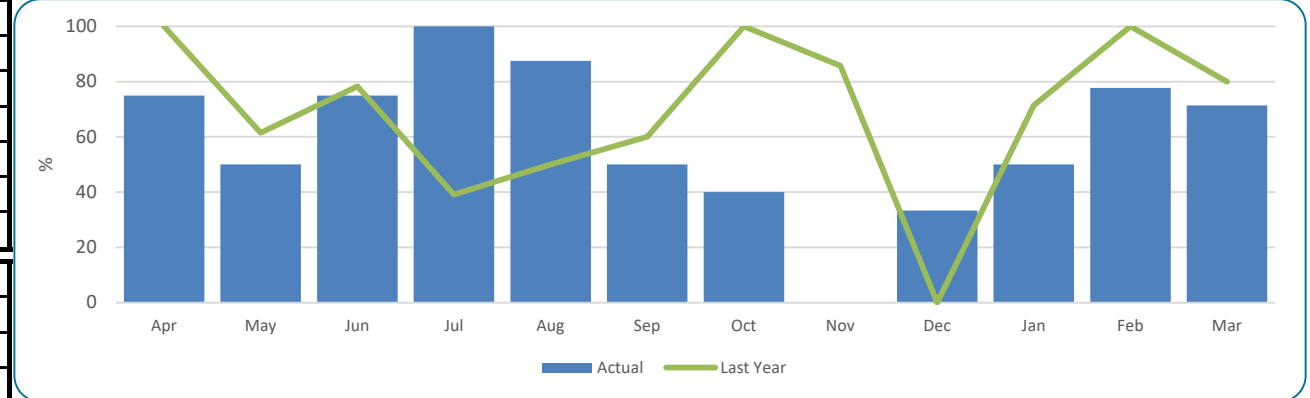
Percentage of Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of a child coming into our care year to date (data from Health), and percentage of IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days. This excludes children / young people coming into care due to being remand or UASC.

In Month Performance	Target	Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)	IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days
	95		
	Apr-24		3 / 4
	May-24		1 / 2
	Jun-24	8 / 10	3 / 4
	Jul-24		2 / 2
	Aug-24		7 / 8
	Sep-24	3 / 14	2 / 4
	Oct-24		2 / 5
	Nov-24		0 / 8
	Dec-24	7 / 16	1 / 3
	Jan-25		1 / 2
	Feb-25		7 / 9
	Mar-25	14 / 18	5 / 7
Annual Trend	2021/22	82.1%	89.4%
	2022/23	54.5%	72.4%
	2023/24	60.7%	65.5%
	2024/25	55.2%	58.6%

Completed IHA within 20 working days (by Health)



IHA forms returned to Health within 5 working days



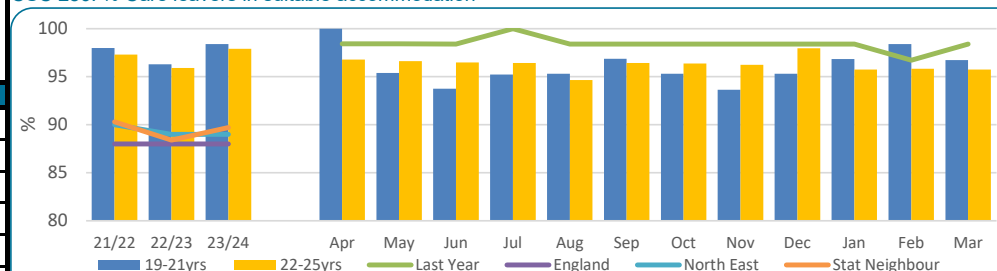
CARE LEAVERS

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	95.3	26.6	96.4	27.3
	Nov-24	93.7	28.6	96.2	28.3
	Dec-24	95.3	31.3	98.0	28.6
	Jan-25	96.8	38.1	95.7	34.0
	Feb-25	98.4	38.7	95.8	37.5
	Mar-25	96.7	41.0	95.7	38.3
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	96.7	41.0	95.7	38.3

CSC 286: % Care leavers in suitable accommodation



CSC 294: % Care leavers NEET

