



Children's Social Care Performance & Quality Assurance Report

Quarter 4 - 2018/19

Scrutiny

Quarter 4/Year end Performance Summary

Referrals

98.2% of referrals are completed within 24 hours, remaining above our target of 90%.

Re-Referrals:

The re-referral rate at the end of 2018/19 is 17.4%, better than the target of 18%. This remains below statistical numbers, national and north east benchmarks. The reasons for re-referral continue to relate to Mental Health, Domestic Abuse and Neglect.

Early Help:

869 Early help assessments were started at the end of 2018/19, which is a small decrease on the 877 in 2017/18. 196 Early Help Assessments were started during Quarter 4 (2018/19), of which, those completed by external agencies equated to 68 (34.7%). This exceeds our target of 30%. External audits have been subject to increased scrutiny in Quarter 4 and a training programme of support for 2019/20 has been implemented.

Despite the positive implementation of the training programme, Health Services continue to be a low completer. This is despite champions being identified in the health visitor/school nursing service in Quarter 3. Colleagues are aware of the data and are working to improve their completion rate.

Missing:

Missing from Home interviews (MFHI) have been offered in 100% of the cases with the children engaging in 73.6% of the cases. Where the coordinator cannot engage the young person, she explores the issues with parents, carers, teachers or social workers. There has been a slight decrease in those interviews taking place in 72 hours. This is due to not receiving the report from the police in a timely manner or the children and their parents avoiding any contact with the Missing from Home worker (MFHW).

The missing episodes for the 36 Looked After Children (LAC) during Quarter 4 equates to 47.3%, (44/93) which is a slight increase from the last quarter (38.7% 36/93). However, there is no significant difference in other local authorities'. In these cases, the ERASE team have been alerted, and are working with the local authority and the placing authorities to ensure the young people in these placements are appropriately placed and have their needs met.

All cases where children have had regular missing episodes or where significant concerns are raised are discussed at the Missing and Exploited Group (MEG) and measures explored in a multi-agency forum to reduce missing episodes.

The number of children who are looked after by ourselves has decreased from 39 in 2017/18 to 36 in 2018/19 and the episodes also from 310 episodes in 2017/18 (61.5% of the total episodes) to 199 episodes in 2018/19 (47.2% of the total episodes).

Individual action plans are put in place to reduce missing episodes for each child and tasks are forwarded to the social worker to consider/action.

Children & Families Assessments:

269 Children & Families (C&F) assessments were completed during Quarter 4 2018/19, across all Social Work teams. This is a 39.4% increase from the 193 assessments completed in Quarter 4 2017/18. Throughout 2018/19, 1,025 assessments were completed across all Social Work teams. This is an increase on the previous reporting year as the total completed had been 1,002.

The rate of assessment is 455.2 per 10,000 of the population. This is higher than the figure at the end of 2017/18 at 441.5 but significantly lower than 2016/17 (579.8) and 2015/16 (565.6).

Timeliness:

There has been a reduction in the timely completion of assessments throughout 2018/19 (81.5%) when compared to the previous reporting year (93.3%). Each assessment that has not been completed within 45 working days has been scrutinised by Heads of Service to determine the reasons behind the drop in performance. The findings for these are reported each month and action taken where possible. Action plans are developed by all managers in an effort to improve this performance going into the next reporting year. The North East average for completion of assessments is 81.9%, the England average is 82.7% and our statistical neighbour average is 87.3%.

Section 47 enquiries

The number of Section 47 enquiries started within this year was 600. Which is a significant increase from the previous year (399). The rate of section 47 enquiries completed per 10,000 of the population at the year-end was 251.8, which is an increase from the previous year (172.8).

During Quarter 4 2018/19, 181 Section 47 enquires were started which is a 25.7% increase on the 144 started during Quarter 4 2017/18.

Child Protection Conferences:

Performance remains higher than benchmarks; NE (82.9%), Statistical Neighbour (85.9%), England (76.9%).

Throughout Quarter 4, 49 children were discussed at ICPC, and over the full year 220 children have been considered. This is higher than last year 2017/18 (157).

At the end of Quarter 4, the cumulative figure for Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPC) being held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting/ Section 47 being initiated was 95.4%. The rationale for missed timescales is analysed each month.

Child Protection Plans:

At the end of March 2019, 103 children were subject to a Child Protection Plan, a small increase from the end of last quarter (101) and lower position than the year end figure for 2017/18 of 115. This equates to a rate of 45.7 per 10,000 of the 0 – 17 population, which is lower than the latest published figures for the Regional average (65.7%) and in line with our statistical neighbour (47.4%), and the National average (45.3%).

At the end of Quarter 4, the figure for children becoming subject to a CP Plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 or more years of a previous plan was 3.9%. This compares favourably with last year's position of 6.5%.

Child Protection Statutory visits

At the end of March 2019, 79.4% of statutory Child Protection visits had been undertaken within the internally set visiting frequency of 10 working days. However, a number of Local Authorities have a 15 working day timescale and when this is applied to performance, the percentage completed significantly rises to 95.7%. All those statutory visits that do not take place within 10 working days are scrutinised each month by the Head of Assessment, Care Planning and LATC. Assurances can be provided that where visits are not taking place within 10 working days they are generally missed only by a day or two, and those which are longer are generally missed due to non-engagement of families and escalated accordingly. This level of scrutiny will continue to be provided by the Head of Service.

Looked after Children

At the end of March, the number of Children in Care had reached 264, which is a significant increase from the previous reporting year of 215 children. The rate of Children in Care per 10,000 of the population is currently at 117.2 which is higher than previous years. This increase in the number of Children in Care is currently being scrutinised to determine if there are any areas that could be strengthened to safely reduce this number.

Statutory visits Looked after Children

At the end of March, 82.6% of statutory visits to Children in Care had been carried out in timescale. This represents a dip in performance against the previous year at 93.4%. This performance represents 2,389 visits being completed within timescales out of 2,893. This drop in performance continues to be monitored by Heads of Service and reasons for each visit missed are provided and analysed each month. Action plans have been put in place by all managers to ensure this performance improves through 2019/20.

Placements

The robust management oversight of placement stability for Children in Care has continued throughout this reporting year. At the end of March the figure for children who had moved placement 3 or more times had positively exceeded the target of 10% and reached 9.5%. This demonstrates that placement stability has been grasped for this indicator but oversight needs to continue as it is accepted this performance should be further improved to ensure children do not move unnecessarily.

The percentage of children who had been in their current placement for 2 years or more who had been in care for 2 ½ years or more reached 64.4% at the end of March. Whilst this performance has not reached the target of 68% at the end of the year, it has been reached and also positively exceeded for 4 consecutive months prior to this. However, given how this percentage is calculated, the actual number of children in this cohort (numerator) has been 45 or 46 for the past 6 months, but the percentage has reduced due to the increasing number of children included in the denominator. Therefore, although the percentage has decreased overall at the end of March, the actual number of children in the numerator has been consistent. However, it is again accepted this performance should be further improved to ensure children do not move unnecessarily.

The percentage of children placed 20 miles or more away from home has seen an improvement from this year (9.7%) to the previous year (12%). This is a significant improvement from the previous year and demonstrates the efforts that have been made to ensure children and young people remain close to home whenever it is safe to do so.

Dental and Health Review

At the end of March, there were 87.9% (145 out of 165) children and young people with an up-to-date health review. Of those 20 children and young people who did not have an up-to-date health review, 7 young people had refused to engage despite efforts to engage them in a health review. This performance continues to be scrutinised by the Head of Assessment, Care Planning and LATC as despite concerted effort to improve this performance it has dipped from the previous year (91.3%). All relevant managers have developed action plans to ensure performance improves through 2019/20.

At the end of March, there were 92.1% (152 out of 165) children and young people with an up-to-date dental check. Of the 13 children and young people who do not have an up-to-date dental check, 8 of these had refused to engage and all were older. This positively exceeds the target set of 90% and is an improvement on the previous year (87.5%).

Trackers for both review health assessments and dental checks remain in place as a tool to support all managers to ensure performance improves further throughout 2019/20.

Care Leavers

At the end of March, the percentage of Care Leavers in suitable accommodation was 96.4%. The 3.6% of Care Leavers in unsuitable accommodation equates to young people who are currently in custody. Although this percentage is below the 100% target that had been set for 2018/19, the percentage across the year has fluctuated from a low of 94.0% in May 2018 to its highest for the reporting year at 96.4% in March 2019. On average, this percentage has been 95.6% across this reporting year. The year-end figure of 96.4% is 1.5% higher than the year end figure for 2017/18.

At the end of March, the percentage of Care Leavers who were Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) was 25% (15 Care Leavers aged 19, 20 and 21 out of a possible 55). This positively exceeds the target set at 33.0%. This percentage is a 7.2% improvement from the 2017/2018 year- end figure of 32.2% to 25% at end of 2018/19.

Of the 15 Care Leavers who are not in education, employment or training:

- were NEET because of illness or disability
- were NEET because of other circumstances
- were NEET because of pregnancy or parenting

Focus continues to be maintained on decreasing the percentage of Care Leavers who are NEET. There is a monthly NEET Reduction Group where each young person who falls in this cohort are discussed and plans developed in an effort to re-engage them in education, employment or training. There is also a NEET tracker that is maintained to support this performance.

In addition to the monthly NEET Reduction Group, a weekly Job Club commenced in May 2018 in conjunction with the Morrison's Trust. The focus of the Job Club over the past 12 months has been to engage the NEET population in an effort to re-engage them with education, employment or training opportunities.

REFERRALS - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION

Percentage of referrals completed within 24 hours and over 72 hours. Referrals completed within 24 hours 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

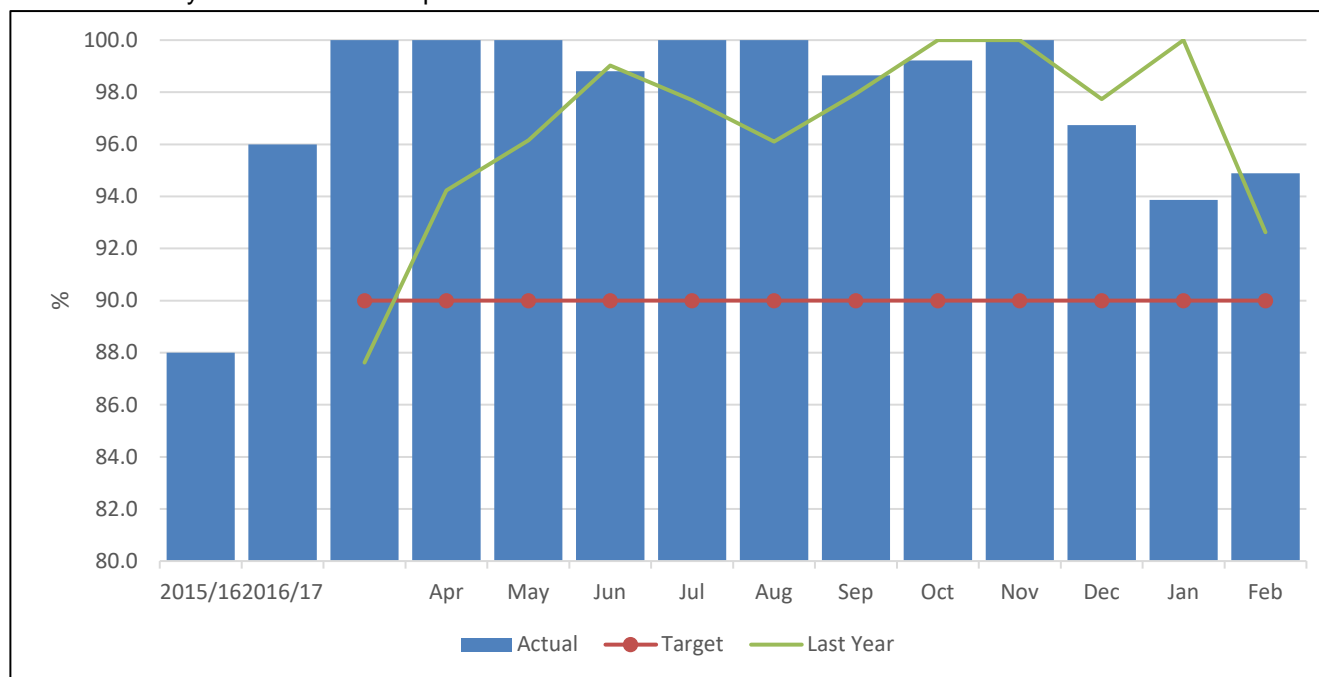
2017/18 and 2018/19 had similar percentage completed within 24 hours (95.9% (1086) and 98.2% (1160)), and remained above our target of 90%, however it is noted that 2018/19 maintained this performance with a larger number of referrals.

CSC 022

Monthly % of referrals completed within 24 hours.

CSC 022: Monthly % of referrals completed within 24 hours.

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90
	Apr-18	100
	May-18	100
	Jun-18	100
	Jul-18	98.8
	Aug-18	100
	Sep-18	100
	Oct-18	98.7
	Nov-18	99.2
	Dec-18	100
	Jan-19	96.7
	Feb-19	93.9
	Mar-19	94.9
ANNUAL TREND	2015/16	85.2
	2016/17	88.0
	2017/18	96.0
	2018/19	98.2%



REFERRALS - RE-REFERRALS

DEFINITION

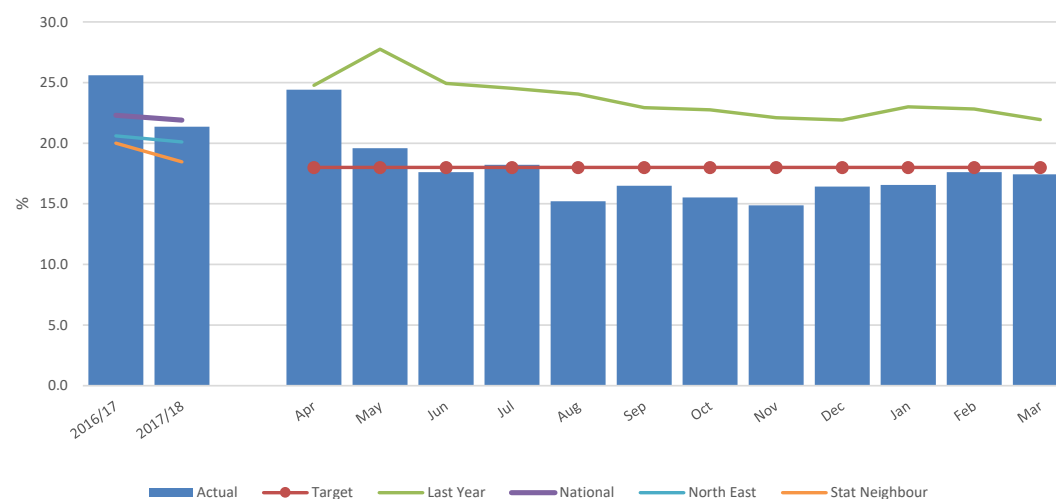
Percentage of re-referrals that are received within 12 months of a previous referral (based on referral start dates)
A re-referral to Children's Social Care could be an indication that the previous referral was inappropriately closed down without addressing the initial concerns or issues.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

205 re-referrals have been made during 2018/19 period equating to 17.4% of our referrals being repeated within 12 months. This is a reduction on the re-referrals we had in 2107/18 period (247) but it is noted that 44% of the North East Local Authorities saw an increase in re-referrals during 2017/18 (source ADCS data 17/18). Currently we are below our internal target of 18% of children re-referred and in line with our statistical neighbour (17.7) and below Regional (18.2) and National average (21.9).

		CSC 034	CSC 032	CSC 033
		Monthly number of re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months	% re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months (cumulative)	Total number of re-referrals that are repeat within 12 months.
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target		18	
	Apr-18	21	24.4	21
	May-18	17	19.6	38
	Jun-18	14	18.3	52
	Jul-18	15	18.2	67
	Aug-18	8	15.2	75
	Sep-18	19	16.5	94
	Oct-18	6	15.5	100
	Nov-18	15	14.9	115
	Dec-18	22	16.4	137
	Jan-19	16	16.6	153
	Feb-19	30	17.6	183
	Mar-19	22	17.4	205
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		16.5	
	2015/16	353	25.6	
	2016/17	314	21.4	
	2017/18	247	21.9	
	2018/19	205	17.4	

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



EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS - STARTED

DEFINITION

Number of individual Early Help Assessments recorded year to date.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

196 Early Help Assessments (EHA) were started during Quarter 4 2018/19,

869 EHA's were started during 2018/19 period which is a small decrease on the 877 completed in 2017/18.

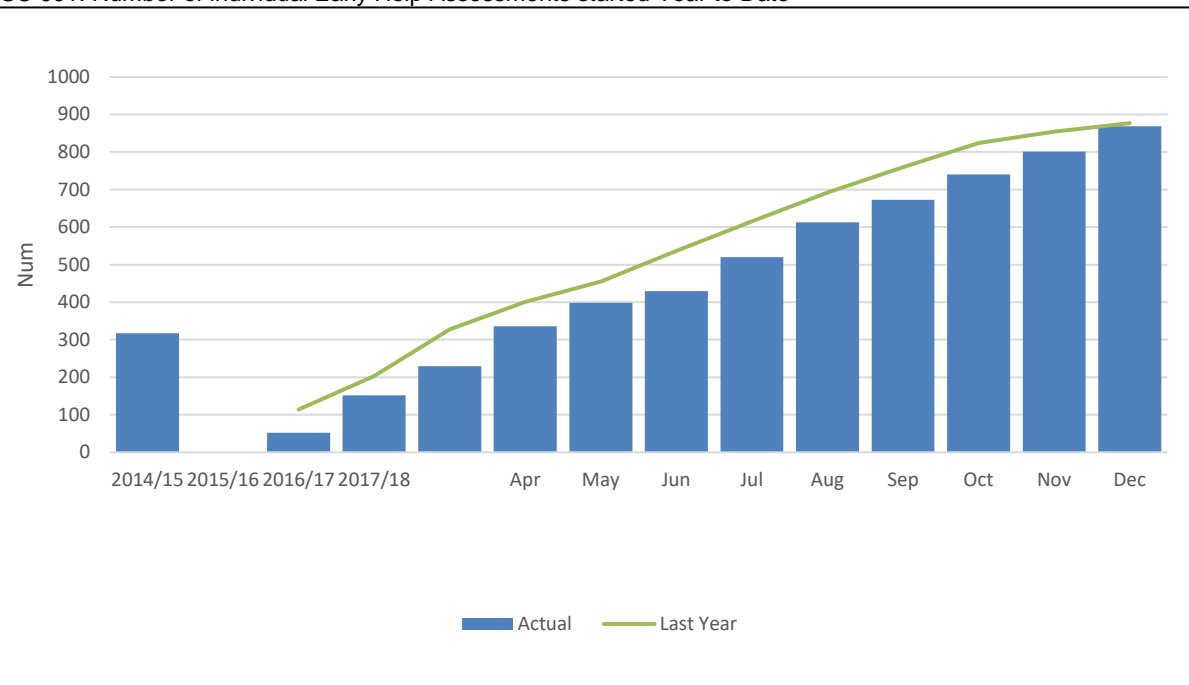
CSC 001

Number of individual Early Help Assessments started Year to Date

CSC 001: Number of individual Early Help Assessments started Year to Date

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	
Apr-18	52
May-18	152
Jun-18	210
Jul-18	317
Aug-18	381
Sep-18	412
Oct-18	502
Nov-18	583
Dec-18	626
Jan-19	740
Feb-19	801
Mar-19	869



ANNUAL TREND

2014/15	317
2015/16	608
2016/17	871
2017/18	877
2018/19	869

MISSING EPISODES						
DEFINITION		The number of episodes of children going missing in Darlington, including Looked After Children,				
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	The missing episodes for the 36 Looked After Children (LAC) during 2018/19 is 199 times equating to 47.2%, which is a significant decrease from 2017/18 which saw 39 children who are looked after being reported missing 310 time (61.5%).					
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IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Apr-18	27 (9)				
	May-18	23(10)				
	Jun-18	25 (12)				
	Jul-18	26 (9)				
	Aug-18	8 (5)				
	Sep-18	10 (7)				
	Oct-18	18 (10)				
	Nov-18	6 (4)				
	Dec-18	12 (7)				
	Jan-19	16 (8)				
	Feb-19	15 (7)				
	Mar-19	13 (7)				
ANNUAL TREND	2016/17					
	2017/18					
	2018/19	199 (36)				
	Child counted once					

ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

Monthly and cumulative number of assessments completed.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

269 Children & Families (C&F) assessments were completed during Quarter 4 2018/19, across all Social Work teams.
1,025 C&F assessments have been completed in total throughout the 2018/19 period.

CSC 036

CSC 036: Number of children & families assessments completed year to date

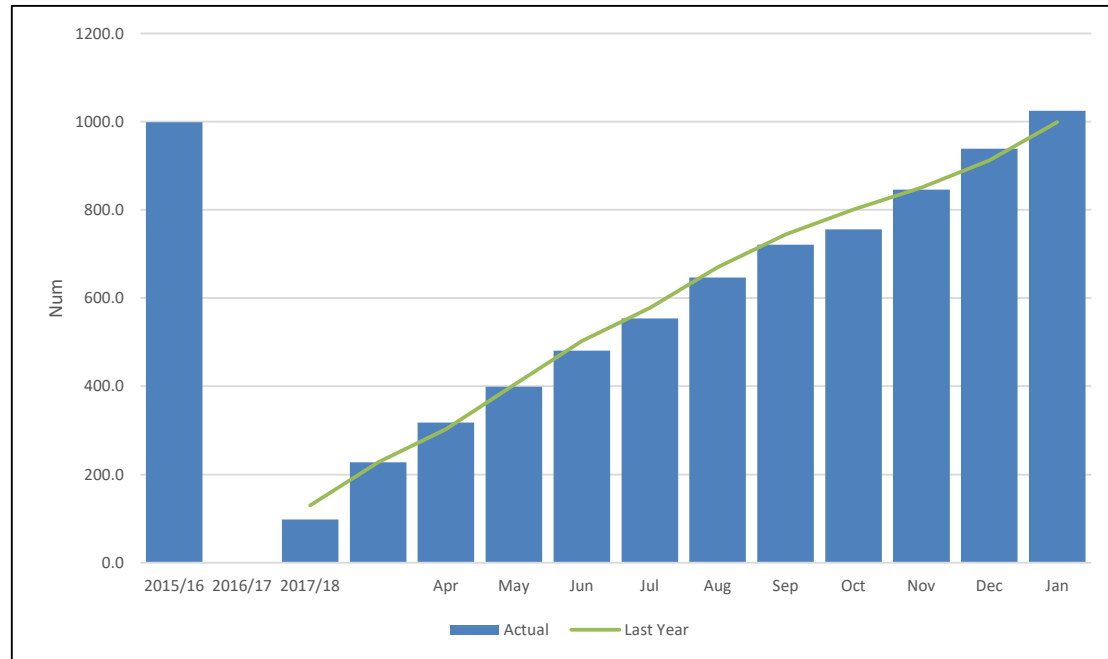
Number of children & families assessments completed year to date

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Apr-18	98
May-18	228
Jun-18	318
Jul-18	399
Aug-18	481
Sep-18	554
Oct-18	647
Nov-18	721
Dec-18	756
Jan-19	846
Feb-19	939
Mar-19	1025

ANNUAL TREND

2014/15	
2015/16	1284
2016/17	1312
2017/18	1002
2018/19	1025



ASSESSMENTS - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION	<p>Of those assessments completed in a period, the percentage completed within 45 working days. Day zero is the first working day on or after the start date of the referral, or strategy discussion decided to initiate S47 enquiries, or where new information indicates that an assessment should be undertaken. The end date is the first working day on or after the recorded date the Team Manager closes the single assessment.</p> <p>A process indicator as a proxy measure for improved child safety and how quickly services can respond when a child is thought to be at risk of serious harm. Local authorities should investigate and address concerns in a timely and efficient way.</p>
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>81.5% of C&F assessments were completed within timescale, which is below statistical neighbour (87.3%) and National (82.7%) average but are slightly behind the Regional average (81.9%).</p>
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CSC 038
% C&F Assessments completed within 45 working days (Year to date)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90%
	Apr-18	89.3
	May-18	85.1
	Jun-18	83.0
	Jul-18	83.2
	Aug-18	85.5
	Sep-18	87.0
	Oct-18	87.6
	Nov-18	87.7
	Dec-18	86.9
	Jan-19	83.8
	Feb-19	82.8
	Mar-19	81.5
ANNUAL TREND	2015/16	77.0
	2016/17	93.0
	2017/18	93.3
	2018/19	81.5

SECTION 47

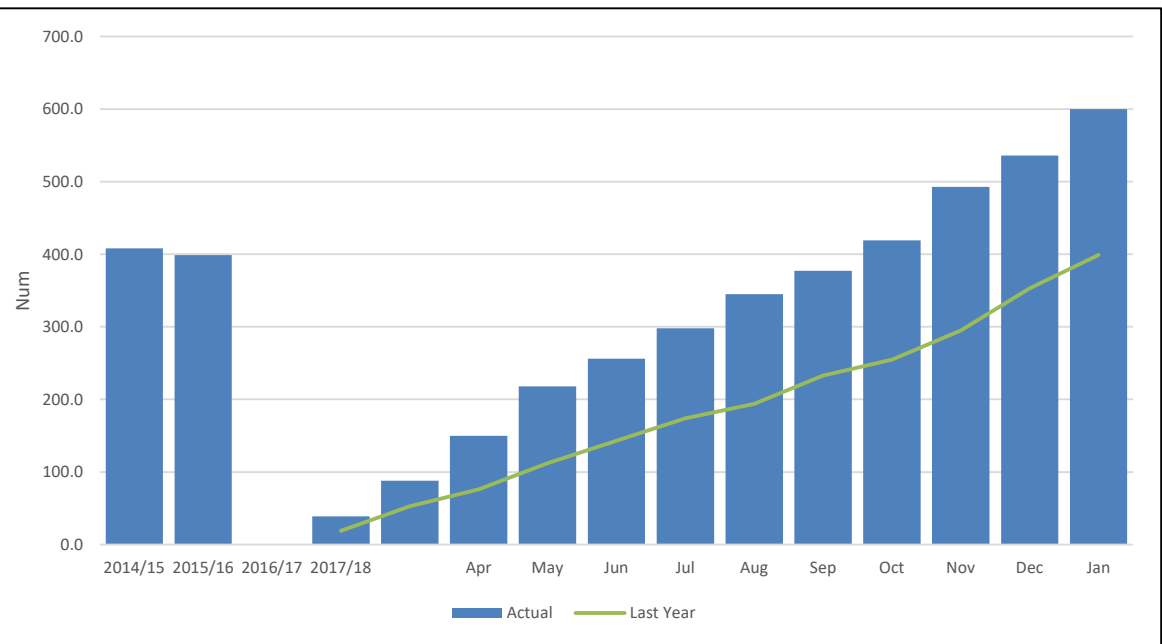
DEFINITION	Number of Section 47 enquiries started monthly and year to date.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	600 Section 47 enquires were started during the 2018/19 period . This has affected our rate of Section 47 enquires per 10,000 which is now 251.8 and above our statistical neighbour (168.5) and National average (166.9) but more comparable with the Regional average (224.5).
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CSC 165
Number of section 47 enquires started within the year (CPP)

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IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	
	Apr-18	39
	May-18	88
	Jun-18	150
	Jul-18	218
	Aug-18	256
	Sep-18	298
	Oct-18	345
	Nov-18	377
	Dec-18	419
	Jan-19	493
	Feb-19	536
	Mar-19	600



ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	
	2015/16	408
	2016/17	432
	2017/18	399
	2018/19	600

INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES - TIMELINESS

DEFINITION

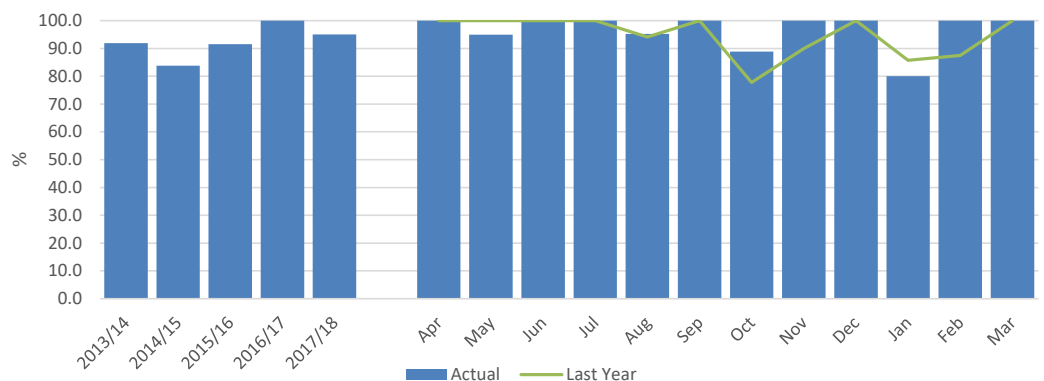
Of those ICPCs held within the period (excluding transfer ins), the percentage held within 15 working days of the S47 enquiry. Provides an indication of how quickly the safety of children who are judged to be continuing to, or likely to suffer significant harm is being considered by a multi-agency meeting.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

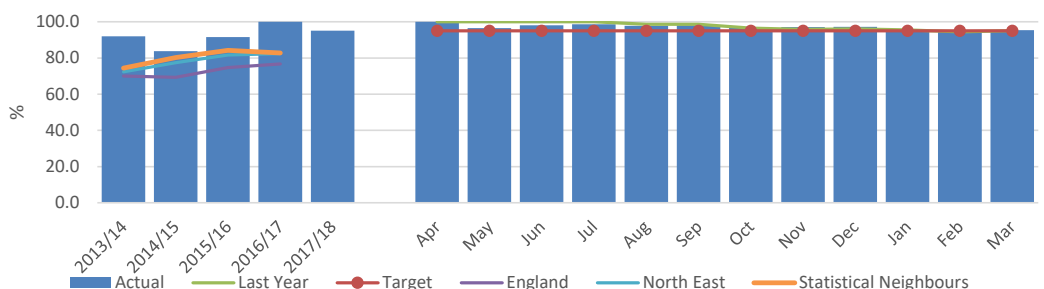
At the end of March 2019, the cumulative figure for Initial Child Protection Conferences being held within 15 working days from the strategy meeting/section 47 being initiated was 95.4%. Performance remains higher than our statistical neighbour (85.9%), Regional (82.9%) and National (76.9%) average and in line with our internal target.

		CSC 178	CSC 176
		Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.	% of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) was within 15 days of the initiating strategy discussion / S47 start recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook (CPP). This EXCLUDES transfer-in conferences. Year to Date
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	100	95
	Apr-18	100	100
	May-18	95.0	96.4
	Jun-18	100	98.0
	Jul-18	100	98.6
	Aug-18	95.2	97.8
	Sep-18	100	98.0
	Oct-18	88.9	96.6
	Nov-18	100	97.1
	Dec-18	100	97.3
	Jan-19	80.0	94.7
	Feb-19	100	95.2
	Mar-19	100	95.4
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	83.8	83.8
	2015/16	91.5	91.5
	2016/17	100	100
	2017/18	95.0	95.0
	2018/19	95.4	95.4

CSC 178: Monthly % of cases recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook where Child Protection strategy meeting / S47 start to initial child protection conference (ICPC) are within 15 days (CPP). Excludes transfer-in conferences.



CSC 176: % of cases where the initial child protection conference (ICPC) was within 15 days of the initiating strategy discussion / S47 start recorded in the Safeguarding Unit workbook (CPP). This EXCLUDES transfer-in conferences. Year to Date



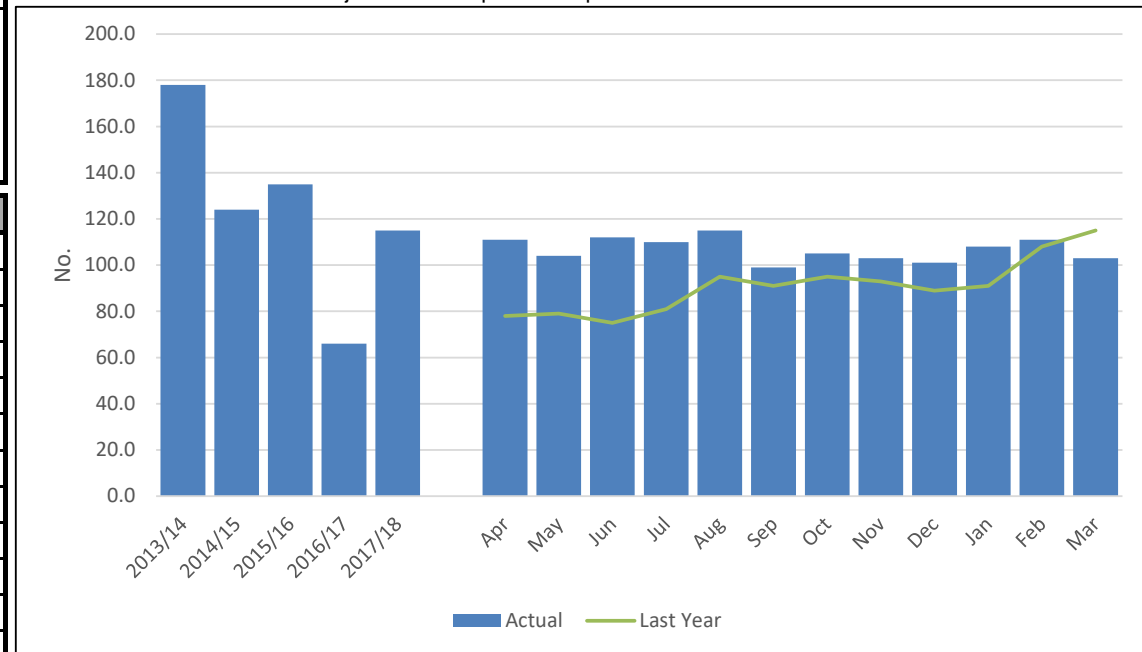
CHILD PROTECTION

DEFINITION	Number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan at the end of the month.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	103 children were subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) as at the end of March 2019.
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CSC 182
Number of children subject to a child protection plan

CSC 182: Number of children subject to a child protection plan



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE		
	Apr-18	111
	May-18	104
	Jun-18	112
	Jul-18	110
	Aug-18	115
	Sep-18	99
	Oct-18	105
	Nov-18	103
	Dec-18	101
	Jan-19	108
	Feb-19	111
	Mar-19	103

ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	124
	2015/16	135
	2016/17	66
	2017/18	115
	2018/19	103

CHILD PROTECTION - ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION	The percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan at the end of the month and who at that date had had a Plan continuously for at least the previous 3 months, whose case was reviewed within the required timescales.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	100% of children with a Child Protection Cases were allocated to a Qualified Social Worker within the required timescales.
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CSC 183
% Child Protection cases allocated to a qualified Social Worker

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	100
	Apr-18	100
	May-18	100
	Jun-18	100
	Jul-18	100
	Aug-18	100
	Sep-18	100
	Oct-18	100
	Nov-18	100
	Dec-18	100
	Jan-19	100
	Feb-19	100
	Mar-19	100

ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	
	2015/16	100
	2016/17	100
	2017/18	100
	2018/19	100

CHILD PROTECTION - 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.

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

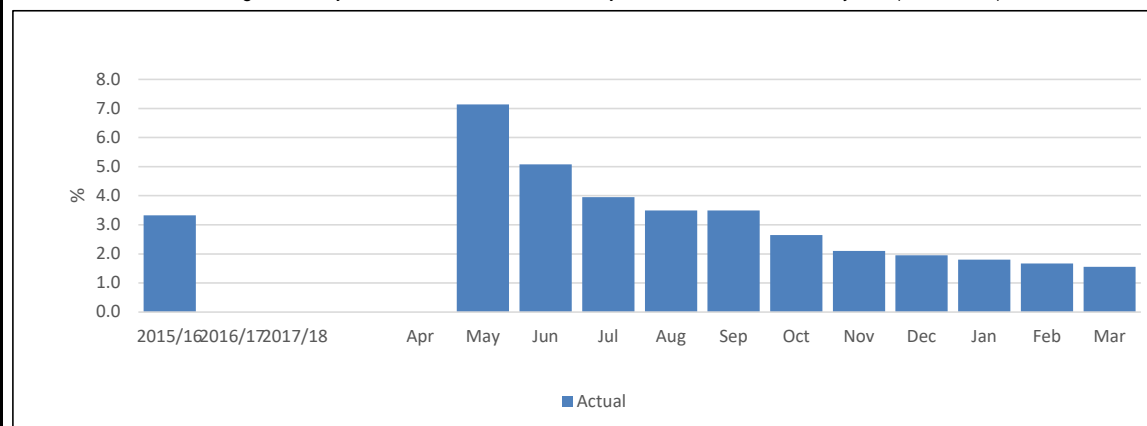
At the end of March 2019 the figure for children becoming subject to a CP plan for a second or subsequent time within 2 years of the previous plan ending was 3.9%.

Year to date, 1.6% of the children have ceased to be subject to a CPP who had been subject to the plan for 2 or more years. They ceased to be subject to a CPP as they became looked after.

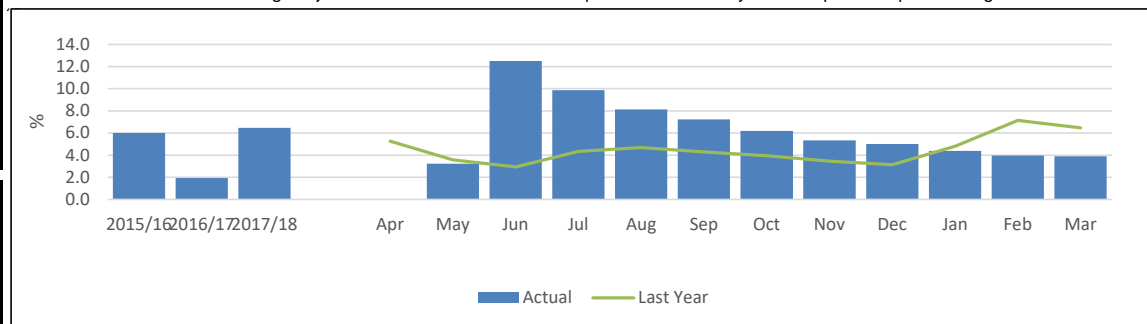
We continue to remain below our targets of 5% and 6%.

		CSC 186	CSC 188
		% children ceasing to be subject of a CPP who had been subject to a CPP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)	% of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending in the month (Cumulative)
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	5%	6%
	Apr-18	0.0	0.0
	May-18	7.1	3.2
	Jun-18	5.1	12.5
	Jul-18	4.0	9.9
	Aug-18	3.5	8.1
	Sep-18	3.5	7.2
	Oct-18	2.7	6.2
	Nov-18	2.1	5.3
	Dec-18	2.0	5.0
	Jan-19	1.8	4.4
	Feb-19	1.7	4.0
	Mar-19	1.6	3.9
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	0.6	2.4
	2015/16	3.3	6.0
	2016/17	0.0	1.9
	2017/18	0.0	6.5
	2018/19	1.6	3.9

CSC 186: % children ceasing to be subject of a CPP who had been subject to a CPP for 2 or more years (Cumulative)



CSC 188: % of children becoming subject to a CPP for a 2nd or subsequent time within 2 years of a previous plan ending in the month



CHILD PROTECTION - STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION

Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection 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

79.4% (2,407/3,037) of Child Protection statutory visits were completed within 10 working days during the 2018/19 period.

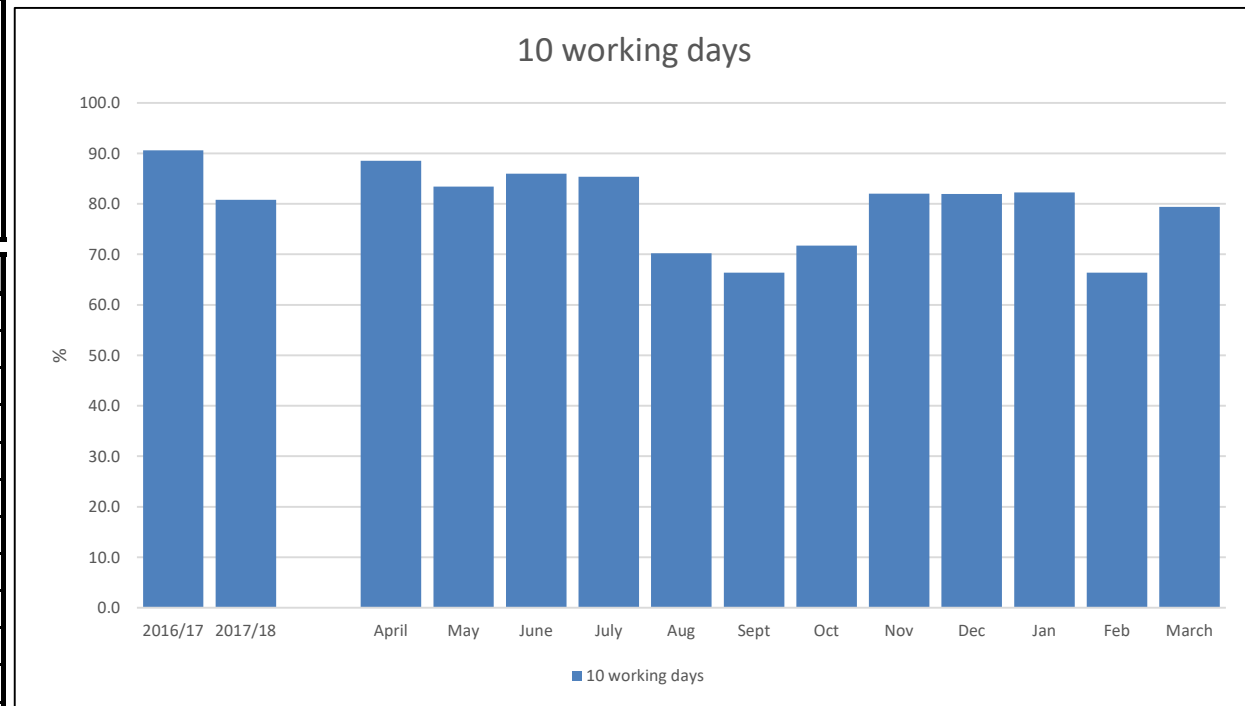
CSC 252a

% Child Protection statutory visits completed within 10 working days within the month

% Child Protection statutory visits completed within the month

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90
	Apr-18	88.6
	May-18	83.4
	Jun-18	86.0
	Jul-18	85.4
	Aug-18	70.2
	Sep-18	66.4
	Oct-18	71.8
	Nov-18	82.0
	Dec-18	82.0
	Jan-19	82.3
	Feb-19	66.4
	Mar-19	79.4
ANNUAL TREND	2015/16	
	2016/17	85.6
	2017/18	80.8
	2018/19	79.4

10 working days



LOOKED AFTER

DEFINITION

Number of Looked After Children at the end of each month.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

264 children are currently being looked after as at March 2019.

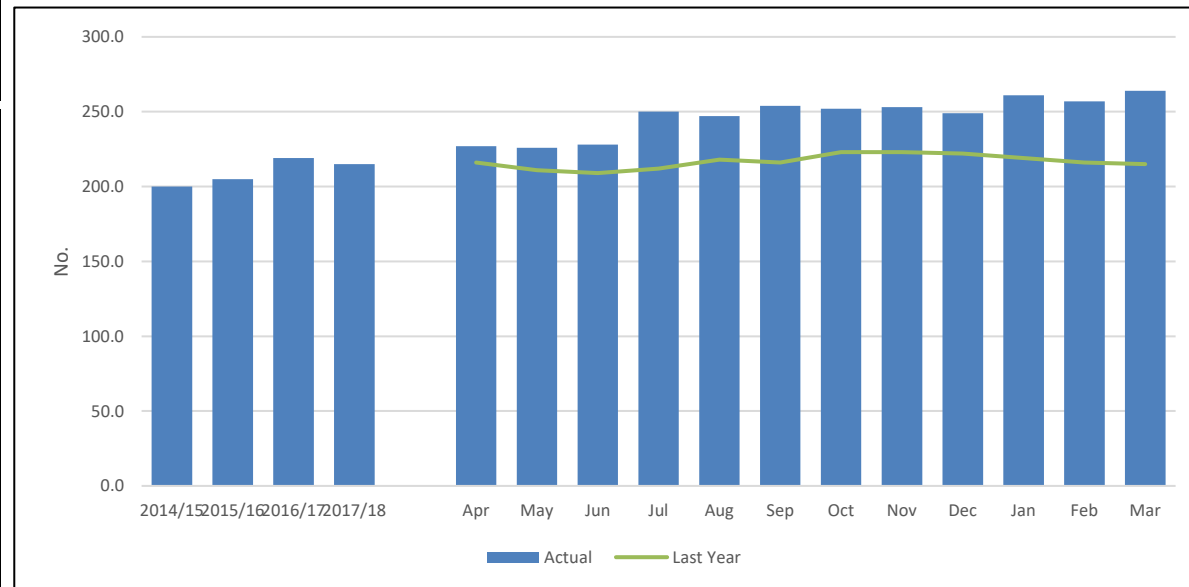
CSC 201

Total number of
Looked After
Children

CSC 201: Total number of Looked After Children

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	
	Apr-18	227
	May-18	226
	Jun-18	228
	Jul-18	250
	Aug-18	247
	Sep-18	254
	Oct-18	252
	Nov-18	253
	Dec-18	249
	Jan-19	261
	Feb-19	257
	Mar-19	264

ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	200
	2015/16	205
	2016/17	219
	2017/18	215
	2018/19	264



LOOKED AFTER - ALLOCATION & REVIEWS

DEFINITION

The percentage of Looked After Children cases which should have been reviewed during the year ending 31 March that were reviewed on time during the year

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

100% of our currently Looked After Children have had been completed within required timescales.

CSC 218

% of Looked After Children whose reviews had been completed within required timescales (as at month end)

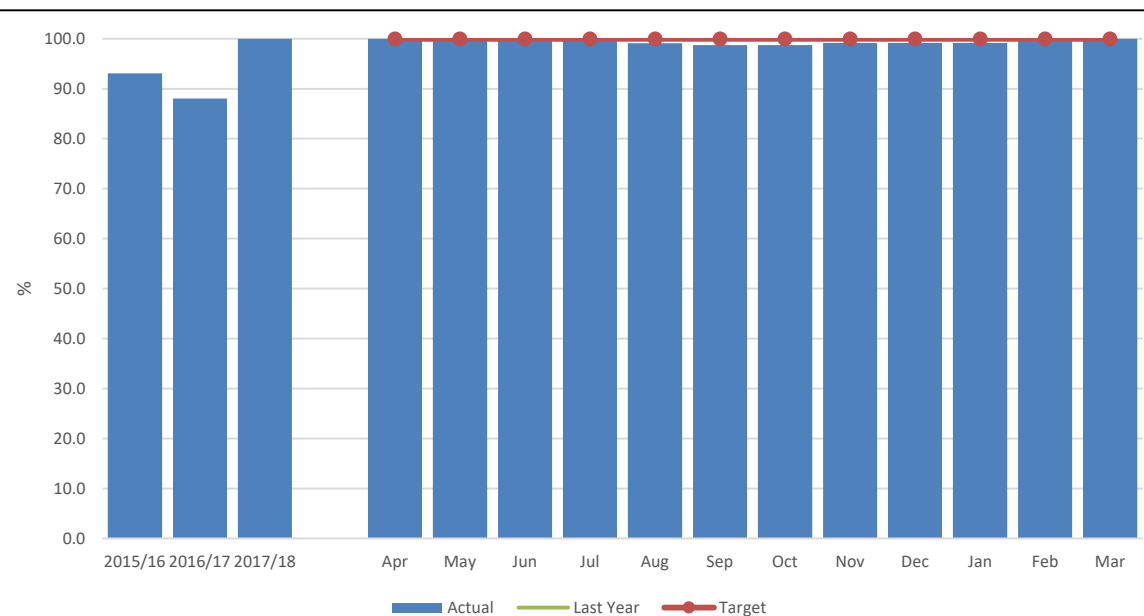
CSC 218: % of Looked After Children whose reviews had been completed within required timescales (as at month end)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	100
Apr-18	100
May-18	100
Jun-18	100
Jul-18	100
Aug-18	99.1
Sep-18	98.7
Oct-18	98.8
Nov-18	99.2
Dec-18	99.2
Jan-19	99.2
Feb-19	100
Mar-19	100

ANNUAL TREND

2014/15	92.3
2015/16	93.1
2016/17	88.0
2017/18	100
2018/19	100



LOOKED AFTER - STATUTORY VISITS

DEFINITION

Percentage of Looked After Children who had all statutory visits completed within required timescales and percentage of Looked After statutory visits completed within timescales each month and year to date.

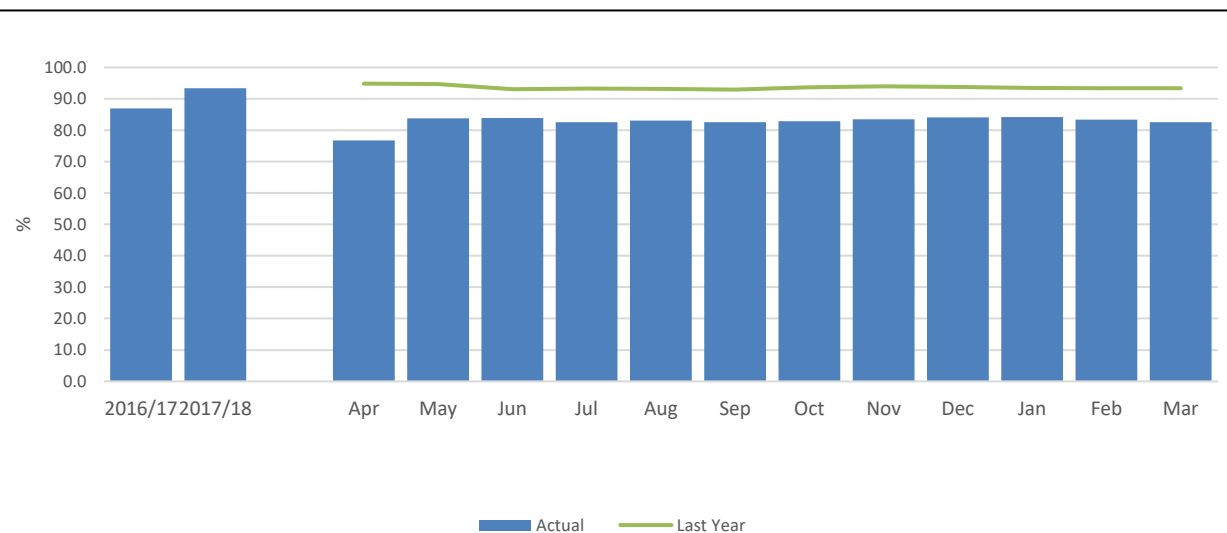
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

82.6% (2,389/2,893) of Looked After Children's (LAC) statutory visits have been completed in timescale during the 2018/19 period.

CSC 260b

% LAC statutory visits completed in timescale year to date

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



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	90
Apr-18	76.7
May-18	83.8
Jun-18	83.9
Jul-18	82.6
Aug-18	83.1
Sep-18	82.6
Oct-18	82.9
Nov-18	83.5
Dec-18	84.2
Jan-19	84.2
Feb-19	83.3
Mar-19	82.6

ANNUAL TREND

2014/15	
2015/16	
2016/17	86.9
2017/18	93.4
2018/19	82.6

LOOKED AFTER - PLACEMENTS

DEFINITION

Of those Looked After Children 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 had been in their current placement for 2 or more years. and who were placed more than 20 miles away from their home address.

On the whole stability is associated with better outcomes; placement instability has been highlighted as a key barrier to improving educational outcomes. 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

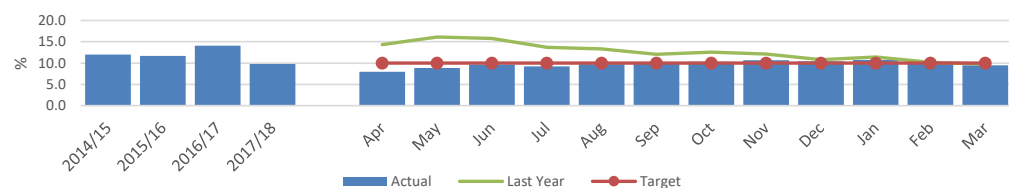
9.5% (25/264) of children in care as at March 2019 have had 3 or more placements within the previous 12 months. This is below our internal target of 10% and that National average (10) and in line with our statistical neighbours (9.2) and Regional average (9).

As at March 2019, 64.4% (47/73) of our looked after children 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 internal target of 68%, the National average (70), our statistical neighbours (70) and Regional average (73). This is similar when compared to March 2018 which saw 65.1% of Looked After Children having been in their current placement continuously for at least 2 years.

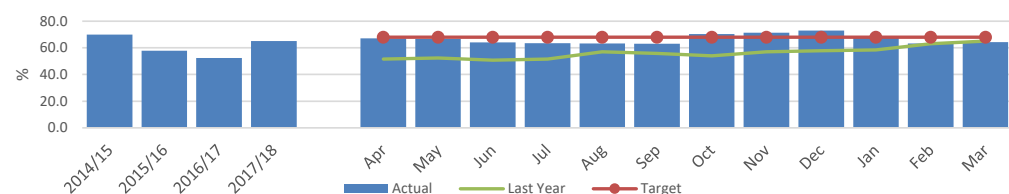
9.7% of our looked after children have been placed 20 or more miles away from home as at March 2019.

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	CSC 228 % LAC with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months	CSC 229 % LAC who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years	CSC 230 % LAC placed 20 miles or more away from home
	10	68	10	
	Apr-18	7.9	67.2	11.0
	May-18	8.9	66.7	11.9
	Jun-18	9.7	64.1	12.4
	Jul-18	9.2	63.5	11.3
	Aug-18	9.7	63.2	10.9
	Sep-18	9.8	63.1	10.1
	Oct-18	10.3	70.3	9.7
	Nov-18	10.7	71.4	10.5
	Dec-18	10.4	73.0	9.4
	Jan-19	10.7	68.7	9.8
ANNUAL TREND	Feb-19	10.1	63.4	10.3
	Mar-19	9.5	64.4	9.7
	2014/15	12.0	70.0	7.0
	2015/16	11.7	57.8	12.8
	2016/17	14.1	52.4	7.8
	2017/18	9.8	65.1	12.0
	2018/19	9.5	64.4	9.7

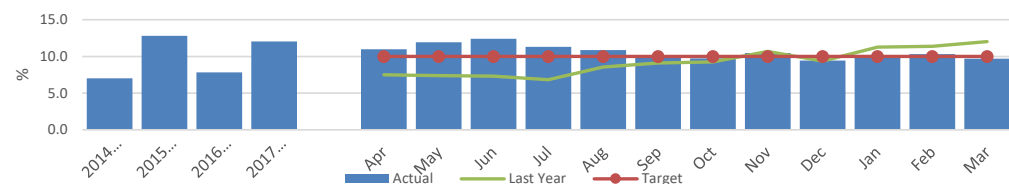
CSC 228: % LAC with 3 or more placements moves during last 12 months



CSC 229: % LAC who have been in their current placement for 2 or more years



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



LOOKED AFTER - INITIAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

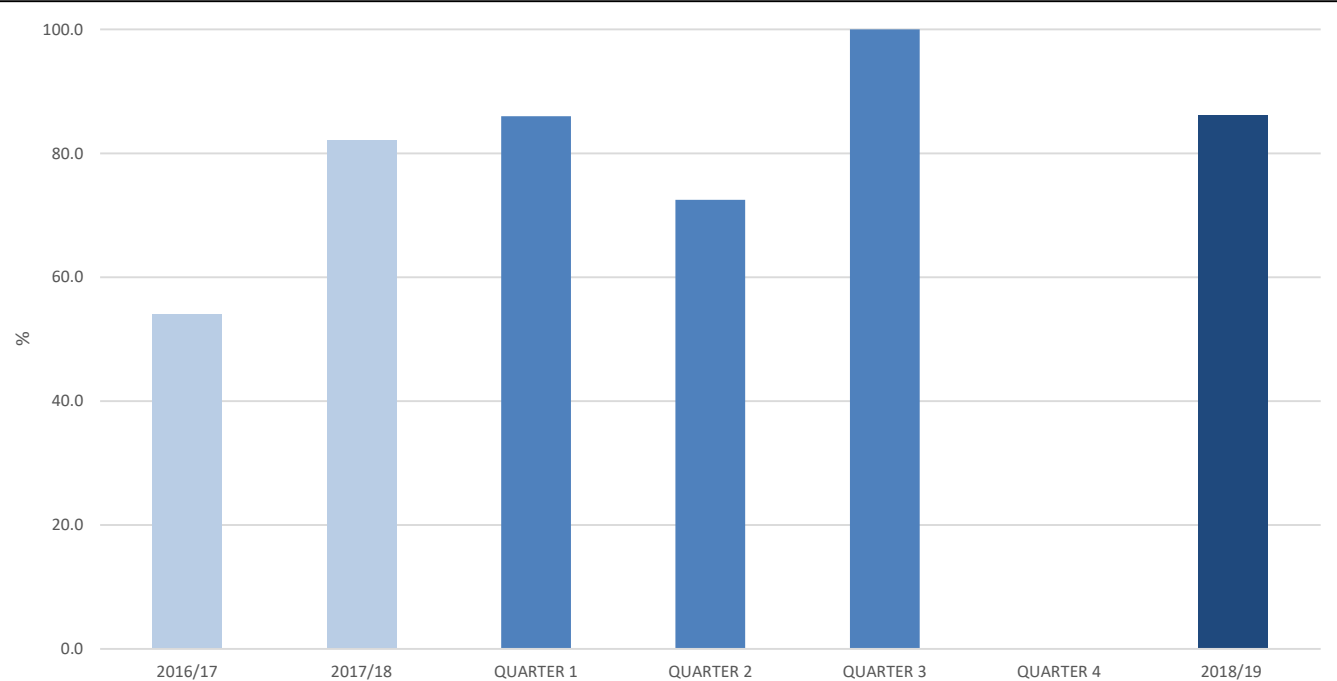
Percentage of Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of a child becoming Looked After year to date (data from Health),

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

As an Average over Quarter 1-3, 86% of Initial Health Assessments have been completed within 20 working days of a child becoming looked after.

% Newly LAC with a completed Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days (from Health)

% Newly LAC with a completed Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days (from Health)



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	95
Apr-18	
May-18	
Jun-18	86
Jul-18	
Aug-18	
Sep-18	72.5
Oct-18	
Nov-18	
Dec-18	100
Jan-19	
Feb-19	
Mar-19	TBC

ANNUAL TREND - AVERAGE

2014/15	
2015/16	58
2016/17	54
2017/18	82
2018/19	86

LOOKED AFTER - HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

Of the children in care 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.
Looked After Children 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 Looked After Children in 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 Looked After Children.

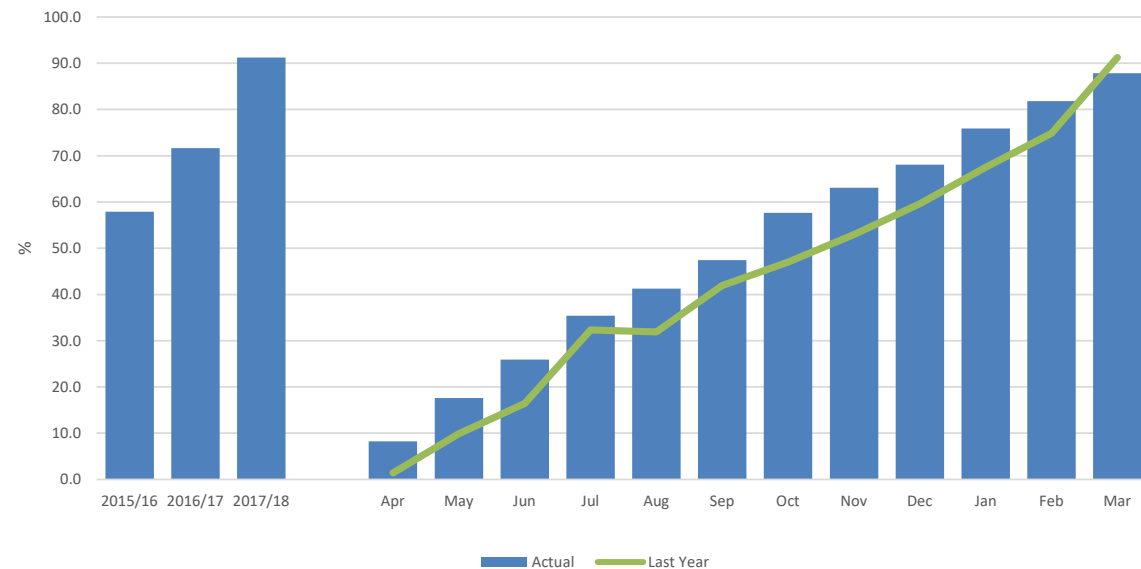
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

87.9% (145/165) of children due a Review Health Assessment during the 2018/19 period had one completed.

CSC 250

% of Looked After Children (LAC) with up to date Health Checks (CLA 1 yr. +)

CSC 250: % of Looked After Children (LAC) with up to date Health Checks (CLA 1 yr +)



IN MONTH PERFORMANCE

Target	90
Apr-18	8.2
May-18	17.6
Jun-18	26.0
Jul-18	35.4
Aug-18	41.3
Sep-18	47.4
Oct-18	57.7
Nov-18	63.1
Dec-18	68.1
Jan-19	75.9
Feb-19	81.8
Mar-19	87.9

ANNUAL TREND

2015/16	57.9
2016/17	71.6
2017/18	91.3
2018/19	87.9

LOOKED AFTER - DENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

DEFINITION

Of the children in care 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. Looked After Children 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 LAC in 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 Looked After Children.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

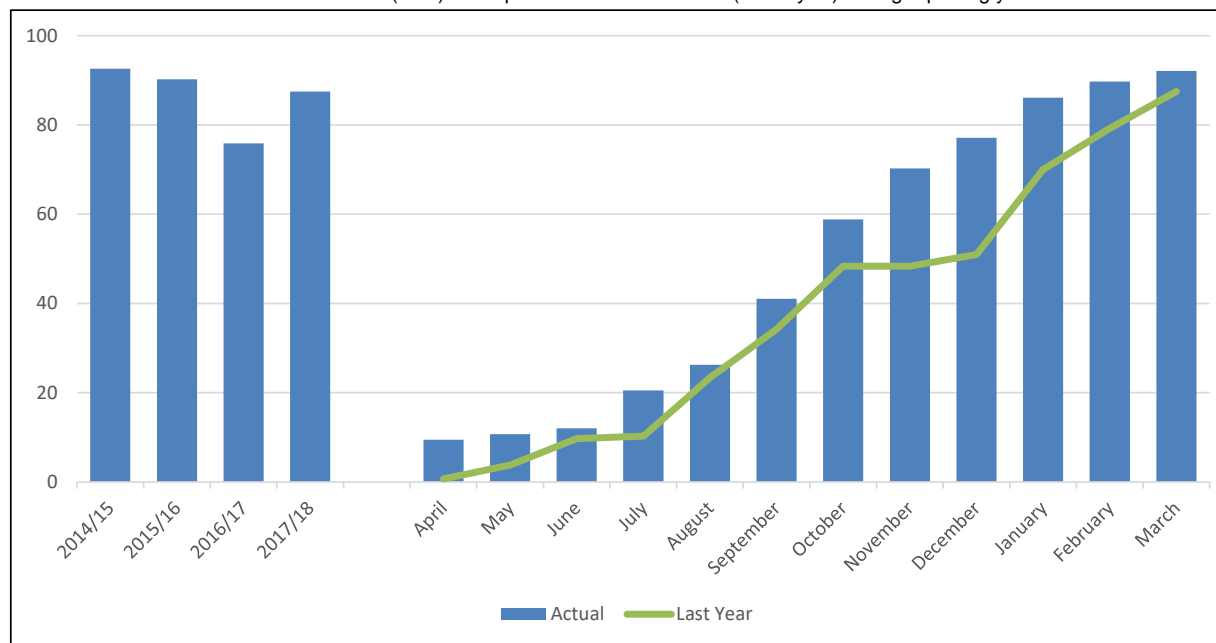
92.1% (152/165) of children due a dental check assessment had one completed.

CSC 251

The % of Looked After Children (LAC) with up to date Dental Checks (LAC 1yr +) during reporting year.

CSC 251: The % of Looked After Children (LAC) with up to date Dental Checks (LAC 1yr +) during reporting year.

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	90
	Apr-18	9.5
	May-18	10.7
	Jun-18	12.0
	Jul-18	20.5
	Aug-18	26.3
	Sep-18	41.0
	Oct-18	58.8
	Nov-18	70.2
	Dec-18	77.1
	Jan-19	86.1
	Feb-19	89.7
	Mar-19	92.1
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	92.6
	2015/16	90.2
	2016/17	75.9
	2017/18	87.5
	2018/19	92.1



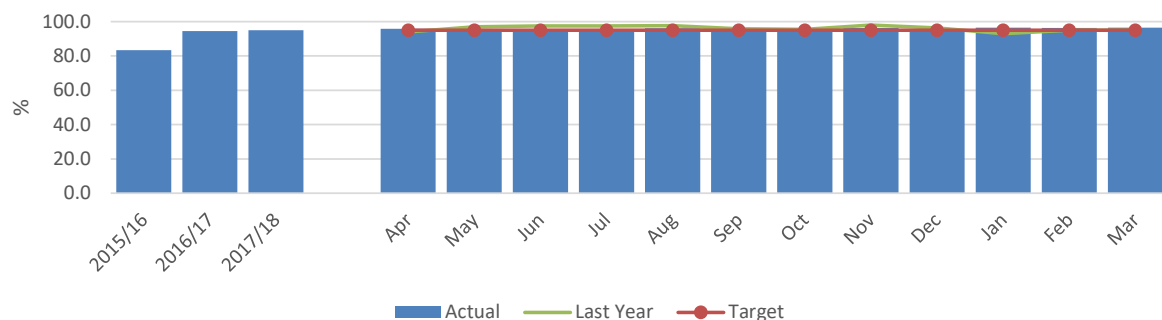
CARE LEAVERS

DEFINITION	<p>The percentage of former care leavers who are eligible for care leavers support who are under the age of 21, 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>96.4% (54 out of 56) of our care leavers were in suitable accommodation at the end of March 2019. This is above our internal target of 95% of our care leavers to be in suitable accommodation and an improvement on the 94.9% as at March 2018.</p> <p>There were 14 young people (aged 19-21) as at March who were not in education, employment or training (NEET).</p> <p>This equates to 25% of our care leavers which is below our internal target of 30% NEET and an improvement on the 32.2% as at March 2018.</p>
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		CSC 286	CSC 294
		% Care Leavers in suitable accommodation	% Care Leavers NEET
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Target	95	30
	Apr-18	95.8	37.5
	May-18	94.0	32.0
	Jun-18	94.1	27.5
	Jul-18	94.1	23.5
	Aug-18	96.2	28.9
	Sep-18	96.2	25.0
	Oct-18	96.2	18.9
	Nov-18	96.4	20.0
	Dec-18	94.7	19.3
	Jan-19	96.4	30.4
	Feb-19	96.3	27.8
	Mar-19	96.4	25.0
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		
	2015/16	100	37.9
	2016/17	96.4	30.6
	2017/19	94.9	32.2
	2018/19	96.4	25.0

CSC 286: % Care Leavers in suitable accommodation



CSC 294: % Care Leavers NEET

