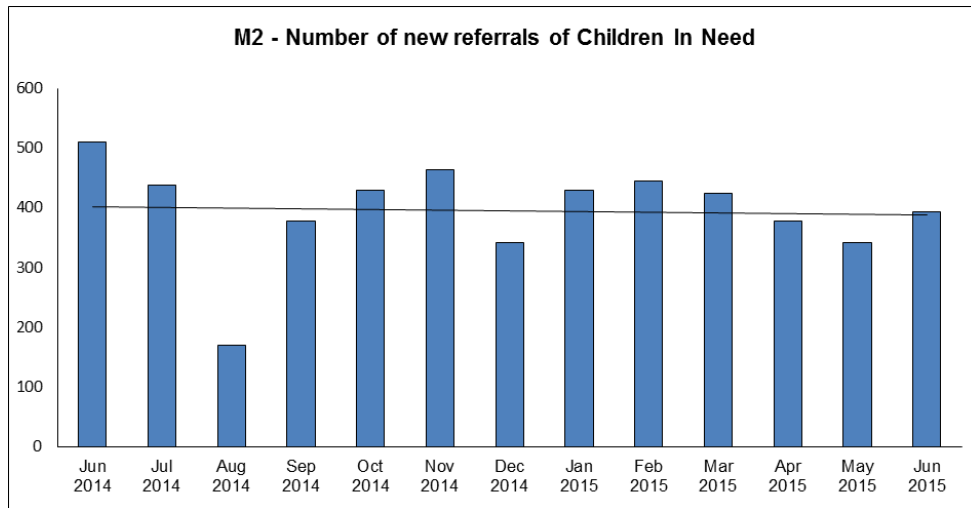


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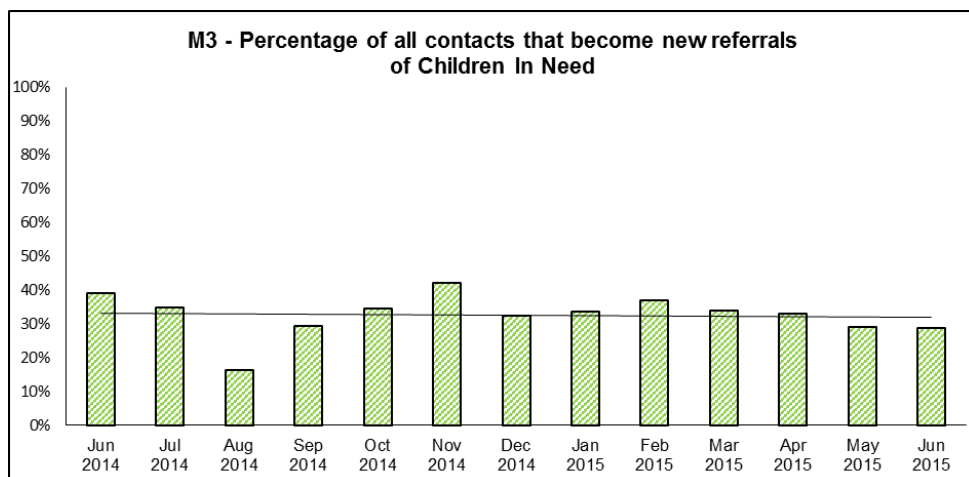
M2 – Number of new referrals of Children in Need

Although there was a 23% decrease compared to the same period last year, this remains slightly above the 12 month average of 386.



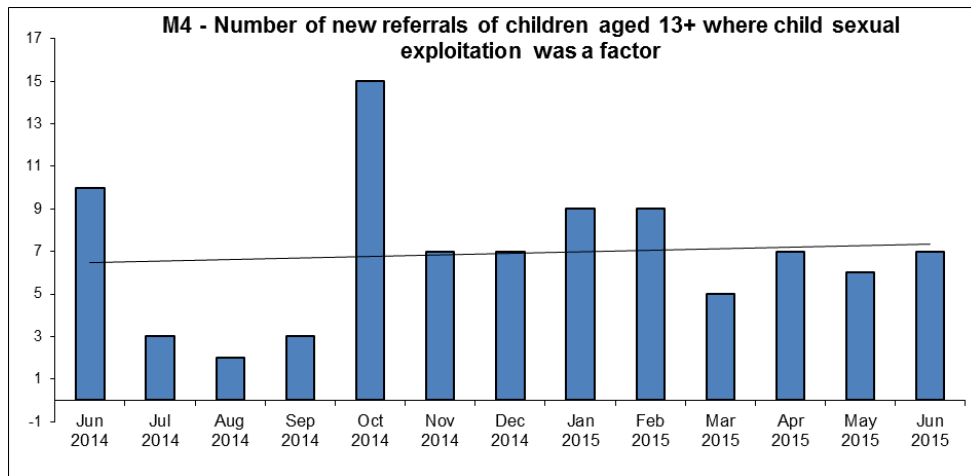
M3 – Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need

This has decreased by 26% compared to the same period last year, although this remains below the 12 month average of 32%, and there has been little fluctuation during this period.



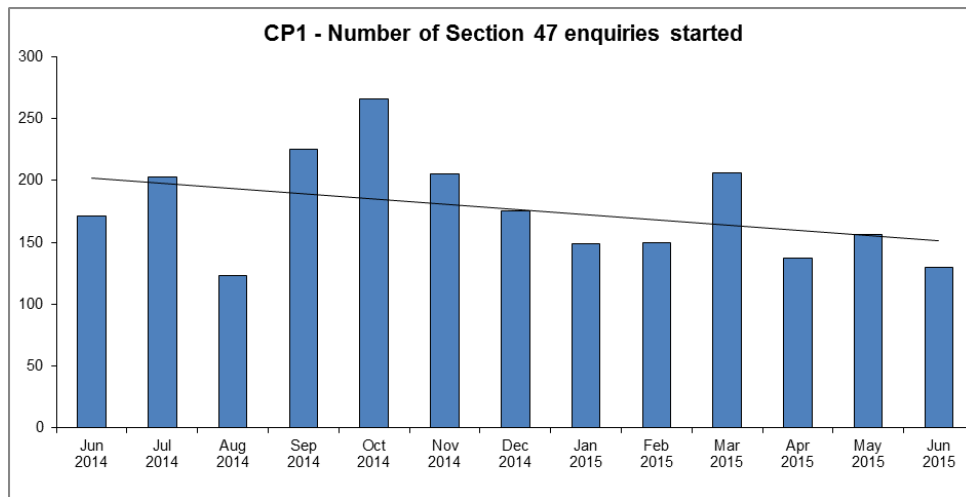
M4 - Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation was a factor

Despite an increase since May, this has decreased by 30% compared to the same period last year. Since November 2014, this measure has stabilised and there has been minimal variation from the 12 month average of 7 referrals per month.



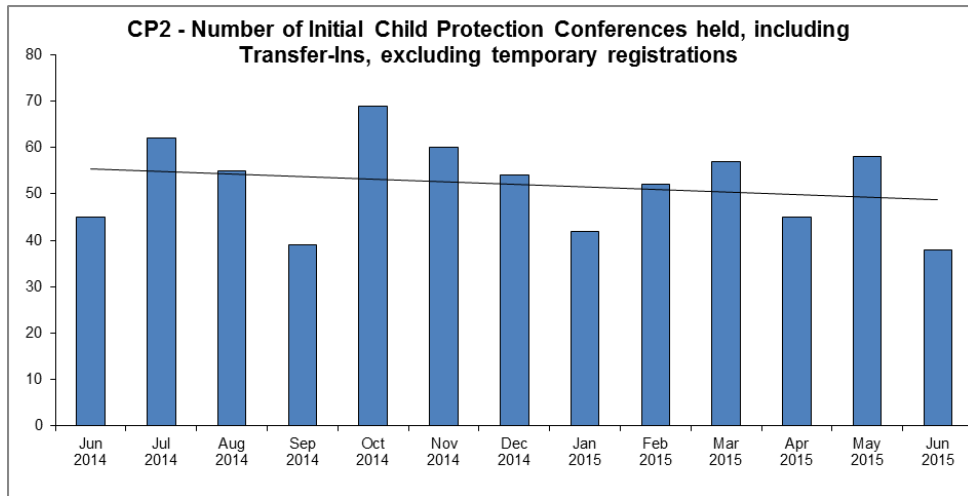
CP1 - Number of Section 47 enquiries started

This has decreased by 24% compared to the same period last year, and has also decreased since the previous month. There has been a continued downward trend over the last 13 months.



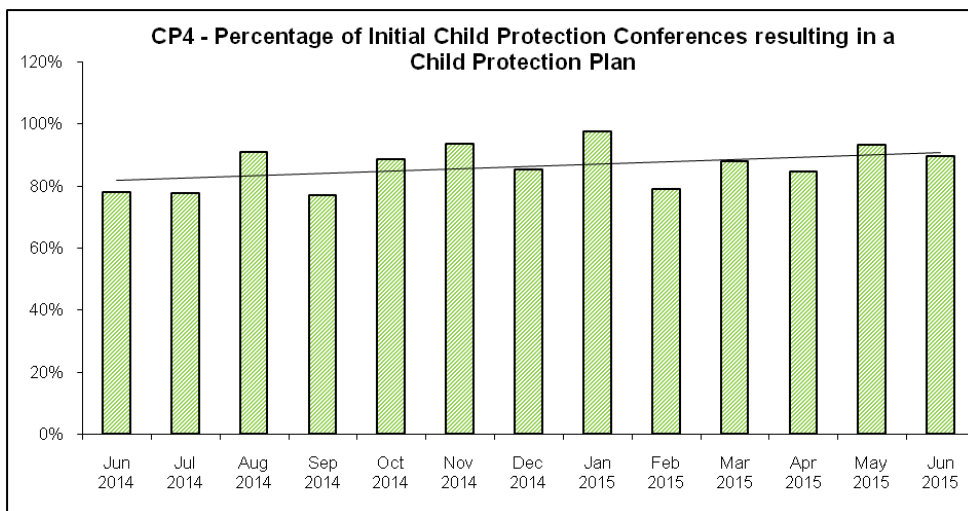
CP2 - Number of Initial Child Protection Conferences held, including Transfer-Ins, excluding temporary registrations

The number of ICPCs held has decreased by 16% compared to the same period last year, and 34% compared to the previous month. Despite some month on month variation, this measure shows a continuing downward trend.



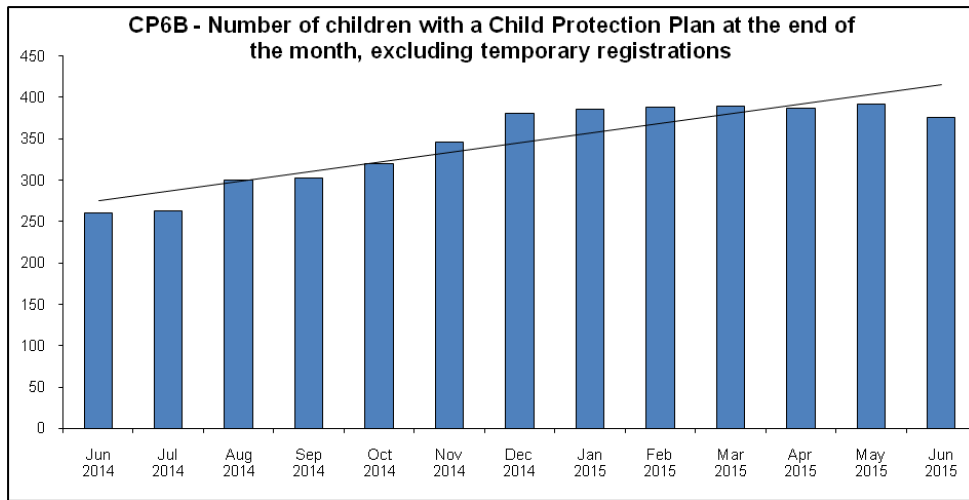
CP4 - Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences resulting in a Child Protection Plan

Compared to the same period last year, there has been a 15% increase in the number of children who have been brought into a Child Protection conference where it is decided the children should become subject of a Child Protection plan. This continues to be the case for a majority (77-98%) of children brought into an ICPC



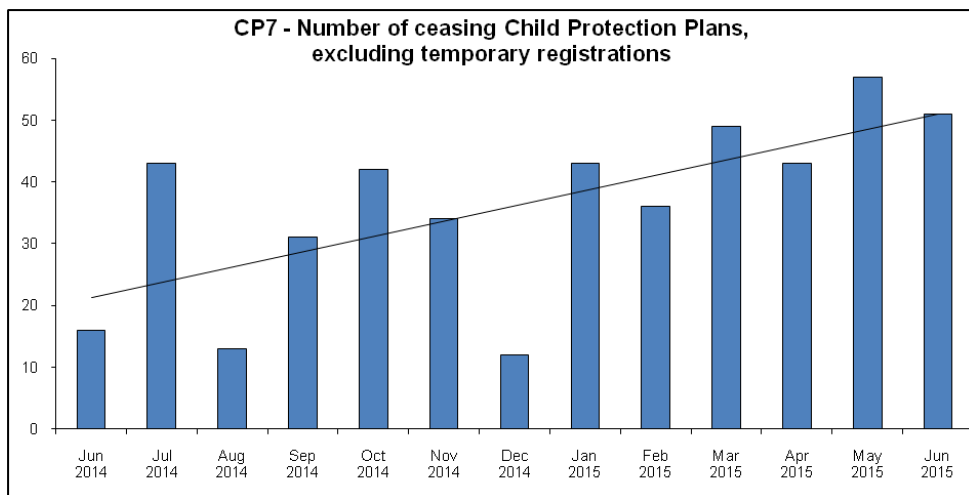
CP6B - Number of children with a Child Protection Plan at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations

This figure has increased by 45% compared to the same period last year, as well as month on month for the last 13 months, with the exception of 4% decrease compared to May 2015.



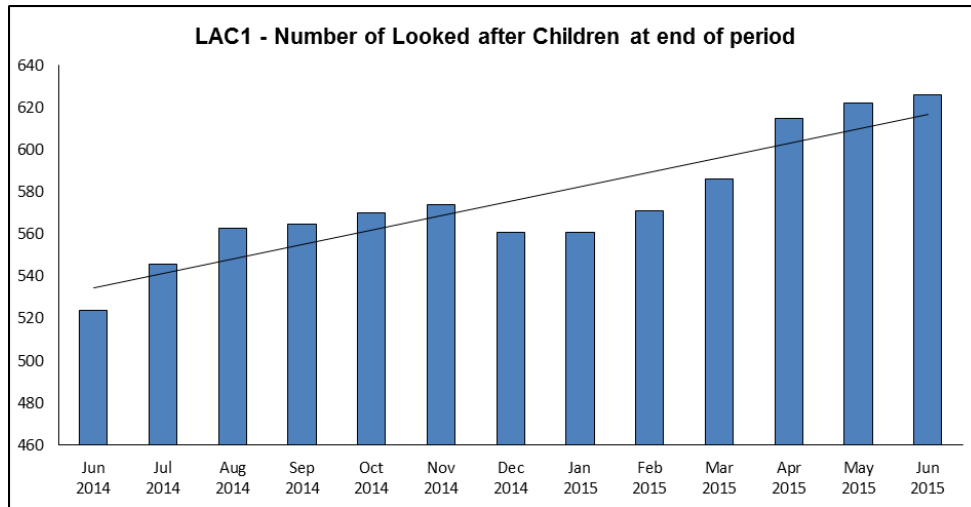
CP7 - Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans, excluding temporary registrations

The number of ceasing Child Protection Plans has increased by 219% from the same period last year, when the figure was exceptionally low compared to the 12 month average of 38. There has been a sharp upward trend over the course of the last 12 months.



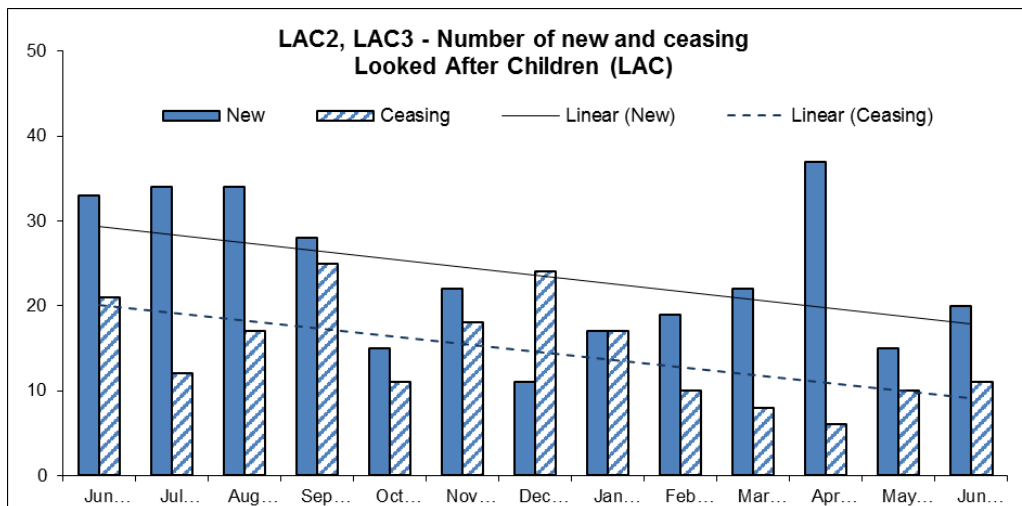
LAC1 - Number of Looked after Children at end of period

June saw an increase to 626 compared to 524 in the same period last year, representing the highest value in the last 12 months, and a 19% increase compared to June 2014.



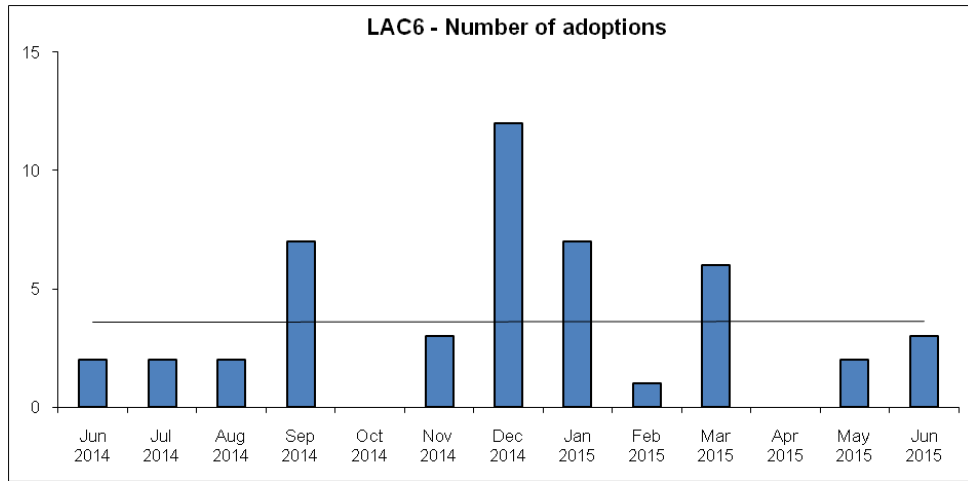
LAC2 - Number of new Looked after Children (episodes) and LAC3 - Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)

June saw a decrease in the numbers of both new and ceasing Looked after Children, with new episodes 39% and ceasing episodes 48% lower compared to the same period last year. There has been a continued downward trend over the last 12 months for both.



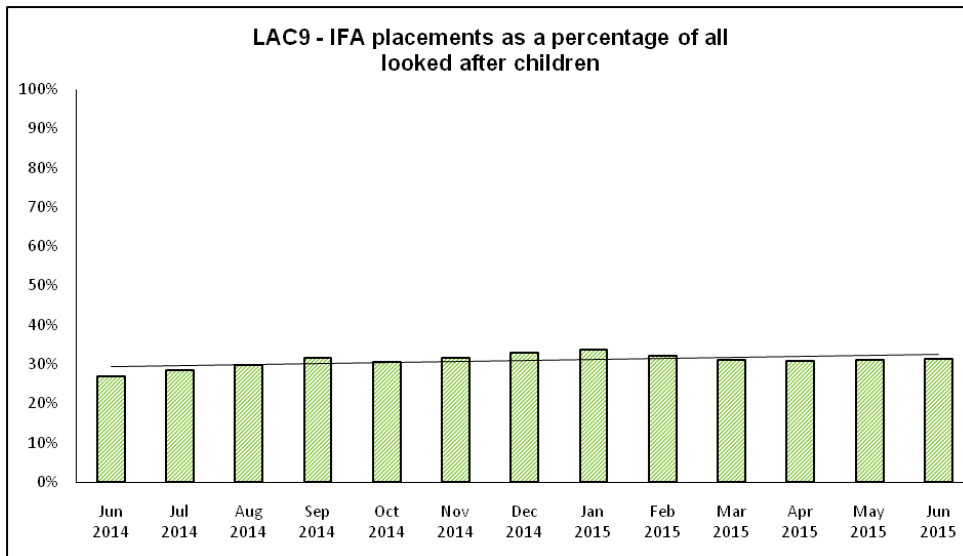
LAC6 - Number of adoptions

In June, 3 children were adopted, compared to 2 in the same period last year. There has been notable variation in the number over the last 12 months, with the average number of adoptions being 4, and the highest number of adoptions being 12 in December 2014.



LAC9 - IFA placements as a percentage of all looked after children

There was an increase of 17% in the percentage of looked after children being placed through an Independent Fostering Agency, compared to the same period last year. However, there has been very little variation in this figure over the last 12 months, with an average of 31% and a maximum of 34%.



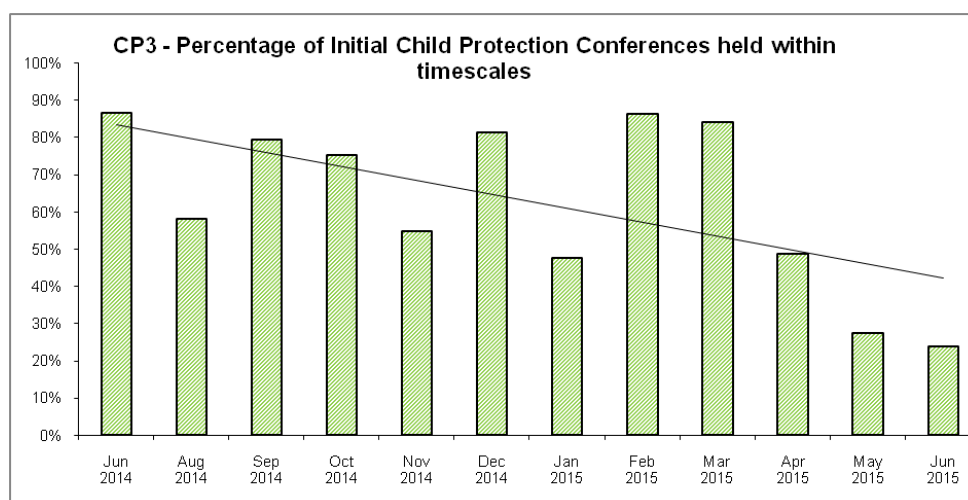
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Positive change – negative change

CP3 - Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences held within timescales

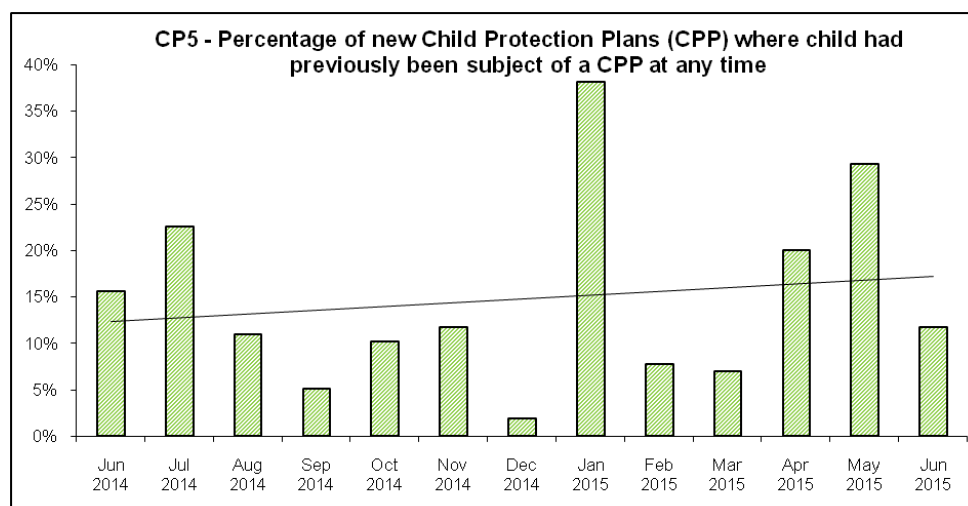
June saw a significant decrease to 27% of all ICPCs held within timescales compared to 87% in the same period last year. The current figure is significantly below the monthly average of 60% and also the lowest recorded value during the last 12 months.

The reasons for delays in June are still being investigated, but in May, it was found that the reasons fell into three broad categories: Either no suitable rooms were available for conferences, or not enough notice was given by Social Workers' teams that a conference should be held, or there was a clarification request to the Social Worker Team Manager before the ICPC could be held.



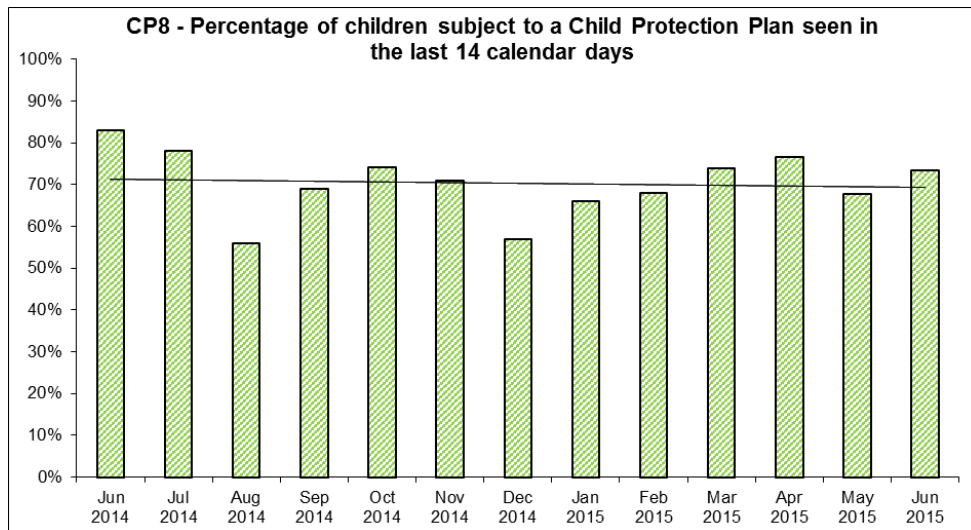
CP5 - Percentage of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time

There was a decrease of 24% in the percentage of repeat Child Protection plans, compared to the same period last year, and 59% when compared to the previous month this year. Despite a slight upward trend on this measure, June's figure (12%) is now below the 12 month average of 15%.



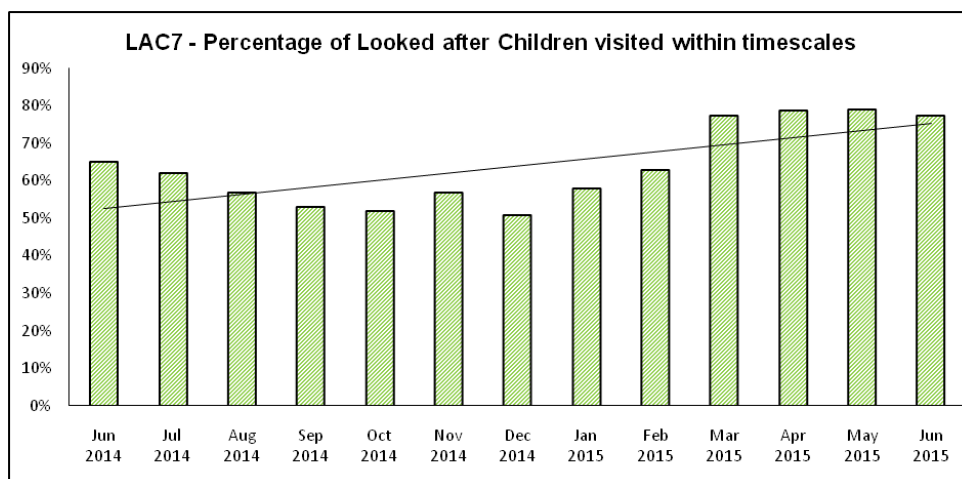
CP8 - Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 14 calendar days

This figure has decreased by 12% compared to the same period last year, although compared to the previous month this year, it has improved by 8% and is now slightly above the 12 month average of 69%.



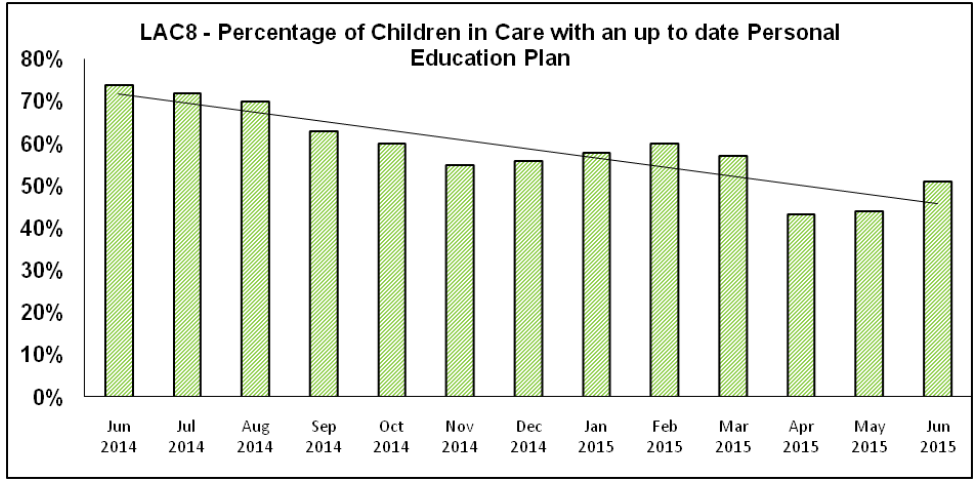
LAC7 - Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales

There has been an increase of 19% in this measure, from 65% in the same period last year to 77% in June. This is now above the 12 month average of 64% and strengthens the continued upward trend.



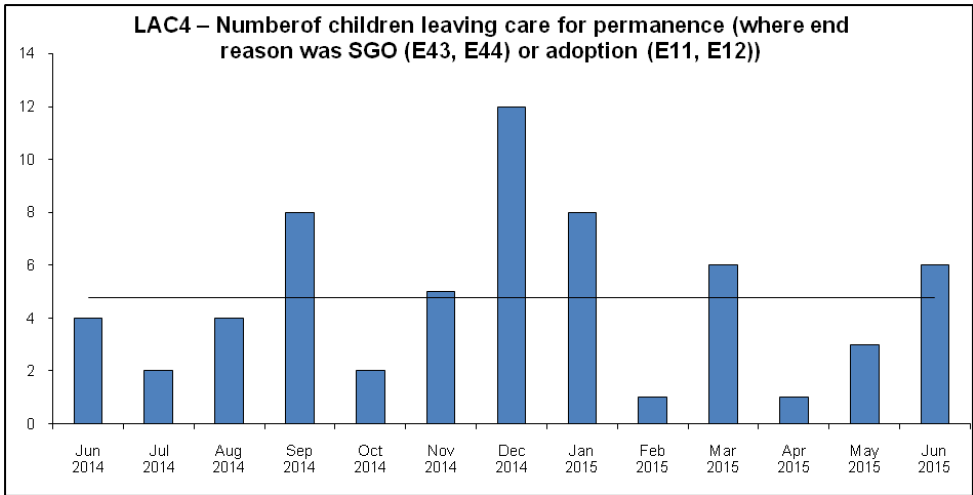
LAC8 - Percentage of Looked after Children with an up to date Personal Education Plan

This figure has decreased by 31% compared to the same period last year, although compared to April and May 2015, it has improved slightly. There has been a significant downward trend in this figure over the last 12 months, with June's figure (51%) being 10% below the 12 month average of 57%.



LAC4 – Number of children leaving care for permanence (where end reason was SGO (E43, E44) or adoption (E11, E12))

In June, six children left care for permanence, compared to four in the same period last year, which represents a 50% change in the measure. There has been a lot of variation in the percentage measure over the last 12 months, which is due to the very low volumes reported; the 12 month average for the number of children leaving care is 5.



LAC5 – Percentage of children leaving care for permanence (where end reason was SGO (E43, E44) or adoption (E11, E12))

There has been a 186% increase compared to the same period last year, with the figure now being 65% above the 12 month average of 33%:

