

Children and Families Monthly Dataset
Mar 2016

Qualitative measures:		
Positive change	Similar	Negative change

Key to direction of travel:				
Increase 10% or more	↑	Similar	→	Decrease 10% or less
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Ref	Area	Description	Data owner	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	May 2015	Jun 2015	Jul 2015	Aug 2015	Sept 2015	Oct 2015	Nov 2015	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	% change from Feb 2016	% change from Mar 2015	12 month average	12-mnth max value	Derived from annual:		Data owner	March commentary
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M1	MASH	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	Simon McKenzie	1235	1132	1156	1363	1316	1160	1172	1009	1139	1053	1154	1013	1179	↑ 16	→ (5)	1154	1363	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	With Easter at the end of March and thus schools closing this period generally sees a peak in the level of contacts.
M2	MASH	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	Simon McKenzie	424	378	341	393	370	303	352	306	341	302	346	326	306	→ (6)	↓ (28)	339	393	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	Referrals continue to demonstrate a reduction in relation to previous years.
M2-NI	MASH	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CiN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	Simon McKenzie	89	79	71	82	77	63	74	64	71	63	72	68	64	→ (6)	↓ (28)	71	82	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	As above (M2)
M3	MASH	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	Simon McKenzie	34%	33%	29%	29%	28%	26%	30%	30%	30%	29%	30%	32%	26%	↓ (19)	↓ (24)	29%	33%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	This is an unusually low figure and may relate to where the Easter Holiday fell this year.
M6-QL	MASH	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Simon McKenzie	<i>New measure from Apr 15</i>	12%	11%	14%	21%	17%	20%	19%	29%	23%	21%	16%	22%	↑ 40	n/a	18%	29%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	A change in process in mid-April will mean that Early Help cases, if required, will be referred to the MASH, this may impact on data slightly.
M6-QL (val)	MASH	Count of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Simon McKenzie	<i>New measure from Apr 15</i>	45	37	55	76	50	69	57	98	69	72	51	67	↑ 31	n/a	62	98	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	As above (M6)
M4	MASH	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation was a factor	Simon McKenzie	5	7	6	7	3	0	6	7	10	5	7	6	5	↓ (17)	→ 0	6	10	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	Excluding a peak in November levels continue to be fairly constant.
M8-QL	MASH	Percentage of referrals dealt with by MASH where time from referral received / recorded to completion by MASH was 24 hours / 1 working day or less	Simon McKenzie	38%	40%	65%	89%	68%	83%	82%	75%	83%	61%	72%	71%	80%	↑ 12	↑ 111	72%	89%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	There has been a focus on improving this performance indicator following the low level in the last couple of months.
M5	MASH	Number of children receiving Universal Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CiN) assessment	Simon McKenzie	<i>New measure from Apr 15</i>	22	30	21	29	22	35	14	32	14	17	28	22	↓ (21)	n/a	24	35	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	The need to refer to the MASH may have an impact on this performance indicator from mid-April, hopefully providing more consistency in approach.
EH1	CiN	Number of children at end of period with Universal Help Plans, or undergoing Universal Help Assessments	Simon McKenzie	<i>New measure from Apr 15</i>	554	568	567	559	525	522	493	495	516	540	538	470	↓ (13)	n/a	529	568	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	There is a need to investigate this figure further, in particular to clarify accuracy and to include data from Children's Centres (which are currently not included in the count).
EH2	CiN	Number of Children In Need (CiN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding UHPs, UHAs, CPP and LAC)	Phil Bullingham	<i>New measure from Apr 15</i>	1788	1866	1976	2090	2015	2044	2037	2055	2122	2148	2149	2144	→ 0	n/a	2036	2149	Local indicator	Local indicator	Phil Bullingham	This reported data needs to be further investigated to ensure it is a true reflection of the CiN figure.
EH5-QL	CiN	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period	Simon McKenzie	<i>New measure from Apr 15</i>	7	11	10	9	12	11	18	25	26	22	23	37	↑ 61	n/a	18	37	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	Needs confirming is only 9 - Data Team TBC
EH3	Assts	Number of Single Assessments completed	Phil Bullingham	317	285	323	263	316	227	200	258	186	185	247	195	230	↑ 18	↓ (27)	243	323	Local indicator	Local indicator	Phil Bullingham	There is a general reduction in the number of single assessments over the last 6-7 months which is being investigated.
EH4-QL	Assts	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Simon McKenzie	95%	86%	90%	86%	88%	76%	79%	75%	74%	65%	60%	64%	60%	→ -6	↓ -37	75%	90%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	The percentage completed in timescale is of great concern and is a priority within Early Help and the Child Protection Team. The reasons are being investigated more fully.
EH4-QL (val)	Assts	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Simon McKenzie	300	244	290	227	279	173	158	193	137	120	147	124	137	↑ 10	↓ -54	186	290	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	As above
CP1	CP	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	Simon McKenzie	206	137	156	130	124	99	137	131	104	86	120	98	93	→ (5)	↓ (55)	118	156	Local indicator	Local indicator	Simon McKenzie	
CP1-NI	CP	Section 47 (S47) enquiries rate per 10,000 children	Simon McKenzie	43	29	33	27	26	21	29	27	22	18	25	20	19	→ (5)	↓ (55)	25	33	15	12	Simon McKenzie	

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CP2	CP	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs), including transfer-Ins, excluding temporary registrations	Jacqui Westbury	57	45	58	38	39	25	26	46	31	31	54	35	48	↑ 37	↓ (16)	40	58	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jacqui Westbury	This figures is variable throughout the year and it is difficult to draw anything from this at this time. The numbers entering planning were higher in March - and this could, in part be attributed to there being school half term in February.
CP2-NI	CP	Rate per 10,000 Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)	Jacqui Westbury	12	9	12	8	8	5	5	10	6	6	11	7	10	↑ 37	↓ (16)	8	12	7	5	Jacqui Westbury	
CP3-QL (val)	CP	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) which were held within timescales	Jacqui Westbury	48	22	16	9	14	21	13	43	21	27	42	15	37	↑ 147	↓ -23	23	43	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jacqui Westbury	This figure is now being measure in the same way by the data team and field work teams - and therefore we will be able to identify patterns over the following months.
CP3-QL	CP	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) held within timescales (based on count of children)	Jacqui Westbury	84%	49%	28%	24%	36%	84%	50%	93%	68%	87%	78%	43%	77%	↑ 80	→ -8	60%	93%	0.7859	0.747	Jacqui Westbury	This figure is now being measure in the same way by the data team and field work teams - and therefore we will be able to identify patterns over the following months.
CP4	CP	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (based on count of children)	Jacqui Westbury	88%	84%	93%	89%	74%	72%	100%	83%	87%	87%	100%	91%	90%	→ (2)	→ 2	88%	100%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jacqui Westbury	This figure is in line with the average when spread over 12 months.
CP9	CP	Number of children subject to Review Child Protection Conferences (RCPCs) in the month	Jacqui Westbury	New measure from Apr 15	86	119	106	152	52	130	78	100	102	86	93	113	↑ 22	n/a	101	152	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jacqui Westbury	The numbers of RCPCs do tend to increase when there has been a school holiday in the month before. This is the case for this month.
CP5-QL	CP	Percentage of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time	Jacqui Westbury	8%	19%	26%	10%	36%	8%	12%	13%	17%	35%	16%	47%	18%	↓ (61)	↑ 130	21%	47%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jacqui Westbury	This figure is much more in line compared to previous months - however it still requires further exploration (which Jacqui Westbury is undertaking) to identify why children are returning to planning and if this could and should have been prevented.
CP5-QL (val)	CP	Number of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time	Jacqui Westbury	4	8	17	4	12	2	4	5	5	11	9	16	9	↓ (44)	↑ 125	9	17	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jacqui Westbury	This figure is much more in line compared to previous months - however it still requires further exploration (which Jacqui Westbury is undertaking) to identify why children are returning to planning and if this could and should have been prevented.
CP6B	CP	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham	389	387	392	376	359	351	336	347	335	315	346	344	337	→ (2)	↓ (13)	352	392	Local indicator	Local indicator	Phil Bullingham	
CP6B-NI	CP	Child Protection Plan (CPP) rate per 10,000	Phil Bullingham	81	81	82	79	75	73	70	72	70	66	72	72	70	→ (2)	↓ (13)	74	82	55	43	Phil Bullingham	
CP7	CP	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans, excluding temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham	49	43	57	51	47	20	49	29	40	43	24	38	52	↑ 37	→ 6	41	57	Local indicator	Local indicator	Phil Bullingham	
CP8-QL	CP	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	Phil Bullingham	68%	77%	68%	73%	71%	79%	64%	61%	52%	59%	77%	85%	73%	↓ -14	→ 7	70%	85%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Phil Bullingham	
LAC1	LAC	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	Jane White	586	615	622	624	627	636	626	614	613	606	605	605	591	→ (2)	→ 1	615	636	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	The level of looked after children has continued to reduce slowly. This is the focus of meetings with managers and the new Best Care panel.
LAC1-NI	LAC	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	Jane White	122	128	130	130	131	133	131	128	128	127	126	126	123	→ (2)	→ 1	128	133	75	60	Jane White	
LAC7-QL	LAC	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	Jane White	77%	79%	79%	78%	71%	75%	68%	73%	61%	70%	66%	71%	59%	↓ -17	↓ -24	71%	79%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	This figure needs further analysis. The measurement for a high number of children who have been in care and in placement for over one year needs to be considered as the minimum visiting requirement is 12 weekly. The data team are aware of the need to amend the measure.
LAC8-QL	LAC	Percentage of Looked after Children with an up to date Personal Education Plan (PEP)	Jane White	68%	64%	60%	56%	54%	48%	47%	55%	54%	90%	89%	89%	51%	↓ -43	↓ -25	63%	90%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	The lower figure may be explained by the 2 week break in Easter holidays. It is reported by the virtual school that the figure is 89%

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LAC10-QL	LAC	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	Jane White	New measure from Oct 15	503	511	513	513	511	508	503	499	502	509	524	513	→ -2	n/a	509	524	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	Measures are in place and agreed between the IRO team and the children's teams which ensure that a care plan is completed 3 days prior to the review. The compliance is improving and there is a focus in April to check and quality assure plans
LAC10 (%)	LAC	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	Jane White	New measure from Oct 15	82%	82%	82%	82%	80%	81%	82%	81%	83%	84%	87%	87%	→ 0	n/a	83%	87%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	
LAC11-QL	LAC	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised Pathway Plan	Jane White	New measure from Oct 15	163	162	163	156	156	152	148	151	151	152	156	157	→ 1	n/a	156	163	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	This is a focus for April . Team members will have all pathway plans on the system by mid April
LAC11-QL (%)	LAC	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised Pathway Plan	Jane White	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	New measure from Feb 16	63%	64%	→ 0	n/a					Jane White	as above
LAC2	LAC	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	Jane White	22	37	15	20	17	16	13	9	9	6	14	16	16	→ 0	↓ (27)	16	37	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	This is monitored closely with the Child in Care Panel.
LAC3	LAC	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	Jane White	8	6	10	11	14	12	14	18	11	9	14	10	23	↑ 130	↑ 188	13	23	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	This is an improving figure and it is expected that the Best Care panel and other work to ensure we are fully aware of plans for our care cohort are monitored will continue to support children leaving care.
LAC6 (val)	LAC	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	6	0	2	3	6	4	3	5	5	3	4	1	13	↑ 1,200	↑ 117	4	13	3	444	Jane White	There was a further 5 non-agency adoptions in addition to this. This figure will vary from month to month however the team should average 5 Adoption Orders per month.
LAC6 (%)	LAC	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	100%	0%	67%	50%	75%	50%	50%	50%	71%	33%	29%	10%	57%	↑ 465	↓ (43)	45%	75%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	A significant amount of work is underway to progress cases where there has been a delay in moving adoption forward. This is being monitored closely.
LAC12 (val)	LAC	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Jane White	0	1	1	3	2	4	3	5	2	0	2	0	1	n/a	n/a	200%	500%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	Significant work is being undertaken to review the financial support package offered to carers to encourage the taking out of SGOs. Financial support can be a barrier to progressing to SGO, in particular for IFA carers. This figure should increase over the next year.
LAC12 (%)	LAC	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Jane White	0%	100%	33%	50%	25%	50%	50%	50%	29%	0%	14%	0%	4%	n/a	n/a	34%	100%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	The new Principal Officer for LAC and Resources is focussing on identification of children who could progress to SGO with team managers and within a new Best Care Panel.
LAC9 (val)	LAC	Number of IFA placements	Jane White	182	190	193	197	157	189	184	188	184	181	183	176	169	→ (4)	→ (7)	183	197	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	Work across the children's teams and with the new Best Care Panel will target IFA placements with a view to bringing some children in-house or to work with carers to consider SGOs.
LAC9	LAC	IFA placements as a percentage of all looked after children	Jane White	31%	31%	31%	32%	25%	30%	29%	31%	30%	30%	30%	29%	29%	→ (2)	→ (8)	30%	32%	Local indicator	Local indicator	Jane White	Work across the children's teams and with the new Best Care Panel will target IFA placements with a view to bringing some children in-house or to work with carers to consider SGOs.