

Qualitative measures:			Key to direction of travel:			
Positive	Similar	Negative	Increase 10% or more	Similar	Decrease 10% or more	

Benchmarking		
(Updated Mar-19, using 17-18 data)		

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Monthly Data												% change from previous month	% change from same month prev. yr	DoT	12 month average	12-mnth max value	Percentage?	Benchmarking			Target 18-19	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-19):					
					Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19							Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19				Stat. Neighbour	England	SE region		
M1	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	Jane White	Catherine Parks	There is an effective 'front door' with which anyone with a concern about a child can engage and receive appropriate advice, support and action.	1309	1376	1649	1554	1433	1494	1754	1441	1620	1871	1598	1715	1463	1704	1572	➔	-8%	➔	-5%		1602	1871	-	Local	Local	Local			Following a review of MASH and how data was reported a significant change has been implemented. MASH are now compliant with Working Together with an expectation that Contacts have a decision to open as a referral or close in 1 working day. This is now reported on correctly within the Data. Due to a backlog of contacts which needed to be dealt with, March compliance figures are fairly low. This will not be repeated next month as MASH continue to work in live time.
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Jane White	Catherine Parks	Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.	229	270	245	270	215	255	262	226	235	240	192	286	378	577	488	⬇	-15%	⬆	99%		302	577	-	383	359	468			The referral rate has increased significantly having worked through a back log of cases and also disregarded the previous instructions of Professor David Thorpe. The impact will be more apparent in next months figures as we are working in real time of contact to referral/closure in 1 day as per Working Together. There has also been some discussion regarding the threshold and if this needs to be revised, although this is still in the discussion stage.
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Jane White	Catherine Parks	Children and families receive the help they need at the right time, and from the best possible resource - in line with the established continuum of need.	17.5%	19.6%	14.9%	17.4%	15.0%	17.1%	14.9%	15.7%	14.5%	12.8%	12.0%	16.7%	25.8%	33.9%	31.0%	➔	-8%	⬆	109%		18.9%	33.9%	P	Local	Local	Local			The referral rate has increased significantly having worked through a back log of cases and also disregarded the previous instructions of Professor David Thorpe. The impact will be more apparent in next months figures as we are working in real time of contact to referral/closure in 1 day as per Working Together. There has also been some discussion regarding the threshold and if this needs to be revised, although this is still in the discussion stage.
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CIN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	Jane White	Catherine Parks	Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	46	54	49	54	43	51	52	45	47	48	38	57	75	115	97	⬇	-16%	⬆	98%		60	115	-	693	553	548			The referral rate has increased significantly having worked through a back log of cases and also disregarded the previous instructions of Professor David Thorpe. The impact will be more apparent in next months figures as we are working in real time of contact to referral/closure in 1 day as per Working Together. There has also been some discussion regarding the threshold and if this needs to be revised, although this is still in the discussion stage.
M8-QL	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	Jane White	Catherine Parks	The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.	95.0%	91.0%	96.0%	95.0%	89.0%	90.0%	78.0%	98.0%	76.0%	98.0%	89.0%	99.0%	89.0%	59.0%	83.0%	⬆	41%	⬇	-14%	▲	86.9%	99.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			Following a review of MASH and how data was reported a significant change has been implemented. MASH are now compliant with Working Together with an expectation that Contacts have a decision to open as a referral or close in 1 working day. This is now reported on correctly within the Data. Due to a backlog of contacts which needed to be dealt with, March compliance figures are fairly low. This will not be repeated next month as MASH continue to work in live time.
M6-QL (val)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Jane White	South Ward	The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.	36	42	41	34	25	21	34	24	13	13	5	7	24	29	40	⬆	38%	➔	-2%	▼	22	40	-	Local	Local	Local			The number of re-referrals has increased this month and figures over the past two months are the highest since September 2018. A thematic audit of protection and court activity is scheduled to take place in May - June 2019 which will help with our understanding of relevant trends. This activity will inform the improvement planning in this area.
M6-QL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Jane White	South Ward	The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.	16.0%	16.0%	17.0%	13.0%	12.0%	8.0%	13.0%	11.0%	6.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%	6.0%	5.0%	8.0%	⬆	60%	⬇	-53%	▼	7.7%	13.0%	P	23.9%	21.9%	26.2%			The number of re-referrals has increased this month and figures over the past two months are the highest since September 2018. A thematic audit of protection and court activity is scheduled to take place in May - June 2019 which will help with our understanding of relevant trends. This activity will inform the improvement planning in this area.
M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	Jane White	Simon Davidson	The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.	2	3	6	4	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	1	⬇	-67%	⬇	-83%		4	8	-	Local	Local	Local			There has been a reduction this month and the figure is lower than the 12 month average. A Practice Assurance Stocktake is scheduled for this area in May 2019 and any learning will be incorporated into our improvement activity.
EH1a	Number of Universal Help Assessments (UHAs) started in the month	Pia Bullingham	Debi Hothhouse	Children and families benefit from an assessment of their needs at the earliest opportunity.	20	37	21	37	19	42	18	17	20	9	21	14	81	270	60	⬇	-78%	⬆	186%		51	270	-	Local	Local	Local			Improvement work has been undertaken to achieve standards in recording compliance within the direct delivered early help teams. This has significantly increased the recording of completed EHAs on all open individuals. Further work on the 'front door' of early help services to support decision making is progressing.
EH1c	Number of Universal Help Assessments (UHAs) completed in the month	Pia Bullingham	Debi Hothhouse	Children and families will have their needs assessed against the local integrated Early Help offer.	1	13	9	14	19	12	12	22	9	21	28	22	193	898	159	⬇	-82%	⬆	1667%		117	898	-	Local	Local	Local	336	TBC	Improvement work has been undertaken to achieve standards recording compliance within the direct delivered early help teams. This has significantly increased the recording of completed EHA's on all open individuals. Further work on the 'front door' of early help services to support decision making is progressing.

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EH1b	Number of Universal Help Plans (UHPs) opened in the month (includes UHPs completed, and those still open at end of period)	Phil Bullingham	John Holthouse	Children and families will be supported to engage with the local Early Help offer, to address their issues without the need for statutory intervention.	66	79	80	104	80	69	63	53	66	67	88	94	329	519	124	↓ -76%	↑ 55%		138	519	-	Local	Local	Local			Improvement work has been undertaken to achieve standards recording compliance within the direct delivered early help teams. This has significantly increased the recording of completed EHP's on all open individuals. Further work on the 'front door' of early help services to support decision making is progressing.
MS	Number of children receiving Universal Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CIN) assessment	Phil Bullingham	John Holthouse	Where additional needs are identified by Universal Help Services, cases are stepped up to enable the appropriate level of intervention.	2	0	1	13	2	5	1	2	0	3	2	3	0	2	5	↑ 150%	↑ 400%		3	13	-	Local	Local	Local			There has been no significant change from the 12 month average, with low levels reported with the exception of May 2018. The variance in that month is explained by the cohort containing two families of 6 and 4 children.
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CIN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding UHPs, UHAs, CPP and LAC)	Jane White	Sarah Ward	Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.	1061	1082	1158	1040	1058	1022	984	1087	1099	1068	1050	998	1083	1355	1431	→ 6%	↑ 24%		1106	1431	-	Local	Local	Local			Scrutiny at the front of the service, as part of the service improvement activity, has contributed to the increase in the number of children open overall. Effective case management is a key factor in safely managing demand and the quality of decision making is being tested through audit and assurance activity across the service. This is ongoing and has covered / is covering ,MASH, assessment and protection and court. Simultaneously, work with our partners in respect of promoting our Early Help Offer and the quality of referrals into the services will also contribute to managing the number of children open to the service.
EH5-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	Jane White	Shirley Davidson	The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.	46	34	32	46	41	38	45	54	38	48	51	45	54	52	63	↑ 21%	↑ 97%	▼	48	63	-	Local	Local	Local			Numbers have remained higher than the 12 month average for the past two months. A Practice Assurance Stocktake is scheduled for this area in May 2019 and any learning will be incorporated into our improvement activity.
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.	115	148	128	221	159	184	198	112	158	184	139	266	182	196	286	↑ 46%	↑ 123%		190	286	-	183	346	448			
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	6.1%	8.1%	4.7%	12.7%	13.8%	9.2%	10.1%	8.0%	7.6%	9.8%	7.9%	6.8%	7.7%	11.2%	4.2%	↓ -63%	↓ -10%	▲	9.1%	13.8%	P	Local	Local	Local			
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	23.5%	19.6%	24.2%	22.6%	15.7%	26.1%	15.7%	19.6%	28.5%	26.6%	15.8%	24.2%	34.7%	29.7%	↓ -14%	↑ 23%	▲	23.8%	34.7%	P	Local	Local	Local				
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	27.0%	18.2%	8.6%	8.6%	8.8%	11.4%	14.6%	7.1%	14.6%	13.0%	10.1%	11.3%	14.3%	14.3%	26.2%	↑ 84%	↑ 205%	▲	12.9%	26.2%	P	Local	Local	Local			
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	19.1%	28.4%	27.3%	23.1%	10.1%	7.6%	22.7%	31.3%	24.1%	16.3%	16.5%	23.3%	19.2%	29.6%	21.7%	↓ -27%	↓ -21%	▲	20.5%	31.3%	P	Local	Local	Local			Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	24.3%	25.7%	35.2%	33.0%	51.6%	45.7%	36.9%	33.9%	25.3%	34.2%	38.8%	42.9%	34.6%	10.2%	18.2%	↑ 78%	↓ -48%	▼	33.8%	51.6%	P	79.9%	82.7%	82.9%			
EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	87	110	83	148	77	100	125	74	118	121	85	152	119	176	234	↑ 33%	↑ 182%	▲	127	234	-	273	286	372			
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	76.0%	74.0%	65.0%	67.0%	48.0%	54.0%	63.0%	66.0%	75.0%	66.0%	61.0%	57.0%	65.0%	90.0%	82.0%	→ -9%	↑ 26%	▲	66.2%	90.0%	P	79.9%	82.7%	82.9%			
CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	82	103	96	102	83	94	71	87	115	99	66	96	106	152	101	↓ -34%	→ 5%		98	152	-	96	97	126			
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	Jane White	Catherine Parlin	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	16	21	19	20	17	19	14	17	23	20	13	19	21	30	20	↓ -33%	→ 5%		19	30	-	188	149	147			

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CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	Jane White	Stuart Webb	Child Protection Plans are in place for children where it has been assessed that multi-agency intervention is required to keep them safe.	327	326	325	343	332	308	310	272	262	268	262	258	275	294	328	↑ 12%	→ 1%		293	343	-	27	29	39			The number and rate of children subject to child protection planning has grown as a result of an increase in activity at the front door and then in the assessment teams. This trend is expected to level and then reduce. To assist, audits in the PACT teams and a Practice Assurance Stocktake of child protection planning arrangements are planned for May / June. Resources have been identified to support the Child Protection Team in tracking cases, to increase scrutiny of progress ahead of review conferences.
CP6B-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	Jane White	Stuart Webb	The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	66	65	65	69	67	61	62	54	52	53	52	51	55	58	65	↑ 12%	→ 0%		58	69	-	53	45	46			The number and rate of children subject to child protection planning has grown as a result of an increase in activity at the front door and then in the assessment teams. This trend is expected to level and then reduce. To assist, audits in the PACT teams and a Practice Assurance Stocktake of child protection planning arrangements are planned for May / June. Resources have been identified to support the Child Protection Team in tracking cases, to increase scrutiny of progress ahead of review conferences.
CP2	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs), excluding transfer-Ins and temporary registrations	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	Where it has been assessed that multi-agency intervention is required to keep a child safe, the case is progressed to Initial Child Protection Conference.	28	26	36	49	35	26	29	20	40	37	25	22	37	37	46	↑ 24%	↑ 28%		34	49	-	40	44	54			The number and rate of ICPC has grown as a result of an increase in activity at the front door and then in the assessment teams. This trend is expected to level and then reduce. To assist, audits in the PACT teams and a Practice Assurance Stocktake of child protection planning arrangements are planned for May / June. Resources have been identified to support the Child Protection Team in tracking cases, to increase scrutiny of progress ahead of review conferences.
CP2-NI	Rate per 10,000 Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	The rate of Initial Child Protection Conferences is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	6	5	7	10	7	5	6	5	8	7	5	5	8	8	9	↑ 15%	↑ 27%		7	10	-	77	67	63			The number and rate of ICPC has grown as a result of an increase in activity at the front door and then in the assessment teams. This trend is expected to level and then reduce. To assist, audits in the PACT teams and a Practice Assurance Stocktake of child protection planning arrangements are planned for May / June. Resources have been identified to support the Child Protection Team in tracking cases, to increase scrutiny of progress ahead of review conferences.
CP4 (val)	Number of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	Decisions made at Child Protection Conferences will result in appropriate, evidence-based plans for children that respond to, and meet their level of risk and need.	24	24	22	39	29	22	28	18	37	29	19	17	33	30	36	↑ 20%	↑ 64%	▲	28.08	39.00	-	35	38	38			The number / percentage conversion from ICPC to plan has reduced again and is lower than our SN average. The CP Advisor continues to review case decision making, with a weekly report to service managers. A practice assurance stocktake of CP decision making and a thematic audit of protection and court work are planned for May / June 2019. Feedback will inform practice improvement activity.
CP4	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	Decisions made at Child Protection Conferences will result in appropriate, evidence-based plans for children that respond to, and meet their level of risk and need.	85.7%	92.3%	61.1%	79.6%	82.9%	84.6%	96.6%	90.0%	92.5%	78.4%	76.0%	77.3%	89.2%	81.1%	78.3%	→ -3%	↑ 28%	▲	83.9%	96.6%	P	86.2%	86.5%	85.8%			The number / percentage conversion from ICPC to plan has reduced again and is lower than our SN average. The CP Advisor continues to review case decision making, with a weekly report to service managers. A practice assurance stocktake of CP decision making and a thematic audit of protection and court work are planned for May / June 2019. Feedback will inform practice improvement activity.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	↓ -100%	- n/a		1	6	-	Local	Local	Local			There were no transfers in this month. When there are transfers in, cases are being checked with the CPC team to ensure that transfer processes have been adhered to.
CP2b %	Percentage of transfer-ins where child became subject to a CP Plan during period	Jane White	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	-	-	-	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	33.0%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	- n/a	- n/a		90.4%	100.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			There were three transfers in this month. When there are transfers in, cases are being checked with the CPC team to ensure that transfer processes have been adhered to.
CP3-QL (val)	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) which were held within timescales (excludes transfer-ins)	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	13	10	21	41	26	25	21	7	27	26	15	15	22	31	21	↓ -32%	→ 0%	▲	23	41	-	30	34	40			The number and percentage of conferences held within timescale has been impacted upon by the volume of activity in the assessment teams. The CP advisor now checks that a Child Safety Agreement is in place for any case likely to go out of time, and informs service management if an agreement with parents is not in place.
CP3-QL	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) held within timescales (based on count of children)	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	46.4%	38.5%	58.3%	83.7%	74.3%	96.2%	72.4%	35.0%	67.5%	70.3%	60.0%	68.2%	59.5%	83.8%	45.7%	↓ -46%	↓ -22%	▲	68.0%	96.2%	P	78.2%	76.9%	75.0%			The number and percentage of conferences held within timescale has been impacted upon by the volume of activity in the assessment teams. The CP advisor now checks that a Child Safety Agreement is in place for any case likely to go out of time, and informs service management if an agreement with parents is not in place.
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	Jane White	Stuart Webb	The service is in regular contact with children subject to Child Protection planning to ensure that there is ongoing assessment of risk and opportunities to intervene effectively.	83.0%	82.0%	87.0%	80.0%	77.0%	84.0%	83.0%	85.0%	79.0%	72.0%	88.0%	84.0%	85.0%	81.0%	88.0%	→ 9%	→ 1%	▲	82.2%	88.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			The percentage has reduced by 4% from the previous month. Team Managers receive a regular report on visits undertaken and team standards co-ordinators support social workers with accurate recording. A thematic audit of protection and court activity is scheduled to take place in May - June 2019 which will help with our understanding of relevant trends. This activity will inform the improvement planning in this area.

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CP5-QL (val)	Number of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time (repeat)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	The service is effective in managing the risks experienced by children and within families and where there is re-referral the issues are understood.	1	5	2	11	11	4	9	2	1	6	6	0	8	5	16	↑	220%	↑	700%	▼	7	16	-	8	8	10			This month has seen an increase in the number and percentage of children subject to repeat planning. These cases will be raised with senior management as per the new Service Practice Standards, with trends being explored by the CP Advisor..
CP5-QL	Percentage of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time (repeat)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	The service is effective in managing the risks experienced by children and within families and where there is re-referral the issues are understood.	4.2%	19.2%	8.7%	26.8%	36.7%	18.2%	32.1%	10.5%	2.6%	20.7%	31.6%	0.0%	23.5%	13.9%	41.0%	↑	195%	↑	372%	▼	21.5%	41.0%	P	21.9%	20.2%	22.6%			This month has seen an increase in the number and percentage of children subject to repeat planning. These cases will be raised with senior management as per the new Service Practice Standards, with trends being explored by the CP Advisor..
CP9	Number of children subject to Review Child Protection Conferences (RCPCs) in the month	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Where children are subject to Child Protection planning, their cases are reviewed regularly to identify progress and any barriers.	60	91	65	67	79	87	60	98	85	74	63	74	56	47	75	↑	60%	↑	15%		72	98	-	Local	Local	Local			The number of RCPC has grown as team capacity has increased after the impact of sickness absence. However, the number of plans ceasing has further reduced. To assist in this area, audits in the PACT teams and a Practice Assurance Stocktake of child protection planning arrangements are planned for May / June. Resources have been identified to support the Child Protection Team in tracking cases, to increase scrutiny of progress ahead of review conferences.
CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	Jane White	Stuart Webb	Where it is assessed that risks to a child have reduced there is a review of risk and the case is stepped down effectively.	26	23	28	22	41	53	29	57	52	26	27	23	21	23	16	↓	-30%	↓	-43%	▲	33	57	-	36	36	42			The number of RCPC has grown as team capacity has increased after the impact of sickness absence. However, the number of plans ceasing has further reduced. To assist in this area, audits in the PACT teams and a Practice Assurance Stocktake of child protection planning arrangements are planned for May / June. Resources have been identified to support the Child Protection Team in tracking cases, to increase scrutiny of progress ahead of review conferences.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	Jane White	Reginal Schofield	Where it is assessed that there is no safe alternative, the local authority will take children into its care for their welfare and protection.	518	522	521	524	534	526	514	499	490	485	475	472	481	475	490	→	3%	→	-6%	▼	497	534	-	41	41	44	495	420	
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	Jane White	Reginal Schofield	The level of children in care is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	104	105	104	105	107	105	102	99	97	96	94	94	96	94	97	→	3%	→	-7%	▼	99	107	-	81	64	51			
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	Jane White	Reginal Schofield	Where children meet the threshold and there are no alternatives, they will be safe and have their welfare needs addressed through accommodation by the local authority.	19	14	10	18	21	7	4	11	8	11	7	13	17	19	20	→	5%	↑	100%	▼	13	21	-	18	18	19			
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	Jane White	Reginal Schofield	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	19	12	11	18	17	16	15	27	16	17	17	15	11	24	11	↓	-54%	→	0%	▲	17	27	-	16	16	19			
LAC6 (val)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	3	4	2	5	1	5	3	4	6	5	3	2	2	10	3	↓	-70%	↑	50%		4	10	-	2	2	2			Following the noted outlier in March 2019 the number of adoption orders granted this month has returned to a figure more consistent with previous months.
LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	15.8%	33.3%	18.2%	27.8%	5.9%	31.3%	20.0%	14.8%	37.5%	29.4%	17.6%	13.3%	18.2%	41.7%	27.3%	↓	-35%	↑	50%		23.7%	41.7%	P	17.1%	13.0%	12.0%			As above following the noted outlier in March 2019 this indicator has returned to a percentage comparable with previous months.
LAC12 (val)	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Jane White	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	1	1	0	7	0	3	2	5	2	4	6	7	4	2	0	↓	-100%	-	n/a		4	7	-	-	-	-			There has been no SGO granted this month and this was expected. This is not an outlier of concern as there are expected SGO application upcoming. Quarterly data indicates that SGOs remains a permanence option for a large proportion of our children in care.
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Jane White	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	5.3%	8.3%	0.0%	38.9%	0.0%	18.8%	13.3%	18.5%	12.5%	23.5%	35.3%	46.7%	36.4%	8.3%	0.0%	↓	-100%	-	n/a	▲	21.0%	46.7%	P	10.1%	12.0%	10.0%			Quarterly data indicates that SGOs remains a permanence option for a large proportion of our children in care.
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	Jane White	Reginal Schofield	The service is in regular contact with Looked after Children to ensure that there is ongoing assessment of risk and opportunities to intervene effectively.	86.0%	79.0%	81.0%	82.0%	84.0%	79.0%	83.0%	79.0%	79.0%	76.0%	80.0%	75.0%	80.0%	82.0%	77.0%	→	-6%	→	-5%	▲	79.7%	84.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			
LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	Jane White	Reginal Schofield	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	94.2%	95.0%	97.3%	97.1%	94.0%	93.7%	94.9%	96.0%	96.5%	96.1%	97.3%	97.0%	96.0%	95.4%	94.9%	→	0%	→	-2%	▲	95.8%	97.3%	P	Local	Local	Local			
LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	Jane White	Reginal Schofield	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	488	496	507	509	502	493	488	479	473	466	462	458	462	453	465	→	3%	→	-8%	▲	476	509	-	Local	Local	Local			

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	% change from previous month	% change from same month prev. yr	DoT	12 month average	12-month max value	Percentage?	Stat. Neighbour	England	SE region	Target 18-19	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-19):
LAC13	Number of current Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	Jane White	Marie Schabell	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	14	14	13	13	13	15	12	13	12	12	13	12	13	14	15	→ 7%	↑ 15%		13	15	-	2	2	4			
LAC14	Number of new unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	Jane White	Marie Schabell	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	→ 0%	- n/a		0	1	-	Local	Local	Local			
LAC11-QL	Number of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	157	158	158	161	159	164	164	169	172	172	173	171	175	175	173	→ -1%	→ 9%	▲	169	175	-	Local	Local	Local			
LAC11-QL (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	96.0%	98.0%	97.0%	99.0%	98.0%	97.0%	98.0%	99.0%	99.0%	98.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	→ 0%	→ 2%	▲	98.6%	99.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			
NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.	88.1%	86.8%	90.4%	92.1%	91.3%	88.1%	91.0%	86.7%	89.5%	90.7%	88.4%	86.8%	86.4%	87.7%	86.2%	→ -2%	→ -5%	▲	88.7%	92.1%	P	-	-	-	93.0%	94.0%	
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	Jane White	Marion Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	140	141	138	133	131	132	138	133	135	136	138	137	143	147	144	→ -2%	→ 4%	▼	137	147	-	Local	Local	Local	TBC	TBC	The use of IFA this month has decreased slightly but remains high reflecting the need to identify placements for children who present with complex profiles. The profile of in-house carers remains restrictive in terms of the cohort of children that would be deemed a suitable match. Efforts continue to address this with the existing pool of in house foster carers. The current recruitment strategy is particularly focused on recruiting carers whom can care for siblings, over tens and specialist placements.
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	Jane White	Marion Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	27.0%	27.0%	26.5%	25.4%	24.5%	25.1%	26.8%	26.7%	27.6%	28.0%	29.1%	29.0%	29.7%	30.9%	29.4%	→ -5%	↑ 11%	▼	27.7%	30.9%	P	Local	Local	Local			As above.
LAC16	Number of in-house foster carers at the end of period	Jane White	Marion Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	173	172	171	170	168	170	171	173	168	167	168	171	172	172	tbc	- n/a	- n/a		170	173		-	-	-	190	200	The number of in house foster carers remain static. A placement strategy has been approved with a focused recruitment strategy over the coming months. Communications have been agreed to promote 'Foster Care Fortnight' this month.. This also has a focus on the retention of existing carers with a recognition of the work foster carers do to support our children in care.