

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

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					May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19							May-19	Jun-19	Stat. Neighbour				England	SE region				
M1	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	Jane White	Jacqueline Schofield	<i>There is an effective "front door" with which anyone with a concern about a child can engage and receive appropriate advice, support and action.</i>	1554	1433	1494	1754	1441	1620	1871	1598	1715	1463	1704	1572	1747	1660	⇒	-5%	↑	16%				Local	Local	Local			The number of contacts received is high but fairly average for Southampton. It is lower than last month which showed an increase due to a backlog being dealt with. MASH continue with one working day compliance and continue to work on improvement of information.			
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Jane White	Jacqueline Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.</i>	270	215	255	262	226	235	240	192	286	378	577	488	522	542	⇒	4%	↑	152%				383	359	468			This figure is high, particularly against our statistical neighbours. It has been agreed by the LSCB that the Continuum of Need/Threshold document can be amended so that thresholds are clearer which may make a difference once completed. We have been working closely with the improvement team which as expected would have lowered the threshold for a period. I would recommend an analysis of Southampton's statistics looking at poverty, drink/drug abuse, domestic violence, crime, employment and homelessness which has an impact on services required. The recent introduction of the Early Help Hub, which will incorporate a rapid response team to look at cases which are on the edge of social care may lead to a decrease in numbers referred as children in need. The Early Help Hub will also be monitoring Early Help cases which should provide us with a picture of the impact of the Early Help offer which are essential services in keeping families from escalating into social care.			
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Jane White	Jacqueline Schofield	<i>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.</i>	17.4%	15.0%	17.1%	14.9%	15.7%	14.5%	12.8%	12.0%	16.7%	25.8%	33.9%	31.0%	29.9%	32.7%	⇒	9%	↑	118%			P	Local	Local	Local			The percentage is not particularly high and would be what is expected in light of the number of referrals. However, as per above we need to look at number of contacts being received as this is high.			
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CIN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	Jane White	Jacqueline Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.</i>	54	43	51	52	45	47	48	38	57	75	115	97	104	108	⇒	4%	↑	151%				693	553	548			The percentage is not particularly high and would be what is expected in light of the number of referrals. However, as per above we need to look at number of contacts being received as this is high.			
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	Jacqueline Schofield	<i>The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.</i>	95.0%	89.0%	90.0%	78.0%	98.0%	76.0%	98.0%	89.0%	99.0%	89.0%	59.0%	83.0%	94.0%	93.0%	⇒	-1%	⇒	4%	▲			87.2%	99.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			MASH now continue to be one Working Day compliant. Contacts are dealt with in live time lowering the risk to children and their families. Compliance is monitored on a daily basis to ensure that we continue with the high standards we have set for ourselves and the children of Southampton.
M6-QL (val)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Jane White	Sarah Ward	<i>The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.</i>	34	25	21	34	24	13	13	5	7	24	29	40	32	32	⇒	0%	↑	28%	▼			23	40	-	Local	Local	Local			
M6-QL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Jane White	Sarah Ward	<i>The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.</i>	13.0%	12.0%	8.0%	13.0%	11.0%	6.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%	6.0%	5.0%	8.0%	6.0%	6.0%	⇒	0%	↓	-50%	▼			6.6%	13.0%	P	23.9%	21.9%	26.2%			
M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	Jane White	Simon Denison	<i>The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.</i>	4	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	1	8	9	↑	13%	↑	800%				5	9	-	Local	Local	Local			Fluctuating low numbers that have slightly increased this year may only indicate an improved identification when referrals taken at front door. This outcome needs to be reviewed alongside other MET indicators.
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CIN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding UHPs, UHAs, CPP and LAC)	Jane White	Sarah Ward	<i>Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.</i>	1040	1058	1022	984	1087	1099	1068	1050	998	1083	1355	1431	1543	1783	↑	16%	↑	69%				1209	1783	-	Local	Local	Local			
EH5-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	Jane White	Simon Denison	<i>The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.</i>	46	41	38	45	54	38	48	51	45	54	52	63	80	100	↑	25%	↑	144%	▼			56	100	-	Local	Local	Local			All data shows a significant increasing number of children reported missing & missing episodes (& subsequent Return interviews) June 2019 has more than doubled over previous year capacity to complete Ris on time impaired.
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	Jane White	Jan Storey	<i>Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.</i>	221	159	184	198	112	158	184	139	266	182	196	286	267	192	↓	-28%	↑	21%				197	286	-	183	346	448			Please see commentary below.
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	Jane White	Jan Storey	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	12.7%	13.8%	9.2%	10.1%	8.0%	7.6%	9.8%	7.9%	6.8%	7.7%	11.2%	4.2%	7.9%	14.1%	↑	79%	⇒	2%	▲			8.7%	14.1%	P	Local	Local	Local			There has been a large turn over in staff, that have left without or with little notice, which left drift on some cases. There is a solution to this issue with more agency staff coming in. Also a Project Team has been identified to begin on 29.7.19.
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	Jane White	Jan Storey	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	22.6%	15.7%	26.1%	15.7%	19.6%	28.5%	26.6%	26.6%	15.8%	24.2%	34.7%	29.7%	30.3%	14.1%	↓	-54%	↓	-11%	▲			24.3%	34.7%	P	Local	Local	Local			As above.(EH3a%)

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EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	Jane White	Lisa Storey	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	8.6%	8.8%	11.4%	14.6%	7.1%	14.6%	13.0%	10.1%	11.3%	14.3%	14.3%	26.2%	9.0%	11.5%	↑ 27%	↑ 30%	▲	13.1%	26.2%	P	Local	Local	Local			Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay. There have been some delays due to the assessments sent back to ensure they are a holistic assessment and that they have all significant adults included.
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	Jane White	Lisa Storey	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	23.1%	10.1%	7.6%	22.7%	31.3%	24.1%	16.3%	16.5%	23.3%	19.2%	29.6%	21.7%	27.0%	18.2%	↓ -32%	↑ 81%	▲	21.5%	31.3%	P	Local	Local	Local			As above (EH3c%).
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	Jane White	Lisa Storey	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	33.0%	51.6%	45.7%	36.9%	33.9%	25.3%	34.2%	38.8%	42.9%	34.6%	10.2%	18.2%	25.8%	42.2%	↑ 63%	↓ -18%	▼	32.4%	45.7%	P	79.9%	82.7%	82.9%			As above (EH3c%).
EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jane White	Lisa Storey	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	148	77	100	125	74	118	121	85	152	119	176	234	198	111	↓ -44%	↑ 44%	▲	134	234	-	273	286	372			
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jane White	Lisa Storey	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	67.0%	48.0%	54.0%	63.0%	66.0%	75.0%	66.0%	61.0%	57.0%	65.0%	90.0%	82.0%	74.0%	58.0%	↓ -22%	↑ 21%	▲	67.6%	90.0%	P	79.9%	82.7%	82.9%			
CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	Jane White	Lisa Storey	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	102	83	94	71	87	115	99	66	96	106	152	101	124	156	↑ 26%	↑ 88%		106	156	-	96	97	126			There has been a push on completing a Safety plan on all section 47s in accordance with Southampton Procedure. There is now admin support to ensure that they are uploaded onto Paris.
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	Jane White	Lisa Storey	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	20	17	19	14	17	23	20	13	19	21	30	20	25	31	↑ 24%	↑ 82%		21	31	-	188	149	147			There has been a drive to ensure that the work completed in partnership with families incorporates the Southampton standards. The improvement team has ensure that there has been close oversight on quality. There are now new managers who are completing training to ensure they understand their role in quality assurance.
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.	343	332	308	310	272	262	268	262	258	275	294	328	326	367	↑ 13%	↑ 11%		294	367	-	27	29	39			The number of children subject to planning has risen as the result of the improvement team activity in the MASH and then the assessment teams. The CPP cohort has increased by 109 children (42.2% since January). This puts our CP rate per 10,000 at a higher rate than our SN, regional and national neighbours. The increase is not expected to continue although it is important that we carefully assess the risk of serious harm posed to children and act accordingly if threshold is met. To ensure decision making is robust and appropriate we have targeted audit activity to review conference outcomes and decision making. We have also reviewed our weekly report to senior managers to ensure a more detailed understanding of CPP activity. Our live time tracker, for example, shows that conversion from ICPC to CPP in Southampton currently aligns with SN, regional and national averages. To support effective decision making we have implemented consultation sessions for the assessment teams with Child Protection Conference chairs. The Working with Families project activity also continues; with a focus on using Family Group Conferences, where appropriate, as an alternative to statutory intervention. We have applied to the DfE Supporting Families fund to further expand our FGC model. We are also reviewing our vulnerable adolescents offer; as we consider our partnership arrangements for young people whose behaviour and / or associations put them at risk.
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.	69	67	61	62	54	52	53	52	51	55	58	65	65	73	↑ 12%	⇒ 9%		58	73	-	53	45	46			The number of children subject to planning has risen as the result of the improvement team activity in the MASH and then the assessment teams. The CPP cohort has increased by 109 children (42.2% since January). This puts our CP rate per 10,000 at a higher rate than our SN, regional and national neighbours. The increase is not expected to continue although it is important that we carefully assess the risk of serious harm posed to children and act accordingly if threshold is met. To ensure decision making is robust and appropriate we have targeted audit activity to review conference outcomes and decision making. We have also reviewed our weekly report to senior managers to ensure a more detailed understanding of CPP activity. Our live time tracker, for example, shows that conversion from ICPC to CPP in Southampton currently aligns with SN, regional and national averages. To support effective decision making we have implemented consultation sessions for the assessment teams with Child Protection Conference chairs. The Working with Families project activity also continues; with a focus on using Family Group Conferences, where appropriate, as an alternative to statutory intervention. We have applied to the DfE Supporting Families fund to further expand our FGC model. We are also reviewing our vulnerable adolescents offer; as we consider our partnership arrangements for young people whose behaviour and / or associations put them at risk.
CP2	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs), excluding transfer-Ins and temporary registrations	Jane White	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.	49	35	26	29	20	40	37	25	22	37	37	46	55	71	↑ 29%	↑ 103%		37	71	-	40	44	54			The number and rate of children subject to ICPC has increased due to the improvement team activity in the MASH and assessment teams. We have recently put consultation sessions in place where assessment team social workers can discuss cases with CPC chairs. We expect these sessions will help in considering whether the risk of serious harm can be safely mitigated; and therefore some cases can be dealt with as Children in Need.

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CP2-NI	Rate per 10,000 Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)	Phil Budgeham	Stuart Webb	The rate of Initial Child Protection Conferences is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	10	7	5	6	5	8	7	5	5	8	8	9	12	14	↑ 22%	↑ 96%		8	14	-	77	67	63			The number and rate of children subject to ICPC has increased due to the improvement team activity in the MASH and assessment teams. We have recently put consultation sessions in place where assessment team social workers can discuss cases with CPC chairs. We expect these sessions will help in considering whether the risk of serious harm can be safely mitigated; and therefore some cases can be dealt with as Children in Need.
CP4 (val)	Number of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Budgeham	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.	39	29	22	28	18	37	29	19	17	33	30	36	32	54	↑ 69%	↑ 86%	▲	29.58	54.00	-	35	38	38			The number / percentage of cases converting from conference to plan has increased and there is robust scrutiny of decision making through audit. We also track conversion on a weekly basis and for last week (wc 24/6) conversion was 85%; which aligns with SN, regional and national averages.
CP4	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Budgeham	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.	79.6%	82.9%	84.6%	96.6%	90.0%	92.5%	78.4%	76.0%	77.3%	89.2%	81.1%	78.3%	58.2%	76.1%	↑ 31%	→ -8%	▲	81.5%	96.6%	P	86.2%	86.5%	85.8%			The number / percentage of cases converting from conference to plan has increased and there is robust scrutiny of decision making through audit. We also track conversion on a weekly basis and for last week (wc 24/6) conversion was 85%; which aligns with SN, regional and national averages.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Budgeham	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	1	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	↓ -100%	↓ -100%		1	6	-	Local	Local	Local			There were no transfers in this month. 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	See White	Sarah Ward	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%	-	100.0%	-	n/a	- n/a		88.8%	100.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			There were no transfers in this month. 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 Budgeham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	41	26	25	21	7	27	26	15	15	22	31	21	26	32	↑ 23%	↑ 23%	▲	22	32	-	30	34	40			The most significant factor affecting ICPC timeliness is capacity issues in the assessment team. Recruitment activity is underway, which will improve performance. However, this area is also subject to weekly management scrutiny and timeliness has been at 71% for the last two weeks. The management team will continue to receive detailed weekly reports to inform the service response.
CP3-QL	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) held within timescales (based on count of children)	Phil Budgeham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	83.7%	74.3%	96.2%	72.4%	35.0%	67.5%	70.3%	60.0%	68.2%	59.5%	83.8%	45.7%	47.3%	45.1%	→ -5%	↓ -39%	▲	62.6%	96.2%	P	78.2%	76.9%	75.0%			The most significant factor affecting ICPC timeliness is capacity issues in the assessment team. Recruitment activity is underway, which will improve performance. However, this area is also subject to weekly management scrutiny and timeliness has been at 71% for the last two weeks. The management team will continue to receive detailed weekly reports to inform the service response.
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	See White	Sarah Ward	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.	80.0%	77.0%	84.0%	83.0%	85.0%	79.0%	72.0%	88.0%	84.0%	85.0%	81.0%	88.0%	69.0%	65.0%	→ -6%	↓ -16%	▲	80.3%	88.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			
CP5-QL (val)	Number of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time (repeat)	Phil Budgeham	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.	11	11	4	9	2	1	6	6	0	8	5	16	2	11	↑ 450%	→ 0%	▼	6	16	-	8	8	10			This month has seen an increase in children subject to repeat planning; although the percentage remains lower than SN, National and Regional Averages. The CP advisor has reviewed the cases and updates are included in the monthly report to senior managers.
CP5-QL	Percentage of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time (repeat)	Phil Budgeham	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.	26.8%	36.7%	18.2%	32.1%	10.5%	2.6%	20.7%	31.6%	0.0%	23.5%	13.9%	41.0%	5.7%	19.3%	↑ 238%	↓ -47%	▼	18.3%	41.0%	P	21.9%	20.2%	22.6%			This month has seen an increase in children subject to repeat planning; although the percentage remains lower than SN, National and Regional Averages. The CP advisor has reviewed the cases and updates are included in the monthly report to senior managers.
CP9	Number of children subject to Review Child Protection Conferences (RCPCs) in the month	Phil Budgeham	Stuart Webb	Where children are subject to Child Protection planning, their cases are reviewed regularly to identify progress and any barriers.	67	79	87	60	98	85	74	63	74	56	47	75	88	77	↓ -13%	→ -3%		74	98	-	Local	Local	Local			The number of RCPCs has reduced. However, the additional chair is now in place and working at full capacity The PACT audit findings will be published later in the month and these will provide insights into factors affecting case progression. The PACT service and CPC team will be tasked with working to an improvement plan in response to the findings.
CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	See 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.	22	41	53	29	57	52	26	27	23	21	23	16	40	20	↓ -50%	↓ -51%	▲	32	57	-	36	36	42			The number of review conferences has reduced. However, the additional chair is now in place and working at full capacity The PACT audit findings will be published later in the month and these will provide insights into factors affecting case progression. The PACT service and CPC team will be tasked with working to an improvement plan in response to the findings.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	See White	Becky 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.	524	534	526	514	499	490	485	475	472	481	475	490	502	500	→ 0%	→ -6%	▼	492	526	-	41	41	44	495	420	
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	See White	Mary Hardy	The level of children in care is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	105	107	105	102	99	97	96	94	94	96	94	97	100	99	→ -1%	→ -7%	▼	98	105	-	81	64	51			This indicator remains quite steady at a rate that is higher than our statistical neighbours but notwithstanding that is confirmed by an enhanced level of management oversight to be right for our child population locally - in short we are satisfied that the "right" children are in our care.
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	See White	Mary Hardy	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.	18	21	7	4	11	8	11	7	13	17	19	20	24	13	↓ -46%	↓ -38%	▼	13	24	-	18	18	19			As above (LAC1-NI)
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	See White	Mary Hardy	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	18	17	16	15	27	16	17	17	15	11	24	11	16	14	↓ -13%	↓ -18%	▲	17	27	-	16	16	19			The numbers leaving care remain quite steady and are on a par with statistical neighbours. There are robust step down arrangements in place to support these children and young people.

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LAC6 (val)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	5	1	5	3	4	6	5	3	2	2	10	3	4	1	↓ -75%	⇒ 0%		4	10	-	2	2	2			The number of adoption orders granted this month follows the projected trend and is not of concern. There are eight children placed for adoption waiting for court hearing to consider the adoption order application.
LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	27.8%	5.9%	31.3%	20.0%	14.8%	37.5%	29.4%	17.6%	13.3%	18.2%	41.7%	27.3%	25.0%	7.1%	↓ -71%	↑ 21%		23.6%	41.7%	P	17.1%	13.0%	12.0%			As above (LAC6 (val)).
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.	7	0	3	2	5	2	4	6	7	4	2	0	0	3	- n/a	- n/a		3	7	-	-	-	-			Following no orders being granted last month, we see the three projected SGO application being granted this month.
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.	38.9%	0.0%	18.8%	13.3%	18.5%	12.5%	23.5%	35.3%	46.7%	36.4%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	21.4%	- n/a	- n/a	▲	19.6%	46.7%	P	10.1%	12.0%	10.0%			Special Guardianship Order remains a permanence option for a large proportion of our children in care. SCC remains above the SN average.
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	Jane White	Mary Hardy	The service is in regular contact with Looked after Children to ensure that there is ongoing assessment of risk and opportunities to intervene effectively.	82.0%	84.0%	79.0%	83.0%	79.0%	79.0%	76.0%	80.0%	75.0%	80.0%	82.0%	77.0%	74.0%	76.0%	⇒ 3%	↓ -10%	▲	78.3%	83.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			Slight increase in visiting performance in comparison to last month's, generally between 75 and 80 % in timescales. Majority of young people are placed outside of the city, many at a distance because of the availability of placements which creates capacity issues, and some visits will have been undertaken but with delay in writing them up so true performance likely to be higher than this. Request made to data team to improve our data in this area by altering daily Frontline report to differentiate between those who need 6 and those who need 12 weekly visits because that is currently not possible. SW continue to use Mind of my Own to communicate with young people over and above their visits and SSWs also visit young people in their placements, all of which contributes to ensuring young people are seen regularly and are safe.
LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	97.1%	94.0%	93.7%	94.9%	96.0%	96.5%	96.1%	97.3%	97.0%	96.0%	95.4%	94.9%	93.4%	92.8%	⇒ -1%	⇒ -1%	▲	95.3%	97.3%	P	Local	Local	Local			A slight decline in this indicator since previous month which may be linked to the capacity issues mentioned above as our LAC numbers are increasing currently. This is a target area for LAC teams to be working on at present so I would expect to see an improvement in this area in the coming weeks.
LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	509	502	493	488	479	473	466	462	458	462	453	465	469	464	⇒ -1%	⇒ -8%	▲	469	493	-	Local	Local	Local			As above (LAC10 (%))
LAC13	Number of <b>current</b> Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	13	13	15	12	13	12	12	13	12	13	14	15	16	16	⇒ 0%	↑ 23%		14	16	-	2	2	4			Number of UASC has remained the same since last month, there has been little variation in numbers over the past year, they continue to be well supported.
LAC14	Number of <b>new</b> unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	↓ -100%	- n/a		1	2	-	Local	Local	Local			As above (LAC13).
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.	161	159	164	164	169	172	172	173	171	175	175	173	174	167	⇒ -4%	⇒ 5%	▲	171	175	-	Local	Local	Local			Care leaver numbers continue to rise and I would expect that to be reflected in rising numbers of completed Pathway plans at the same time, but these statistics suggest otherwise. We receive regular updates of the data around completion of plans so we will need to interrogate that data in order to be able to comment with certainty why there has been a slight dip in performance this month.
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.	99.0%	98.0%	97.0%	98.0%	99.0%	99.0%	98.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	⇒ 0%	⇒ 1%	▲	98.7%	99.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			See above (LAC11-QL).
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.	92.1%	91.3%	88.1%	91.0%	86.7%	89.5%	90.7%	88.4%	86.8%	86.4%	87.7%	86.2%	85.9%	84.3%	⇒ -2%	⇒ -8%	▲	87.7%	91.0%	P	-	-	-	93.0%	94.0%	Weekly housing panel continues to oversee all placements made with our contracted housing providers. Young people need to have been seen by a PA to know if their accommodation is suitable or not so the reduction may be as a result of a slight decline in contact performance in June. We continue to strive to see all our care leavers and to work with providers to have robust oversight of the accommodations young people are placed in.
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	Jane White	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	133	131	132	138	133	135	136	138	137	143	147	144	144	146	⇒ 1%	↑ 11%	▼	139	147	-	Local	Local	Local	TBC	TBC	The use of IFA remains stable, but the total number continues to be 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. Recruitment and retention of in house foster carers is a priority area for 2019/20.
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	Jane White	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	25.4%	24.5%	25.1%	26.8%	26.7%	27.6%	28.0%	29.1%	29.0%	29.7%	30.9%	29.4%	28.7%	29.2%	⇒ 2%	↑ 19%	▼	28.4%	30.9%	P	Local	Local	Local			As above (LAC9 (val)).
LAC16	Number of <b>in-house</b> foster carers at the end of period	Jane White	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	170	168	170	171	173	168	167	168	171	172	172	tbc	tbc	167	- n/a	⇒ -1%			170	173	-	-	-	190	200	The number of in house foster carers has seen a slight decline. Recruitment and retention of in house foster carers is a priority area for 2019/20. A recent recruitment campaign achieved very limited results with only 12 enquires prompting a need review of the current recruitment strategy, which will need to include a move away from traditional marketing approaches. A business case has been proposed to enhance the reward and support offered to in house carers to make fostering a more attractive option for those looking to give up work.