

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

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M1	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	tbc	Jacqui 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>	1419	1129	1198	1147	1172	1403	↑ 20%	→ 4%		1273	1535	Local	Local	Local	There has been a 20% increase in Contacts since May which would give an indication that we are reaching those children who are in need of support or safeguarding. However, despite some children returning to school the referral rates remain very low from schools.
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.</i>	406	318	300	286	270	342	↑ 27%	↓ -30%		360	523	399	357	460	The rate of referrals has increased in line with the rate of Contacts. MASH report the complexity of referrals has increased which would explain the 27% increase. The number of referrals during June is also more in line with statistical neighbours.
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	tbc	Jacqui 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>	29%	28%	25%	25%	23%	24%	→ 6%	↓ -32%		28%	35%	Local	Local	Local	The Conversion remains fairly consistent throughout Lockdown period. Decision Making Audits continue to raise no concerns regarding decision making in MASH.
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CiN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.</i>	80	63	59	56	53	67	↑ 26%	↓ -38%		77	122	Local	Local	Local	The increase for June is in line with the increase in Contacts/referrals received into MASH during this period.
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	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.</i>	98%	99%	98%	98%	99%	99%	→ 0%	→ 6%	▲	95%	99%	Local	Local	Local	Despite Navigators in MASH working remotely and on-going issues with the technology they continue to keep high standards and compliant with the 1 working day decision making.
M6-QL (val)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	tbc	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>	17	12	17	10	25	17	↓ -32%	↓ -47%	▼	16	25	Local	Local	Local	June numbers are in line with the 12m local average. The % is consistently lower than the SN, regional and national indicators.
M6-QL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	tbc	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>	4%	4%	6%	3%	9%	5%	↓ -44%	↓ -17%	▼	4%	9%	25%	23%	25%	June numbers are in line with the 12m local average. The % is consistently lower than the SN, regional and national indicators.
M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	tbc	Simon Dennison	<i>The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.</i>	1	1	5	1	3	4	↑ 33%	↓ -56%		3	9	Local	Local	Local	These monthly numbers are almost always <10 with large variation - Feb was one child and March was 5 - we believe that there may be an under-reporting and MASH/BSO were prompted again in March - April/May low/Covid? - probably need to review this performance indicator (include CCE or number high risk/CERAF) and the reporter.

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M5	Number of children receiving Early Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CiN) assessment	tbc	Sean Holehouse	<i>The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.</i>	13	22	2	1	10	1	↓ -90%	↓ -80%		7	22	Local	Local	Local	C-19 impact has resulted in increased hidden harm risks such as DV. All L3/UPP cases have been reviewed & RAG rated & MASH referrals made when necessary. The Early Help Hub Rapid Response Team continue to work with new referred high end early help cases preventing escalation into Social Care. The C-19 school 'vulnerable pupil' tracker is also updated regularly to share risk information. The number of CSC 'step up' cases in June was low with just 1 recorded, with 48 initially 'RED' rated UPP cases in EH & P de-escalated to 20 by the end of the month following 'face-to-face' interventions in the home & EH planning progressed.
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CiN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding EHPs, EHAs, CPP and LAC)	tbc	Sarah Ward	<i>Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.</i>	1337	1379	1334	1292	1311	1313	→ 0%	↓ -26%	▼	1,518	1,948	Local	Local	Local	CIN numbers have shown a reducing trend since July 2019, although there has been a small increase in the last month. The service is monitoring the impact of Covid 19 upon this area.
EH5-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	tbc	Simon Dennison	<i>The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.</i>	68	71	82	50	64	57	↓ -11%	↓ -43%	▼	67	82	Local	Local	Local	June was the third full Covid 19 month followed trend with 20% -40% decrease on numbers in 2019 although some of those going missing are higher frequency than last year. This figure differs significantly from METHub spreadsheet of new missing episodes each month (May = 39) This report includes all records that haven't been closed off (i.e. no return date) and (24) looked after children from other local authorities (OLA) living in Southampton .
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.</i>	407	325	342	259	247	265	→ 7%	↑ 38%		370	549	318	353	447	The number of single assessments completed in June has risen reflecting the number of children in Need referrals coming in through MASH
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	11%	10%	10%	13%	14%	6%	↓ -60%	↓ -60%	▲	9%	14%	19%	15%	17%	'The number of single assessments completed within 10 days remains consistent.
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	19%	39%	41%	43%	49%	44%	↓ -10%	↑ 211%	▲	29%	49%	Local	Local	Local	The number of single assessments completed in June in 25 days has dropped slightly. This does not necessarily indicate anything of concern.
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	19%	21%	24%	15%	11%	20%	↑ 94%	↑ 78%	▲	15%	24%	Local	Local	Local	'The number of single assessments completed in June in 35 days has risen slightly. This does not necessarily indicate anything of concern.
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	16%	12%	12%	8%	13%	15%	↑ 17%	↓ -17%	▲	14%	22%	Local	Local	Local	"The number of single assessments completed in June in 36-45 days has risen slightly. This does not necessarily indicate anything of concern.

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EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	lbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	35%	18%	12%	21%	14%	15%	↑ 10%	↓ -64%	▼	32%	56%	20%	17%	18%	The number of single assessments completed over 45 days has increased by 1%, but remains 27% higher than June 2019 which demonstrates a marked improvement.
EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	lbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	266	266	300	204	213	225	→ 6%	↑ 103%	▲	240	300	243	285	360	The number of assessments completed within 45 working days has increased, showing the improvement of The work within the Assessment Service continues despite an increase on work coming through from MASH.
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	lbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	65%	82%	88%	79%	86%	85%	→ -1%	↑ 47%	▲	68%	88%	76%	81%	81%	The percentage of assessments completed within 45 days continues to be higher than statistical neighbours, England and the South East.
CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	lbc	Jacqui Schofield	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	93	118	125	104	112	138	↑ 23%	↓ -12%		121	182	121	110	148	This figure shows number of section 47 enquiries commenced in all service areas. It has increased by 23% from last month. This is likely to be as a result of the increase in complexity being referred to MASH.
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	lbc	Jacqui Schofield	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	18	23	25	20	22	27	↑ 23%	↓ -13%		24	36	19	14	14	'The rate is higher than May 2020. Threshold decisions within MASH are audited regularly and have raised no concerns. The statistics for section 47 enquiries accounts for all section 47's completed throughout Children's Services and not just new cases coming into MASH and Assessment.
CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	lbc	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.	468	441	417	399	418	407	→ -3%	↑ 11%		440	490	388	439	527	There has been a small reduction in the number and rate of CPP. This has been caused by an unusually low number of ICPCs in the final week of June. Typically, we are seeing a higher number of ICPCs and this is expected to continue to have an impact on CPP numbers overall. To address this, service managers and Heads of Service across CSC and Integrated and Specialist Services are meeting regularly. There is senior management oversight of ICPC and RCPC activity, supported by the CP advisors report. An EDPR has been submitted to request additional Independent Chair support.
CP6B-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	lbc	Stuart Webb	The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	92	87	82	78	82	80	→ -2%	↑ 10%		87	96	48	44	41	There has been a small reduction in the number and rate of CPP. This has been caused by an unusually low number of ICPCs in the final week of June. Typically, we are seeing a higher number of ICPCs and this is expected to continue to have an impact on CPP numbers overall. To address this, service managers and Heads of Service across CSC and Integrated and Specialist Services are meeting regularly. There is senior management oversight of ICPC and RCPC activity, supported by the CP advisors report. An EDPR has been submitted to request additional Independent Chair support.
CP2	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs), excluding transfer-Ins and temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham	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.	17	23	47	27	52	36	↓ -31%	↓ -49%		44	81	38	42	51	There has been a reduction in the number and rate of ICPC this month, with low numbers in the last week of the month impacting. The CP advisor continues to report high numbers overall. We are also looking ahead to September, when schools fully restart - and the potential for 'hidden harm' issues to be identified by schools. This may further increase ICPC activity.

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CP2-NI	Rate per 10,000 Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	The rate of Initial Child Protection Conferences is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	3	5	9	5	11	7	↓ -35%	↓ -50%		9	16	6	5	5	There has been a reduction in the number and rate of ICPC this month, with low numbers in the last week of the month impacting. The CP advisor continues to report high numbers overall. We are also looking ahead to September, when schools fully restart - and the potential for 'hidden harm' issues to be identified by schools. This may further increase ICPC activity.
CP4 (val)	Number of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Bullingham	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.	15	18	43	25	50	35	↓ -30%	↓ -35%		38	66	32	36	44	The number and % conversion from ICPC to plan continues to be high in comparison to our own 12m average and SN, regional and national averages. It is likely to be due to Covid 19 and social distancing impacting upon professional decision making. Service managers are working together to respond to the trends, informed by the CP advisor's weekly reports.
CP4	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Bullingham	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.	88%	78%	91%	93%	96%	97%	→ 1%	↑ 28%	▲	87%	97%	86%	86%	84%	The number and % conversion from ICPC to plan continues to be high in comparison to our own 12m average and SN, regional and national averages. It is likely to be due to Covid 19 and social distancing impacting upon professional decision making. Service managers are working together to respond to the trends, informed by the CP advisor's weekly reports.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	0	1	0	0	3	0	↓ -100%	- n/a		2	5	Local	Local	Local	There were no transfers in this month. When there are, the QA Unit Manager checks compliance with locally agreed processes.
CP2b %	Percentage of transfer-ins where child became subject to a CP Plan during period	ibc	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	-	100%	-	-	100%	-	- n/a	- n/a		63%	100%	Local	Local	Local	There were no transfers in this month. When there are, the QA Unit Manager checks compliance with locally agreed processes.
CP3-QL (val)	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) which were held within timescales (excludes transfer-ins)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	4	14	28	18	47	34	↓ -28%	→ 6%	▲	27	53	33	33	40	Timeliness of ICPC has improved consistently for 4 months. Conferences are currently being undertaken virtually and there may be learning for the service, looking ahead post-Covid, to see if a combination of virtual and face to face conferences can support families and professionals to continue to engage in a timely manner.
CP3-QL	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) held within timescales (based on count of children)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	24%	61%	60%	67%	90%	94%	→ 4%	↑ 110%	▲	60%	94%	84%	79%	77%	Timeliness of ICPC has improved consistently for 4 months. Conferences are currently being undertaken virtually and there may be learning for the service, looking ahead post-Covid, to see if a combination of virtual and face to face conferences can support families and professionals to continue to engage in a timely manner.
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	ibc	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.	68%	81%	64%	40%	72%	75%	→ 4%	↑ 15%	▲	70%	81%	Local	Local	Local	The % has increased since June 2020; supported by the HoS giving a directive that direct contact should resume.
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.	0	4	13	4	13	5	↓ -62%	↓ -55%	▼	9	20	7	8	9	Five children (three families) had previously being subject to a plan. Previous plans finished between 2013 and 2017. The prevalent features were emotional abuse and neglect.

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CPS-Q1	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.	0%	22%	28%	16%	24%	14%	↓ -41%	↓ -28%	▼	21%	33%	22%	21%	21%	Five children (three families) had previously being subject to a plan. Previous plans finished between 2013 and 2017. The prevalent features were emotional abuse and neglect.
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.	110	107	133	71	72	135	↑ 88%	↑ 75%	▼	108	136	Local	Local	Local	The number of review conferences has increased due to a 'peak' in reviews for the larger number of cases that were registered towards the end of 2019. A new chair has started in the team, which goes some way to help with capacity. But, review child protection conference activity remains high, particularly given that we expect chairs to audit cases and undertake checks pre-conference. This has contributed to the 48 children stepping down from plans in June 2020.
CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	tbc	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.	42	41	63	25	34	48	↑ 41%	↑ 140%	▲	38	63	34	37	47	The number of review conferences has increased due to a 'peak' in reviews for the larger number of cases that were registered towards the end of 2019. A new chair has started in the team, which goes some way to help with capacity. But, review child protection conference activity remains high, particularly given that we expect chairs to audit cases and undertake checks pre-conference. This has contributed to the 48 children stepping down from plans in June 2020.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	tbc	Mary Hardy	Where it is assessed that there is no safe alternative, the local authority will take children into its care for their welfare and protection.	494	485	490	487	488	488	→ 0%	→ -2%	▼	499	516	496	514	541	
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	tbc	Mary Hardy	The level of children in care is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	97	95	96	96	96	96	→ 0%	→ -3%	▼	98	102	86	65	53	
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	tbc	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.	9	10	17	7	7	10	↑ 43%	↓ -23%	▼	12	19	16	17	19	
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	tbc	Mary Hardy	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	6	21	9	6	6	9	↑ 50%	↓ -36%	▲	12	23	15	16	18	
LAC6 (va1)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	3	4	2	0	0	2	- n/a	↑ 100%	▲	2	4	2	2	3	The number of orders granted has returned to the 12 month average. The courts are now beginning to hear adoption order applications.

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LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	50%	19%	22%	0%	0%	22%	- n/a	↑ 211%		16%	50%	15%	12%	18%	22% of children leaving care this month was as a result of adoption orders being granted. This is similar to the 12 month average, prior to the impact of the pandemic. The 12 month average has reduced significantly as a reduced of low number over the last three months. Noted impact of the pandemic.
LAC12 (val)	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	1	3	2	0	0	1	- n/a	↓ -67%		1	3	Local	Local	Local	One order has been granted this month, marking the recovery from the impact of the pandemic on the hearing of applications.
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	17%	14%	22%	0%	0%	11%	- n/a	↓ -48%		10%	23%	33%	13%	12%	This figure is relatively low and reflects that only one order was granted last month. The 12 month average has reduced significantly as a reduced of low number over the last three months. Noted impact of the pandemic.
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	tbc	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.	73%	74%	66%	50%	39%	78%	↑ 100%	→ 2%	▲	72%	83%	Local	Local	Local	Please note: April and May 2020 figures do not currently include virtual visits, which we have been conducting during the COVID-19 outbreak. June 2020 has been reviewed and is now correct at 77.9%.
LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	94%	94%	93%	95%	96%	96%	→ 0%	→ 3%	▲	94%	96%	Local	Local	Local	
LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	463	454	457	461	469	467	→ 0%	→ 1%	▲	470	487	Local	Local	Local	
LAC13	Number of current Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	tbc	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	14	15	15	13	12	12	→ 0%	↓ -25%		14	15	31	33	51	
LAC14	Number of new unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	tbc	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	2	1	0	0	0	0	- n/a	- n/a		0	2	Local	Local	Local	
LAC11-QL	Number of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	157	158	157	161	166	171	→ 3%	→ 2%	▲	163	171	Local	Local	Local	
LAC11-QL (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	93%	93%	92%	95%	96%	96%	→ 0%	→ -3%	▲	95%	98%	Local	Local	Local	

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NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	tbc	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.	79%	83%	84%	81%	83%	86%	→ 4%	→ 2%	▲	82%	86%	81%	85%	84%	
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	tbc	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	147	146	146	144	143	139	→ -3%	→ -5%	▼	149	157	Local	Local	Local	The use of independent fostering agencies (IFA) continues to show a decline. This is likely to be associated with the decline in the number of LAC. The total number continues to be high - reflecting the need to identify external placements due to availability of in house placements (both with regards to numbers and skills/specialism).
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	tbc	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	30%	30%	30%	30%	29%	28%	→ -3%	→ -2%	▼	30%	31%	Local	Local	Local	As above LAC9. Research undertaken by The South East Sector Led Improvement Programme (SESLIP) identified that this percentage is consistent with other local authorities across the South East - our use of in house fosters carers is at 60% and IFA 40% of foster placement.
LAC16	Number of in-house foster carers at the end of period	tbc	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	172	168	168	166	165	164	→ -1%	→ -2%	▲	167	172	Local	Local	Local	In addition to this SCC has a further 44 carers whom are caring for specific children as 'connected' carers. The number of in house mainstream foster carers has remained stable over the year to date. The recruitment strategy for 2020-23 has been drafted and endorsed by CLT.