

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

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	% change from Mar-20	% change from Apr-19	DoT	12-mnth avg	12-mnth max.	SN	ENG	SE region	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-20)
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>	1354	1323	1258	1419	1129	1198	1147	→ -4%	↓ -13%		1291	1535	Local	Local	Local		The rate of Contacts remains low which is likely to be a direct result of Covid 19 Lockdown as children are not attending school and professionals are not visiting children and their families. The MASH are working closely with Partners in identifying any Hidden Harm.
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>	416	380	309	406	318	300	286	→ -5%	↓ -29%		387	523	399	357	460		The number of referrals for Children in Need has dropped once again and can be identified as a result of Covid 19 as stated above. However this figure is well below statistical neighbours and therefore we will be communicating with neighbours to check on potential different ways of working. The referrals into the Early Help Hub also remains low which is concerning and is shared with Partners on a weekly basis.
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>	31%	29%	25%	29%	28%	25%	25%	→ 0%	↓ -18%		30%	36%	Local	Local	Local		The Conversion rate of Contacts to Referral remains consistent showing consistency of decision making within the 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>	82	75	61	80	63	59	56	→ -5%	↓ -42%		84	122	Local	Local	Local		There are no figures here to compare with statistical neighbours. The figure has dropped compared with March demonstrating the on-going work required with Partners to ensure children in Need are identified and receive a service.
MB-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>	88%	94%	97%	98%	99%	98%	98%	→ 0%	↑ 18%	▲	94%	99%	Local	Local	Local		'Mash continue to make a decision on Contacts within 24 hours ensuring we are compliant with Working Together. This also demonstrates that the procedures within MASH for dealing with new Contacts is working well.
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>	13	23	7	17	12	17	10	↓ -41%	↓ -75%	▼	17	32	Local	Local	Local		As below (M6-QL)
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>	3%	6%	2%	4%	4%	6%	3%	↓ -50%	↓ -63%	▼	4%	6%	25%	23%	25%		This is positive however I am unclear of the reason why it has decreased by 50%. We are currently undertaking some work around closures and auditing cases which have been closed to consider management oversight/analysis. If this is completed on a closure record then this can at times inform decision making by Mash
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>	5	2	2	1	1	5	1	↓ -80%	→ 0%		4	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 low/Covid? - probably need to review this performance indicator (include CCE or number high risk/CERAF) and the reporter.
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>	6	6	5	13	22	2	1	↓ -50%	↓ -80%		7	22	Local	Local	Local		When risks to children open to Early Help teams increase, they are promptly recognised and, when necessary, are referred to MASH who decide whether to 'step up' to statutory social care (SC) services to ensure families' issues are fully addressed, and children are safeguarded as necessary. The Early Help Hub Rapid Response Team continue to work with high end early help cases preventing escalation into Social Care.

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	% change from Mar-20	% change from Apr-19	DoT	12-mnth avg	12-mnth max.	SN	ENG	SE region	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-20)
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CiN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding EHPs, EHAs, CPP and LAC)	tbc	Sarah Ward	Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.	1620	1559	1460	1337	1379	1334	1292	→ -3%	↓ -10%	▼	1,576	1,948	Local	Local	Local		CiN cases are currently being reviewed in Pact. An audit is being undertaken on CiN cases coming in to the team, as to whether there are safeguarding issues or whether they would be better served by Early Help. A review of CiN cases is also being undertaken on cases in the two new teams which have moved into Pact as they seem to have some challenges with workflow including CiN cases not closing or stepping down at the appropriate time for the child/family
EH5-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	tbc	Simon Demison	The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.	75	66	67	68	71	82	50	↓ -39%	↓ -21%	▼	71	100	Local	Local	Local		First full Covid 19 month sees a 20% decrease on numbers in 2019 although some of those going missing are higher frequency than last year.
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.	549	479	379	407	325	342	259	↓ -24%	→ -9%		365	549	318	353	447		The number of single assessments has reduced by 24% and is well below statistical neighbours and SE Region. There is a concern that children in need of a service are not being identified and there remains Hidden Harm within the City. This information will be shared with Partners and MASH Service Manager will liaise with Portsmouth to understand any different working patterns in their City.
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	4%	10%	9%	11%	10%	10%	13%	↑ 28%	↑ 204%	▲	10%	14%	19%	15%	17%		The number of single assessments completed within 10 days has increased by 28% and is the highest percentage in the past year.
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	20%	23%	30%	19%	39%	41%	43%	→ 4%	↑ 44%	▲	25%	43%	Local	Local	Local		The number of single assessments completed within 25 days has continued to increase and remains the highest in the past year.
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	8%	11%	18%	19%	21%	24%	15%	↓ -40%	↓ -44%	▲	14%	24%	Local	Local	Local		The number of single assessments completed within 35 days has reduced again in the month of April.
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	12%	16%	12%	16%	12%	12%	8%	↓ -31%	↓ -61%	▲	16%	27%	Local	Local	Local		This has dropped 31% compared to last month.
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	56%	39%	31%	35%	18%	12%	21%	↑ 73%	↑ 17%	▼	36%	56%	20%	17%	18%		This percentage has increased since last month which is disappointing but does not particularly stand out from statistical neighbours.
EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	244	291	263	266	266	300	204	↓ -32%	↓ -13%	▲	229	300	243	285	360		The number demonstrates the decrease in referrals into the service for assessment and intervention.
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	44%	61%	69%	65%	82%	88%	79%	↓ -10%	→ -4%	▲	64%	88%	76%	81%	81%		This percentage is higher than statistical neighbours although down on last month which is disappointing.
CPT	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	106	171	94	93	118	125	104	↓ -17%	→ 3%		123	182	121	110	148		The percentage is 17% lower than last month which would coincide with a lower level of referrals.

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	% change from Mar-20	% change from Apr-19	DoT	12-mnth avg	12-mnth max.	SN	ENG	SE region	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-20)
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	bbc	Jaquie Schofield	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	21	34	18	18	23	25	20	↓ -20%	→ 0%		24	36	19	14	14		This percentage is lower than last month which coincides with a lower level of referrals into MASH.
CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	bbc	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.	474	464	490	468	441	417	399	→ -4%	↑ 22%		429	490	388	439	527		There has been a further reduction in children subject to child protection planning; but, it is noted that Covid 19 may be impacting upon the number of ICPCs and the number of children stepping out of planning. Southampton's rate per 10,000 remains higher than SN, regional and national indicators. The CP advisor continues to undertake a weekly report regarding CPP activity for the attention of the senior management team and this is supporting a continued focus on this area of safeguarding performance.
CP6B-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	bbc	Stuart Webb	The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	93	91	96	92	87	82	78	→ -5%	↑ 20%		85	96	48	44	41		There has been a further reduction in children subject to child protection planning; but, it is noted that Covid 19 may be impacting upon the number of ICPCs and the number of children stepping out of planning. Southampton's rate per 10,000 remains higher than SN, regional and national indicators. The CP advisor continues to undertake a weekly report regarding CPP activity for the attention of the senior management team and this is supporting a continued focus on this area of safeguarding performance.
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.	34	53	77	17	23	47	27	↓ -43%	↓ -41%		47	81	38	42	51		The number and rate of children subject to ICPC have reduced this month. It will be important to review May's data at the end of the month to assess the impact of Covid 19. ICPC and RCPC are being undertaken virtually and, to quality assure the processes, the CP Advisor has undertaken an audit of conference decision making.
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.	7	11	16	3	5	9	5	↓ -43%	↓ -42%		10	16	6	5	5		The number and rate of children subject to ICPC have reduced this month. It will be important to review May's data at the end of the month to assess the impact of Covid 19. ICPC and RCPC are being undertaken virtually and, to quality assure the processes, the CP Advisor has undertaken an audit of conference decision making.
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.	29	46	66	15	18	43	25	↓ -42%	↓ -31%		38	66	32	36	44		Although numbers have fluctuated, the % conversion over the past two months has been >90%; which is higher than SN, regional and national averages. Covid 19 may be impacting, in that professionals may be making more cautious decisions, given the context in which they are working.
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.	85%	87%	86%	88%	78%	91%	93%	→ 1%	↑ 18%	▲	82%	93%	86%	86%	84%		Although numbers have fluctuated, the % conversion over the past two months has been >90%; which is higher than SN, regional and national averages. Covid 19 may be impacting, in that professionals may be making more cautious decisions, given the context in which they are working.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	3	5	2	0	1	0	0	- n/a	- n/a		2	5	Local	Local	Local		There were no transfers in this month. Whenever there is a transfer we check to ensure compliance with the transfer policy.
CP2b %	Percentage of transfer-ins where child became subject to a CP Plan during period	bbc	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	33%	20%	50%	-	100%	-	-	- n/a	- n/a		63%	100%	Local	Local	Local		There were no transfers in this month. Whenever there is a transfer we check to ensure compliance with the transfer policy.



Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	% change from Mar-20	% change from Apr-19	DoT	12-mnth avg	12-mnth max.	SN	ENG	SE region	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-20)
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.	19	28	53	4	14	28	18	↓ -36%	↓ -14%	▲	25	53	33	33	40		Timeliness of ICPC has improved in the past month; but Southampton still underperforms against SN, regional and national averages. This will be raised at Learning and Improvement Board on 7th May 2020.
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.	56%	53%	69%	24%	61%	60%	67%	↑ 12%	↑ 46%	▲	52%	69%	84%	79%	77%		Timeliness of ICPC has improved in the past month; but Southampton still underperforms against SN, regional and national averages. This will be raised at Learning and Improvement Board on 7th May 2020.
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	tbc	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.	81%	79%	80%	68%	81%	64%	40%	↓ -38%	↓ -55%	▲	69%	81%	Local	Local	Local		This drop is disappointing and may be due to the new guidance around Covid which at times workers have become confused by. This is a recording issue largely and there are weekly discussions in the team to address this. The workflow plan will also support with recording as caseloads may begin to reduce appropriately.
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.	11	7	20	0	4	13	4	↓ -69%	↓ -75%	▼	9	20	7	8	9		In April 2020, 4 of the children (16%) had previously been subject to CPP. This is 6% lower than the SN average (22%), slightly lower than the 12 month trend. Three of the four children had been registered under the same category previously (neglect, emotional abuse). The previous plans ended in 2016 and 2018.
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.	33%	15%	30%	0%	22%	28%	16%	↓ -43%	↓ -61%	▼	20%	33%	22%	21%	21%		In April 2020, 4 of the children (16%) had previously been subject to CPP. This is 6% lower than the SN average (22%), slightly lower than the 12 month trend. Three of the four children had been registered under the same category previously (neglect, emotional abuse). The previous plans ended in 2016 and 2018.
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.	132	136	131	110	107	133	71	↓ -47%	→ -5%	▼	104	136	Local	Local	Local		The number of reviews has reduced during April; however, the Easter Holidays fell during this period and this does impact upon professionals availability. ICPC and RCPC are being undertaken virtually and, to quality assure the processes, the CP Advisor has undertaken an audit of conference decision making.
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.	23	62	40	42	41	63	25	↓ -60%	↑ 56%	▲	36	63	34	37	47		There has been a reduction in the number of children stepping out of planning and is noted that Covid 19 may be impacting. The CP advisor continues to undertake a weekly report regarding CPP activity for the attention of the senior management team and this is supporting a continued focus on this area of safeguarding performance.
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.	512	510	493	494	485	490	487	→ -1%	→ -1%	▼	501	516	496	514	541	420	A slight reduction in numbers of looked after children dropping from 490 in March to 487 in April, this is a generally slowly decreasing trend since September 2019 and is below statistical neighbours, regional and national reported data. However, it remains significantly above the 2019-20 target of 420 which was last achieved in 2011.
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.	101	100	97	97	95	96	96	→ 0%	→ -1%	▼	99	102	86	65	53		Variation from March to April was minimal but remains below both the 12 monthly maximum and 12 monthly average.

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	% change from Mar-20	% change from Apr-19	DoT	12-mnth avg	12-mnth max.	SN	ENG	SE region	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-20)
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.	13	18	8	9	10	17	7	↓ -59%	↓ -65%	▼	13	24	16	17	19		The number of new LAC episodes at 7 in April is the lowest number recorded in the last calendar year, with a significant decrease from 17 in March, and well below the monthly average of 13 and maximum in the past year of 24. However this should be viewed with some caution as it is the first full month of "lockdown" due to Covid and it may be that reporting of concerns about children has dropped correspondingly, possibly raising the likelihood of "hidden harm" and potential increase again in LAC numbers post lockdown.
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.	13	21	23	6	21	9	6	↓ -33%	↓ -45%	▲	14	23	15	16	18		The number of children ceasing to be LAC was 6 in April, also the lowest recorded number in the last calendar year, this may also be Covid related.
LAC6 (val)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	1	1	1	3	4	2	0	↓ -100%	↓ -100%	▲	2	4	2	2	3		There has been no orders granted this month as the courts have postponed hearings due to the pandemic.
LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	8%	5%	4%	50%	19%	22%	0%	↓ -100%	↓ -100%		17%	50%	15%	12%	18%		This is at 0% as there has been no orders granted this month. As above the courts have postponed hearings due to 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.	3	3	3	1	3	2	0	↓ -100%	- n/a		2	3	Local	Local	Local		There has been no orders granted this month as the courts have postponed or limited hearings due to the pandemic.
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	23%	14%	13%	17%	14%	22%	0%	↓ -100%	- n/a		11%	23%	33%	13%	12%		'This is at 0% as there has been no orders granted this month. As above the courts have postponed or limited hearings due to 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.	76%	82%	79%	73%	74%	66%	50%	↓ -24%	↓ -35%	▲	74%	83%	Local	Local	Local		A further fall of 16% for this indicator in the past month when added to the 8 % fall in March means a concerning drop of 24% in 2 months, however this is also very likely Covid linked too as our visits to children are of necessity being undertaken virtually at present , but only count for reporting purposes if the child is seen within that virtual contact. Unfortunately not all SW have a Smart phone that enables them to see the child so whilst I am assured by managers that all our children have had virtual contacts, not all count in our recording process.
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.	95%	95%	94%	94%	94%	93%	95%	→ 1%	→ 0%	▲	94%	95%	Local	Local	Local		Numbers of LAC with an authorised care plan has improved from 93% in March to 95% in April which takes it back to the 12 month maximum but further scrutiny by managers of the remaining 5% is continuing to try to further improve performance in this area.
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.	484	482	463	463	454	457	461	→ 1%	→ -1%	▲	470	487	Local	Local	Local		See above LAC10 (%)
LAC13	Number of <b>current</b> 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.	15	14	12	14	15	15	13	↓ -13%	↓ -13%		15	16	31	33	51		The number of UASC at the end of April has decreased to 13 from 15 in March, this is below the yearly maximum of 16 and yearly average of 15 and significantly below statistical neighbours, regional and national reported numbers. Overall this indicator shows little variation across the past year.
LAC14	Number of <b>new</b> unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	tbc	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	- n/a	↓ -100%		1	2	Local	Local	Local		There have again been no new minors seeking asylum in the past month which may also be Covid related given ongoing international travel restrictions, notwithstanding that there have only been 4 altogether since May 2019.

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	% change from Mar-20	% change from Apr-19	DoT	12-mnth avg	12-mnth max.	SN	ENG	SE region	Target 19-20	Commentary (Apr-20)	
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.	163	161	163	157	158	157	161	→ 3%	→ -7%	▲	164	174	Local	Local	Local		There has been an increase of 4 young people with an authorised Pathway Plan from 157 in March to 161 in April, managers scrutinised the data last month to try to improve performance on this indicator but it should be noted that this is an ever changing cohort of young people to report on as it is age related so hard to make comparisons month on month.	
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.	96%	95%	94%	93%	93%	92%	95%	→ 3%	→ -4%	▲	96%	99%	Local	Local	Local		3% improvement noted March to April so now at 95%, see above (LAC11-QL).	
NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	tbc	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.	81%	81%	77%	79%	83%	84%	81%	→ -3%	→ -6%	▲	82%	86%	81%	85%	84%	94%		There has been a further decrease in this indicator to 81% of our care leavers being in contact with us and in suitable accommodation, with the target to achieve being 94% - however there continues to be reporting issues with this indicator which is now a priority in the Service Development Plan and Service Improvement Plan.
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.	157	154	150	147	146	146	144	→ -1%	→ 0%	▼	149	157	Local	Local	Local	TBC		The use of independent fostering agencies (IFA) remains stable, below the 12 month average and beginning to show a slight decline. This likely to be associated with the slight decline in the number of LAC. 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.
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.	31%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	→ -1%	→ 1%	▼	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.	168	164	164	172	168	168	166	→ -1%	- n/a	▲	-	-	Local	Local	Local	200		In addition to this SCC has a further 27 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 2020-21 has been drafted with the support of a improvement consultant in an effort to boost recruitment.