

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)	Julian Watkins	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>	1343	1607	1555	1787	1507	1464	1297	↑ 15%		1414	1787	Local	Local	Local				The number of contacts received during February decreased by 11%. Whilst February is a shorter month, there are still some concerns around hidden harm during the lockdown period.
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.</i>	263	357	368	449	351	271	244	↓ -23%		324	449	368	353	502				The number of new referrals of Children in need as decreased by 10% which is in line with the decrease in Contacts being received by MASH during the same period.
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	Julian Watkins	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>	20%	22%	24%	25%	23%	19%	19%	↓ -33%		23%	26%	Local	Local	Local				The percentage of contacts that become new referrals remains the same as January. The MASH decision making continues to be scrutinised through audit and no concerns have been raised.
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CiN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.</i>	52	70	72	88	69	53	48	↓ -24%		64	88	Local	Local	Local				The number of new referrals of children in need rate per 10,000 0-17 year olds has continued to decrease. There is no information to compare this with statistical neighbours. This is expected with a decrease in the number of Contacts being received into MASH.
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	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.</i>	99%	94%	98%	98%	99%	99%	98%	→ -1%	▲	98%	99%	Local	Local	Local				The conversion rate for the 1 working day decision making is at 98% for February which is 1% lower than January. MASH continue to work hard to remain compliant with Working Together 2018, despite Navigators working remotely and the complexities of this situation.
M6-QL (val)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Julian Watkins	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>	19	23	27	37	32	8	10	↓ -17%	▼	20	37	Local	Local	Local				This has remained static but will be interesting to review next month to see if schools returning to being fully open impacts on re referrals. This is an area of work which does need further review to ascertain patterns whether it is re referral due to significant safeguarding concerns or whether with more robust early help service the re referral could be prevented. Data is required to enable review of these cases.
M6-QL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Julian Watkins	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>	7%	6%	7%	8%	9%	3%	4%	→ 0%	▼	6%	9%	27%	23%	26%				This has remained static but will be interesting to review next month to see if schools returning to being fully open impacts on re referrals. This is an area of work which does need further review to ascertain patterns whether it is re referral due to significant safeguarding concerns or whether with more robust early help service the re referral could be prevented. Data is required to enable review of these cases.
M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	Julian Watkins	Simon Demmison	<i>The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.</i>	7	15	2	2	2	2	2	↑ 100%		4	15	Local	Local	Local				A spurious indicator - Quality Assurance (QA) work on September peak showed that a large majority (80%) were inaccurately flagged CSE. Moving forward, the service recommends that consideration is given to a revised indicator, linked to CERAF (risk assessment) and monthly MET Review data which counts the number of children in the city at risk of criminal and or sexual exploitation and identifies their level of risk.

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M5	Number of children receiving Early Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CiN) assessment	Julian Watkins	Sean Holehouse	<i>The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.</i>	4	7	14	17	0	4	5	↓ -77%		7	17	Local	Local	Local				Early Help Locality Teams continue to work with families to prevent escalation of need and to refer appropriately where children are at immediate risk and in need of protection.  The Early Help Hub Rapid Response Team continue to work with new referred high-end early help cases preventing escalation into Social Care. EH Locality cases are RAG rated and moderated with SW EH lead. The High EH cohort are also reviewed with EWS & schools to share risk information on vulnerable pupils. The number of CSC 'step up' cases in February was below average with 5 recorded.
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CiN) at end of period (all open cases, <b>excluding</b> EHPs, EHAs, CPP and LAC)	Julian Watkins	Sarah Ward	<i>Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.</i>	1232	1251	1305	1348	1226	1162	1109	↓ -20%	▼	1,266	1,348	Local	Local	Local				There has been a small decrease in the number of cases since last month but a significant decrease over the last year. This is due to a reduction of caseloads over the last year and a review of children who have been subject to CP planning for some time. The work has now cascaded to those children subject to a CiN plan for a period of time or open to Children's Services for some time. This work is in its early stages but should support the progression of CiN cases out of the service, where appropriate. This again, will improve with additional management support and when caseloads reduce further.
EH5-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	Julian Watkins	Simon Demisson	<i>The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.</i>	59	72	69	78	53	49	69	→ -3%	▼	65	83	Local	Local	Local				Average rates - similar to Feb 2020 - prior to lockdown.
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.</i>	248	243	285	346	410	305	304	→ -6%		298	410	354	365	485				The number of single assessments completed during February has remained consistent with January, but is still a decrease from November and December 2020.
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	4%	9%	12%	14%	16%	10%	12%	↑ 13%	▲	11%	16%	11%	12%	13%				The percentage of single assessments completed within 10 days has increased and remains similar to statistical neighbours, England and the South East region.
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	32%	26%	32%	31%	31%	27%	35%	↓ -10%	▲	36%	49%	Local	Local	Local				The percentage of single assessments completed within 11 - 25 days has increase as is similar to the 12 month average.
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	28%	21%	16%	15%	19%	18%	13%	↓ -36%	▲	18%	28%	Local	Local	Local				The percentage of single assessments completed within 26-35 days has decreased which is likely to be due to the increase in the percentage of single assessments being completed in 11-25 days increasing.
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	24%	30%	22%	19%	24%	28%	14%	↑ 21%	▲	20%	30%	Local	Local	Local				The percentage of single assessments completed within 36-45 days has seen a significant decline compared with January.
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	11%	13%	18%	21%	11%	16%	26%	↑ 41%	▼	15%	26%	15%	16%	15%				The percentage of referrals completed over 45 days has increased from 16% in Jan to 26% in February. One of the Teams in the assessment service had a back log of assessments that had not been completed. This has been addressed and could account for the increase. Single assessments are also completed within other service areas and these could have impacted the increase.

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EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	221	211	235	272	366	255	226	↓ -15%	▲	253	366								The number of single assessments completed within 45 days has decreased by 11% which is likely to be a result of the decreasing amount of referrals into the service.
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	89%	87%	82%	79%	89%	84%	74%	↓ -10%	▲	85%	93%								The percentage of single assessments completed within 45 working days is 74% which is lowest percentage for the past year. One of the Teams in the assessment service had a back log of assessments that had not been fully completed. This has been addressed and could account for the decrease. Single assessments are also completed within other service areas and these could have impacted the figure.
CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	81	126	121	167	149	91	91	↓ -23%		119	167	119	110	155					The number of section 47 enquiries started during February remains low which is in line with January. This demonstrates the continued improvement work being undertaken with the social care managers and MASH Partner navigators looking at threshold.
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	16	25	24	33	29	18	18	↓ -22%		23	33	19	14	15					The rate of section 47 enquiries per 10,000 children aged 0-17 years remains consistent with January and is slightly lower than statistical neighbours. This continues to be an area of focus within MASH and Partners, which has brought about improvement in threshold decision making.
CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham	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.	415	393	389	394	399	400	358	↓ -19%		401	426	350	339	427					Reducing trend is noted, as panel activity begins to impact. We will need to carefully monitor the impact of the end of the latest lockdown, as there is a possibility of safeguarding issues being flagged upon children returning to school. Practice Framework will now be launched a month later in May 2021, to tie in with Workforce Academy. Vulnerable Adolescents developmental activity is progressing as planned.
CP6B-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	82	77	77	78	78	79	70	↓ -20%		79	84	53	43	41					Reducing trend is noted, as panel activity begins to impact. We will need to carefully monitor the impact of the end of the latest lockdown, as there is a possibility of safeguarding issues being flagged upon children returning to school. Practice Framework will now be launched a month later in May 2021, to tie in with Workforce Academy. Vulnerable Adolescents developmental activity is progressing as planned.
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.	22	24	43	56	48	56	20	↓ -13%		42	72	43	42	53					Reduction in ICPC is likely to be because of review of practice around sec.47 decision making by the service. Rate for February 2021 is lower than SN, regional and national averages and will therefore be monitored carefully.
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.	5	6	8	12	10	11	4	↓ -17%		9	14	7	5	5					Reduction in ICPC is likely to be because of review of practice around sec.47 decision making by the service. Rate for February 2021 is lower than SN, regional and national averages and will therefore be monitored carefully.
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.	17	22	38	52	42	53	18	→ 0%		38	58								Current month and 12m average conversion of ICPC to plan align exactly with SN average.

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CP4	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	<i>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.</i>	77%	92%	88%	93%	88%	95%	90%	↑ 15%	▲	90%	97%	90%	87%	86%				Current month and 12m average conversion of ICPC to plan align exactly with SN average.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	<i>Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.</i>	1	7	0	5	3	1	0	↓ -100%		2	7	Local	Local	Local				There were no transfers in this month. When there are transfers, the service manager asks for an update from the CP chair(s) to clarify if transfer procedures have been followed.
CP2b %	Percentage of transfer-ins where child became subject to a CP Plan during period	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	<i>Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.</i>	0%	100%	-	80%	100%	100%	-	- n/a		80%	100%	Local	Local	Local				There were no transfers in this month. When there are transfers, the service manager asks for an update from the CP chair(s) to clarify if transfer procedures have been followed.
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	<i>Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.</i>	16	19	15	32	13	40	14	→ 0%	▲	27	50	34	33	40				Performance has been stable for the past two months, at a level around 10% lower than statistical neighbour average. Meeting has taken place with QA Unit and relevant service managers, which appears to have impacted upon performance. Performance can be affected by capacity in teams and again will need to be monitored carefully.
CP3-QL	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) held within timescales (based on count of children)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	<i>Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.</i>	73%	79%	35%	57%	27%	71%	70%	↑ 15%	▲	66%	94%	81%	78%	76%				Performance has been stable for the past two months, at a level around 10% lower than statistical neighbour average. Meeting has taken place with QA Unit and relevant service managers, which appears to have impacted upon performance. Performance can be affected by capacity in teams and again will need to be monitored carefully.
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	Phil Bullingham	Sarah Ward	<i>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.</i>	85%	62%	85%	92%	87%	88%	89%	↑ 10%	▲	76%	92%	Local	Local	Local				This has improved since last year as caseloads have reduced since early 2020. However, they remain fairly static currently as caseloads are fairly consistently in their mid twenties now and additional management support is not yet in the teams. This should improve if additional management is in the team as more dip sampling of recordings and support to workers can take place, but caseloads need to be reduced to see further improvements. This is an ongoing area of work though and there are cases where the children are unable to be visited as they are aboard, in hospital etc with a small proportion each week who have not engaged.
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	<i>The service is effective in managing the risks experienced by children and within families and where there is re-referral the issues are understood.</i>	2	13	14	17	11	19	0	↓ -100%	▼	10	19	9	8	11				After a notably high % of repeat CPP in January there were no cases in February. As a result of January performance an audit was undertaken of relevant cases and the findings will be shared with the management team after review 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	<i>The service is effective in managing the risks experienced by children and within families and where there is re-referral the issues are understood.</i>	12%	41%	37%	30%	24%	36%	0%	↓ -100%	▼	23%	41%	24%	22%	23%				After a notably high percentage of repeat child protection plans (CPP) in January, there were no cases in February. As a result of January performance an audit was undertaken of relevant cases and the findings will be shared with the management team after review by the CP Advisor.
CP9	Number of children subject to Review Child Protection Conferences (RCPCs) in the month	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	<i>Where children are subject to Child Protection planning, their cases are reviewed regularly to identify progress and any barriers.</i>	73	123	112	86	70	115	95	↓ -11%	▼	99	135	Local	Local	Local				A 17% reduction in review conferences, which will be explained in part by the half term holiday. The number of plans ending has shown an increasing trend over the quarter, with the likelihood that the new panel is contributing to case progression.

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CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham	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.	25	53	42	47	37	54	61	↑ 49%	▲	44	63								A 17% reduction in review conferences, which will be explained in part by the half term holiday. The number of plans ending has shown an increasing trend over the quarter, with the likelihood that the new panel is contributing to case progression.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	Julian Watkins	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.	493	485	492	503	499	508	507	→ 5%	▼	496	512	496	527	550	515	495	420		A reduction of just one person in the number of children in case in the past month, going from 508 in January to 507 at the end of February, this remains towards the top end of the range for this indicator in the past year and is 5% higher than it was at the same time last year. The monthly average of 496 is on a par with our stat neighbours and well below national and regional comparators.
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	The level of children in care is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	97	95	97	99	98	100	100	→ 5%	▼	98	101	89	67	53					With a difference of just 1 child since end of previous month, the rate remains at 100 per 10,000 population.
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	Julian Watkins	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	8	23	25	11	23	13	↑ 30%	▼	15	29	47	44	46					At 13 in February, the number of new LAC episodes has seen a 43% drop from the 23 who came in to our care in January, this is below the monthly average of 15 and remains significantly lower than our comparators.
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	24	17	16	14	12	14	21	→ 0%	▲	13	24	16	16	19					14 children left our care in January and that has risen by 50% to 21 children ceasing to be in our care in February. Whilst some will have turned 18 and become care leavers, the courts have been catching up with Covid delays so adoptions, special guardianships and discharges of Care Orders will account for the rest.
LAC6 (val)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	4	4	4	1	4	1	10	↑ 150%	▲	3	10				50				'As noted last month, the court is sitting one session every other month to hear adoption applications. As expected, we had a number of applications, for which hearings took place on 9th of February, with the outcome being the large number this month.
LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	17%	24%	25%	7%	33%	7%	48%	↑ 150%		17%	48%								48% of children leaving care this month was as a result of adoption orders being granted. That is because of the 10 adoption order made this month, which is more than the average.
LAC12 (val)	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	6	4	4	4	1	5	1	↓ -67%		2	6	Local	Local	Local					There has been a slight lull in Special Guardianship (SGO) orders granted this month. As with adoption hearings, the pandemic continues to have an impact on when SGO cases can be heard, which, consequently, shows on this measure.
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	25%	24%	25%	29%	8%	36%	5%	↓ -67%		15%	36%	1%	1%	1%					5% of children leaving care this month was as a result of orders being granted.
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	Julian Watkins	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%	70%	80%	75%	85%	84%	90%	↑ 21%	▲	72%	90%	Local	Local	Local					As predicted last month our continued work with Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO) and the data team to ensure we have correct visiting frequencies in place is paying off as visits have increased from 84% being on time in January to 90% on time in February, this is the highest it has been for the last year.

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LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	96%	96%	98%	97%	97%	96%	94%	→ 1%	▲	96%	98%	Local	Local	Local				There has been a further 2% decrease in February to 94% of our looked after children having an authorised care plan, so whilst performance remains high for this indicator we will need to review the data behind this indicator to try to understand why it has dropped again .
LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	473	467	480	486	482	489	477	→ 5%	▲	475	489	Local	Local	Local				See above.
LAC13	Number of <b>current</b> Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	11	10	11	16	18	21	21	↑ 40%		14	21	25	21	35				No change from January to February as we continue to have 21 UASC in our care, this is on a parr with national data but lower than our stat neighbours at 25 and significantly lower than the SE regional data at 35.
LAC14	Number of <b>new</b> unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	0	0	1	3	2	3	1	→ 0%		1	3	Local	Local	Local				Just 1 new UASC came in to our care in February which has been the average for the past year.
LAC11-QL	Number of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	171	178	173	176	179	177	179	↑ 13%	▲	172	179	Local	Local	Local				At 179 young people with an authorised Pathway Plan, February performance for this indicator has returned to the maximum for the year previously achieved in December 2020, this is a 13% increase on the same time last year.
LAC11-QL (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	94%	96%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	→ 4%	▲	96%	98%	Local	Local	Local				No change again, performance remains at 97% for the third consecutive month.
NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.	84%	85%	85%	85%	83%	82%	84%	→ 1%	▲	84%	86%	85%	94%	91%	92.0%	93.0%	94%	February has seen a 2% increase to 84% of our care leavers being in contact and in suitable accommodation which is the monthly average for the past year. Operational demands have prevented our intended analysis of this data for this month's commentary but we will prioritise it for next month in order to better understand why we are not making more progress against this indicator .
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	142	140	143	150	150	156	160	↑ 10%	▼	146	160	Local	Local	Local	112	TBC	TBC	Our use of Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) carers has increased this month with the rise in the number of children looked after and our in house provision being at high capacity.
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	29%	29%	29%	30%	30%	31%	32%	→ 5%	▼	29%	32%	Local	Local	Local				As above the increase in the number of children looked after has lead to a 1% rise in our use of external provision.
LAC16	Number of <b>in-house</b> foster carers at the end of period	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	161	161	160	159	153	152	153	→ -9%	▲	161	168	Local	Local	Local	190	190	200	As expected we are now beginning to see our cohort of foster carers level out. Our loss of foster carers is exceeding the gains, with a net loss of 9 in Q1-3. Reasons for resignations are known and mainly relate to retirement, personal circumstances or adopting their foster children. The recruitment strategy for 2020-23 is in place and staffing resources have been requested in order to implement the strategy and recruit more foster carers. We now provide a quarterly fostering recruitment report.

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EH1a	Number of Early Help Assessment (EHA) started in the month	Phil Bullingham	Sean Holehouse	Children and families benefit from an early help offer that is rooted in a good understanding of their needs.	132	124	124	127	112	117	125	➔ 2%		114	139	Local	Local	Local				
EH1c	Number of Early Help Assessment (EHA) completed in the month INCLUDING adults aged 21+	Phil Bullingham	Sean Holehouse	Assessments are completed for adult family members where a need for support is identified.	263	250	308	265	221	223	352	⬆ 57%		255	352	Local	Local	Local	288	336	TBC	Number of assessments completed is significantly higher (58% increase from last month) than rolling monthly average. This reflects the impact of the capacity plan within the EH localities teams to mitigate the uplift in referrals pre lockdown.
EH1b	Number of Early Help Plans (EHPs) opened in the month (includes EHPs completed, and those still open at end of period)	Phil Bullingham	Sean Holehouse	Children and families benefit from early help plans that meet their presenting needs.	280	252	338	275	208	197	376	⬆ 104%		262	376	Local	Local	Local				The rate of EHP's is significantly higher (91% change from last month) than the rolling monthly average. Teams continue to focus on timeliness standards and case closures to support families self reliance and case throughput. EH locality case holding (Snr FSW) service capacity has been interimly increased to support swift allocation of new cases & avoid waiting lists (15 -20 families per SFSW pro rata & adjusted for named staff with parenting hub course delivery). Outcome Star no longer mandated tool as part of EHA.
EH14b	Number of Early Help Assessment (EHA) completed, EXCLUDING adults aged 21+	Phil Bullingham	Sean Holehouse	Assessments are completed for a children where a need for early help support is identified..	177	175	204	183	159	164	231	⬆ 39%		175	231	-	-	-				The rate of completed EHA's is above (41% change from last month) the rolling monthly average. Early Help Assessments are undertaken holistically with a child 'lived experience' focus and within the Locality EH teams the Outcome Star tool is used with individual children (age appropriate) to support engagement and strength based practice.
CIN5	Number of all Children in Need (CiN) (including Child Protection (CP) / Looked after Children (LAC) / Care Leavers	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Children and families receive support safely, at the right threshold and in a timely manner; supported by the interface between Early Help and Social Care.	2256	2250	2301	2367	2247	2193	2101	⬇ -14%		2290	2367	Local	Local	Local				Further reduction, now showing a trend over four months and a decrease of 10%. Further reduction of statutory work will be achieved through service redesign and the Destination 22 programme.
LSCB17a	Percentage of 16-17 year olds NEET or whose activity is not known	Derek Willes	Debbie Blythe	Young people benefit from an effective work to engage them in education, training and employment.	tbc	tbc	tbc	0	0	0	0	- n/a	▼	0	0	-	-	-				
YO2	Number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System per 100,000 10-17 year olds in period	Phil Bullingham	Debbie Blythe	Young people are appropriately diverted from entry into the criminal justice system through the local diversion / prevention offer.	tbc	tbc	tbc	0	0	0	0	- n/a	▼	0	0	417	327	256				
FM011	Families attached per quarter	Phil Bullingham	Sean Holehouse	Families benefit from a robust local Troubled Families offer. (Families Matter)	28	34	36	22	23			- n/a	▲	32	44	-	-	-				Our attachment target is 223 families to be worked with (discreet target for 2020/21). The revised attachment target has been achieved in QTR 1 through existing attachments over and above the previous target (2775 above 2230). Approximately 40 additional families need to be attached per month to realise the PbR target based upon a 40% conversion rate.

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FM012	Payment per result (PBR) claims attached per quarter	Phil Bullingham	Sean Holehouse	<i>Family engagement in the Families Matter programme translates into PBR, for further investment into the programme.</i>		51						- n/a	▲	43	51	-	-	-				147 successfully worked with families (PbR certified claims) for QTR 1, 2 & 3 (60 in Qtr 3). This is a reduction on last year's quarterly average of ~100 with evidence of C-19 impacted regression on families FM outcomes (DV, worklessness, school attendance). The targets for 2020/21 have been revised to account for the Coronavirus Public Health Emergency & an adaptation made on school attendance made for QTR 2 & 3. Staff continue to work with any family requiring support. Remedial plan developed with additional staff resource secured to uplift PbR performance for Qtr 4 to meet >75% by year end & 100% of next year's target.