



SSCP Safeguarding Assurance Report

Southampton Children and Learning Service
November 2021



SSCP Performance Indicators - Summary

Area	Indicator	Outturn type	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Target	Southampton 20/21	South East	England
Front Door	Year-to-date number of contacts	NUMBER	1897	3977	6350	8552	10447	12589	14567	15880	17661	N/A	N/A
Front Door	Rates of referrals per 10,000 of Under 18 Population	RATE	408	493	559	628	684	766	841	647	790	561	484
Child Protection	Rate of Section 47 enquiries per 10,000	RATE	178	214	237	266	279	309	336	260	320	184	164
Child Protection	Rate of Children subject to an Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPCs)	RATE	52	61	72	83	92	98	105	90	103	60	60
Child Protection	Percentage of children for whom ICPC was held	PERCENTAGE	38	83	61	67	77	73	62	83	72	82	83
Child Protection	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan	Number	89%	92%	93%	96%	98%	97%	79%	89	89	87	88
Child Protection	Number of children who are subject of a Child Protection Plan	NUMBER	339	355	385	387	420	387	388	340	310	N/A	N/A
Child Protection	Rates of children who were the subject of a Child Protection Plan	RATE	49	58	68	79	89	96	102	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Child Protection	Number of Child Protection Plans ended in the reporting period	NUMBER	19	29	28	50	18	75	23	N/A		N/A	N/A
Child Protection	Percentage of Review Child Protection Plans (CPRPs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan	PERCENTAGE	52	41	37	25	35	33	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

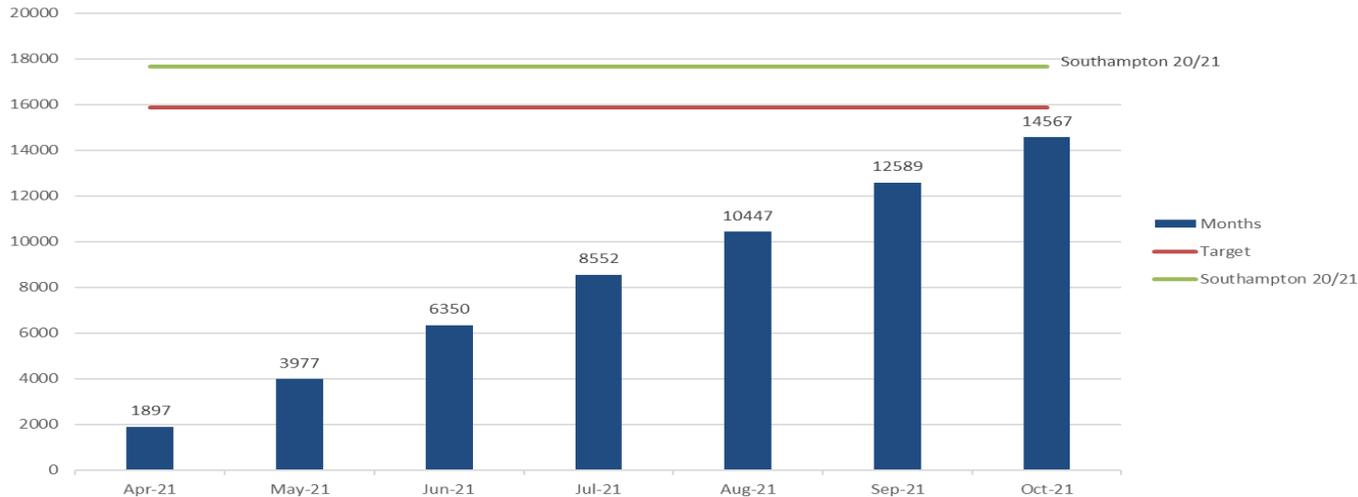
Key discussion points

- Police / local authority discussion regarding levels of contact.
- Safeguarding Children's Partnership involvement in Children's Resource Hub and threshold document.
- Service and multi-agency audits.
- Assurance Clinics.
- Family Safeguarding Model.
- Strengthening Families.

Number of Year to Date Contacts

What the data tells us

Year-to-Date Number of Contacts



Analysis

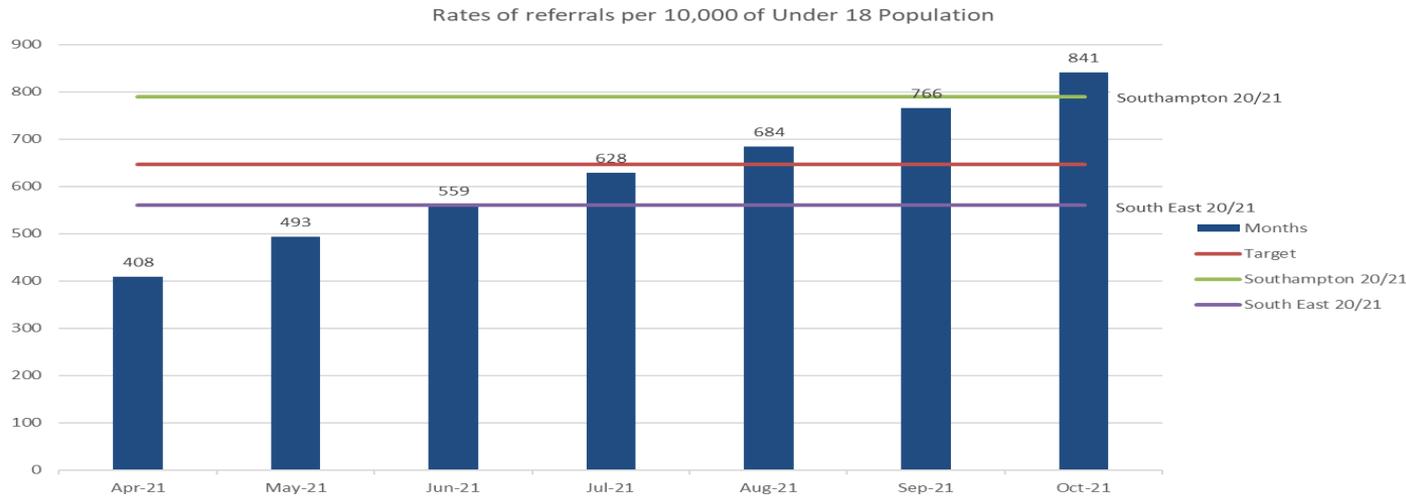
Increasing trend in contacts, with the majority coming from Hampshire Constabulary. This puts pressure on the safeguarding system, notably the MASH.

Action/next steps

Agreement at the Service Improvement Board for there to be a discussion between Children and Learning Service and Hampshire Constabulary before the next Board in January 2022.

Rate of Referrals per 10,000

What the data tells us



Analysis

Despite the majority of contacts not converting to referral, the rate of referral is still high. This indicates an approach that risks families receiving a higher tier of intervention than they need.

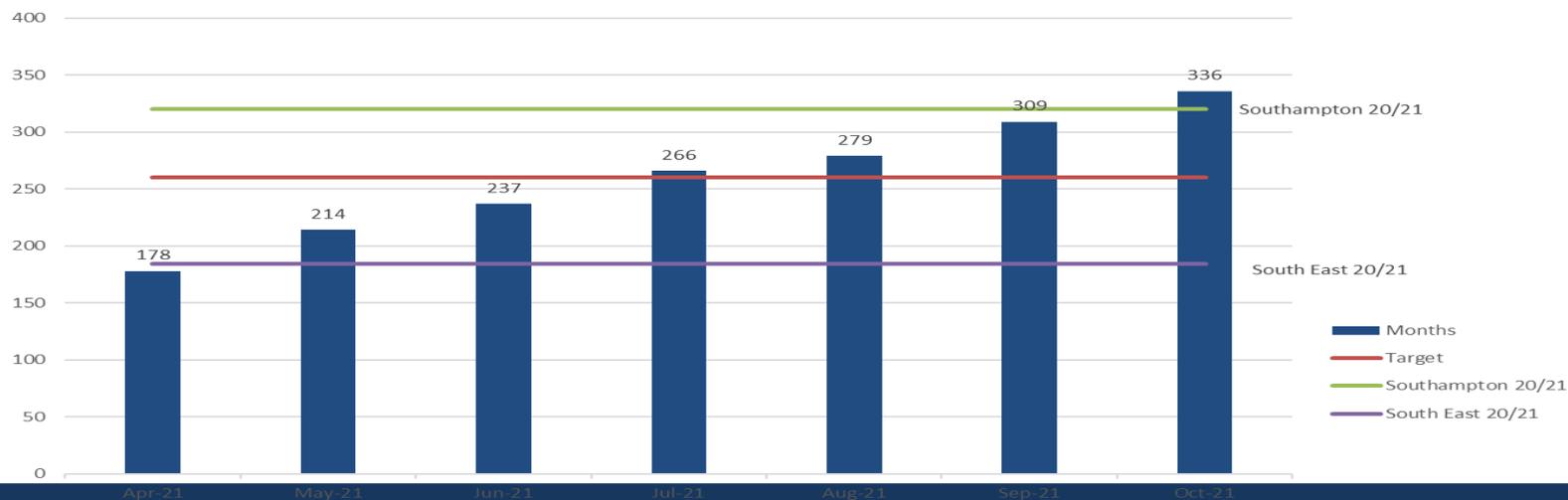
Action/next steps

Conclusion of Destination 22 staff consultation and then the launch of the new Children's Resource Hub and threshold document. Safeguarding Children's Partnership involvement in this activity from January 2022 will be really critical.

Rate of S47 per 10,000

What the data tells us

Rate of Section 47 enquiries per 10,000



Analysis

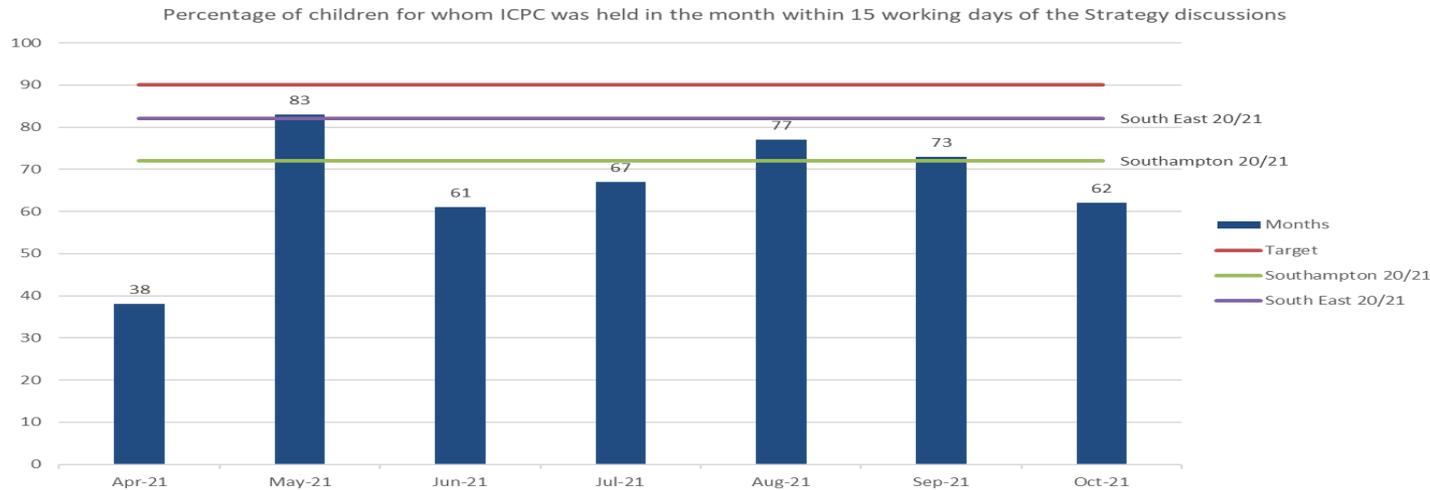
Again, rate of s.47 per 10,000 is high in comparison to statistical neighbour indicators and this suggests local practice that risks families receiving a higher tier of intervention than they need.

Action/next steps

Service and multi-agency audits continue to focus on the quality of referrals and the impact of decision making. Next multi agency audit is end-November 2021.

ICPC's held within 15 days

What the data tells us



Analysis

Variable performance, with timeliness around 15 – 20% worse than statistical neighbour average. Delays are often due to lack of timely information from the operational C&L teams.

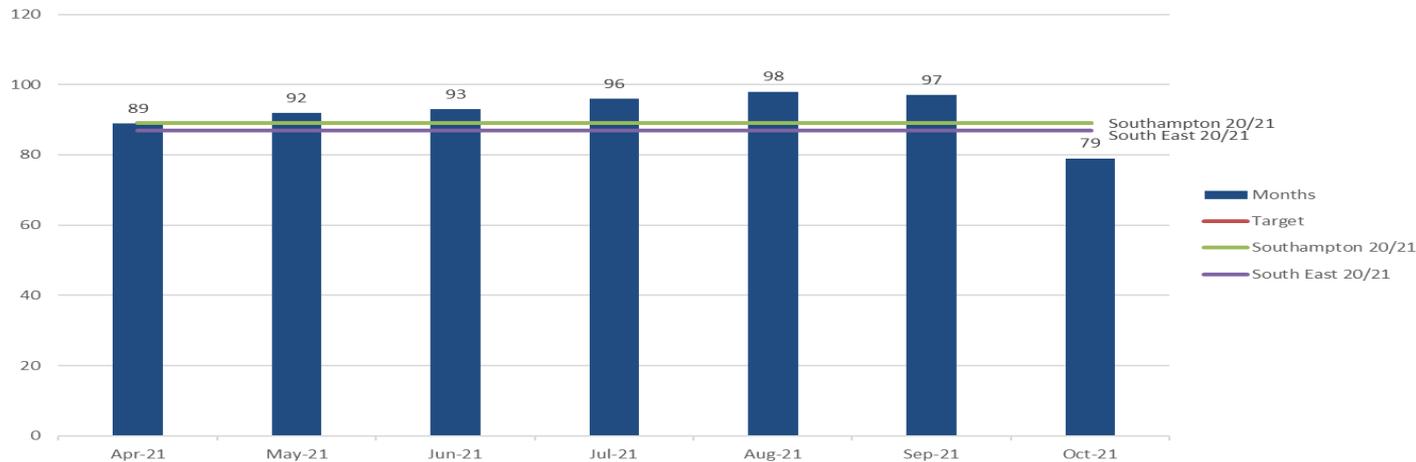
Action/next steps

Assurance clinics have been launched to ensure a consistent management focus on this area. Recruitment and retention activity is progress to bring social workers in to stabilise this part of the service.

Percentage of ICPC's resulting in CPP

What the data tells us

Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)



Analysis

Overall trend for registration is higher than statistical neighbour average; again indicating local practice that risks families receiving a higher tier of intervention than they need.

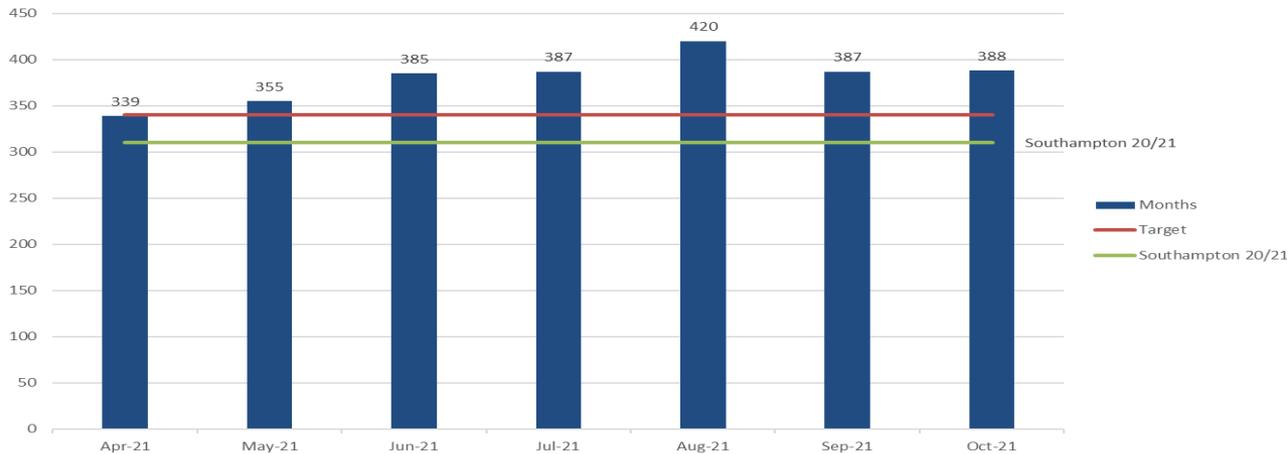
Action/next steps

Discussions with Partner in Practice and another local authority around how they embedded Family Safeguarding Models. Recommendation that the Safeguarding Children's Partnership is briefed on this learning in January 2022 and safeguarding partners commit in principle to this approach.

Number of CPP at the end of the month

What the data tells us

Number of children who are subject of a Child Protection Plan as at the end of month



Analysis

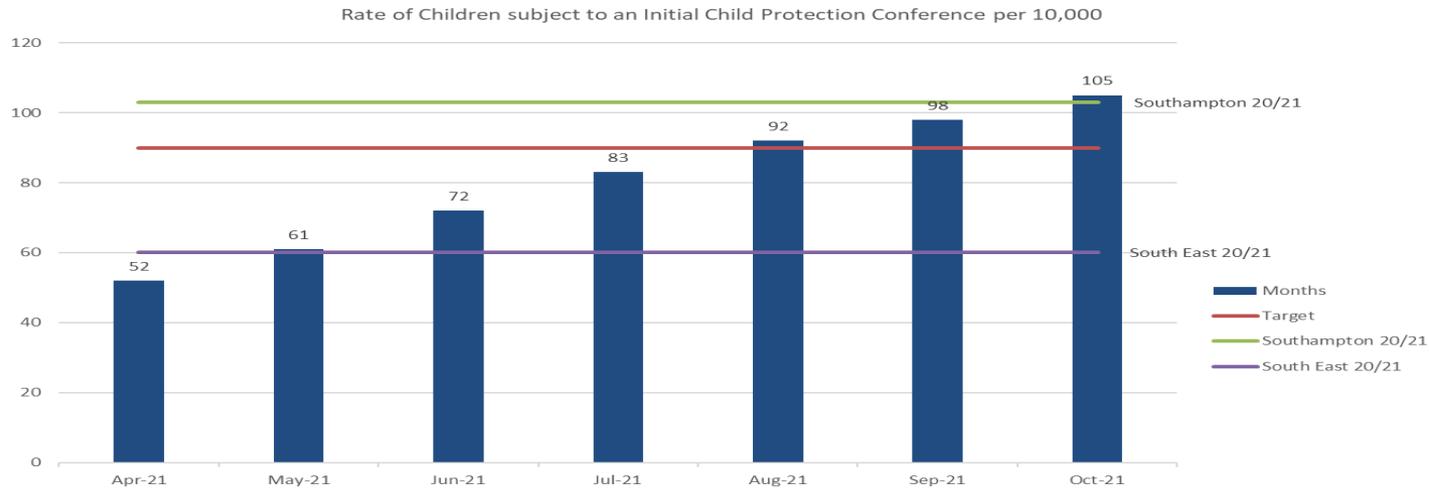
Increasing trend leading into the summer holiday period; with impact of Covid assessed to be a notable factor. Numbers of CPP have remained broadly static for the past two months.

Action/next steps

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Rate of CPP per 10,000

What the data tells us



Analysis

Increasing trend over the year after local down restrictions were eased. Southampton is a significant outlier in comparison to regional and statistical neighbour comparators.

Action/next steps

Safeguarding partnership has committed to support the Strengthening Families approach as part of the common practice framework. E-learning for partners has been created and will be launched in 2022.