

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

Benchmarking		
(Updated Nov-17, using 16-17 data)		

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Monthly Data												% change from previous month	% change from same month prev. yr	DoT	12 month average	12-mth max value	Percentage?	Benchmarking			Target 17-18	Target 18-19	Target 19-20	Commentary (Dec-18):				
					Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18							Nov-18	Dec-18	Stat. Neighbour					England	SE region		
M1	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	There is an effective 'front door' with which anyone with a concern about a child can engage and receive appropriate advice, support and action.	1215	997	1421	1309	1376	1649	1554	1433	1494	1754	1441	1620	1871	1598	↓	-15%	↑	60%		1543	1871	-	Local	Local	Local				Whilst the number of contacts has increased, the number of referrals is stable overall, showing that our revised front door arrangements are having the intended impact. Whilst the number of contacts has reduced this month, the number is high for Dec, given the 2 weeks school holiday period. Given the number of contacts, work is underway to ensure referral pathways to Early Help services are clearly defined and access to the Early Help offer is strengthened. Referral quality has been a focus of multi-agency audit. The Local Safeguarding Children's Board has been briefed on front door activity and on the plans articulated above.
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.	257	194	302	229	270	245	270	215	255	262	226	235	240	192	↓	-20%	→	-1%		245	302	-	340	354	470				The referral rate remains lower than SN, regional and national rates. Professor David Thorpe has continued to work with the service throughout 2018 as part of front door activity. Multi-agency audits have focused on the quality of referral information submitted to the service and SW analysis decision making & management oversight. Looking forward, to further strengthen the improvements in this area we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to analyse decision making processes this will also inform the above mentioned developments needed in EH.
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	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.	21.2%	19.5%	21.3%	17.5%	19.6%	14.9%	17.4%	15.0%	17.1%	14.9%	15.7%	14.5%	12.8%	12.0%	→	-6%	↓	-38%		16.1%	21.3%	P	Local	Local	Local				The referral rate remains lower than SN, regional and national rates. Professor David Thorpe has continued to work with the service throughout 2018 as part of front door activity. Multi-agency audits have focused on the quality of referral information submitted to the service and SW analysis decision making & management oversight. Looking forward, to further strengthen the improvements in this area we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to analyse decision making processes this will also inform the above mentioned developments needed in EH. The percentage of contacts that convert to a referral has remained within a consistent range now for several months, further indicating the developments needed to strengthen EH.
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CIN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	52	39	61	46	54	49	54	43	51	52	45	47	48	38	↓	-21%	→	-3%		49	61	-	55	46	46				See above commentary for M1 & M2. The 12 month average is lower than our statistical neighbour average but higher than the national and regional averages for the same 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	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.	96.0%	96.0%	96.0%	95.0%	91.0%	96.0%	95.0%	89.0%	90.0%	78.0%	98.0%	76.0%	98.0%	89.0%	→	-9%	→	-7%	▲	90.9%	98.0%	P	Local	Local	Local				The average percentage over the past 12 months is 91.5. Pressures on the service in August and October have impacted. However, over 13 months, the percentage was 95% or over in eight of those months. To address the service pressures, the team continue to prioritise recruitment activity. This service area is subject to ongoing senior management scrutiny. The figure decreased this month due to annual leave and a high number of contacts.
M6-QL (val)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Jane White	Sarah Ward	The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.	49	32	47	36	42	41	34	25	21	34	24	13	13	5	↓	-62%	↓	-84%	▼	28	47	-	Local	Local	Local				
M6-QL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Jane White	Sarah Ward	The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.	19.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	17.0%	13.0%	12.0%	8.0%	13.0%	11.0%	6.0%	5.0%	3.0%	↓	-40%	↓	-81%	▼	11.3%	17.0%	P	Local	Local	Local				
M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	Jane White	Brenda Dennison	The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.	3	1	0	2	3	6	4	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	↑	20%	↑	500%		3	6	-	Local	Local	Local				The low numbers over the past 12 months may be to an under representation. The MET Hub Lead - Laura Tanner has undertaken some updating/briefing in the front door team/info officers in early Nov.18 & there has been a slight uplift. There is a further piece of work identified in looking at what happens to these children in Southampton.
EH1a	Number of Universal Help Assessments (UHAs) started in the month	Phil Bullingham	Sean Healdhouse	Children and families benefit from an assessment of their needs at the earliest opportunity.	23	24	19	20	37	21	37	19	42	18	17	20	9	21	↑	133%	↓	-13%		23	42	-	Local	Local	Local				We are improving how early help data and information is collected, analysed and shared to support decision making related to children and families. The service has secured Projects and Change Team support to assist with this activity.
EH1c	Number of Universal Help Assessments (UHAs) completed in the month	Phil Bullingham	Sean Healdhouse	Children and families will have their needs assessed against the local integrated Early Help offer.	12	19	7	1	13	9	14	19	12	12	22	9	21	28	↑	33%	↑	47%		14	28	-	Local	Local	Local	288	336	TBC	We are improving how early help data and information is collected, analysed and shared to support decision making related to children and families. The service has secured Projects and Change Team support to assist with this activity.
EH1b	Number of Universal Help Plans (UHPs) opened in the month (includes UHPs completed, and those still open at end of period)	Phil Bullingham	Sean Healdhouse	Children and families will be supported to engage with the local Early Help offer, to address their issues without the need for statutory intervention.	89	70	72	66	79	80	104	80	69	63	53	66	67	88	↑	31%	↑	26%		74	104	-	Local	Local	Local				We are improving how early help data and information is collected, analysed and shared to support decision making related to children and families. The service has secured Projects and Change Team support to assist with this activity.
M5	Number of children receiving Universal Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CIN) assessment	Phil Bullingham	Sean Healdhouse	Where additional needs are identified by Universal Help Services, cases are stepped up to enable the appropriate level of intervention.	1	3	3	2	0	1	13	2	5	1	2	0	3	2	↓	-33%	↓	-33%		3	13	-	Local	Local	Local				There has been no significant change from the 12 month average, with low levels reported with the exception of May 2018. The variance in that month is explained by the cohort containing two families of 6 and 4 children.

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EH2	Number of Children in Need (CIN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding UHPS, UHAs, CPP and LAC)	Jane White	Sarah Ward	Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.	1074	1050	1017	1061	1082	1158	1040	1058	1022	984	1087	1099	1068	1050	→ -2%	→ 0%		1061	1158	-	Local	Local	Local				
EH5-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	Jane White	Birna Denison	The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.	42	33	41	46	34	32	46	41	38	45	54	38	48	51	→ 6%	↑ 55%	▼	43	54	-	Local	Local	Local				Reference to updated MET policy (see November) & rigorous work by MET Hub offering all missing children episodes a return interview. Recent audit activity identified that there is still a significant gap in the number of (LAC) children placed out of county who are not showing record of return interview following missing episode. 3 month missing report shows that 64% (33 of 52) out of area LAC missing episodes have a recorded 'Return Interview' on PARIS. This is now an action identified by the Performance Board.
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.	204	175	123	115	148	128	221	159	184	198	112	158	184	139	↓ -24%	↓ -21%		156	221	-	306	333	433				The number of Single Assessments started this month is lower than the 12 month average. Activity is based on the profile of the cases coming into the service which can vary monthly. However, there has been senior management scrutiny of the assessment team due to staffing pressures and impact this has on work flow. Whilst recruitment is ongoing, there remains an issue with low numbers of applicants overall for both permanent & agency positions. This continues to be an issue which is being addressed via actions plans, management oversight and auditing activity by Team Managers and Senior Managers. Looking ahead there will be an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of completion and we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to assist with improvements.
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	7.4%	10.9%	10.6%	6.1%	8.1%	4.7%	12.7%	13.8%	9.2%	10.1%	8.0%	7.6%	9.8%	7.9%	↓ -19%	↓ -27%	▲	9.1%	13.8%	P	Local	Local	Local				There has been a reduction this month in the number of SA's completed within 10 days, this is indicative of the impact of the front door changes and the complexity of the work being opened for a SA requiring more than 10 days to assess. There is an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of SA's.
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	22.1%	24.0%	30.1%	23.5%	19.6%	24.2%	22.6%	15.7%	26.1%	15.7%	19.6%	28.5%	26.6%	26.6%	→ 0%	↑ 11%	▲	23.2%	30.1%	P	Local	Local	Local				The number of SA's completed within 11 - 25 days has remained the same this month days, this is indicative of the impact of the front door changes and the complexity of the work being opened for a SA requiring more than 10 days to assess. There is an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of SA's.
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	10.3%	17.7%	14.6%	27.0%	18.2%	8.6%	8.6%	8.8%	11.4%	14.6%	7.1%	14.6%	13.0%	10.1%	↓ -23%	↓ -43%	▲	13.1%	27.0%	P	Local	Local	Local				The number of SA's completed within 26-35 days has reduced this month. There is an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of SA's.
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	34.3%	26.3%	23.6%	19.1%	28.4%	27.3%	23.1%	10.1%	7.6%	22.7%	31.3%	24.1%	16.3%	16.5%	→ 1%	↓ -37%	▲	20.8%	31.3%	P	Local	Local	Local				The number of SA's completed within 36 - 45 days has remained the same this month days, There is an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of SA's.
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	26.0%	21.1%	21.1%	24.3%	25.7%	35.2%	33.0%	51.6%	45.7%	36.9%	33.9%	25.3%	34.2%	38.8%	↑ 13%	↑ 84%	▼	33.8%	51.6%	P	21.1%	17.1%	7.1%				The number of SA's completed over 45 days has increased the same this month, this is an impact of the staffing issues across the Assessment teams, which is being addressed via actions plans, management oversight and auditing activity by Team Managers and Senior Managers. Looking ahead there will be an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of completion and we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to assist with improvements.
EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	151	138	97	87	110	83	148	77	100	125	74	118	121	85	↓ -50%	↓ -38%	▲	102	148	-	278	267	502				The number of SA's completed within 45 days has decreased this month, this is an impact of the staffing issues across the Assessment teams, which is being addressed via actions plans, management oversight and auditing activity by Team Managers and Senior Managers. Looking ahead there will be an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of completion and we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to assist with improvements.
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	74.0%	79.0%	79.0%	76.0%	74.0%	65.0%	67.0%	48.0%	54.0%	63.0%	66.0%	75.0%	66.0%	61.0%	→ -8%	↓ -23%	▲	66.2%	79.0%	P	77.0%	80.1%	90.2%				The percentage of SA's completed within 45 days has decreased this month, this is an impact of the staffing issues across the Assessment teams, which is being addressed via actions plans, management oversight and auditing activity by Team Managers and Senior Managers. Looking ahead there will be an ongoing focus on assessment activity and timeliness of completion and we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to assist with improvements.
CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	124	73	120	82	103	96	102	83	94	71	87	115	99	66	↓ -33%	↓ -10%		93	120	-	102	102	135				The number of S47 child protection enquiries started this month has reduced & this is in line with SN & national figures. This is linked to the reduced number of referral received overall this month. Looking ahead there will be an ongoing focus on assessment activity, including s47's and timeliness of completion and we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to assist with improvements.
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	Jane White	Catherine Parkin	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	25	15	24	16	21	19	20	17	19	14	17	23	20	13	↓ -35%	↓ -13%		19	24	-	17	13	13				The Section 47 rate is stable, slightly lower than our statistical neighbour. Looking ahead there will be an ongoing focus on assessment activity, including s47's and timeliness of completion and we are utilising an experienced, independent colleague to work with the team to assist with improvements.
CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	Jane White	Shant Webb	Child Protection Plans are in place for children where it has been assessed that multi-agency intervention is required to keep them safe.	305	312	329	327	326	325	343	332	308	310	272	262	268	262	→ -2%	↓ -16%		305	343	-	236	230	294				The number of children subject to planning has reduced by 2%; with the rate per 10,000 being broadly stable for the past four months (and in line with our statistical neighbours). Working with Families Project activity continues in line with the project plan and evaluation framework. The use of live data, alongside weekly and monthly management reports, continue to support robust oversight of practice and performance in this area.

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CP68-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	Sue White	Stuart Webb	The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	61	63	66	66	65	65	69	67	61	62	54	52	53	52	→ -2%	↓ -17%		61	69	-	54	43	42				The number of children subject to planning has reduced by 2%; with the rate per 10,000 being broadly stable for the past four months (and in line with our statistical neighbours). Working with Families Project activity continues in line with the project plan and evaluation framework. The use of live data, alongside weekly and monthly management reports, continue to support robust oversight of practice and performance in this area.
CP2	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs), excluding transfer-ins and temporary registrations	Neil Bullockham	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.	62	39	57	28	26	36	49	35	26	29	20	40	37	25	↓ -32%	↓ -36%		34	57	-	40	42	50				The number of initial conferences reduced in December, with the Christmas period having an impact. The rate per 10,000 is slightly lower than SN average; but, in line with regional and national averages.
CP2-NI	Rate per 10,000 Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)	Neil Bullockham	Stuart Webb	The rate of Initial Child Protection Conferences is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	13	8	11	6	5	7	10	7	5	6	5	8	7	5	↓ -32%	↓ -38%		7	11	-	6	5	5				The number of initial conferences reduced in December, with the Christmas period having an impact. The rate per 10,000 is slightly lower than SN average; but, in line with regional and national averages.
CP4 (val)	Number of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Neil Bullockham	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.	50	35	44	24	24	22	39	29	22	28	18	37	29	19	↓ -34%	↓ -46%	▲	27.92	44.00	-	34	35	43				There was a lower rate of conversion from conference to plan this month. Our CP advisor continues to scrutinise outcomes and where there is a safe alternative to planning (i.e. Child in Need Plan); these decisions are therefore subject to management analysis and oversight.
CP4	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Neil Bullockham	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.	80.6%	89.7%	77.2%	85.7%	92.3%	61.1%	79.6%	82.9%	84.6%	96.6%	90.0%	92.5%	78.4%	76.0%	→ -3%	↓ -15%	▲	83.1%	96.6%	P	87.1%	86.7%	85.6%				There was a lower rate of conversion from conference to plan this month. Our CP advisor continues to scrutinise outcomes and where there is a safe alternative to planning (i.e. Child in Need Plan); these decisions are therefore subject to management analysis and oversight.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Neil Bullockham	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	- n/a	↓ -100%		1	6	-	Local	Local	Local				There were no transfers in this month. When there are transfers in, cases are being checked with the CPC team to ensure that transfer processes have been adhered to.
CP2b %	Percentage of transfer-ins where child became subject to a CP Plan during period	Sue White	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	75.0%	100.0%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	33.0%	100.0%	-	-	- n/a	- n/a		83.3%	100.0%	P	Local	Local	Local				
CP3-QL (val)	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) which were held within timescales (excludes transfer-ins)	Neil Bullockham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	43	34	37	13	10	21	41	26	25	21	7	27	26	15	↓ -42%	↓ -56%	▲	22	41	-	Local	Local	Local				The timeliness of ICPC has reduced again. The Christmas period will have had an impact because, where it has been assessed as safe and appropriate to do so, conferences will have been arranged for a time when partners can attend. However, staffing levels in the assessment team also impacts. Positively, there has been recruitment in that area which will impact upon performance.
CP3-QL	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) held within timescales (based on count of children)	Neil Bullockham	Stuart Webb	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	69.4%	87.2%	64.9%	46.4%	38.5%	58.3%	83.7%	74.3%	96.2%	72.4%	35.0%	67.5%	70.3%	60.0%	↓ -15%	↓ -31%	▲	64.0%	96.2%	P	76.0%	76.7%	72.2%				The timeliness of ICPC has reduced again. The Christmas period will have had an impact because, where it has been assessed as safe and appropriate to do so, conferences will have been arranged for a time when partners can attend. However, staffing levels in the assessment team also impacts. Positively, there has been recruitment in that area which will impact upon performance.
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	Sue White	Barn 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.	85.0%	88.0%	91.0%	83.0%	82.0%	87.0%	80.0%	77.0%	84.0%	83.0%	85.0%	79.0%	72.0%	88.0%	↑ 22%	→ 0%	▲	82.6%	91.0%	P	Local	Local	Local				
CP5-QL (val)	Number of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time (repeat)	Neil Bullockham	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.	12	10	12	1	5	2	11	11	4	9	2	1	6	6	→ 0%	↓ -40%	▼	6	12	-	7	7	10				The % of children subject to planning remains higher than the SN, regional and national averages. Each case is reviewed to identify if there is learning in respect of the re-referral. However, numbers remain low overall.
CP5-QL	Percentage of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time (repeat)	Neil Bullockham	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.	24.0%	27.8%	25.5%	4.2%	19.2%	8.7%	26.8%	36.7%	18.2%	32.1%	10.5%	2.6%	20.7%	31.6%	↑ 53%	↑ 14%	▼	19.7%	36.7%	P	22.5%	18.7%	22.2%				The % of children subject to planning remains higher than the SN, regional and national averages. Each case is reviewed to identify if there is learning in respect of the re-referral. However, numbers remain low overall.
CP9	Number of children subject to Review Child Protection Conferences (RCPCs) in the month	Neil Bullockham	Stuart Webb	Where children are subject to Child Protection planning, their cases are reviewed regularly to identify progress and any barriers.	86	69	86	60	91	65	67	79	87	60	98	85	74	63	↓ -15%	→ -9%		76	98	-	Local	Local	Local				There has been a further reduction in RCPCs. However, the Christmas period will have had an impact this month. Conference decision-making remains subject to CP advisor review.
CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	Sue White	Stuart Webb	Where it is assessed that risks to a child have reduced there is a review of risk and the case is stepped down effectively.	43	25	26	26	23	28	22	41	53	29	57	52	26	27	→ 4%	→ 8%	▲	34	57	-	34	36	43				The low number of closures this month should be seen in the context of the lower number of RCPCs undertaken. The 12 month average continues to mirror the SN average.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	Sue White	Johanna Walters	Where it is assessed that there is no safe alternative, the local authority will take children into its care for their welfare and protection.	528	519	517	518	522	521	524	534	526	514	499	490	485	475	→ -2%	→ -8%	▼	510	534	-	462	478	517	515	495	475	
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	Sue White	Johanna Walters	The level of children in care is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	106	104	104	104	105	104	105	107	105	102	99	97	96	94	→ -2%	↓ -10%	▼	102	107	-	69	62	41				

Ref.	Indicator	Owner	Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	% change from previous month	% change from same month prev. yr	DoT	12 month average	12-mth max value	Percentage?	Stat. Neighbour	England	SE region	Target 17-18	Target 18-19	Target 19-20	Commentary (Dec-18):	
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	Jane White	Julian Watkins	Where children meet the threshold and there are no alternatives, they will be safe and have their welfare needs addressed through accommodation by the local authority.	18	14	14	19	14	10	18	21	7	4	11	8	11	7	↓ -36%	↓ -50%	▼	12	21	-	17	18	20					
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	Jane White	Julian Watkins	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	7	28	16	19	12	11	18	17	16	15	27	16	17	17	→ 0%	↓ -39%	▲	17	27	-	17	17	20					
LAC6 (val)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	Dorenda Chapman	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	1	5	6	3	4	2	5	1	5	3	4	6	5	3	↓ -40%	↓ -40%		4	6	-	3	2	3	50				There have been 33 adoption orders granted since April 18. There are a number of applications that are currently lodged with the courts awaiting dates.
LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	Jane White	Dorenda Chapman	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	14.3%	17.9%	37.5%	15.8%	33.3%	18.2%	27.8%	5.9%	31.3%	20.0%	14.8%	37.5%	29.4%	17.6%	↓ -40%	→ -1%		24.1%	37.5%	P	19.2%	14.0%	13.0%				We continue to see a reduction this month but looking at those with a plan for adoption it is likely that this figure will have some vulnerability to change over the next few months. The aim would be to see a consistently reduction in this percentage over a period of 3 - 6 months to move towards a percentage in keeping with our SN.	
LAC12 (val)	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Jane White	Dorenda Chapman	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	1	9	1	1	0	7	0	3	2	5	2	4	6	6	↑ 50%	↓ -33%		3	7	-	2	2	2					Our 12 month average is moving towards our SN
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Jane White	Dorenda Chapman	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	14.3%	32.1%	6.3%	5.3%	8.3%	0.0%	38.9%	0.0%	18.8%	13.3%	18.5%	12.5%	23.5%	35.3%	↑ 50%	↑ 10%	▲	15.1%	38.9%	P	10.9%	12.0%	10.0%					
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	Jane White	Julian Watkins	The service is in regular contact with Looked after Children to ensure that there is ongoing assessment of risk and opportunities to intervene effectively.	83.0%	79.0%	78.0%	86.0%	79.0%	81.0%	82.0%	84.0%	79.0%	83.0%	79.0%	79.0%	76.0%	80.0%	→ 5%	→ 1%	▲	80.5%	86.0%	P	Local	Local	Local					
LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	Jane White	Julian Watkins	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	97.0%	94.6%	95.2%	94.2%	95.0%	97.3%	97.1%	94.0%	93.7%	94.9%	96.0%	96.5%	96.1%	97.3%	→ 1%	→ 3%	▲	95.6%	97.3%	P	Local	Local	Local					
LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	Jane White	Julian Watkins	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	512	491	492	488	496	507	509	502	493	488	479	473	466	462	→ -1%	→ -6%	▲	488	509	-	Local	Local	Local					
LAC13	Number of current Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	Jane White	Julian Watkins	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	12	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	15	12	13	13	12	13	→ 8%	→ -7%		13	15	-	76	60	52					
LAC14	Number of new unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	Jane White	Julian Watkins	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	- n/a	↓ -50%		0	1	-	Local	Local	Local					
LAC11-QL	Number of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	160	154	157	157	158	158	161	159	164	164	169	172	172	173	→ 1%	↑ 12%	▲	164	173	-	Local	Local	Local					
LAC11-QL (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	99.0%	99.0%	98.0%	96.0%	98.0%	97.0%	99.0%	98.0%	97.0%	98.0%	99.0%	99.0%	98.0%	99.0%	→ 1%	→ 0%	▲	98.0%	99.0%	P	Local	Local	Local					
NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	Jane White	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.	87.5%	87.7%	88.1%	88.1%	86.8%	90.4%	92.1%	91.3%	88.1%	91.0%	86.7%	89.5%	90.7%	88.4%	→ -3%	→ 1%	▲	89.3%	92.1%	P	Local	Local	Local	92.0%	93.0%	94.0%		
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	Jane White	Dorenda Chapman	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	140	143	140	140	141	138	133	131	132	138	133	135	136	138	138	→ 1%	→ -3%	▼	136	141	-	Local	Local	Local	112	TBC	TBC	
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	Jane White	Dorenda Chapman	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	26.5%	27.6%	27.1%	27.0%	27.0%	26.5%	25.4%	24.5%	25.1%	26.8%	26.7%	27.6%	28.0%	29.1%	29.1%	→ 4%	→ 5%	▼	26.7%	29.1%	P	Local	Local	Local				
LAC16	Number of in-house foster carers at the end of period	Jane White	Dorenda Chapman	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	169	172	173	173	172	171	170	168	170	171	173	168	167	168	168	→ 1%	→ -2%		170	173	--	-	-	-	190	TBC	TBC	