

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

Benchmarking		
(Updated Mar-19, using 17-18 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-mnth max value	Percentage?	Benchmarking			Target 18-19	Target 19-20	Commentary (Sep-19):		
					Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19							Aug-19	Sep-19	Stat. Neighbour				England	SE region
M1	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	Sharon Hawkins	Regal Schofield	There is an effective 'front door' with which anyone with a concern about a child can engage and receive appropriate advice, support and action.	1754	1441	1620	1871	1598	1715	1463	1704	1572	1747	1660	1861	1377	1514	↑ 10%	→ 5%		1642	1871	-	Local	Local	Local			This figure is below the 12 monthly average. The Early Help Hub is gaining traction and this will mean a steady reduction with work diverted to Early Help services. MASH has a 90% compliance rate for contact to referral within 24 hours for the month of September. Partner agencies continue to work together to ensure information is shared and children receive the appropriate service to meet their needs. We have a recently established 'Drop-In' session the first Tuesday of every month for Partner agencies to come along and discuss how we work together and build on our working relationships. It is also an opportunity to discuss any issues which may have arisen and support can be provided for professionals working with children and YP in the community under Universal services.
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Sharon Hawkins	Regal Schofield	Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.	262	226	235	240	192	286	378	577	488	522	542	612	459	558	↑ 22%	↑ 147%		424	612	-	383	359	468			The rate of referrals remains high compared to statistical neighbours and regional average. It is significantly higher than the same month last year. Every month a sample of contacts/referrals are audited to ensure that thresholds are consistently applied.
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Sharon Hawkins	Regal Schofield	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.	14.9%	15.7%	14.5%	12.8%	12.0%	16.7%	25.8%	33.9%	31.0%	29.9%	32.7%	32.9%	33.3%	36.9%	↑ 11%	↑ 135%		26.0%	36.9%	P	Local	Local	Local			The conversion rate of contacts to referrals is higher this month, and this might be expected due to the return of schools following the Summer holiday. This rate is up 135% on the same month last year. Audits in the service over the past few months have confirmed that thresholds are being appropriately applied. these audits will continue.
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CIN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	Sharon Hawkins	Regal Schofield	Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	52	45	47	48	38	57	75	115	97	104	108	122	90	110	↑ 22%	↑ 144%		84	122	-	58	46	46			-The rate of CIN per 10000 is twice that of statistical neighbours and has remained high. The Council has invested in additional temporary staff to ensure that these children's needs are met. We remain confident in relation to our thresholds.
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	Sharon Hawkins	Regal Schofield	The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.	78.0%	98.0%	76.0%	98.0%	89.0%	99.0%	89.0%	59.0%	83.0%	94.0%	93.0%	86.0%	90.0%	95.0%	→ 6%	→ -3%	▲	87.6%	99.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			The percentage of contacts dealt with with 24 hours has increased in September despite a higher rate of referrals. The figure is higher than the 12 monthly average. These figures demonstrate the effective response from Mash for children and their families who are referred for a statutory service.
M6-QL (val)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Sharon Hawkins	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.	34	24	13	13	5	7	24	29	40	32	32	17	8	20	↑ 150%	↓ -17%	▼	20	40	-	Local	Local	Local			The increase from last month is likely to be linked to the start of the new term and increased oversight from education. On looking at individual cases there are a mixture of cases with a significant safeguarding issue and also cases where the stepdown/early help offer has not been in place, robust or clear. As the improvement journey continues I would want to review these cases and ensure the appropriate step down plan is in place so that re referrals are only for safeguarding issues.
M6-QL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Sharon Hawkins	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.	13.0%	11.0%	6.0%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%	6.0%	5.0%	8.0%	6.0%	6.0%	3.0%	2.0%	4.0%	↑ 100%	↓ -64%	▼	4.7%	8.0%	P	23.9%	21.9%	26.2%			As above.
M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	Sharon Hawkins	Simon Denison	The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	1	8	9	9	2	6	↑ 200%	↑ 100%		6	9	-	Local	Local	Local			12 month average rate - this indicator is dependent on accurate identification at front door - MET lead routinely reminding. This represents just over 1% of all new referrals.
M5	Number of children receiving Early Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CIN) assessment	Sharon Hawkins	Bern Hollhouse	The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.	1	2	0	3	2	3	0	2	5	-	5	7	8	7	↓ -13%	↑ 250%		4	8	-	Local	Local	Local			This month's figure is one child less than last. Improved data, analysis of the cohort and embedding of practice standards are expected to support an increase in numbers of cases stepping up. Interface between Early Help and Social Care has been strengthened through the development of the Early Help Hub and a nominated EH manager attending the Assessment Improvement Board.
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CIN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding EHPs, EHAs, CPP and LAC)	Sharon Hawkins	Sarah Ward	Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.	984	1087	1099	1068	1050	998	1083	1355	1431	1543	1783	1948	1864	1798	→ -4%	↑ 65%		1418	1948	-	Local	Local	Local			The overall increase, as stated last month, is linked to the high increase of referrals to the service. As part of the improvement journey support has been offered to social workers to allow for review of the open cases and to support the progression of the cases. This should enable cases to move forward in a more timely way and ensure families are receiving appropriate support from the correct teams/agencies and prevent any drift which tends to increase following an increase in volume of work. This particularly applies to the cases open as child in need without the structure of child protection and Looked After Children.
EHS-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	Sharon Hawkins	Simon Denison	The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.	45	54	38	48	51	45	54	52	63	80	100	80	56	62	↑ 11%	↑ 15%	▼	61	100	-	Local	Local	Local			Increased number of missing children reported in September - higher than previous month but more importantly higher than same month previous year. Overall 71 episodes/62 children. Separate data reporting improved RHI offer rate (3 month report June-august)

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EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.	198	112	158	184	139	266	182	196	286	267	192	363	428	393	➔ -8%	⬆️ 251%		255	428	-	183	346	448			
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	10.1%	8.0%	7.6%	9.8%	7.9%	6.8%	7.7%	11.2%	4.2%	7.9%	14.1%	9.6%	9.6%	5.6%	⬇️ -42%	⬇️ -30%	▲	8.5%	14.1%	P	Local	Local	Local			
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	15.7%	19.6%	28.5%	26.6%	26.6%	15.8%	24.2%	34.7%	29.7%	30.3%	14.1%	16.8%	16.1%	9.4%	⬇️ -42%	⬇️ -52%	▲	22.7%	34.7%	P	Local	Local	Local			
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	14.6%	7.1%	14.6%	13.0%	10.1%	11.3%	14.3%	14.3%	26.2%	9.0%	11.5%	9.4%	10.3%	12.0%	⬆️ -16%	⬆️ -67%	▲	13.0%	26.2%	P	Local	Local	Local			
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	22.7%	31.3%	24.1%	16.3%	16.5%	23.3%	19.2%	29.6%	21.7%	27.0%	18.2%	12.1%	22.4%	18.8%	⬇️ -16%	⬇️ -40%	▲	20.8%	29.6%	P	Local	Local	Local			
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	36.9%	33.9%	25.3%	34.2%	38.8%	42.9%	34.6%	10.2%	18.2%	25.8%	42.2%	52.1%	41.6%	54.2%	⬆️ -30%	⬆️ -60%	▼	35.0%	54.2%	P	79.9%	82.7%	82.9%			
EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	125	74	118	121	85	152	119	176	234	198	111	174	250	180	⬇️ -28%	⬆️ -143%	▲	160	250	-	273	286	372			
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	63.0%	66.0%	75.0%	66.0%	61.0%	57.0%	65.0%	90.0%	82.0%	74.0%	58.0%	48.0%	58.0%	46.0%	⬇️ -21%	⬇️ -30%	▲	65.0%	90.0%	P	79.9%	82.7%	82.9%			
CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	71	87	115	99	66	96	106	152	101	124	156	182	101	103	➔ 2%	⬆️ 18%		117	182	-	96	97	126			
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	Sharon Hawkins	Karin Courtman	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	14	17	23	20	13	19	21	30	20	25	31	36	20	20	➔ 0%	⬆️ 18%		23	36	-	16	12	12			
CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	Sharon Hawkins	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.	310	272	262	268	262	258	275	294	328	326	367	403	456	446	➔ -2%	⬆️ 64%		329	456	-	324	354	473			There has been a small reduction in the number and rate of children subject to child protection planning; corresponding with a smaller number of new registrations and an increase in plans ending. The number of sec.47 enquiries appears to be stabilising and the CPC team is appropriately resourced to support consultation activity with the operational teams and case tracking. The Child Protection Advisor's weekly report is routinely considered by the assessment and Protection and Court (PACT) improvement boards, ensuring operational and senior management line of sight of child protection planning. The Service Delivery Plan is being informed by analysis of particular groups of children in the cohort (vulnerable adolescents, unborn babies, children subject to planning for >15 months). We continue to work with Daybreak and the DfE as we move to implement our extended Family Group Conferencing offer.
CP6B-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	Sharon Hawkins	Stuart Webb	The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	62	54	52	53	52	51	55	58	65	65	73	80	90	88	➔ -2%	⬆️ 63%		65	90	-	53	45	46			There has been a small reduction in the number and rate of children subject to child protection planning; corresponding with a smaller number of new registrations and an increase in plans ending. The number of sec.47 enquiries appears to be stabilising and the CPC team is appropriately resourced to support consultation activity with the operational teams and case tracking. The Child Protection Advisor's weekly report is routinely considered by the assessment and Protection and Court (PACT) improvement boards, ensuring operational and senior management line of sight of child protection planning. The Service Delivery Plan is being informed by analysis of particular groups of children in the cohort (vulnerable adolescents, unborn babies, children subject to planning for >15 months). We continue to work with Daybreak and the DfE as we move to implement our extended Family Group Conferencing offer.
CP2	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs), excluding transfer-Ins and temporary registrations	Phil Buckingham	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.	29	20	40	37	25	22	37	37	46	55	71	64	81	17	⬇️ -79%	⬇️ -15%		44	81	-	40	44	54			There has been a notable reduction in the number and rate of ICPCs this month, to a level comparable with September 2018. We know that the activity in the assessment service is stabilising, but a more sustained trend is required.. What we do know is that the rate of conversion from ICPC to plan is broadly in line with SN, national and regional averages.
CP2-NI	Rate per 10,000 Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)	Phil Buckingham	Stuart Webb	The rate of Initial Child Protection Conferences is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	6	5	8	7	5	5	8	8	9	12	14	13	16	4	⬇️ -76%	⬇️ -24%		9	16	-	6	6	5			There has been a notable reduction in the number and rate of ICPCs this month, to a level comparable with September 2018. We know that the activity in the assessment service is stabilising, but a more sustained trend is required.. What we do know is that the rate of conversion from ICPC to plan is broadly in line with SN, national and regional averages.

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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.	28	18	37	29	19	17	33	30	36	32	54	53	59	14	↓ -76%	↓ -22%	▲	34.42	59.00	-	35	38	38			There has been a notable reduction in the number and rate of ICPCs this month, to a level comparable with September 2018. We know that the activity in the assessment service is stabilising, but a more sustained trend is required.. What we do know is that the rate of conversion from ICPC to plan is broadly in line with SN, national and regional averages.
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.	96.6%	90.0%	92.5%	78.4%	76.0%	77.3%	89.2%	81.1%	78.3%	58.2%	76.1%	82.8%	72.8%	82.4%	↑ 13%	→ -8%	▲	78.7%	92.5%	P	86.2%	86.5%	85.8%			There has been a notable reduction in the number and rate of ICPCs this month, to a level comparable with September 2018. We know that the activity in the assessment service is stabilising, but a more sustained trend is required.. What we do know is that the rate of conversion from ICPC to plan is broadly in line with SN, national and regional averages.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	0	6	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	1	1	3	↑ 200%	↓ -50%		1	3	-	Local	Local	Local			There were three transfers in this month. 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	Sharon Hawkins	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	-	33.0%	100.0%	-	-	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	100.0%	-	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	→ 0%	↑ 203%		87.5%	100.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			There were three transfers in this month. Cases are being checked with the CPC team to ensure that transfer processes have been adhered to.
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.	21	7	27	26	15	15	22	31	21	26	32	35	38	7	↓ -82%	→ 0%	▲	25	38	-	30	34	40			Timeliness deteriorated this month because the assessment service had not stabilised. Staffing levels have improved and to support rigorous line of sight the CP advisor has started reported to the improvement boards on those 'amber' cases at risk of falling outside of time limits.
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.	72.4%	35.0%	67.5%	70.3%	60.0%	68.2%	59.5%	83.8%	45.7%	47.3%	45.1%	54.7%	46.9%	41.2%	↓ -12%	↑ 18%	▲	57.5%	83.8%	P	78.2%	76.9%	75.0%			Timeliness deteriorated this month because the assessment service had not stabilised. Staffing levels have improved and to support rigorous line of sight the CP advisor has started reported to the improvement boards on those 'amber' cases at risk of falling outside of time limits.
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	Sharon Hawkins	Berish 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.	83.0%	85.0%	79.0%	72.0%	88.0%	84.0%	85.0%	81.0%	88.0%	69.0%	65.0%	63.0%	67.0%	68.0%	→ 1%	↓ -20%	▲	75.8%	88.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			This is an area of work which the teams have been addressing, to ensure that all visits are recorded in a timely way. Following the steep increase of referrals and therefore volume of work the evidencing of cp visits fell. The social work teams are being supported to evidence their work in a timely manner. This is vital to ensure the safety of these vulnerable children and to ensure their CP plans progress and move forward.
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.	9	2	1	6	6	0	8	5	16	2	11	14	15	4	↓ -73%	↑ 100%	▼	7	16	-	8	8	10			The four children subject to repeat planning this month are siblings. They were last subject to planning two years previously, under a different category.
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.	32.1%	10.5%	2.6%	20.7%	31.6%	0.0%	23.5%	13.9%	41.0%	5.7%	19.3%	26.4%	24.6%	18.2%	↓ -26%	↑ 73%	▼	19.0%	41.0%	P	21.9%	20.2%	22.6%			The four children subject to repeat planning this month are siblings. They were last subject to planning two years previously, under a different category.
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.	60	98	85	74	63	74	56	47	75	88	77	91	53	122	↑ 130%	↑ 24%		75	122	-	Local	Local	Local			The increase in review conferences is explained by a large number of the cases registered earlier in the year now coming to review. The CPC team is appropriately resourced to meet the demand. The number of closures has increased, but significantly. As case tracking embeds it is assessed that this will assist with case progression and ultimately cases stepping down / out of planning safely.
CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	Sharon Hawkins	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.	29	57	52	26	27	23	21	23	16	40	20	19	23	39	↑ 70%	↓ -32%	▲	27	52	-	36	36	42			The increase in review conferences is explained by a large number of the cases registered earlier in the year now coming to review. The CPC team is appropriately resourced to meet the demand. The number of closures has increased, but significantly. As case tracking embeds it is assessed that this will assist with case progression and ultimately cases stepping down / out of planning safely.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	Sharon Hawkins	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.	514	499	490	485	475	472	481	475	490	502	500	509	512	516	→ 1%	→ 3%	▼	492	516	-	41	41	44	495	420	There has been a further increase of 4 in our looked after cohort in the past month. The number and rate continues to be higher than SN, regional and national averages. Rigorous oversight continues to ensure the right children are being bought into care at the right time. Those on the dge of care are monitored through Legal planning and a tracker. Recent audit of children's entry into care has shown that our decision making is correct.
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	The level of children in care is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	102	99	97	96	94	94	96	94	97	100	99	101	101	102	→ 1%	→ 3%	▼	98	102	-	81	64	51			See above.
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	Sharon Hawkins	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.	4	11	8	11	7	13	17	19	20	24	13	19	10	13	↑ 30%	↑ 18%	▼	15	24	-	18	18	19			3 more children bought new into care in Southampton in comparison to the previous month but that remains below SN, regional and national averages. Rigorous oversight continues to ensure the right children are bought into care at the right time and children on the dge of care are equally monitored through legal planning and a senior manager tracker. Recent audit of children's entry into care has shown that our decision making is correct.
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	15	27	16	17	17	15	11	24	11	16	14	14	11	10	→ -9%	↓ -63%	▲	15	24	-	16	16	19			There has been a further reduction of 1 young person ceasing to be looked after in September in comparison with August. There is an ongoing focus on permanence tracking which should support improvements in this area.

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LAC6 (val)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	Sharon Hawkins	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	3	4	6	5	3	2	2	10	3	4	1	0	4	3	↓ -25%	↓ -25%		4	10	-	2	2	2			The number of adoption orders granted this month is relatively consistent with the 12 month average.
LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	Sharon Hawkins	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	20.0%	14.8%	37.5%	29.4%	17.6%	13.3%	18.2%	41.7%	27.3%	25.0%	7.1%	0.0%	36.4%	30.0%	↓ -18%	↑ 103%		23.6%	41.7%	P	17.1%	13.0%	12.0%			The percentage of adoptions is consistent with previous months.
LAC12 (val)	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Sharon Hawkins	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	2	5	2	4	6	7	4	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	- n/a	↓ -100%		2	7	-	-	-	-			This is now a further month where no orders have been granted. There are twenty applications waiting to be heard by the court either as part of care proceedings or private applications. As with applications for adoption orders, SGO applications not linked with care proceedings experience a period of awaiting a court hearing depending on current demand for the judiciary - we have 5 cases currently.
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Sharon Hawkins	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	13.3%	18.5%	12.5%	23.5%	35.3%	46.7%	36.4%	8.3%	0.0%	0.0%	21.4%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	- n/a	↓ -100%	▲	15.9%	46.7%	P	10.1%	12.0%	10.0%			
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	Sharon Hawkins	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.	83.0%	79.0%	79.0%	76.0%	80.0%	75.0%	80.0%	82.0%	77.0%	74.0%	76.0%	83.0%	80.0%	80.0%	→ 0%	→ 1%	▲	78.5%	83.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			This headline reporting measure is currently set to measure six weekly contact. Individual children's visiting patterns are dependent on length of time in placement, care plan and the associated statutory requirements. No change in performance in the past month.
LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	94.9%	96.0%	96.5%	96.1%	97.3%	97.0%	96.0%	95.4%	94.9%	93.4%	92.8%	92.3%	95.1%	94.4%	→ -1%	→ -2%	▲	95.1%	97.3%	P	Local	Local	Local			Performance in this area remains quite steady. Improvement activity has focused on management oversight and tracking by the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) team.
LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	488	479	473	466	462	458	462	453	465	469	464	470	487	487	→ 0%	→ 2%	▲	468	487	-	Local	Local	Local			Performance in this area remains quite steady. Improvement activity has focused on management oversight and tracking by the IRO team.
LAC13	Number of current Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	12	13	12	12	13	12	13	14	15	16	16	15	14	15	→ 7%	↑ 15%		14	16	-	2	2	4			In the past quarter our numbers of unaccompanied asylum seekers have fluctuated between 14 and 15, currently we have 15. Practice is supported by our practice guidance reviewed earlier in the year.
LAC14	Number of new unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	- n/a	↓ -100%		0	2	-	Local	Local	Local			There are no new unaccompanied asylum seekers this month. Practice is supported by our practice guidance reviewed earlier in the year.
LAC11-QL	Number of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	164	169	172	172	173	171	175	173	174	167	167	168	166	166	→ -1%	→ -2%	▲	171	175	-	Local	Local	Local			The number of care leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan has decreased by two young people this month. Outcomes are being monitored by our LAC and Care Leavers Improvement Board. A Practice Assurance Stocktake was completed over the summer, informing our improvement activity. Extra Personal Adviser capacity has been agreed which will help with capacity issues with our growing number of care leavers.
LAC11-QL (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	98.0%	99.0%	99.0%	98.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	99.0%	98.0%	98.0%	97.0%	97.0%	→ -1%	→ -2%	▲	98.6%	99.0%	P	Local	Local	Local			The percentage of plans has reduced slightly to 97%, but is at a consistently high level. Outcomes are being monitored by our LAC and Care Leavers Improvement Board. Extra Personal Adviser capacity has been agreed which will help with capacity issues with our growing number of care leavers.
NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	Sharon Hawkins	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.	91.0%	86.7%	89.5%	90.7%	88.4%	86.8%	86.4%	87.7%	86.2%	85.9%	84.3%	84.9%	82.6%	81.2%	→ -2%	→ -6%	▲	86.2%	90.7%	P	81.9%	-	-	93.0%	94.0%	We have reviewed the data behind this stat and due to some misrecording by personal advisers I can confirm that actual performance is that we are in touch with 160 of our cohort of 164 care leavers (97%) and that 90% are in suitable accommodation. This therefore remains above the benchmark figure of 81.89% but below our target of 94%. However we are seeking to implement a more robust Care planning meeting process for young people in supported accommodation and use of Staying Put is being reviewed which will help meet the needs of some young people, thus adding to an improvement in the suitable accommodation available.
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	Sharon Hawkins	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	138	133	135	136	138	137	143	147	144	144	146	146	153	157	→ 3%	↑ 18%	▼	144	157	-	Local	Local	Local	TBC	TBC	The use of IFA remains stable, but the total number continues to be high - reflecting the need to identify placements for children who present with complex profiles. We have also seen an increase in the use of in-house foster care in this period. The profile of in-house carers remains restrictive in terms of the cohort of children that would be deemed a suitable match. Recruitment and retention of in house foster carers is a priority area for 2019/20
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	Sharon Hawkins	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	26.8%	26.7%	27.6%	28.0%	29.1%	29.0%	29.7%	30.9%	29.4%	28.7%	29.2%	28.7%	29.9%	30.4%	→ 2%	↑ 14%	▼	29.2%	30.9%	P	Local	Local	Local			As above (LAC9 (val)).
LAC16	Number of in-house foster carers at the end of period	Sharon Hawkins	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	171	173	168	167	168	171	172	172	tbc	tbc	167	166	169	169	→ 0%	→ -2%		169	172	-	-	-	-	190	200	The number of in house mainstream foster carers has remained stable. A recent recruitment campaign achieved limited enquires with no prospective carers progressing to the assessment stage. We know we need to move away from traditional marketing approaches. A business case has been approved to enhance the reward and support offered to in house carers to make fostering a more attractive option for those looking to give up work.