Children and Families Monthly Analysis – June 2020

This report focuses primarily on indicators where there has been a significant change, either from the previous month, or the same month in the previous year.

The monthly dataset includes both qualitative and quantitative indicators. Those that measure performance levels (e.g. timeliness of assessments, proportions of children with appropriate plans) are shown on here with coloured arrows (▲,▽ , ▼, △) to indicate direction of travel, whilst quantitative performance indicators are shown with blank arrows (△,▽).

Measures where there are known to be regular changes in values are not included in this analysis, unless the variation is exceptional when compared to previous months.

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Contacts and referrals

△ M1 Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)

After a period of lower numbers of contacts, there was an increase to 1,403 in June. Looking at the sources of referrals to MASH, a vast majority of them (293, 51%) came from the Police, followed by Local Authority Services (99), Health Services (54) and other organisations (e.g. independent and voluntary), 45.
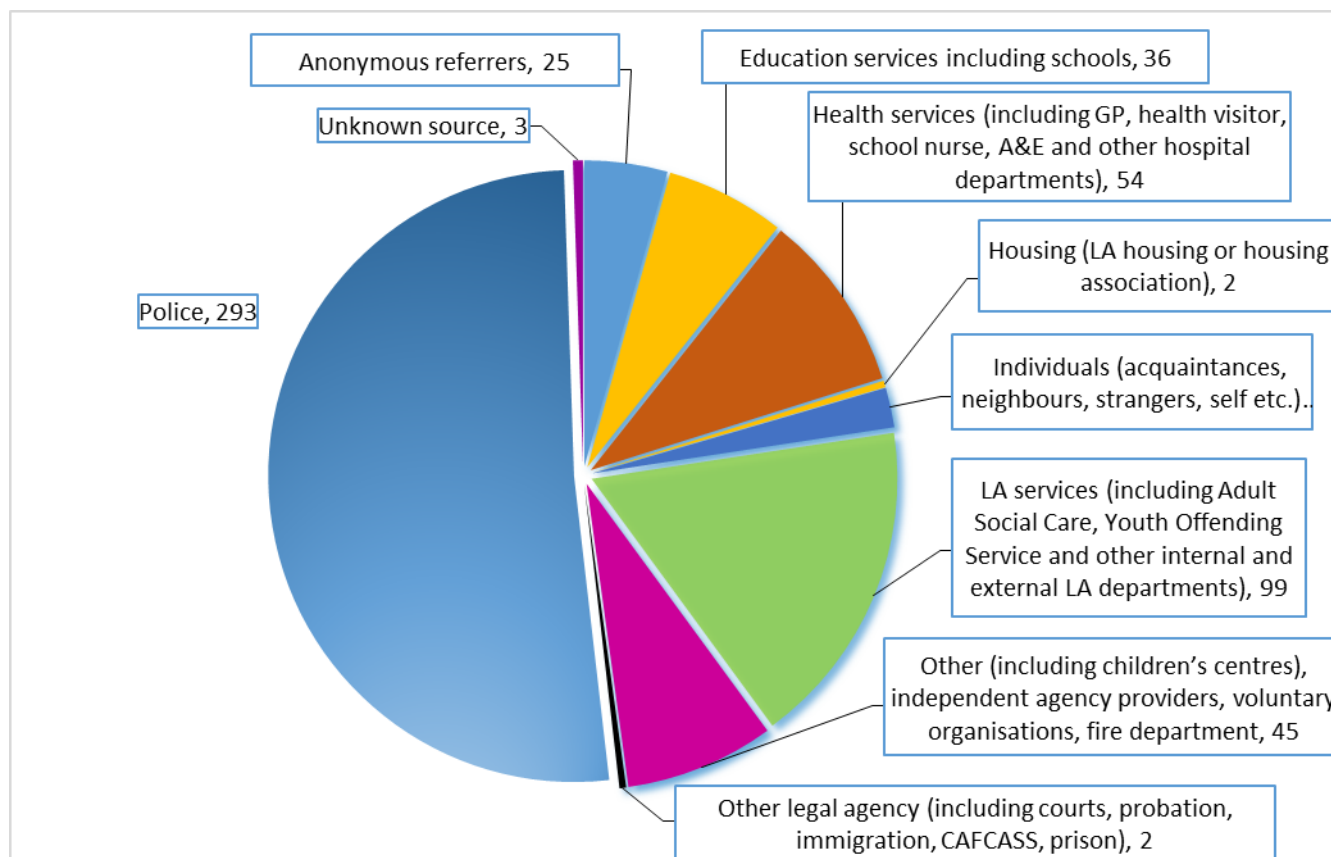
As could be expected, we have in the last three months received fewer referrals from schools and other education services. In normal circumstances, they make a sizeable proportion of referrals during term times.

## △ M2 Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)

Consequently, with the numbers of contacts having increased, there was also a 27% increase in referrals to Children in Need. The number is still less than the five month average (440) of the peak time in June – October 2019.

▼   M6-QL (val) Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment and M6-QL Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment

There was a drop in both the number and percentage of re-referrals from the previous month.

Single Assessments (SA)

Stable performance continues in Single Assessment completion timeliness, with 85% of them completed in 45 days. In the last five months, the performance level has fallen below 80% once, but the average remains at 84%.
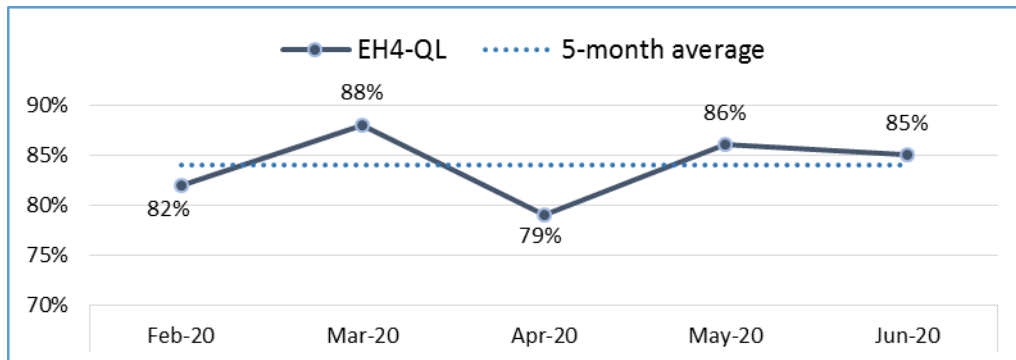
EH4-QL   Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days

Child Protection (CP)

There were no significant differences in the child protection performance area when compared to the previous month, apart from the number of review conferences held in June (CP9), and number of ceasing CP plans (CP7)

The number of review conferences held in June was 135, an 88% increase from the previous month. The commentary for the indicator gives more information on the reason for the change. The value was the second largest in the last 13 months (we had 136 in November 2019). The number of ceasing CP plans increased 41% from 34 in May to 48% in June.