

Qualitative measures:			Key to direction of travel:		
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Benchmarking
(Updated Mar-19, using 18-19 data)

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M1	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	tbc	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>	1147	1172	1403	1493	1343	1607	1555	→ -3%	↑ 15%		1337	1607	Local	Local	Local				The number of Contacts received in October, whilst less than September remains high and can still be a response to children and families not being seen or having the required support during the period of lockdown and school closure. We continue to work with partners to look at the needs within the city and our joint response. There is no current data available to compare trends with statistical neighbours. However, the service will review regional performance data, once released, to analyse any trends.
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.</i>	286	270	342	388	263	357	368	→ 3%	↓ -12%		332	406	399	357	460				The number of Contacts received in October, whilst less than September remains high and can still be a response to children and families not being seen or having the required support during the period of Lockdown and school closure. We continue to work with Partners to look at the needs of the City and how this can be addressed.
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CiN)	tbc	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>	25%	23%	24%	26%	20%	22%	24%	→ 7%	↓ -23%		25%	29%	Local	Local	Local				The number of Contacts converted to referrals has increased slightly. The conversion rate remains steady showing Threshold being applied correctly within the MASH. The high numbers of referrals have a direct impact upon the assessment service who work with the children and families referred.
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CiN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.</i>	56	53	67	76	52	70	72	→ 3%	↓ -12%		65	80	Local	Local	Local				The rate per 10,000 for new referrals of CIN is slightly higher than the 12 month average; but lower than then position in September 2019. To assure ourselves around our decision making, we have continued working with the Quality Assurance Unit on monthly audits, now alternating between MASH and assessment.
M6-CL	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	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.</i>	98%	99%	99%	98%	99%	94%	98%	→ 4%	↑ 11%	▲	98%	99%	Local	Local	Local				The 1 working day compliance has increased to 98% despite there continuing to be high number of Contacts into the service. Despite some remote working the MASH are able to process contacts in an effective way.
M6-CL (all)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	tbc	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>	10	25	17	15	19	23	27	↑ 17%	↑ 108%	▼	18	27	Local	Local	Local				The service manager has requested specific data on these cases so more understanding and work can be undertaken in this area. There was an expectation that there would be an increase of referrals, including re referrals, once the schools reopened after lockdown.
M6-CL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	tbc	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>	3%	9%	5%	4%	7%	6%	7%	↑ 17%	↑ 133%	▼	5%	9%	25%	23%	25%				As above

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M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	tbc	Simon Dennison	<i>The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.</i>	1	3	4	7	7	15	2	↓ -87%	↓ -60%		4	15	Local	Local	Local				The service is working with the QA unit on an audit which will review the service response to Missing, Exploited, Trafficked (MET) issues and to better understand the peak in referrals in September 2020. 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.
M5	Number of children receiving Early Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CiN) assessment	tbc	Sean Holehouse	<i>The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.</i>	1	10	1	13	4	7	14	↑ 100%	↑ 133%		8	22	Local	Local	Local				Early Help Locality Teams continue to work with families to prevent escalation of need, & 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. Identified 'vulnerable pupils' within the EH / FM cohort are also reviewed regularly with EWS & schools to share risk information. The number of CSC 'step up' cases in September was above average with 14 recorded.
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CiN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding EHPs, EHAs, CPP and LAC)	tbc	Sarah Ward	<i>Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.</i>	1292	1311	1313	1313	1232	1251	1305	→ 4%	↓ -19%	▼	1,341	1,559	Local	Local	Local				The number of children in need overall is 19% lower than the same period last year and lower than our 12 month average; but 4% higher than the previous month. The service is continuing to monitor the impact of the pandemic on levels of demand.
EH5-OL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	tbc	Simon Dennison	<i>The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.</i>	50	64	57	83	59	72	69	→ -4%	→ -8%	▼	67	83	Local	Local	Local				Continued high number of children reported missing in Southampton - 100% children offered return interviews and with very high completion rates especially amongst LAC.
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Children receive a comprehensive assessment of their needs; with strengths and areas of risk identified to inform evidence-based planning.</i>	259	247	265	326	248	243	285	↑ 17%	↓ -48%		317	479	318	353	447				The number of single assessments completed in October has increased which would be a direct result of the increase in contacts during September.
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	13%	14%	6%	12%	4%	9%	12%	↑ 32%	↑ 185%	▲	10%	14%	19%	15%	17%				The number of single assessments completed within 10 days has increased by 32%. These are likely to be single assessments attached to section 47 enquiries with expected tighter timescales.
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	43%	49%	44%	40%	32%	26%	32%	↑ 23%	↑ 61%	▲	35%	49%	Local	Local	Local				Single assessments completed within 11-25 days has increased be 23%.
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	15%	11%	20%	18%	28%	21%	16%	↓ -21%	↑ 101%	▲	19%	28%	Local	Local	Local				Single assessments completed within 26-35 days has decreased by 21%.
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	8%	13%	15%	23%	24%	30%	22%	↓ -29%	↑ 81%	▲	17%	30%	Local	Local	Local				Single assessments completed within 36-45 days has decreased by 29%.
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	21%	14%	15%	7%	11%	13%	18%	↑ 33%	↓ -68%	▼	19%	39%	20%	17%	18%				The number of single assessments completed over 45 days has increased for the second month in a row at 18%. Whilst this remains a much better picture than October 2019 with a figure of 56%, it does reflect the pressure on the service from the increased referral rate.

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EHI (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	204	213	225	303	221	211	235	↑ 11%	→ -4%	▲	250	303	243	285	360				The number of single assessments completed in 45 days has increased by 11%, again demonstrating the impact of the higher number of referrals coming into the service.
EHI-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.	79%	86%	85%	93%	89%	87%	82%	→ -6%	↑ 86%	▲	81%	93%	76%	81%	81%				Whilst the percentage of single assessment completed with 45 days has decreased from September, the performance is better than statistical neighbours, England and the South East Region. However, see above regarding the impact of higher referral numbers on service performance.
CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.	104	112	138	121	81	126	121	→ -4%	↑ 14%		117	171	121	110	148				The number of section 47 enquiries has decreased slightly from September and is equal to statistical neighbours.
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	tbc	Jacqui Schofield	Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	20	22	27	24	16	25	24	→ -4%	↑ 14%		23	34	19	14	14				The number of section 47 enquiries per 10,000 children aged 0-17 is higher than statistical neighbours and is therefore an area which needs further investigation. The service is recruiting a data analyst who will be able to support this review of performance.
CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	tbc	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.	399	418	407	426	415	393	389	→ -1%	↓ -18%		427	490	388	439	527				There has been a small reduction in the number of children subject to CPP in October 2020 and the rate per 10,000 remains the same. The panel to review CPP and CIN cases > 12 months still needs to start. When it does, it is anticipated that this will contribute to case progression and therefore a reduction in cases.
CP6B-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	tbc	Stuart Webb	The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	78	82	80	84	82	77	77	→ 0%	↓ -17%		84	96	48	44	41				There has been a small reduction in the number of children subject to CPP in October 2020 and the rate per 10,000 remains the same. The panel to review CPP and CIN cases > 12 months still needs to start. When it does, it is anticipated that this will contribute to case progression and therefore a reduction in cases.
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.	27	52	36	72	22	24	43	↑ 79%	↑ 26%		41	77	38	42	51				There has been an increase in the number and rate of ICPC this month; aligned with the level of safeguarding activity overall. Our 12 month average rate is consistently higher than our SN average, which indicates that decisions to take children to ICPC should be explored.
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	11	7	14	5	6	8	↑ 39%	↑ 16%		8	16	6	5	5				There has been an increase in the number and rate of ICPC this month; aligned with the level of safeguarding activity overall. Our 12 month average rate is consistently higher than our SN average, which indicates that decisions to take children to ICPC should be explored.
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.	25	50	35	58	17	22	38	↑ 73%	↑ 31%		36	66	32	36	44				The 12 month average for number and % conversion from ICPC to plan is slightly higher than statistical neighbour average.
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.	93%	96%	97%	81%	77%	92%	88%	→ -4%	→ 4%	▲	88%	97%	86%	86%	84%				The 12 month average for number and % conversion from ICPC to plan is slightly higher than statistical neighbour average.

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CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	0	3	0	0	1	7	0	↓ -100%	↓ -100%		2	7	Local	Local	Local				There were no transfers in during the month. When there are, 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	Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.	-	100%	-	-	0%	100%	-	- n/a	- n/a		62%	100%	Local	Local	Local				There were no transfers in during the month. When there are, 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	Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.	18	47	34	50	16	19	15	↓ -21%	↓ -21%	▲	27	53	33	33	40				The percentage of ICPC within time has reduced notably this month. All the late cases have been reviewed. The issues identified are as follows: 1. There were two conferences that could not be scheduled in timescale due to chair availability. This should be resolved as a new chair has joined the team, bring additional capacity. 2. Administrative error impacted upon the conferences (two were held on day 16). This has been addressed with the admin manager 3. Four conferences were referred in late (1 from assessment and 3 in PACT).
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.	67%	90%	94%	69%	73%	79%	35%	↓ -56%	↓ -38%	▲	64%	94%	84%	79%	77%				The percentage of ICPC within time has reduced notably this month. All the late cases have been reviewed. The issues identified are as follows: 1. There were two conferences that could not be scheduled in timescale due to chair availability. This should be resolved as a new chair has joined the team, bring additional capacity. 2. Administrative error impacted upon the conferences (two were held on day 16). This has been addressed with the admin manager 3. Four conferences were referred in late (1 from assessment and 3 in PACT).
CP8-QL	Percentage of children subject to a Child Protection Plan seen in the last 15 working days.	Phil Bullingham	Sarah 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.	40%	72%	75%	75%	85%	62%	85%	↑ 37%	→ 5%	▲	72%	85%	Local	Local	Local				Work is ongoing to support workers to have the capacity to ensure their recording of visits is in timescales. Any visits not in timescales are generally due to health issues for the family (especially in current times of covid 19 and self isolation issues) and also poor engagement of families. This is an ongoing area of work for the teams and the reasons why visits are not completed within timescales are reviewed on a weekly basis. The aim is to ensure the number of visits undertaken and recorded within timescales can remain consistent and continue to improve.
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.	4	13	5	5	2	13	14	→ 8%	↑ 27%	▼	8	20	7	8	9				Our re-referral % is notably high for the second month, compared to our 12m average and SN, regional and national averages. The CPC team are now auditing every repeat CPP case with updates being included in the CPP advisors reports.
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.	16%	24%	14%	9%	12%	41%	37%	→ -9%	↑ 11%	▼	21%	41%	22%	21%	21%				Our re-referral % is notably high for the second month, compared to our 12m average and SN, regional and national averages. The CPC team are now auditing every repeat CPP case with updates being included in the CPP advisors reports.
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.	71	72	135	101	73	123	112	→ -9%	↓ -15%	▼	109	136	Local	Local	Local				The review CPC number remains slightly higher than the 12 month average. The number of plans ceasing is slightly lower than the 12m local average; but remaining higher than SN, regional and local indicators.

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CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	tbc	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	34	48	38	25	53	42	↓ -21%	↑ 83%	▲	43	63	34	37	47				The review CPC number remains slightly higher than the 12 month average. The number of plans ceasing is slightly lower than the 12m local average; but remaining higher than SN, regional and local indicators.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	tbc	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.	487	488	488	512	493	485	492	→ 1%	→ -4%	▼	493	512	496	514	541	515	495	420	October has seen a slight increase on last month from 485 , up 7, to 492 - but it remains below the 12 month average of 493 and well below the 12 month maximum of 512.
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	tbc	Mary Hardy	The level of children in care is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	96	96	96	101	97	95	97	→ 2%	→ -4%	▼	97	101	86	65	53				As above, there has been a corresponding increase in the rate per 10,000 of population from 95 in September to 97 in October.
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	tbc	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.	7	7	10	29	9	8	23	↑ 188%	↑ 77%	▼	13	29	16	17	19				There has been a significant increase in the number on new LAC episodes in October- there were 9 in August and 8 in September rising to 23 in October. With the exception of July when there were 29 new episodes, this is the highest this indicator has been in the past 12 months, with the average for the year being at 13 per month.
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	tbc	Mary Hardy	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	6	6	9	6	24	17	16	→ -6%	↑ 23%	▲	14	24	15	16	18				16 children have ceased to be in our care in October, by comparison with 17 in September and 24 in August so this number remains fairly high, with a variance between 7 and 29 and an average of 13 across the last 12 months.
LAC6 (vel)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	0	0	2	0	4	4	4	→ 0%	↑ 300%	▲	2	4	2	2	3	50			The number of Adoption Orders being granted is higher than the 12 month average. This reflects 'catch up' activity. We continue to see the court hear adoption applications and addressing the backlog of applications lodged since the commencement of the pandemic.
LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	0%	0%	22%	0%	17%	24%	25%	→ 6%	↑ 225%		16%	50%	15%	12%	18%				25% of children leaving care this month was as a result of adoption orders being granted. This is consistent with last month, but not a notable outlier over the last 12 months. The 12 month average has reduced significantly as a result of the low numbers over the last three months. Noted impact of the pandemic.
LAC12 (vel)	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	0	0	1	0	6	4	4	→ 0%	↑ 33%		2	6	Local	Local	Local				The number of SGO granted remains high as the court continues to hear applications and address the backlog of applications lodged since the commencement of the pandemic.
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	tbc	Martin Smith	Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.	0%	0%	11%	0%	25%	24%	25%	→ 6%	→ 8%		14%	25%	33%	13%	12%				25% of children leaving care this month was as a result of orders being granted. This above the 12 month average, prior to the impact of the pandemic. The 12 month average has reduced significantly as a result of the low numbers over the last three months. Noted impact of the pandemic.
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	tbc	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.	50%	39%	78%	75%	73%	70%	80%	↑ 14%	→ 5%	▲	70%	82%	Local	Local	Local				The impact of the pandemic and capacity issues have been evident against this indicator. Evidence of improved performance this month, although there is still further improvement needed.
LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	95%	96%	96%	95%	96%	96%	98%	→ 1%	→ 3%	▲	95%	98%	Local	Local	Local				Authorisation of care plans remains consistently high; which is the foundation for the service to focus on the quality of care planning.

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LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.	461	469	467	487	473	467	480	→ 3%	→ -1%	▲	469	487	Local	Local	Local				Authorisation of care plans remains consistently high; which is the foundation for the service to focus on the quality of care planning.
LAC13	Number of current Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	tbc	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	13	12	12	11	11	10	11	↑ 10%	↓ -27%		13	15	31	33	51				We have had 1 new asylum seeking minor come in to our care in October, bringing us back to 11 in total, so this indicator remains below the 12 month average of 13 and below the 12m maximum of 15
LAC14	Number of new unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	tbc	Mary Hardy	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	- n/a	→ 0%		0	2	Local	Local	Local				October has seen the first asylum seeking minor to come in to our care since February of this year, so since before Covid lockdown in March.
LAC11-QL	Number of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	161	166	171	174	171	178	173	→ -3%	→ 6%	▲	166	178	Local	Local	Local				October has seen a fall of 5 from 178 to 173 young people in our care with an authorised Pathway plan, but that slightly smaller cohort has resulted in a correspondingly increased % for this data (see below) as it has gone up from 96 to 98%, the highest for the 14 months of data on this spreadsheet.
LAC11-QL(%)	Percentage of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	tbc	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.	95%	96%	96%	96%	94%	96%	98%	→ 2%	→ 2%	▲	95%	98%	Local	Local	Local				See above.
NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	tbc	Mary Hardy	Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.	81%	83%	86%	86%	84%	85%	85%	→ 0%	→ 5%	▲	83%	86%	81%	85%	84%	92.0%	93.0%	94%	This indicator remains at 85%, which is the same as it was last month and 4% better than it was in October last year. However, some targeted work is being planned to further increase the numbers in suitable accommodation in the coming months. (this is reflected in the service improvement plan).
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	tbc	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	144	143	139	140	142	140	143	→ 2%	→ -9%	▼	145	154	Local	Local	Local	112	TBC	TBC	The total number of IFA reflect the need to identify external placements due to availability of in house placements (both with regards to numbers and skills/specialism).
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	tbc	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	30%	29%	28%	27%	29%	29%	29%	→ 1%	→ -5%	▼	29%	30%	Local	Local	Local				Research undertaken by The South East Sector Led Improvement Programme (SESLIP) identified that Southampton's performance is consistent with other local authorities across the South East.
LAC16	Number of in-house foster carers at the end of period	tbc	Martin Smith	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	166	165	164	165	161	161	160	→ -1%	→ -5%	▲	165	172	Local	Local	Local	190	190	200	The number of in house mainstream foster carers will continue to see a decline as the backlog of recording panel activity and closures is being addressed. The recruitment strategy for 2020-23 has been drafted and endorsed by CLT. A 6 month review of our recruitment strategy has been completed - Enquires remain consistent at the high teens. We have recruited 6 new mainstream foster carers. Despite the pandemic this is an increase from this time last year. However, our loss of foster carers is not keeping pace with the gains, with a net loss of 5. Reasons for resignations are known and mainly relate to retirement, personal circumstances or adopting their foster children. Further recruitment strategy are planned and will be implemented over the next 6 months.