

Qualitative measures:			Key to direction of travel:				
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Benchmarking 2019-20		
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M1	Number of contacts received (includes contacts that become referrals)	Julian Watkins	There is an effective 'front door' with which anyone with a concern about a child can engage and receive appropriate advice, support and action.	1147	1172	1403	1493	1343	1607	1555	1787	1507	1464	1297	1886	1630	1801	↑ 10%	↑ 54%		1564	1886	Local	Local	Local	There has been an increase in Contacts received during May 21 by 10% compared to last month and the figure is close to the 12 month maximum of 1886. The figure is nearly 700 more Contacts than we received in May 2020. We continue to see the impact of Lockdown and the increasing issues for children and young people.
M2	Number of new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Julian Watkins	Referrals for children in need of help and support are accepted appropriately by the service.	286	270	342	388	263	357	368	449	351	271	244	460	334	442	↑ 32%	↑ 64%		356	460	368	353	502	In line with the high level of Contacts received there is also a 32% increase in the number of new referrals of Children in Need. This figure is also close to the 12 month maximum of 460 and is 172 more than the number in May 20. The figure is higher than statistical neighbours and England, but lower than the South East Region.
M3	Percentage of all contacts that become new referrals of Children In Need (CIN)	Julian Watkins	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.	25%	23%	24%	26%	20%	22%	24%	25%	23%	19%	19%	24%	20%	24%	↑ 16%	→ 3%		23%	26%	Local	Local	Local	The conversion rate from Contact to Referral has risen by 4% compared to April 21, but only 1% increase from May 20.
M2-NI	Number of new referrals of Children in Need (CIN) rate per 10,000 (0-17 year olds)	Julian Watkins	Referrals for children in need of help and support are comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.	56	53	67	76	52	70	72	88	69	53	48	90	66	87	↑ 32%	↑ 64%		70	90	Local	Local	Local	The Number of new referrals of Children in Need rate per 10,000 0-17 years olds has seen an increase of 32%. This figure remains a concern and whilst we would expect the needs of the City to increase following the Lockdown, we need to question the impact that Early Help services are having.
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	Julian Watkins	The safety of children is supported by referrals being dealt with in a timely manner.	98%	99%	99%	98%	99%	94%	98%	98%	99%	99%	98%	99%	98%	99%	→ 1%	→ 0%	▲	98%	99%	Local	Local	Local	Despite the continuing number of Contacts coming into MASH the performance against the Working Together 1 working day decision making remains high and sits at 99% for May 21.
M6-QL (val)	Number of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Julian Watkins	The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.	10	25	17	15	19	23	27	37	32	8	10	28	17	38	↑ 124%	↑ 52%	▼	23	38	Local	Local	Local	This is a significant rise and needs further analysis.
M6-QL	Percentage of referrals which are re-referrals within one year of a closure assessment	Julian Watkins	The service is effective in helping children and families address their issues, and where there is a re-referral, the issues are understood.	3%	9%	5%	4%	7%	6%	7%	8%	9%	3%	4%	6%	5%	9%	↑ 80%	→ 0%	▼	6%	9%	27%	23%	26%	As above,
M4	Number of new referrals of children aged 13+ where child sexual exploitation (CSE) was a factor	Julian Watkins	The needs and safety of children at risk of child sexual exploitation are responded to effectively.	1	3	4	7	7	15	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	↓ -67%	↓ -67%		4	15	Local	Local	Local	Much more accurate data currently available through CERAF reports as well as monthly inter-agency MET review of high risk CCE & CSE. MET manager has produced monthly performance briefing. MET KPI will be reviewed in July 2021.

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M5	Number of children receiving Early Help services who are stepped up for Children In Need (CiN) assessment	Sean Holehouse Julian Watkins	<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	17	0	4	5	10	5	8	↑ 60%	↓ -20%		7	17	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. EH Locality cases are RAG rated and new EH SW team is being implemented. The number of CSC 'step up' cases in April was above average with 8 recorded.
EH2	Number of Children In Need (CiN) at end of period (all open cases, excluding EHPs, EHAs, CPP and LAC)	Sarah Ward Julian Watkins	<i>Children in need of help and support receive a consistent and effective service.</i>	1292	1311	1313	1313	1232	1251	1305	1348	1226	1162	1109	1218	1151	1217	→ 6%	→ -7%	▼	1,237	1,348	Local	Local		This has increased since last month. This is probably due to 3 things - an increase in children being removed from cp plans, an increase in cases transferring from the assessment team following an increase in referrals to Children's Services, and a decrease in the work flow in PACT due to staffing issues. PACT now have CIN trackers whereby cases which have been open for over 6 months are reviewed more thoroughly. This has shown that there is some current delay in work flow to close, transfer or step down CIN cases. PACT is currently short staffed with social workers and managers and this results in cases with less or no safeguarding issues not progressing as well. It has just been agreed that recruitment for an ATM for 3 months can be undertaken to assist in this area of work.
EH5-QL	Number of children open to the authority who have been missing at any point in the period (count of children)	Simon Dennison Julian Watkins	<i>The needs and safety of children who have been missing are responded to robustly.</i>	50	64	57	83	59	72	69	78	53	49	69	75	64	77	↑ 20%	↑ 20%	▼	67	83	Local	Local	Local	Monthly levels consistent with pre-covid rates - no comparative data available from other LAs or SNs - all children offered RHI & 80-90% accepted & successfully undertaken.
EH3	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<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	346	410	305	304	288	293	321	↑ 10%	↑ 30%		303	410	354	365	485	The number of single assessments completed during May 21 has increased by 10% compared to April 21. This is also an increase of 74 compared to May 20 which correlates with the increasing number of referrals of Children in Need.
EH3a%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 10 days	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<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%	14%	16%	10%	12%	15%	13%	13%	→ -2%	↓ -10%	▲	11%	16%	11%	12%	13%	The percentage of single assessments completed within 10 days for May 21 remains at 13% and is line with the South East region.
EH3b%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 11-25 days	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<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%	31%	31%	27%	35%	26%	43%	33%	↓ -24%	↓ -33%	▲	33%	44%	Local	Local	Local	The percentage of single assessments completed within 11-25 days is 33%. This is not necessarily significant.
EH3c%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 26-35 days	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<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%	15%	19%	18%	13%	28%	20%	19%	→ -4%	↑ 81%	▲	20%	28%	Local	Local	Local	The percentage of single assessments completed within 26-35 days is 19%. This is not necessarily significant.
EH3d%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed within 36-45 days	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<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%	19%	24%	28%	14%	14%	14%	22%	↑ 56%	↑ 68%	▲	21%	30%	Local	Local	Local	The percentage of single assessments completed within 36-45 days is 22% seeing an increase of 56% compared to April 21. This is not necessarily significant.
EH3e%	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed over 45 days	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<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%	21%	11%	16%	26%	16%	10%	14%	↑ 33%	→ -1%	▼	15%	26%	15%	16%	15%	There is an increase of 33% of single assessments completed over 45 days. This is not representative of the performance within the Assessment Service. The data is drawn from all single assessments completed throughout Children's Services.
EH4 (val)	Number of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	204	213	225	303	221	211	235	272	366	255	226	241	263	285	→ 8%	↑ 34%	▲	259	366				The number of single assessments completed in 45 working days is 285 for May 21 with a slight increase on April 21
EH4-QL	Percentage of Single Assessments (SA) completed in 45 working days	Jacqui Schofield Julian Watkins	<i>Assessments are completed in a timely manner, to ensure that children receive the help they need without unnecessary delay.</i>	79%	86%	85%	93%	89%	87%	82%	79%	89%	84%	74%	84%	90%	86%	→ -4%	→ 0%	▲	85%	93%				There is a decrease of 4% of single assessments completed 45 days. This is not representative of the performance within the Assessment Service. The data is drawn from all single assessments completed throughout Children's Services.

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CP1	Number of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield <i>Where there are concerns about a child's safety, there is a robust assessment of risk.</i>	104	112	138	121	81	126	121	167	149	91	91	174	117	158	↑ 35%	↑ 41%		128	174	119	110	155	The number of section 47 enquiries started has seen an increase of 35%. Whilst you may expect an increase in section 47 enquiries in line with an increase in referrals, this remains higher than statistical neighbours.
CP1-NI	Rate of Section 47 (S47) enquiries started per 10,000 children aged 0-17	Julian Watkins	Jacqui Schofield <i>Safeguarding investigations undertaken by the service are at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.</i>	20	22	27	24	16	25	24	33	29	18	18	34	23	31	↑ 35%	↑ 41%		25	34	19	14	15	The rate of section 47 enquiries per 10,000 children 0-17 is significantly higher than statistical neighbours, south east region and England. This shows a risk averse service and too many children are being subject to this level of enquiry who may not need it.
CP6B	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan (CPP) at the end of the month, excluding temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb <i>Child Protection Plans are in place for children where it has been assessed that multi-agency intervention is required to keep them safe.</i>	399	418	407	426	415	393	389	394	399	400	358	313	337	355	→ 5%	↓ -15%		382	426	350	339	427	The number and rate per 10,000 of children subject to CPP aligns with the increase in contacts and section 47 activity in the past month. However, the level of section 47 activity in Southampton remains very high in Southampton.
CP6B-NI	Rate of children with Child Protection Plan (CPP) per 10,000 (0-17 year olds) at end of period	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb <i>The number of children who require Child Protection Plans is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.</i>	78	82	80	84	82	77	77	78	78	79	70	62	66	70	→ 6%	↓ -15%		75	84	53	43	41	The number and rate per 10,000 of children subject to CPP aligns with the increase in contacts and section 47 activity in the past month. However, the level of section 47 activity in Southampton remains very high in Southampton.
CP2	Number of children subject to Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs), excluding transfer-ins and temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb <i>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.</i>	27	52	36	72	22	24	43	56	48	56	20	38	45	49	→ 9%	→ -6%		42	72	43	42	53	Southampton remains an outlier in respect of the number and rate of ICPCs, corresponding with the high level of sec.47 activity and referral activity overall. Data trends suggest a risk adverse culture, which was substantiated by Ofsted findings in the focused visit in May 2021.
CP2-NI	Rate per 10,000 Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb <i>The rate of Initial Child Protection Conferences is at a level that is comparable with other local authorities like Southampton.</i>	5	11	7	14	5	6	8	12	10	11	4	8	9	10	→ 9%	→ -9%		9	14	7	5	5	Southampton remains an outlier in respect of the number and rate of ICPCs, corresponding with the high level of sec.47 activity and referral activity overall. Data trends suggest a risk adverse culture, which was substantiated by Ofsted findings in the focused visit in May 2021.
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 <i>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.</i>	25	50	35	58	17	22	38	52	42	53	18	31	40	45	↑ 13%	↓ -10%		38	58				The % conversion from ICPC to plan is in line with the SN average and slightly higher than regional and national averages. However, we know from the recent Ofsted focused visit that Ofsted are of the view that Southampton's sec.47 activity is too high and our data shows that the average rate per 10,000 sec.47 is notably higher in Southampton. This suggests that although there is nothing remarkable in respect of ICPC decision making, there are potential opportunities to intervene with some families in a different way.
CP4	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs) resulting in a Child Protection Plan (CPP) (based on count of children)	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb <i>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.</i>	93%	96%	97%	81%	77%	92%	88%	93%	88%	95%	90%	82%	89%	92%	→ 3%	→ -4%	▲	89%	97%	90%	87%	86%	The % conversion from ICPC to plan is in line with the SN average and slightly higher than regional and national averages. However, we know from the recent Ofsted focused visit that Ofsted are of the view that Southampton's sec.47 activity is too high and our data shows that the average rate per 10,000 sec.47 is notably higher in Southampton. This suggests that although there is nothing remarkable in respect of ICPC decision making, there are potential opportunities to intervene with some families in a different way.
CP2b	Number of transfer-ins	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb <i>Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.</i>	0	3	0	0	1	7	0	5	3	1	0	1	1	1	→ 0%	↓ -67%		2	7	Local	Local	Local	One child was transferred in. In all cases the service manager checks that local processes were complied with.
CP2b %	Percentage of transfer-ins where child became subject to a CP Plan during period	Phil Bullingham	Stuart Webb <i>Children moving into Southampton receive a good standard of service and protection.</i>	-	100%	-	-	0%	100%	-	80%	100%	100%	-	0%	100%	100%	→ 0%	→ 0%		73%	100%	Local	Local	Local	One child was transferred in. In all cases, the service manager checks that local processes were complied with.
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 <i>Child Protection planning is timely, ensuring that the risks to children are discussed and responded to expediently.</i>	18	47	34	50	16	19	15	32	13	40	14	23	20	42	↑ 110%	↓ -11%	▲	27	50	34	33	40	ICPC timeliness has improved in comparison to the previous month and is higher than SN, regional and national averages. However, the local 12 m average is notably lower than the SN average and remains susceptible to capacity issues in the assessment, PACT and Jigsaw teams.

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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%	57%	27%	71%	70%	61%	44%	86%	↑ 93%	→ -5%	▲	64%	94%	81%	78%	76%	ICPC timeliness has improved in comparison to the previous month and is higher than SN, regional and national averages. However, the local 12 m average is notably lower than the SN average and remains susceptible to capacity issues in the assessment, PACT and Jigsaw teams.
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%	92%	87%	88%	89%	88%	100%	83%	↓ -17%	↑ 15%	▲	84%	100%	Local	Local	Local	There has been a decrease in this since last month which is largely due to recording issues as overtime due to ofsted was offered last month. Caseloads in PACT have also increased over the last few weeks due to staff leaving/ HR issues with staff, challenges in recruiting staff, holiday period, and increased number of cases transferring into PACT. This has resulted in workers struggling to prioritise work within timescales.
CP5-QL (val)	Number of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time	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	17	11	19	0	5	7	6	↓ -14%	↓ -54%	▼	9	19	9	8	11	Although data over the past four months shows a trend of a lower rate of repeat CPP in Southampton, the 12m trend more closely aligns with the SN, regional and national averages.
CP5-QL	Percentage of new Child Protection Plans (CPP) where child had previously been subject of a CPP at any time	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%	30%	24%	36%	0%	16%	17%	13%	↓ -24%	↓ -45%	▼	21%	41%	24%	22%	23%	Although data over the past four months shows a trend of a lower rate of repeat CPP in Southampton, the 12m trend more closely aligns with the SN, regional and national averages.
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	86	70	115	95	173	45	65	↑ 44%	↓ -10%	▼	99	173	Local	Local	Local	An increase in the number of RCPC is evident in comparison to last month and this has impacted upon the number of CPP ending. However, the number of reviews is 10% lower than the same time last year. Review CPC are rescheduled if reports are not available from the caseholding teams, and this is assessed to have an impact.
CP7	Number of ceasing Child Protection Plans (CPP), excluding temporary registrations	Phil Bullingham 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	47	37	54	61	74	19	28	↑ 47%	↓ -18%	▲	44	74				An increase in the number of RCPC is evident in comparison to last month and this has impacted upon the number of CPP ending. However, the number of reviews is 10% lower than the same time last year. Review CPC are rescheduled if reports are not available from the caseholding teams, and this is assessed to have an impact.
LAC1	Number of Looked after Children at end of period	Julian Watkins 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	503	499	508	507	495	490	499	→ 2%	→ 2%	▼	498	512	496	527	550	At end of May the number of children in our care had risen by 2% on the previous month to 499, going against the downward trend we have seen for the past 4 months consecutively. This rise correlates with a marked increase in the number of contacts and referrals in for May.
LAC1-NI	Looked after Children rate per 10,000	Julian Watkins 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	99	98	100	100	97	96	98	→ 2%	→ 2%	▼	98	101	89	67	53	As we would expect the increased number of children in our care has caused a correlating increase in the rate per 10,00 of population from 96 at end of April to 98 at end of May.
LAC2	Number of new Looked after Children (episodes)	Julian Watkins 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	25	11	23	13	6	8	15	↑ 88%	↑ 114%	▼	15	29	47	44	46	15 children were new in to our care in May, this is the highest it has been since last November and is the rate for the annual average but is much lower than the annual maximum of 29 and significantly lower than our benchmarking comparators. This increase is likely a reflection of the raised rate of referrals, as mentioned above, that are currently warranting assessment and intervention to safeguard children.
LAC3	Number of ceasing Looked after Children (episodes)	Julian Watkins Mary Hardy	Children will leave care in a planned way with clear networks of support around them.	6	6	9	6	24	17	16	14	12	14	21	17	15	6	↓ -60%	→ 0%	▲	14	24	16	16	19	Just 6 children have ceased to be in our care throughout May, this is the joint lowest it has been for a year (also achieved last July) and as such is less than half the monthly average and just a quarter of the maximum for the past year (at 24 last July).
LAC6 (val)	Number of adoptions (E11, E12)	Julian Watkins Martin Smith	Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.	0	0	2	0	4	4	4	1	4	1	10	1	3	1	↓ -67%	- n/a	▲	3	10				

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LAC6 (%)	Percentage of adoptions (E11, E12)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith <i>Children who are being adopted will receive timely and effective support.</i>	0%	0%	22%	0%	17%	24%	25%	7%	33%	7%	48%	6%	20%	7%	↓ -67%	- n/a		18%	48%				
LAC12 (val)	Number of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith <i>Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.</i>	0	0	1	0	6	4	4	4	1	5	1	4	3	0	↓ -100%	- n/a		3	6	Local	Local	Local	
LAC12 (%)	Percentage of Special Guardianship Orders (SGOs) (E43, E44)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith <i>Children subject to Special Guardianship Orders will receive timely and effective support.</i>	0%	0%	11%	0%	25%	24%	25%	29%	8%	36%	5%	24%	20%	0%	↓ -100%	- n/a		17%	36%	1%	1%	1%	
LAC7-QL	Percentage of Looked after Children visited within timescales	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>The service is in regular contact with Looked after Children to ensure that there is ongoing assessment of risk and opportunities to intervene effectively.</i>	50%	39%	78%	75%	73%	70%	80%	75%	85%	84%	90%	88%	69%	80%	↑ 17%	↑ 106%	▲	79%	90%	Local	Local	Local	As predicted last month visits in timescales have increased this month and are back at 80% for May as the expectation returns for social workers to see all children face to face again as Covid lockdowns ease. Next month should see a further rise as more visits have been booked throughout June to see the last of the children still not yet seen.
LAC10 (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.</i>	95%	96%	96%	95%	96%	96%	98%	97%	97%	96%	94%	96%	96%	96%	→ 0%	→ 0%	▲	96%	98%	Local	Local	Local	No change again as performance for this indicator is again at 96%.
LAC10-QL	Number of Looked after Children with an authorised CLA Plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>Children have good quality care plans, to which they have contributed, and which meet their needs.</i>	461	469	467	487	473	467	480	486	482	489	477	477	470	478	→ 2%	→ 2%	▲	478	489	Local	Local	Local	As above although performance is actually better as it is the same % of a cohort that has 8 more children in it than last month.
LAC13	Number of <b>current</b> Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) looked after at end of period	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.</i>	13	12	12	11	11	10	11	16	18	21	21	20	20	18	↓ -10%	↑ 50%		16	21	25	21	35	A drop in the number of asylum seeking minors in our care at the end of May from 20 last month to 18 this month, but at 18 that is 50% higher than it was in May last year.
LAC14	Number of <b>new</b> unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children are identified and supported by the local authority.</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	3	1	1	1	0	↓ -100%	- n/a		1	3	Local	Local	Local	There have been no new asylum seeking minors throughout May coming in to our care but what will happen to this indicator in coming months is difficult to forecast with so many influencing variables at play.
LAC11-QL	Number of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.</i>	161	166	171	174	171	178	173	176	179	177	179	188	187	187	→ 0%	↑ 13%	▲	178	188	Local	Local	Local	No change in Pathway Plan performance again this month so it remains at 187, and 94% of the care leaver cohort, as it was in April. New staff are due to start in June to increase the numbers of personal advisers to work with this group and produce PP with them and as they settle in to the role I would expect that performance will improve for this indicator.
LAC11-QL (%)	Percentage of Looked after Children aged 16+ or open Care Leavers with an authorised Pathway Plan	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>Care Leavers have a good quality Pathway Plans, to which they have contributed, and which meets their needs.</i>	95%	96%	96%	96%	94%	96%	98%	98%	97%	97%	97%	96%	94%	94%	→ 0%	→ -2%	▲	96%	98%	Local	Local	Local	As above.
NI147	Percentage of Care Leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation	Julian Watkins	Mary Hardy <i>Care Leavers are in accommodation that is safe and secure.</i>	81%	83%	86%	86%	84%	85%	85%	85%	83%	82%	84%	82%	85%	85%	→ 0%	→ 2%	▲	84%	86%	85%	94%	91%	No change for this indicator from April to May, so we still have 85% of our care leavers in contact and in suitable accommodation. Again I would expect performance for this indicator to improve as new staff join and settle into the team, increasing our capacity to improve the numbers of care leavers we are in touch with and actively supporting to ensure they have maximum opportunities to access and maintain suitable accommodation.
LAC9 (val)	Number of Looked after Children (LAC) placed with IFAs at end of period	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith <i>Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.</i>	144	143	139	140	142	140	143	150	150	156	160	156	151	154	→ 2%	→ 8%	▼	148	160	Local	Local	Local	
LAC9	Percentage of IFA placements (of all looked after children)	Julian Watkins	Martin Smith <i>Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.</i>	30%	29%	28%	27%	29%	29%	29%	30%	30%	31%	32%	32%	31%	31%	→ 0%	→ 5%	▼	30%	32%	Local	Local	Local	

Ref.	Indicator	Owner Reporter	Outcome (what impact will monitoring these measures have on the experiences of our children)	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	% change from Apr-21	% change from May-20	Preferred DoT	12-mnth avg	12-mnth max.	SN	ENG	SE region	Commentary (May-21):
LAC16	Number of in-house foster carers at the end of period	Martin Smith Julian Watkins	Our Looked after Children will benefit from high quality fostering provision, with our own carers wherever possible.	166	165	164	165	161	161	160	159	153	152	153	155	156	155	→ -1%	→ -6%	▲	158	165	Local	Local	Local	
EH1a	Number of Early Help Assessment (EHA) started in the month	Sean Holehouse Phil Bullingham	Children and families benefit from an early help offer that is rooted in a good understanding of their needs.	79	79	96	139	132	124	124	127	112	117	125	190	199	138	→ -6%	↑ 75%		135	199	Local	Local	Local	The number of EHA's started reflects the referral demand which remains high at slightly above the rolling monthly average, although a drop from the peak of the previous 2 months.
EH1c	Number of Early Help Assessment (EHA) completed in the month INCLUDING adults aged 21+	Sean Holehouse Phil Bullingham	Assessments are completed for adult family members where a need for support is identified.	182	182	258	278	263	250	308	265	221	223	352	381	416		- n/a	- n/a		292	416	Local	Local	Local	No May data to comment upon
EH1b	Number of Early Help Plans (EHPs) opened in the month (includes EHPs completed, and those still open at end of period)	Sean Holehouse Phil Bullingham	Children and families benefit from early help plans that meet their presenting needs.	219	219	233	339	280	252	338	275	208	197	376	315	433	317	- n/a	↑ 45%		297	433	Local	Local	Local	The rate of EHP's remains higher than the rolling monthly average. Teams continue to focus on timeliness standards and case closures to support families self reliance and case throughput. EH locality case holding (Snr FSW) service capacity has been interimly increased to support swift allocation of new cases & avoid waiting lists. Outcome Star no longer mandated tool as part of EHA.
EH14b	Number of Early Help Assessment (EHA) completed, EXCLUDING adults aged 21+	Sean Holehouse Phil Bullingham	Assessments are completed for a children where a need for early help support is identified..	122	122	192	186	177	175	204	183	159	164	231	255	267		- n/a	↓ -100%		199	267	-	-	-	No May data to comment upon
CIN5	Number of all Children in Need (CiN) (including Child Protection (CP) / Looked after Children (LAC) / Care Leavers	Stuart Webb Phil Bullingham	Children and families receive support safely, at the right threshold and in a timely manner; supported by the interface between Early Help and Social Care.	2345	2345	2339	2363	2256	2250	2301	2367	2247	2193	2101	2159	2119		- n/a	↓ -100%		2245	2367	Local	Local	Local	Small reduction in Children in Need numbers overall and 9.6% reduction in numbers from May 2020. Data review continues, which will provide better understanding of CIN trends. As the service's Early Help offer becomes more robust, CIN numbers will reduce.
LSCB17a	Percentage of 16-17 year olds NEET or whose activity is not known	Debbie Blythe Derek Wiles	Young people benefit from an effective work to engage them in education, training and employment.														-	- n/a	▼	-	0	-	-	-		
YO2	Number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System per 100,000 10-17 year olds in period	Debbie Blythe Phil Bullingham	Young people are appropriately diverted from entry into the criminal justice system through the local diversion / prevention offer.														tb	- n/a	▼	-	0	417	327	256		
FM011	Families attached per quarter	Sean Holehouse Phil Bullingham	Families benefit from a robust local Troubled Families offer. (Families Matter)			44	39	28	34	36	22	23						- n/a	- n/a	▲	32	44	-	-	-	NA as month 1. Qtr 1 prediction is 150 families. Currently tracking ~1,000 families.
FM012	Payment per result (PBR) claims attached per quarter	Sean Holehouse Phil Bullingham	Family engagement in the Families Matter programme translates into PBR, for further investment into the programme.															- n/a	- n/a	▲	43	51	-	-	-	NA as month 1. Qtr 1 prediction is ~100 PBR.