

# Measures of change

Area	Indicator	Apr 22	May 22	Jun 22	Rolling 12 months	12 month average	Good equals	England Average	Statistical Neighbours	DoT	
Activity Data: Number of children/young people supported per 10,000	Referrals to children's social care (per 10,000)	365	582	589	498			494	396	▲	
	Section 47 enquiries (per 10,000)	147	164	223	185			164	141	▲	
	ICPCs (per 10,000)	52	39	49	56			60	54	▼	
	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan at period end (per 10,000)	43	43	41		43		41	35	▼	
	Initial Assessments completed in the period (per 10,000)	387	331	355	388			518	451	▼	
	Children looked after at period end (per 10,000)	56	55	56	55			67	63	▶	
	Rate of children in need at point in time (per 10,000)	269	259	268		275		321	283	▼	
	CiC starts (per 10,000)	18	32	14	20			24	21	▶	
	CiC ends (per 10,000)	29	24	24	18			23	20	▲	
Quality and Timeliness of Practice	% of referrals which are repeat referrals	28%	27%	30%		24%	↓	21%	19%	▲	
	% S47s that progress to ICPC	35%	24%	21%		31%	↑	37%	39%	▼	
	% initial assessments with outcome Case to Close	40%	42%	30%		43%				▼	
	% of initial assessments completed in 45 days	75%	80%	90%		77%	↑	88%	87%	▲	
Child Protection	ICPCs completed within 15 days of S47	70%	46%	38%		54%	↑	83%	89%	▼	
	% of children subject to CPP for 2 years +	2%	2%	1%		2%	↓	2.1%	3%	▶	
	% children starting a CP plan who have been subject to a previous CP plan	18%	33%	33%		25%	↓	22%	23%	▲	
Children in Care	% of CiC with an up to date health assessment	74%	73%	70%		82%	↑	91%	91%	▼	
	% of CiC with a permanence plan	93%	93%	92%		92%	↑			▶	
	% of CiC with an up to date visit	91%	87%	92%		90%	↑			▶	
	% Children who had three or more placements in the year	12%	12%	13%		13%	↓	9%	10%	▶	
	Number of under 16's in unregistered accommodation	4	4	6		5	↓			▶	
Care Experienced	% Care Leavers in Touch	17-18	81%	86%	85%		83%	↑	94%	97%	▲
		19-21	96%	93%	94%		95%	↑	91%	94%	▶
	% Care Leavers in suitable Accommodation	17-18	77%	80%	77%		75%	↑	91%	95%	▲
		19-21	85%	86%	83%		85%	↑	88%	90%	▶
	% Care Leavers in EET	17-18	43%	49%	46%		49%	↑	65%	66%	▼
		19-21	53%	52%	50%		51%	↑	52%	53%	▶
	% of Pathway plans up to date	92%	90%	88%		93%	↑			▼	
Workforce	% FTE Agency worker rate	21.4%	23.0%	25.5%		18%	↓	15.4%		▲	
	Average caseloads	19.4	19.4	18.3		21	↓	16.3		▶	

# What is the data telling us?

## Referrals/Referrals

The increase in referrals in May and June 2022 is similar to level of referrals seen in the same months in 2021. Overall the rate of referrals over the last 12 months in Devon is stable and is similar to the national average but higher than statistical neighbours (based on 2020/21 data).

The monthly percentage of children being rereferred within 12 months(23%) is higher than the national and statistical neighbour averages but we know from south west benchmarking that the national and statistical neighbour data does not yet reflect the impact of post covid recovery.

## Assessments

The actions taken as part of the improvement plan has had an impact on assessment timeliness with 90% of assessments completed on time in June.

## Child Protection

The rate of children per 10,000 over the last 12 months with a child protection plan (43) is higher than the national average and statistical neighbours but the June performance of 41 per 10,000 was the same as the national average which is encouraging.

The timeliness of initial child protection conferences continues to be a priority area for improvement with a further decline experienced in June. The tools to support managers with live tracking have been further improved with performance now expected to improve from September onwards.

The percentage of children with a CP plan that have previously ever been on a plan before remains higher than the national average.

## Children in Care

The rate of children in care per 10,000 is stable and lower than the national and statistical neighbour averages.

Timeliness of health checks has reduced further in June. Improvements have been made to the tools to support managers to identify children with due and overdue health assessments. The Priority Outcomes tracking meeting will be reviewing progress on a fortnightly basis.

## Care Experienced Young People

The outcomes for 19-21 year olds are just below the national averages and statistical neighbours. Outcomes however for the 17-18 age range in terms of suitable accommodation and education, training and employment are significantly below the national averages and statistical neighbours.

Having an up to date Pathway Plan is one way to increase the likelihood of the young person being engaged in ETE. A snap shot shows that 30% of young people with an up to date pathway plan were NEET compared to 42% of young people without an up to date plan. The service has set a target for 90 of plans to be up to date by the end of August.

## Workforce

The percentage of agency social workers increased in June as a direct result of filling unfilled posts with agency workers which in turn has reduced the average caseloads. The percentage of agency workers is likely to be high and increase further in our efforts to stabilise the workforce and enable manageable workloads.

17 out of the original 20 overseas social workers recruited will be joining the service this year in addition to newly qualified, Front Line and apprentice social workers.

Average caseloads for June reduced to 18.3 compared to 23 in March which is a significant improvement. Whilst averages are only one indicator of whether caseloads are manageable it is never the less an important outcome measure alongside the range and consideration of the intensity of the help that the family needs.