

Measures of change

Area	Indicator		June 22	July 22	August 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)		590	542	423	484			494	396	▼
	Section 47 enquiries (per 10,000)		237	177	151	187			164	141	▼
	ICPCs (per 10,000)		46	62	59	56			60	54	►
	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan at period end (per 10,000)		41	38	37		42		41	35	▼
	Initial Assessments completed in the period (per 10,000)		353	418	511	367			518	451	▲
	Children looked after at period end (per 10,000)		56	55	55	55			67	63	►
	Rate of children in need at point in time (per 10,000)		268	275	278		276		321	283	▲
	CiC starts (per 10,000)		15	30	20	20			24	21	►
	CiC ends (per 10,000)		25	32	30	21			23	20	▲
Quality and Timeliness of Practice	% of referrals which are repeat referrals		30%	28%	24%		25%	↓	21%	19%	▼
	% S47s that progress to ICPC		30%	19%	11%		27%	↑	37%	39%	▼
	% initial assessments with outcome Case to Close		34%	36%	26%		41%				
	% of initial assessments completed in 45 days		90%	85%	85%		78%	↑	88%	87%	▼
Child Protection	ICPCs completed within 15 days of S47		48%	37%	63%		53%	↑	83%	89%	►
	% of children subject to CPP for 2 years +		2%	2%	3%		2%	↓	2.1%	3%	►
	% children starting a CP plan who have been subject to a previous CP plan		33%	15%	22%		26%	↓	22%	23%	▼
Children in Care	% of CIC with an up to date health assessment		73%	73%	72%		80%	↑	91%	91%	▼
	% of CIC with a permanence plan		88%	88%	88%		89%	↑			►
	% of CIC with an up to date visit		90%	87%	86%		88%	↑			▼
	% Children who had three or more placements in the year		13%	14%	14%		13%	↓	9%	10%	▲
	Number of under 16's in unregistered accommodation		4	4	4			↓			
Care Experienced	% Care Leavers in Touch	17-18	86%	89%	92%		85%	↑	94%	97%	▲
		19-21	93%	94%	93%		95%	↑	91%	94%	►
	% Care Leavers in suitable Accommodation	17-18	78%	79%	81%		77%	↑	91%	95%	▲
		19-21	83%	85%	86%		85%	↑	88%	90%	▲
	% Care Leavers in EET	17-18	48%	44%	49%		49%	↑	65%	66%	►
		19-21	49%	49%	47%		50%	↑	52%	53%	▼
	% of Pathway plans up to date		88%	89%	86%		92%	↑			▼
Workforce	% FTE Agency worker rate		24.1%	27%	29.4%		19.9%	↓	15.4%		▲
	Average caseloads		18.2	18.6	17.94		19.89	↓	16.3		▼

What is the data telling us?

Referrals

Referrals reduced during July and August which reflects the seasonal variation with school summer holidays. Overall the rate of referrals over the last 12 months in Devon (486 per 10,000) is now below the national average (494 but higher than statistical neighbours (396).

The monthly percentage of children being rereferred within 12 months (24% in August) is higher than the national (21%) and statistical neighbour averages (19%).

Assessments

Assessment timeliness has dropped to 85% over the summer months. The Percentage of assessments with an outcome of case closure reduced in August to 26% with an increase in the number of assessments with an outcomes of requiring child in need planning.

Child Protection

The rate of children per 10,000 subject to a child protection plan has reduced to 37 in August, this is lower than the national average (41) but slightly higher than statistical neighbours (35).

The timeliness of initial child protection conferences in August improved to 63%. Improvements to processes and tracking of S.47 investigation outcomes is expected to contribute to further improvements in the coming months.

The percentage of children with a CP plan that have previously ever been on a plan can vary from month to month with the most recent performance of 22% being in line with the national (22%) and statistical neighbours (23%)

Children in Care

The rate of children in care per 10,000 (55) is stable and lower than the national (67) and statistical neighbour averages (63).

Timeliness of health checks for children in care is 72%. The partnership task and finish group and Corporate Parenting Board are overseeing the Improvements. The weekly Priority Outcomes Tracking meetings support managers to identify children with due and overdue health assessments.

Care Experienced Young People

Care experienced young people in suitable accommodation has improved in August to 81% for 17-18 year olds and 86% for 19-21 year olds.

Whilst the percentage of care experienced 17-18 year olds has increased to 49% in August, there has been a small reduction to 47% in the 19-21 age range. Both age ranges are lower than national and statistical neighbours.

Workforce

The percentage of agency social workers increased in August as a direct result of filling unfilled posts with agency workers which has continued to contribute to reduction in the average caseloads which have now reduced to less than 18 per full time equivalent compared to 23 in March 2022.

5 overseas social workers started in September with 12 more starting in November/December.

We have 7 Frontline students who are in the process of converting from Family Practitioner to Newly Qualified Social Workers.