



Devon Children's Social Care Performance Dashboard

Children's Scrutiny Committee meeting 26 January 2023

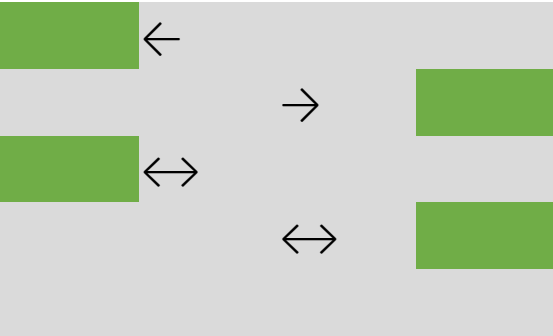


Introduction

- The Children Social Care performance dashboard has been reviewed following feedback from scrutiny members.
- The revised dashboard is now consistent with the same methodology Ofsted uses to visualise the data and direction of travel in the Children's services Analysis Tool (ChAT).
- The monthly performance has also been coloured coded to assist Scrutiny members to identify areas for further consideration.
- The statistical comparison data has now also been updated with the recently published 2021/2022 update.

The Performance Dashboards shows the Local Authority's latest data for each indicator, and the direction of travel in the most recent month using the following method:

Decreasing, low is good
Increasing, high is good
No change, low is good
No change, high is good
Not RAG rated



The performance has been RAG rated against the national and statistical neighbours using the following parameters:

More than 10 percentage point difference
within 10 percentage points
On or above target

Measures of change										
Area	Indicator		Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Rolling 12 months	Monthly Average over 12 months	England Average 21/22	Statistical Neighbours 21/22	DOT
Activity Data: Number of children/young people supported per 10,000	Referrals to children's social care (per 10,000)		430	493	449	484		538	465	←
	Section 47 enquiries (per 10,000)		168	236	191	188		180	173	←
	ICPCs (per 10,000)		59	69	62	57		61	62	←
	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan at period end (per 10,000)		37	40	42		42	42	41	→
	Initial Assessments completed in the period (per 10,000)		510	364	382	376		518	451	→
	Children looked after at period end (per 10,000)		55	54	55		55	70	69	→
	Rate of children in need at point in time (per 10,000)		280	271	268	277		334	319	←
	CiC starts (per 10,000)		20	27	26	22		26	25	←
	CiC ends (per 10,000)		33	16	20	22		26	20	→
Quality and Timeliness of Practice	% of referrals which are repeat referrals		24%	29%	28%		26%	22%	18%	←
	% S47s that progress to ICPC		37%	21%	30%		28%	34%	35%	→
	% initial assessments with outcome Case to Close		34%	39%	41%		41%			→
	% of initial assessments completed in 45 days		85%	89%	90%		80%	85%	84%	→
Child Protection	% ICPCs completed within 15 days of S47		63%	55%	76%		54%	79%	82%	→
	% of children subject to CPP for 2 years +		3%	2%	2%		2%	3%	2%	↔
	% children starting a CP plan who have been subject to a previous CP plan		21%	27%	26%		26%	23%	24%	←
Children in Care	% of CIC with an up to date health assessment		77%	78%	78%		79%	89%	90%	↔
	% of CIC with a permanence plan		89%	88%	87%		89%			←
	% of CIC with an up to date visit		88%	82%	86%		87%			→
	% Children who had three or more placements in the year		14%	13%	12%		13%	10%	10%	←
	Number of under 16's in unregistered accommodation		7	7	5		6			←
Care Experienced	% Care Leavers in Touch	17-18	85%	84%	87%		84%	94%	95%	→
		19-21	93%	95%	92%		95%	92%	94%	←
	% Care Leavers in suitable Accommodation	17-18	76%	73%	75%		76%	90%	91%	→
		19-21	86%	86%	85%		85%	88%	90%	←
	% Care Leavers in EET	17-18	47%	49%	47%		48%	66%	69%	←
		19-21	47%	48%	47%		50%	55%	55%	←
	% of Pathway plans up to date		82%	82%	86%		82%			→
Workforce	% FTE Agency worker rate		31.6%	35.0%	37.9%		24.2%	15.4%		→
	Average caseloads		18.7	16.8	17		20	16.3	16.2	↔

What is the data telling us?

Referrals

Referrals increased in September which reflects the seasonal change experienced when schools return after school holidays. Overall the rate of referrals over the last 12 months in Devon (484 per 10,000) is now below the national average (538) but higher than statistical neighbours (465). It should be noted that both the national and statistical comparisons have increased from 2020/21.

The monthly percentage of children being rereferred within 12 months (28% in October, 152 children) is higher than the national (22%) and statistical neighbour averages (18%).

Assessments

Assessment timeliness has continued to improve to 90% in October which is higher than both the National (85%) and statistical neighbours (84%).

The percentage of assessments completed with an outcome of case to close is higher than we would expect and will be the focus of the improvements in the Initial Response Teams following the recent restructure.

Child Protection

The rate of children per 10,000 subject to a child protection plan has increased to 42 in October (613 children) but is in line with National (42) and statistical neighbours (41), It should be noted that statistical neighbours have also increased from 35 to 41 in 2021/22.

The timeliness of initial child protection conferences in October improved to 76%. 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 starting a CP plan in October that have previously ever been on a plan was 26% (17 children) compared to the national (23%) and statistical neighbours (24%).

Children in Care

The rate of children in care in October per 10,000 (55) (803 children) is lower than the national (70) and statistical neighbour averages (69).

Timeliness of health checks for children in care reached 78% in October. Live monitoring shows continued improvement in this area as a result of targeted improvement work with partners.

The number of children entering care in October increased to 26 per 10,000 which is the same as the national average. The number of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in care have increased to 29 in October 2022 compared to 10 in October 2021. This is expected to continue to increase.

Care Experienced Young People

Care experienced young people in suitable accommodation in October reports to 75% (87 out of 116) for 17-18 year olds and 85% (229 out of 271) for 19-21 year olds.

The percentage of care experienced 17-18 year olds and 19-21 year olds in education training and employment was 47% in October. Both age ranges are lower than national and statistical neighbours.

Workforce

The percentage of agency social workers increased in October to 37.9% The average caseload has reduced from the summer to 17 children in October per full time equivalent compared to 23 in March 2022.