

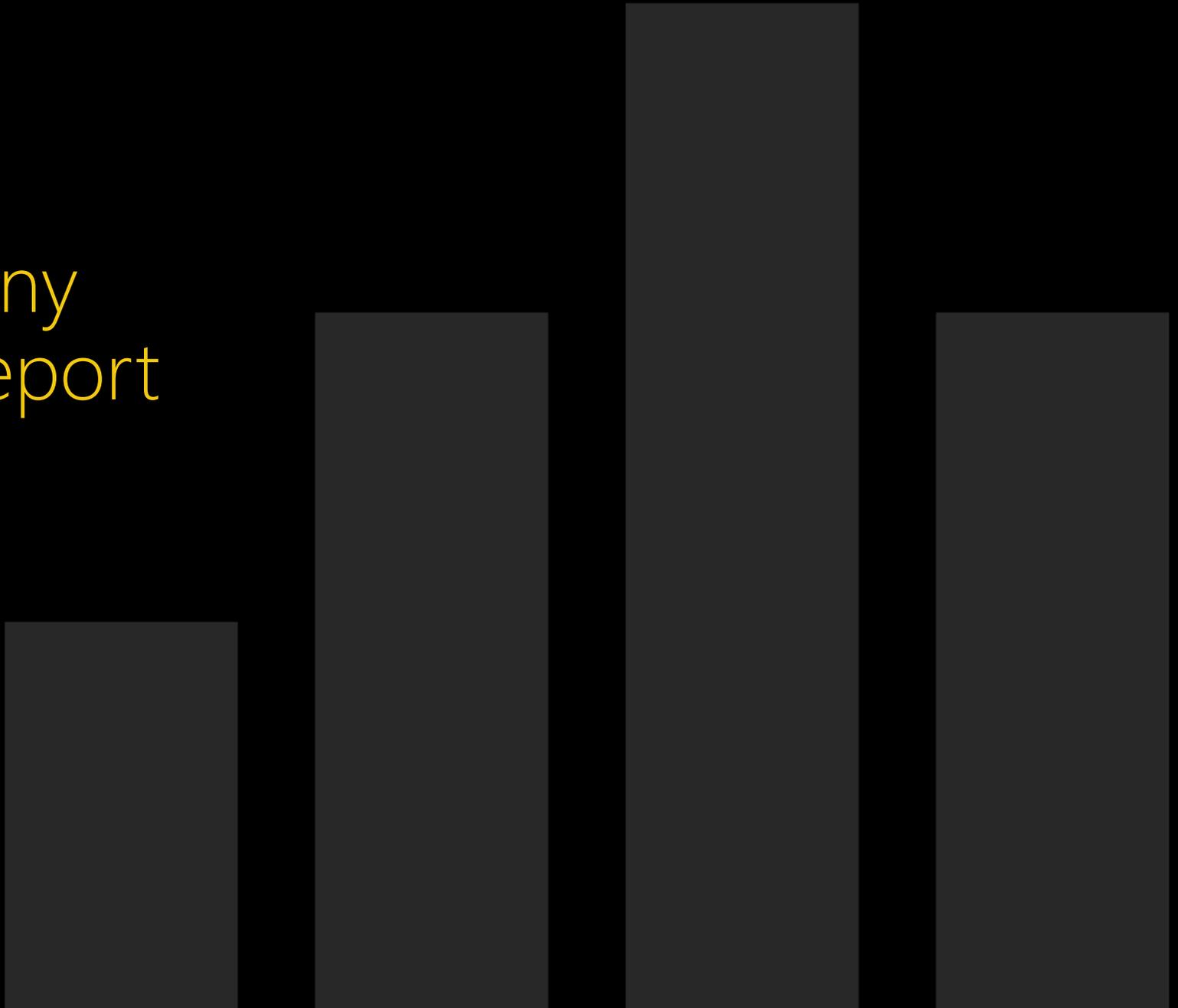
Childrens Scrutiny Performance Report

January 2022

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Referrals

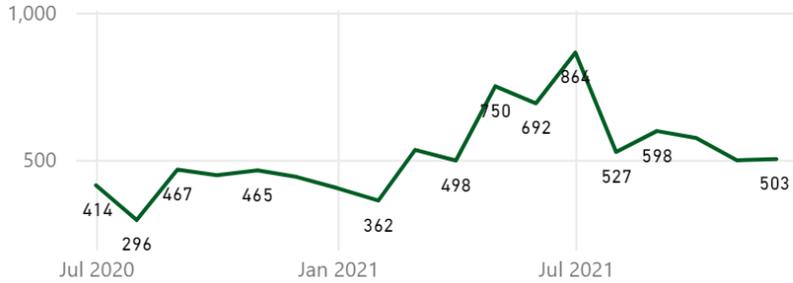
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Number of New Referrals Last Month

13.8%

Referral Growth (Last Year %)

Number of Referrals (Last 18 Months)



22%

% Re-referrals Last Month

8.2%

% Referral NFA Last Month

Assessments

238

Assessments Started Last Month

-27.8%

Assessment Growth (Last Year %)

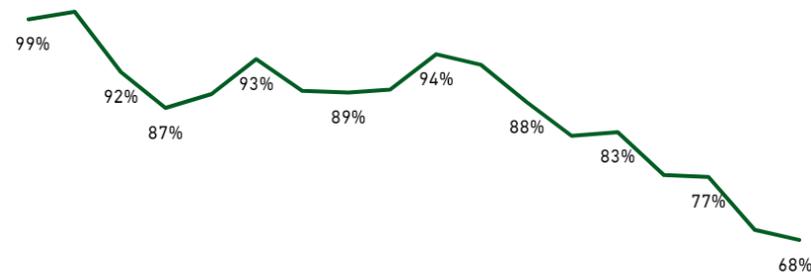
68%

Assessment Timeliness Last Month

417

Currently Open Assessments

Assessment Timeliness (Last 18 Months)



Child Protection Conferences (ICPC)

47

Number of ICPCs Last Month

-7.8%

ICPC Growth (Last Year %)

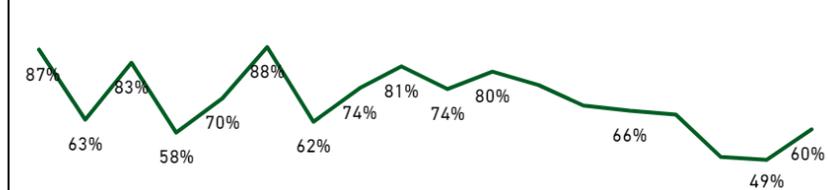
87%

% ICPCs resulting in CP Plan Last Month

60%

% ICPC Timeliness Last Month

ICPC Timeliness (Last 18 Months)



Type of Plan

Children on Plan (Current Month)

Children on Plan - 18 Month Trend

Cohort Trend (Last Year %)

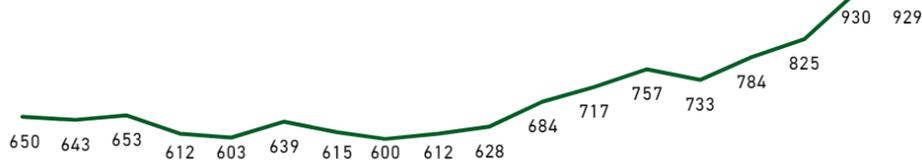
Current Visit Timeliness

Locality Visit Timeliness

Service Visit Timeliness

Child in Need Plan

929



45.4%

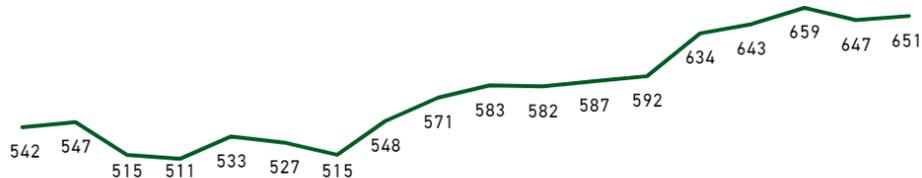
89%

SOUTH	77%
NORTH	58%
MID & EAST	78%
EXETER	68%

DISABLED CHILDREN SERVICE	64%
SOCIAL WORKERS IN SCHOOL	88%

Child Protection Plan

651



23.5%

88%

SOUTH	81%
NORTH	82%
MID & EAST	93%
EXETER	88%

SOCIAL WORKERS IN SCHOOL	98%
DISABLED CHILDREN SERVICE	97%

Type of Plan	Children on Plan (Current Month)	Cohort - 18 Month Trend	Cohort Trend (Last Year %)	Children Entering Care (Last 6 Months)	Children Leaving Care (Last 6 Months)
Children in Care	816	<p>802 811 826 830 841 829 816 821 813 823 821 800 809 805 803 812 809 816</p>	-1.6%	136	116

Health Check Timeliness (Last Month)	Health Check Timeliness (Last 18 Months)	Short Term Placement Stability (Last Month)	Short Term Placement Stability (Last 18 Months)
65%	<p>91% 92% 92% 92% 92% 92% 93% 93% 94% 93% 90% 89% 84% 83% 80% 75% 71% 65%</p>	12%	<p>11% 10% 11% 11% 11% 12% 13% 12% 12% 12% 13% 12% 12%</p>
Dental Check Timeliness (Last Month)	Dental Check Timeliness (Last 18 Months)	Long Term Placement Stability (Last Month)	Long Term Placement Stability (Last 18 Months)
43%	<p>68% 62% 57% 51% 48% 45% 43% 41% 45% 49% 50% 54% 55% 54% 51% 49% 47% 43%</p>	62%	<p>66% 63% 61% 60% 58% 60% 60% 60% 60% 62% 62% 62%</p>

Type of Plan	Children on Plan (Current Month)	Cohort - 18 Month Trend	Cohort Trend (Last Year %)	Young People In Touch %	% in Education, Employment or Training	
Care Experienced	431	<p>452 462 464 459 457 451 432 419 432 434 432 430 433 432 430 426 436 431</p>	-4.4%	92%	50% (Last Month)	<p>44% 43% 47% 44% 46% 48% 45% 43% 49% 50% 47% 50%</p>

Number of Care Leavers currently living in Unsuitable Accommodation								% in Suitable Accommodation	
13	7	7	4	3	1	1	1	83% (Last Month)	<p>83% 81% 82% 85% 83% 88% 86% 85% 82% 82% 80% 82% 83% 82% 83%</p>
l) Emergency accommodation	i) No fixed abode/homeless	n) In custody	a) With parents or relatives	p) Other accommodation	b) Community home	k) Independent living	m) Bed and breakfast		

What is the data telling us?

Referrals

We have seen a small dip in referrals to childrens social care which would be expected in the month of December – this is common due to the 2 week School Holiday.

Assessments

The volume of work in our IRT teams has meant that we continue to see a decline in assessment timeliness. A new performance report has been produced so that managers can keep a closer track of those children whose assessments are outside of timescales. Since producing this report we have seen some improvements in timeliness however this requires our continued focussed attention and a weekly meeting is now in place to closely monitor our progress on this. We wouldn't expect 100% of assessments to be completed within timescale for various reasons but all relating to what is right for that individual child and family – however we would want to see the number of assessments in timescale increase form 68%.

ICPC (Initial Child Protection Conference) Timeliness

Whilst ICPC timeliness still requires our attention this is an improving picture, timeliness has increased by 13% in the last month. This is being closely monitored by managers in localities to ensure we continue to improve our timeliness for initial child protection conferences.

Visit Timeliness

Visit timeliness has increased for children on child protection plans – we would expect that some children are not visited within timescales but this would only be the case where this is right for the child i.e. the child is on holiday, the child is unwell...

Children in Care

136 children entered care in the last 6 months whilst 116 left care. Those children leaving care will be a mixture of children turning 18 but also children where we have worked to safely return them to their families.

Health Check

Timeliness has reduced slightly and this is attributed in some part to the pandemic. We must ensure all of our children in care have their health check completed.

Dental Check

Timeliness has fluctuated on Dental Checks for our children in care - Nationally this is a problem following the pandemic. Officers are meeting with health and are in discussions to understand why our children are not getting appointments and how we can improve.

Placement Stability

Short term placement stability remains the same as last month however long term placement stability has increased by 1%. We are currently establishing new ways of reviewing and monitoring placement stability and interventions / support with the aim that this will increase placement stability for children.

Care Experienced

It is a positive trajectory that our NEET figures are now up to 50% we are reviewing what has supported us to improve this so that we can continue to increase the number of our care experience young people who are in education, employment or training.

What questions is the data raising for us?

Referrals

Are partners making the right referrals at the right time?

Assessments

How is assessment timeliness impacting on outcomes for children and their families?

ICPC (Initial Child Protection Conference) Timeliness

- What is the conversion rate from S47 Enquiry to ICPC (Initial Child Protection Conference)?
- Are statutory partners working together to ensure the protection of children?
- What about the children we have not seen?

Visit Timeliness

Are Child in Need plans supporting sustainable and continuous changes for children and their families?

Children in Care

Are our children and young people safe and settled where they live?

Health and Dental Checks

Are we meeting the health needs of our children? Can scrutiny support with the health and dental checks issue?

Placement Stability

Are children and young people only moving in line with care plans?

Care Experienced

How can scrutiny support officers to ensure good education and employment opportunities, including work experience and apprenticeships are available to our care leavers?