

Measures of change

Area	Indicator	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 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)	419	504	488	488			494	396	▼	
	Section 47 enquiries (per 10,000)	187	193	198	179			164	141	▲	
	ICPCs (per 10,000)	79	43	67	58			60	54	▲	
	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan at period end (per 10,000)	44	44	43		44		41	35	▼	
	Initial Assessments completed in the period (per 10,000)	447	341	345	359			518	451	▲	
	Children looked after at period end (per 10,000)	55	56	56	55			67	63	▶	
	Rate of children in need at point in time (per 10,000)	292	291	296		270		321	283	▲	
	CiC starts (per 10,000)	19	20	19	20			24	21	▼	
	CiC ends (per 10,000)	21	14	18	20			23	20	▲	
Quality and Timeliness of Practice	% of referrals which are repeat referrals	23%	23%	18%		20%	↓	21%	19%	▼	
	% S47s that progress to ICPC	24%	29%	31%		32%	↑	37%	39%	▲	
	% initial assessments with outcome Case to Close	44%	47%	37%		46%					
	% of initial assessments completed in 45 days	70%	68%	63%		80%	↑	88%	87%	▼	
Child Protection	ICPCs completed within 15 days of S47	49%	63%	27%		63%	↑	83%	89%	▼	
	% of children subject to CPP for 2 years +	1%	1%	1%		1%	↓	2.1%	3%	▶	
	% children starting a CP plan who have been subject to a previous CP plan	39%	19%	23%		27%	↓	22%	23%	▲	
Children in Care	% of CIC with an up to date health assessment	72%	68%	63%		82%	↑	91%	91%	▼	
	% of CIC with a permanence plan	94%	94%	92%		94%	↑			▼	
	% of CIC with an up to date visit	89%	89%	86%		90%	↑			▼	
	% Children who had three or more placements in the year	12%	13%	12%		13%	↓	9%	10%	▼	
	Number of under 16's in unregistered accommodation	5	5	5		5	↓			▶	
Care Experienced	% Care Leavers in Touch	17-18	79%	83%	86%		84%	↑	94%	97%	▲
		19-21	94%	95%	96%		95%	↑	91%	94%	▲
	% Care Leavers in suitable Accommodation	17-18	70%	71%	77%		76%	↑	91%	95%	▲
		19-21	85%	85%	87%		86%	↑	88%	90%	▲
	% Care Leavers in EET	17-18	50%	54%	50%		52%	↑	65%	66%	▼
		19-21	51%	51%	53%		49%	↑	52%	53%	▲
% of Pathway plans up to date		94%	91%	84%		96%	↑			▼	
Workforce	% FTE Agency worker rate	30.2%	30%	31%			↓	15.4%		▲	
	Average caseloads	20	20	22			↓	16.3		▲	

What is the data telling us?

Referrals/Referrals

Looking at a 12 month average, the rate of referrals in Devon is similar to the national average but higher than statistical neighbours.

The percentage of children being rereferred within 12 months has continued to reduce and is now more in keeping with the national and statistical neighbours.

Assessments

The capacity and demand in our Initial Response Teams (IRT) continues to impact on the timeliness of assessment. The weekly monitoring of progress is however starting to make an impact and is reducing the number of overdue assessments.

Child Protection

The rate of children per 10,000 with a child protection plan is higher than the national average and statistical neighbours. This coupled with the high rate of child protection investigations (S.47) supports the need to embed the restorative practice approaches and support families earlier.

The timeliness of initial child protection conferences is a priority area for improvement with the January performance particularly effected by Covid and the Christmas holidays impacting on attendance which delayed some conferences taking place.

Children in Care

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

Health Checks

Timeliness of health checks has reduced further and whilst this is attributed in some part to the pandemic this is a priority area for improvement with Health partners.

Care Experienced Young People

Devon compares favourably with outcomes for 19-21 year olds compared to the national average and statistical neighbours. There is however more to do to ensure improved outcomes for the 17-18 age range in terms of suitable accommodation and education, training and employment.

Workforce

The percentage of agency social workers continues to be higher than our ambitions despite successfully recruiting permanent staff there has not been an overall net reduction in the use of agency staff.

Average caseloads are higher than the national average although comparisons are widely recognised to be unreliable. Supporting the workforce to have manageable numbers of children allocated to them is a priority and there is evidence that Devon has similar and in some incidences more manageable caseloads than other south west local authorities. We do know however that in some parts of the service such as IRT there are more pressures and higher caseloads with some social workers holding more than 40 children.