

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017

6.30 PM

Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall

AGENDA

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2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Minutes of the Meeting:

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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017.

3.2 Held on 31 July 2017

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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2017.

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The next informal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee is due to be held on Wednesday, 31 January 2018.

The next formal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee is due to be held on Wednesday, 21 March 2018.

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Committee Members:

Councillors: Ayres, Bisby (Chairman), Bond, Bull, D Fower, C Harper, Johnson, S Lane, J Okonkowski, B Saltmarsh (Vice Chairman) and J Stokes

Substitutes: Councillors: J A Fox, J Holdich, Hussain and A Shaheed

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**MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE MEETING (FORMAL)
HELD AT 6:30PM, ON
WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2017
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

This meeting was adjourned due to Councillors attendance being required at a meeting of Full Council which had been adjourned on Wednesday, 19 July 2017 and subsequently reconvened for Wednesday, 26 July 2017. With prior agreement from the Chairman and Group representatives, this meeting would reconvene on Monday, 31 July 2017.

Chairman
6:30pm – 6:30pm

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**MINUTES OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE MEETING (FORMAL)
HELD AT 6:30PM, ON
MONDAY, 31 JULY 2017
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Committee Members Present: Councillors Bisby, (Chairman (Chair), Bull, Harper, Johnson, Lane, Okonkowski, Saltmarsh (Vice-Chairman), Sandford, Stokes and Sylvester.

Officers Present:

Lou Williams	Service Director - Children's Services
Myra O'Farrell	Head of Service Corporate Parenting
Deborah Spencer	Designated Nurse for Looked After Children
Karen S Dunleavy	Democratic Services Officer

Also Present:

Philip Gilbert M.B.E	Foster Carer Forum Representative
Councillor John Riley	Hillingdon Councillor and Local Government Association Mentor

The Chairman opened the meeting and announced that it was reconvened from the adjourned meeting, which was due to be held on 26 July 2017.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ayres and Bond. Councillor Sandford was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Bond.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record, subject to the following amendment:

That Councillor Saltmarsh's attendance was marked once in the attendance section of the minutes.

4. FOSTER CARER FORUM UPDATE

The Corporate Parenting Committee received a report in relation to the recent activities and outcomes of the Foster Carer Forum meetings.

Mr Gilbert M.B.E introduced the report and provided an update of the discussions and actions from the Foster Carers Forum.

The Corporate Parenting Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The Foster Carer Forum Members were satisfied with the new permanency contractors, The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT) and with their can do approach.
- Transport arrangements for Children in Care continued to be an issue and it was hoped that TACT would explore these to introduced a non-bureaucratic and a more efficient process.
- Financial discussions held with young people in care had been felt by foster carers to be problematic.
- Foster Carer activities for the Easter and Summer period had been successful and well attended by Councillors.
- The Foster Carer handbook was being updated and would be available virtually.
- TACT were lobbying the Government over the promotion of a Council Tax exemption for Foster Carers. The Foster Carers also requested support from City Councillors, however, the legalities in regards to a Council Tax exemption would need to be explored further before a recommendation could be considered by the Committee.
- Social Workers would be impacted over the Foster Carer panel meetings in regards to the transfer of the current Foster Carer positions to the new TACT contract.
- The Foster Carer buddie scheme was in its early phase.

The Corporate Parenting Committee considered and **RESOLVED** to note the report.

ACTION AGREED

It was agreed that the Interim Head of Service Children Looked After and Leaving Care would provide a report to outline how other Councils had applied a Council Tax exemption or reduction to their Foster Carers. The report should also include:

1. The legislation Council's used to apply the Council Tax exemption or reduction and
2. The rationale as to why some Councils had not adopted this approach.

5. CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT ON APPOINTMENTS

The Corporate Parenting Committee received a report in relation to the review of Corporate Parenting Champion appointments, following the recent changes made at Annual Council on 22 May 2017.

The purpose of the report was to request the Committee to consider the nominations put forward following the changes to Cabinet and Committee positions agreed at Annual Council on 22 May 2017.

The Corporate Parenting Committee Chairman introduced the item to Members and asked them to consider the nominations.

The Corporate Parenting Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to approve the following champion appointments:

- Councillor Saltmarsh - Housing
- Councillor Ayres - Employment and Training Opportunities within the Council Departments and Partner Agencies
- Councillor Bull - Health
- Councillor Ayres - Education Attainment and access to higher education
- Councillor Smith - Recreation and Leisure activities
- Councillor Sylvester - Finance and benefits

6. 0-25 TRANSITION SERVICE REPORT

The Corporate Parenting Committee received a report in relation to the 0-25 Transition Service.

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with an outline of the services provided to CiC with disabilities that were between the ages of 0 - 25 including the transition period involved.

The Corporate Parenting Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The Children's Act 1989 was the main piece of legislation that had related the definition of children's disability. However the definition of children with disabilities had also been informed by other acts.
- The line management responsibility for services to young people in care was placed with Adult Social Care, however, Children's Service's would also oversee and monitor the provision.
- There were some Social Workers supporting children through to adult transition and would hold a dual role in order to support the transition for as long as necessary.

The Corporate Parenting Committee considered and **RESOLVED** to note the report.

7. HEALTH REPORT

The Corporate Parenting Committee received a report in relation to the health needs of the Looked After Children population in Peterborough.

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with an overview of the Clinical Commissioning Groups activities to ensure robust monitoring and quality assurance systems were in place to meet the needs of Looked After Children.

The Designated Nurse for Children in Care introduced the report and requested Members to note the content of the report and raise any queries they had with lead officers.

The Corporate Parenting Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- I-Cash was a contracted service which undertook medical checks and blood borne viruses screening for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC). A translation provision was also provided through the I-Cash contract. Clinics were planned to be held to screen a backlog of assessments from the past 12 months.
- There had a been an issue with Kent medical assessments due to a large influx of UASC arriving in that area and the information had been communicated to all Local Authorities. Kent would be avoided as a placement area for children coming into care due to the pressure they had been experiencing.
- Where notification had been received by the Designated Nurse for Looked After Children in regards to health assessments that could not be met at an outside Local Authority (LA), the child would return to Peterborough for the assessment and then return to the LA area.
- The definition of Children in Care with attachment difficulties had been where a child had never bonded with parent figure throughout their life and this had impacted on their behaviour and mental health as they got older.
- A report was due to be presented to the Joint Commissioning Unit to outline options to support children with behavioural and attachment difficulties in order to close the service gap.

- Most Asylum seekers were aged 16 - 17 years and the information in regards to their medical history had been vague. A UASC with little or no medical history would receive an immunisation catch up programme and be provided with a medical passport, which would be maintained.

The Corporate Parenting Committee considered and **RESOLVED** to note the report.

AGREED ACTION

The Committee also agreed that the Designated Nurse Looked After Children, would share a report with the Committee at their meeting on 8 November 2017, which was due to be presented to the Joint Commissioning Unit on closing the gap for children with behavioural and attachment difficulties.

8. PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Corporate Parenting Committee received a report in relation to Children in Care and Care Leaver placements.

The purpose of the report was to provide members with an overview in respect of the numbers of children and young people currently being looked after by the Authority and to provide a breakdown of the types of placements in which they were living. The report also provided information about the age, gender and ethnicity of those children and young people.

The Head of Service Corporate Parenting introduced the report and requested members to note the content of the report and raise any queries they had with lead officers.

The Corporate Parenting Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- Children in care numbers had raised from 362 to 372 and this was due to an increase of teenagers coming into the system. Teenager behaviour appeared to be the main issue, which had been due to them experiencing GCSE pressures. The LA were working towards returning these teenagers to their homes.
- The June 2017 figure for health assessments conducted had risen to 92% since May 2017.
- If a CiC refused a dental check they would be encouraged to undertake them.
- The target figure for dental health checks was set by the Government and could not be changed, despite refusal of appointment attendance. The LA always aspired to meet the required targets.
- The Ofsted near life reporting action was being addressed and the LA were close to completing this. Liquid Logic had been recently updated and QlikSense was the LA's preferred option to replace other legacy systems.
- In the meantime daily and weekly reports had been produced for managers to indicate CiC statistics in order to identify any risks. The QlikSense system due to replace the legacy reporting systems was to be launched by August 2017. Various aspects of the reporting mechanisms would be graduated, with full implementation by the end of the year.
- Engagement of CiC had been challenging, however it was planned to align an action with Social Workers and TACT to focus on young people in care. There was a consultation underway for the development of targeted youth support services and shared working opportunities across Cambridgeshire.
- Members commended and thanked the teams and all staff involved in the actions to improve the RAG status within the Ofsted action report.

The Corporate Parenting Committee considered and **RESOLVED** to note the report.

9. Work Programme

The Corporate Parenting Committee received a report in relation to the Committee's Work Programme.

The purpose of the report was to provide Members with a draft Work Programme of items to schedule for the municipal year 2017/2018.

The Chairman introduced the report and requested the Committee to determine its priorities, and approve the draft work programme for formal and informal meetings for the municipal year 2017/2018.

The Corporate Parenting Committee considered and **RESOLVED** to approve the Committee's Work Programme for 2017/2018.

AGREED ACTION

The Corporate Parenting Committee also agreed that:

1. The Permanency Report due to be presented to the Committee on 8 November 2017, would include information about the savings made to date under the new permanency contract; and
2. The Head of Service Corporate Parenting would provide a briefing note on the processes followed for all applicable health support, education provisions and housing arrangements for when an asylum seeker child entered the United Kingdom.

10. Members Issues

Members that were not part of the core CPP membership, but held corporate parenting responsibilities, were invited raise issues they had with regard to the services provided to Children in Care (CiC).

The Corporate Parenting Committee considered and **RESOLVED** that there were no issues to raise.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next informal meeting was due to be held on 6 September 2017.

The next formal meeting of Corporate Parenting Committee was due to be held on 8 November 2017.

Chairman
6:30pm – 7:34pm

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CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 4
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
Contact Officer(s):	Myra O'Farrell, Head of Service	Tel. 864391

CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPIONS REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Corporate Parenting Committee Chair	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report, and • Confirms the appointment of the Corporate Parenting Champion vacant position for Finance and Benefits 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to the Corporate Parenting Committee following the recent appointments to Champion positions on 31 July 2017.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This report will allow the Committee to appoint a Corporate Parenting Champion to the vacant position for Finance and Benefits.

2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference 2.4.3.6 To appoint elected members as Champions for Children in Care in respect of the following strands:

- i) Housing
- ii) Employment and training opportunities within council departments and with partner agencies
- iii) Health
- iv) Educational Attainment and access to Higher Education
- v) Recreation and Leisure activities
- vi) Finance and benefits

2.3 The report addresses all areas of the Children In Care Pledge and the Care Leavers' Charter. It specifically addresses the requirement to deliver effective support to Children In Care by validating and triangulating information to quality assure services.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 On 31 July 2017 the Corporate Parenting Committee Champions for 2017 – 18 were confirmed as:

Champion Role	Councillor
Housing	Saltmarsh
Employment and Training Opportunities within the Council Departments and Partner Agencies	Ayres
Health	Bull
Education Attainment and access to higher education	Ayres
Recreation and Leisure activities	Smith
Finance and benefits	Sylvester

It was also agreed that in between each Committee the Corporate Parenting Champion would be responsible for the following:

- a) Meeting with the Lead Officer
- b) Undertaking a site visit
- c) Meeting with a child in care / young person / service user / other officers and discuss their experience of the service for Children in Care
- d) Contributing to a brief report back to the Committee, jointly between Champion and Lead Officer

Key Issues

Following the recent vacancy for the Finance and Benefits Champion position, elected Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked if they wished to be considered for the role. Councillor Bond has subsequently expressed an interest in being appointed to the vacant position.

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 Corporate Parenting Committee members were asked to express an interest in the vacant Champion position.

6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

6.1 To ensure that there is a more robust approach to supporting the experiences of children and young people in care in order to improve their lives.

7. **REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 There is a vacant position for the Finance and Benefits Champion position. Appointment to the position will ensure that there is continuity in reviewing these services provided to Children in

Care.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 N/A

Legal Implications

9.2 N/A

Equalities Implications

9.3 N/A

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 N/A

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CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
Contact Officer(s):	Andy Pallas Executive Director Sue King Head of Service TACT	Tel. 864116

FOSTER CARERS FORUM UPDATE

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: The Foster Carer Forum	Deadline date: <i>Enter relevant date for action – e.g. date of report to another body/meeting</i>
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note and consider the report and update provided by the Foster Carer Forum representatives. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to the Corporate Parenting Committee inline with a regular updated provided to Members.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 Corporate Parenting Committee wish to receive an update at formal committee meetings of discussions and actions from the Foster Carers forum.
- 2.2 This report is being presented under the Corporate Parenting Committee Terms of Reference: 2.4.3.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.
- 2.3 This links into all areas of the children in care pledge.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
Date for relevant Council meeting	N/A	Date for submission to Government Dept.	N/A

4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Members of the Council, managers, staff and carers all have a responsibility to make sure the Pledge to Children in Care is embraced and fulfilled. We see this as our highest priority for children in care.

The Corporate Parenting Committee has a crucially important role in making sure that this happens and the business of the Committee should be constructed to help the Committee deliver its responsibilities in this regard.

5. CONSULTATION

Foster Carers.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 For Members of the Committee to be kept up to date with activities and the outcomes of Foster Carer Forum meetings.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 N/A

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Not to provide Members with an update. This option was rejected as it would be against the Committee's terms of reference.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 None

Legal Implications

- 9.2 None

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 None

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
Contact Officer(s):	Jenny Weeden Senior Youth Engagement and Participation Officer	Tel. 864511

UPDATE FROM CHILDREN IN CARE COUNCIL

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Nicola Curley Assistant Director	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report. • Raise any queries they have with the lead officers. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to each formal Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update from the Children in Care Council.

2.2 This report is presented under the Corporate Parenting Committee's Terms of Reference,

2.4.3.1 To act as advocates for looked after children and care leavers.

2.4.3.6 To monitor the quality of care delivered by the City Council and review the performance of outcomes for children and young people in care.

- (a) Raise the profile of the needs of looked after children and care leavers through a range of actions including through the organising of celebratory events for the recognition of achievement.
- (b) Ensure that leisure, cultural, further education and employment opportunities are offered and taken up by our looked after children and care leavers.
- (c) Promote the development of participation and ensure that the view of children and young people are regularly heard through the Corporate Parenting Committee to improve educational, health and social outcomes to raise aspiration and attainments.
- (d) Hold meetings with children and young people in care, frontline staff and foster carers to inform the committee of the standards of care and improvement outcomes for looked after children.

2.4 This links to the Children in Care Pledge under:

1. **Respect** - We will respect you as individuals, with differing wants, needs and beliefs and tailor the service you get to fit you.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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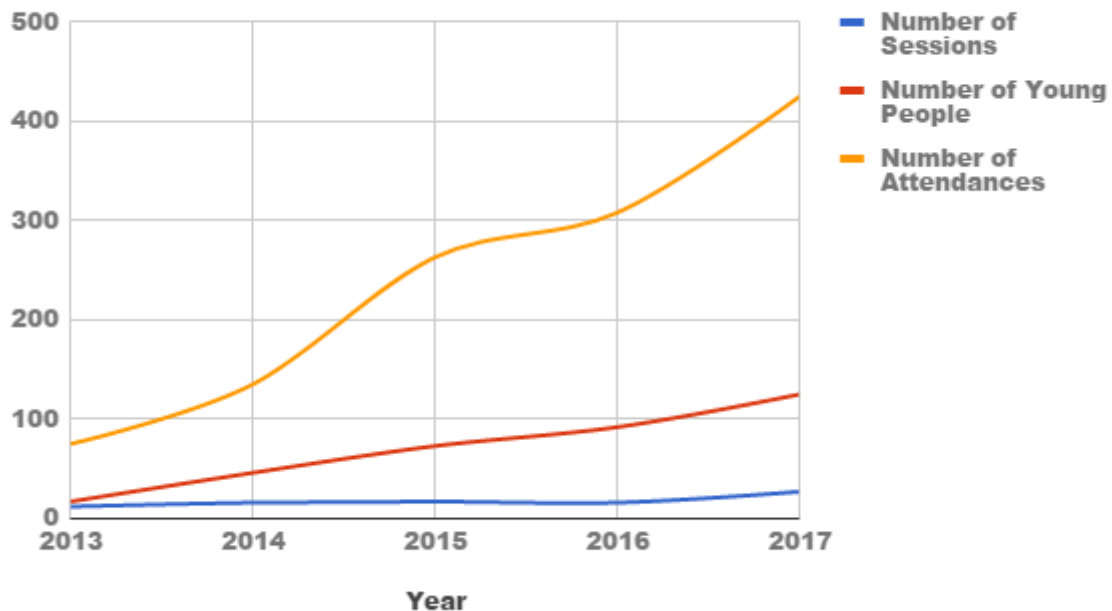
4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Summer Delivery Breakdown:

This summer saw an increase in delivery yet again, but we were surprised by the large increase in attendances as 16 of the sessions were more intensive opportunities attended by only 4-6 young people.

Year	Number of Sessions	Number of Young People	Number of Attendances
2013	12	17	75
2014	16	46	135
2015	17	73	263
2016	16	92	308
2017	27	125	425

Children in care summer activities



4.2 Children in Care Council have had lots of new inquiries following the summer, and we are expecting to welcome 6 new members across the two groups in the next few weeks, which is a combination of children in charge attendees stepping up into Children in Care Council and new young people from summer activities.

4.3 The Children in Care Council have started an important new piece of work alongside TACT to create a simple profile for young people and foster carers that shares their information before a placement, and we are getting our youth club members involved in this too.

4.4 Care Leavers have been working on a film project to share their experiences of leaving care and moving out, this is currently being edited but it is hoped this will be ready to share during Care Leavers week 25th October - 3rd November 2017. We hope to share this with the corporate parenting committee at the informal meeting in January.

4.5 Following last year's request for a Christmas party for our older young people we have booked a meal for all of our Children in Care Council and Children in Charge members before Christmas.

4.6 Planning is well underway for next year's awards event, with the preferred date being 15th February 2018 and we hope to confirm this ASAP.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 This report was completed in consultation with members of the Children in Care Council.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Improved engagement with Children in Care and Care Leavers.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 N/A

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 None

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 None

Legal Implications

9.2 None

Equalities Implications

9.3 None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None

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CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
Contact Officer(s):	Andy Pallas Executive Director Sue King Head of Service TACT	Tel. 864116

PERMANENCY REPORT - THE ADOLESCENT AND CHILDREN TRUST UPDATE

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: TACT Peterborough	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Note the content of the report ● Raise any queries they have with the Lead Officer. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This presentation is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee 6 monthly.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 purpose of this presentation is to provide Corporate Parenting Committee members with an update of the service provided by TACT (The Adolescent and Children Trust).

2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No.

2.4.3.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.

2.3 This report links in with all aspects of the Children in Care Pledge.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Please see attached reports.

4.2 **Permanence Service Update October 2017**

This includes an overview of all areas of the service provided by TACT Peterborough in the first 6 months of the year.

Individual sections focus on key issues:

- Fostering service performance overview in particularly recruitment success.
- Special guardianship orders - 14 orders made, in line with last year.
- Family group conference service - 18 conferences held. Plans for development are to increase provision and engage families earlier.
- The launch of the 24/7 out of hours support line for carers.
- Young people's participation - TACT have given support to activities for children of around £2000.
- Finance position - has been adversely affected by the high numbers of children in care over the last few months.

4.3 **TACT Adoption Bi Annual Management Performance Report**

Highlights of this period are:

- The high number of placements made for children (17) with very few waiting long to find an adoptive home. Adopters were found for children with complex needs, in sibling groups and who were older.
- There have been no disruptions in this period, maintaining the high stability rates for this group of children.
- The ASF has been utilised increasingly for Peterborough children to be able to offer appropriate therapeutic support. 100% of applications to the ASF for therapeutic support were agreed.
- FFA has become very well-established as a practice within Peterborough. The number of adopters approved for FFA has increased from 65% to 81%. The number of children adopted, placed under FFA has also increased from 60% to 85%.
- The adoption support offer of in-house therapeutic support has benefited more local families, as it have become embedded in staff practice.

4.4 **Challenges for this period:**

- Continuing to find suitable adopters for the increasingly complex children needing adoption in a climate where adopter numbers are decreasing nationally. For the first time since the adoption reform agenda was brought in, adopter numbers are lower than the numbers of children waiting.
- Ensuring that children achieve legal permanence through adoption at the earliest opportunity, thereby improving the adoption scorecard indicators.
- The support needs of the older children is often greater given the early emotional trauma that they have experienced and we have needed to be creative in our offer to the adoptive parents to prevent disruption of the placement. There are financial and resource implications due to the increasing complexity of children needing adoption.
- Integrating the TACT London adoption service fully into TACT Peterborough.

4.5 **NYAS TVCP Monitoring Oct 16 - Mar 17**

- NYAS is no longer overseen by the Access to Resources Team however for this period the monitoring report for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is included as part of the permanency updates to inform members. The report from NYAS is attached which outlines the service structure, gives data in respect of referrals and users of the service,
- NYAS is commissioned to provide 3 services and the brief headlines are below. Please see the monitoring report for full data:
 - Issues Based advocacy (IBA)
 - Return Interviews (RI) - when children have gone missing (PCC only)
 - Age assessments (AA)
- RI and AA services have received referrals in excess of the target by 71 (almost 200%) and 9 (almost 100%) whereas the IBA service has fallen short of its target by 50%. 66% of young people using advocacy services have used the service previously.
- Anyone can make a referral to NYAS as long as they have consent from the young person, and there is an issue that they require support with. 91% of referrals were made by children's services workers however.
- All young people who are looked after must be offered the chance to see someone independent to conduct their return interview within 72 hours. They may decline but need to be offered this each time. Of the 48 completed RI interviews, 16 were completed within the 72 hour time scale and 32 were not.
- For the next 6 month monitoring period, there will be a UASC drop in service developed to improve relationships and opportunity for advocacy for this vulnerable group.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 For information.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 N/A

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications -

9.1 The original request for the report asked that it include detailed analysis of the savings and investments made through the Permanency Service. The Chair has subsequently agreed that this information should be presented to the committee verbally given the complexity of the issues involved.

Legal Implications

9.2 No specific legal issues have been identified as the reports are predominantly updates about

service delivery. No child, parent or caregiver can be identified from the information therefore there are no immediate information governance issues. The data provided may be of media interest and therefore TACT Peterborough would follow their own and PCC protocol in the event of an enquiry from a media source.

Equalities Implications

9.3 There are no equality issues as the service operates within the Equality Act 2010.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1
- Adoption and Children Act, 2002
 - The Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1
- Appendix 1 - Permanence Service Update October 2017
 - Appendix 2 - TACT Adoption Bi Annual Management Performance Report
 - Appendix 3 - Team Structure Chart
 - Appendix 4 - NYAS

From: Andy Pallas, Executive Director – TACT
To: Corporate Parent Committee
Subject: TACT Peterborough Permanency Service Update

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The TACT/Peterborough permanency service commenced on 1st April 2017 and this report seeks to provide the committee with the progress so far.

2. Fostering Service

- 2.1. At the end of September 2017, 142 children were placed in permanency service foster placements, 16 with connected persons or family and friends foster carers and 100 with independent fostering agencies (IFAs). This equates to 61% of all foster placements being made within the service and 39% are made with IFAs. This split has remained at a similar level since April, but the aim is for the percentage and numbers to increase on the permanency service side of the ratio and this is dependent on recruitment (see Section 3).
- 2.2. There are currently 118 approved carer households of all descriptions. This figure is ten less than in April due to carers resigning primarily through ill health and changes in family circumstances. Two have gone to other agencies, one to a neighbouring authority and one to an IFA. These are normal levels for churn for any fostering agency, the issue for the service to address is how to achieve a net increase of carers.
- 2.3. There are 90 mainstream carers households approved and now only five of these on hold. There are eight connected person households approved formally and five temporarily. There are seven link carers, four respite carers, two supported lodgings carers and two private foster carers.
- 2.4. Out of the sixteen bed spaces available at the end of the month only two out of the fifteen carer households with spaces were willing to take children over the age of eleven. There are five children the service is currently seeking placements for; three will be placed within the service.
- 2.5. There are a reduced number of variations and exemptions within the service compared to the position on 1st April.
- 2.6. Two carer households have joined the service since April, one recruited prior to the service starting and the first through TACT at the September panel. These are white British carers, short term, one child, 0-18, they will be focusing on older children, over ten years of age.

3. Carer Recruitment

- 3.1. 173 enquiries have been received since April 2017. We have undertaken over fifty

initial visits, with twenty-five attending Skills to Foster courses that run monthly.

- 3.2. There are currently nine households under assessment at various stages in the process, all due to attend panels before January 2018. All are looking to be approved for children 0-18 and out of eight couples six are white British, one English and Philippine and one Polish. There is one single female carer under assessment.
- 3.3. With ten carer households planned to be at panel before January 2018 and others in the pipeline we still believe we are on target for fifteen carer households to be approved by the end of March 2018.

4. Adoption

- 4.1. Adoption enquiries are holding up despite neighbouring authorities seeing reduced interest in adoption. 35 enquiries were received in September and six households are confirmed from these as attending the October information session. Ten families are currently being assessed.
- 4.2. Five households (one single adopter and including one couple coming back for a third time) were approved as adopters in September and two matches were also made. Six adoption orders had been made up to the end of September.
- 4.3. There are 19 children in adoptive placements and three children linked, the year-end figure is predicted to be approximately 25 adoptions, the same as last year. The throughput is slow because of capacity within the court system and carers are waiting significant lengths of time after applying for orders for the final hearing to be held.
- 4.4. Four of the nineteen children currently placed are or were under FFA arrangements, and two are being adopted by their foster carers.

5. Special Guardianship

- 5.1. In the six months since April 1st fourteen children have been placed with eleven different families under special guardianship arrangements. Three Child Arrangement orders have also been made concerning children from two families.
- 5.2. All reports have been completed and filed within timescales and all the recommendations of positive reports have been accepted the courts.
- 5.3. The fourteen children placed under SGO orders in six months suggests the service will meet the target of thirty in the year. Work continues to be undertaken reviewing carer households where SGOs may be an appropriate option.

6. Family Group Conferences

- 6.1. The service provided 18 conferences in respect of 35 children between April – September 2017.
- 6.2. Currently matters are progressing for eleven children from three families and twelve children from eight families are waiting for conferences to be arranged.

- 6.3. Capacity clearly remains the predominant issue especially as we would wish to push conferences further forward to be held earlier in the process thus increasing demand further.
- 6.4. Emerging issues / trends / themes - there has been an increase in referrals of 166% for the first quarter, and the number of conferences arranged increased by 100% compared with Q1 in 2016/17. When conferences have been held they have prevented admissions into care.
- 6.5. Evidence of impact / outcomes - some very positive comments have been received about how the service has helped families move forward with conferences making a real difference to them and most would recommend them to others in similar situations. This quarter nine conferences involving seventeen children have been held and all plans have resulted in family members caring for the children concerned.
- 6.6. What is working well? Unborns are being referred earlier, still given priority but less born just before the FGC. 100% of service users who responded felt that the FGC's had been a help to them. The challenge is to enable FGC's to take place at the point of the first child protection conference rather than once legal proceedings have been commenced. We need to replicate the success of the service with unborn children with other cases
- 6.7. TACT have increased capacity to undertake conferences by 100% employing two staff to undertake these and plan to add more staff to the service to minimise waiting time for families. The need to develop administration support for the service is also acknowledged and the Family Rights Service are being used by TACT to help develop the service using DfE innovation funding

7. Stakeholder Engagement Foster Carers

- 7.1. The 24/7 Out of Hours Support line commenced at the start of October.
- 7.2. The take up of training by foster carers has been impressive. Over half the training courses have been full. Courses run have been on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome, CSE, Adolescent Development, On Line Safety, Safer Caring, and Attachment. It is encouraging to see more representatives of carer households (over 80 of the current 118 have attended) as foster carers start understanding training isn't an option, but essential for all wishing to acquire knowledge and develop their skillset.
- 7.3. TACT has funded events for carers and young people during the school holidays and a successful BBQ at Peterborough Rugby Club on Sunday 2nd July organised by the Foster Carers Committee with 170 individuals attending, 17 from kinship arrangements. Several Councillors were also present together with staff from the permanency service. Special thanks went to members of the committee, those who manned the BBQ and Jess the young people's participation worker for their involvement in making the day so successful.
- 7.4. Half term events for carers and children have been arranged. The Christmas Party has been booked for 3rd December 2017. Carers and children have turned out in great numbers for events at Wicksteed and Bounce over the summer.

- 7.5. Carers have been identified to participate in a 'Buddy Scheme' and all new carers recruited into the service will be designated a buddy.
- 7.6. Foster carer committees have continued to take place regularly, with the service supporting and fully participating in this. Foster carer representatives are involved in working parties with staff from the Permanency service and PCC reviewing the Foster Carer Handbook, the including the foster carer payments structure and Staying Put.

8. Young People's Participation

- 8.1. TACT funded young people's activities during the summer holidays to the tune of £2,000. This is money outside of contract monies gained from charitable sources and providing value added for the local authority. A course was run on Skills for Independence for young people over a few days in the summer holidays. This involved speakers from different fields, young people being involved in group exercises around budgeting and practically on how to manage their accommodation. Certificates were awarded at the end of this well received course and it will be run on a regular basis in the future.

9. Innovation Fund

- 9.1. Work is on-going in relation to the various work streams funded through the innovation fund, external funding that will be focused on areas of service complimenting the overall objectives of the service.
- 9.2. **Strength based assessments** – can be based on adopter activity days, possible use of short videos, start with residential cases. A short term working group has been established with representatives from the service, PCC, children's participation workers, foster carers and adopters.
- 9.3. **Contact** – mediation work to support positive contact. 2 meetings have taken place with the mediation service to outline the scope of the proposed service.
- 9.4. **Life story work** – a project to offer life story work and books to all children in long term care/permanency Sandra Nelson is leading on this.
- 9.5. **Mindfulness** – in collaboration with Adoption Plus, groups for carers have been set up. There will be four annually, the first of which will take place in January 2018.
- 9.6. **Attachment groups** – paid through ASF. An adoption group commenced in October with 7 families attending.
- 9.7. **Fostering changes** – being joined up with early attachment work, Sandra Nelson and Sue King are leading on this.
- 9.8. **Prep groups** – joined up groups for all permanency groups. Sandra Nelson is leading on this.

- 9.9. **Attachment aware city** – getting this into schools, Members of the service, Dee Glover, Virtual head, and 2 adoptive parents are attending the AUK conference in November on attachment in schools to spearhead this project.
- 9.10. **Parallel Parenting** – two tranches of training have taken place with staff and five identified carers. Conversations now need to take place with PCC colleagues familiarising them with this new service and starting to identify children and families that this service will be appropriate for.

10. Ofsted

- 10.1. Sue King (HOS) has her interview date on November 1st in respect of her application to become the Registered Manager of the Fostering Service (an IFA) and of the TACT adoption service (a VAA). Andy Pallas will retain these responsibilities until this process is completed. This will be an opportunity to clarify further with the Ofsted how they will be viewing the service.
- 10.2. The service is represented on the PCC Ofsted Implementation group and the action plan in relation to the PCC audit of the fostering service prior to the change of management is being worked to and the recommendations from the recent Serious Case Review have been incorporated into this.
- 10.3. The Form F transfer updates because of foster carers having to change registration from the Peterborough fostering service to the new TACT Peterborough service are well on the way to being completed with extra panels having been held to consider these 118 reports.
- 10.4. From inheriting a position where a number of all foster carer annual reviews were out of timescales, all are now up to date and within regulation. The service staff have performed excellently to achieve this and should be commended for their efforts.

11. Staffing

- 11.1. The management team of the service is fully in place led by the head of Service Sue King and supported by Andy Pallas Director of Children's Services TACT. The three Consultant Social Workers have thematic leads in fostering, adoption, special guardianship and family group conferences and manage the three teams of Permanency social workers supporting all carers whether adoptive, foster or special guardians. A fourth Consultant Social Worker is being added to the service as numbers of staffing within the service have increased and we wish to keep supervisory spans within established TACT norms.
- 11.2. One member of social work staff has left the service due to their partner relocating elsewhere in the UK, however, there have been no exits due to the change in model of service delivery. The number of agency staff that the service inherited have gradually been reduced in planned and phased way in order that continuity be provided to service users.

- 11.3. All the teams have now had team days and have participated in developing service plans.

12. Finance, YTD – 31st August 2017

- 12.1 There are 2 key features to date in reviewing the finance position for the new service. The most significant is the elevated level of placements, which are currently around 375. A figure of 375 equates to a rate of 78 per 10,000; the most recently released figures for children looked after indicate that the average among Peterborough's statistical neighbours has increased over the last 12 months to 82 per 10,000. This means that while our numbers are higher than we would want them be, they remain below the average of other similar authorities. That said, the lowest rate is in Sheffield at 50 per 10,000, with Medway at 61 per 10,000.

- 12.2 The contract with Peterborough identifies that where numbers are higher than 365, (the original predicted highest level of CIC), it would be unreasonable to expect TACT to cover all additional associated costs. Pressures are currently being mitigated within the service, and a joint approach to reducing numbers in care is being actioned across children's services and with TACT. Numbers need to reduce back down to around 360 by achieving positive exits from the care system before the end of the year and if possible, sooner, or the risk of funding pressures become more significant for both partners.

- The other feature relates to the contract commencing slightly later than had been planned, and so some scheduling issues have become apparent in terms of the savings plans from the original contract, but these will balance out as the contract continues over the next year.
- 12.3

- Overall, for the five months ending 31 August 2017, there has also been an investment of £579k by TACT in relation to staffing. This is due to two reasons: (i) an increase in some management capacity and (ii) the other being the seven-agency staff that TACT had inherited at the start of the contract that were not provided for in the budget. TACT could not let go of these staff without compromising the quality of the service and so have incurred £189k in respect of agency staff costs in the first five months. These staff are either being converted to permanent staff or their contracts have ended, with the last ones anticipated to finish by Christmas 2017.
- 12.4

- 12.5 TACT has been awarded an Innovation Programme Grant by the Department of Education (DfE), to support the commissioning out of PCC's fostering, adoption and permanency service to TACT. This funding can only be offset against staff costs and only in relation to certain projects that were part of the Innovation bid such as parallel parenting. TACT will use this to offset against some of the increased staffing costs where they relate to these projects.

We have seen a drop in CIC numbers to 376 by the end of September and plan that this trend will continue. TACT will, with unfettered determination: (i) recruit

12.6 and upskill more carers and (ii) divert children from IFA's and residential placements. This is amongst the other well-rehearsed strategies to contain the placement rise.

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TACT Adoption
SIX MONTHLY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY
REPORT (NMS 25)
April 2017 – September 2017

Details of Specific Notifiable Events - please indicate what happened and outcome e.g. complaints.

Child name	date of incident	Details of incident	
None			

Business Information

1. Adopter Information - initial visits completed, Stage 1, Stage 2 (assessment)etc.

Enquiries	74
Adopters to Stage 1	9
Adopters to Stage 2	8
Annual Reviews	0
Adopters withdrawn	2
Adopter families approved	11
Adopter families de-registered	0
Families receiving adoption support:	36
Families receiving therapy: (indicate the type of therapy)	Therapeutic Lifestory work (7) Play therapy (3) Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (5) Clinical psychological support (2)
Active post box agreements	374

2. Children Information - please indicate number of placements made any trends in age / gender / need / ethnicity etc. Specific details on more complex children. Adoptions, disruptions.

Number of placements as at 30.09 17	19
Number of new placements	17

Adopted (order granted)	
Children	7
Families	6

SBPA decisions

Agreed	13
Not agreed	1

2. Children

Adoption Orders

The number of adoption orders in this period (7) is similar to the same period last year. The youngest child was 6 months old when the order was made, and the oldest was 6 years old. There were 4 males and 3 females. 6 of the children were placed with their adopters under fostering for adoption (FFA) regulations and the 7th child was fostered by her adopters. All of the children were therefore able to join the family that was going to become their legal family at the earliest opportunity. 2 of the children were from eastern European backgrounds and 5 were white British. 2 of the children had the consent of their mothers to adoption.

Family Finding

Each child in Peterborough who has a care plan that includes adoption has a family finder from the permanency service. In this period there were 10 children who were referred to the service. On 30 September, there were 4 children with placement orders who were neither linked nor matched with an adopter. The longest a child had waited was 13 months.

The service uses Adoption match and Linkmaker which are online registers to source suitable adopters for children who do not have a locally suitable family.

The profile of the children needing adoptive homes remains broadly similar although there has been an increase in the number of older children and children who are to be placed with their brothers or sisters.

3. Finance Information – please provide limited summary of current financial performance in the quarter e.g. surplus / deficit.

Adoption allowances were being paid in respect of 56 children on 30 September.

Full financial information will be provided in the Permanency service update.

4. Customer Information - please include results of surveys, changes made to services as a result of listening to adopter views, information from adopter events feedback forms etc.

During this period the service ran :

Monthly adopter support groups:

The support group is a new initiative which started in the last year. The group meets at the NSPCC in Peterborough. The NSPCC allow use of their room and kitchen free of charge. Currently 7 adoptive families make use of the group and feedback is very positive about the safe environment where adopters are able to speak openly to others who understand their situation.

The aim of the group is to provide a supportive and reflective space in which members can focus on the emotional issues that arise in day to day life with their adopted children. The group allows them to share and process their feelings as well as gain support and understanding from each other.

The group has no formal agenda and issues are discussed as and when they arise. An example of themes explored are: morning routines, managing school holidays, families that include birth children and adopted children, behaviour management and social media.

Monthly Play and Stay groups:

These have been running successfully now for over 4 years and provide an opportunity for pre-school adopted children and their families to meet in an informal setting to play and chat.

The group meets in a community setting in the south of the city. Messy play activities are often included which are enjoyed by all. This group has a good core of members of approximately 20 families, which inevitably changes as children leave to start school.

An adopter said to us:

“It is good to be able to go to a group where you know you won’t be asked any difficult questions like ‘what time was she born or how was the birth?’

2 September 2017 – Summer picnic – very good turnout of adopters and children including new and established adopters.

The consortium.

East Midlands Adoption Consortium (EMAC) provided the following training

opportunities which were attended by staff:

The Teenage Brain.

Annual conference – focus on adoption support.

Therapeutic crisis intervention.

Upcoming events:

27 October – Halloween Party

9 December – Christmas Party

5. Panel Information – please indicate summary of panel business and activity and any changes in panel membership.

The Peterborough City Council adoption panel became a Joint TACT and Peterborough adoption panel on 1 April 2017.

Gary Shorter is the main adoption panel chair, however Jack McConnochie, chair and Fernley Copping, vice chair also cover adoption panels if required.

Simon Green is the agency decision maker for Peterborough City Council and considers panel's recommendations on adoption matches.

Alister Brown is the agency decision maker for TACT and considers panel's recommendations on the approval of adopters.

The adoption panel adviser role is now fulfilled by Sue King, Head of Service.

Panel receives legal advice from Peterborough City Council legal team. Its medical adviser is Dr Augustic, community paediatrician.

There were 9 adoption panel meetings in total.

In this period 11 adoptive families were approved, 9 of which were also approved as suitable to be Fostering for adoption (FFA) carers.

Panel considered matches with adopters for 17 children. 14 of these were placed with TACT Peterborough adopters and 3 were with interagency adopters.

There have been no changes to panel membership. Recruitment of additional panel members to increase the diversity and representation will be considered in the next 6 months.

The first business meeting for panel chairs and agency decision makers will take place on 20 December 2017.

Joint training for panel and staff will take place on 18 December with a focus on safeguarding and the Independent review mechanism. The carer training programme

has been made available to all panel members.

6. Grant update

The partnership of TACT Peterborough and PCC was successful in achieving Innovation funding from the DfE of £1.2 million for a three year period. This will be used to support carers and children in a range of activities.

The main initiative areas are listed below and in italics if more suitable for adoptive families or children:

***Strength based assessments** – A short term working group has been established with representatives from the service, PCC, children's participation workers, foster carers and adopters to develop children's profiles.*

***Mediation for contact** - to support positive contact arrangements for special guardians initially.*

Life story work for children with special guardianship orders

***Mindfulness groups for all carer groups** – In collaboration with Adoption Plus. There will be four groups annually, the first of which will take place in January 2018.*

***Nurturing Attachment groups** – therapeutic parenting groups for all carers.*

Fostering changes courses – all staff are being trained in this parenting model to be able to offer a consistent approach to carers.

***Preparation groups** – Joined up groups for all permanency groups offering a modular approach.*

***Attachment aware city** – Members of the service, Dee Glover, Virtual head, 2 adoptive parents and TACT Peterborough's had of service are attending the AUK conference in November on attachment in schools to spearhead this project.*

Parallel Parenting- Two tranches of training have taken place with staff and five identified carers.

Therapeutic support to special guardians – a service that offers families a named worker to support emotional regulation in the family, alongside practical parenting support.

***VIPP therapeutic intervention** – (Video interactive parenting programme) – in collaboration with the Tavistock.*

7. Adoption Support

The key adoption support functions are primarily being carried out by the permanency social workers who already have experience of the work, however training is being offered to all staff to increase their knowledge in this area.

Adoption support to children and families has been the most significant area of work. TACT Peterborough has responsibility to all Peterborough children for 3 years after the adoption order is made regardless of the local authority in which the child is living, however this transfers to the home local authority after 3 years. Many of the children from Peterborough are placed outside of the city often due to safety or security reasons. Equally there are children who are placed with Peterborough families who become the responsibility of TACT Peterborough after the 3 years has elapsed.

A core offer is available to adoptive families which includes access to the carer training programme, the clinical psychology service, support groups, family events and an assessment of support needs.

If therapeutic support is the outcome of an assessment an application can be made to the Adoption Support Fund. (ASF) There is a fair access limit of £5000 per annum for each child, and additionally £2500 for a specialist therapeutic assessment per annum. Any therapy required which costs more than £5000 is required to be provided in a match funded arrangement between the local authority and the ASF.

31 applications have been made to the adoption support fund in this period. The average funding requested is £3165.19 with the total amount received since the ASF became available on 1 May 2015 of £155,094.33. No requests for match funding have been required to date.

The service has invested in staff to deliver therapeutic interventions such as theraplay, DDP (Dyadic developmental psychotherapy) and VIPP. The service is able to claim against the time for these interventions and reinvest the funds received into further staff training.

It is a requirement to provide independent birth parent counselling when a child has a plan of adoption. Adoptionplus is commissioned to provide this service. 20 parents were referred to the service in this period. It is a difficult to encourage engagement however a pending service is offered for a period which has had some success.

Staff business

- 1. Staff meetings / team developments / area news** - *please indicate meetings held, specific issues covered, specific events such as celebration events etc.*

From the 1 April 2017, all statutory adoption functions in respect of the following passed over to TACT Peterborough:

Adopter recruitment, assessment, family finding, placement support.

Family finding for children with plans of adoption in Peterborough

Adoption support for birth family members, adopted children and adoptive families

Adoption contact services

Birth records counselling for adopted adults

Inter-country adoptions

Non-agency adoptions.

Each team within the service holds team meetings on a monthly basis. The service meets monthly for practice workshops. One of these focused on adoption support plans given the increase in referrals.

Team away days have been held to support team and service development alongside social events.

2. Update on staffing within the team and checks completed - please indicate changes in staff, students, sessional staff, training attended etc. Also cover appraisals completed

The structure chart is attached which outlines the configuration of the new service. In brief, the model of delivery has 3 social work teams, each managed by a consultant social worker. The teams are comprised of social workers and team support workers. The teams work on all aspects of permanency and do not focus on either fostering or adoption solely as previously. The premise being that children and carers experience of the services they receive should not be determined by the child's legal order.

There are 19.6 fte social work staff in the permanency service.

2 team support workers deliver the post adoption contact service. This remains a well-respected service and the workers establish good relationships with the birth parents of the adopted children. This helps significantly when they then come to write the annual or bi-annual letter to their children.

There are 4 members of staff who are practice educators. In this period there has been 1 student social worker completing a 100 day placement. 1 member of staff has recently started the practice educator course with Anglia Ruskin University.

All members of staff have completed mandatory 'Prevent' training. They have also been required to attend at least 1 course from the carer training programme. This has proved a successful way to develop links across the different groups.

The TACT appraisal cycle is different from Peterborough, and the service has become aligned to this. Appraisals will take place in October and November.

3. Conclusion - please refer to overall effectiveness of service; give examples of outcomes for children and young people. This needs to be analytical and evaluative not just descriptive.

The TACT Peterborough Permanency Service commenced in April 2017 and has

continued to build on the good work that had been previously achieved.

The highlights have been as follows:

- The high number of placements made for children (17) with very few waiting long to find an adoptive home. Adopters were found for children with complex needs, in sibling groups and who were older.
- There have been no disruptions in this period, maintaining the high stability rates for this group of children.
- The ASF has been utilised increasingly for Peterborough children to be able to offer appropriate therapeutic support. 100% of applications to the ASF for therapeutic support were agreed.
- FFA has become very well-established as a practice within Peterborough. The number of adopters approved for FFA has increased from 65% to 81%. The number of children adopted, placed under FFA has also increased from 60% to 85%.
- The adoption support offer of in-house therapeutic support has benefited more local families, as it have become embedded in staff practice.

The likely challenges will be:

- Continuing to find suitable adopters for the increasingly complex children needing adoption in a climate where adopter numbers are decreasing nationally. For the first time since the adoption reform agenda was brought in, adopter numbers are lower than the numbers of children waiting.
- Ensuring that children achieve legal permanence through adoption at the earliest opportunity, thereby improving the adoption scorecard indicators.
- The support needs of the older children is often greater given the early emotional trauma that they have experienced and we have needed to be creative in our offer to the adoptive parents to prevent disruption of the placement. There are financial and resource implications due to the increasing complexity of children needing adoption.
- Integrating the TACT London adoption service fully into TACT Peterborough.

Signature	
Head of Service	Sue King
Date	16/10/2017

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Director Children's Services	Andy Pallas
Date	16/10/2017

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AO / FO – Art officer / Finance officer
 BSO / A - Business support officer / assistant
 CSW – Consultant social worker
 FGC – Family group conference
 PA – Panel administrator
 PT – Play therapist
 SPSW / PSW – Senior / permanency social worker
 TSW – Team support worker
 * Locum / Agency ** Part time

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH

MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

SIX MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT – OCTOBER 2016 TO MARCH 2017

Staffing

- Julie Prior, Director of Children and Adults
- Alison Gelder, Service Manager
- Sian Williams and Rebecca Fensome, Senior Advocates
- Josephine Saunders, Salaried Advocate
- Bank of Self-Employed Advocates (SEA's)
- Social Work Students – None at Present.

Staff Training

Staff Member	Training Attended	Date
Rebecca Fensome	Gang Exploitation Awareness	2/3/17
All Staff	NYAS – Independent Person at Secure Reviews	9/3/17
Alison Gelder/Sian Williams	LSCB – Tough Love Performance	17/3/17
Alison Gelder/Josephine Saunders/Rebecca Fensome	NYAS –Child Protection Webinar	20/3/17
Alison Gelder	LSCB Annual Conference	28/3/17
Sian Williams/Josephine Saunders	Home Office/Barnardo's – Trafficking Children	28/3/17

A total of 15 different training courses have been attended by staff during the first six month period of the contract with a wide range of subject matters.

Management or Disciplinary Issues

- Cambridgeshire – none.
- Peterborough – none.

Complaints

- Cambridgeshire – none.
- Peterborough – none.

Promotions, Publicity and Networking

Cambridgeshire		Peterborough		Jointly	
27/3/17	Complaints Team	10/3/17	Peterborough Missing Panel Meeting	3/3/17	EDT Visit, Godmanchester
				6/3/17	TVCP Partners Meeting
				30/3/17	NYAS/CDA Link Up Meeting



A total of 19 promotional visits have taken place during the first six months of the contract, presenting our services to young people, professionals and foster carers.

ADVOCACY ACTIVITY

Referral Rates

Key;

IBA – Issue Based Advocacy

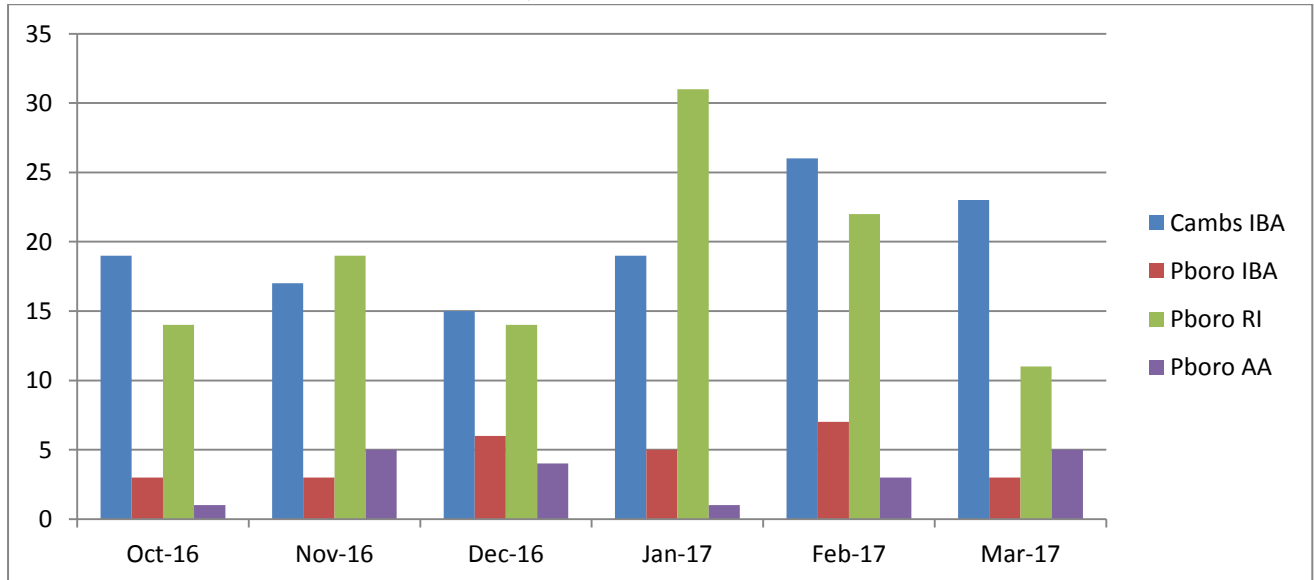
RI – Return Interviews

AA – Age Assessments

Cambridgeshire							
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Total
IBA/130 (pro-rata of 260)	19	17	15	19	26	23	119

Peterborough							
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Total
IBA/50 (pro-rata of 100)	3	3	6	5	7	3	27
RI/40 (pro-rata of 80)	14	19	14	31	22	11	111
AA/10 (pro-rata of 20)	1	5	4	1	3	5	19
Total	18	28	24	37	28	19	157

Total Number of Referrals Oct 16 to Mar 17;



Cambridgeshire

The above shows that we are slightly under target for IBA referrals for Cambridgeshire during this monitoring period, which was expected. Referral rates have been fairly consistent throughout the six months with the most referrals during February and March 17, as we have begun to publicise the service more in line with our promotional plan.

Peterborough

The overall target for IBA/RI/AA cases pro-rata for the monitoring period is 100 referrals; we have completed 154 referrals. The IBA target is under however both the RI and AA targets are over.

IBA target – An average of 8 referrals per month is expected to meet the pro-rata target of 50 referrals in the first year. We have received 27 referrals which is just over half of the expected target. We will continue to address this in the new monitoring period with continued publicity of the service.

RI target – As previously reported, Return Interviews are over the expected pro-rata target of 40 referrals, with 111 received (71 referrals over).

AA target – As previously reported, Age Assessment referrals are also over the expected pro-rata target of 10 cases for the year, with 19 received (9 referrals over).

Level of Engagement

We do not operate waiting lists. Cases are to be allocated within 24 hours.

Cambridgeshire						
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Referrals Engaged Upon	100%	94%	100%	95%	100%	91%
Not Engaged Upon	0%	6%	0%	5%	0%	9%

For the monitoring period an average of 97% of cases were engaged upon. For the few that weren't;

- 2 were no longer required
- 1 group manager approval not given
- 1 is yet to be allocated

Peterborough						
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Referrals Engaged Upon	100%	100%	96%	100%	100%	95%
Not Engaged Upon	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	5%



For the monitoring period an average of 98.5% of cases were engaged upon. For the few that weren't;

- 1 was not approved by ART, therefore not eligible.
- 1 was a duplicate referral.

Total Young People

We may work with a young person more than once during the monitoring period. Below shows the total young people we worked with and the percentage of which had used NYAS before.

Cambridgeshire						
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Total YP's	17	17	15	19	26	23
NYAS previously	48%	47%	20%	63%	38%	52%

Peterborough						
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
Total YP's	11	17	20	18	17	15
NYAS previously	68%	84%	62%	83%	59%	42%

For the monitoring period, an average of 45% for Cambridgeshire and 66% for Peterborough have returned to NYAS again after using our services previously. A higher percentage will have used our services more for Peterborough as we have more young people referred for subsequent return interviews following several missing episodes.

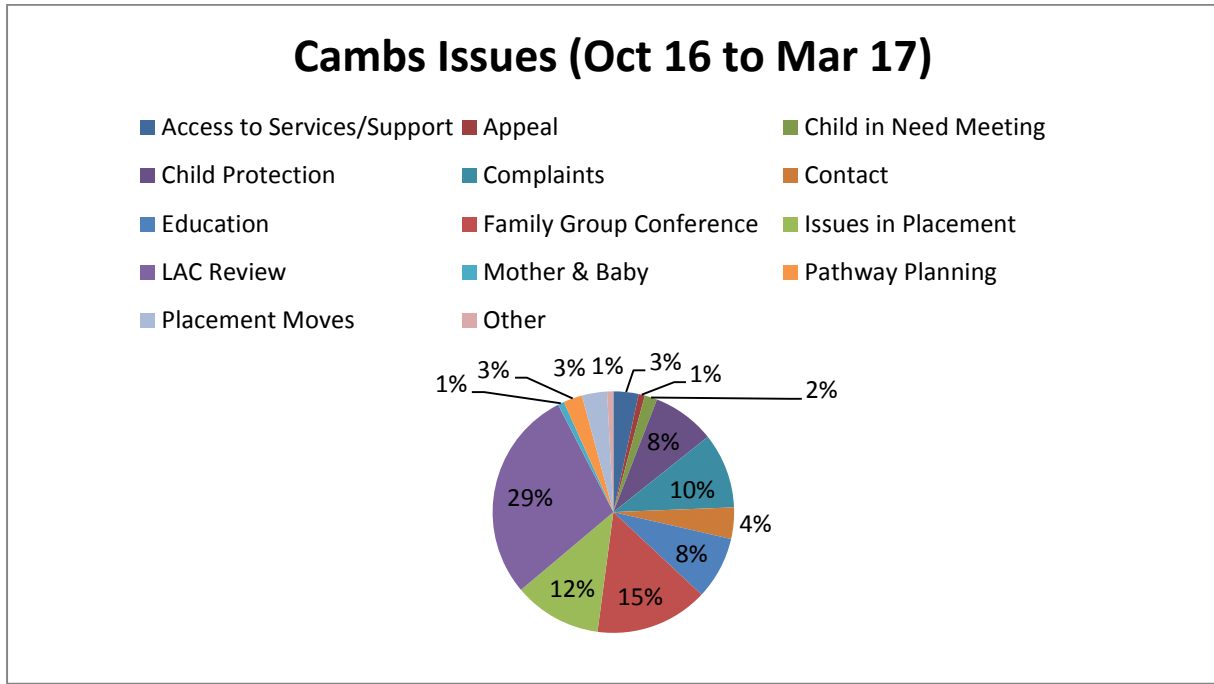
(IBA) Referral Issues – Oct 16 – Mar 17

During the monitoring period, a total of 276 referrals have been received into the service collectively, with 119 for Cambridgeshire and 157 for Peterborough. The types of issues referred into the service are listed below;

Cambridgeshire												
	Oct-16		Nov-16		Dec-16		Jan-17		Feb-17		Mar-17	
Access to Services/Support	2	11%							1	4%	1	4%
Appeal											1	4%
Child in Need Meeting							2	11%				
Child Protection			2	12%	2	13%	1	5%	2	8%	3	14%
Complaints	1	5%	1	6%	3	20%	1	5%	3	11%	3	14%
Contact	2	11%			1	7%	1	5%			1	4%
Education			2	12%			1	5%	6	23%	1	4%
Family Group Conference	4	21%	5	29%	3	20%	2	11%	1	4%	3	13%
Issues in Placement	1	5%	2	12%	3	20%	2	11%	6	23%		

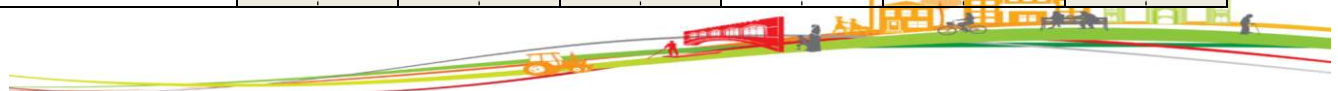


LAC Review	6	31%	4	23%	3	20%	6	32%	7	27%	8	35%
Mother & Baby							1	5%				
Pathway Planning	2	11%					1	5%				
Placement Moves	1	5%	1	6%			1	5%			1	4%
Other											1	4%

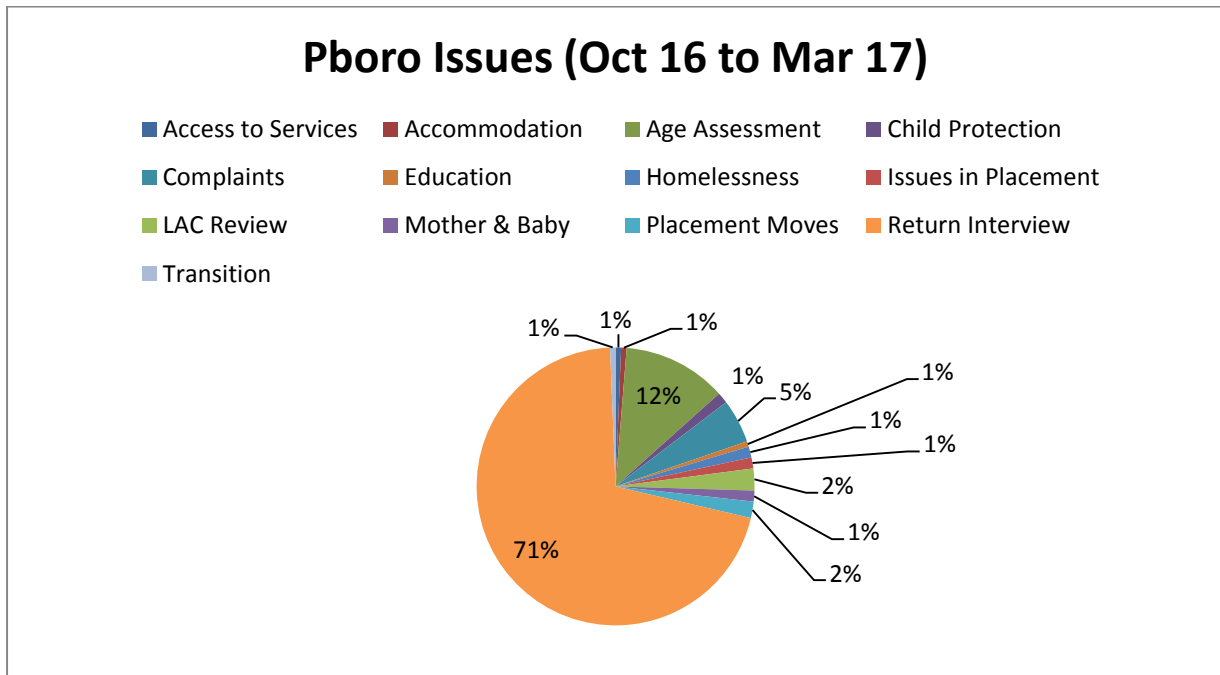


The above shows that during the monitoring period, we have worked with a variety of children and young people on a variety of different presenting issues. The top three issues that we have been referred are for LAC Reviews (34 referrals or 29%), then for a Family Group Conference (18 referrals or 15%) and finally for Issues in Placement (14 referrals or 12%).

Peterborough												
	Oct-16		Nov-16		Dec-16		Jan-17		Feb-17		Mar-17	
Access to Services									1	3.5%		
Accommodation											1	5%
Age Assessment	1	6%	5	18%	4	17%	1	3%	3	11%	5	27%
Child Protection	1	6%			1	4%						
Complaints			2	7%			3	8%	2	7%	1	5%
Education									1	3.5%		
Homelessness	1	6%			1	4%						
Issues in Placement	1	6%			1	4%						
LAC Review			1	4%	2	8%			1	3.5%		
Mother & Baby					1	4%			1	3.5%		
Placement Moves							2	5%	1	3.5%		



Return Interview	14	76%	19	71%	14	59%	31	84%	22	64.5%	11	58%
Transition											1	5%



The above shows that during the monitoring period, we have worked with a variety of children and young people on a variety of different presenting issues. The top three issues that we have been referred are for Return Interviews (111 referrals or 71%), followed by Age Assessments (19 referrals or 12% and then Complaints (8 referrals or 5%).

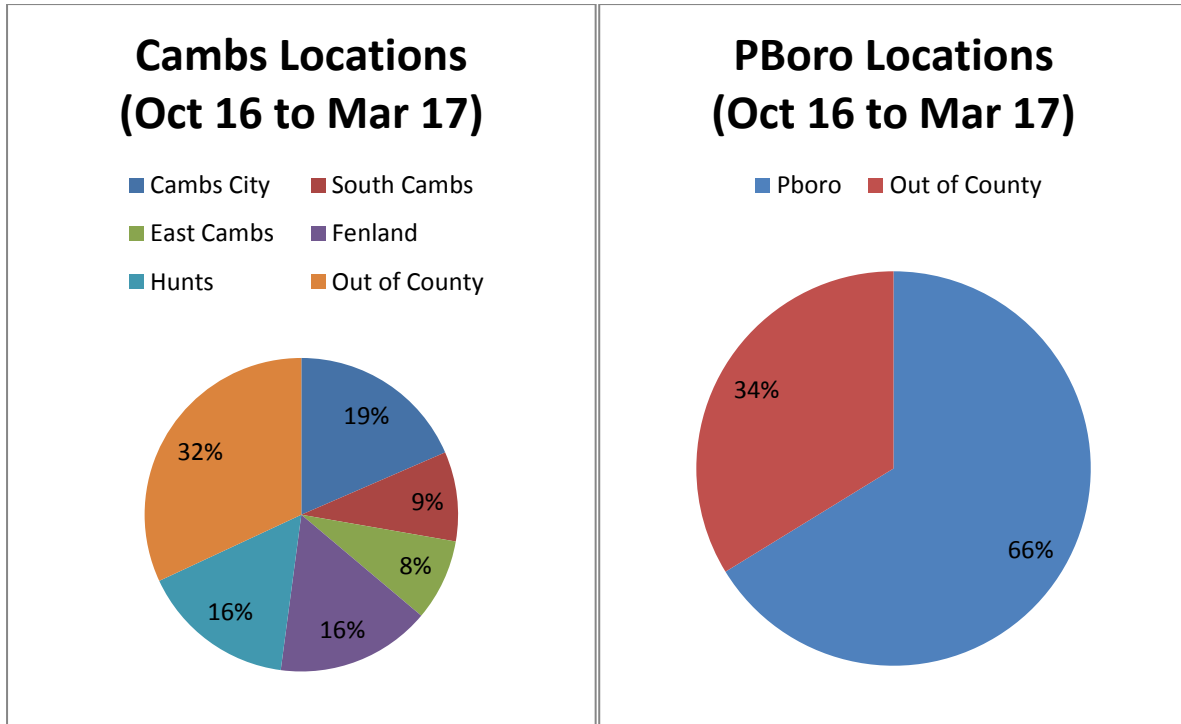
Locations of Young People

Cambridgeshire												
	Oct-16		Nov-16		Dec-16		Jan-17		Feb-17		Mar-17	
Cambs City	2	11%	6	34%	2	13%	3	16%	4	15%	5	22%
South Cambs			2	12%			2	11%			7	30%
East Cambs	2	11%	3	18%	2	13%			3	12%		
Fenland	3	14%	3	18%	4	27%	5	26%	4	15%		
Hunts	6	32%			1	7%	6	31%	1	4%	5	22%
Out of County	6	32%	3	18%	6	40%	3	16%	14	53%	6	26%

We can see that we are working with a range of young people from different locations within Cambridgeshire itself and also out of county. Most young people during this monitoring period have been out of county (38 referrals or 32% with the least referred location being East Cambs (10 referrals or 8%).

The types of issues relating to out of county young people are also quite varied, but the top 2 issues are for education and placement issues during this monitoring period.





Peterborough												
	Oct-16		Nov-16		Dec-16		Jan-17		Feb-17		Mar-17	
Peterborough	13	72%	20	71%	18	75%	25	68%	14	50%	12	63%
Out of County	5	28%	8	29%	6	25%	12	32%	14	50%	7	37%

From the above we can see that we are working with a high number of young people both in the City and out of authority area. The main issue referred to us for both in and out of county is for return interviews.

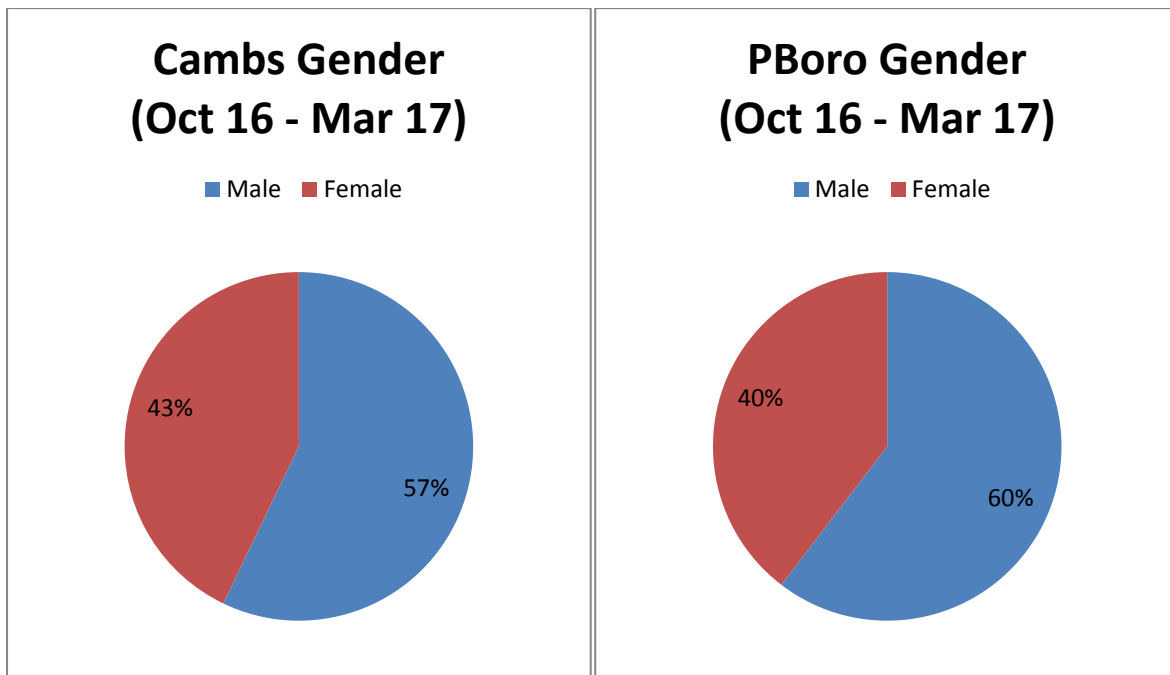
The above also shows a good percentage of out of county young people accessed our service for both authorities during this monitoring period (32% Cambridgeshire and 34% Peterborough).



Gender Breakdown

During the monitoring period, we have worked with the following;

Cambridgeshire												
	Oct-16		Nov-16		Dec-16		Jan-17		Feb-17		Mar-17	
Male	12	63%	11	65%	5	33%	10	53%	18	69%	12	52%
Female	7	37%	6	35%	10	67%	9	47%	8	31%	11	48%



Peterborough												
	Oct-16		Nov-16		Dec-16		Jan-17		Feb-17		Mar-17	
Male	9	50%	18	37.5%	11	46%	28	76%	16	57%	11	58%
Female	9	50%	10	62.5%	13	54%	9	24%	12	43%	8	42%

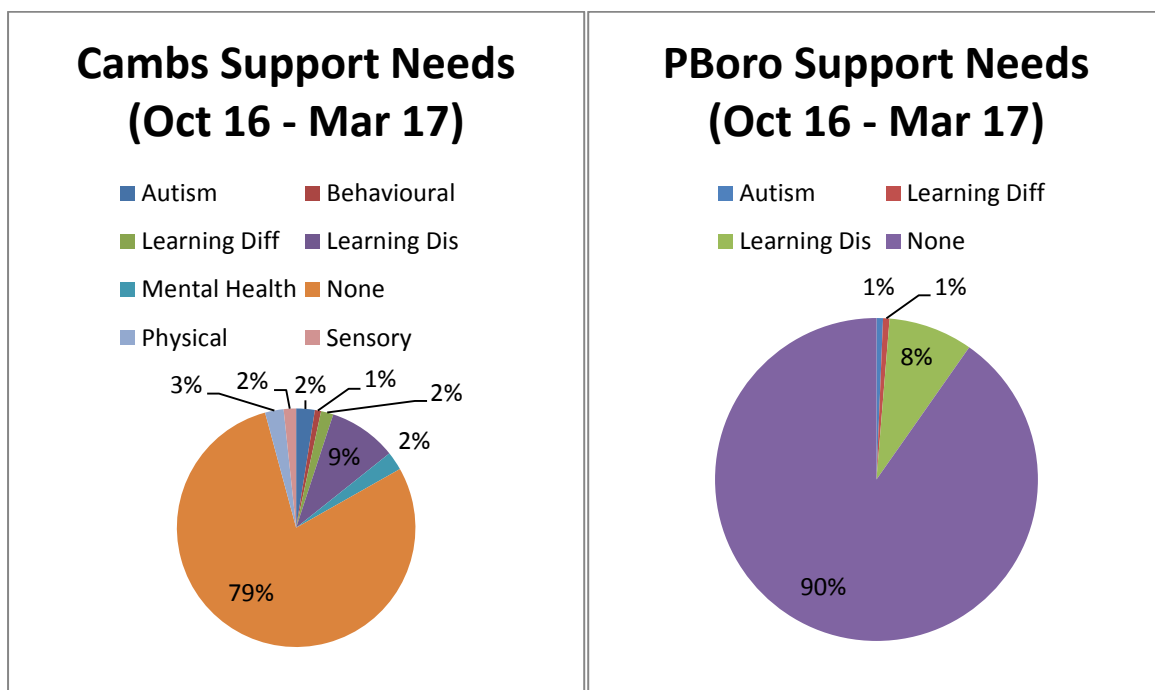
Overall the above/below shows that we worked with slightly more males than females during the monitoring period for both authorities with both being of a similar percentage comparison.



Primary Support Needs

During the monitoring period, we have worked with a variety of young people with different support needs as below;

Needs	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Autism	3	1
Behavioural issues	1	
Learning difficulty	2	1
Learning disability	11	13
Mental health	3	
None	94	139
Physical ill health	3	
Sensory impairment	2	



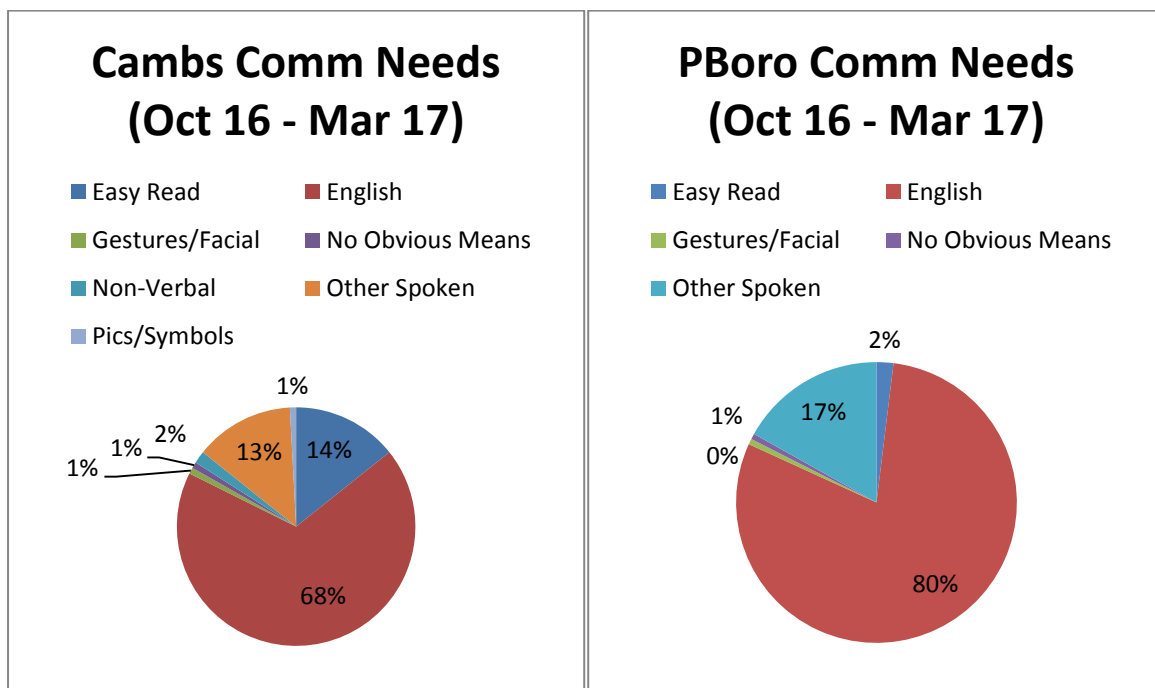
Overall most young people we worked with had no primary support needs, or did not disclose them to us if they did. Of the support needs listed above, we worked with a higher number of young people with a learning disability (9% for Cambridgeshire and 8% for Peterborough) of the overall total.



Communication Needs

During the monitoring period, we have worked with a variety of young people with different communication needs as below;

Needs	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Easy read	17	3
English	81	123
Gestures or facial expressions	1	1
No obvious means of communication	1	1
Non-Verbal	2	
Other spoken language	16	26
Pictures or symbols	1	



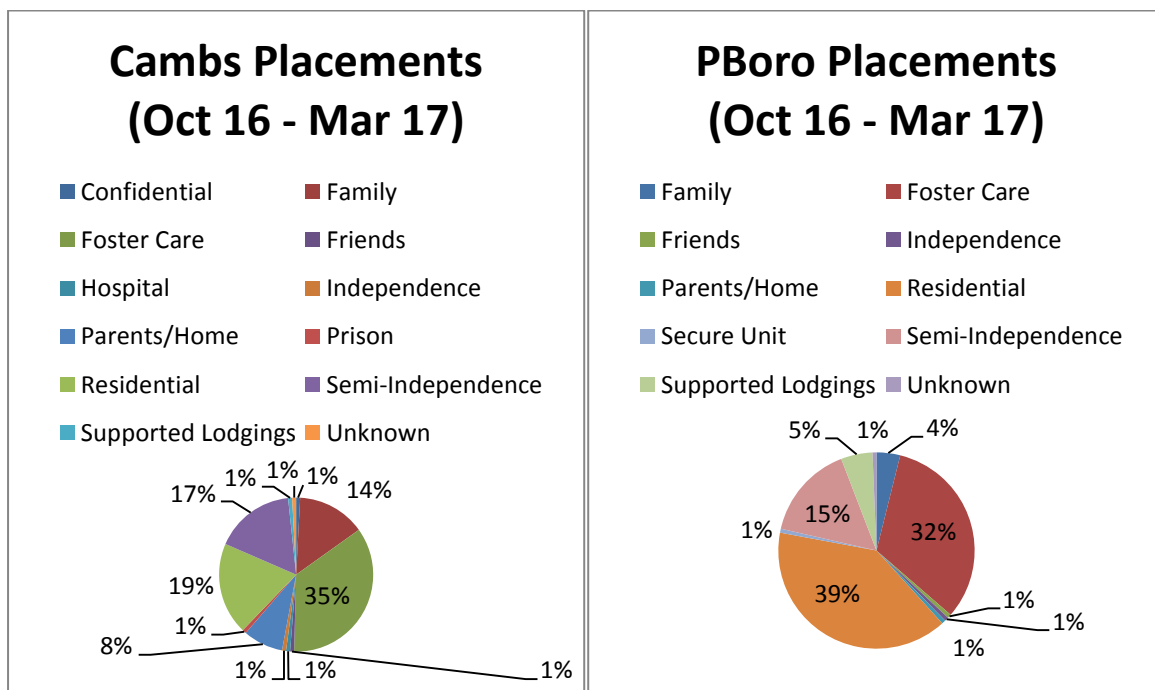
Overall most young people communicated with us using English, however for both authorities we did work with quite a few young people where English wasn't their first language (13% Cambridgeshire and 17% Peterborough).



Placement Type

During the monitoring period, we have worked with a variety of young people from different placement types as below;

Placement Type	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Confidential	1	
Family	17	6
Foster Care	42	50
Friends	1	1
Hospital	1	
Independence	1	1
Parents/Home	10	1
Prison	1	
Residential	23	61
Secure Unit		1
Semi-Independence	20	24
Supported Lodgings	1	8
Unknown	1	1



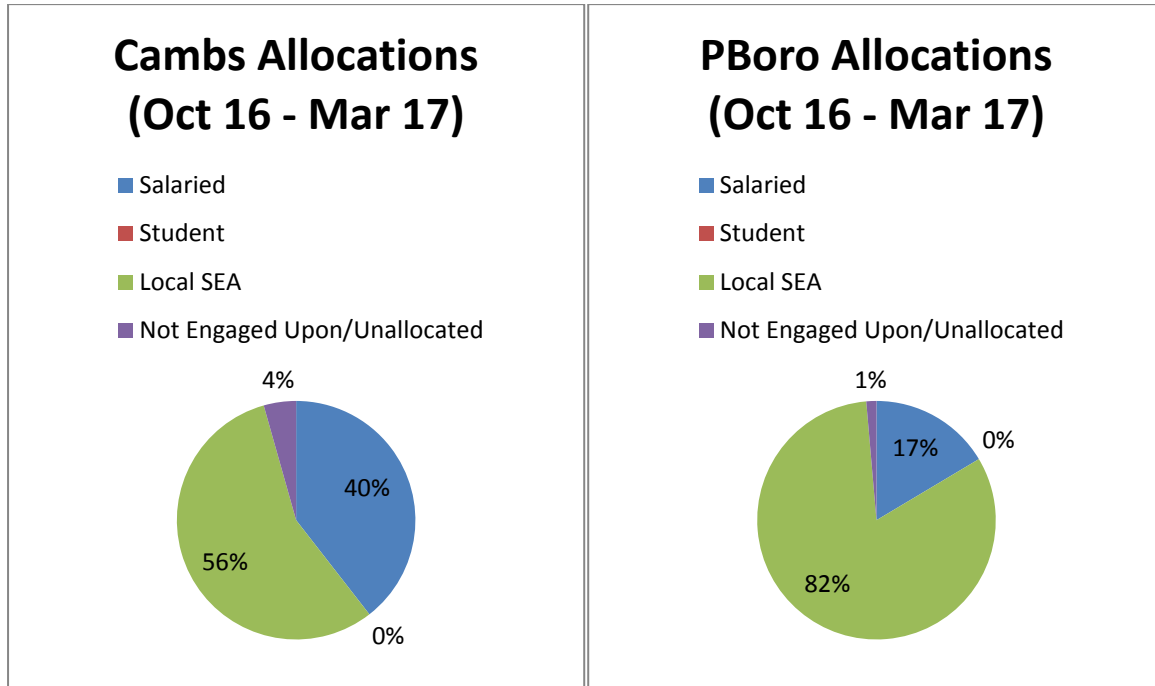
For both authorities, the majority of young people referred to us were living in residential accommodation (35% Cambridgeshire and 39% Peterborough) however young people were also living in a variety of different placement settings.



Allocation Type

Senior Advocates hold a small caseload and the salaried advocate holds a full caseload. Self-employed staff will take on cases often at short notice, especially return interviews. This is why the SEA percentage for Peterborough is higher. Please note this was not all recorded during October 16.

Allocation Type	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Salaried	45	24
Student	No student this monitoring period	
Local Self Employed Advocate (SEA)	64	120
Not Engaged Upon/Unallocated	5	2



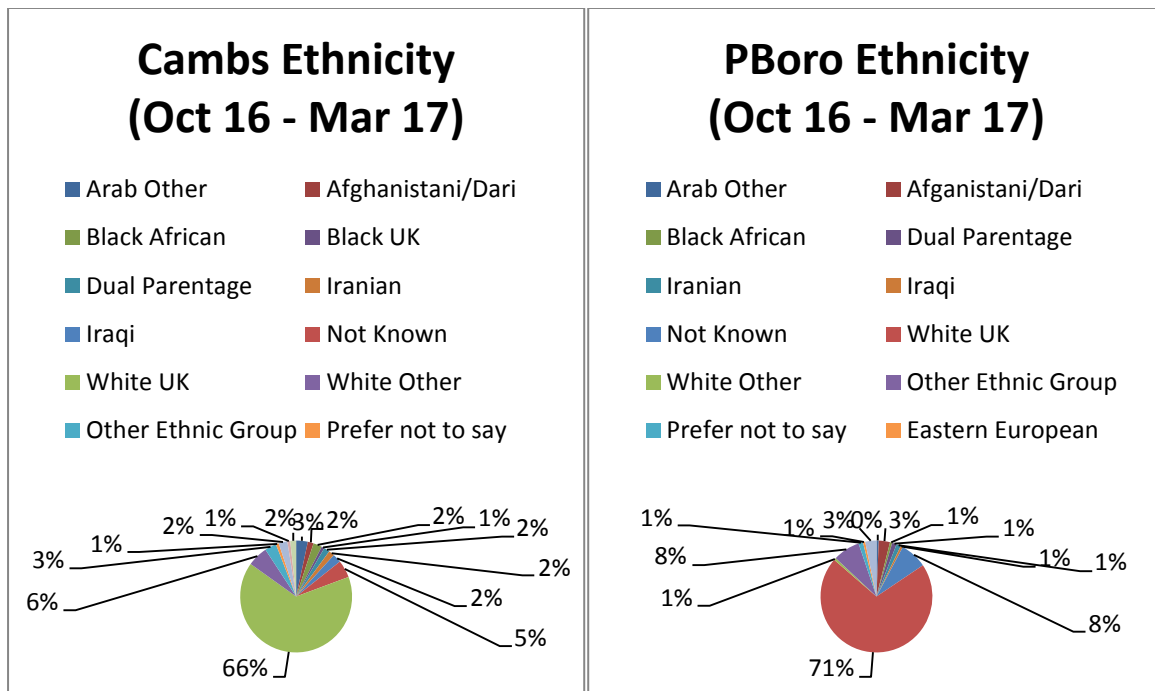
Overall our local self-employed staff took on the majority of the casework referred to us this monitoring period. Our salaried advocate holds a full caseload and senior advocates hold a small caseload.



Ethnicity Breakdown

During the monitoring period, we have worked with a variety of young people from different ethnic backgrounds as below;

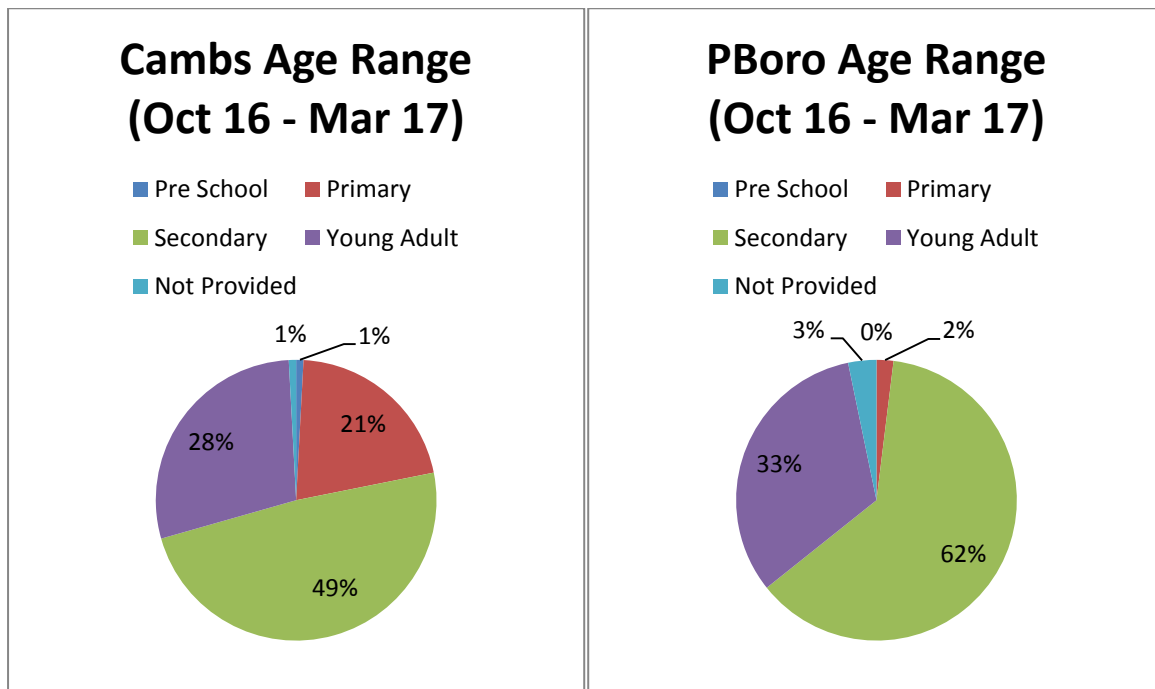
Ethnicity	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Arab Other	4	1
Afghanistani/Dari	2	5
Black African	3	1
Black UK	1	
Dual Parentage	2	2
Iranian	2	2
Iraqi	3	1
Not Known	6	12
White UK	78	109
White Other	7	1
Other Ethnic Group	4	12
Prefer not to say	1	2
Eastern European	3	1
Asian	1	
Vietnamese		5
Kurdish	2	



Age Range

We have worked with a variety of children and young people within differing age groups during the monitoring period;

Age Range	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Pre-School <3	1	
Primary 4-11	25	3
Secondary 12-16	58	96
Young Adult 17+	34	50
Not Provided	1	5



We continue to work with the most young people who are of secondary school age. We are working with a good percentage of young adults also, and are continuing targeting this age group to increase referrals, especially for care leavers and those going through transition.

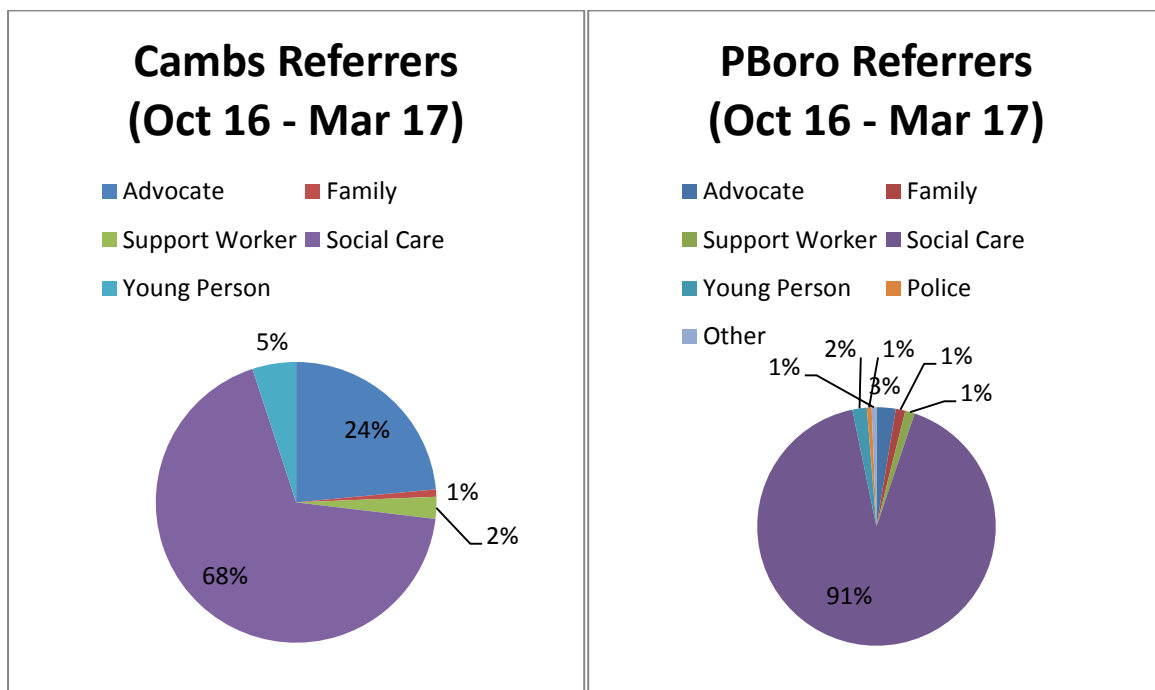
We are not working with many young people of primary school age for Peterborough, however this is likely to be that because in the main we are working on Return Interviews and these are predominately more reflected in the secondary ages and young adults due to missing episodes.



Referrer Source

Anyone can make a referral to NYAS as long as they have consent from the young person, and there is an issue that they require support with. The follow shows where our referrals have come from during the monitoring period;

Enquiry Source	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Advocate	28	4
Family	1	2
Support Worker	3	2
Social Care	81	141
Young Person	6	3
Police		1
Other		1



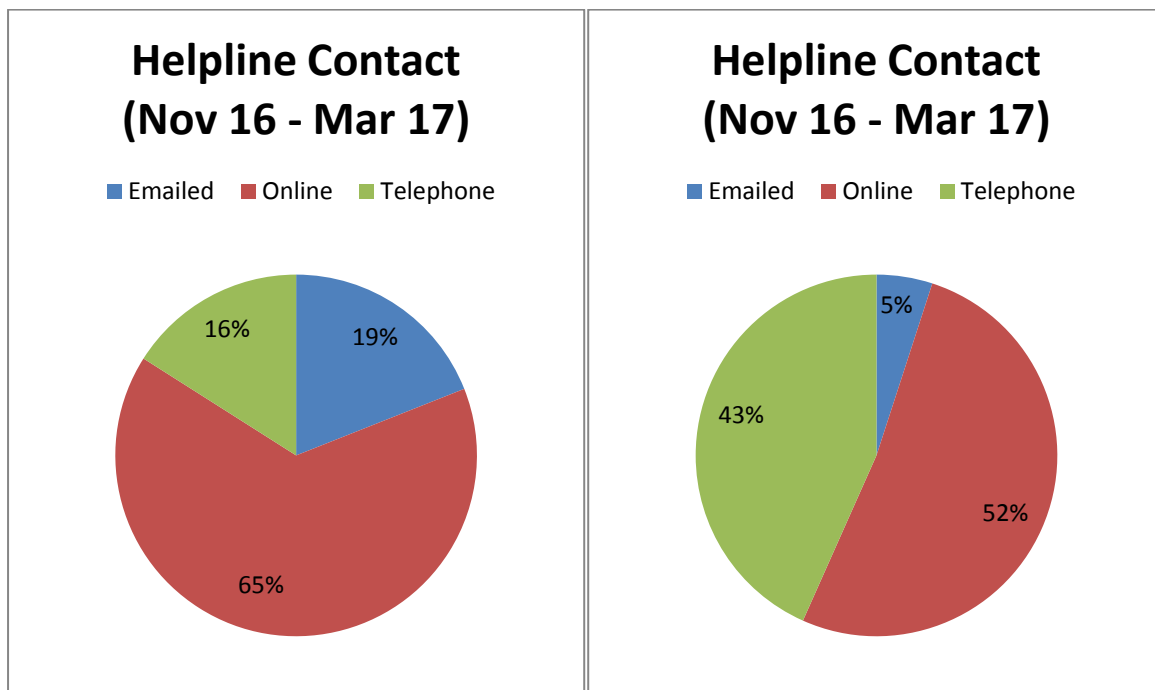
Advocates will make referrals on behalf of a young person they've already worked with, at their request, therefore these are the same as a self-referral from a young person only the young person is instructing their advocate to contact our helpline on their behalf. These will only be for young people who have had an advocate before. Advocates cannot make referrals for young people they do not know.



Means of Contact to Helpline

The preferred method for making a referral to NYAS for professionals is via the Online Referral Form. Children, young people and family members may contact the helpline directly to ask for advice or to make a referral however. The below is data just for November 16 through to March 17 as October was not recorded.

Means of Contact	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Emailed	19	6
Online Referral Form	65	62
Telephone	16	52



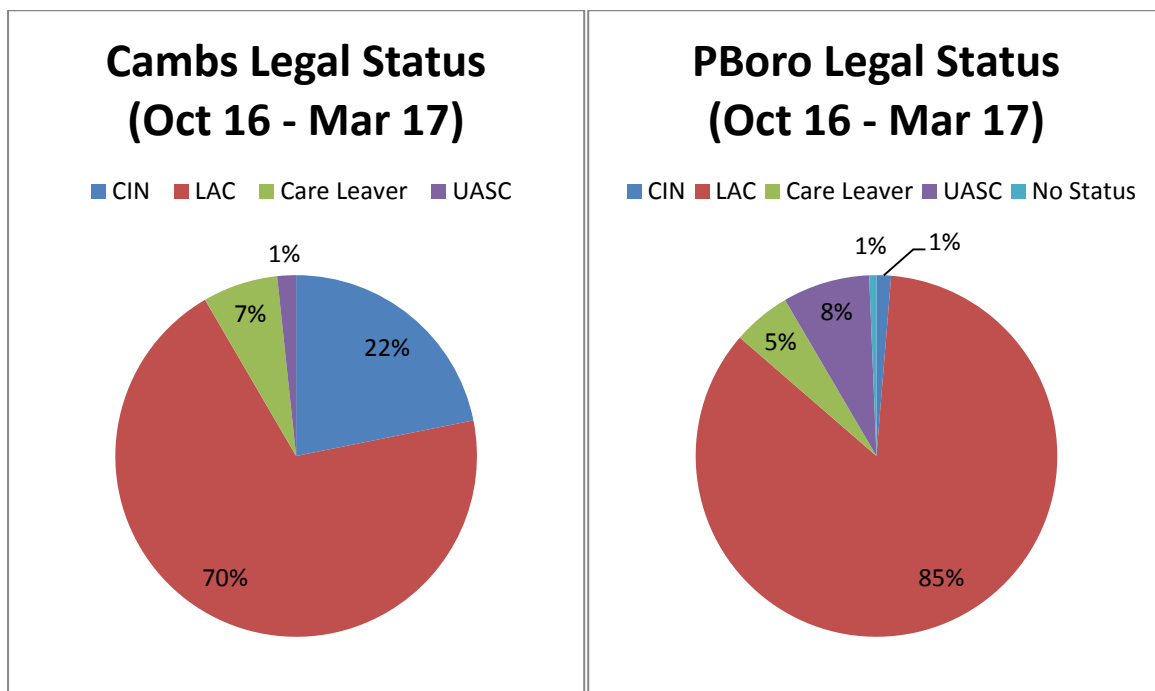
The online referral form is the easiest way to make a referral and this is encouraged.



Legal Status

We aim to work with the majority of look after children, as they have a statutory right to advocacy. However we have worked with other young people with different legal status's too;

Legal Status	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Child in Need	26	2
Looked After Child	83	131
Care Leaver	8	8
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child	2	12
No Status		1



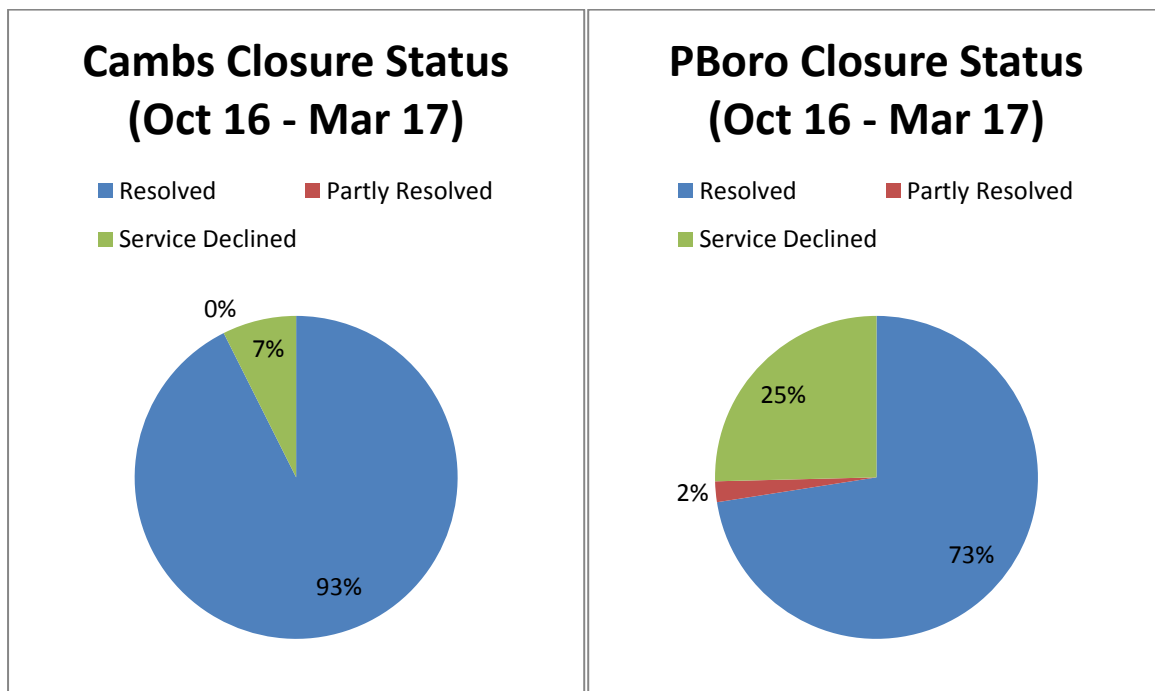
The above clearly shows that we are working with looked after children in the majority. Numbers for Care Leavers and UASC are low and we will be working with the social care teams to ensure these young people are aware of our service.



Closed Cases

During the monitoring period, the following cases have been closed;

Cambridgeshire – Total Closures 135						
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
No of Closures	30	19	21	18	14	33
Of which, Closure Status;						
Issues Resolved						125
Issues Partly Resolved						
Service Declined						10



Peterborough – Total Closures 193						
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17
No of Closures	45	38	29	30	33	18
Of which, Closure Status;						
Issues Resolved						140
Issues Partly Resolved						4
Service Declined						49

A high percentage of cases overall for both authorities were resolved upon closure. This means that the young person felt their issue had been resolved and they felt heard.

There is a higher percentage of Service Declined for Peterborough due to the lack of engagement from a young person around Return Interviews.



Feedback Quotes (March 2017)

Cambridgeshire		
Young Person	Complaint	"Thank you for your support, I did not feel listened to and did not expect anything to happen from this complaint. I am very happy that I have had an outcome and that I have been listened to."
Young Person	PEP Review	"It makes me feel much better when I have had somebody to talk to and help me think about things."
Young Person	LAC Review	"Thank you very much Natalie I know you are on my side and try your best for me."
Young Person	Placement Issues	"It is great YP has access to a service like NYAS because for so long he has not been listened too or his best interests been at the centre of decisions made about him."
Foster carer	LAC revivew	"Thank you for all your hard work. I don't think they would have had this outcome without you high lighting her vulnerability. We cannot thank you enough"
Young person	Mother and baby	"Thanks so much for your support. Talking to you really helped me come to the right decision and now I know how to challenge social care on my own and to have what I want be heard."
Young person	LAC review	"Thank you for explaining everything - I feel I've understood more from you than I have the whole time I've been in care."

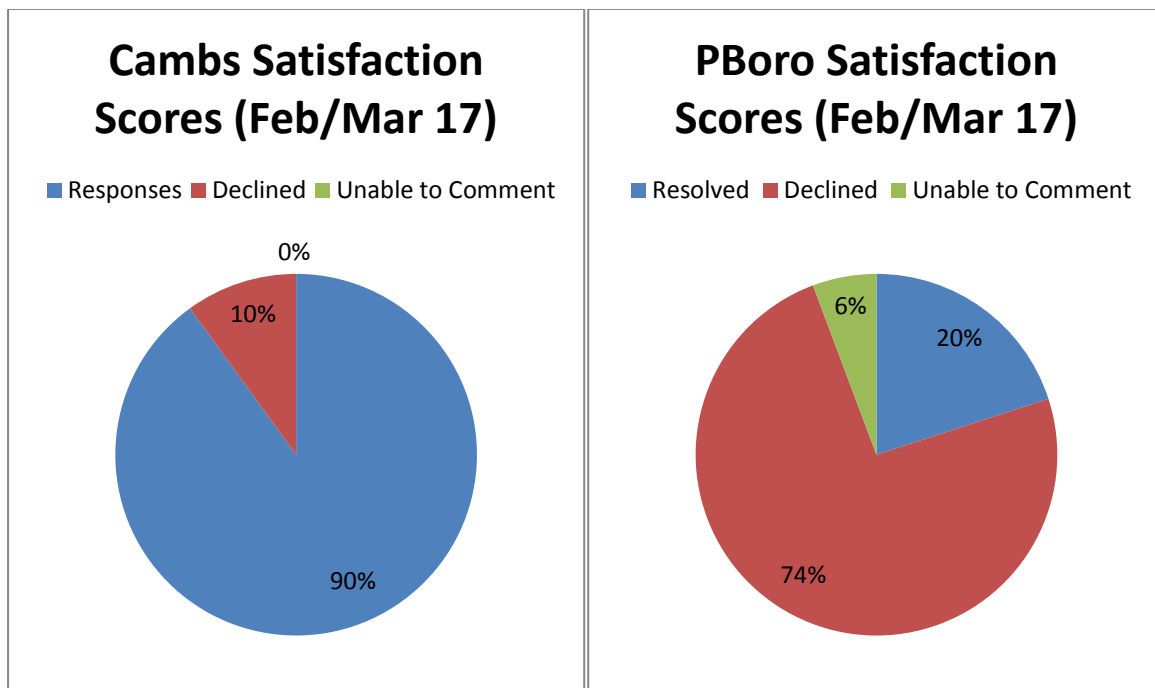
Peterborough		
Parent	Transition	"It's really reassuring to know that you are there to protect her rights and ensure that her voice is heard through all of this process."
Young person	LAC review	"Thanks for helping me say what I needed to say. Sometimes things get so muddled in my head and it's good to have you there to help me explain what I want to say."
Young person	Complaint	"Thanks for helping me to understand what they were saying – it stopped me getting angry."



Young People Satisfaction Ratings

Upon closure of an issue, the advocate will ask the young person if they are happy with the service they have received from NYAS. The numbers below have been taken for the months of February and March 2017 only;

Satisfaction Ratings	Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
Numbers that Fed Back	36	7
Declined Response	4	26
Unable to Comment		2
Totals	40	35



Of the 36 responses for Cambridgeshire and 7 responses for Peterborough received giving a satisfaction rating, 100% stated they were very satisfied with the service.

You will see above that some young people declined to comment, but were asked. Declined rates are higher for Peterborough as more return interviews were declined by the young people, therefore they couldn't comment on the service as they hadn't engaged in the interview itself.

The two Peterborough cases where the young people were unable to comment were due to language barriers preventing them from providing this.

There may not be the same amount of feedback given as cases closed, as some are from the same young person, and their comments are not counted more than once in response to the same time of asking (eg if they had more than once case open at the same time).



Case Studies (names changed to protect identity)

Cambridgeshire

Presenting Issue from Young Person

A referral was received to work with Peter to support him to share his wishes and feelings for his LAC review. Peter is 14 but struggles during his LAC reviews and has often been very challenging after the meetings. His placement staff and social worker felt it was best if he wasn't invited to his LAC review but that his IRO spoke to him after to let him know what was discussed in a more controlled way. As he wasn't invited, it was felt that it was important his voice was still heard.

Summary of Intervention

The advocate that was allocated to Peter had worked with him in the past and Peter agreed to work with this same advocate. Peter can often struggle to communicate and when the advocate met with him, Peter initially didn't want to engage. He pulled his cap down and pulled his jumper to cover his face. When the advocate spoke to him or asked him a question, Peter would just shrug his shoulders. The advocate checked if Peter wanted to speak to her and he again shrugged his shoulders. As the advocate knew Peter, she felt that Peter did want to talk but would often struggle with 1:1 discussions. The advocate then suggested that they just chill out for a bit together and forget talking about the LAC. The spent about an hour doodling pictures, talking about TV, pop culture and gaming. Gradually Peter dropped his jumper and the advocate could see his face. The advocate dropped into their conversation LAC topics, like how things were at his placement, school, and contact with his brother. Peter was able to answer these questions in a more relaxed way. After about an hour, the advocate commented that Peter had said some really important things about his life right now and how he might be able to get some of the answers to his questions at the LAC review. Peter said he was fine with not going as he always found them difficult but it would be good if what he had said could be read out. The advocate noted a few of his comments and questions and read them out to Peter. He was happy with what was written and wanted it to be shared at the LAC review.

Outcome

With Peter's agreement, the advocate sent his wishes and feelings to his IRO. She confirmed she would read them out in the meeting and then speak to Peter after the LAC review to let him know what had been discussed and hopefully answer all his questions. The advocate contacted Peter after the LAC review and he said his questions had been answered and that it was useful to speak to an advocate so that he could still be involved in his LAC, even though he didn't want to attend.



Case Studies (names changed to protect identity)

Peterborough

Presenting Issue from Young Person

Tom is a care leaver however he will not engage with the leaving care team. He has a learning difficulty and has been involved with the Youth Offending Service. He has been evicted from his flat and after a brief time at an emergency hostel is now at risk of being street homeless. Despite this threat he still won't engage with any service.

Summary of Intervention

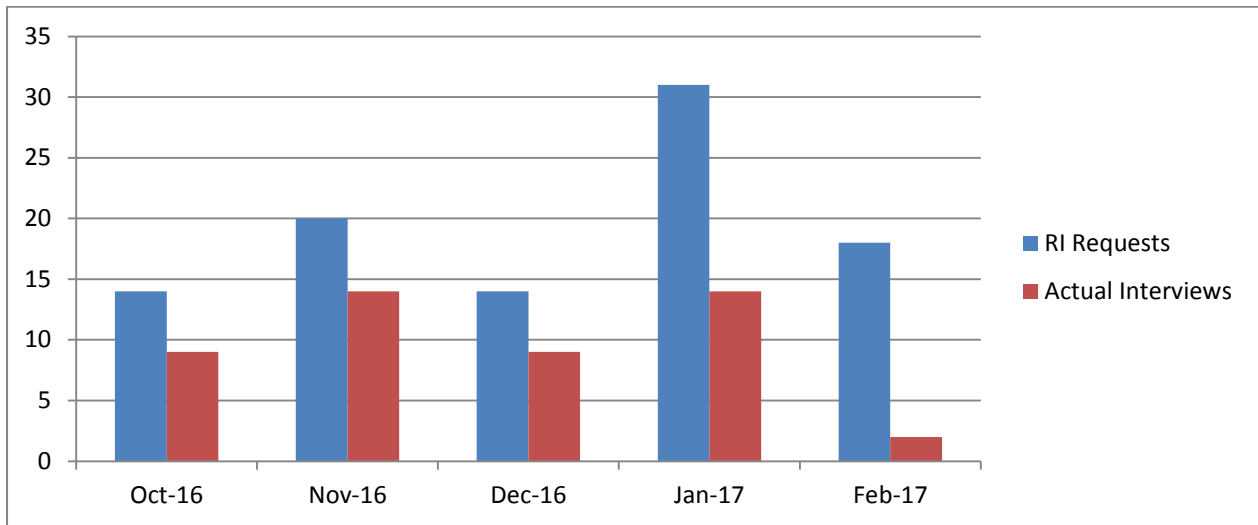
The advocate arranges to meet Tom at a local Costa. Tom arrives and is happy to talk about his issue. He agrees that the advocate can contact the leaving care team, his mother and adult social care and feedback to him. It is difficult to maintain contact with Tom but through a mixture of calls, texts and liaising with his Mum, Tom keeps engaging with the advocate and turns up for an assessment with adult social care and some of the subsequent meetings. The advocate is able to gather his wishes and feelings and support him to express these. She is also able to follow up meetings when he is refusing to attend and encourage him to keep engaging by keeping sight of the end goal – his own flat.

Outcome

As a result of Tom's engagement with the advocate and consequently his work with services, his wishes, feelings and views are expressed and Tom is allocated a new flat with daily support available. Tom is pleased with the outcome and although he is not keen on being involved with services he realises the benefits of engaging with them.



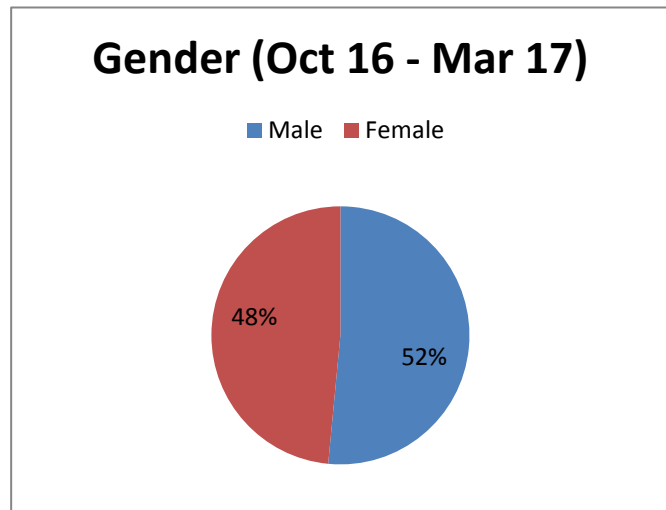
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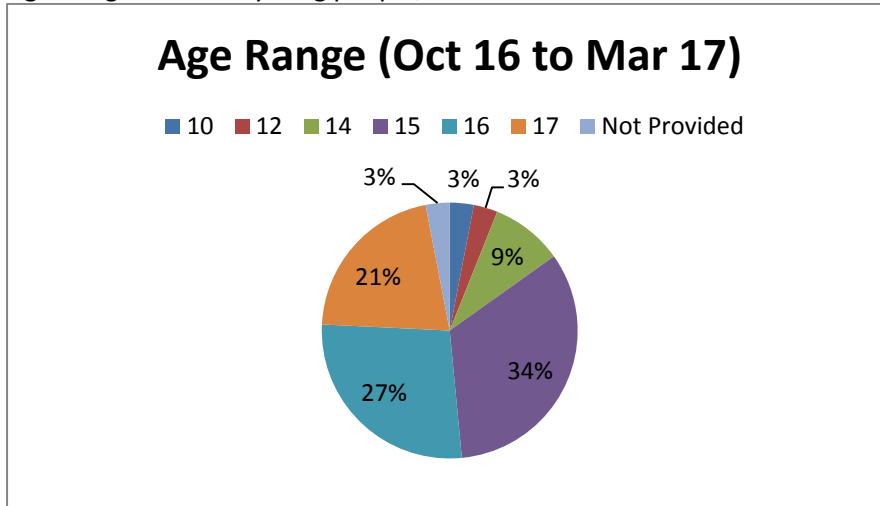
Peterborough							
	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Total
RI Referrals	14	19	14	31	22	11	111
Actual Interviews	9	13	9	14	2	1 (3 TBA)	48

General Summary

- During the monitoring period, a total of 111 referrals were made for a return interview, which 48 actual interviews taking place. This is a take up rate of 43%.
- Of the 111 referrals, 4 were duplicate referrals.
- We worked with some young people more than once. During the monitoring period, we worked with 33 young people.
- Gender – 17 were female and 16 were male.

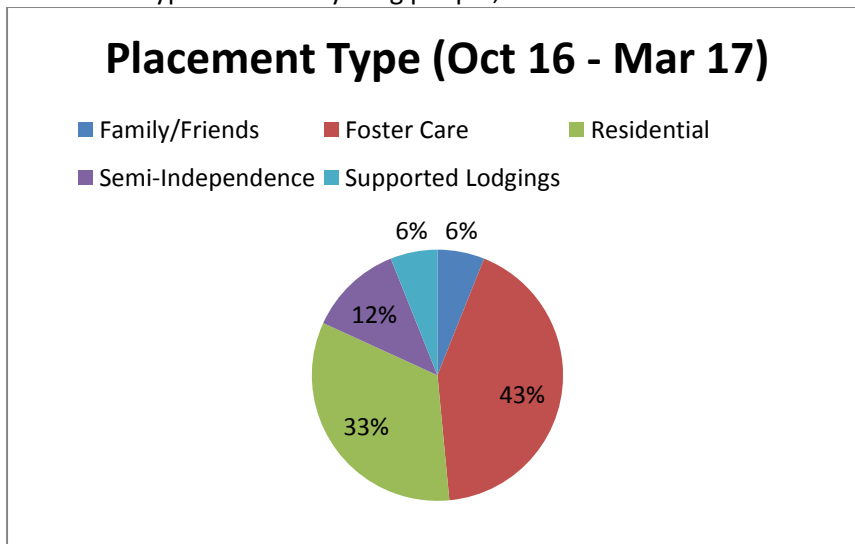


Age Range of the 33 young people;



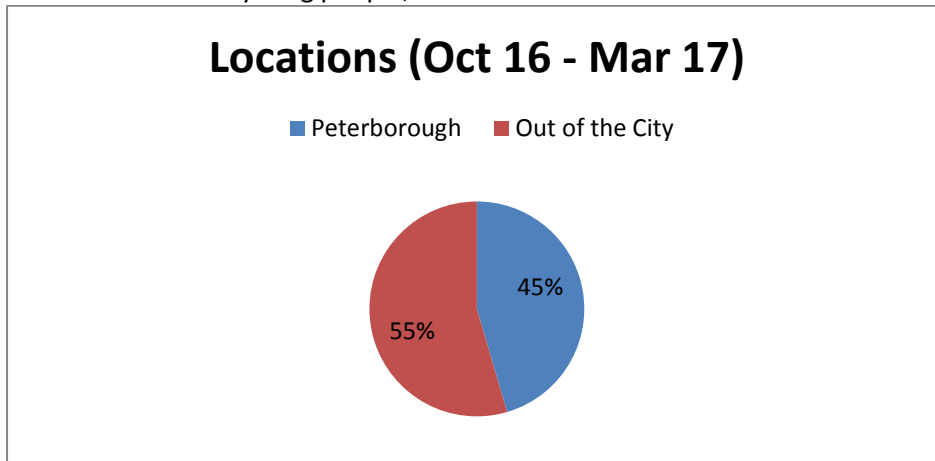
Age Range	Number of Young People
10	1
12	1
14	3
15	11
16	9
17	7
Not Provided	1

Placement Types of the 33 young people;



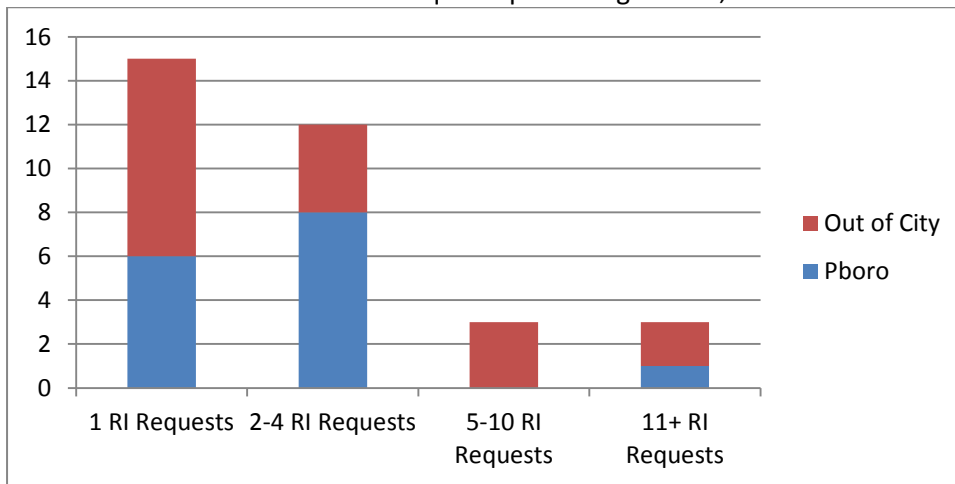
Placement Type	Number of Young People
Family/Friends	2
Foster Care	14
Residential	11
Semi-Independence	4
Supported Lodgings	2

Locations of the 33 young people;

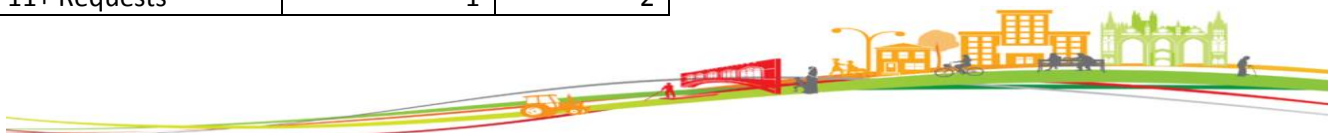


Location	Number of Young People
Peterborough	15
Out of the City	18

Breakdown of Return Interviews required per Young Person;

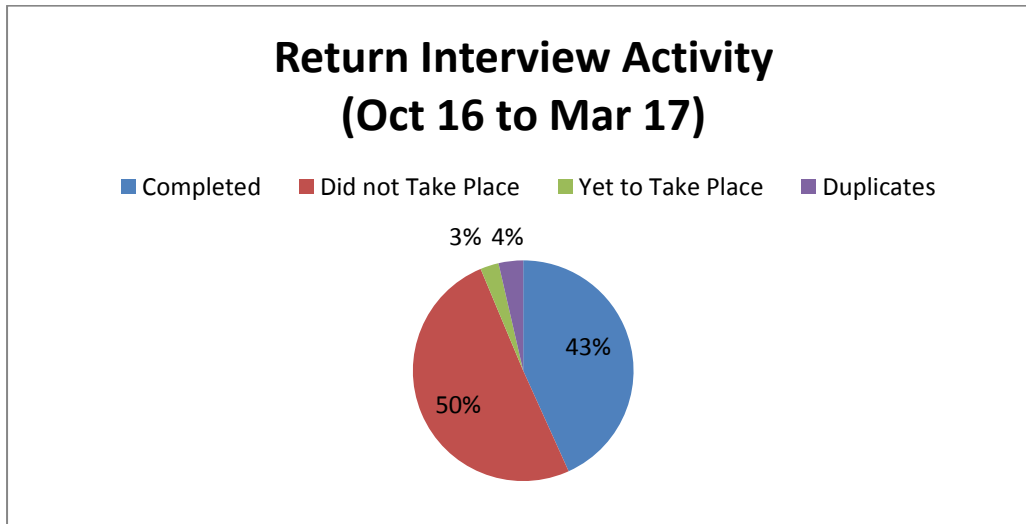


Interviews Required	Peterborough	Out of the City
1 Request	6	9
2-4 Requests	8	4
5-10 Requests	0	3
11+ Requests	1	2



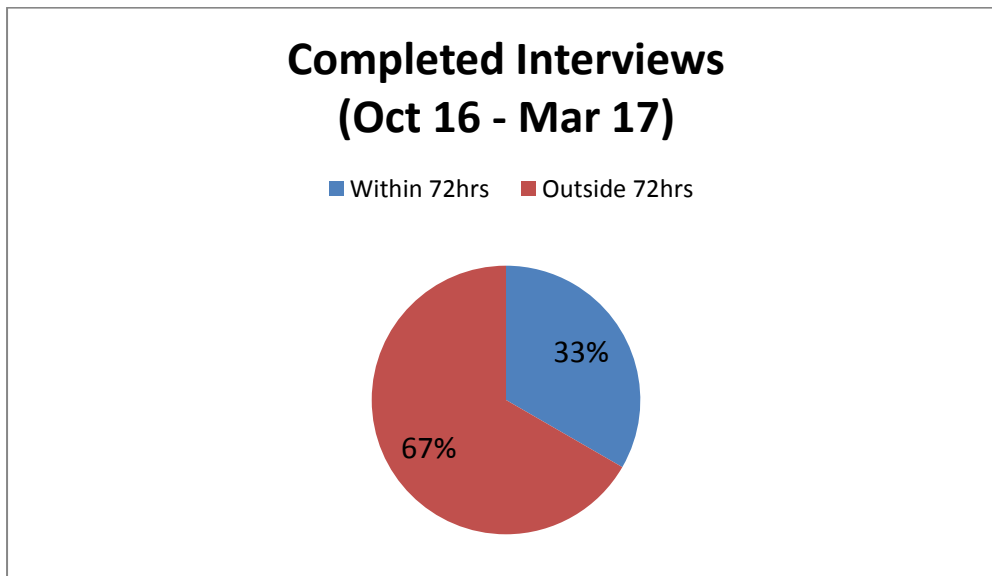
The one young person who was in Peterborough who had 11+ requests had 12 missing episodes. Of the two young people who were out of the city who had 11+ requests, one had 11 missing episodes and the other had 15 during the monitoring period.

Of the 111 return interviews, 4 were duplicates, 48 were completed, 56 did not take place and 3 are yet to take place;

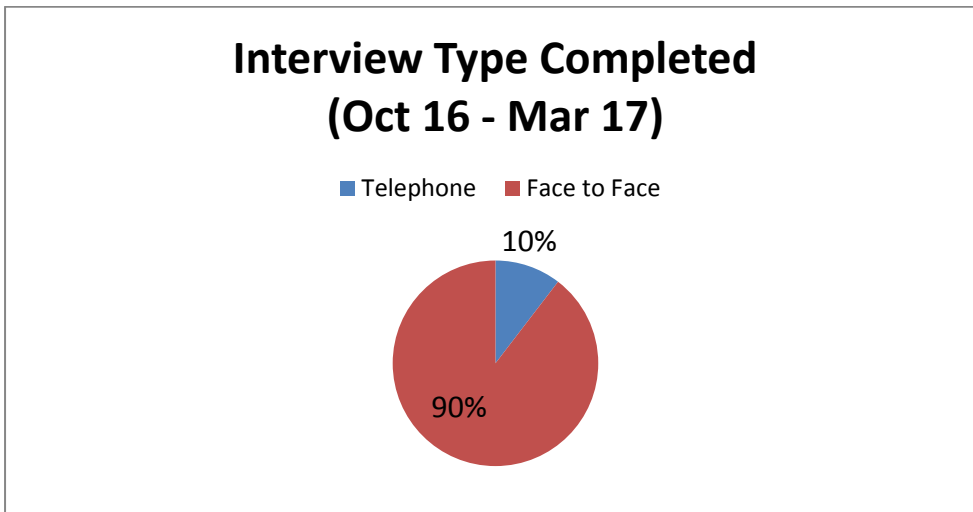


72hr deadline – All young people who are looked after must be offered the chance to see someone independent to conduct their return interview. They may decline but need to be offered this each time.

Of the 48 completed interviews, 16 were completed within the 72hr timescale and 32 were not.

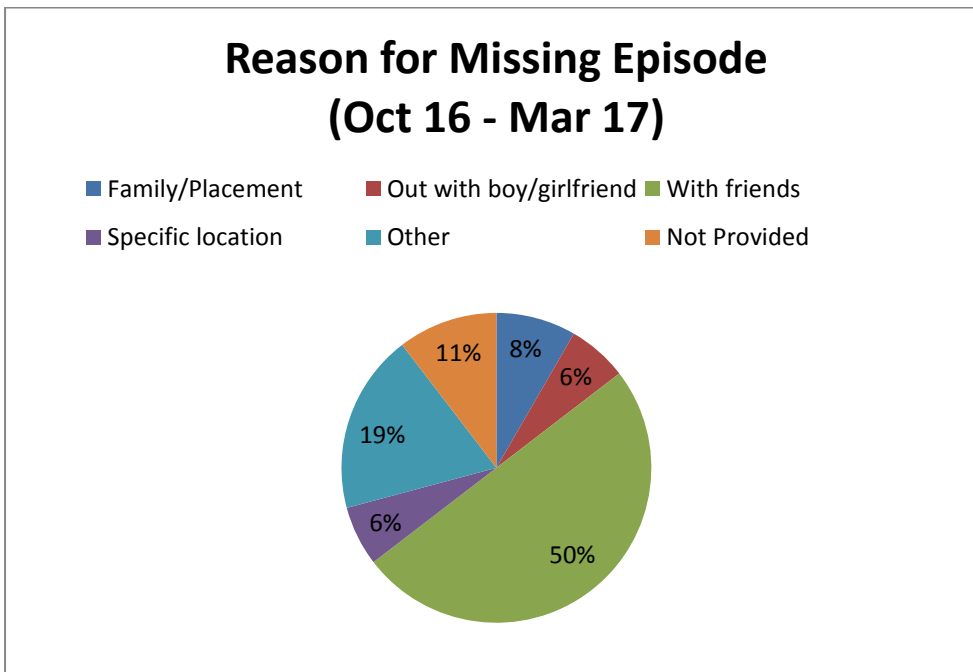


Of the 48 interviews completed, 43 were face to face and 5 were over the telephone;



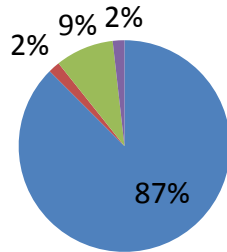
Of the 48 interviews completed, the following reasons were provided by the young people;

- 4 Family/Placement breakdown/argument
- 3 Out with boyfriend/girlfriend
- 24 Out with friends
- 3 Specific Location
- 9 Other
- 5 Not provided



Interviews Not Completed Feb - 17

■ Declined by YP ■ Refused by Parent ■ No Longer Required ■ YP Missing Again



- 56 interviews did not take place;
 - 5 were no longer required
 - 49 were declined
 - 1 interview was refused by a parent (Social Worker informed)
 - 1 young person was missing again.



RESIDENTIAL VISITING ADVOCACY (RVA)

Cambridgeshire;

Victoria Road – Monthly Visits, Advocate Natalie Briscoe.

Visits are going well and the staff are always supportive and encourage the children and young people to access the service. Recently they contacted the visiting advocate to support a young person with their wishes and feelings about their placement and also supported a previous resident who continues to visit the home regularly to contact their NYAS advocate for support with a new issue. There has been a high turn volume of residents coming and going and each visit currently focuses on promoting the service.

London Road – Monthly Visits, Advocate Natalie Briscoe.

The home has seen a change with some residents moving onto adult provisions and a new resident joining London Road in February. Staff are always available to discuss and advise on the best ways to interact and communicate with the residents. Staff also provide an overview of the residents day and moods at the start of visits. The home is currently looking for the final members to fulfil their staff team.

Woodland Lodge – Fortnightly Visits, Advocate Rebecca Fensome.

There is always a fun atmosphere and the young people appear to enjoy their stays. There are activities on offer to the young people when they are at Woodland and also lots of trips out planned. The young people always seem engaged. There is also space for young people to 'relax' and staff respond to individual young people's needs. Staff and young people are always very welcoming and open to our visits. Young people are happy to talk to the advocate and engage with her. Staff are always helpful in sharing knowledge to help us get to know young people. Staff are good at sharing knowledge in a respectful way i.e. we go out of ear shot so we are not talking about a young person in front of them. Staff have good relationships with young people and work hard to get to know them well.

Haviland Way – Monthly Visits, Advocate Rebecca Fensome.

Visits have been going well and the advocate has been able to make some good observations of the young people and staff. It's clear that staff know them well and provide a fun atmosphere but there are clear boundaries in place which the young people respond well to. The young people are sometimes not wanting to engage with the advocate although they seem comfortable with her presence and able to engage when they want to. We have been able to observe that the young people are accessing their community well with a wide variety of activities. There are always new pictures on display to show what the young people have been doing. For the next two months visit, the advocate has been in discussion with staff about combining these so we can join young people on a visit out in the community.

UASC Drop In – Monthly

These are to be set up during the next monitoring period.



Peterborough;

Cherry Lodge – Monthly Visits, Advocate Karen Austin.

The visits have been going well. Staff are warm and attentive to all the young people. They enable young people to have privacy when needed and also balance their individual needs like their medication etc. Communication can be difficult with some young people but Karen has been able to observe that they are all happy and relaxed. The young people tend to respond more to the advocate joining in activities, especially sensory based ones. They are happy and engaged. The advocate observed that one young person recently had their allocation stopped as they moved areas and funding needed to be reapplied for. Once the young person could return to Cherry they were keen to stay overnight but had to start with a tea visit first. They found this difficult as they wanted to spend more time at Cherry. This example highlights that young people enjoy their stays here.

Clare Lodge – Fortnightly Visits, Advocate Jo Saunders.

Visiting fortnightly, two lounges per visit is generally appearing to be going well. Young people range from engaging weekly to more intermittent sessions. General discussions held in individual lounges with staff also at times. It is difficult to engage the young people in anything other than conversation, given the nature of the setting. We encourage access to advocacy and issues range from complaints not being listened to, lack of mobility (as staff levels seems to be an issue) and young people not feeling they should be at Clare Lodge.

The Manor – Monthly Visits, Advocate Karen Austin.

There have been some issues when arranging visits. Staff are not told that the advocate will be visiting and then when the advocate arrives there is some confusion, or visits have to be cut short as they are going out on trips. This has happened consistently over the last few months. When the advocate has been able to visit, the young people seem very happy and relaxed. They are engaged in activities and there is a wide variety of activities available to them. The advocate will be providing more NYAS literature to be displayed at the Manor for young people to engage with.



CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith Lead Member Children's Services	
Contact Officer(s):	Sara Thompson - Team Manager - Passenger Transport Operations Bryony Wolstenholme - Specialist Transport Officer Andy Pallas - TACT	Tel. 01733 317452

CHILDREN IN CARE TRANSPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Nicola Curley Assistant Director Children's Services	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review transport arrangements for CIC with TACT and Passenger Transport progressing with actions agreed. 2. Ask questions of lead officers 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Corporate Parenting Committee following a previous briefing note discussed at a Corporate Parenting Committee on 14th June 2017.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on their recent request for information.

(a) The request for information was made initially at the informal meeting of corporate parenting on 14 June 2017.

- 2.2 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No.

2.4.3.3 Ensure that the needs of looked after children and care leavers are addressed through key plans, policies and strategies throughout the Council overseeing interagency working arrangements.

- 2.3 *This links into the Children in Care Pledge under:*

Safe – *We will keep you safe and help you to keep yourself safe.*

Support – *We will support you in all aspects of your education so you are able to achieve your full potential.*

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

4.1 TACT and The Passenger Transport Operations Team have agreed that it had been very helpful to pull the different areas of the service together, and have the opportunity to consider the issues in this complex and critical area in the round. It was recognised that the group needed to continue to meet for the next few months in order to carry through a number of actions to understand and improve the situation. The immediate steps to be taken were:

1. Consideration of the pooled budgets in this area of the business and how they can best be used to improve service delivery, including consideration of new commissioning arrangements
2. Review of the service level agreement between Transport and Children's Social Care, and TACT's new role in this area
3. Refreshed recruitment campaign for volunteer drivers (interviews are already underway this month)
4. Consideration of an audit of all journeys completed for CSC in a snapshot month to review how the service is being used, and consider options moving forward
5. To consider the impact of supervised contact journeys as well as school transportation
6. To consider more flexible taxi booking arrangements for EDT carers
7. All staff to be reminded that journeys to school should be considered as one of the matching criteria for placement, and look at creative solutions to enable carers to take children to school.

4.2 I am able to provide an update as below:

1. Consideration of the pooled budgets in this area of the business and how they can best be used to improve service delivery, including consideration of new commissioning arrangements

4.3 The Children's Social Care transport budget (Transport booked by social workers with Passenger Transport Operations) and the Home to School Transport budget (provided for Education) are managed by Passenger Transport Operations. Transport provided by voluntary drivers is good value for money as the drivers are paid £0.40p per mile. We will continue to actively recruit volunteers to reduce the number of journeys booked with transport providers such as taxi companies. Passenger Transport Services has been reviewed recently and a new Framework Agreement is in place to procure all transport requirements with external providers. We have taxi companies we use to book Children's Social Care journeys. We are using pricing grids which is submitted as part of the tender so we have costs known upfront. The journeys can then be arranged weekly with the relevant provider e.g employed driver, voluntary driver or taxi company.

4.4 A recruitment campaign has been successful in recruiting 4 new volunteer drivers which will reduce the amount of journeys undertaken by taxis companies and reduce spend overall, it is also felt that a better service is provided by volunteer drivers.

2. Review of the service level agreement between Transport and Children's Social Care, and TACT's new role in this area

This piece of work needs to commence as soon as practically possible. The new Service Level Agreement between Transport and Children's Social Care needs to be reviewed and include TACT's new role in this area.

4.5

4.6 It has become evident through discussion that the existing service level agreements (SLA) between Transport and Children's Social Care (school journeys for children placed with Permanency service foster carers and contact) and Transport and Education (school journeys for children attending Special Schools) differ. An example of where they differ is the use of Passenger Assistants.

4.7 Additionally a review and redesign of the transport booking form will be commenced within the next 3 months with social workers direct input. This will make the task less time consuming for social workers and contact supervisors. A working group for the design of the form is being arranged.

3. Refreshed recruitment campaign for volunteer drivers (interviews are already underway this month)

4.8 The recruitment campaign has been successful and we have recruited four new volunteers since the meeting in June 2017 and we have three potential new voluntary drivers currently going through the recruitment / approval process. However some of the new volunteers are part-time so consistency of providing the same driver can still be an issue. Also the driver who left to work for Cambridgeshire has returned to PCC.

4. Consideration of an audit of all journeys completed for Childrens Social Care in a snapshot month to review how the service is being used, and consider options moving forward

4.9 The Permanency Service audited the current use of transport for children's social care clients for all journeys completed in May 2017 using data available from Transport and found no evidence that any journeys were booked unnecessarily. Social workers as part of the transport application should consider the best form of transport for the child for example:

- Can the child walk (either on their own or accompanied)
- Can the child cycle
- Can the child travel by public transport (this can be arranged via the social worker, EDT foster carers have now been issued with Megarider vouchers to use or with Passenger Transport if a long term arrangement)
- Transport should then only be booked if a employed/volunteer or taxi is required.

4.10 Children's social workers have the responsibility of authorising transport which may be required in order to assist a child get to school and maintain contact with family members. Whilst the Permanency service holds a clear view on the needs of the foster carers in relation to transport and need to be involved in decision making. No change is necessary in the authorisation of transport bookings at present.

5. To consider the impact of supervised contact journeys as well as school transportation

4.11 The audit did not consider journeys made specifically for contact but there has been a focus on the role of the local authority in stepping in to support any journeys a child makes. This has been considered in the above with TACT now considering where a child attends school and how they will get there in their matching criteria, foster carers are also been asked where appropriate to transport children to and from contact visits.

6. To consider more flexible transport booking arrangements for Emergency Duty Team carers

4.12 An agreement was given for foster carers to change transport arrangements once agreed by CIC from June 2017. This has been well received and worked well in most cases rendering the above unnecessary. It makes more sense for carers to have direct access to the Transport service staff rather than involve third parties; A recent enquiry of Permanency Service staff could only reveal one issue where there had been an issue with transport. The last Foster Carers Committee minutes in September 2017 reminded foster carers to contact Transport

directly if any issues arose and asked that any unresolved issues were escalated to service staff; at the current time we have not had any issues raised.

4.13 Discussions have taken place around the small number of EDT carers being able to book taxis directly with approved transport providers. Whilst this may assist, monitoring usage could be difficult and current arrangements seem to be working well in most cases.

4.14 It is proposed that a survey of foster carers is undertaken within the next three months of which some questions will refer to transport enabling us to double check whether our current construct of the situation is correct.

4.15 Initially the process for Foster Carers to be able to contact Transport directly to make cancellations/ time changes and check arrangements was temporary as we did not know what impact this would have on resources, we have found this arrangement to be beneficial to the service overall with reduction in wasted journeys and better communication with carers. We will now write/ email foster carers to advise them that this will be a permanent arrangement.

7. All staff to be reminded that journeys to school should be considered as one of the matching criteria for placement, and look at creative solutions to enable carers to take children to school.

4.16 When matching children to foster carers the Permanency service considers location of the carers home, schools and the needs of other children in the household both those looked after and birth children.

4.17 It is being made clear with new carers being recruited that the expectation is that carers transport children to school and conversations take place in supervision with current carers to review the family situation and whether transport is still required to be provided by PCC. Consideration of whether breakfast and after school clubs rather than transport to enable foster carers to transport children to different schools will decrease the amount of journeys undertaken and should be better for the child with the carer having regular contact with the schools and children feeling included within the families arrangements.

4.18 The Permanency Service is currently reviewing the overall financial structure of foster carer payments and as part of this will consider how our actions can support PCC in reducing expenditure in this area. It is aimed that this work is completed by December 2017.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 Improved Service Delivery

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Improved Service Delivery

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 **BUDGET**

£247k 16/17 – Actual spend £265k, overspend £18k

£292k 17/18 - Projected spend £399k, projected overspend £107k

Reduction in number of journeys completed by volunteer drivers (March 2017 to July 2017) due to resource has resulted in negative impact on budget due to large number of taxi journeys with passenger assistants. Recruitment of new volunteers will hopefully improve this from September 2017 to March 2018.

9.2 **Legal Implications**

N/A

9.3 **Equalities Implications**

N/A

9.4 **Other Relevant Implications**

Any changes to Service Level Agreement or booking process will be clearly communicated with relevant teams.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 Briefing note -
Children's Social Care Issues And Resolutions – Meeting 27th June 2017

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix A – Children's Social Care Transport Briefing Note Request Form

APPENDIX A

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE / COMMISSION REQUESTING BRIEFING NOTE	Corporate Parenting Committee
DATE REQUEST MADE	21/06/2017
RESPONSE REQUIRED BY	
OFFICER REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BRIEFING NOTE	BRYONY WOLSTENHOLME – ACTING TEAM MANAGER, PASSENGER TRANSPORT OPERATIONS
SUBJECT	CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE TRANSPORT

BRIEFING NOTE REQUEST FORM

RESPONSE:

CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE ISSUES AND RESOLUTIONS – MEETING 27TH JUNE 2017

Present:

Bryony Wolstenholme

Brian Howard

Sue King

Andy Pallas

Apologies - Dee Glover

Alison Bennett

Alison Bennett spoke prior to the meeting to discuss the social care transport booking form, advised that many social workers find the process too long and onerous due to it being over 16 pages. BW advised that this could be looked in to and the online booking form could be re-designed to be more user friendly, the form was initially introduced to make those booking transport more aware of options available and check that they had considered other options prior including carers transporting, walking, bus passes etc, this was instated on the request of the social care teams managers.

ISSUES

Increase in social care journeys overall:

May-17	2973	May-16	2978	May-15	2160	May-14	2408
Apr-17	1628	Apr-16	2420	Apr-15	1914	Apr-14	2051
Mar-17	3124	Mar-16	2589	Mar-15	2395	Mar-14	2564
Feb-17	2076	Feb-16	2258	Feb-15	1840	Feb-14	1885
Jan-17	2250	Jan-16	2337	Jan-15	2080	Jan-14	2116
Dec-16	2013	Dec-15	2093	Dec-14	2129	Dec-13	1767
Nov-16	2611	Nov-15	2571	Nov-14	2440	Nov-13	1871
Oct-16	2166	Oct-15	2269	Oct-14	2349	Oct-13	2111
Sep-16	2231	Sep-15	2430	Sep-14	2370	Sep-13	2165
Aug-16	989	Aug-15	846	Aug-14	1401	Aug-13	1344
Jul-16	2552	Jul-15	2034	Jul-14	2612	Jul-13	2468
Jun-16	2947	Jun-15	2652	Jun-14	2899	Jun-13	2586
Total	27560		27477		26589		25336

Increase in longer distance journeys, resulting in employed/ volunteer drivers completing less journeys overall: as spending most of their time outside of the city:

- Soham
- Wisbech
- Spalding
- Cambridge

High increase in amount of journeys allocated to taxi companies, journeys being handed back by drivers and taxis last minute causing issues for staff.

Number of complaints/ concerns regarding taxi companies in relation to social care journeys. Issues not being reported back to PTOT as they would with volunteer drivers. Parents/ perpetrators approaching

vehicles at school. Children being dropped off without suitably handing over to staff/ carers. Incorrect seating being provided.

Scheduling of journeys taking over 2 days to complete as software unsuitable – BW has had software providers come and look at this to come up with possible solutions, awaiting feedback.

Decrease in volunteer drivers – 2 doing school journeys for Cambridgeshire as able to offer longer distance school journeys, 1 retired, 1 now in full time employment.

Lack of interest in advertising for volunteer drivers – posters sent June 2016 to all community centres, doctors surgeries, dentists. Only 1 applicant from this advertising who was deemed unsuitable.

Requirement to purchase new car seats for volunteer drivers – currently only have £3k budget for school and social care transport equipment. No additional budget provided by social care.

SOLUTIONS

Team resource – Investment in systems (online booking for social workers to eliminate duplication of effort). Staffing - Currently only one Assistant Transport Officer funded by social care this is not true reflection of time spent within team delivering service.

Recruitment campaign of volunteer drivers for the service – advertisement in newspaper 16.06.2017. 1 new volunteer commencing Monday 19th June, 1 interview 21st June and 2 new applications due in soon.

Reminder that transport should be considered as one of the matching considerations with location of school and other children placed with carers – promote and support foster carers to transport children to school by offering increased mileage allowance (currently 0.28p, 0.45p paid to volunteer drivers) for this, consider and fund breakfast clubs and after school clubs if better option for child overall and makes child feel inclusive in carers family arrangements.

TACT Peterborough and CIC to undertake an audit of all journeys completed for children's social care in the month of May 2017 with a view to identifying how the service is being used and identify options for going forward.

Review to be undertaken of Social Care Transport Policy and the service level agreement with transport

Suggestion from TACT Peterborough that EDT carers (5) are allowed to book transport directly with specific named providers after gaining the agreement of the Permanence service providing the advantages/ risks involved are known to all parties.

Procure social care transport work to reputable reliable provider(s), consider contact supervision/ transport package. New Passenger Transport Framework has company that operates social care routes for Lincolnshire.

BUDGET

£300k 16/17 – Actual spend £265k to date

£292k 17/18

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 9
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
Contact Officer(s):	Myra O'Farrell	Tel. 864102

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: <i>Nicola Curley Assistant Director Children's Services</i>	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the update and information. 	

Missing and Child Sexual Exploitation Update

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 Report requested by Corporate Parenting Committee to update in respect of current situation around children and young people who go missing and children and young people who are vulnerable to Child Sexual Exploitation.
- 2.2 This report is being presented under the Corporate Parenting Committee Terms of Reference: 2.4.3.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children (LAC) services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.
This report links in with all aspects of the Children in Care Pledge.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Child sexual exploitation can have a devastating impact on the social integration, economic well-being and life chances of young people. Difficulties faced by victims of child sexual exploitation include isolation from family and friends, teenage parenthood, failing examinations or dropping out of education altogether, unemployment, mental health problems, suicide attempts, alcohol and drug addiction, aggressive behaviour and criminal activity. Child sexual exploitation can also have a profoundly damaging effect on families and communities.
- 4.2 Within Peterborough Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is managed as part of the day to day safeguarding responsibility of the Local Authority and there is no longer a

dedicated CSE team. This means that all staff have the opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and experience in this area and ensures that there is ownership of the wider issues that contribute to children and young people being vulnerable to CSE and other forms of exploitation.

- 4.3 At the time of writing this report within Peterborough there were 21 young people flagged as at risk of sexual exploitation. All of which are females. Of the 21 cases flagged as at risk of CSE 10 were young people who were looked after, 8 were Children in need and 3 were child protection. 4 of the young people identified as being at risk of CSE also have episodes of Missing in the last few weeks. The age range of those young people flagged on the system were in the age group 10- 17 year old, with some children having identified disabilities.
- 4.4 Each of these cases are allocated to a qualified social worker and work is undertaken to enable the young person and their family to engage with services that will help to reduce their vulnerability to being exploited. Building a relationship with these young people can take time and it is important that there is the capacity to be available at times when they need help or are willing to share what may be happening.
- 4.5 There is a dedicated police CSE team based at Godmanchester and Children's Services meet on a monthly basis at the CSE and Missing Operational Meeting to share information across professions and review intelligence to ensure that those young people most at risk are identified and that clear plans are put in place to mitigate the risks. There is a joint Peterborough /Cambridge Strategic CSE meeting that meets every quarter and has the overview of the multi- agency CSE action plan.

Missing

- 4.6 Children who are missing from home, school or care are at greater risk of sexual exploitation. Within Peterborough the Head of Service for First Response is the strategic lead for Missing and CSE. Children's Services are alerted to missing incidents by the police. The data is updated on a weekly basis with a dedicated missing co-ordinator who undertakes return from missing interviews within 72 hours.
- 4.7 For those young people in care who are placed outside of the LA boundary, the social worker and MASH are alerted by the care provider. Since March 2015 there has been a dedicated Missing Case Worker in post. This worker undertakes all Return Interviews with those young people that live at home who go missing.
- 4.8 A Return Interview should be held within 72 hours of the young person being located. For our Children in Care National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) are commissioned to complete these interviews. The missing co-ordinator undertakes the missing interviews for the rest. If the young person is placed in Peterborough by another authority the missing coordinator will notify them of the missing/found episodes and they arrange the return interview.
- 4.9 For the whole of 2016-2017 there were 613 missing episodes reported. This related to 417 children and young people.
From April to August 2017 this has been recorded as 210 episodes and relates to 170 young people. Within that period 142 children and young people had 1 episode, 17 children and young people had 2 episodes, 9 had 3 episodes and 2 had more than 4 episodes.
- 4.10 In comparing the data to the same period in 2016-17 there is both an increase in the incidents being reported and an increase in the number of children. This links to improved multi-agency reporting and sharing of information coupled with the removal of the category of absent which was impacting on the effective response from all agencies.
Between April and August 2017 24 young people who have been recorded as missing have also been identified as being at risk of CSE.

- 4.11 Current CLA missing episodes for 2017-8 is 58% this equates to (62 children)
Current CP missing episodes for 2017-8 is 7% this equates to (7 children)
Current CIN missing episodes for 2017-8 is 35% this equates to (37 children)

4.12 The profile of children and young people going missing for 2016-17 is that males present as missing on more occasions than females with white British being the largest group of children and young people being recorded as being missing.

4.13 Analysis of the above data indicates that 106 children and young people were known to children's services at the time of the missing episode. Each of these have an additional CSE and Missing risk assessment to assess and analyse the risk and the level this is at in order to develop a multi agency response to protecting that child, young person. This is then reviewed through the Multi-Agency Child Exploitation meetings which meet monthly. The largest cohort is the Looked After population. This is not unusual and can relate to a variety of issues from staying at a friend's home and not telling their carer where they are to being a child or young person who has episodes when they are missing and nobody is certain of their whereabouts. All foster carers and residential homes have training in this area of child protection and are alert to this which means the result is prompt reporting and recording.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Risk assessments are undertaken in respect of all young people who go missing but work needs to continue on ensuring that care plans are more robust in addressing the safety planning needs of Children in Care who go missing on a frequent basis.
- 5.2 Multi-agency strategy meetings as set out within Working Together 2015 ensures that patterns, risks and protective factors per child are assessed and analysed jointly with partners.
- 5.3 Work continues on analysing the patterns and intelligence in respect of all aspects of exploitation in respect of young people within Peterborough to ensure that there is a multi-agency response to safeguarding and that there is clear proactive planning to reduce and disrupt opportunities for exploitation of our most vulnerable citizens.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 N/A

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 This report is for information only.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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- 9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 None

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CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 10
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.	
Contact Officer(s):	Nicola Curley, Assistant Director Children's Social Care	Tel. 864065

CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS PERFORMANCE REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Assistant Director Children's Social Care	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the content of the report. • Raise any queries they have with the lead officers. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to each formal Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 To update the Corporate Parenting Committee in respect of the numbers of children and young people currently being looked after by the Council and to provide a breakdown of the types of placements in which they are living. The report also provides information about the age, gender and ethnicity of those children and young people.

2.2 The report also outlines a monthly performance report and an action plan report which outlines progress of each action made against the OfSTED recommendations from the inspection held in 2015.

2.3 This report is for Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.4.3.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.

2.4.3.6 To monitor the quality of care delivered by the City Council and review the performance of outcomes for children and young people in care.

2.4 This links into the Children in Care Pledge under:

Respect - We will respect you as individuals, with differing wants, needs and beliefs and tailor the service you get to fit you.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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4. **BACKGROUND**

4.1 On the 30 September 2017 there were 373 Children in Care in Peterborough.

- 157 children were placed with foster carers who work for TACT (The Adolescent and Children’s Trust), and provide foster care through our strategic partnership.
- 109 children were in foster care and placed with independent fostering agencies (IFA’S). The agency works with the Local Authority on a contractual basis to provide foster placements.
- 34 post 16 years olds were living on their own (independent living) but still classed as CIC with an allocated Social Worker. Independent living assists the young person with the transition to leaving care. These young people are supported by our Leaving Care Service.
- 5 children had a court order (Placement Order) that allows them to live with their prospective adoptive parents whilst they are awaiting a final Adoption Order.
- 16 children were placed with family or friends carers (connected person). These carers are formally assessed in the same way that our other in house carers are assessed and are presented to the Fostering Panel for approval in the same way. They are paid the same level of allowances as other in house foster carers.
- 3 children were living with their parents but were still considered ‘looked after’ because they are subject to a full care order so the Council still shares parental responsibility with the birth parent. Placements with parents are often made pending a plan for reunification with the parent and in some cases will result in an application for care orders to be revoked.
- 45 children and young people (without disabilities) were placed in residential care that provides intensive support in a residential setting. These placements are most usually made when it is clear that foster care is not sufficient to meet the child or young person’s needs. Residential care is nearly always accessed by adolescents and only rarely used for younger children in very special circumstances.
- No children (with disabilities) were placed in specialist residential care. This disabled child will have complex health and behavioural needs associated with their disability. As above these placements are only used when all other types of support to keep the child at home or in foster care have been exhausted.
- There were 2 young people placed in a secure unit, and 2 in YOI.

Children in Care Profile

	Sep-16	Dec-16	Mar-17	Jun-17	Sep-17
Children looked after	366	364	363	372	373

Age

Under 1	21	16	18	20	16
1 to 4	36	38	34	26	21
5 to 9	71	71	69	71	68
10 to 15	141	137	137	148	159
16-17	96	101	105	105	106
18 or over	1	1	0	2	3

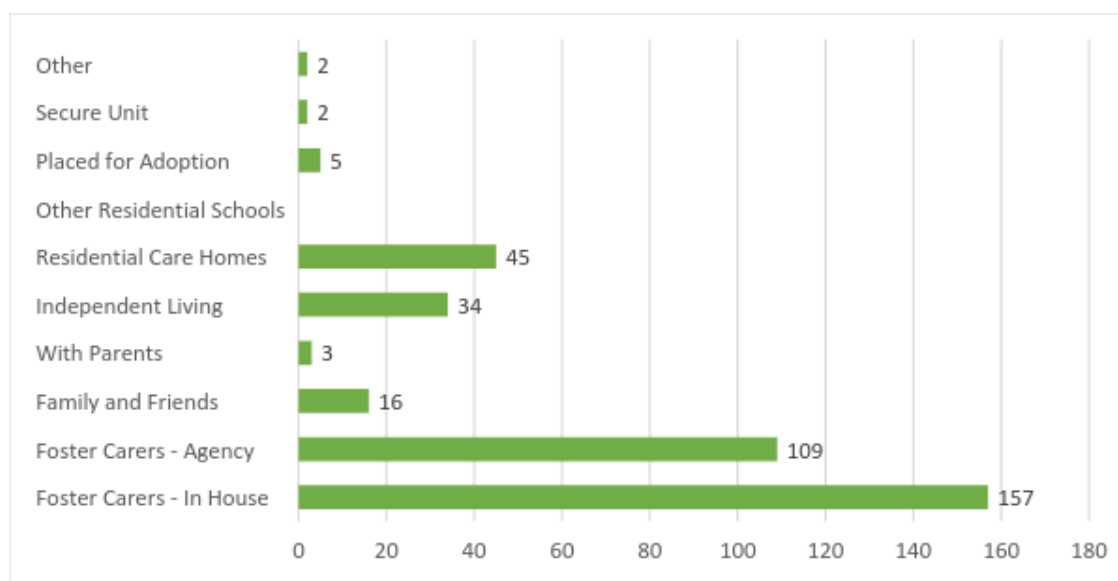
Gender

Male	206	206	199	208	213
Female	160	158	164	164	160

Ethnicity

White British	239	237	227	223	224
White Irish	0	0	0	0	0
White Other	38	37	40	46	41
White	277	274	267	269	265
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	5	5	6	5	3
Mixed White & Black African	6	5	5	5	4
Mixed White & Asian	15	18	19	21	21
Any other mixed background	10	14	13	14	16
Mixed	36	42	43	45	44
Indian	0	1	1	1	1
Pakistani	4	3	7	6	7
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0
Any other Asian background	18	18	18	17	19
Asian	22	22	26	24	27
Caribbean	2	1	1	3	2
African	10	10	9	12	15
Any other Black background	7	8	8	8	8
Black	19	19	18	23	25
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0
Any other ethnic group	8	4	5	6	6
Other	8	4	5	6	6
Not stated / not yet obtained	4	3	4	5	4

Children in Care Placements



5. CONSULTATION

5.1 N/A

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 N/A

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Corporate Parenting Committee members have a duty to review performance of Children's Social Care.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 N/A

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 None

Legal Implications

9.2 None

Equalities Implications

9.3 None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – CIC Performance Report September 2017

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CIC Performance Report

Sep-17

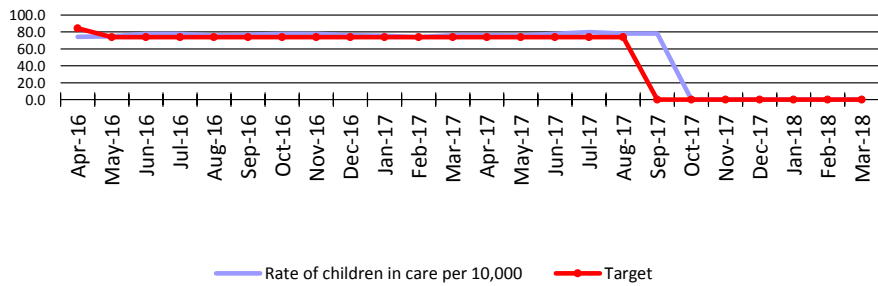
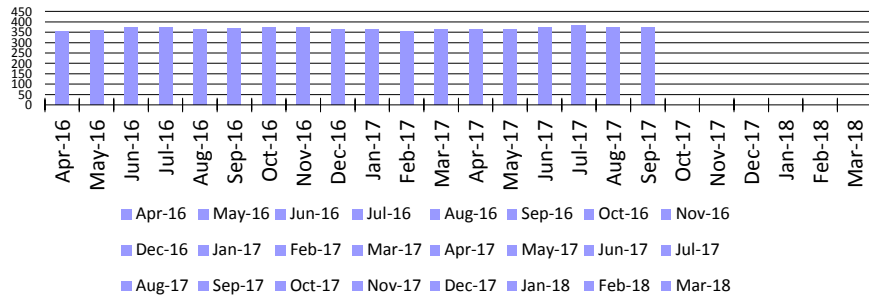
Peterborough Children's Services

"Change together for children"



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Contents		Latest Published	SN Avg	ENG Avg	Target	Latest Data		Dir. of travel	Polarity	Page Number
						Actual	RAG			
Children in Care	Number of Children in Care per 10,000	74.0	79.4	60.0	74.0	78.2	R	↓	Smaller is better	24
	Admissions of Children in Care per 10,000	36.2	29.7	26.5	38.0	42.3	A	↑	-	25
	Number of Children who have ceased to be Children in Care per 10,000	32.9	30.1	26.5	38.0	40.0	A	↓	-	26
	Number of Children in Care				345	373	A	↑	Proximity to target	27
	Placement Stability: 3 or more placements during previous 12 months for CiC	8.5%	11.3%	11.0%	8.5%	6.2%	G	↑	Smaller is better	28
	Placement Stability: Length of Placement for Children in Care	73.0%	69.1%	67.0%	71.0%	66.4%	R	↑	Bigger is better	29
	Children in Care Reviews held within timescales	98.7%			100.0%	99.2%	A	↑	Bigger is better	30
	Children in care statutory visits in time				98.0%	95.9%	A	↑	Bigger is better	31
	Percentage of children adopted	19.0%	24.0%	17.0%	14.0%	0.0%	R	↓	Bigger is better	32
	Average days between child entering care and moving in with a adoptive family	593	616	628	487	377	G	=	Smaller is better	33
	Average days between court agreeing adoption and LA approving a match	242	211	217	120	197	R	=	Smaller is better	34
	Children in care - Missing from care					15		↑	-	35
	Initial health assessments completed within 20 working days of child entering care				95.0%	40.0%	R	↑	Bigger is better	36
	Health of Children in Care - Annual Health Assessments	93.9%	89.1%	88.4%	95.0%	90.2%	A	↑	Bigger is better	37
	Children in care (aged 3-17 years) with dental checks held within previous 12 months				95.0%	60.8%	R	↑	Bigger is better	38
	Personal Education Plans (PEPs)				98.0%	100.0%	G	↑	Bigger is better	39
	Leaving care cases with a pathway plan				98.0%	87.1%	A	↑	Bigger is better	40
	Care leavers (+19 years) - Not in Education, Employment and Training				30.0%	37.1%	R	↓	Smaller is better	41
Care leavers (+19 Years) - Not in Suitable Accommodation				5.0%	12.9%	R	↓	Smaller is better	42	
Profiles	Children in care; child protection; children in need; leaving care; referrals starting in month									43 - 47



Month	CiC -	Pop.	Rate of	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	354	47715	74.2	84.4	-12.1%	A
May-16	358	47715	75.0	74.0	1.4%	A
Jun-16	371	47715	77.8	74.0	5.1%	R
Jul-16	371	47715	77.8	74.0	5.1%	R
Aug-16	362	47715	75.9	74.0	2.5%	A
Sep-16	366	47715	76.7	74.0	3.7%	R
Oct-16	372	47715	78.0	74.0	5.4%	R
Nov-16	371	47715	77.8	74.0	5.1%	R
Dec-16	364	47715	76.3	74.0	3.1%	A
Jan-17	361	47715	75.7	74.0	2.2%	A
Feb-17	352	47715	73.8	74.0	-0.3%	A
Mar-17	363	47715	76.1	74.0	2.8%	A
Apr-17	363	47715	76.1	74.0	2.8%	A
May-17	362	47715	75.9	74.0	2.5%	A
Jun-17	372	47715	78.0	74.0	5.4%	R
Jul-17	381	47715	79.8	74.0	7.9%	R
Aug-17	373	47715	78.2	74.0	5.6%	R
Sep-17	373	47715	78.2		#DIV/0!	
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

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CSC Commentary

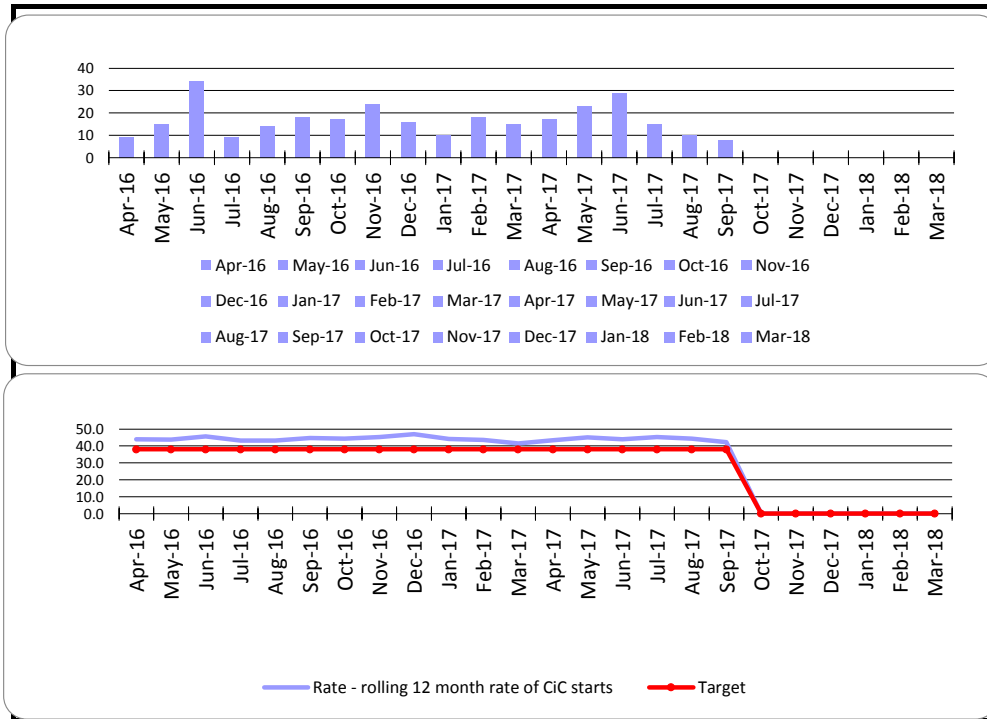
The number of children in care per 10,000 of the population in September has remained static for the last two months. It is too early to hypothesise on the last two months' data, but it could be suggested that the reduction in referrals since the MASH has moved and the soft launch are beginning to indicate some early positive impact on children being accommodated.

Definition

Number of children in care divided by the population of 0-17 year olds in Peterborough multiplied by 10,000
 The number of children in care is taken as a snapshot count at the end of each month
 Population for denominator: 47715

G <=350	A >351-365	R >365
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Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	80.0	77.2	60.0
2014-15	74.0	79.4	60.0
2015-16	75.0	79.5	60.0



Month	CiC -	12 Mths	Rate	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	9	210	44.0	38.0	15.8%	A
May-16	15	209	43.8	38.0	15.3%	A
Jun-16	34	218	45.7	38.0	20.2%	A
Jul-16	9	206	43.2	38.0	13.6%	R
Aug-16	14	206	43.2	38.0	13.6%	R
Sep-16	18	213	44.6	38.0	17.5%	R
Oct-16	17	212	44.4	38.0	16.9%	R
Nov-16	24	216	45.3	38.0	19.1%	R
Dec-16	16	224	46.9	38.0	23.5%	R
Jan-17	10	211	44.2	38.0	16.4%	A
Feb-17	18	208	43.6	38.0	14.7%	A
Mar-17	15	198	41.5	38.0	9.2%	A
Apr-17	17	207	43.4	38.0	14.2%	A
May-17	23	215	45.1	38.0	18.6%	A
Jun-17	29	210	44.0	38.0	15.8%	A
Jul-17	15	216	45.3	38.0	19.1%	A
Aug-17	10	212	44.4	38.0	16.9%	A
Sep-17	8	202	42.3	38.0	11.4%	A
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

CSC Commentary

Admissions per 10,000 for September again saw a decrease in children being accommodated on previous month

Definition

Children who came into care (rolling 12 months) divided by the population of 0-17 year olds in Peterborough multiplied by 10,000. If a child is admitted to care on more than one occasion then each time is counted in this indicator.

Population for denominator: 47715

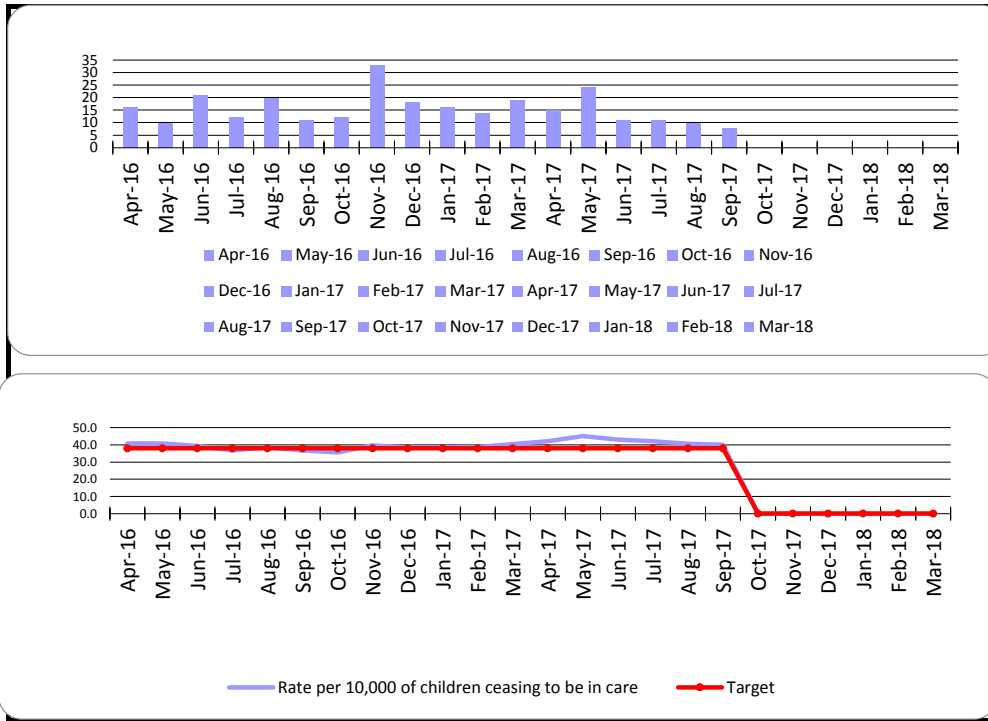
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Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	36.2	29.7	26.5
2014-15	30.0	34.2	26.8
2015-16	41.9	31.1	27.4

Number of Children who have ceased to be Children in Care per 10,000

Sep-17

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Month	CiC Ending -	12 Mths	ildren ce	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	16	195	40.9	38.0	7.5%	R
May-16	10	195	40.9	38.0	7.5%	R
Jun-16	21	188	39.4	38.0	3.7%	R
Jul-16	12	175	36.7	38.0	-3.5%	R
Aug-16	20	184	38.6	38.0	1.5%	R
Sep-16	11	175	36.7	38.0	-3.5%	R
Oct-16	12	170	35.6	38.0	-6.2%	G
Nov-16	33	189	39.6	38.0	4.2%	A
Dec-16	18	183	38.4	38.0	0.9%	A
Jan-17	16	184	38.6	38.0	1.5%	A
Feb-17	14	185	38.8	38.0	2.0%	A
Mar-17	19	193	40.4	38.0	6.4%	A
Apr-17	15	201	42.1	38.0	10.9%	A
May-17	24	215	45.1	38.0	18.6%	A
Jun-17	11	205	43.0	38.0	13.1%	A
Jul-17	11	201	42.1	38.0	10.9%	A
Aug-17	10	194	40.7	38.0	7.0%	A
Sep-17	8	191	40.0	38.0	5.3%	A
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

CSC Commentary

8 children ceased to be accommodated in September. This is a reduction on the previous month is linked to timely closures of cases once a child is adopted, young people reaching 18 years.

Definition

Number of children who ceased to be in care (rolling 12 months) divided by the population of 0-17 year olds in Peterborough multiplied by 10,000. If a child ceased to be in care on more than one occasion then each time is counted in this indicator.

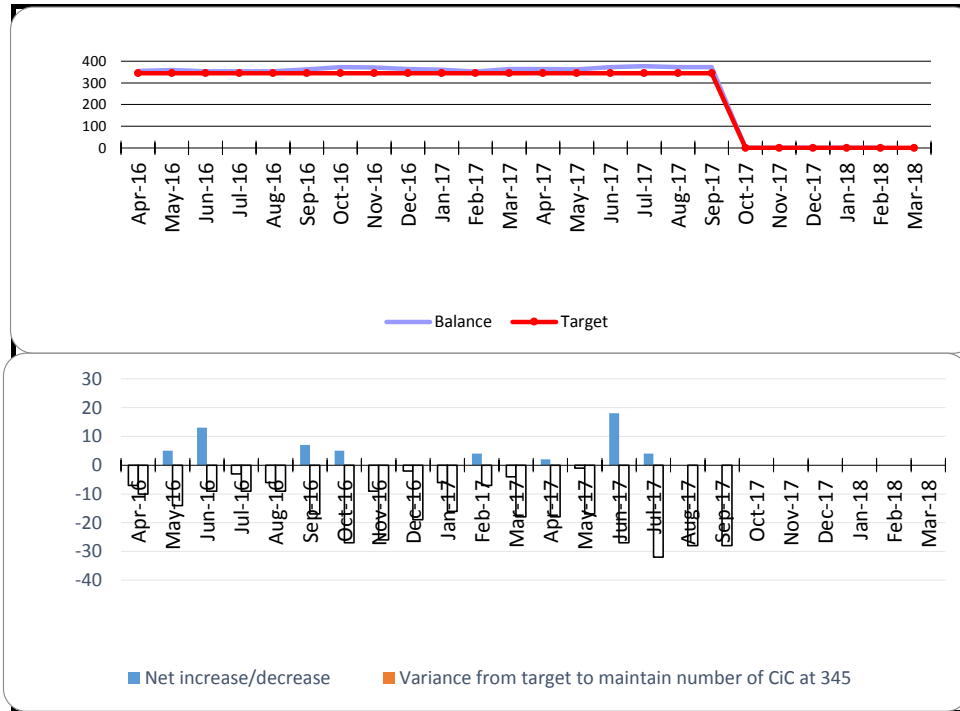
Population for denominator: 47715

G =	A >	R <
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Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	32.9	30.1	26.5
2015-15	35.4	32.3	26.8
2015-16	38.8	32.3	27.2

Net change in number of Children in Care

Sep-17



Month	CiC Start	CiC End	Net i	Balance	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	9	16	-7	355	345.0	-10	A
May-16	15	10	5	359	345.0	-14	A
Jun-16	34	21	13	354	345.0	-9	A
Jul-16	9	12	-3	354	345.0	-9	A
Aug-16	14	20	-6	354	345.0	-9	A
Sep-16	18	11	7	362	345.0	-17	A
Oct-16	17	12	5	372	345.0	-27	A
Nov-16	24	33	-9	371	345.0	-26	A
Dec-16	16	18	-2	364	345.0	-19	A
Jan-17	10	16	-6	361	345.0	-16	A
Feb-17	18	14	4	352	345.0	-7	A
Mar-17	15	19	-4	363	345.0	-18	A
Apr-17	17	15	2	363	345.0	-18	A
May-17	23	24	-1	362	345.0	-17	A
Jun-17	29	11	18	372	345.0	-27	A
Jul-17	15	11	4	377	345.0	-32	R
Aug-17	10	10	0	373	345.0	-28	R
Sep-17	8	8	0	373	345.0	-28	R
Oct-17							
Nov-17							
Dec-17							
Jan-18							
Feb-18							
Mar-18							

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CSC Commentary

The net change in the number of children in September was a static swing with the numbers entering and leaving remaining the same this month. However, it is still too soon to say the trend has been reversed. This target is still red at his time.

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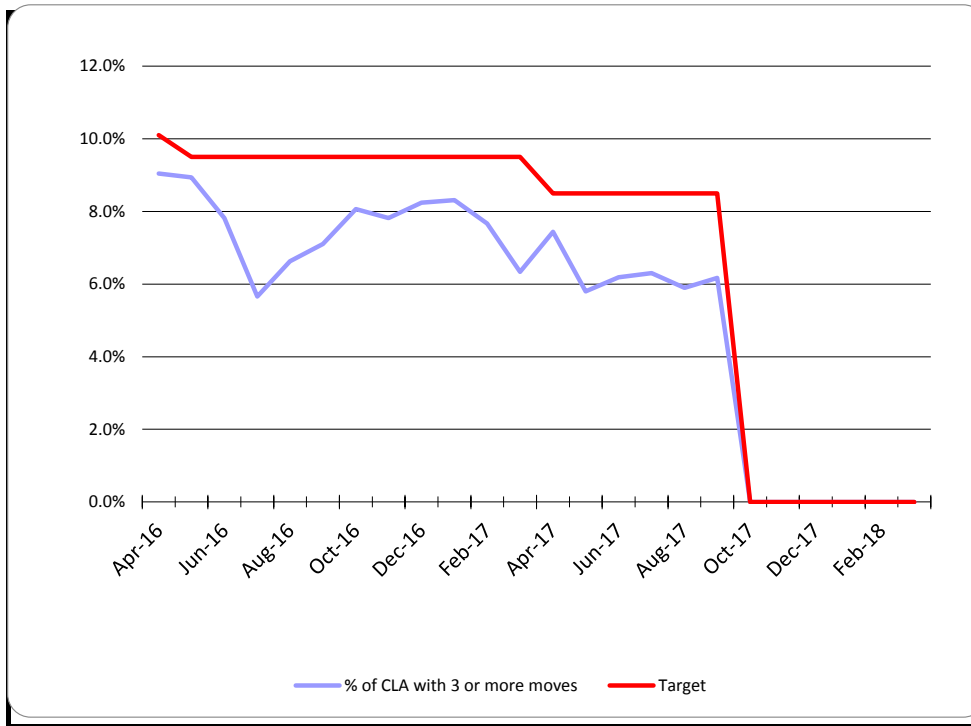
Net change in the number of children in care

Population for denominator: 46600

G = 345 **A = +/-20** **R = +/-30**

Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	55.7	64.7	52.1
2014-15			
2016-17			

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Month	Num.	Denom.	% of CLA with	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	32	354	9.0%	10.1%	-1.1	G
May-16	32	358	8.9%	9.5%	-0.6	G
Jun-16	29	371	7.8%	9.5%	-1.7	G
Jul-16	21	371	5.7%	9.5%	-3.8	G
Aug-16	24	362	6.6%	9.5%	-2.9	A
Sep-16	26	366	7.1%	9.5%	-2.4	A
Oct-16	30	372	8.1%	9.5%	-1.4	G
Nov-16	29	371	7.8%	9.5%	-1.7	G
Dec-16	30	364	8.2%	9.5%	-1.3	G
Jan-17	30	361	8.3%	9.5%	-1.2	G
Feb-17	27	352	7.7%	9.5%	-1.8	G
Mar-17	23	363	6.3%	9.5%	-3.2	G
Apr-17	27	363	7.4%	8.5%	-1.1	G
May-17	21	362	5.8%	8.5%	-2.7	G
Jun-17	23	372	6.2%	8.5%	-2.3	G
Jul-17	24	381	6.3%	8.5%	-2.2	G
Aug-17	22	373	5.9%	8.5%	-2.6	G
Sep-17	23	373	6.2%	8.5%	-2.3	G
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
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Mar-18						

CSC Commentary

Placement stability for September remains in green. Real time figures indicated a very slight decrease on the previous month in relation to placement stability by month end.

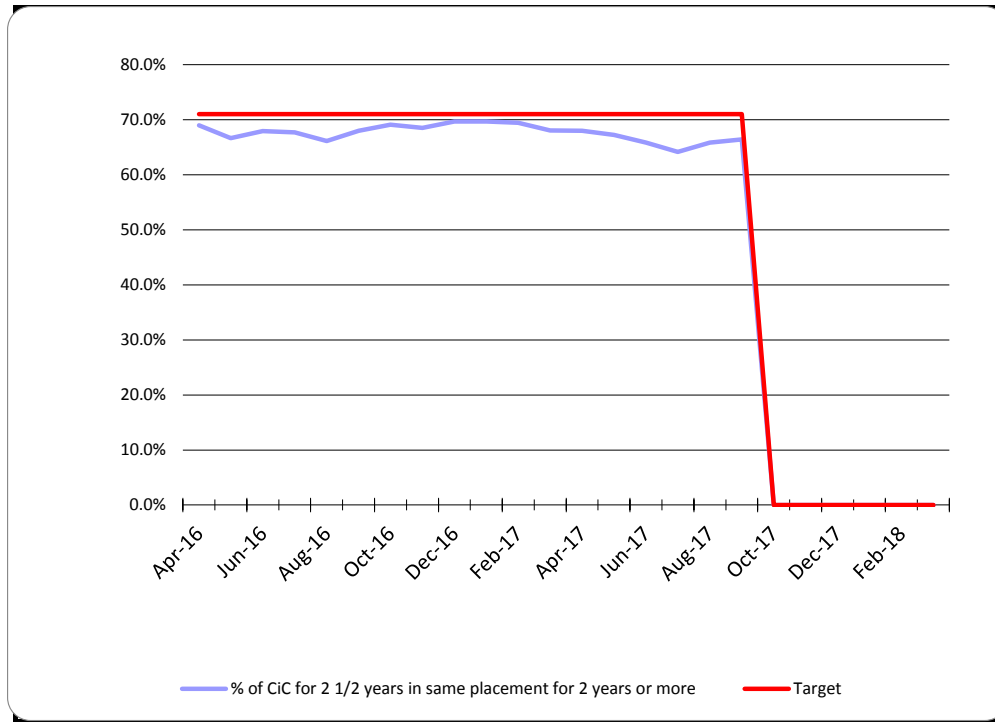
Definition

The percentage of children in care at any given time with three or more placements during the last 12 months.

Population for denominator: 46600

G <= 8.5%	A > 8.6-10%	R > 10
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Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	9.0%	11.3%	11.0%
2014-15	8.5%		
2015-16			



Month	Num.	Denom.	% of CiC	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	89	129	69.0%	71.0%	-2.0	R
May-16	86	129	66.7%	71.0%	-4.3	R
Jun-16	89	131	67.9%	71.0%	-3.1	R
Jul-16	88	130	67.7%	71.0%	-3.3	R
Aug-16	86	130	66.2%	71.0%	-4.8	R
Sep-16	85	125	68.0%	71.0%	-3.0	R
Oct-16	85	123	69.1%	71.0%	-1.9	A
Nov-16	87	127	68.5%	71.0%	-2.5	R
Dec-16	85	122	69.7%	71.0%	-1.3	A
Jan-17	85	122	69.7%	71.0%	-1.3	A
Feb-17	84	121	69.4%	71.0%	-1.6	A
Mar-17	83	122	68.0%	71.0%	-3.0	R
Apr-17	85	125	68.0%	71.0%	-3.0	R
May-17	82	122	67.2%	71.0%	-3.8	R
Jun-17	81	123	65.9%	71.0%	-5.1	R
Jul-17	77	120	64.2%	71.0%	-6.8	R
Aug-17	79	120	65.8%	71.0%	-5.2	R
Sep-17	83	125	66.4%	71.0%	-4.6	R
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

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CSC Commentary

Placement stability for the month of September continues to see this performance indicator remain in red. Joint partnership working with TACT has begun although it is recognised these are long term issues which will not see an immediate improvement overnight, linked to placements, commissioning and provider.

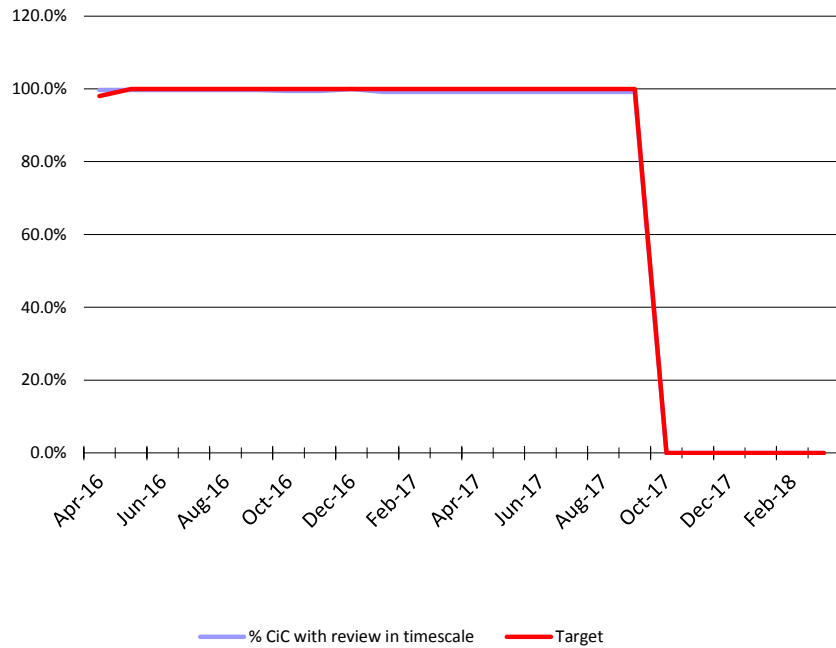
Definition

The percentage of children in care aged under 16 who had been in care continuously for at least 2.5 years who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years, or are placed for adoption and their adoptive placement together with their previous placement together last for at least 2 years.

Population for denominator: 46600

G =71%	A 69%-71%	R < 69%
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Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	73.0%	69.1%	67.0%
2014-15			
2015-16			



Month	Num.	Denom.	% CiC	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	347	348	99.7%	98.0%	1.7	A
May-16	350	351	99.7%	100.0%	-0.3	A
Jun-16	347	348	99.7%	100.0%	-0.3	A
Jul-16	365	366	99.7%	100.0%	-0.3	A
Aug-16	355	356	99.7%	100.0%	-0.3	A
Sep-16	353	354	99.7%	100.0%	-0.3	A
Oct-16	360	362	99.4%	100.0%	-0.6	A
Nov-16	352	354	99.4%	100.0%	-0.6	A
Dec-16	358	358	100.0%	100.0%	0.0	G
Jan-17	352	355	99.2%	100.0%	-0.8	A
Feb-17	349	352	99.1%	100.0%	-0.9	A
Mar-17	351	354	99.2%	100.0%	-0.8	A
Apr-17	349	352	99.1%	100.0%	-0.9	A
May-17	343	346	99.1%	100.0%	-0.9	A
Jun-17	351	354	99.2%	100.0%	-0.8	A
Jul-17	364	367	99.2%	100.0%	-0.8	A
Aug-17	368	371	99.2%	100.0%	-0.8	A
Sep-17	368	371	99.2%	100.0%	-0.8	A
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

CSC Commentary

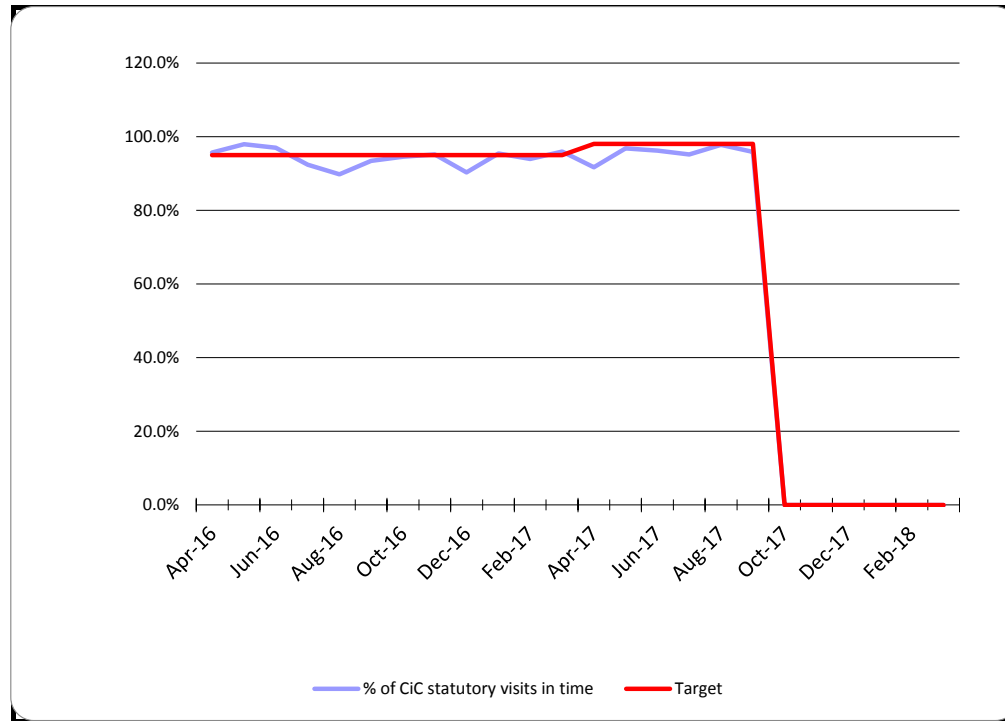
September data for CIC reviews remain static from the previous month. This target is calculated on a rolling year and when analysed recently with the QA service relates to a review that did not occur in January 17. The impact will continue for the rest of the year.

Definition

The percentage of Looked after children for at least one month, whose case was reviewed within the required timescales.

The denominator is children who are LAC for at least one month at the end of the reporting month. The numerator is the number of children who have not had a review in the last 12 months recorded as outside of timescale.

G = 100%	A > 98%	R < 98%
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Month	Num.	Denom.	% of	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	333	348	95.7%	95.0%	0.7	A
May-16	339	346	98.0%	95.0%	3.0	R
Jun-16	327	337	97.0%	95.0%	2.0	G
Jul-16	327	354	92.4%	95.0%	-2.6	A
Aug-16	317	353	89.8%	95.0%	-5.2	A
Sep-16	325	348	93.4%	95.0%	-1.6	G
Oct-16	333	352	94.6%	95.0%	-0.4	A
Nov-16	332	349	95.1%	95.0%	0.1	R
Dec-16	316	350	90.3%	95.0%	-4.7	R
Jan-17	336	352	95.5%	95.0%	0.5	R
Feb-17	327	348	94.0%	95.0%	-1.0	G
Mar-17	334	348	96.0%	95.0%	1.0	G
Apr-17	320	349	91.7%	98.0%	-6.3	A
May-17	334	345	96.8%	98.0%	-1.2	A
Jun-17	334	347	96.3%	98.0%	-1.7	A
Jul-17	332	349	95.1%	98.0%	-2.9	A
Aug-17	357	365	97.8%	98.0%	-0.2	A
Sep-17	347	362	95.9%	98.0%	-2.1	A
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

CSC Commentary

This target has decreased in September by 2.1%. This relates to 15 children who weren't seen on time by the end of the month. Half of these children sit outside Corporate Parenting, and this is being addressed with all managers.

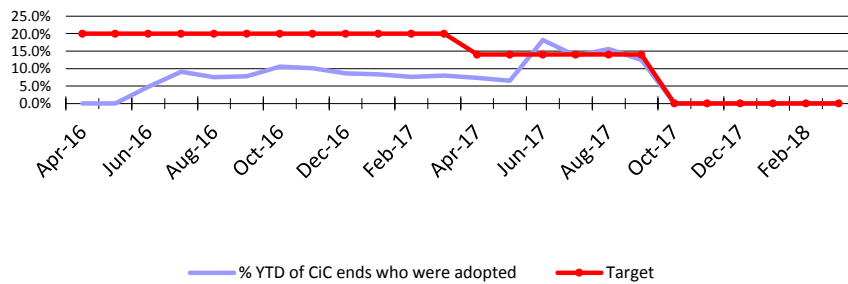
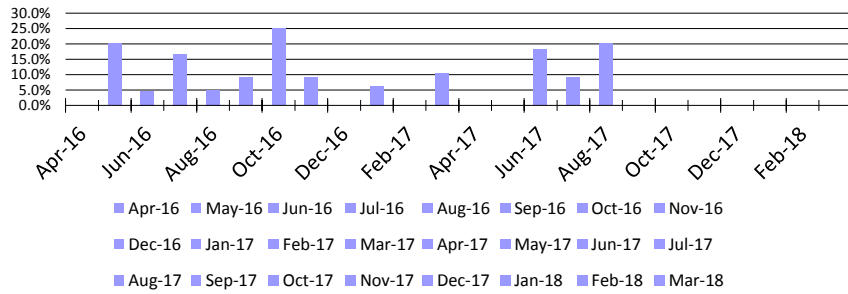
Definition

Of all Children in Care that have been looked after for more than 6 weeks, the number and percentage of visits that were completed within the 6 week deadline (or within three months for those Children in Care that have been looked after for more than 12 months and whose placement is deemed to be permanent). This is snapshot data taken at the month end.

G = 98%	A > 97%-90	R < 90%
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Percentage of children adopted

Sep-17



Month	Adop.	CiC Ends	% monthly	% YTD	Target	Var	RAG
Apr-16	0	16	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	-20.0	
May-16	2	10	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	-20.0	
Jun-16	1	21	4.8%	4.8%	20.0%	-15.2	
Jul-16	2	12	16.7%	9.1%	20.0%	-10.9	
Aug-16	1	20	5.0%	7.5%	20.0%	-12.5	
Sep-16	1	11	9.1%	7.8%	20.0%	-12.2	
Oct-16	3	12	25.0%	10.5%	20.0%	-9.5	
Nov-16	3	33	9.1%	10.1%	20.0%	-9.9	
Dec-16	0	18	0.0%	8.7%	20.0%	-11.3	
Jan-17	1	16	6.3%	8.4%	20.0%	-11.6	
Feb-17	0	14	0.0%	7.6%	20.0%	-12.4	
Mar-17	2	19	10.5%	8.0%	20.0%	-12.0	
Apr-17	0	15	0.0%	7.3%	14.0%	-6.7	R
May-17	0	24	0.0%	6.5%	14.0%	-7.5	R
Jun-17	2	11	18.2%	18.2%	14.0%	4.2	G
Jul-17	1	11	9.1%	13.6%	14.0%	-0.4	A
Aug-17	2	10	20.0%	15.6%	14.0%	1.6	G
Sep-17	0	8	0.0%	12.5%	14.0%	-1.5	R
Oct-17							
Nov-17							
Dec-17							
Jan-18							
Feb-18							
Mar-18							

YTD:	5	79	--	6.3%	20.0%	-13.7	R
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Definition
The number of children adopted as a percentage of the number of children who ceased to be in care

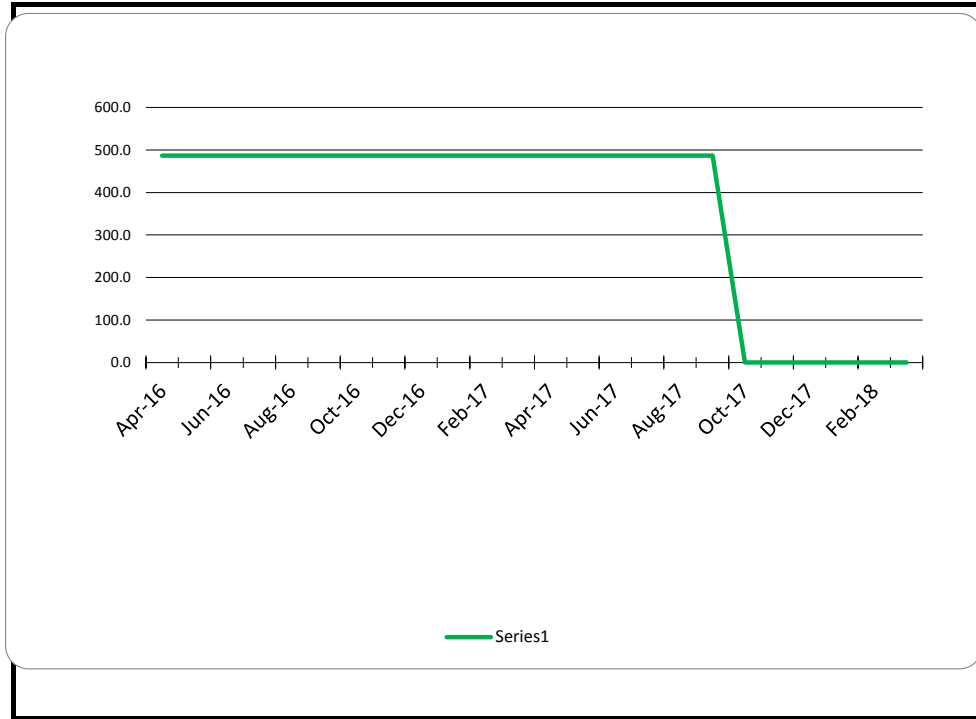
G =14%	A 9-13%	R < 8%
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Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	18.0%	22.4%	17.0%
2014-15	19.0%	24.0%	17.0%
2015-16	17.0%	21.0%	15.0%

CSC Commentary

There have been 5 adoptions to 30 September, with 0 adoptions recorded for September. Consequently the number leaving care for the year to date is 1.5 % lower than the target of 14 %. As there are 19 children in adoptive placements the year end figure is predicted to be approximately 25 adoption orders.

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Month	Avg days
Apr-16	372
May-16	371
Jun-16	381
Jul-16	408
Aug-16	408
Sep-16	408
Oct-16	512
Nov-16	717
Dec-16	717
Jan-17	717
Feb-17	571
Mar-17	463
Apr-17	499
May-17	499
Jun-17	450
Jul-17	339
Aug-17	377
Sep-17	377
Oct-17	
Nov-17	
Dec-17	
Jan-18	
Feb-18	
Mar-18	

Target	Var	RAG
487.0	-115	
487.0	-116	
487.0	-106	
487.0	-79	
487.0	-79	
487.0	-79	
487.0	25	
487.0	230	
487.0	230	
487.0	230	
487.0	84	
487.0	-24	
487.0	12	
487.0	12	
487.0	-37	
487.0	-148	
487.0	-110	
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CSC Commentary

This indicator remains strong, and has maintained a green RAG rating. Children are being placed within good timescales with their adopters after coming into care.

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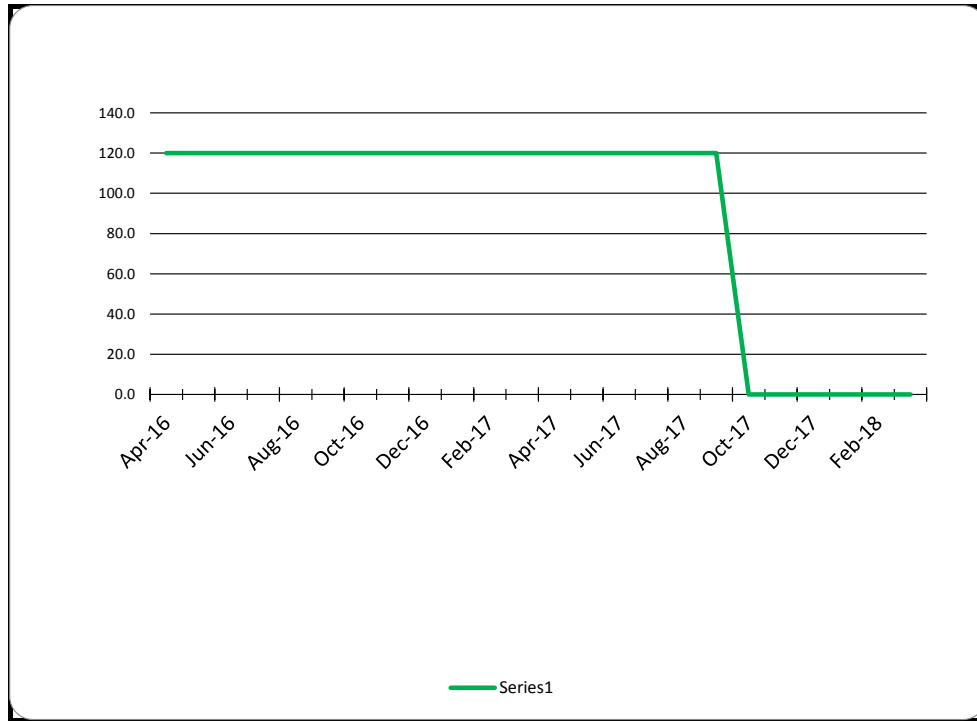
The average days between child entering care and moving in with a adoptive family and the average days between court agreeing adoption and LA approving a match. The monthly figures represent the cumulative total for the year to date.

G <=487 **A** > **R**

Year	ER Result	ENG Result
2013-14		
2014-15	492.5	
2015-16		

Average days between court agreeing adoption and LA approving a match

Sep-17



Month	Avg days
Apr-16	176
May-16	176
Jun-16	185
Jul-16	216
Aug-16	216
Sep-16	216
Oct-16	247
Nov-16	183
Dec-16	183
Jan-17	183
Feb-17	150
Mar-17	121
Apr-17	441
May-17	441
Jun-17	255
Jul-17	170
Aug-17	197
Sep-17	197
Oct-17	
Nov-17	
Dec-17	
Jan-18	
Feb-18	
Mar-18	

Target	Var	RAG
120.0	56.0	
120.0	56.0	
120.0	65.0	
120.0	96.0	
120.0	96.0	
120.0	96.0	
120.0	127.0	
120.0	63.0	
120.0	63.0	
120.0	63.0	
120.0	1.0	
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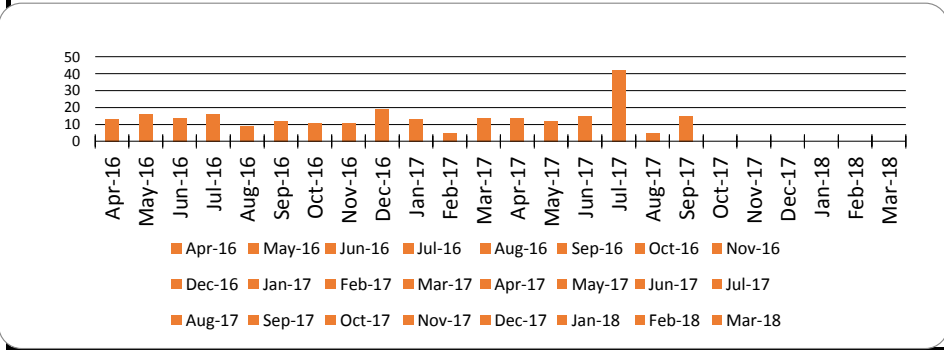
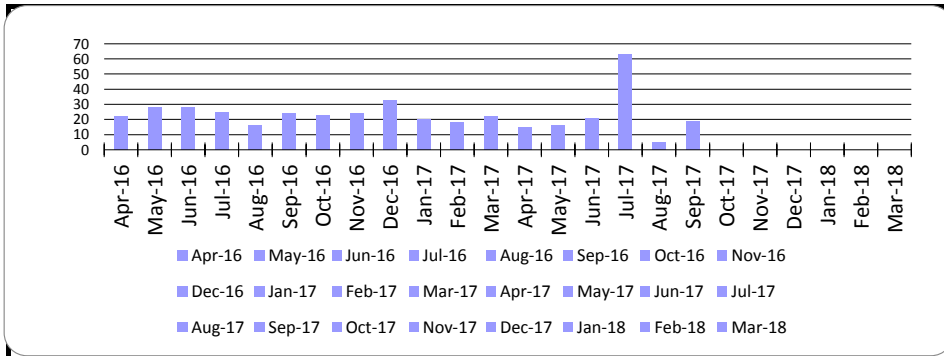
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This indicator remains a challenge to achieve. The children who have been adopted this year have waited longer to be matched with their adopters than is desirable. The average number of days has been adversely affected by a small number of children who were harder to place. This should improve through the year when children who have been placed more quickly will be adopted.

Definition
The average days between child entering care and moving in with a adoptive family and the average days between court agreeing adoption and LA approving a match. The monthly figures represent the cumulative total for the

G <=120 **A >** **R <**

Year	PCC Result	ER Result	ENG Result
2013-14			
2014-15	304.0	220.0	
2015-16			



Month	Incidents	Individual
Apr-16	22	13
May-16	28	16
Jun-16	28	14
Jul-16	25	16
Aug-16	16	9
Sep-16	24	12
Oct-16	23	11
Nov-16	24	11
Dec-16	33	19
Jan-17	20	13
Feb-17	18	5
Mar-17	22	14
Apr-17	15	14
May-17	16	12
Jun-17	21	15
Jul-17	63	42
Aug-17	5	5
Sep-17	19	15
Oct-17		
Nov-17		
Dec-17		
Jan-18		
Feb-18		
Mar-18		

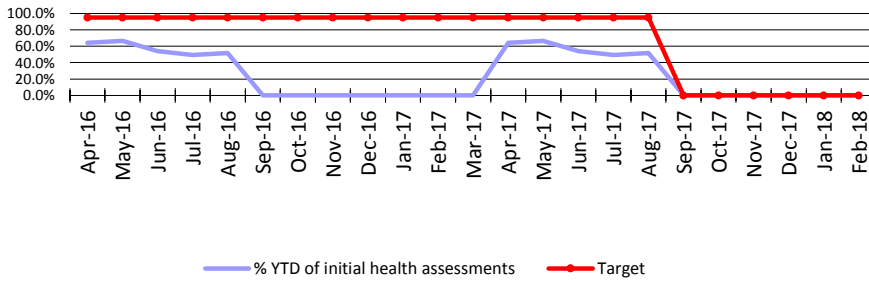
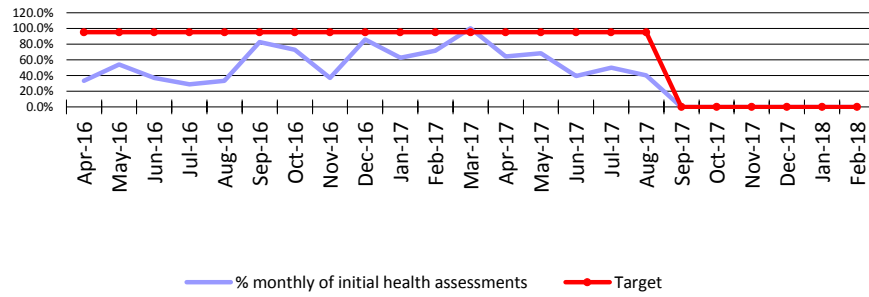
CSC Commentary
 September has seen an increase in episodes of children going missing and incidents. The two months are being compared given the swing in incidents and individuals going missing.

Definition
 All missing incidents (including incidents occurring to CiC placed outside of Peterborough) for Children in Care recorded in the month; individuals is the number of children this involves (as some children may go missing more than once).



Initial health assessments completed within 20 working days of child entering care

Sep-17



Month	Init.HA	CiC St	%	% YTD	Target	Var	RAG
Apr-16	3	9	33.3%	64.3%	95.0%	-30.7	
May-16	7	13	53.8%	66.7%	95.0%	-28.3	
Jun-16	10	27	37.0%	54.1%	95.0%	-40.9	
Jul-16	2	7	28.6%	49.3%	95.0%	-45.7	
Aug-16	4	12	33.3%	51.8%	95.0%	-43.2	
Sep-16	14	17	82.4%	0.0%	95.0%	-95.0	
Oct-16	8	11	72.7%	0.0%	95.0%	-95.0	
Nov-16	7	19	36.8%	0.0%	95.0%	-95.0	
Dec-16	6	7	85.7%	0.0%	95.0%	-95.0	
Jan-17	5	8	62.5%	0.0%	95.0%	-95.0	
Feb-17	10	14	71.4%	0.0%	95.0%	-95.0	
Mar-17	2	2	100.0%	0.0%	95.0%	-95.0	
Apr-17	9	14	64.3%	64.3%	95.0%	-30.7	R
May-17	13	19	68.4%	66.7%	95.0%	-28.3	R
Jun-17	11	28	39.3%	54.1%	95.0%	-40.9	R
Jul-17	7	14	50.0%	49.3%	95.0%	-45.7	R
Aug-17	4	10	40.0%	51.8%	95.0%	-43.2	R
Sep-17							
Oct-17							
Nov-17							
Dec-17							
Jan-18							
Feb-18							
Mar-18							
YTD:	46	87	--	52.9%	95.0%	-42.1	

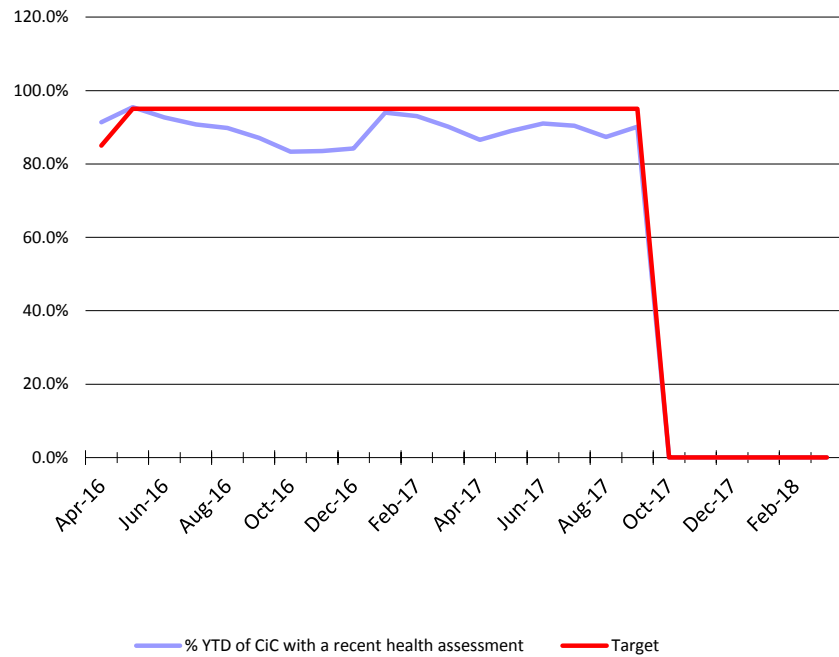
CSC Commentary

There is no new data this month as this is a quarterly return.

Definition

The number of children becoming looked after that have an initial health assessment recorded within 20 working days of the child entering care. The number of children is measured one month in arrears to enable time for the 20 day period to elapse and excludes cases where the episode of care was closed within 20 days and also children entering care because they have been placed on remand (because the remand institution is responsible for completing the initial health assessment).

G >= 95%	A > 85 -95%	R < 85%
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Month	Num.	Denom.	% YTD	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	211	231	91.3%	85.0%	6.3	A
May-16	230	241	95.4%	95.0%	0.4	A
Jun-16	215	232	92.7%	95.0%	-2.3	A
Jul-16	207	228	90.8%	95.0%	-4.2	A
Aug-16	211	235	89.8%	95.0%	-5.2	A
Sep-16	210	241	87.1%	95.0%	-7.9	A
Oct-16	200	240	83.3%	95.0%	-11.7	A
Nov-16	203	243	83.5%	95.0%	-11.5	A
Dec-16	203	241	84.2%	95.0%	-10.8	A
Jan-17	236	251	94.0%	95.0%	-1.0	A
Feb-17	240	258	93.0%	95.0%	-2.0	A
Mar-17	238	264	90.2%	95.0%	-4.8	A
Apr-17	225	260	86.5%	95.0%	-8.5	A
May-17	234	263	89.0%	95.0%	-6.0	A
Jun-17	242	266	91.0%	95.0%	-4.0	A
Jul-17	236	261	90.4%	95.0%	-4.6	A
Aug-17	228	261	87.4%	95.0%	-7.6	A
Sep-17	239	265	90.2%	95.0%	-4.8	A
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

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CSC Commentary

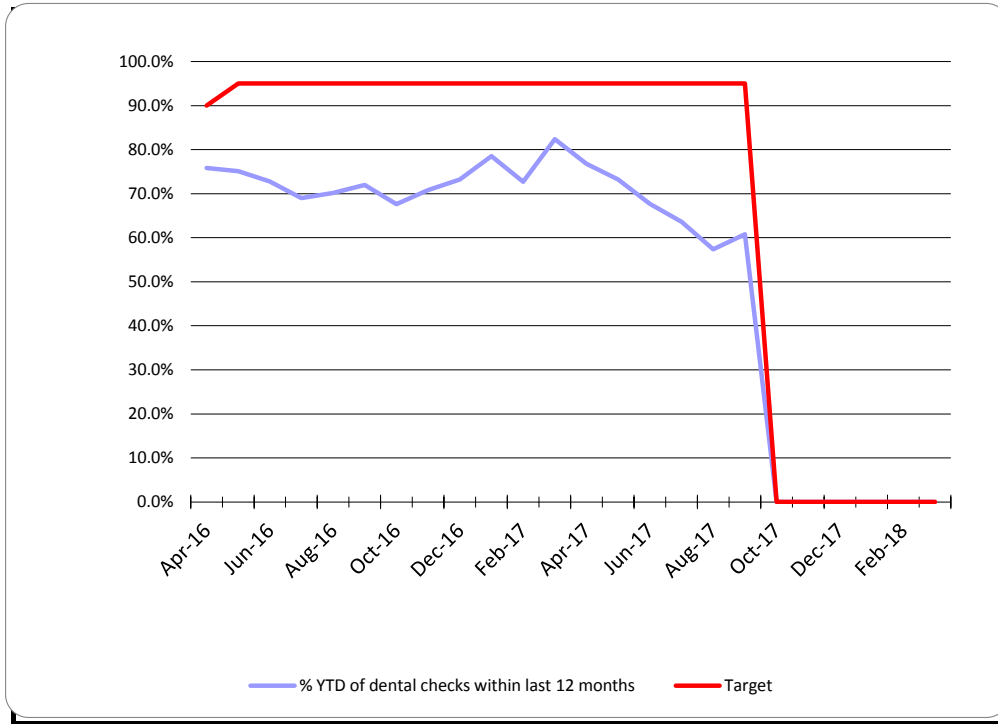
Performance for this target has improved for September by 3.2%.

Definition

Of the children who had been in care for at least 12 months the proportion who had an annual health assessment during the previous 12 months.

G >= 95%	A > 85%	R < 85%
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Year	PCC Result	SN Result	ENG Result
2013-14	93.9%	89.1%	88.4%
2014-15			
2015-16			



Month	Num.	Denom.	% YTD	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	239	315	75.9%	90.0%	-14.1	R
May-16	235	313	75.1%	95.0%	-19.9	R
Jun-16	235	323	72.8%	95.0%	-22.2	R
Jul-16	223	323	69.0%	95.0%	-26.0	R
Aug-16	221	315	70.2%	95.0%	-24.8	R
Sep-16	226	314	72.0%	95.0%	-23.0	R
Oct-16	215	318	67.6%	95.0%	-27.4	R
Nov-16	226	319	70.8%	95.0%	-24.2	R
Dec-16	238	325	73.2%	95.0%	-21.8	R
Jan-17	252	321	78.5%	95.0%	-16.5	R
Feb-17	240	330	72.7%	95.0%	-22.3	R
Mar-17	271	329	82.4%	95.0%	-12.6	R
Apr-17	251	327	76.8%	95.0%	-18.2	R
May-17	238	325	73.2%	95.0%	-21.8	R
Jun-17	224	331	67.7%	95.0%	-27.3	R
Jul-17	217	341	63.6%	95.0%	-31.4	R
Aug-17	198	345	57.4%	95.0%	-37.6	R
Sep-17	208	342	60.8%	95.0%	-34.2	R
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

CSC Commentary

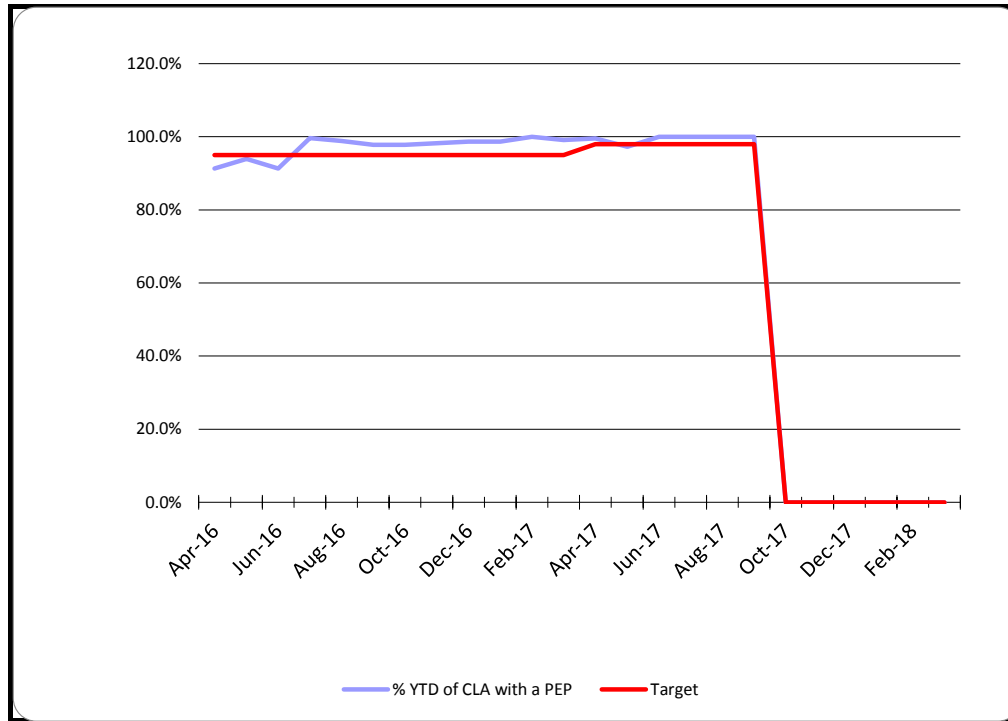
This performance indicator in September has seen an improvement in dental checks (10) being completed by month end, but further work is being undertaken with health colleagues to address this area. We will have a revised procedure to address this by the end of October.

Definition

The percentage of children looked after who have had a dental check within the previous 12 months.

Children looked after aged between 3 and 17 years old that have a dental check recorded on Liquidlogic that was completed within the previous 12 months. The denominator is the number of children looked after (3 - 17) at the month end.

G >= 95%	A > 90%	R < 90%
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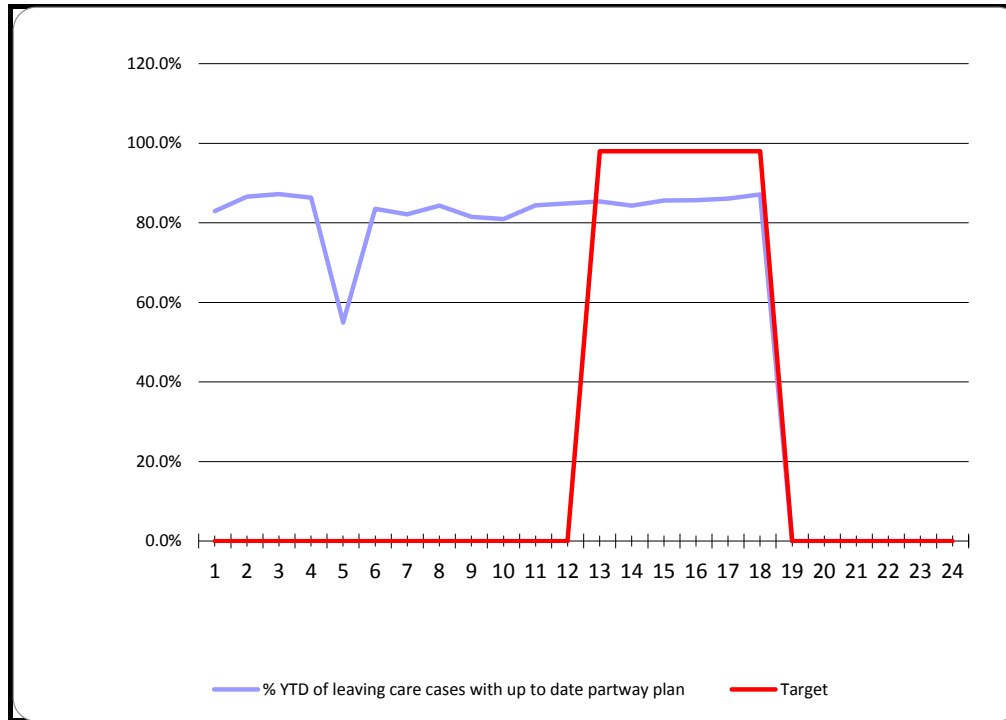
Month	Num.	Denom.	% YTD	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	222	243	91.4%	95.0%	-3.6	G
May-16	233	248	94.0%	95.0%	-1.0	G
Jun-16	232	254	91.3%	95.0%	-3.7	G
Jul-16	253	254	99.6%	95.0%	4.6	R
Aug-16	250	253	98.8%	95.0%	3.8	A
Sep-16	219	224	97.8%	95.0%	2.8	A
Oct-16	219	224	97.8%	95.0%	2.8	G
Nov-16	218	222	98.2%	95.0%	3.2	G
Dec-16	220	223	98.7%	95.0%	3.7	G
Jan-17	220	223	98.7%	95.0%	3.7	G
Feb-17	221	221	100.0%	95.0%	5.0	A
Mar-17	233	235	99.1%	95.0%	4.1	G
Apr-17	209	210	99.5%	98.0%	1.5	G
May-17	212	218	97.2%	98.0%	-0.8	A
Jun-17	214	214	100.0%	98.0%	2.0	G
Jul-17	225	225	100.0%	98.0%	2.0	G
Aug-17	208	208	100.0%	98.0%	2.0	G
Sep-17	208	208	100.0%	98.0%	2.0	G
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

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CSC Commentary
 Increased staffing levels in PVS have ensured that social workers are meeting the requirement of initial PEP completion within statutory timescales . PVS is now recording PEP meetings on Liquid Logic to ensure accuracy of data .

Definition
 The denominator is the number of children in care who are of school age. The numerator is of those children, the number that have a PEP added to the system. This has been addressed with managers.

G = >98% **A=95%-97%** **R < 95%**



Month	Num.	Denom.	% YTD	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	175	211	82.9%			
May-16	187	216	86.6%			
Jun-16	184	211	87.2%			
Jul-16	183	212	86.3%			
Aug-16	117	213	54.9%			
Sep-16	177	212	83.5%			
Oct-16	175	213	82.2%			
Nov-16	183	217	84.3%			
Dec-16	181	222	81.5%			
Jan-17	191	236	80.9%			
Feb-17	200	237	84.4%			
Mar-17	202	238	84.9%			
Apr-17	204	239	85.4%	98.0%		A
May-17	204	242	84.3%	98.0%		R
Jun-17	208	243	85.6%	98.0%		A
Jul-17	209	244	85.7%	98.0%		A
Aug-17	210	244	86.1%	98.0%		A
Sep-17	217	249	87.1%	98.0%		A
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

CSC Commentary
 The TM of the Leaving Care team is the champion for ensuring that pathway plans are completed for all young people 16+. Interrogation of the data indicates there is an issue with the way in which the data is recorded currently and this is being addressed with the performance team. However, it is recognised that the ICS system does not enable a 'run in' period of 2 months post a young person turning 16. This will therefore continue to be a fluctuating target given this issue. There are no plans currently to change this.

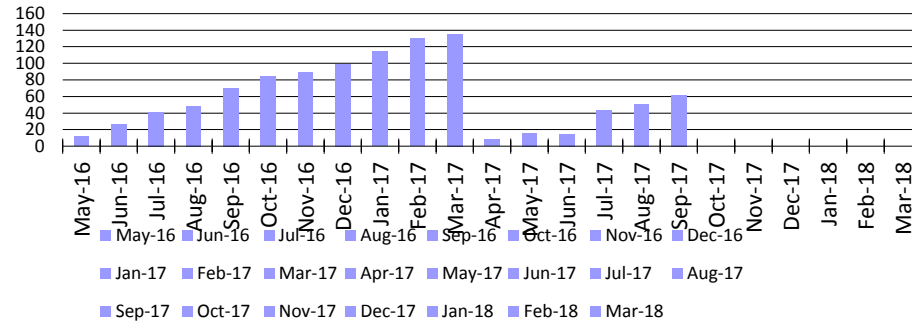
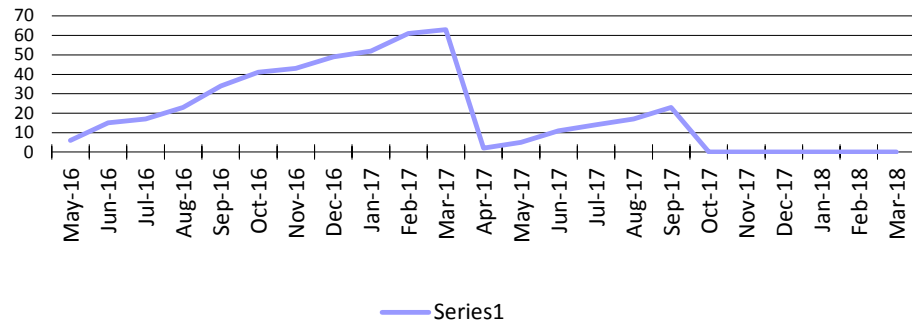
Definition
 The percentage of leaving care cases with a pathway plan that has been updated within the last 6 months. The numerator is the number of children looked after cases assigned to the leaving care service that have a pathway plan which has been updated and recorded on Liquidlogic within the previous 6 months. The denominator is the number of children looked after assigned to the leaving care service as at the month end.

G =98% **A =85-97%** **R<84%**

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Care leavers (+19 years) - Not in Education, Employment and Training

Sep-17



Month	NEET	19+	%	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	3	6	50.0%			
May-16	6	12	50.0%			
Jun-16	15	26	57.7%			
Jul-16	17	41	41.5%			
Aug-16	23	49	46.9%			
Sep-16	34	70	48.6%			
Oct-16	41	84	48.8%			
Nov-16	43	89	48.3%			
Dec-16	49	99	49.5%			
Jan-17	52	114	45.6%			
Feb-17	61	130	46.9%			
Mar-17	63	135	46.7%			
Apr-17	2	8	25.0%	30.0%		G
May-17	5	16	31.3%	30.0%		A
Jun-17	11	15	73.3%	30.0%		R
Jul-17	14	43	32.6%	30.0%		A
Aug-17	17	51	33.3%	30.0%		A
Sep-17	23	62	37.1%	30.0%		R
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

YTD	72	195	36.9%			
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Definition Former relevant care leavers open to the service aged 19, 20 or 21 and the proportion of those who declared themselves to be Not in Education Employment or Training

G <=30% **A =31-36%** **R=>37%**

Year	ER Result	SN Res	ENG Result
2013-14		-	-
2014-15		-	-
2015-16		-	-

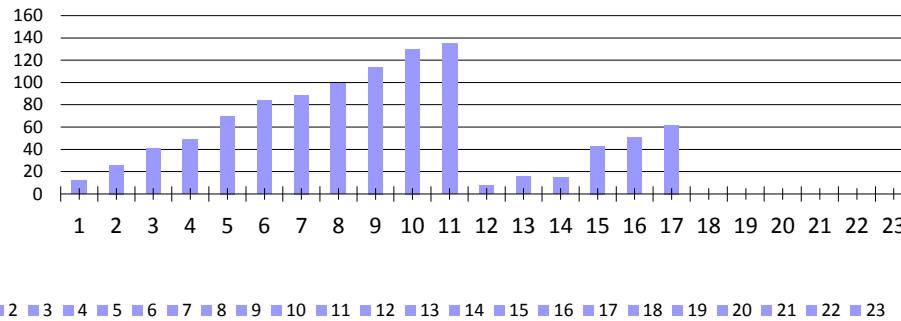
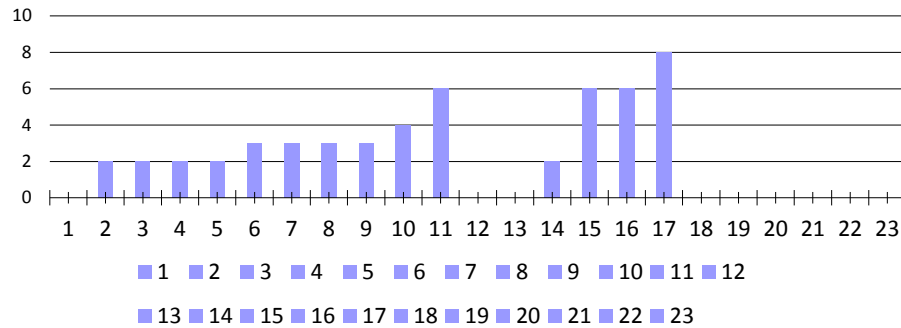
CSC Commentary

The reduction in performance this month, is linked to a number of young people being in custody which has been unusual for this cohort of young people. To ensure accuracy this is being reviewed to understand the negative change.

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Care leavers (+19 Years) - Not in Suitable Accommodation

Sep-17



Month	Accomm	19+	%	Target	Variance	RAG
Apr-16	0	6	0.0%			
May-16	0	12	0.0%			
Jun-16	2	26	7.7%			
Jul-16	2	41	4.9%			
Aug-16	2	49	4.1%			
Sep-16	2	70	2.9%			
Oct-16	3	84	3.6%			
Nov-16	3	89	3.4%			
Dec-16	3	99	3.0%			
Jan-17	3	114	2.6%			
Feb-17	4	130	3.1%			
Mar-17	6	135	4.4%			
Apr-17	0	8	0.0%	5.0%		G
May-17	0	16	0.0%	5.0%		G
Jun-17	2	15	13.3%	5.0%		R
Jul-17	6	43	14.0%	5.0%		R
Aug-17	6	51	11.8%	5.0%		R
Sep-17	8	62	12.9%	5.0%		R
Oct-17						
Nov-17						
Dec-17						
Jan-18						
Feb-18						
Mar-18						

YTD	22	195	11.3%			
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Definition
Former relevant care leavers open to the service aged 19, 20 or 21 and the proportion of those who declared themselves to be Not in Suitable Accommodation



Year	ER Result	SN Res	ENG Result
2013-14		-	-
2014-15		-	-
2015-16		-	-

This cohort includes those in custody and those who are of no fixed abode. Issues have been identified for those who have refused the option of supported accommodation and those who have been evicted from previous accommodation. this month has seen a number of young people who have refused alternative accommodation and or are currently in custody. Work is being undertaken to develop closer joint planning with our housing department to ensure all options have ben considered.

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Sep-16	Dec-16	Mar-17	Jun-17	Sep-17
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Children looked after	366	364	363	372	373
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Age

Under 1	21	16	18	20	16
1 to 4	36	38	34	26	21
5 to 9	71	71	69	71	68
10 to 15	141	137	137	148	159
16-17	96	101	105	105	106
18 or over	1	1	0	2	3

Gender

Male	206	206	199	208	213
Female	160	158	164	164	160

Legal Status

Interim care orders	51	45	50	60	53
Full care orders	167	174	181	183	193
Voluntary agreements	105	103	94	96	93
Freed adoption / placement order	40	40	36	31	31
Others	3	2	2	2	3

Placement

Foster carers - In House	164	167	176	162	157
Foster carers - Agency	109	106	97	114	109
Foster carers - Unknown	0	0	0	0	0
Fostering by relatives or friends	16	18	17	17	16
With parents	2	2	3	2	3
Independent living	29	28	23	29	34
Residential care homes	36	36	41	41	45
Other residential schools	3	3	3	0	0
Placed for adoption	6	4	3	5	5
Secure unit	1	0	0	1	2
Other	0	0	0	1	2

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Ethnicity

White British	239	237	227	223	224
White Irish	0	0	0	0	0
White Other	38	37	40	46	41
White	277	274	267	269	265
Mixed White & Black Caribbean	5	5	6	5	3
Mixed White & Black African	6	5	5	5	4
Mixed White & Asian	15	18	19	21	21
Any other mixed background	10	14	13	14	16
Mixed	36	42	43	45	44
Indian	0	1	1	1	1
Pakistani	4	3	7	6	7
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0
Any other Asian background	18	18	18	17	19
Asian	22	22	26	24	27
Caribbean	2	1	1	3	2
African	10	10	9	12	15
Any other Black background	7	8	8	8	8
Black	19	19	18	23	25
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0
Any other ethnic group	8	4	5	6	6
Other	8	4	5	6	6
Not stated / not yet obtained	4	3	4	5	4

Length of time in care

0 - 6 months	76	69	67	78	
7 - 12 months	58	56	44	35	
1 - 2 years	81	85	98	100	
3 - 5 years	54	50	45	53	
6 - 10 years	84	90	92	90	
11 -15 years	13	14	17	16	
16+ years	0	0	0	0	

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CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 11
8 NOVEMBER 2017	PUBLIC REPORT

Report of:	Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils	
Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Sam Smith, Cabinet Member for Children's Services	
Contact Officer(s):	Nicola Curley, Assistant Director Children's Social Care Deborah Spencer, Designated Nurse Looked after Children	Tel. 864065

HEALTH REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: Assistant Director Children's Social Care	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Corporate Parenting Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the report 2. Raise any queries with the Lead Officers 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to each formal Corporate Parenting Committee.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the CCG's activities to ensure robust monitoring and quality assurance systems are in place to meet the health needs of the Looked after Children population in Peterborough.

2.2 This report is for the Corporate Parenting Committee to consider under its terms of reference no: 2.4.3.6 (c) Promote the development of participation and ensure that the view of children and young people are regularly heard through the Corporate Parenting Committee to improve educational, health and social outcomes to raise aspiration and attainments

2.3 This links to priority 4 of the Children in Care Pledge and Care Leavers Charter. Health issues of children and young people in care.

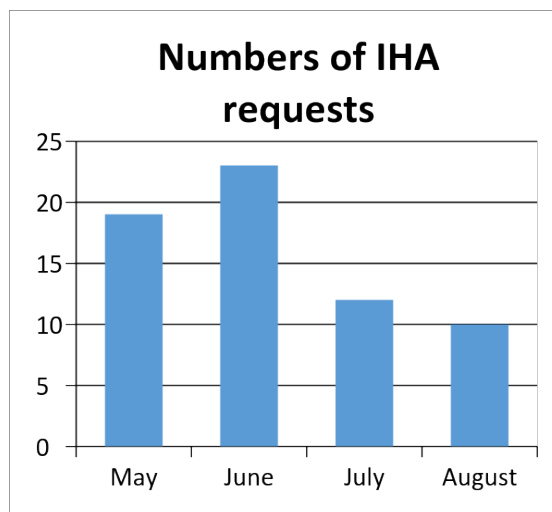
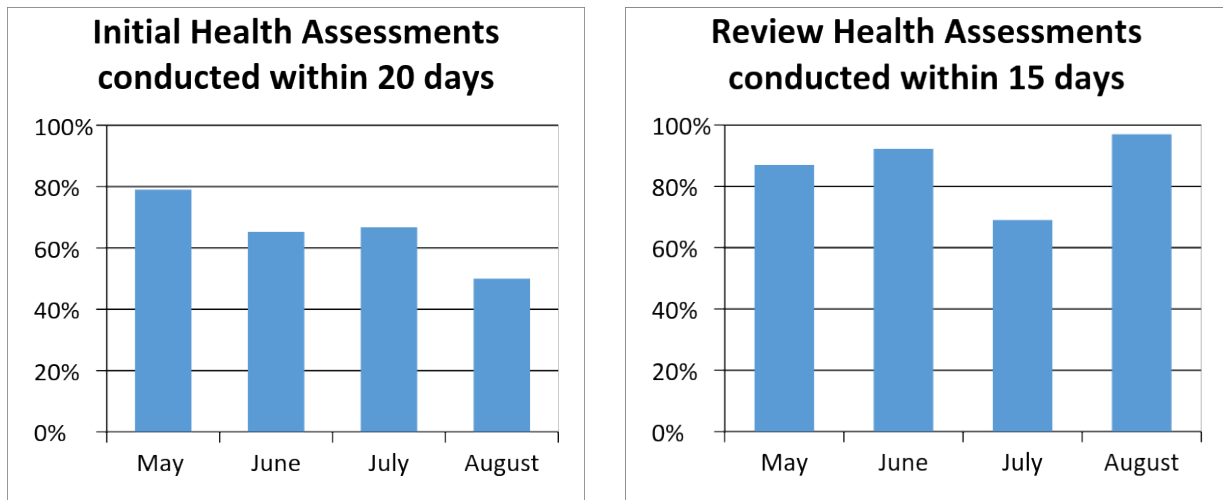
3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Initial Health Assessments

The Children in Care (CIC) health team continue to strive to meet the 20 day working target for initial health assessments. The major challenges in meeting this has been children placed out of county, where the team rely on another health team to conduct the assessment or they need to arrange to bring the child back to Peterborough, if feasible. During June 2017 there were issues with late referrals from Social Care which was quickly resolved between the Lead Nurse (CPFT) and Head of Service (Peterborough Social Care). The health team also had to put on extra clinic slots during May, June and July to manage capacity with up to an extra 10 clinic slots in June.



4.2 Initial Health Assessments (IHA)

The percentage compliance with the 20 day target has fallen over the last 4 months and for August was 50% (5 children were seen within 20 days). The detail is given below.

During **May** 2 carers could not attend an appointment given to them and 2 extra clinic slots were required, these could not be found within the 20 days.

During **June** as previously mentioned there were 8 late referrals from Social Care and 3 children placed out of county, An extra 10 clinic appointments were added.

During **July** all consents and referrals were received within 5 days. 2 children were placed out of county, 1 refused consent and 1 did not attend.

During **August** 2 children were placed out of county, there was 1 late referral, 1 with no referral and 1 waiting a Merton age assessment.

Review Health Assessments (RHA)

- 4.3 The compliance with the target for RHA for children in county remains consistently high. In May 2017, 1 child did not attend and 2 were out of county and were brought back for assessment.
- 4.4 During June 2017, 1 child did not attend and 1 moved placements whilst the appointment was being organised. During July 1 child did not attend and in August 1 assessment was late at the 3rd attempt.
- 4.5 The Designated professionals will be using the quality audit tool to audit a selection of health assessments for quality and content during quarter three (October 2017 – December 2017).

4.6 Closing the Gap – Children with behavioural and attachment difficulties

It has been acknowledged that there is a gap in provision for children / young people with behavioural and attachment difficulties where the threshold for CAMH is not met. A task and finish group including representation from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Social Care, Clinicians, CPFT and the CCG, has been meeting led by Kathryn Goose (Children and Maternity Project Manager CPCCG). The group have written an options paper outlining a range of options to fill this gap with some initial costings. This was presented to the Joint Commissioning Unit (JCU) on the 6th September 2017. The paper was well received and the current situation acknowledged. The JCU have requested further actions from the task and finish group which included:

- To determine which contract specifications say LAC are a priority and the opportunity to be more specific about that element
- Map what do we commission for LAC
- Consider where we can provide training to upskill existing pertinent workforce (maybe consider the emotional health and well-being leads)
- Determine the residual gap

- 4.7 In addition they felt it would be helpful to have an idea of the potential available resources from CAMHS transformation and this will be investigated as part of the wider CAMHS budgeting in the next few weeks.
- 4.8 The Joint Commissioning Unit (JCU) have agreed to support the group with these further actions and a follow up report will go back to JCU in November when there will also be more clarity about CCG uplift funding and sufficiency analysis.

5. CONSULTATION

N/A

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 To improve health and well-being for Looked after Children by ensuring adequate assessment of health and addressing areas where there may be a lack of provision.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 Corporate Parenting Committee have requested a health update at all formal committees

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 None

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 None

Legal Implications

9.2 None

Equalities Implications

9.3 None

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None

CORPORATE PARENTING COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/ 2018

Date of Meeting	Priority	Topic	Contact Officer
14 June 2017 Informal		Part 1	
		Update from CICC	CiCC/Jenny Weeden
		You Asked We Did	Nicola Curley
		Allocation of roles and responsibilities Champion Member Feedback session	Corporate Parenting Champions
		Members Issues	Members
		Part 2	
		Performance reports	Nicola Curley
		Case study health assessments including (SDQs) Strengths and difficulties questionnaire	Deborah Spencer
26 July 2017 Formal		Update from Foster Carers and Participation Officer for CICC	Foster Carers/Jenny Weeden
		Children in Care and Care Leavers annual health report	Deborah Spencer
		Update on 0-25 Service Redesign, including transition services	Graham Puckering
		Report on Unaccompanied Asylum seeking Children health report	Deborah Spencer
		Review of Corporate Parenting Champion positions	Chairman/Nicola Curley
		Members Issues	
		Performance Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Placements of Children in Care ● Health Report ● Ofsted Action Plan Scorecard	Nicola Curley/Deborah Spencer
6 September 2017 Informal		Part 1	
		Update from Participation Officer for CICC	CiCC
		You Asked We Did	Jenny Weeden
		Champion Member Feedback session	Member Champions
		Members Issues	Members

		Part 2	
		Performance reports	Nicola Curley
		Case study – Placements update from a Social worker on placement agreements.	Sue King Head of Service Peterborough TACT
		Work Programme	
8 November 2017 Formal	Priorities 1 - 6	Update from Foster Carers and Participation Officer for CICC	Foster Carers
		Permanency report placements report to include: Adoption Annual Report Transport issues Fostering and Reg 33 report (quality of care homes) Financial Savings NYAS	TACT
		Council Tax Exemption Report * (to be briefing note)	Myra O'Farrell
		Closing the Gap – Children with behavioural and attachment difficulties* (CAMHS) included in the health report.	Deborah Spencer
		Missing from Care and CSE update	Myra O'Farrell
		Members Issues	Members
	Priorities 1 – 6	Performance Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Placements of Children in Care ● Health Report ● Scorecard 	Nicola Curley/Deborah Spencer
31 January 2018 Informal		Part 1	
		Update from Participation Officer for CICC	CiCC
		You Asked We Did	Jenny Weeden
		Champion Member Feedback session	Corporate Member Champions
		Members Issues	Members
		Part 2	
		Performance reports	Nicola Curley
		Case study - CiC and Care Leavers Education Health and Care Plans	
		Work Programme	Nicola Curley
21 March 2018 Formal		Update from Foster Carers and Participation Officer for CICC	Foster Carers/Jenny Weeden
		Virtual Schools Annual Report to include an update on:	Dee Glover

		SEND; and Children who are not in full time education	
		Report on work of the Corporate Parenting Committee for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee	Nicola Curley
		Members Issues	Members
		Performance Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Placements of Children in Care ● Health Report ● Scorecard 	Nicola Curley/Deborah Spencer

* New items

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