

Children & Young People Services






Mid-Year Review 2020/21



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Introduction

This is the Children & Young People Services update on the progress being made against the objectives, actions, performance and risk for the period 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020. Service plans have been designed to support the delivery of the [Council's Corporate Plan 2017-22](#) and the [Council's Strategic Recovery Aims](#) in response to the Covid-19 crisis. As one of the 44 public bodies, Newport Council must consider the Well-being of Future Generations Act in the delivery of its plans and the sustainable development principle of meeting our duty under the Act.

Long term		The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.
Prevention		How acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse, may help public bodies meet their objectives.
Integration		Considering how the public body's well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.
Collaboration		Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the body itself) that could help the body to meet its well-being objectives.
Involvement		The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area, which the body serves.

To support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan 2017-22 and the Strategic Recovery Aims, the Children & Young People's Service Plan 2020/21 focuses on the delivery of:

- **Wellbeing Objective 3** – To enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient; and
- **Strategic Recovery 3** – Promote and protect the health and wellbeing of people, safeguarding our most vulnerable and building strong, resilient communities.

The 2020/21 Service Plan has four objectives that are focused on:

Objective 1 – Deliver effective services to support children to safely remain with their families.

Prevention and early intervention are key drivers in the Social Services Wellbeing Act (SSWA). Working with families with a strengths based model is an integral part of working in partnership with families to achieve their goals and ensure they build the resilience to support their children safely and meet their aspirations without access to specialist services. Focussing on these services is key to ensuring children are safe and happy and is integral to the overall work of safely reducing our looked after children numbers.

Objective 2 – Improve outcomes for children in care and care leavers including a focus on safe reunification.

Children who become looked after and care leavers will have experienced significant early disadvantage and trauma. As children who are looked after they should benefit from corporate parenting which ensures they have access to good quality services to improve their life choices and ensure they are able to fulfil their potential. The key areas of home lives, education, health, leisure activities and transition to adulthood must be part of the corporate parenting agenda. As part of this objective supporting reunification where safe is an imperative. For care leavers Hidden Ambitions published by the Children's Commissioner will underpin the actions.

Objective 3 – Ensure a range of placements are available for looked after children.

Newport has a mix of in house residential services and externally commissioned services. Newport is in a very different position to most local authorities as it has 3 residential homes and 1 short breaks facility for children with disabilities. Even though Newport has in house residential resources and a good range of fostering placements there has been a need to also commission external residential and fostering provision. These placements are for a mix of children who have complex and challenging behaviours, risky behaviours and placements are children with significant disabilities. The dearth of placements has led to a very strong provider's market with generally poor outcomes for children.

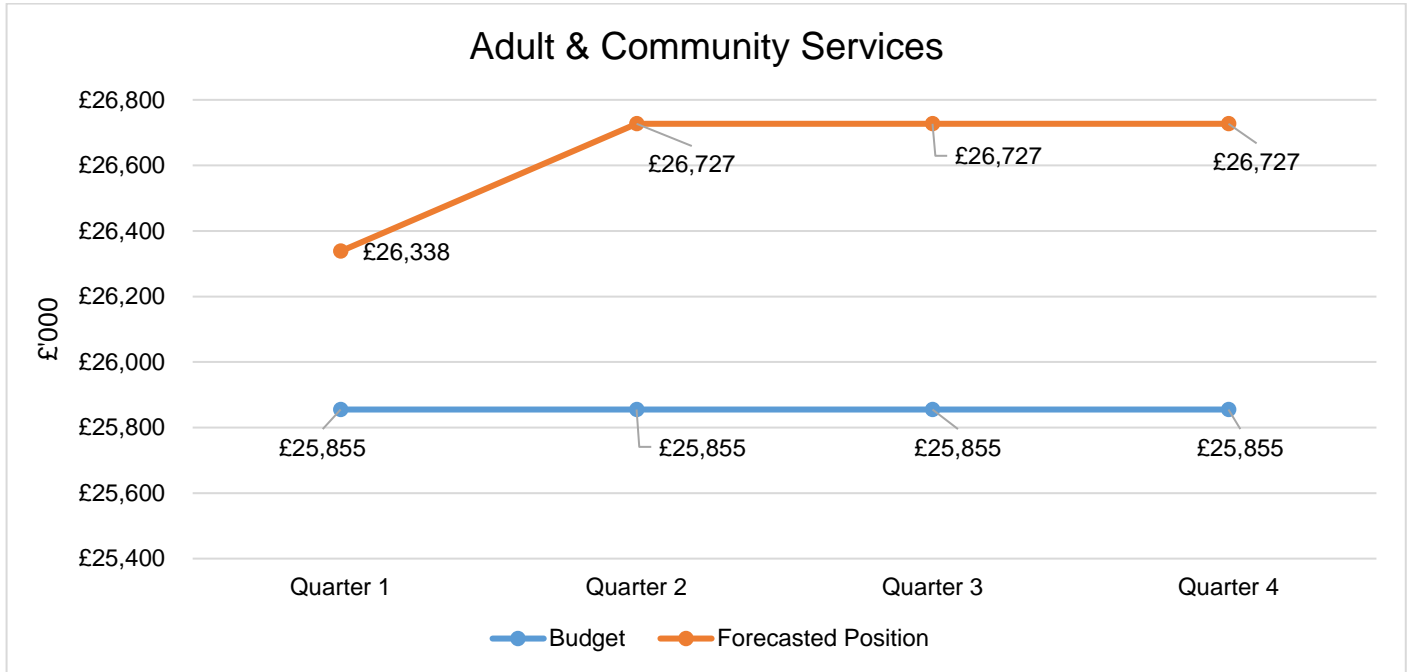
This work under this objective seeks to expand the in house placement provision and improve the quality of the placement offer.

Objective 4 – Prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people.

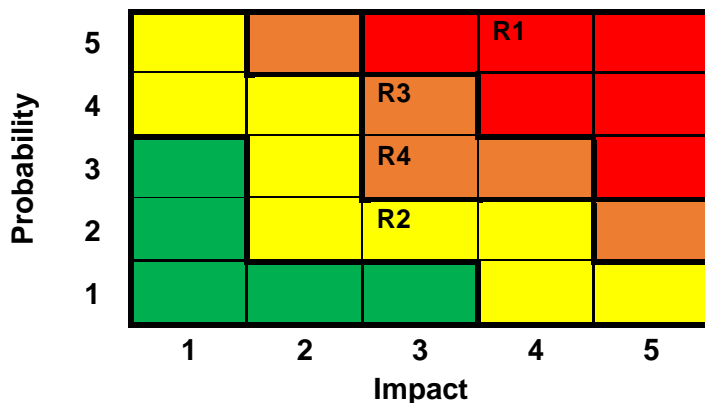
The Youth Justice Service (YJS) is a partnership across a range of services within the Council and more widely with other agencies. The provision is laid out as key to preventing offending and re-offending by children and young people. The service offers a range of interventions and delivers against the requirements of the Youth Justice Board and the criminal justice system.

The service manager for YJS and the Head of Children's Services with the Local Management Board are responsible for the delivery of the plan.

2020/21 Budget and Forecasted Expenditure



Service Risks as at 30th September 2020



Adult Services Risk Heat Map Key (Quarter 2 2020/21)	
R1 – Pressure on the delivery of Children Services	R2 – Safeguarding
R3 – Family Court Cases	R4 – Liability Claims made against Children Services.

Corporate / Service Risk	Risk Score Quarter 3 2019/20	Risk Score Quarter 4 2019/20	Risk Score Quarter 1 2020/21	Risk Score Quarter 2 2020/21
Corporate Risk – Pressure on the delivery of Children Services	16	16	20	20
Corporate Risk - Safeguarding	6	6	6	6
Service Risk – Family Court Cases	-	-	12	12
Service Risk – Liability claims made against Children Services	-	-	9	9

Executive Summary from the Head of Service

The first six months of 20/21 have inevitably been dominated by the pandemic. Children's Services have continued to operate throughout providing safeguarding and support for the most vulnerable children, young people and families in Newport. Children's Services staff in all areas of service have sustained provision and responded positively to the challenges of working differently and rapid shifts in guidance.

The pressure on families over the past seven months have been immense and that has been reflected in both the increasing numbers and the nature of referrals to Children's Services. Despite the increases the number of looked after children has remained stable and there has been no overall increase in the number of children on the child protection register. Social workers have continued to visit throughout and all safeguarding work has been undertaken in line with statutory responsibilities. We have been able to sustain work in court with minimal interruption.

Children's homes and short breaks services had to adapt overnight to the changed circumstances and to providing direct care to children with heightened anxiety and with limited access to education. Foster carers have been supported throughout and for many they have found positive ways to enjoy quiet, quality time with children. A small set of children's artwork is being put together as is a collection of the views of foster carers. The recruitment and approval of carers has continued throughout the period of restrictions. A small number of children have been placed for adoption.

Despite all of the challenges some elements of innovative work has continued to grow for example family group conferencing, Baby and Me and a strong focus on children at risk of exploitation. The report of the Joint Inspection into Child Protection Arrangements was published by the shared Inspectorates.

Over the coming six months we will be supporting the roll out of MYST (My Support Team) as a service to increase the support available to our children in placement particularly those children placed away from Newport. Ongoing work with Gwent Police and a wide range of partners will drive forward shared and improved understanding for children at risk of exploitation. Rosedale children's home will open before Christmas and work will commence on Windmill Farm. The Disabled Children's team submitted a self-evaluation to Care Inspectorate Wales and will in due course be subject of a short inspection. Staff in Pathway will develop increased services for unaccompanied asylum seeking children while staff across Children's Services will work on updated guidance within the family justice system.

While there is no end in easy sight to the current challenges Children's Services staff will continue to work positively and constructively to offer the best possible support to families.

Glossary

Actions (Red / Amber / Green)

C	Green RAG – Completed
	Green RAG – Action is on course to be completed within timescale
	Amber RAG – There are potential issues which unless addressed the action might not be achieved within agreed timescales.
	Red RAG – The action requires immediate action to achieve delivery within agreed timescales.
?	Unknown RAG (Data missing)

Service Plan Update (30th September 2020)

1. Deliver effective services to support children to safely remain with their families.

Action No.	Action Description	Action Outcome(s)	Strategic Recovery Aim	Start Date	End Date	% of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Action Commentary
1	Completion and implementation of Welsh Government action plan to work towards reducing the numbers of looked after children	The delivery of all the actions in this section will support Children Services objective to reduce the number of looked after children and enable effective early intervention and prevention.	Not applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2022	50%	Work has continued in all areas linked to the implementation of the WG action plan. There are weekly data submissions to WG and quarterly wider returns. An update on this work was reported to Cabinet on 14.10.2020. The numbers of looked after children has risen slightly against the background of the challenges of Covid but is still below the Wales average.
2	Explore sustainability options for the Early Intervention Project within the Preventions Team for post March 2021.		Not applicable	30 th September 2020	31 st March 2021	50%	There is an ongoing dialogue with key stakeholders in this project to consider sustainable options post March 2021 when the current funding expires. This has involved Head of Childrens Service and Early Intervention Project (EIP) managers. A proposal is being considered to alter the structure and pathway with the service, to embed into core business with the Prevention Team. However, this development will still require some financial grant support from Police Crime Commissioner (PCC). We remain committed to the partnership and would like to see this progress.
3	Consider models of delivery for the Prevention Team to develop effective joint working arrangements alongside SPACE, FIT, CAMHS and the existing projects run by Barnardos		Not applicable	1 st April 2020	30 th September 2020	55%	This work continues and is strengthened by the new Barnardos partnership in the Early Intervention/Prevention world. A working group has been established with managers across the partnership, with a shared vision of what is to be achieved, and how to successfully effect change across the services.

							<p>This includes, where possible a pooling of resources, eradication of duplication, development opportunities and streamlined service supports to families.</p> <p>In addition, the Prevention service is exploring ways to enhance relational based interactions with families, based on what matters to them, discussions, and move away from service led provision. This approach is evidenced based with improved outcomes for children and families.</p>
4	Develop a rapid response provision at the front door of Children's Services utilising the skill set in existing provision.		Not applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st December 2020	25%	This is on hold due to Covid-19.
5	Work with the Pathway Service to support reunification of CLA to family/friends.		Not applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	25%	This has been challenging due to CV restrictions. However reunification remains a high priority.
6	Embed Baby and Me to support families from early in pregnancy where there is a high risk of the need for statutory intervention.		Not applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	80%	All is going well despite Covid-19 issues with face to face contact.
7	Continue the work started with GDAS to base multiagency staff in frontline teams.		Not applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	40%	Although progress was made in Q2 it wasn't to the desired level and therefore its likely progress will continue slowly as Covid-19 continues. We have met with the PSB and reflected this in our shared expectations and actions going forward have been set.
8	Complete and deliver actions agreed in the post safeguarding joint inspection action plan		Not applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	50%	The Joint Inspection of Child Protection arrangements in Newport was published later than anticipated in April 2020. Work has progressed at pace linked to joint responses exploitation. This includes the confirmation of the Child Exploitation

							tool, analysis of the links of those involved and shared understanding of how could all respond more effectively.
9	The Public Law Working Group reform of Family Justice will be published in July 2020. Children's Services staff with legal colleagues will engage in the implementation strategy for the rollout of the changes	This work will focus on Special Guardianship, Section 76, processes during the pre-proceedings period and Supervision Orders. Supporting children to safely remain with their families is the primary outcome with improved performance in the court arena as a secondary outcome.	Not applicable	30th June 2020	31 st March 2021	50%	All of the work of the Public Law Working Group has been delayed because of Covid. The Special Guardianship guidance was published in July 2020 and we have driven this forward with our Family and Friends team. The support package has improved significantly as has the quality of the assessments. The work on Section 76, case management and pre proceedings will be published in January 2021 while it is anticipated the Supervision Order changes will follow during the Spring.
10	Work with colleagues in legal services to develop an agreed set of checklists to improve shared approaches to pre proceedings, PLO, and legal meetings.	The delivery of all the actions in this section will support Children Services objective to reduce the number of looked after children and enable effective early intervention and prevention.	Not applicable	1 st April 2019	31 st December -2020	57%	Legal meetings have reverted to Teams and have progressed well.
11	Establish provision based on existing family support to provide an effective "hands on" support where neglect is a key presenting family issue.		Not applicable	1 st June 2019	30 th June 2020	62%	We continue to have confidence in the development and measurement of the partnerships success through Quarterly meetings and evidence of outcomes for families.
12	Monitor the effectiveness of Family Group Conferencing (FGC).		Not applicable	1 st January 2020	31 st December 2020	60%	Q2 has seen the service impacted by covid but using media platforms conferences have continued and the service continues to be funded by ICF for 2021-2022 which is reassuring.

2. Improve outcomes for children in care and care leavers including a focus on safe reunification.

Action No.	Action Description	Action Outcome(s)	Strategic Recovery Aim	Start Date	End Date	% of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Action Commentary
1	Increased housing options for care leavers. Currently Newport has a limited range of choices for housing for care leavers especially with a range of suitable support. This action will seek to address this gap. Work has already commenced and will continue.	All actions in this section will contribute to improving outcomes for children in care and care leavers.	Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	30%	Additional properties sought. Work being undertaken with head of service and housing to assist in developing housing options for Children previously Looked After. New team manager being recruited to manage this area and develop services.
2	Continue to develop a range of options for CLA to engage in work experience and have the offer of a mentor.		Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	0%	Work experience on hold due to Covid-19.
3	Work with the Pathway Service to ensure that all CLA are offered opportunities to develop independent living skills to ensure that young people transition into independent living successfully.		Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st December 2021	50%	There has been an increased offer of workshops and there continues to be monthly independent living panel.
4	Work to the revised guidance for Corporate Parenting from Welsh Government (due in summer 2020) with the Corporate Parenting Forum and potentially other partners to build understanding of shared responsibility.		Not Applicable	1 st June 2020	31 st July 2021	0%	The revised guidance has been delayed. Once the guidance is available this work will commence.
5	In light of the learning during lockdown we will review our existing arrangements for family		Strategic Recovery Aim 3	1 st July 2020	31 st October 2020	75%	We have relaunched the service as the Family Time Service in Q2 and rebranded as the CWTCH Centre. The language has shifted to normalise the experience for

	<p>time to improve the offer for children and families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) To develop a comprehensive framework of all aspects of family time;ii) Continue to deliver family time virtually as a positive for families.						<p>children spending time with their families so it is referred to as family time and not contact.</p>
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3. Ensure a range of placements are available for looked after children.

Action No.	Action Description	Action Outcome(s)	Strategic Recovery Aim	Start Date	End Date	% of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Action Commentary
1	Continue with the development of the residential provision (including Windmill Farm) across Newport in order to increase the number of children who can be cared for safely in Newport	Through collaboration with MyST also been recruited to in Newport who should promote the return of Out of County foster children to Newport. These new homes will increase the number of placements available to Newport Children and also allow potential to 'sell' placements to other Gwent LA's.	Not Applicable	1 st April 2019	30 th September 2021	46%	Rosedale, a 4 bed children's home, has a planned opening in November 2020. This includes a child returning from an out of county placement and two in our emergency home. This will enable the LA to make savings and also ensure a high quality of care for these children within Newport. Windmill Farm has now passed planning and it is planned for completion at the end of 2021. MyST will be starting in early 2021 and it is hoped that MyST can focus on returning children from Out of County placements including foster placements.
2	To increase the number of foster carers recruited to NCC through increased marketing and scoping raising fostering fees and implementing council tax exemptions.	Increased numbers of foster carers means a reduction in OOC and Independent foster placements. This will reduce costs to the department and allow children to remain within Newport.	Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	40%	It is unlikely that foster carer tax exemptions will take place. However, there has been increased recruitment of new carers through regional and Wales wide work to recruit carers. More work is required in this area to increase the numbers of carers recruited. MyST starts work in January 2021 and they should assist in supporting carers.
3	To continue to develop the Family and Friends team to offer a robust package of support for family and friend carers from assessment through to placement	Robust support in place-although some support groups have not taken place due to covid 19. Virtual training and support in place and moves to provide group and face to face contact will be in line with WG guidance. This should prevent the breakdown of SGO placements and increase the number of foster placements transitioning into SGO	Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	80%	Team in place. Work being undertaken in compliance with Special Guardianship Orders (SGO) regulations and good practice guide. Work and support services are being showcased as good practice across Wales and linked with CAF/CASS Cymru. Covid-19 has caused some of the services to be provided in new ways or on hold but this will continue once restrictions ease. Positive feedback from SGO carers about training and services provided.

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		placements thereby reducing the number of CLA.					
4	To work with MyST and Fostering Team to develop a joint approach to supporting foster carers and children looked after.	This should prevent the breakdown of SGO placements and increase the number of foster placements transitioning into SGO placements thereby reducing the number of CLA.	Not Applicable	1 st July 2020	31 st July 2021	5%	Team manager and posts have been recruited to MyST. They will be in place to start support in January 2021. They are engaging with teams and making links to consider what areas of support are required in NCC.

4. Prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people

Action No.	Action Description	Action Outcome(s)	Strategic Recovery Aim	Start Date	End Date	% of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Action Commentary
1	Youth Justice Service to engage on local and national youth justice issues and develop strategic plans in response	All of the action in this section work towards prevention of offending and re-offending.	Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	C	The service is actively engaged and represented with all local and national issues through a variety of forums - including monitoring the custody practice of children arrested, implementing the Youth Justice Blueprint, addressing the disproportionality of BAME within the sector and decriminalisation practice of children.
2	Embed new Local Standards across the service.		Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st December 2020 (Extended to 31 st March 2021)	80%	Following a Self-Assessment audit earlier in the year, the YJS has been robustly reviewing all its practices and processes to embed the new NS. This work continues alongside the transformation of the service where standards and expectations are all addressed.
3	Adopt Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI) Probation YOS Standards		Not Applicable	1 st April 2019	31 st December 2020	80%	<p>The self-assessment work has been completed and submitted to the Youth Justice Board on time. We are currently awaiting feedback to determine acceptance of the report or a new to validate the report.</p> <p>The new National Standards are being fully embedded into all new procedures in the service, and will form the backbone of the Youth Justice Service Plan for the coming financial year 2020/21.</p> <p>As the YJS service continues to undergo transformation, all processes and practice now as standard, consider and incorporate the National Standards for Youth Justice. This remains on the agenda with managers, and the new service plan will incorporate and build on the recommendations from the Self-Assessment work undertaken at the start of 2019.</p>

Action No.	Action Description	Action Outcome(s)	Strategic Recovery Aim	Start Date	End Date	% of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Action Commentary
4	Establish a clear remit for and implement pathways to embed the new Child Exploitation tool and processes within the service.		Not Applicable	1 st January 2020	30 th September 2020 (Extended to 31 st March 2021)	80%	The YJS now has a clear process for embedding cases of concern for children at risk of and/or being exploited. The Risk Management Panel has been reshaped to include this vulnerable group more transparently, where a multi-agency panel can agree an action plan in response to shared concerns. Consideration at this level, will include taking the case to the CE strategy meetings. The YJS is now a consistent partner in the Child Exploitation Strategy Meetings held weekly in Child Protection service. All actions are now consistently recorded on Child View.
5	Develop the breadth of support available from the service, incorporating a robust preventative and early intervention agenda within a contextual safeguarding framework		Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	80%	There is now a clear Prevention pathway into the YJS, accepting referrals for support before an offence is committed. The service accepts referrals where missing episodes, exploitation and anti-social behaviour are concerns. The offer of support is relational based, enabling children to understand potential consequences of their behaviour and make different choices. Contextual safeguarding is part of this work, with consideration and exploration of extra familial influences.
6	Build on work on Contextual harm and exploitation, safeguarding research, and embed new approaches to understanding, and responding to young people's experiences of significance		Not Applicable	1 st April 2019	31 st December 2020	75%	This area of work has not been hugely progressed for 2 reasons. The restructure and stabilisation of the YJS continues, and Covid-19 lockdown has brought changes to how the service can operate within communities. It does however remain on the agenda and forms part of case discussions when analysing factors that may be contributing to the presenting issues. This will continue into the following financial year.

Action No.	Action Description	Action Outcome(s)	Strategic Recovery Aim	Start Date	End Date	% of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Action Commentary
							<p>Contextual Safeguarding briefings have been delivered to staff by Clive Diaz - Cardiff University researcher.</p> <p>The service has identified a lead practitioner for Contextual Safeguarding who is working with key partners to establish community contextual safeguarding assessments where appropriately identified.</p> <p>The community walkabouts to gain additional and new information remain largely on hold due to Covid-19.</p>

Performance Measures as at end of Quarter 2 (30th September 2020)

At the Mid-year point there may be some performance measures that cannot be reported as they are reported annually i.e. 31st March and will be reported at the End of Year review. Additionally, due to Covid-19, there may also be some performance measures that are unable to be reported in this review or data is unavailable. These will be noted in the table below.

In 2020/21, the Welsh Government has introduced new a new performance management framework for Children Services. As there is no previous data and benchmarking data to determine a target, no targets have been introduced for 2020/21.

Performance Measures

Green – Performance is above Target
Amber RAG – Performance is below Target (0-15%)
Red RAG – Performance is Under achieving (+15%)
? Unknown RAG (Data missing)

Performance Measure	Q2 Figure (or latest) 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 4 2019/20)	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 2) 2019/20	Previous Year (Actual @Quarter 2) 2018/19	Comments
(NEW) CH/001 - The number of contacts for children received by statutory Social Services during the year.	5099	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	For the period 01-04-2020 and 30-09-2020. Referrals received by a Childrens Team where age is less than 18 (Note this includes referrals for Young people who are carers)
(NEW) CH/005b - The number where physical punishment by a parent or carer was the only factor. Note: Measure delayed due to Covid 19	Q2 data not available see comment	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Collection of this measure was delayed due to Covid-19 and was not collected in Q1 and Q2. The process collection was introduced from 1 st October 2020 so we are hopeful that this can be reported on for the last 6 months of 2020/21
(NEW) CH/009b - The Active Offer of Welsh was accepted (During assessment)	Q2 data not available see comment	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Collected as part of the new WG performance framework. Implementation of which has been delayed due to covid 19. Although the guidance for collecting the framework has been written it is still in draft status hence the reporting cannot be finalised.
(NEW) CH/015 - The total number of children with a care and support plan at 31 st March.	924	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Open Childrens C&SP as at 30-Sept-2020

Performance Measure	Q2 Figure (or latest) 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 4 2019/20)	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 2) 2019/20	Previous Year (Actual @Quarter 2) 2018/19	Comments
(NEW) CH/036 - The total number of children removed (de-registered) from the child protection register during the year	173	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Note 173 Children De-registered from the CPR in the period 01-Oct 2019 to 30 -09-2020
CH/L01 - The total number of children registered on the child protection register in the last 12 months.	182	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Note 182 Children, 183 Registration (1 child was reregister) Note this is not the number of Children on the CPR at a point in time but a count of all the children registered in the period 01-Oct-2019 to 30-Sept-2020
CH/026 - The total number of children on the child protection register at 31 st March.	146	130	128	123	130	Number of Children on the Child Protection Register as at 30-09-2020. The number of children on the Register has increased. Given the challenges and pressures on families over the past six months this is to be expected.
(NEW) - CH/033 The total number of reports of child exploitation received during the year Note: Measure delayed due to Covid 19	Q2 data not available see comment	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Collection of this measure was delayed due to Covid-19 and was not collected in Q1 and Q2. The process collection was introduced from 1 st October 2020 so we are hopeful that this can be reported on for the last 6 months of 2020/21
(NEW) CH/037 - The number of children becoming looked after during the year	97	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Note this is the Number of Children that have become looked after in the period 01-10-2019 to 30-09-2020. And not the current total number of Children looked After. Also note that there were 2 children that became looked after twice in this period hence there were 99 instances of children becoming looked after.
(NEW) - CH/L002 - The Number of Children who Ceased being Looked After during the year	103	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Note this is the Number of Children that have ceased to be looked after in the period 01-10-2019 to 30-09-2020. Also note that there was 1 child that ceased being looked after twice in this period hence there were 104 instances of children who

Performance Measure	Q2 Figure (or latest) 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 4 2019/20)	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 2) 2019/20	Previous Year (Actual @Quarter 2) 2018/19	Comments
						ceased to be looked after in the period.
CH/043 - The total number of children looked after at 31 st March who have experienced three or more placements during the year	9.8%	9%	11.8%	13.7%	8%	The number of moves for children in care is higher than we would like to see. We continue to experience issues with the right sorts of placements at the right time. This can mean moves from interim to longer term placements for children.
CH/045 - The total number of children who returned home during the year	47	15%	9.3%	9.2%	8.3%	All Children who ceased being looked after in the period 01-Oct-2019 to 30 –Sept-2020 with an end reason of (E4) Returned home to live with parents, relatives, or other person with parental responsibility. Or (E43) Special guardianship order made to former foster carers Or (E44) Special guardianship order made to carers other than former foster carers
(NEW) CA/010 - The total number of contacts to statutory social services by young carers or professionals contacting the service on their behalf received during the year. Provided by Barnardos	Q2 data not available see comment	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Collected as part of the new WG performance framework. Implementation of which has been delayed due to Covid 19. Although the guidance for collecting the framework has been written it is still in draft status hence the reporting has not been finalised.
(NEW) CH/L003 – Number of Foster Carers registered with the Local Authority (Inc Kinship, Supported Lodgings General and Respite)	158	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	127 General Foster Care 24 Kinship Carers 7 Supported Lodgings only
(NEW) CH/L004 – Number of Childrens Residential Fostering Beds	20	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	We have a total of 14 in house residential beds and a further 6 beds for short breaks for disabled children.

Performance Measure	Q2 Figure (or latest) 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 4 2019/20)	Previous Year (Actual @ Quarter 2) 2019/20	Previous Year (Actual @Quarter 2) 2018/19	Comments
(NEW) CH/L005 – Number of Children in care proceedings during the year	28	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	There were 13 new sets of proceedings in the first quarter and 15 in the second. This a significant reduction on last year.
CH/039 The number of looked after children at 31 st March.	381	380	380	386	365	Number of Children being looked after on 30th September 2020. There is a very slight increase on the agreed target.
(Youth Justice Service) - % of young people in suitable accommodation at the end of a statutory order.	97.4%	80%	96.9%	94.7%	86.5%	
(Youth Justice Service) – Average ‘Post 16’ Hours at End of Intervention	Q2 data not available see commentary	16 hours	14.4 Hours	16.4 Hours	Not Available	Due to Covid-19 we have been unable to obtain all necessary data to report for quarter 2. Data will be provided at the year-end review.
(Youth Justice Service) - Average number of hours ‘School Age’ children attend at the end of an Intervention.	Q2 data not available see commentary	25 hours	16.7 Hours	16.8 Hours	16.5 Hours	Due to Covid-19 we have been unable to obtain all necessary data to report for quarter 2. Data will be provided at the year-end review.
(Youth Justice Service) – Total Number of first Time Entrants	22	40	25	12	Not Available	
(Youth Justice Service) - % of all cases that are community resolutions.	55.42%	70%	62.58%	76.47%	Not Available	This figure represents the total percentage of community resolutions across the service during this period. It needs to be acknowledged that this figure does not include the new preventative pathway referrals, and this measure will be adjusted for 2021/22 to more accurately reflect the full activity undertaken within the service.

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						We would expect this figure to significantly improve or increase next year as the service work towards implementing fully the Youth Justice Blueprint