

Children & Young People Services






End of 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 31st March 2021. 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.

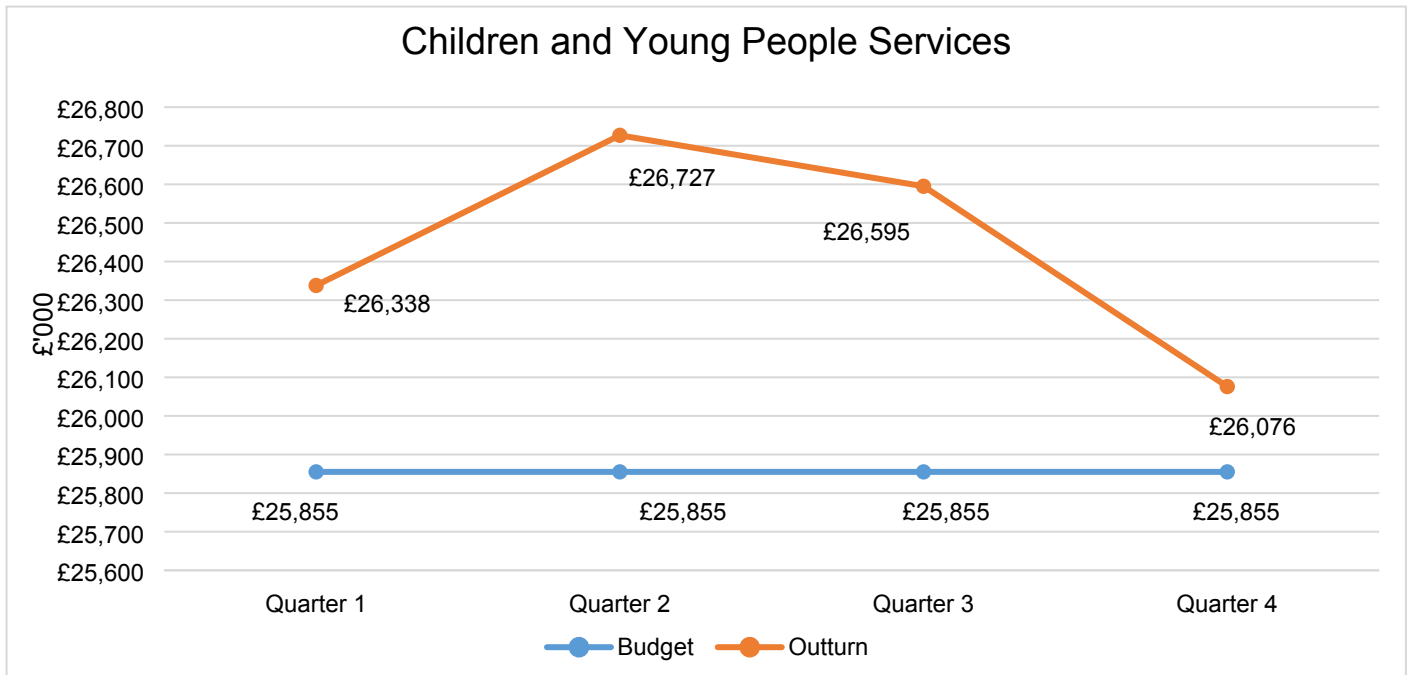
This work under this objective seeks to expand the in house placement provision and improve the quality of the placement offer.

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

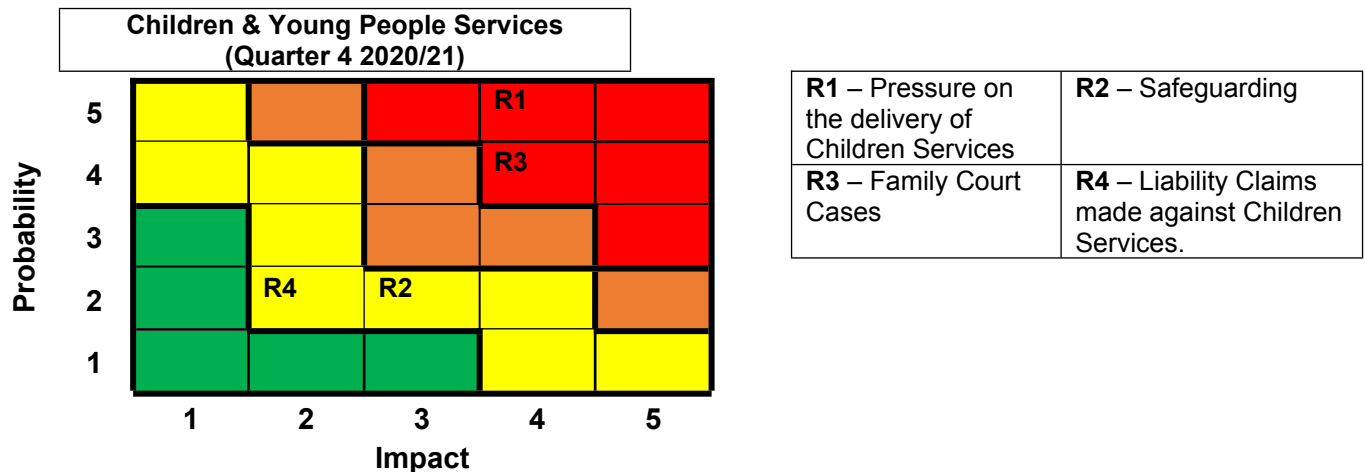
The Youth Justice Service (YJS) is a partnership across a range of services within the Council and more widely with other agencies. The provision is laid out as key to preventing offending and re-offending by children and young people. The service offers a range of interventions and delivers against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



Service Risks as at 31st March 2021



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

Executive Summary from the Head of Service

20/21 has 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 the rapid shifts in guidance. Despite the changes and demands wrought by the pandemic Children's Services has continued to develop and ensure the best possible services are available across all areas of our work.

The pressure on families over the past year has 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 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. The number of referrals and the complexity in referrals rose sharply as we came through March and into April 2021. The level of need being seen in families is stark and the impact on children and their carers in all aspects of their lives has been immense.

Children's homes and short breaks services have adapted 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 has been put together as has a collection of the views of foster carers. The recruitment and approval of carers has continued throughout the period of restrictions. We have successfully recruited an increased number of foster carers and reduced the number of children placed with Independent Fostering Agencies. A small number of children have been placed for adoption.

Despite all of the challenges many 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. We have developed a toolkit for children at risk of exploitation which is now being adopted across Gwent and shared throughout Wales. The report of the Joint Inspection into Child Protection Arrangements was published by the shared Inspectorates.

In the second half of the year we have been 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. Rosedale children's home opened in March 2021 and work commenced on Windmill Farm. Staff in Pathway have developed increased services for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and are working to provide proactive services for children requiring placements. Staff across Children's Services are working to implement updated guidance within the family justice system.

This year has seen changes across the Performance Management Framework. These changes are still being implemented and have made target setting for the coming year challenging. It is likely that while these changes are still being worked through across agencies with accompanying guidance there will be changes in the target setting in the coming year.

Staff have embraced all forms of digital work and some elements of this continue. The majority of family court work is likely to continue to be via online platforms for the foreseeable future. Child Protection Conferences will be piloted as hybrid meetings from June 2021 and are likely to be adopted in this manner for the future. While staff have adapted incredibly well to needing to work from home a balance of being present in the office with the support of colleagues and managers.

As 20/21 came to an end staff were tired and inevitably events of the year will continue to reverberate throughout 2021 and indeed into 2022. 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 (31st March 2021)

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	Q2 % of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Q4 % 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%	C	All of the steps from the mid-year review have continued. The number of children in care has dropped slightly. However, the pandemic has placed significant pressures on families and maintaining the number of children in our care are between 375 - 380 has been against a backdrop of extremely creative use of family support and social work time. CS continues to work to safely manage risk and to support families with children coming into care only as a last resort. The publication of the Public Law Working Group report will give continued impetus to effective use of pre-proceedings and an emphasis on working safely with uncertainty.
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%	C	Funding continued for a further 12 months - 2021/22. This will need to be revisited throughout the new financial year to determine ongoing sustainable post April 22.
3	Consider models of delivery for the Prevention Team to develop effective joint working arrangements		Not applicable	1 st April 2020	30 th September 2020	55%	C	A variety of new ways to deliver the service and support to families has been implemented.

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	alongside SPACE, FIT, CAMHS and the existing projects run by Barnardos							
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%	C	Completed
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%	C	This piece of work is fundamental to the service and a process has been developed in order to ensure Life-long links with CLA and their families and Friends. MyST will add value to the existing arrangements.
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%	C	The service is well embedded and working effectively.
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%	50%	This is still progressing but has been delayed due to covid and inability to do direct work with clients jointly on visits to families which was the key element of this projects aspirations to improve outcomes for parents and children effected by substance misuse.
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%	75%	Despite the delay in publication of the final report work has continued at pace. The Child Exploitation protocol has been completed and will now be adopted in Newport. The work has also been rolled out across Gwent

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								and the protocol is now being shared across Wales. Children's Services has appointed an exploitation worker while in YJS the report "Understanding the Triggers" will assist in how we work to identify children early and then support to avoid exploitation. In the Safeguarding Hub we now have additional police officers and are working closely with team. Over the coming year embedding all of this work and reviewing as we move to the next stage of the pandemic will be key.
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%	50%	The PLWG was finally published in March 2021. NCC has taken an active role in leading the implementation of the PLWG with a focus on pre-proceedings, Section 76, Special Guardianship as well as court practicalities. This work will continue in 21/22 and will be a key driver in ensuring proceedings are only used when absolutely necessary.

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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%	60%	New guidance has just been released to support staff to improve outcomes using PLO - this will now need to be embedded in practice over the next 12 months with training and support offered to all CP staff
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%	C	The Barnardos service continues to provide weekly reporting and we review the effectiveness of the service within Quarterly reviews alongside financial reviews- all is progressing well at this time and therefore remains green in rag status
12	Monitor the effectiveness of Family Group Conferencing (FGC).		Not applicable	1 st January 2020	31 st December 2020	60%	60%	This is an Integrated Care Funding funded project and therefore continues to need to be evaluated quarterly and we have reporting mechanism in place. The service is one of the leading FGC service sin Wales and is performing as it should.

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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%	40%	ICF bids have been completed along with Supporting People bids to develop supported accommodation for 16-18 and 18-24 year olds. Ongoing work with Supporting People to develop support packages in our existing D2 properties. A new team has been created to assist in developing this provision.
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%	25%	Delayed due to Covid.
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%	C	The YPA's will be resuming workshops as restrictions ease and work is ongoing with Supporting People and Llamau to ensure that YP 16+ are supported to develop independence.
4	Work to the revised guidance for Corporate Parenting from Welsh Government (due in summer 2020) with the Corporate Parenting Forum and potentially		Not Applicable	1 st June 2020	31 st July 2021	0%	0%	The Corporate Parenting guidance is now due to be published in 2021/22. In preparation the forum has met and has looked to revise membership and begin working on the agenda for the coming year.

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	other partners to build understanding of shared responsibility.							
5	In light of the learning during lockdown we will review our existing arrangements for family time to improve the offer for children and families: i) To develop a comprehensive framework of all aspects of family time; ii) Continue to deliver family time virtually as a positive for families.		Strategic Recovery Aim 3	1 st July 2020	31 st October 2020	75%	75%	Covid has caused a delay in this in that we have had to change how the service has been delivered over the last 18 months. It is anticipated we will be able to return to a new norm and reflect this in our review of service delivery.

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

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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%	60%	Rosedale opened in March 2021. The children are moving into the home. Windmill Farm construction has started although it has been delayed by Brexit/Covid.
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%	C	Done. New carers recruited. Decision made to increase fees- these have been implemented. Decision made to not implement council tax changes.
3	To continue to develop the Family and Friends	Robust support in place- although	Not Applicable	1 st April 2020	31 st March 2021	80%	C	Done. All in place and doing well.

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	team to offer a robust package of support for family and friend carers from assessment through to placement	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 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%	95%	MyST staff in place. Board is set up. MyST are starting to work to reduce the number of children in Out Of Area placements.

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	Q2 % of Action Completed (Red / Amber / Green)	Q4 % 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	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 March 2021	80%	C	Action complete
3	Adopt Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI) Probation YOS Standards		Not Applicable	1 st April 2019	31 st December 2020	80%	C	Action complete. New standards embedded as part of ongoing service reviews.
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%	C	Action complete. Process now in place.
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%	C	Action complete. All aspects of safeguarding is now much more robustly embedded within core service delivery.

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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 (Extended to 31 st March 2022)	75%	75%	This remains an ongoing action due to the pandemic delaying active work in communities to progress the work with partners.

Performance Measures 2020/2021

In 2020/21, the Welsh Government has introduced a new performance management framework for Children & Young People Services. As there is no previous data and benchmarking data to determine a target, no targets have been set for 2020/21. Baseline figures for 2020/21 will be used to support target setting for 21/22.

Note: Due to issues with WCCIS information system, Children Services have been unable to provide end of year data for some of the performance measures stated below in time of the Scrutiny review. These measures are marked as No Data. The Scrutiny Committee will be provided with the figures as soon as this data is available and have completed quality assurance checks

Key

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

Performance Measure	Actual Performance 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Actual Performance 2019/20	Actual Performance 2018/19	Actual Performance 2017/18	Comments
(NEW) CH/001 - The number of contacts for children received by statutory Social Services during the year.	10,301	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	**Provisional figure the final number for the WG returns is being validated so may change.
(NEW) CH/005b - The number where physical punishment by a parent or carer was the only factor. Note: Measure delayed due to Covid 19	No Data	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	**Data being collated there has been a delay due to Covid and this being the first year of collection.
(NEW) CH/009b - The Active Offer of Welsh was accepted (During assessment)	No Data	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	**Data being collated there has been a delay due to Covid and this being the first year of collection. But would expect this to be a very low number.
(NEW) CH/015 - The total number of children with a care and support plan at 31 st March.	978	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	**Note as per the guidance this figure includes plans for Looked After and Child Protection children as well as children who are only receiving Care and support.

Performance Measure	Actual Performance 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Actual Performance 2019/20	Actual Performance 2018/19	Actual Performance 2017/18	Comments
(NEW) CH/036 - The total number of children removed (de-registered) from the child protection register during the year	148	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
CH/L01 - The total number of children registered on the child protection register in the last 12 months.	179	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
CH/026 - The total number of children on the child protection register at 31 st March.	158	130	128	105	124	Setting a target for the number of children on the register is always challenging. Over the past year the impact on families of the pandemic has inevitably brought stress and distress. Support to families has been extensive but nonetheless safeguarding issues have increased hence the rise in registration numbers.
(NEW) - CH/033 The total number of reports of child exploitation received during the year <i>Note: Measure delayed due to Covid 19</i>	No Data	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	**Data being collated there has been a delay due to Covid and this being the first year of collection.
(NEW) CH/037 - The number of children becoming looked after during the year	91	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
(NEW) - CH/L002 - The Number of Children who Ceased being Looked After during the year	27	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
CH/043 - The total number of children looked after at 31 st March who have experienced three or more placements during the year	143	9%	11.8%	13.7%	8%	*Note from April 2020 the new metrics are "numbers" and not % values hence the targets need to be reviewed and updated in line with the new metrics

Performance Measure	Actual Performance 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Actual Performance 2019/20	Actual Performance 2018/19	Actual Performance 2017/18	Comments
CH/045 - The total number of children who returned home during the year	36	15%	9.3%	9.2%	8.3%	*Note from April 2020 the new metrics are “numbers” and not % values hence the targets need to be reviewed and updated in line with the new metrics.
(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	74	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	**Figures provided by Barnardos
(NEW) CH/L003 – Number of Foster Carers registered with the Local Authority (Inc Kinship, Supported Lodgings General and Respite)	159	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
(NEW) CH/L004 – Number of Childrens Residential Fostering Beds	21	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
(NEW) CH/L005 – Number of Children in care proceedings during the year	44	No Target	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	
CH/039 The number of looked after children at 31 st March.	378	380	380	386	365	
(Youth Justice Service) - % of young people in suitable accommodation at the end of a statutory order.	97.6%	80%	96.9%	94.7%	86.5%	
(Youth Justice Service) – Average ‘Post 16’ Hours at End of Intervention	No Data	16 hours	14.4 Hours	16.4 Hours	Not Available	See Note above

Performance Measure	Actual Performance 2020/21	Target 2020/21	Actual Performance 2019/20	Actual Performance 2018/19	Actual Performance 2017/18	Comments
(Youth Justice Service) - Average number of hours 'School Age' children attend at the end of an Intervention.	No Data	25 hours	16.7 Hours	16.8 Hours	16.5 Hours	See Note above
(Youth Justice Service) – Total Number of first Time Entrants	38	40	25	12	Not Available	
(Youth Justice Service) - % of all cases that are community resolutions.	52.56%	70%	62.58%	76.47%	Not Available	This target not being met is a positive outcome for YJS. The reduction in number of cases receiving a CR disposal is due to a far more proactive preventative offer from the service, with Prevention referrals significantly increasing in this last year. This is in line with the WG Youth Justice Blueprint. All other statutory disposal rates have remain similar to the previous year.