

Corporate Parenting Panel Monthly Performance Report

As at Month End: October 2017

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Performance Summary

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LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN	6.1	Number of Looked After Children	Info	Count	511	518	531		As at mth end	↑			n/a	407	432	488					
	6.2	Rate of Looked After Children per 10,000 population aged under 18 (Council Plan Indicator)	Low	Rate per 10,000	90.3	91.5	93.8		As at mth end	↓			75	70	76.6	86.6	81.3	58.0	62.0	-	
	6.3	Admissions of Looked After Children	Info	Count	15	35	19	162	Financial Year	↓			n/a	175	208	262					
	6.4	Number of children who have ceased to be Looked After Children	High	Count	19	28	6	119	Financial Year	↓			n/a	160	192	215					
	6.5	Percentage of LAC who have ceased to be looked after due to permanence (Special Guardianship Order, Residence Order, Adoption)	High	Percentage	26.3%	21.4%	33.3%	25.9%	Financial Year	↑		<33%	33%>	35%+	37.5%	40.1%	27.9%				
	6.6	Percentage of LAC who have ceased to be looked after due to a Special Guardianship Order	High	Percentage	0.0%	7.1%	0.0%	6.9%	Financial Year	↓		range to be set					9.8%	12.9%	26.0%	12.0%	16.0%
	6.7	LAC cases reviewed within timescales	High	Percentage	89.1%	98.5%	90.9%	88.8%	Financial Year	↓		<90%	90%>	95%+	94.9%	83.3%	91.3%				
	6.8	% of children adopted	High	Percentage	15.8%	14.3%	50.0%	13.4%	Financial Year	↑		<20%	20%>	22.7%+	26.3%	22.9%	14.4%	18.9%	30.0%	14.0%	20.0%
	6.9	Health of Looked After Children - up to date Health Assessments	High	Percentage	90.1%	87.0%	81.7%		As at mth end	↓		<90%	90%>	95%+	81.4%	92.8%	89.5%				
	6.10	Health of Looked After Children - up to date Dental Assessments	High	Percentage	75.8%	74.9%	71.8%		As at mth end	↓		<90%	90%>	95%+	58.8%	94.5%	57.3%				
	6.11	Health of Looked After Children - Initial Health Assessments carried out within 20 working days	High	Percentage	62.5%	90.9%	63.2%	53.1%	Financial Year	↓		range to be set			20.0%	8.4%	18.2%				
	6.12	% of LAC with a PEP	High	Percentage	96.5%	95.7%	90.5%		As at mth end	↓		<90%	90%>	95%+	68.7%	97.8%	96.9%				
	6.13	% of LAC with up to date PEPs	High	Percentage	91.5%	69.8%	44.5%		As at mth end	↓		<90%	90%>	95%+	71.4%	95.0%	87.9%				
	6.14	% of eligible LAC with an up to date plan	High	Percentage	92.0%	92.5%	91.0%		As at mth end	↓		<93%	93%>	95%+	98.8%	98.4%	79.1%				
	6.15	% LAC visits up to date & completed within timescale of National Minimum standard	High	Percentage	93.0%	91.1%	93.2%		As at mth end	↑		<95%	95%>	98%+	94.9%	98.1%	94.7%				
	6.16	% LAC visits up to date & completed within timescale of Rotherham standard	High	Percentage	87.9%	87.1%	86.3%		As at mth end	↓		<85%	85%>	90%+	64.0%	80.2%	88.3%				
CARE LEAVERS	7.1	Number of care leavers	Info	Count	230	230	237		As at mth end	↑			n/a	183	197	223					
	7.2	% of eligible LAC & Care Leavers with a pathway plan	High	Percentage	100.0%	100.0%	99.3%		As at mth end	↓		<93%	93%>	95%+	69.8%	97.5%	99.3%				
	7.3	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	High	Percentage	99.6%	98.3%	97.0%		As at mth end	↓		<95%	95%>	98%+	97.8%	96.5%	97.8%	91.0%	100.0%	84.0%	91.0%
	7.4	% of care leavers in employment, education or training	High	Percentage	61.9%	61.0%	60.5%		As at mth end	↓		<70%	70%>	72%+	71.0%	68.0%	62.9%	52.2%	65.0%	50.0%	57.0%
PLACEMENTS	8.1	% of long term LAC in placements which have been stable for at least 2 years	High	Percentage	59.6%	62.6%	63.3%		As at mth end	↑		<68%	68%>	70%+	71.9%	72.7%	66.2%	68.8%	86.0%	68.0%	74.0%
	8.2	% of LAC who have had 3 or more placements - rolling 12 months (Council Plan Indicator)	Low	Percentage	13.9%	13.7%	13.4%		Rolling Year	↑		12%+	12%<	9.6%<	12.0%	11.9%	11.9%	9.2%	6.0%	10.0%	8.0%
	8.3	% of LAC in a family Based setting	High	Percentage	83.8%	83.0%	81.7%		As at mth end	↓		range to be set 87.5%>					81.1%				
	8.4	% of LAC placed with parents or other with parental responsibility (P1)	Low	Percentage	6.0%	4.8%	4.7%		As at mth end	↑		range to be set					5.3%				
	8.5	% of LAC in a Commissioned Placement (Council Plan Indicator)	Low	Percentage	49.1%	50.8%	50.3%		As at mth end	↑		range to be set					43.2%				
FOSTERING	9.1	Number of LAC in a Fostering Placement	High	Count	381	391	389		As at mth end	↓		range to be set				180	353				
	9.2	% of LAC in a Fostering Placement	High	Percentage	74.6%	75.5%	73.3%		As at mth end	↓		range to be set				41.7%	72.3%				
	9.3	Number of Foster Carers (Households)	High	Count	160	161	162		As at mth end	↑		range to be set					168				
	9.4	Number of Foster Carers Recruited	High	Count	0	3	1	12	Financial Year	↓		range to be set					77				

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9.5	Number of Foster Carers Deregistered	Info	Count	2	2	0	8	Financial Year	↓		range to be set					24				
10.1	Number of adoptions	High	Count	3	4	3	16	Financial Year	↓				n/a	43	43	31				
10.2	Number of adoptions completed within 12 months of SHOBPA	High	Count	3	2	1	9	Financial Year	↓				n/a	16	23	12				
10.3	% of adoptions completed within 12 months of SHOBPA	High	Percentage	100.0%	50.0%	33.3%	56.3%	Financial Year	↓		<83%	83%>	85%+	37.2%	53.5%	38.7%				
10.4	Average number of days between a child becoming Looked After and having a adoption placement (A1) (Rolling 12 months)	Low	Rolling year - aver count	243.3	289.5	307.6		Rolling Year	↓		511+	511<	487<	393.0	296.0	404.0	511.6	337.0	558.0	501.1
10.5	Average number of days between a placement order and being matched with an adoptive family (A2) (Rolling 12 months)	Low	Rolling year - aver count	87.7	122.5	138.5		Rolling Year	↓		127+	127<	121<	169	136	232.9	214.7	73.0	226.0	183.6
11.3	Maximum caseload of social workers in LAC	Low	Average count	18	18	17		As at mth end	↑		21+	20<	18<		19.2	17.0				
11.4	Average number of cases per qualified social worker in LAC Teams 1-3	Within Limits	Average count	12.2	13.3	13.2		As at mth end	↓		over 1% above range	1% above range	14-20		14.1	11.6				
	Average number of cases per qualified social worker in LAC Teams 4 - 5	Within Limits	Average count	9.7	10.9	11.4		As at mth end	↑		over 1% above range	1% above range	14-20		-	-				

LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

DEFINITION

Children in care or 'looked after children' are children who have become the responsibility of the local authority. This can happen voluntarily by parents struggling to cope or through an intervention by children's services because a child is at risk of significant harm.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Looked after Children (LAC) numbers have continued to rise with current numbers being 531 compared to 487 at the end of 2016/17. The overall rate for Rotherham remains significantly higher than that of our statistical neighbours (81.3) and national averages (62.0).

Outcomes are rarely improved for young people coming into care in adolescence who make up the most significant proportion of our care population. Work is underway to develop a range of services that will address this such as an Edge of Care intervention team, Family Group Conferencing and an expanded Therapeutic Team. This will enable more adolescents to remain and/or return home. The Edge of Care Panel is now operational and all S20 requests (for which they are the smallest category) have to go through the EofC process prior to a young person becoming LAC, but this is not anticipated to have any discernible impact on the numbers of LAC until the end of the year.

6.2	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6
Rate of children looked after per 10K pop	Number of LAC	Admissions of children looked after	No. of children who have ceased to be LAC	% of children ceased to be LAC due to permanence	% of children ceased to be LAC due to an SGO

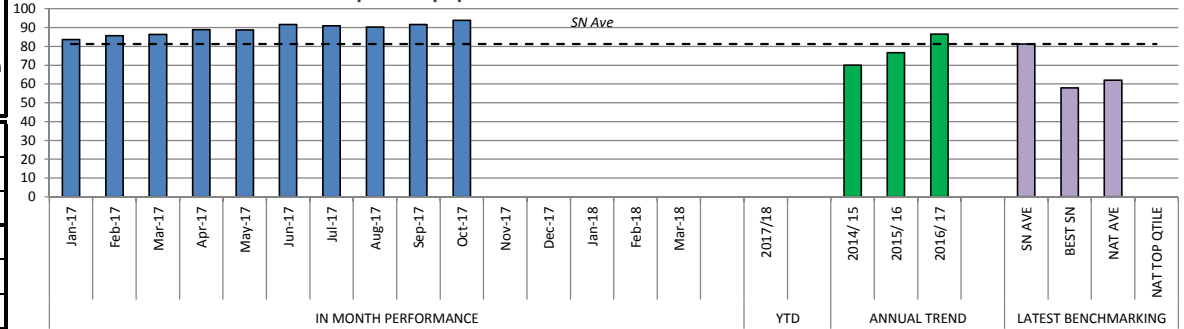
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	83.6	471	9	21	42.9%	0.0%
	Feb-17	85.7	483	26	14	28.6%	14.3%
	Mar-17	86.4	487	22	18	11.1%	0.0%
	Apr-17	88.9	503	26	11	9.1%	0.0%
	May-17	88.7	502	14	15	33.3%	26.7%
	Jun-17	91.5	518	36	20	35.0%	5.0%
	Jul-17	91.0	515	17	20	25.0%	5.0%
	Aug-17	90.3	511	15	19	26.3%	0.0%
	Sep-17	91.5	518	35	28	21.4%	7.1%
	Oct-17	93.8	531	19	6	33.3%	0.0%
	Nov-17						
	Dec-17						
	Jan-18						
Feb-18							
Mar-18							

YTD	2017/18			162	119	25.9%	6.9%
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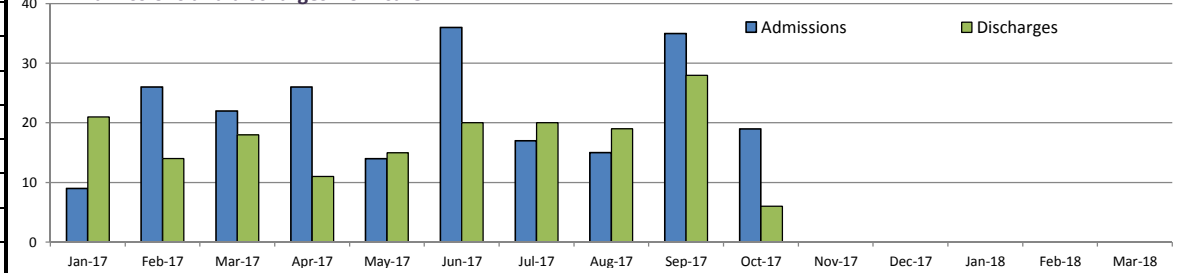
ANNUAL TREND	2014/ 15	70.0		175	160	37.5%	
	2015/ 16	76.6	432	208	192	40.1%	
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LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE	81.3					
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	NAT AVE	62.0					
	NAT TOP QTILE	-					

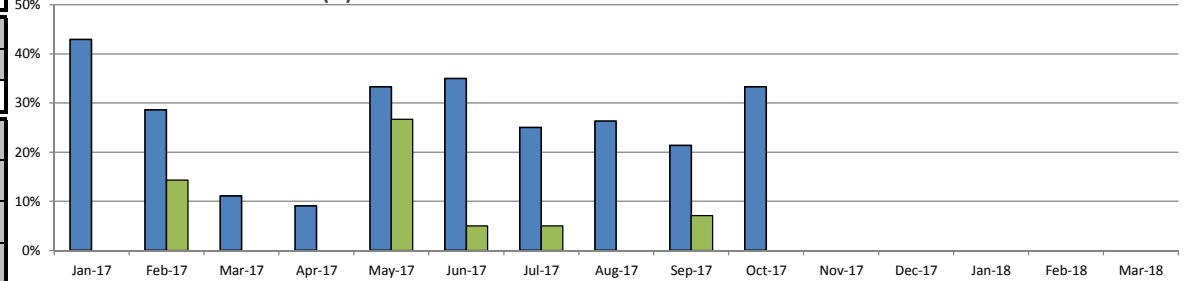
Rate of Looked After Children per 10K pop



Admissions and discharges from care



Children Ceased to be LAC (%)



PLANS - IN DATE

DEFINITION	
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>If a child has an out of date plan it may mean that there risks and needs are not being addressed effectively. October see's a small decrease in performance for LAC plans awhen compared to previous months. The level of changes are not statistically significant but are subject to management scrutiny in the performance meetings.</p>
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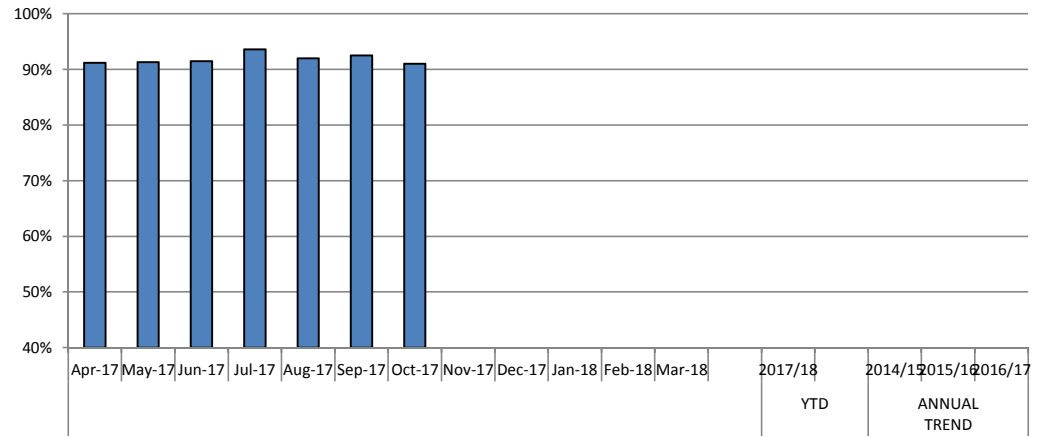
6.14
LAC with an up to date plan

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	Apr-17	91.2%
	May-17	91.3%
	Jun-17	91.5%
	Jul-17	93.6%
	Aug-17	92.0%
	Sep-17	92.5%
	Oct-17	91.0%
	Nov-17	
	Dec-17	
	Jan-18	
	Feb-18	
	Mar-18	

YTD	2017/18	
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ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	
	2015/16	
	2016/17	

LAC with an up to date plan



LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - REVIEWS & VISITS

DEFINITION

The purpose of LAC review meeting is to consider the plan for the welfare of the looked after child and achieve Permanence for them within a timescale that meets their needs. The review is chaired by an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO)

The LA is also responsible for appointing a representative to visit the child wherever he or she is living to ensure that his/her welfare continues to be safeguarded and promoted. The minimum national timescales for visits is within one week of placement, then six weekly until the child has been in placement for a year and the 12 weekly thereafter. Rotherham have set a higher standard of within first week then four weekly thereafter until the child has been permanently matched to the placement.

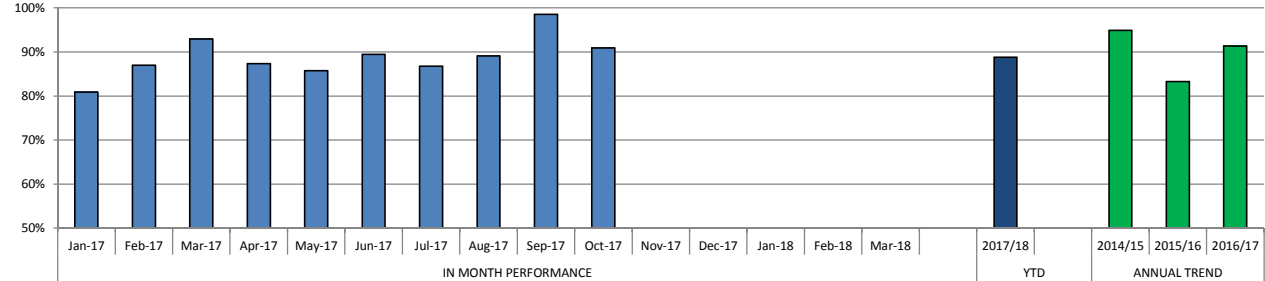
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance in respect of Statutory reviews has significantly improved in September but saw a fall in October but remains above 90% Visits under the Rotherham standard of 4 weekly visits is at 86.3% but at the national minimum standard this increases to 93.2%. There is a correlation between the number of cases held by the team and performance (higher cases lower performance). There is also increasing evidence of direct work and life-story work being undertaken during these visits.

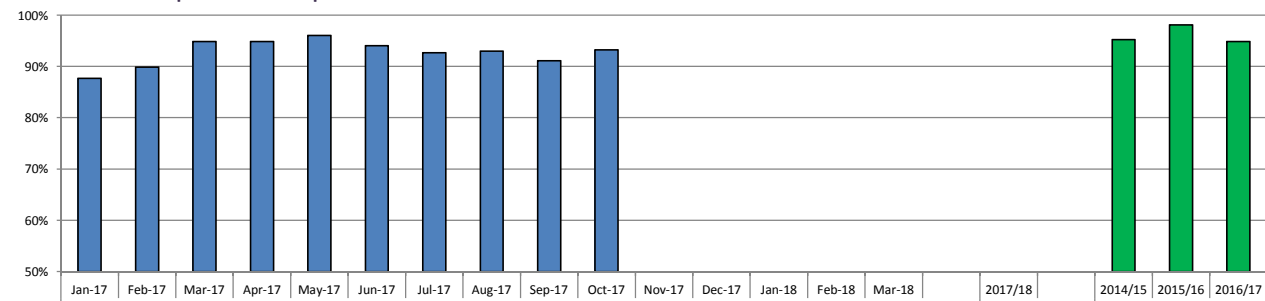
Performance on LAC visits continues to be monitored by the Head of Service at fortnightly performance meetings. Any visit exceeding statutory minimum timescales is examined on a child by child basis to ensure they have been subsequently visited and to ensure the reason for lateness is understood. Social workers whose performance is poor can mostly evidence that the visits have taken place but there is some delay in inputting the details of the visit. Social workers were required to set aside half a working day in October to complete the recording and the 2% improvement reflects this.

		6.7		6.15		6.16	
		% of LAC cases reviewed within timescales		% LAC visits up to date & completed within timescale of National Minimum standard		% LAC visits up to date & completed within timescale of Rotherham standard	
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	72 of 89	80.9%	413 of 471	87.7%	384 of 471	81.5%
	Feb-17	80 of 92	87.0%	434 of 483	89.9%	424 of 483	87.8%
	Mar-17	132 of 142	93.0%	462 of 487	94.9%	431 of 487	88.5%
	Apr-17	76 of 87	87.4%	477 of 503	94.8%	454 of 503	90.3%
	May-17	108 of 126	85.7%	482 of 502	96.0%	461 of 502	91.8%
	Jun-17	102 of 114	89.5%	487 of 518	94.0%	467 of 518	90.2%
	Jul-17	105 of 121	86.8%	477 of 515	92.6%	462 of 515	89.7%
	Aug-17	90 of 101	89.1%	475 of 511	93.0%	449 of 511	87.9%
	Sep-17	135 of 137	98.5%	472 of 518	91.1%	451 of 518	87.1%
	Oct-17	130 of 143	90.9%	495 of 531	93.2%	458 of 531	86.3%
	Nov-17						
	Dec-17						
	Jan-18						
	Feb-18						
Mar-18							
YTD	2017/18		88.8%				
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		94.9%		95.2%		82.6%
	2015/16		83.3%		98.1%		80.2%
	2016/17		91.3%		94.9%		88.5%

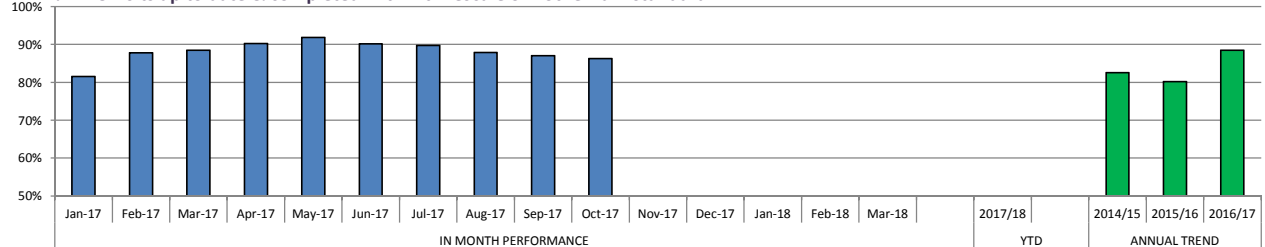
% of LAC cases reviewed within timescales



% LAC visits up to date & completed within timescale of National Minimum standard



% LAC visits up to date & completed within timescale of Rotherham standard



LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - HEALTH

DEFINITION Local authorities have a duty to safeguard and to promote the welfare of the children they look after, therefore the local authority should make arrangements to ensure that every child who is looked after has his/her health needs fully assessed and a health plan clearly set out.

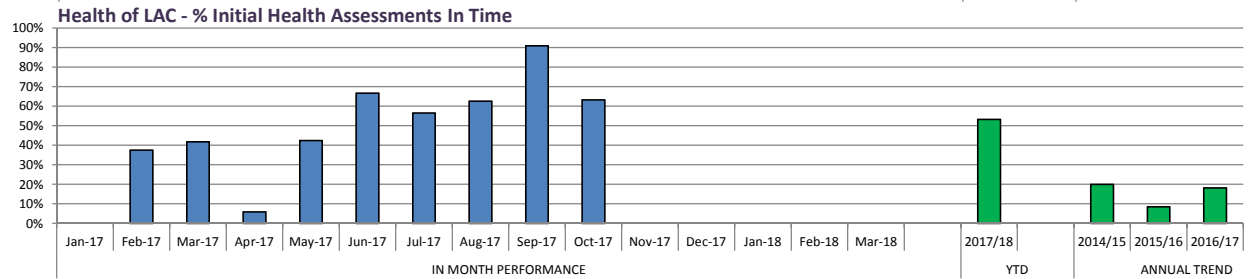
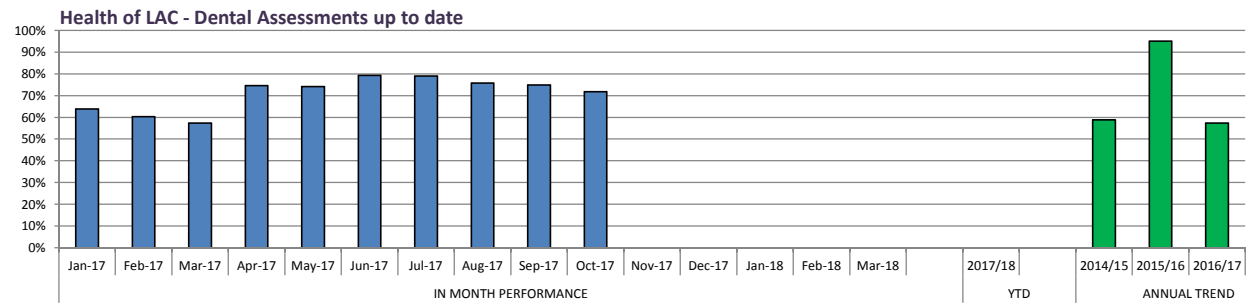
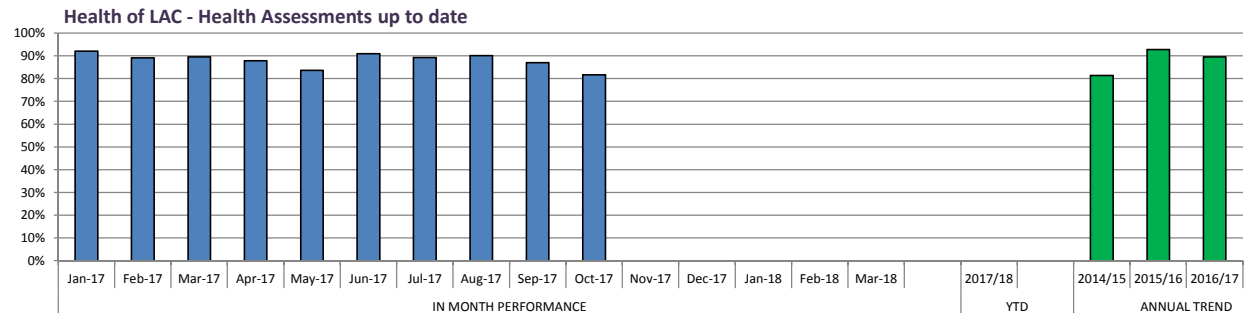
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Performance in relation to health and dental assessments has been poor, but in recent months has shown improvement. October data shows that health and dental assessments have reduced slightly to 81.7% health and 71.8% dental. The LAC nurse team data contradicts this figure, recording shows health assessments at 93%. Performance is likely to improve when the data reports are rerun next month and inputting delays are addressed.

A Head of Service review of this has revealed that this is due to a shortfall in a business process, whereby the confirmation to social workers has been missed once the inputting has been completed. This will have a significant impact on reported performance but also notifications of pending assessments, as these notifications will not have reached the allocated social worker. Therefore, the paperwork will not have been completed and thus future performance may decline. The Liquid Logic Team are providing some dedicated resource to address this issue.

Similarly Initial health assessments performance is impacted in delays in data input but overall the trend is positive, the rerun of September's data now shows performance of those completed within the month of almost 91%, it is likely that Octobers position will improve further once validated. Further refinements to the process whereby the Placements Team and Fostering Team Duty desk ensure Liquid Logic is updated to reflect all new admissions to care should further enhance this performance.

		6.9	6.10	6.11	
		Health of LAC - Health Assessments up to date	Health of LAC - Dental Assessments up to date	Health of LAC - No. Initial Health Assessments In Time	Health of LAC - % Initial Health Assessments In Time
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	92.1%	63.8%	0 of 28	0.0%
	Feb-17	89.1%	60.3%	6 of 16	37.5%
	Mar-17	89.5%	57.3%	5 of 12	41.7%
	Apr-17	87.8%	74.6%	1 of 17	5.9%
	May-17	83.7%	74.1%	14 of 33	42.4%
	Jun-17	91.0%	79.3%	16 of 24	66.7%
	Jul-17	89.3%	79.0%	13 of 23	56.5%
	Aug-17	90.1%	75.8%	10 of 16	62.5%
	Sep-17	87.0%	74.9%	10 of 11	90.9%
	Oct-17	81.7%	71.8%	12 of 19	63.2%
	Nov-17				
	Dec-17				
	Jan-18				
Feb-18					
Mar-18					
YTD	2017/18				53.1%
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	81.4%	58.8%		20.0%
	2015/16	92.8%	95.0%		8.4%
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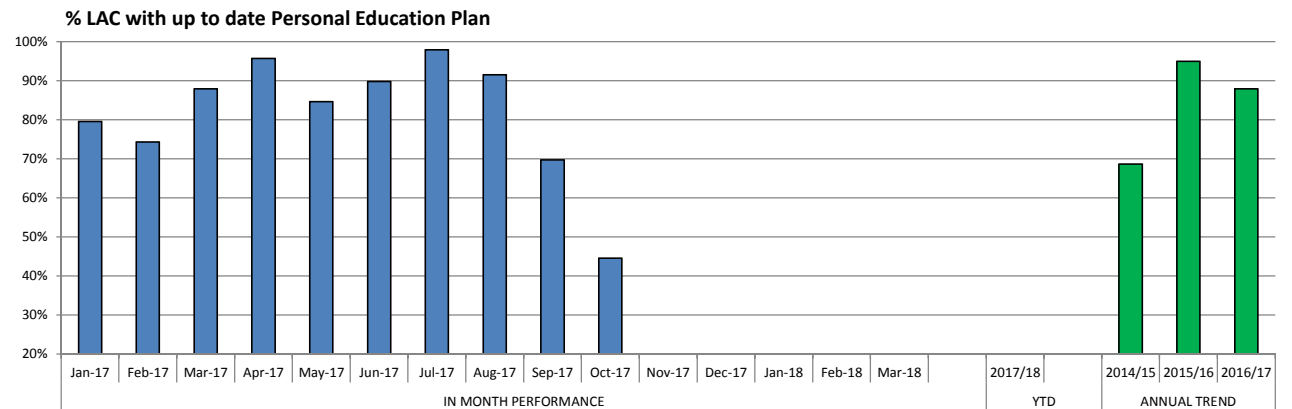
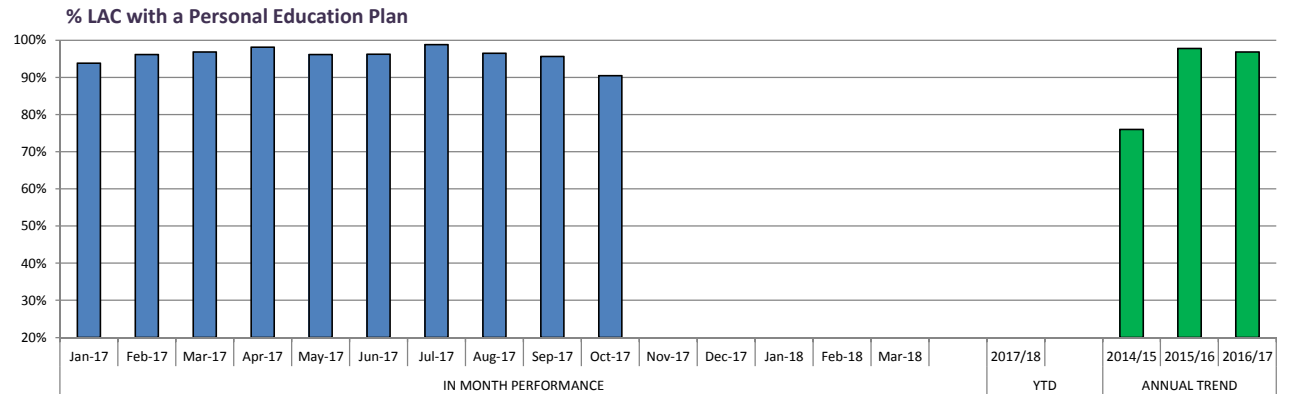


LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - PERSONAL EDUCATION PLANS

DEFINITION	A personal education plan (PEP) is a school based meeting to plan for the education of a child in care. The government have made PEPs a statutory requirement for children in care to help track and promote their achievements. Prior to September 2015 PEPs were in place for compulsory school-age children only. PEPs are now in place for LAC aged two to their 18th birthday.
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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS	<p>The reported decline in up to date PEPS is a statistical anomaly – we report on a 12 weekly timescale as Liquid Logic doesn't recognise a school term which is the true target set. This over the summer period a child may have had a PEP at the start of June and then have the next PEP at the end of September (schools do not as a rule want to organise a PEP meeting in the first few weeks of a new school year). This will be recorded as being not up to date by the 12 week rule but it will be by the termly rule. Thus by the end of the Autumn term performance will recalibrate back to the +98%. At the recent Virtual School Governor's meeting it was agreed to report on both the contemporaneous performance figure and the end of term figure from the previous school term to give a more accurate reflection of performance.</p> <p>Due to the unnecessary confusion this local measure continues to create it has been agreed that this measure will be deleted from the monthly performance report, however the narrative provided by service will continue to refer to this at the end of each term. At the end of the last term (i.e. end of July) 98.8% of LAC had PEPs, and 97.9% of LAC had PEPs that were up to date. 87% of PEPs were externally QA'd as being of good or better standard.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to more appropriate education related measures to be implemented before the turn of the 2018/19 reporting year.</p>
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		6.12		6.13	
		Number of Eligible LAC with a Personal Education Plan	% LAC with a Personal Education Plan	Number of LAC with up to date Personal Education Plan	% LAC with up to date Personal Education Plan
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	289 of 308	93.8%	245 of 308	79.5%
	Feb-17	303 of 315	96.2%	234 of 315	74.3%
	Mar-17	313 of 323	96.9%	284 of 323	87.9%
	Apr-17	321 of 327	98.2%	313 of 327	95.7%
	May-17	325 of 338	96.2%	286 of 338	84.6%
	Jun-17	332 of 345	96.2%	310 of 345	89.9%
	Jul-17	337 of 341	98.8%	334 of 341	97.9%
	Aug-17	330 of 342	96.5%	313 of 342	91.5%
	Sep-17	310 of 324	95.7%	226 of 324	69.8%
	Oct-17	313 of 346	90.5%	154 of 346	44.5%
	Nov-17				
	Dec-17				
	Jan-18				TO BE DELETED
Feb-18					
Mar-18					
YTD	2017/18				
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		76.0%		68.7%
	2015/16		97.8%		95.0%
	2016/17		96.9%		87.9%
LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE				
	BEST SN				
	NAT AVE				
	NAT TOP QTILE				



LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - PLACEMENTS

DEFINITION A LAC placement is where a child has become the responsibility of the local authority (LAC) and is placed with foster carers, in residential homes or with parents or other relatives.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

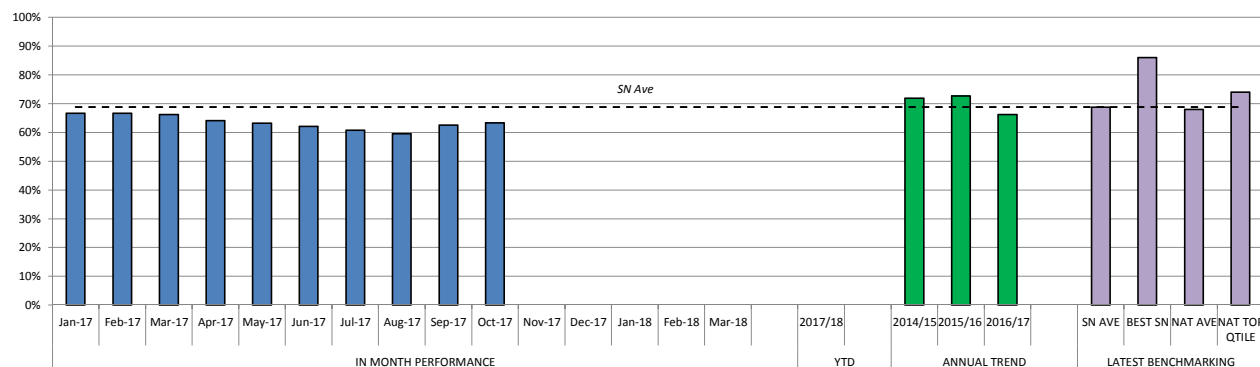
In respect of long term LAC placements stable for at least 2 years, performance continues to evidence a small improvement, this month seeing an increase in the number of children in a stable placement. However, more needs to be done to achieve the national average. After each child has 'moved' it takes at least 2 years to improve this outcome therefore our improvement plan will take time to see fruition. With this in mind, an analysis of the child level placement/duration data behind these performance figures is projecting a more significant improvement by next July/August.

The Intensive Prevention Programme is ongoing whereby the placement stability of 9 young people assessed as being at high risk of a series of placement disruptions receiving this intervention will be compared to a control group of children with a similar need. This is the first time such support has been targeted to this extent and depending on the outcomes achieved the model may be rolled out for wider implementation. So far no children on the programme have had a placement disruption.

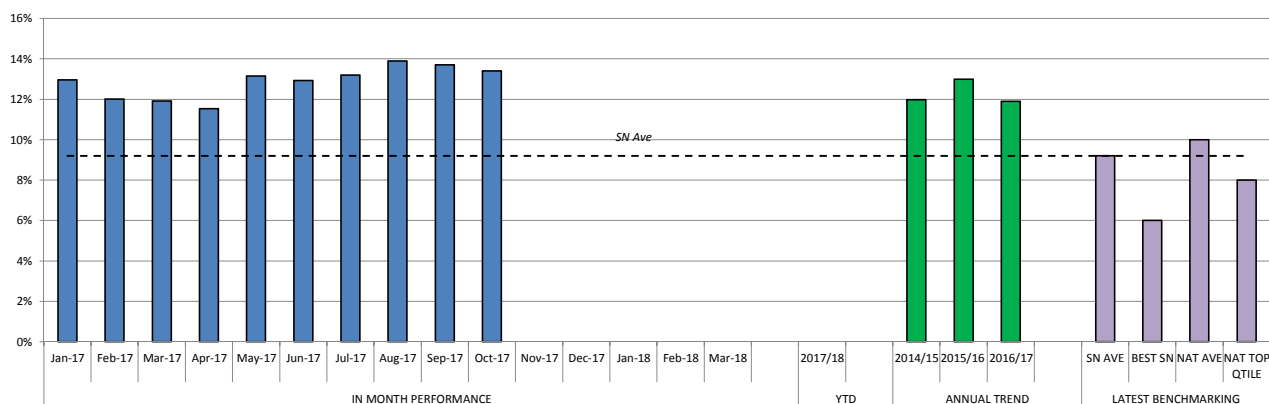
Despite the increase in LAC numbers we still maintain a high proportion of children living in a family based placement - 82% (includes those with parents, family, friends).

		8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5			
		Long term LAC placements stable for at least 2 years	LAC who have had 3 or more placements - rolling 12 mth (Corporate Plan 2016 Indicator)	% of LAC in a family Based setting	% of LAC placed with parents or other with parental responsibility (P1)	LAC in a Commissioned Placement (Fostering & Residential) (Corporate Plan 2016 Indicator)			
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	94 of 141 66.7%	61 of 471 13.0%	80.3%	4.9%				
	Feb-17	96 of 144 66.7%	58 of 483 12.0%	79.9%	4.3%				
	Mar-17	96 of 145 66.2%	58 of 487 11.9%	81.1%	5.3%	211 of 487	43.3%		
	Apr-17	93 of 145 64.1%	58 of 503 11.5%	79.6%	5.0%	230 of 503	45.7%		
	May-17	93 of 147 63.3%	66 of 502 13.1%	78.2%	6.2%	233 of 502	46.4%		
	Jun-17	90 of 145 62.1%	67 of 518 12.9%	79.1%	6.0%	243 of 518	46.9%		
	Jul-17	93 of 153 60.8%	68 of 515 13.2%	84.5%	6.4%	245 of 515	47.6%		
	Aug-17	90 of 151 59.6%	71 of 511 13.9%	83.8%	6.0%	251 of 511	49.1%		
	Sep-17	92 of 147 62.6%	71 of 518 13.7%	83.0%	4.8%	263 of 518	50.8%		
	Oct-17	95 of 150 63.3%	71 of 530 13.4%	81.7%	4.7%	267 of 531	50.3%		
	Nov-17								
	Dec-17								
	Jan-18								
Feb-18									
Mar-18									
YTD	2017/18								
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	110 of 153 71.9%	49 of 409 12.0%						
	2015/16	109 of 150 72.7%	56 of 431 13.0%			188 of 431	43.6%		
	2016/17	96 of 145 66.2%	58 of 488 11.9%	81.1%	5.3%	211 of 488	43.2%		
LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE		68.8%		9.2%				
	BEST SN		86.0%		6.0%				
	NAT AVE		68.0%		10.0%				
	NAT TOP QTILE		74.0%		8.0%				

% long term LAC placements stable for at least 2 years



% LAC who have had 3 or more placements - rolling 12 months



CARE LEAVERS

DEFINITION

A care leaver is defined as a person aged 25 or under, who has been looked after away from home by a local authority for at least 13 weeks since the age of 14; and who was looked after away from home by the local authority at school-leaving age or after that date. Suitable accommodation is defined as any that is not prison or bed and breakfast.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The number of care leavers who have a pathway plan is at an outstanding level. The service continues to focus on improving the quality of the plans.

The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation remains good, given the national average is 81% performance remains strong and there are currently 20 young people in Staying Put arrangements.

In respect of care leavers who are in Education, Employment or training (EET) the trend is slightly downwards from a high of 65% in April but is still well above the national average of 50%. There are currently 12 care leavers in Higher Education, including one undertaking a PHD.

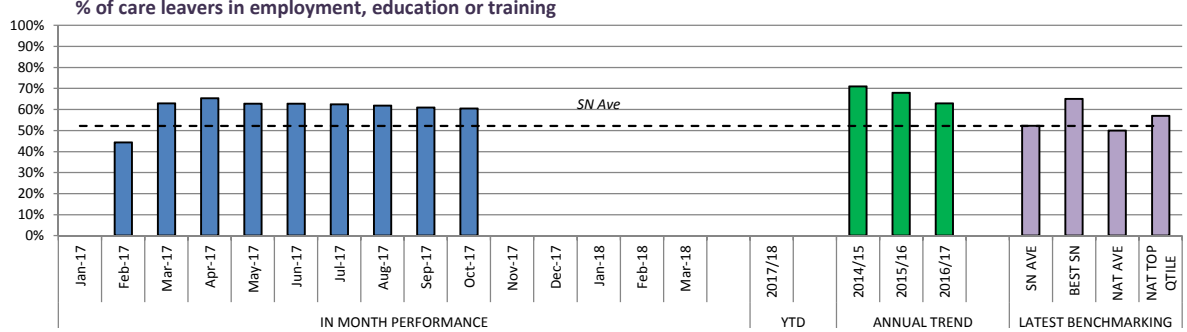
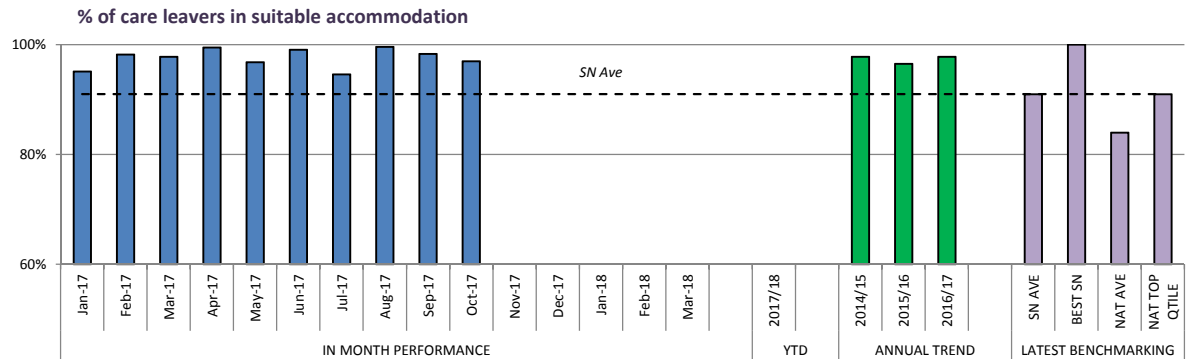
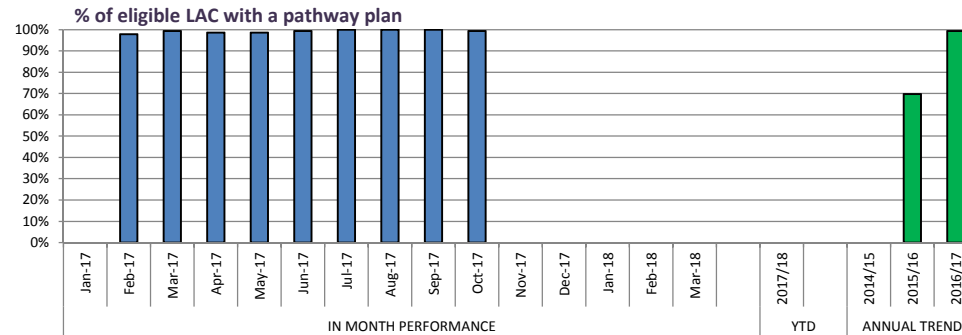
	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4
	Number of care leavers	% of eligible Care Leavers with a pathway plan	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	% of care leavers in employment, education or training

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	223	Unavailable	95.1%	Unavailable
	Feb-17	223	97.8%	98.2%	44.4%
	Mar-17	223	99.3%	97.8%	62.9%
	Apr-17	220	98.6%	99.5%	65.4%
	May-17	218	98.6%	96.8%	62.7%
	Jun-17	216	99.3%	99.1%	62.7%
	Jul-17	222	100.0%	94.6%	62.5%
	Aug-17	230	100.0%	99.6%	61.9%
	Sep-17	230	100.0%	98.3%	61.0%
	Oct-17	237	99.3%	97.0%	60.5%
	Nov-17				
	Dec-17				
	Jan-18				
Feb-18					
Mar-18					

YTD	2017/18				

ANNUAL TREND	2014/15	183		97.8%	71.0%
	2015/16	197	69.8%	96.5%	68.0%
	2016/17	223	99.3%	97.8%	62.9%

LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE			91.0%	52.2%
	BEST SN			100.0%	65.0%
	NAT AVE			84.0%	50.0%
	NAT TOP QTILE			91.0%	57.0%



FOSTERING

DEFINITION A foster care family provide the best form of care for most Looked after children. Rotherham would like most of its children to be looked after by its own carers so that they remain part of their families and community .

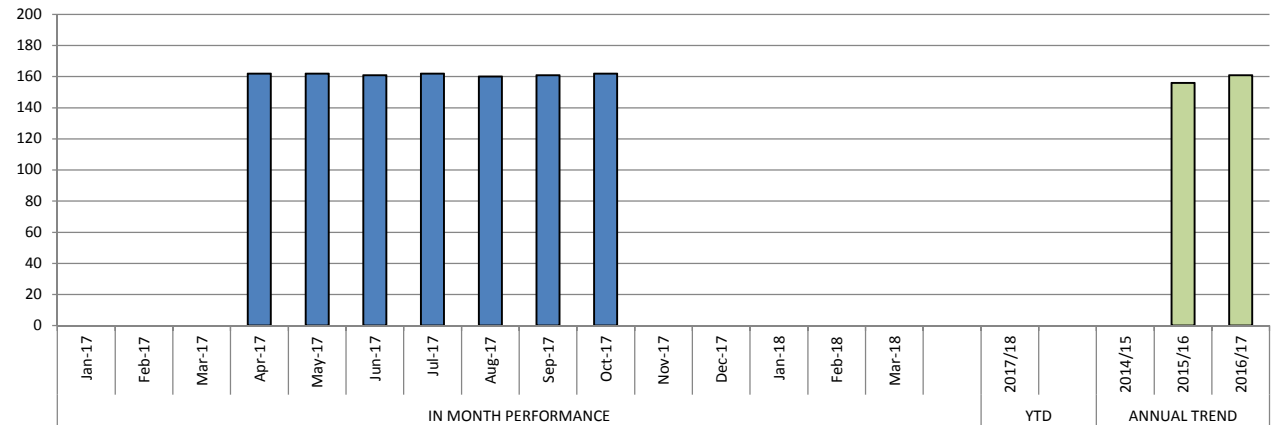
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The number of children living in an in-house fostering placement has reduced this month to 73.3% this fall from the previous months, in real terms, relates to two children however the rise in overall LAC numbers makes the drop in proportion more significant.

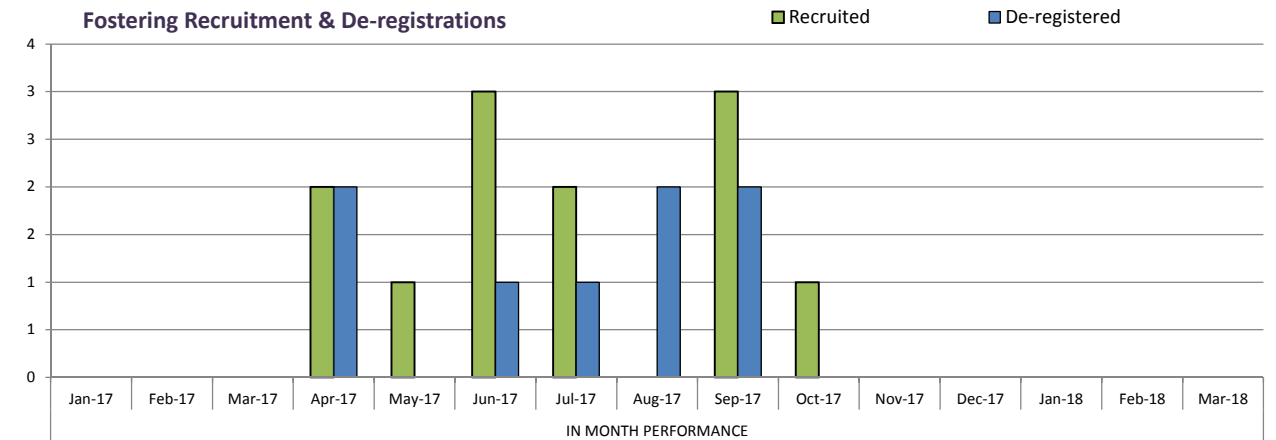
The service have managed to recruit another new family this month taking the total to 12 this year, with the de-registration of four families the net increase for the year to date is +4 households.

		9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
		Number of LAC in a Fostering Placement	% of total LAC in a Fostering Placement	Number of Foster Carers (Households)	Number of Foster Carers Recruited (Households)	Number of Foster Carers De-registered (Households)
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17					
	Feb-17					
	Mar-17					
	Apr-17	357	71.0%	162	2	2
	May-17	364	72.5%	162	1	0
	Jun-17	356	68.7%	161	3	1
	Jul-17	371	72.0%	162	2	1
	Aug-17	381	74.6%	160	0	2
	Sep-17	391	75.5%	161	3	2
	Oct-17	389	73.3%	162	1	0
	Nov-17					
	Dec-17					
	Jan-18					
Feb-18						
Mar-18						
YTD	2017/18				12	8
ANNUAL TREND	2014/15					
	2015/16			156	13	16
	2016/17	353	72.3%	161	32	22

Number of Foster Carers



Fostering Recruitment & De-registrations



ADOPTIONS

DEFINITION

Following a child becoming a LAC, it may be deemed suitable for a child to become adopted which is a legal process of becoming a non-biological parent. The date it is agreed that it is in the best interests of the child that they should be placed for adoption is known as their 'SHOBPA'. Following this a family finding process is undertaken to find a suitable match for the child based on the child's needs, they will then be matched with an adopter(s) followed by placement with their adopter(s). This adoption placement is monitored for a minimum of 10 weeks and assessed as stable and secure before the final adoption order is granted by court decision and the adoption order is made. Targets for measures A1 and A2 are set centrally by government office.

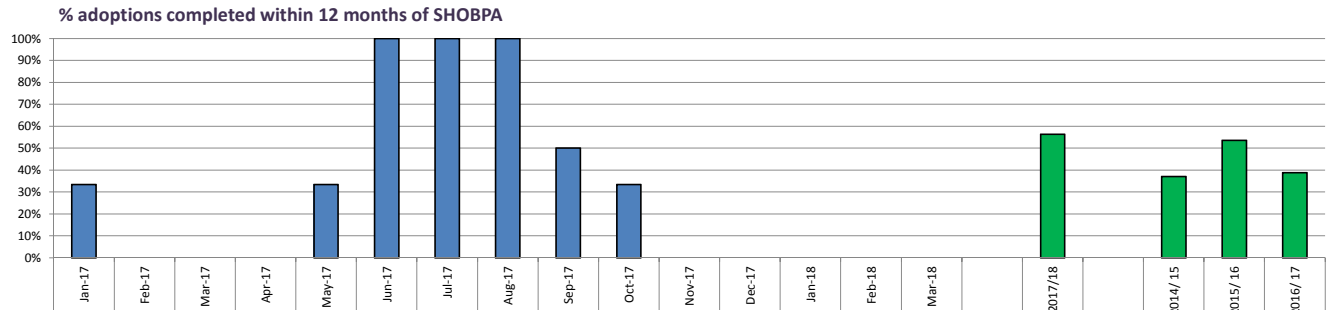
PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Current performance is outstanding, and places us in the top quartile for both A1 and A2 indicators. However, the priority for Rotherham will always be to find adoptive parents for our children no matter how long that may take, and given the low numbers, wide variance can be seen month on month.

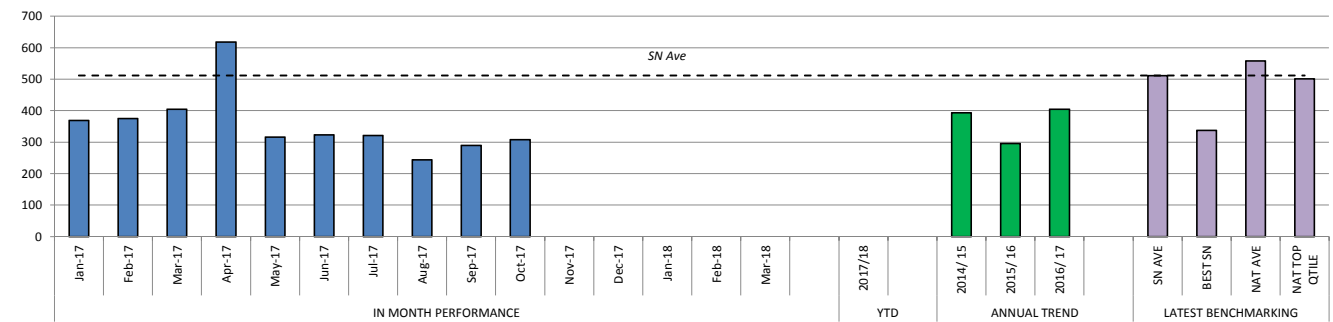
The Service looks likely to surpass last year's number of 31 adoptions being completed (16 YTD).

Data Note: Taken from manual tracker. Data requires inputting into LCS

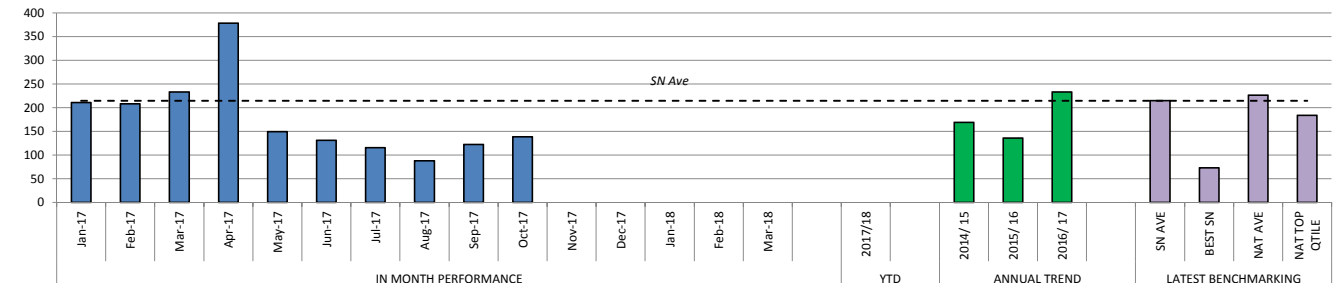
	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	
	Number of adoptions	Number of adoptions completed within 12 months of SHOBPA	% adoptions completed within 12 months of SHOBPA	Av. No. days between a child becoming LAC & having a adoption placement (A1) (ytd.)	Av. No. days between placement order & being matched with adoptive family (A2) (ytd.)	
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	9	3	33.3%	368.8	211.0
	Feb-17	1	0	0.0%	374.7	208.4
	Mar-17	2	0	0.0%	404.0	232.9
	Apr-17	1	0	0.0%	618.0	378.0
	May-17	3	1	33.3%	316.3	149.5
	Jun-17	1	1	100.0%	323.0	131.0
	Jul-17	1	1	100.0%	321.0	115.6
	Aug-17	3	3	100.0%	243.3	87.7
	Sep-17	4	2	50.0%	289.5	122.5
	Oct-17	3	1	33.3%	307.6	138.5
	Nov-17					
	Dec-17					
	Jan-18					
Feb-18						
Mar-18						
YTD	2017/18	16	9	56.3%		
ANNUAL TREND	2014/ 15			37.0%	393.0	169.0
	2015/ 16	43	23	53.5%	296.0	136.0
	2016/ 17	31	12	38.7%	404.0	232.9
LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE				511.6	214.7
	BEST SN				337.0	73.0
	NAT AVE				558.0	226.0
	NAT TOP QTILE				501.1	183.6



Av. No. days between a child becoming LAC & having a adoption placement (A1) - Rolling Year (low is good)



Av. No. days between placement order & being matched with adoptive family (A2) - Rolling Year (low is good)



*Annual Trend relates to current reporting year April to Mar - not rolling year

**adoptions have a 28 day appeal period so any children adopted in the last 28 days are still subject to appeal

CASELOADS

DEFINITION

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The 'maximum and average caseload' across the key safeguarding teams continues to be consistent and remains within acceptable limits. This is reviewed weekly and managers are ensuring that cases transfer, close or step down in a timely manner as well as performance meetings continuing to examine caseloads in detail. All those over 18 are examined and the reasons explained. For example, some senior social workers have students allocated to them and the student caseload shows under the supervisor's name. Ensuring that social workers have manageable caseloads was a key priority for Rotherham and the current performance is testimony to what has been achieved in this regard.

Due to the complexity of work teams 4&5 (Court & Permanence) naturally have lower caseloads, it was felt that combining their caseloads with the standard LAC teams of 1-3 was skewing the data. Therefore the average caseload has been split since August to show the difference in caseloads between Teams 1-3 and LAC team 4 (Court) & 5 (Permanence). As expected this has shown that LAC 1-3 have a higher average caseload, however this is still an eminently manageable. The span of control for managers is 6 social workers and 1 advanced practitioner which is also highly appropriate and should facilitate good management oversight.

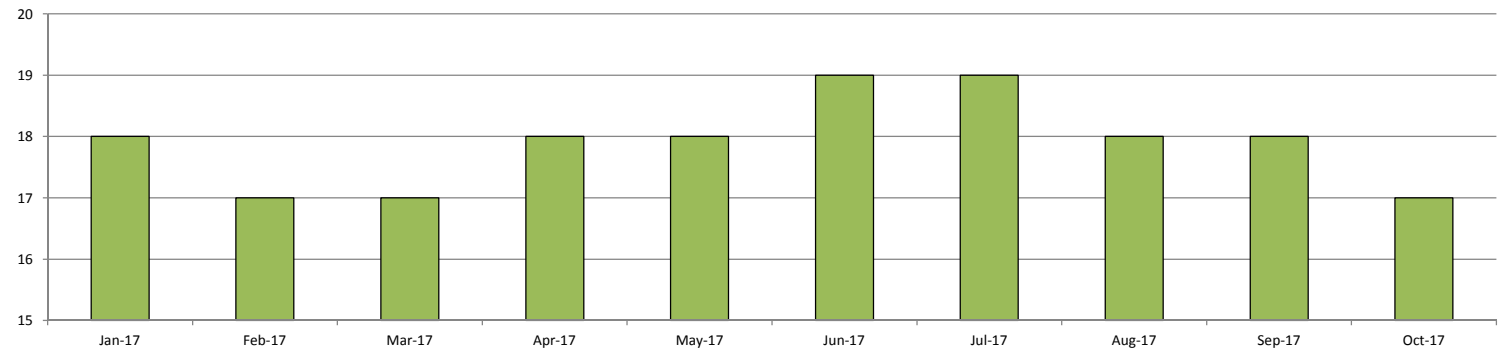
	11.3	11.4	
Maximum caseload of social workers in LAC Teams	18	Av. no. cases in LAC Teams	
		Teams 1-3	Teams 4 & 5

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-17	18	12.9	
	Feb-17	17	11.0	
	Mar-17	17	11.6	
	Apr-17	18	10.6	
	May-17	18	11.7	
	Jun-17	19	10.7	
	Jul-17	19	10.9	
	Aug-17	18	12.2	9.7
	Sep-17	18	13.3	10.9
	Oct-17	17	13.2	11.4
	Nov-17			
	Dec-17			
	Jan-18			
	Feb-18			
Mar-18				

YTD	2017/18			
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ANNUAL TREND	2014/15		
	2015/16	19.2	14.1
	2016/17	17.0	11.6

Maximum caseload of social workers



Average number of cases per team

