

## Children & Young People Services



# Looked After Children Quarterly performance report

As at month end: June 2021 (Qtr 1)

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# Performance summary

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LAC	6.1	No. of Looked After Children	Count	586	560	563	-	Info	↑				595	597							
	6.2	Rate of Looked After Children per 10,000 population aged under 18 (Council Plan Indicator)	Rate per 10,000	101.9	97.4	97.9	-	low	↑		103.6+	98.8+	<98.7	104.5	103.8		98.2	59.0	67.0	-	77.0
	6.3	Admissions of Looked After Children	Count	10	5	12	27	Info	↑					214	186						
	6.4	No. of children who have ceased to be Looked After Children	Count	25	26	10	61	High	↓					259	183						
	6.5	Percentage of LAC who have ceased to be looked after due to permanence (Special guardianship order (SGO), Child arrangement orders (CAO), Adoption)	Percentage	52.0%	34.6%	10.0%	43.8%	High	↓		<27%	27%+	35%+	32.4%	32.8%						
	6.6	No. of SGO's started (Legal Status)	Count	7	4	1	12	High	↓					73	42						
	6.7	Percentage of LAC who have ceased to be looked after due to a Special Guardianship Order	Percentage	40.0%	15.4%	0.0%	22.9%	High	↓					16.2%	11.5%		12.3% (2017)	22.0% (2017)	12.0% (2017)	17.0% (2017)	
	6.8	LAC cases reviewed within timescales	Percentage	98.5%	95.6%	93.6%	96.0%	High	↓		<87%	87%+	95%+	90.8%	96.2%						
	6.9	% of children adopted	Percentage	12.0%	19.2%	10.0%	14.8%	High	↓					11.2%	18.6%		17.3%	42.0%	12.0%	16.6%	14.0%
	6.10	Health of Looked After Children - up to date Health Assessments	Percentage	91.9%	86.5%	78.1%	-	High	↓		<87%	87%+	95%+	88.2%	88.3%						
	6.11	Health of Looked After Children - up to date Dental Assessments	Percentage	29.7%	30.0%	30.7%	-	High	↑		<87%	87%+	95%+	82.2%	20.2%						
	6.12	Health of Looked After Children - Initial Health Assessments carried out within 20 working days	Percentage	68.8%	50.0%	66.7%	65.2%	High	↑					86.4%	78.8%						
	6.13	% of LAC with a PEP (Termly)	Percentage	99.0%	-	-	97.5%	High	n/a					97.5%	98.9%						
	6.14	% of LAC with up to date PEPs (Termly)	Percentage	94.6%	-	-	86.5%	High	n/a		<87%	87%+	95%+	95.0%	96.5%						
	6.15	LAC Overall absence - % of sessions lost due to absence	Percentage	-	-	-	7.6%	Low	n/a					4.6%	not available		4.3%	2.9%	4.7%	3.9%	
6.16	% of LAC who are classed as persistent absentees	Percentage	-	-	-	22.6%	Low	n/a					8.6%	not available		10.0%	6.3%	10.9%	9.2%		
6.17	% of LAC with at least one fixed term exclusion	Percentage	-	-	-	4.0%	Low	n/a					tbz	not available		13.2%	10.6%	11.7%	10.0%		
6.18	% of LAC on reduced timetable arrangements	Percentage	-	-	-	tbz	Low	n/a													
6.19	% of eligible LAC with an up to date plan	Percentage	94.4%	97.1%	95.0%	-	High	↓		<87%	87%+	95%+	92.6%	95.7%							
6.20	% LAC visits up to date & completed within timescale of national minimum standard	Percentage	95.6%	95.9%	96.8%	-	High	↑		<87%	87%+	95%+	93.4%	94.5%							
CARE LEAVERS	7.1	No. of care leavers	Count	315	317	312	-	Info	↓				313	319							
	7.2	% of eligible LAC & Care Leavers with a pathway plan	Percentage	92.7%	91.5%	90.0%	-	High	↓		<87%	87%+	95%+	94.2%	91.8%						
	7.3	% of eligible LAC & Care Leavers with an up to date pathway plan	Percentage	81.5%	76.9%	81.6%	-	High	↑					73.1%	82.7%						
	7.4	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	Percentage	96.8%	96.8%	96.5%	-	High	↓		<86%	86%+	94%+	93.0%	98.4%		86.6%	94.0%	85.0%	92.0%	
	7.5	% of care leavers in employment, education or training	Percentage	63.5%	62.8%	61.2%	-	High	↓		<57%	57%+	65%+	59.7%	64.9%		56.0%	73.0%	51.0%	59.0%	
PLACEMENTS	8.1	% of long term LAC in placements which have been stable for at least 2 years	Percentage	69.5%	68.6%	68.6%	-	High	→		<61%	61%+	69%+	62.1%	69.2%		68.5%	77.0%	69.0%	73.0%	
	8.2	% of LAC who have had 3 or more placements - rolling 12 months (Council Plan Indicator)	Percentage	9.2%	9.5%	9.6%	-	low	↑		18%+	10%+	<10%	11.1%	8.9%		10.0%	6.0%	10.0%	8.0%	
	8.3	% of LAC in a family based setting (Council Plan Indicator)	Percentage	80.5%	80.2%	80.3%	-	High	↑		<77%	77%+	85%+	81.5%	79.9%						
	8.4	% of LAC placed with parents or other with parental responsibility (P1)	Percentage	4.1%	3.8%	3.6%	-	Low	↓					5.4%	4.2%						
	8.5	% of LAC in a Commissioned Placement	Percentage	52.0%	53.4%	52.4%	-	Low	↓					51.9%	50.3%						
FOSTERING	9.1	No. of LAC in a Fostering Placement	Count	388	376	377	-	High	↑				405	391							
	9.2	% of LAC in a Fostering Placement	Percentage	66.2%	67.1%	67.0%	-	High	↓					68.1%	65.5%						
	9.3	No. of Foster Carers (Households)	Count	147	147	143	-	High	↓					147	146						

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FOS	9.4	No. of Foster Carers Recruited	Count	1	2	1	4	High	↓				18	21							
	9.5	No. of Foster Carers Deregistered	Count	1	2	5	8	low	↑				20	21							
ADOPTIONS	10.1	No. of adoptions	Count	3	5	1	9	High	↓				29	34							
	10.2	No. of adoptions completed within 12 months of SHOBPA	Count	0	0	0	0	High	→				9	6							
	10.3	% of adoptions completed within 12 months of SHOBPA	Percentage	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	High	→				31.0%	17.6%							
	10.4	Average number of days between a child becoming Looked After and having a adoption placement (A10)	YTD Average	536.0	457.9	475.4	-	low	↑			487<	391.5	446.6		359.7	310.0	376.0	333.0	360.0	
	10.5	Average number of days between a placement order and being matched with an adoptive family (A2)	YTD Average	322.0	288.0	282.3	-	Low	↓			121<	146.0	210.6		160.0	91.0	178.0	138.0	167.0	

# 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.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES / CONCERNS**

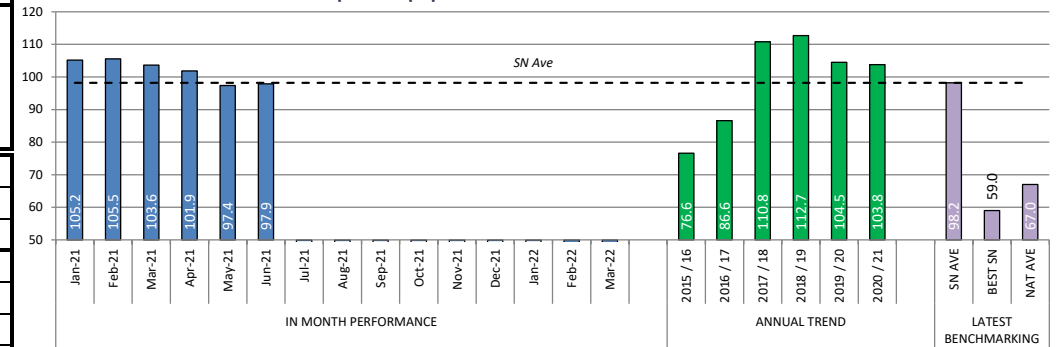
The number of LAC has fluctuated since summer 2020 but at the end of June 21 there were 563 LAC, showing a positive reduction from 614 in August 20. This equates to 97.9 per 10,000 population which is now lower than the latest stat neighbour average (98.2) but higher than the latest national average (67.0). The Rotherham LAC cohort would need to reach 385 to meet the latest national average.

27 children became looked after and 61 children ceased to be looked after during quarter 1, with 43.8% of these children leaving care to permanence. This reduced the number of children becoming looked after and the positive trajectory towards permanence figures reflects the positive impact of the SoS framework, the impact of relationship based social work, which ensures the service is focused on working with extended families and support networks to support children to be with their wider connected family.

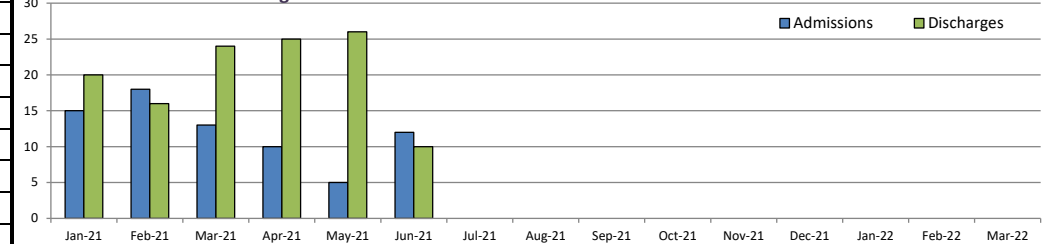
22.9% of children ceasing to be LAC during quarter 1 did so to a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) and 12 SGO's were started in the quarter.

		6.2	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7
		Rate of children looked after per 10K pop	Number of LAC	Admissions of children looked after (Episodes)	No. of children who have ceased to be LAC (Episodes)	% of children ceased to be LAC due to permanence (Episodes)	Number of SGO's started (Legal Status)	% of children ceased to be LAC due to an SGO
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-21	105.2	605	15	20	39.1%	7	21.7%
	Feb-21	105.5	607	18	16	15.4%	4	7.7%
	Mar-21	103.6	596	13	24	39.1%	6	8.7%
	Apr-21	101.9	586	10	25	52.0%	7	40.0%
	May-21	97.4	560	5	26	34.6%	4	15.4%
	Jun-21	97.9	563	12	10	10.0%	1	0.0%
	Jul-21							
	Aug-21							
	Sep-21							
	Oct-21							
	Nov-21							
	Dec-21							
	Jan-22							
Feb-22								
Mar-22								
YTD	2021 / 22	-	-	27	61	43.8%	12	22.9%
ANNUAL TREND	2015 / 16	76.6	432	208	192	40.1%	-	-
	2016 / 17	86.6	488	262	215	27.9%	-	9.8%
	2017 / 18	110.8	627	330	194	27.3%	67	8.2%
	2018 / 19	112.7	642	271	254	31.5%	62	13.1%
	2019 / 20	104.5	595	214	259	32.4%	73	16.2%
	2020 / 21	103.8	597	186	183	32.8%	42	11.5%
LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE	98.2						12.3% (2017)
	BEST SN	59.0						22.0% (2017)
	NAT AVE	67.0						12.0% (2017)
	NAT TOP QTILE	-						17.0% (2017)

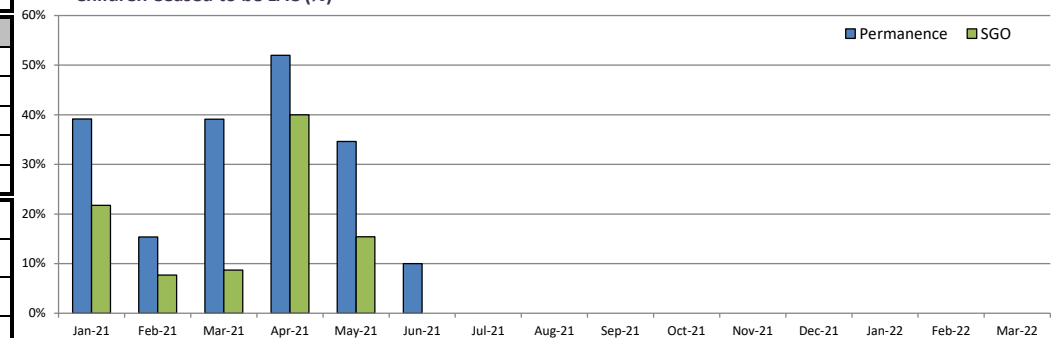
Rate of Looked After Children per 10K pop



Admissions and discharges from care



Children Ceased to be LAC (%)



# LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - REVIEWS, PLANS & VISITS

**DEFINITION** The purpose of a 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.

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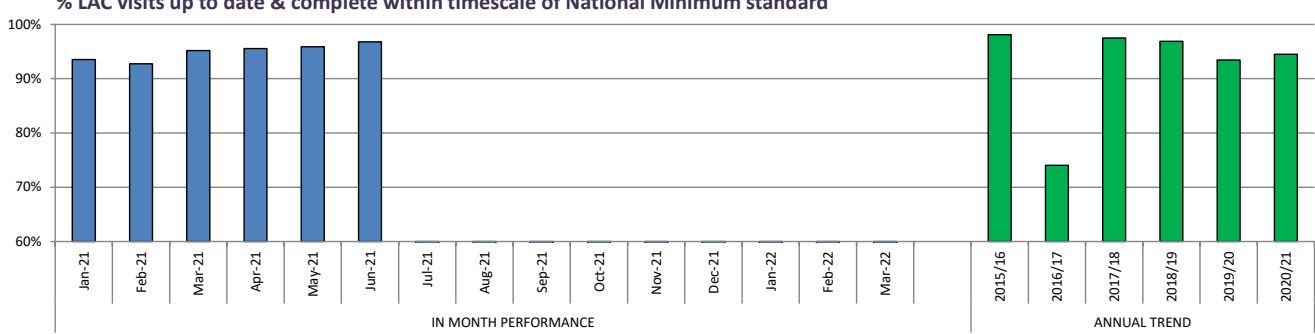
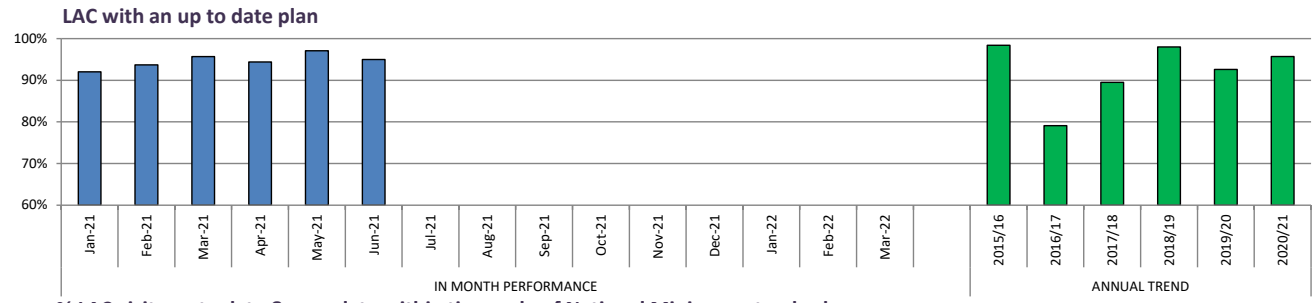
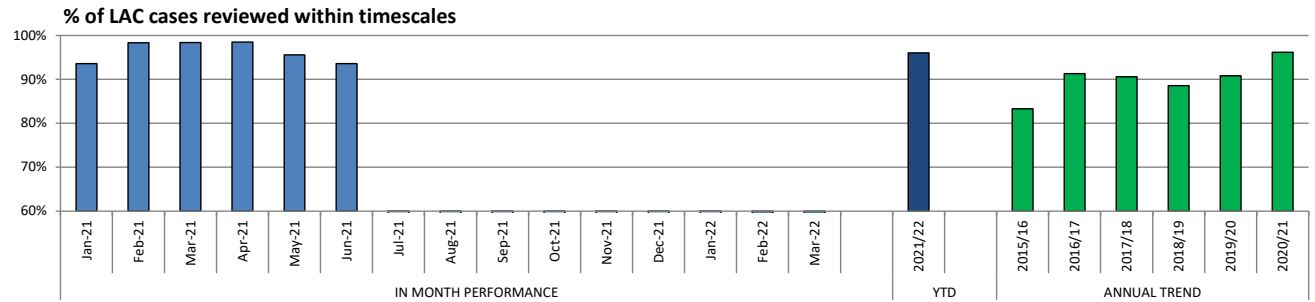
Quarter 1 has seen a decline month on month in the number of LAC cases reviewed within timescale reaching 93.6% (102/109) at the end of June 21. It is worth noting that in May 21 95.6% were in time with 6 reviews being out of time, similarly in June there were 7 reviews out of time but due to the overall cohort of reviews being due reducing this has impacted the percentage in time.

LAC with an up-to-date plan has remained fairly consistent quarter on quarter ending with 95.0% of plans being up to date at the end of June 21.

The number of visits being completed within the national minimum standard remained stable throughout quarter 1 with 95%+ being in time month on month. 96.8% were up to date at the end of June 21 with all visits in the month being physical visits.

6.8	6.19	6.20
% of LAC cases reviewed within timescales	LAC with an up to date plan	% LAC visits up to date & complete within timescale of National Minimum standard

	IN MONTH PERFORMANCE		ANNUAL TREND		
	Month	Count	%	%	
Jan-21	132 of 141	93.6%	92.0%	564 of 603	93.5%
Feb-21	117 of 119	98.3%	93.7%	563 of 607	92.8%
Mar-21	184 of 187	98.4%	95.7%	574 of 603	95.2%
Apr-21	132 of 134	98.5%	94.4%	561 of 587	95.6%
May-21	130 of 136	95.6%	97.1%	538 of 561	95.9%
Jun-21	102 of 109	93.6%	95.0%	546 of 564	96.8%
Jul-21					
Aug-21					
Sep-21					
Oct-21					
Nov-21					
Dec-21					
Jan-22					
Feb-22					
Mar-22					
<b>YTD</b>	2021/22	364 of 379	96.0%	-	-
<b>ANNUAL TREND</b>	2015/16		83.3%	98.4%	98.1%
	2016/17	652 of 714	91.3%	79.1%	74.0%
	2017/18	1502 of 1658	90.6%	89.5%	97.5%
	2018/19	1668 of 1883	88.6%	98.0%	96.9%
	2019/20	1612 of 1775	90.8%	92.6%	93.4%
	2020/21	1662 of 1728	96.2%	95.7%	94.5%



# 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.

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES / CONCERNS**

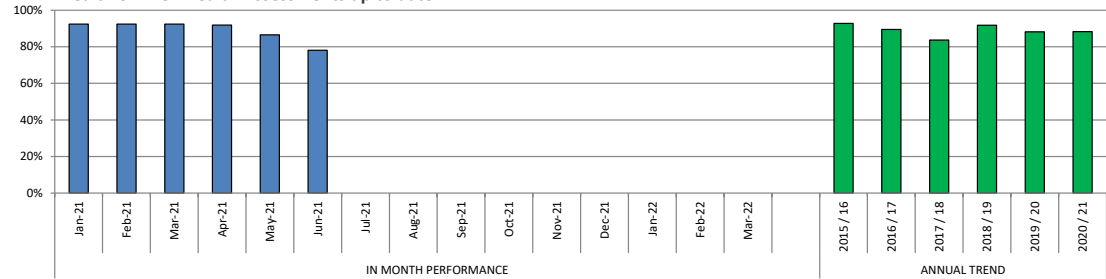
Health checks have seen a rapid decline during quarter 1 from 92.4% at the end of March 21 to 78.1% at the end of June 21. Given the Covid-19 pandemic, there is ongoing positive commitment to ensuring children's health needs are met, while this may not always be able to be captured in the full written health assessment.

Dental checks have been continuing a month-on-month downward trend since the Covid-19 pandemic started reaching 27.1% in March 21. However, quarter 1 has started to see this improve slightly ending with 30.7% LAC with an up-to-date dental assessment. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, dental surgeries either closed or only provided emergency care at times which significantly affected LAC being able to attend assessments. There is focused work in place via the Health and Wellbeing partnership and as dentists seek to reopen there is a clear plan to support an increase in dental checks.

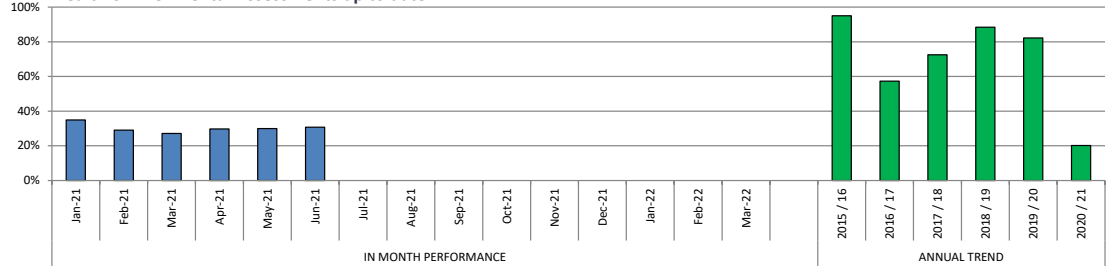
23 initial health assessments were completed in quarter 1 with 15 of them being in time (65.2%). For initial assessments the percentage is impacted upon by reduced numbers and often covid and self-isolating. This is a positive start to the year considering the current demands and pressures related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

		6.10	6.11	6.12	
		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
<b>IN MONTH PERFORMANCE</b>	Jan-21	92.4%	34.9%	13 of 17	76.5%
	Feb-21	92.4%	29.1%	12 of 15	80.0%
	Mar-21	92.4%	27.1%	9 of 11	81.8%
	Apr-21	91.9%	29.7%	11 of 16	68.8%
	May-21	86.5%	30.0%	2 of 4	50.0%
	Jun-21	78.1%	30.7%	2 of 3	66.7%
	Jul-21				
	Aug-21				
	Sep-21				
	Oct-21				
	Nov-21				
	Dec-21				
	Jan-22				
Feb-22					
Mar-22					
<b>YTD</b>	2021 / 22	-	-	15 of 23	65.2%
<b>ANNUAL TREND</b>	2015 / 16	92.8%	95.0%		8.4%
	2016 / 17	89.5%	57.3%		18.2%
	2017 / 18	83.7%	72.5%		55.7%
	2018 / 19	91.8%	88.4%	136 of 266	51.1%
	2019 / 20	88.2%	82.2%	172 of 199	86.4%
2020 / 21	88.3%	20.2%	119 of 151	78.8%	
<b>LATEST BENCHMARKING</b>	SN AVE				
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	NAT TOP QTILE				

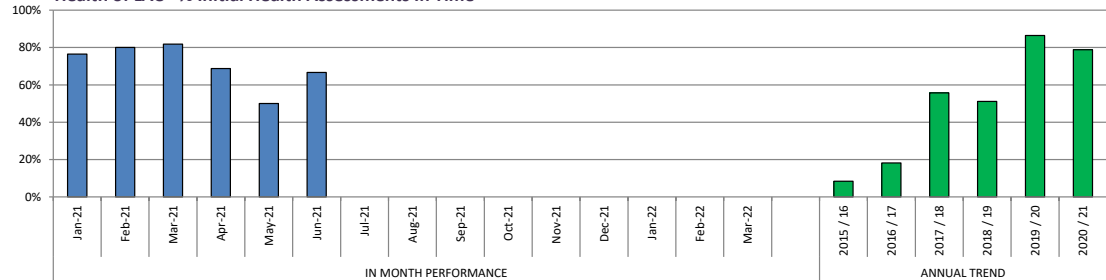
Health of LAC - Health Assessments up to date



Health of LAC - Dental Assessments up to date



Health of LAC - % Initial Health Assessments In Time



# LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN - EDUCATION

## 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. (PEPs are now in place for LAC aged two to their 18th birthday.)

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES / CONCERNS

In comparison to the same time period last year, PEP completion has improved for both measures and improved within this academic year as well. The new early years development plan (PEP) for all LAC from birth to 2 years old is now in place. The ePEP system has been adapted to reflect the 0-2 years milestones in line with both education and health. The plan is identifying progress and any gaps in developments.

Virtual School monitored attendance throughout COVID lockdown with approximately 75 - 85% of learners attending a school setting for their education.

Data for reduced provision is currently not available from the ePEP system. The performance team are working closely with eGOV to ensure that reduced provision, attendance, and exclusion data analysis tools are available via the ePEP system moving forward and that these can be backdated. The ePEP has also been updated to support streamlining the document and building on the signs of safety mapping techniques we have been using. This will support greater clarity around learner needs, support and plans and improve the quality of the PEP document.

A new team member will join the secondary & post 16 team in September replacing an adviser. The Post 16 Adviser will be transferring to a full-time contract and starting a Level 6 careers guidance qualification to provide a greater level of support to our post 16 learners, their carers, social worker and leaving Care Personal Adviser. A new team member will also be joining the primary and early years team mid-September following the retirement of an advisor.

The role of the Virtual Headteacher has been extended to include all those children with or who have had a social worker. To support this a grant of £100,000 has been provided. A proposal will be discussed at DLT in September which includes some changes to the Virtual School structure and some support and resourcing to agencies across the authority.

An expression of interest has been submitted to the DfE to support a pilot for post 16 Pupil Premium. If successful, this will enable opportunities to support learners throughout further education and virtual school have worked with local providers to ensure a robust plan is in place to support delivery and improve outcomes for our Post 16 learners.

**Data Note:** All of the below information has now been moved to the eGov system and the Virtual Heads are currently working with the Performance Team and eGov colleagues to create and validate reports which may cause some changes in performance moving forward.

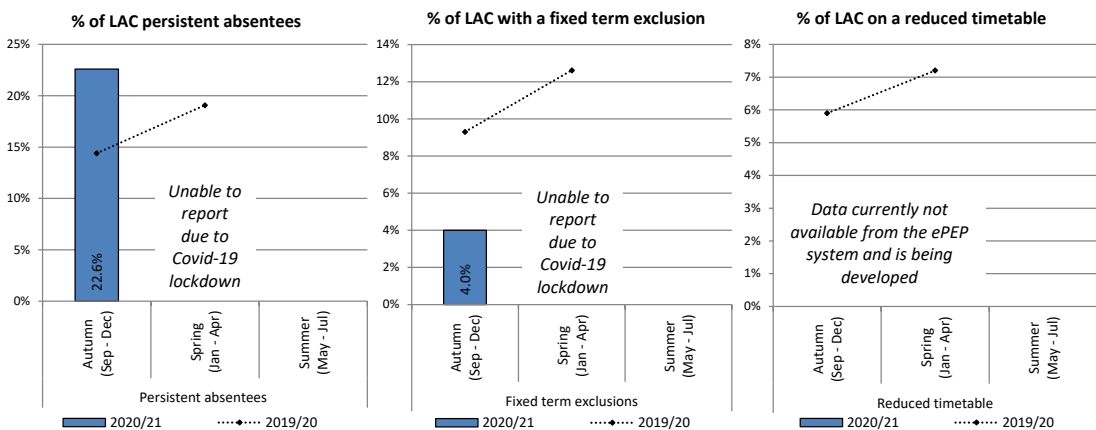
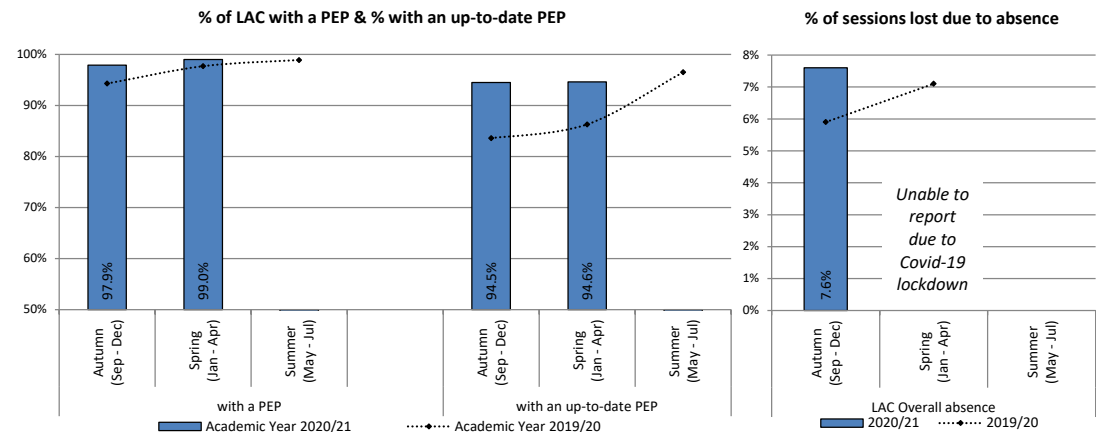
	6.13	6.14	6.15	6.16	6.17	6.18
	% LAC with a Personal Education Plan (Termly)	% LAC with up to date Personal Education Plan (Termly)	LAC Overall absence - % of sessions lost due to absence	% of LAC who are classed as persistent absentees (Missing 10%+ sessions)	% of LAC with at least one fixed term exclusion	% of LAC on reduced timetable arrangements (All LAC)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Autumn Term (2020/21)	97.9%	94.5%	7.6% <i>(unvalidated due to system changes)</i>	22.6% <i>(unvalidated due to system changes)</i>	4.0% <i>(unvalidated due to system changes)</i>	<i>tbc</i>
	Spring Term (2020/21)	99.0%	94.6%	<i>(Spring Term 2020/21 was during a Covid-19 lockdown. LAC attendance was monitored and reported via the weekly 'GOLD Meetings'.)</i>			
	Summer Term (2020/21)						

YTD	2020/21	-	-	-	-	-	-
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ANNUAL TREND (ACADEMIC YEAR)	2014/15	76.0%	-	5.0%	11.7%	11.8%	-
	2015/16	97.8%	-	4.1%	12.2%	13.1%	-
	2016/17	97.0%	98.9%	5.7%	13.3%	15.5%	-
	2017/18	93.6%	97.4%	4.7%	11.7%	12.5%	-
	2018/19	97.5%	95.0%	4.6%	8.6%	<i>tbc</i>	-
2019/20	98.9%	96.5%	<i>not available</i>	<i>not available</i>	<i>not available</i>	-	

LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE	-	-	4.3%	10.0%	13.2%	-
	BEST SN	-	-	2.9%	6.3%	10.6%	-
	NAT AVE	-	-	4.7%	10.9%	11.7%	-
	NAT TOP Q TILE	-	-	4.0%	9.2%	10.0%	-



# 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.

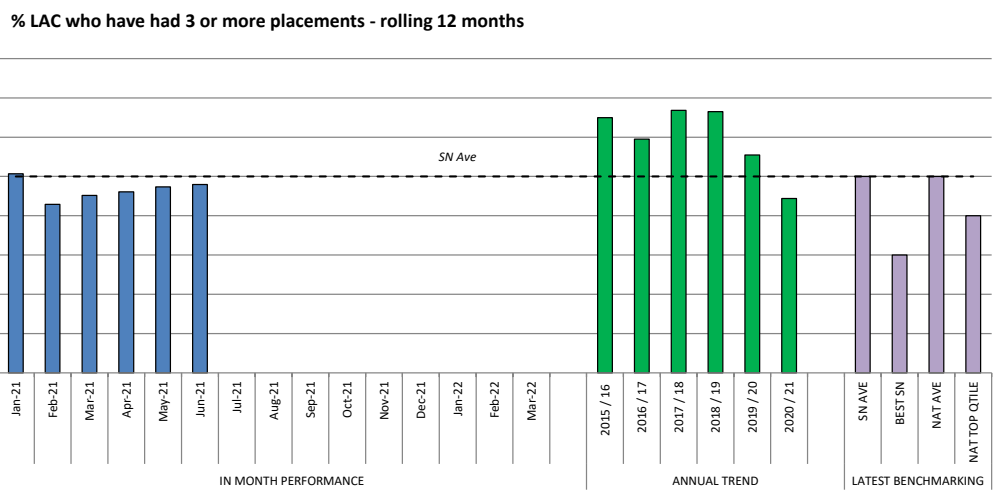
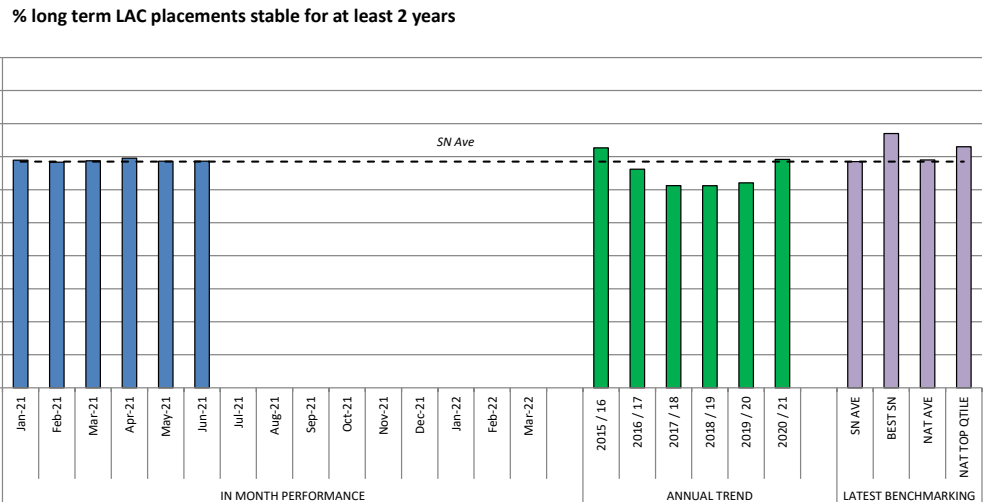
**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES / CONCERNS**

The percentage of children and young people experiencing long term placement stability continues to be fairly static with 68.6% of long-term LAC having a stable placement for at least 2 years at the end of quarter 1. Performance also remains in line with the latest stat neighbour (68.5%) and national averages (69.0%). This continues to be positive in relation to the pressure of the Covid-19 pandemic on placements and is a testament to the work done by social workers, the SSW's therapeutic team and virtual school to maintain placement stability.

At the end of quarter 1 only 9.6% of children have had 3 or more placements in the last rolling 12 months which remains below the latest stat neighbour (10.0%) and national averages (10.0%). This measure has fluctuated in recent months which reflects some of the placement instability brought by the Covid-19 pandemic and is further complicated by a challenge around the placement availability for some of the older and more complex LAC.

The percentage of children in a family-based placement has been fairly consistent with 80.3% of LAC being in a family-based setting at the end on June 21. There continues to be positive foster recruitment inhouse but balanced against a number of foster carers resigning. Recruitment, retention, and the development of inhouse foster carers remains a key area focus.

		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	% of LAC in a family Based setting (includes living with parents)	% of LAC placed with parents or other with parental responsibility (P1)	LAC in a Commissioned Placement (IFA & Residential)
<b>IN MONTH PERFORMANCE</b>	Jan-21	162 of 235 68.9%	61 of 602 10.1%	80.6%	5.1%	305 of 605 50.4%
	Feb-21	164 of 240 68.3%	52 of 606 8.6%	80.5%	4.0%	302 of 607 49.8%
	Mar-21	165 of 240 68.8%	54 of 598 9.0%	79.9%	4.2%	300 of 596 50.3%
	Apr-21	169 of 243 69.5%	54 of 586 9.2%	80.5%	4.1%	305 of 586 52.0%
	May-21	164 of 239 68.6%	53 of 560 9.5%	80.2%	3.8%	299 of 560 53.4%
	Jun-21	164 of 239 68.6%	54 of 563 9.6%	80.3%	3.6%	295 of 563 52.4%
	Jul-21					
	Aug-21					
	Sep-21					
	Oct-21					
	Nov-21					
	Dec-21					
	Jan-22					
Feb-22						
Mar-22						
<b>YTD</b>	2021 / 22	-	-	-	-	-
<b>ANNUAL TREND</b>	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%
	2017 / 18	90 of 147 61.2%	83 of 621 13.4%	81.0%	4.3%	315 of 624 50.5%
	2018 / 19	90 of 147 61.2%	85 of 638 13.3%	81.9%	7.2%	336 of 642 52.3%
	2019 / 20	126 of 203 62.1%	66 of 595 11.1%	81.5%	5.4%	309 of 595 51.9%
	2020 / 21	166 of 240 69.2%	54 of 598 9.0%	79.9%	4.2%	300 of 597 50.3%
<b>LATEST BENCHMARKING</b>	SN AVE	68.5%	10.0%			
	BEST SN	77.0%	6.0%			
	NAT AVE	69.0%	10.0%			
	NAT TOP QTILE	73.0%	8.0%			





# 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 .

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES / CONCERNS**

There were 377 LAC in a fostering placement at the end of quarter 1 which equates to 67.0% of LAC. This is an increase when compared to the end of the previous quarter (65.6%).

The number of fostering households fell further during quarter 1 to 143 at the end of June 21, with only 4 new carers being recruited in quarter but 8 resignation. The challenge is that the new foster carer approvals are quite often being matched with the number of resignations and de-registrations.

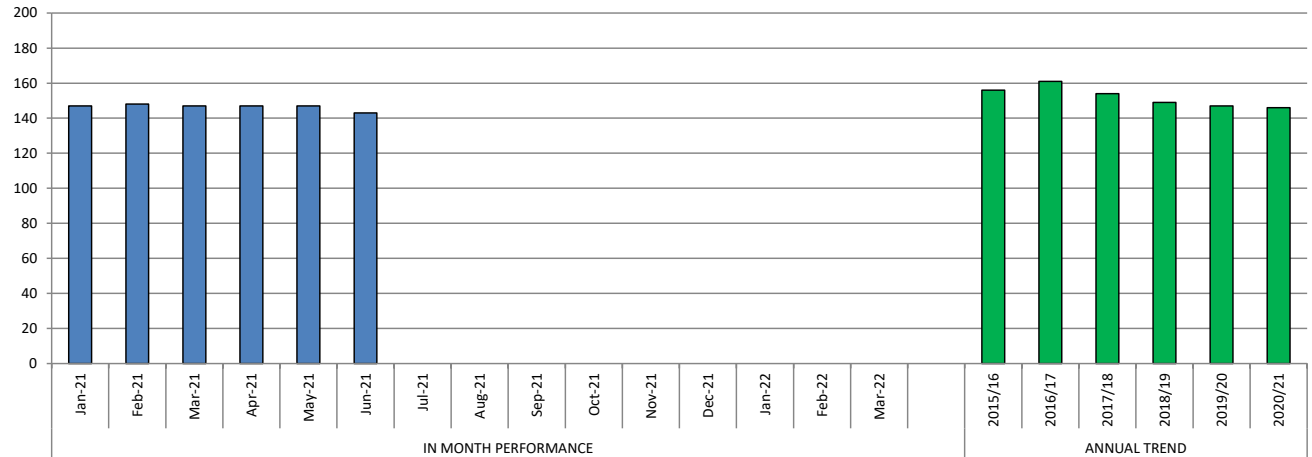
	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
	Number of LAC in a Fostering Placement (excludes relative/friend)	% of total LAC in a Fostering Placement (excludes relative/friend)	Number of Foster Carers (Households)	Number of Foster Carers Recruited (Households)	Number of Foster Carers De-registered (Households)

IN MONTH PERFORMANCE		9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
	Jan-21	386	63.8%	147	0	3
	Feb-21	396	65.2%	148	2	1
	Mar-21	391	65.6%	147	1	2
	Apr-21	388	66.2%	147	1	1
	May-21	376	67.1%	147	2	2
	Jun-21	377	67.0%	143	1	5
	Jul-21					
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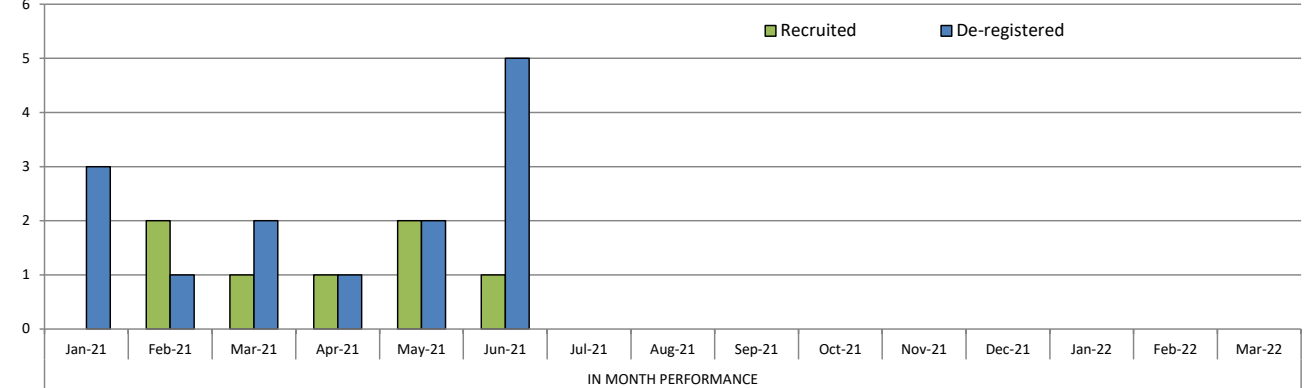
YTD	2021/22	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
		-	-	-	4	8

ANNUAL TREND		9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
	2015/16	-	-	156	13	16
	2016/17	353	-	161	32	22
	2017/18	414	64.5%	154	16	25
	2018/19	427	66.5%	149	11	21
	2019/20	405	68.1%	147	18	20
2020/21	391	65.5%	146	21	21	

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.

## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES / CONCERNS

9 adoptions have already taken place this year during quarter 1 which is reassuring to see and highlights that despite the COVID-19 pandemic the service has continued to ensure transitions to support adoption, adoption support and applications have continued to be progressed, ready for court coming back online.

At the end of quarter 1, the A1 measure is 475.4 days and the A2 measure is 282.3 days. These both continue to be higher than recent years however this was anticipated due to the court delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

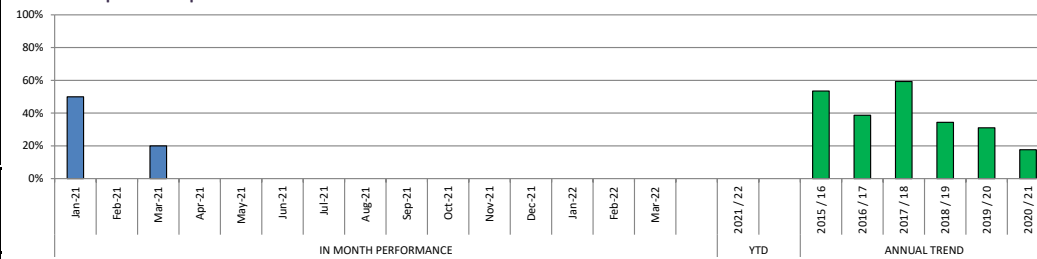
Data Note: Performance is taken from a manual tracker updated in service as not all of the data is currently recorded on LCS.

	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. ave.)	Av. No. days between placement order & being matched with adoptive family (A2) (ytd. ave.)	
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-21	2	1	50.0%	419.7	183.8
	Feb-21	1	0	0.0%	426.9	189.4
	Mar-21	5	1	20.0%	446.6	210.6
	Apr-21	3	0	0.0%	536.0	322.0
	May-21	5	0	0.0%	457.9	288.0
	Jun-21	1	0	0.0%	475.4	282.3
	Jul-21					
	Aug-21					
	Sep-21					
	Oct-21					
	Nov-21					
	Dec-21					
	Jan-22					
Feb-22						
Mar-22						
YTD	2021 / 22	9	0	0.0%	-	-
ANNUAL TREND	2015 / 16	43	23	53.5%	296.0	136.0
	2016 / 17	31	12	38.7%	404.0	232.9
	2017 / 18	27	16	59.3%	325.3	124.8
	2018 / 19	32	11	34.4%	386.9	212.4
	2019 / 20	29	9	31.0%	391.5	146.0
	2020 / 21	34	6	17.6%	446.6	210.6
LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE				359.7	160.0
	BEST SN				310.0	91.0
	NAT AVE				376.0	178.0
	NAT TOP Q/TILE				333.0	138.0

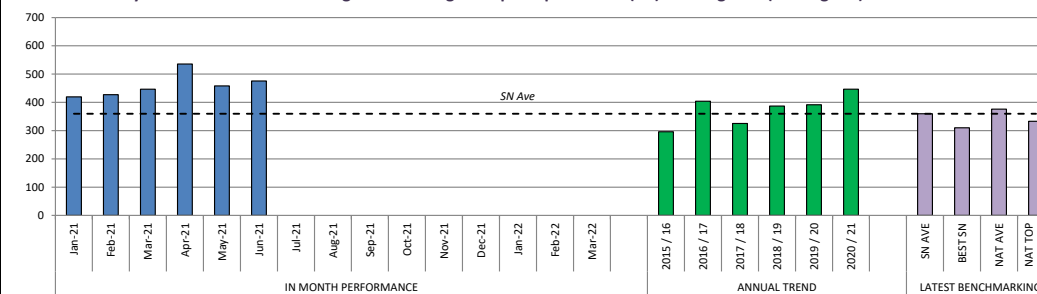
\*Annual Trend relates to current reporting year April to Mar - not rolling year

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

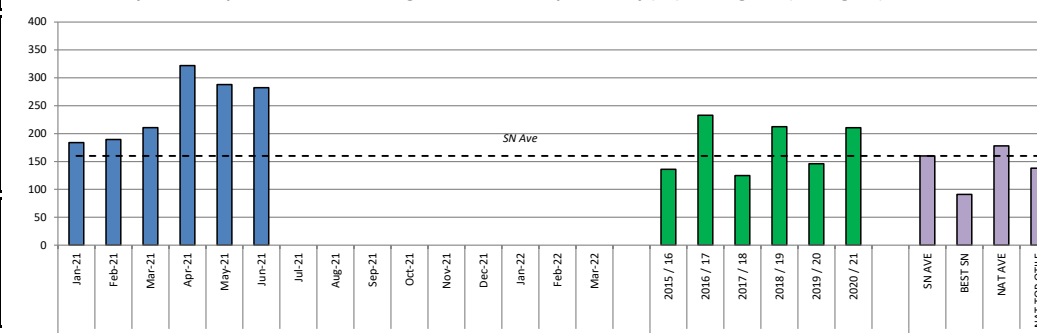
% adoptions completed within 12 months of SHOBPA



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)



# 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.

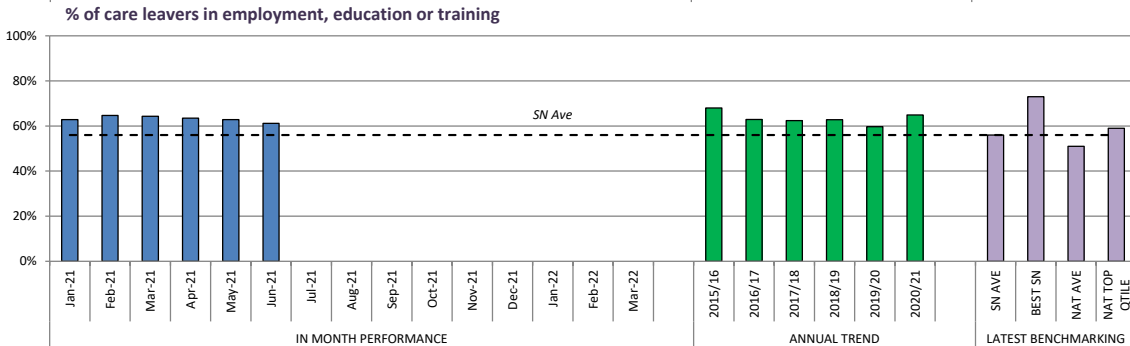
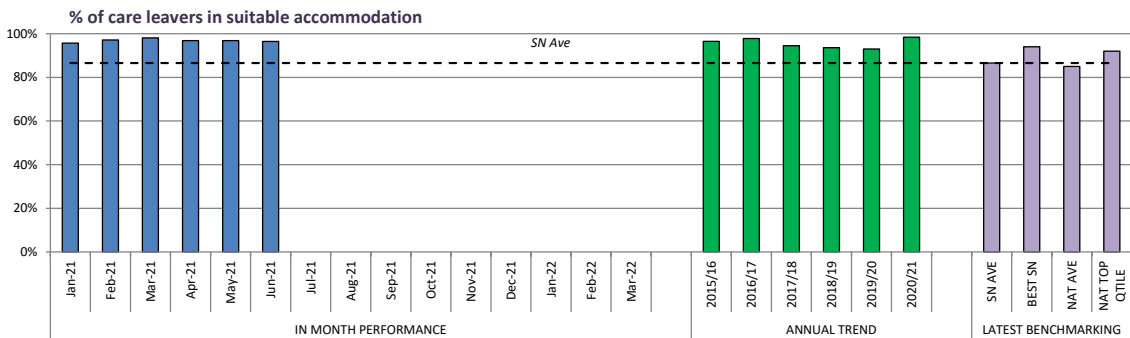
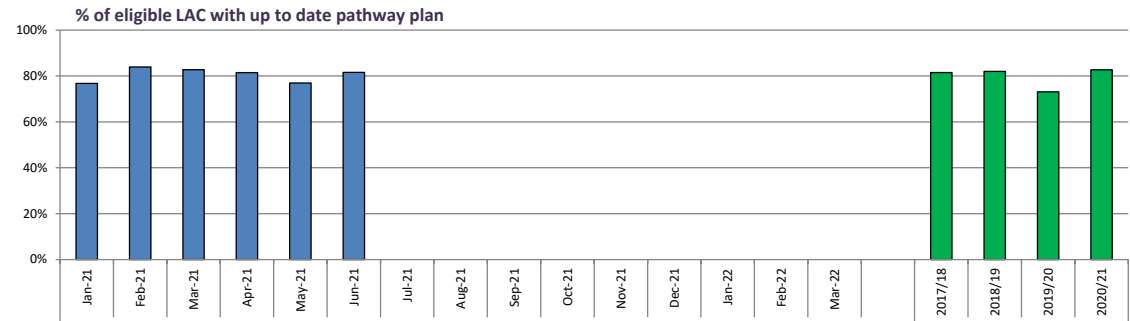
## SIGNIFICANT CHANGES / CONCERNS

At the end of quarter 1 the care leavers cohort was 312 which is continuing the recent reducing pattern in numbers.

Care Leavers with a pathway plan continues to be fairly stable, however the timeliness of pathway plans fluctuates month on month on month with 81.6% at the end of March 21. Timeliness continues to be an ongoing area of focus for the LAC and leaving care service.

The number of care leavers in suitable accommodation remains positive and recent months have seen this stabilise and end quarter 1 with 96.5%. This continues to be above the latest stat neighbour (86.6%) and national averages (85.0%). Quarter 1 has seen a downward trend in the number of care leavers in employment, education, or training reaching 61.2% at the end of June 21. However, this remains higher than the latest stat neighbour (56.0%) and national averages (51.0%). Both of these measures remain positive given the Covid-19 pandemic which shows the ongoing positive work of the network around the young people, despite the challenges of the pandemic and acknowledged impact on this age group nationally.

		7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.5
		Number of care leavers	% of eligible Care Leavers with a pathway plan	% of eligible Care Leavers with up to date pathway plan	% of care leavers in suitable accommodation	% of care leavers in employment, education or training
IN MONTH PERFORMANCE	Jan-21	328	91.7%	76.8%	95.7%	62.8%
	Feb-21	312	92.3%	83.9%	97.1%	64.7%
	Mar-21	319	91.8%	82.7%	98.1%	64.3%
	Apr-21	315	92.7%	81.5%	96.8%	63.5%
	May-21	317	91.5%	76.9%	96.8%	62.8%
	Jun-21	312	90.0%	81.6%	96.5%	61.2%
	Jul-21					
	Aug-21					
	Sep-21					
	Oct-21					
	Nov-21					
	Dec-21					
	Jan-22					
	Feb-22					
Mar-22						
YTD	2021/22	-	-	-	-	-
ANNUAL TREND	2015/16	197	69.8%	-	96.5%	68.0%
	2016/17	223	99.3%	-	97.8%	62.9%
	2017/18	255	94.4%	81.5%	94.5%	62.4%
	2018/19	298	87.4%	82.0%	93.8%	62.8%
	2019/20	313	94.2%	73.1%	93.0%	59.7%
	2020/21	319	91.8%	82.7%	98.4%	64.9%
LATEST BENCHMARKING	SN AVE				86.6%	56.0%
	BEST SN				94.0%	73.0%
	NAT AVE				85.0%	51.0%
	NAT TOP				92.0%	59.0%
	Q TILE					



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## As of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (End of Qtr 1 2021/22)

