

Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

REPORT TO: Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny

DATE: 6 October 2021

LOCATION: Council Chamber, Penmorfa

TITLE: Porth Cynnal Specialist Services (Children & Adults)

INDEPENDENT REVIEWING SERVICE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QTR 4 2020 - 2021

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To monitor the progress of Looked After Children through Independent Reviewing Officers scrutiny of their plans and placements during the fourth quarter of 2020/2021. This information contributes to Members fulfilling their roles as Corporate Parents.

REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION: To ensure that the Local Authority and Members can fulfill their duties as Corporate Parents

BACKGROUND:

Attached is the Independent Reviewing Service Report Quarter 4 2020/2021.

Quarterly reports are taken to the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of an ongoing examination of the topic to ensure that the Local Authority fulfills its duties as the Corporate Parent.

This report includes national and local standards and targets used to measure outcomes for looked after children and care leavers at the time of their review meeting and includes Welsh Government Performance Indicators.

On the basis of the information available and the views expressed during the review meeting, the IRO makes a professional judgement about the effectiveness of a child/young person's care plan in meeting their needs and may recommend changes to the care plan.

During the review meeting the IRO considers whether the child/young person requires assistance to identify relevant other people to obtain legal advice/take proceedings on their behalf. This action was not deemed necessary by the IRO for any child in the period.

In addition, the IRO has regard as to whether the child/young person's human rights are being breached in any way and, if so, might make a referral to CAF/CASS Cymru. This action was not required at any of the review meetings in the period.

These reports are considered within Multi Agency LAC Quality Assurance Meetings which meet on a quarterly basis; these meetings provide an opportunity to identify and act upon performance and other issues in relation to this area of work.

These reports are also circulated and reviewed by Local Authority's Corporate Parenting Group which is Chaired by Cllr Alun Williams, Cabinet Member for Children Services and Culture these meetings take place on a quarterly basis.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS;

- At the end of this Quarter, Quarter 4, as of March 31st 2021, there were 85 children being looked after by the Local Authority. This is an increase in the number of children being looked after. At the end of Q3 there were 79 children being looked after.
- 58 children were reviewed in this quarter. 89.7 % were reviewed within the statutory timeframe.
- 1 child was returned home to family during this quarter, compared to 4 children in Q3.
- The placement provision for the children reviewed in this quarter ranged from 20 placed in Local Authority Foster Care Provision, 12 placed with family, 9 placed with parents, 8 in Independent Foster Care Provision, 3 in residential care and 3 with kinship carers.
- Of the children reviewed in this quarter, 87.9% of children received a statutory visit.
- 32 of children reviewed were the subjects of a Full Care Order, 16 were of an Interim Care Order, 1 of a Placement Order and 9 were under the legal status of a Section 76.
- 100% of the care and support plans were recorded as meeting the needs of the children/young people reviewed in this quarter.
- The number and percentage of children (of sufficient understanding) who were involved in or consulted about their review, was 100%.
- The number and percentage of children who were made aware of their right for an advocacy service, was 100%
- The percentage of young people who are eligible and have a Pathway Plan in place and a PA to support them is 100%.
- 25 Pathway Plan Reviews were completed in this quarter. 80% were completed within timescale.
- 96% of the Reviews undertaken evidenced that the Pathway Plans that were in place were meeting the needs of the young people.
- 80% of the Pathway Plan Reviews that had taken place had either the views of the person represented in the review or the young person attended their review.

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why No

Summary:

This report is provided on an ongoing basis and demonstrate the continuing work that is undertaken with Looked after Children in Ceredigion

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:

- Long term:** Balancing short term need with long term planning for the future
- Integration:** Positively impacting on people, economy, environment and culture and trying to benefit all three
- Collaboration:** Working together with other partners to deliver
- Involvement:** Involving those with an interest and seeking their views; stakeholder engagement and consultation
- Prevention:** Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To note the contents of the report and the levels of activity with the Local Authority.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):

So that governance of the Local Authority activity and its partner agencies for Looked After Children are monitored

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Date of Report:

24 June 2021

Acronyms:

IRO - Independent Reviewing Officer

LAC - Looked After Children

CAFCASS - The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service

APR - Action and Progress Records

PEP - Personal Education Plan

PI - Performance Indicators

CAMHS - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

NEET - Not in Education, Employment or Training

PRU - Pupil Referral Unit

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Safeguarding Service

Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report

Quarter 4: 1st January 2021 – 31st March 2021



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...taking care to make a difference

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SECTION ONE: INTRODUCTION

This report provides information collated by the Quality Assurance and Independent Reviewing Service in order to monitor performance and quality assure services to looked after children, care leavers, children in residential placements and those children who receive respite care and short breaks. The information is based on the monitoring forms completed by the Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO) following each review meeting within this quarter along with other performance information held by the Children and Families Service.

BENCHMARKING

This report includes national and local measures and targets used to measure outcomes for looked after children and care leavers at the time of their review meeting.

On the basis of the information available and the views expressed during the review meeting, the IRO makes a professional judgement about the effectiveness of a child/young person's care plan in meeting their needs and the IRO will highlight to managers any poor practice.

During the review meeting the IRO considers whether the child/young person requires assistance to identify relevant other people to obtain legal advice/take proceedings on their behalf. This action was not deemed necessary by the IRO for any child in the period.

In addition, the IRO has regard as to whether the child/young person's human rights are being breached in any way and, if so, might make a referral to CAF/CASS Cymru. This action was not required at any of the review meetings in the period.

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SECTION TWO CARE PLANNING

1. Headline Figures for Q4:

Number of Looked After Children	Total
31 st December 2020	79
31 st March 2021	85

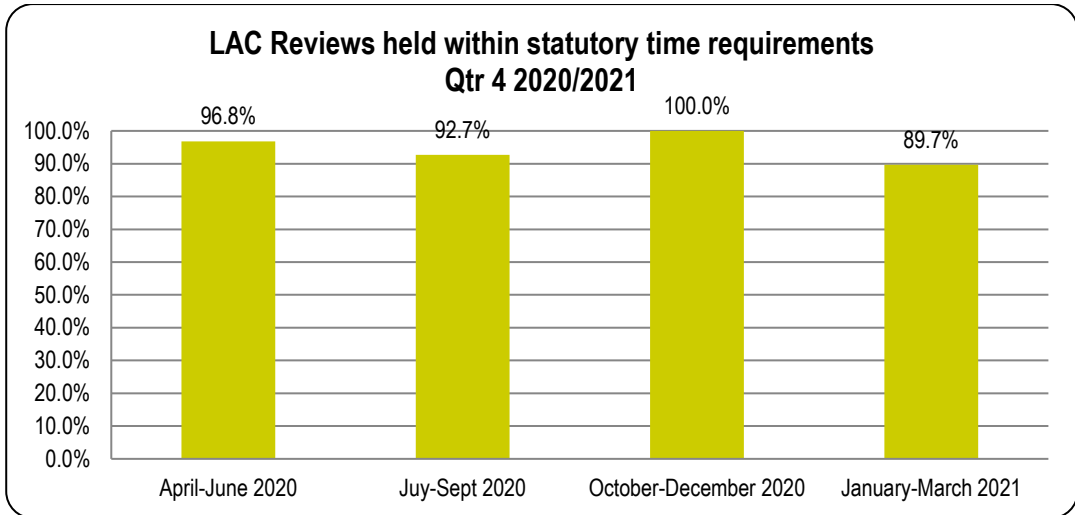
2. Number and percentage of Looked After Children Reviews undertaken within the statutory time requirement.

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 89.7%

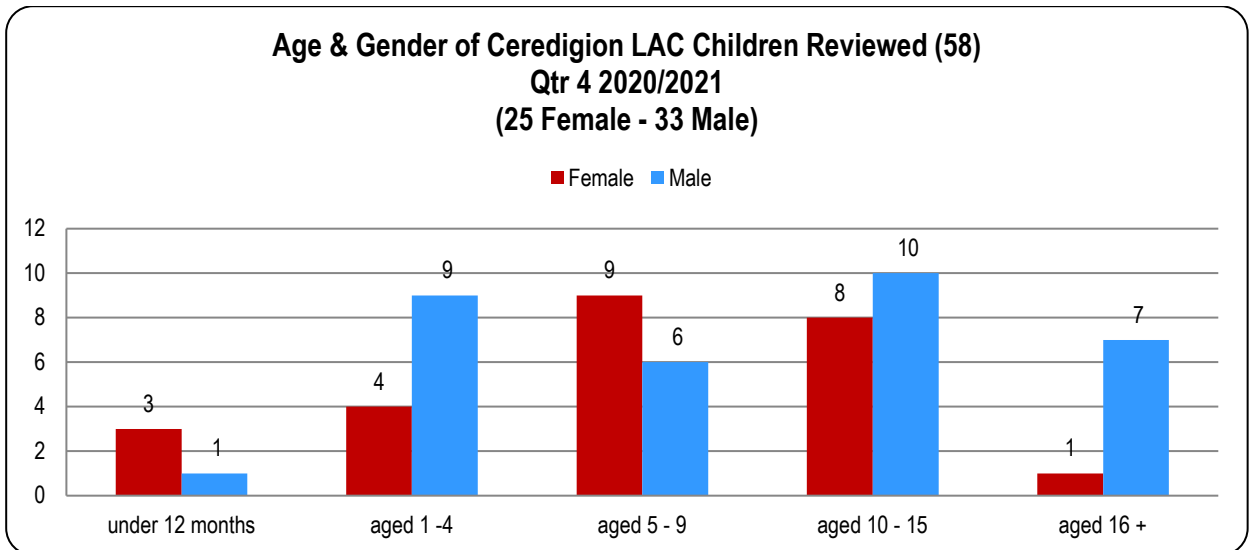
58 Children were reviewed within the Quarter.

- 52 (89.7%) LAC Review Meetings were undertaken within the statutory requirements.
- 6 (10.3%) LAC Review Meetings were held out of statutory requirements; reasons recorded were as follows: -
 - A sibling group of 3 children's Review was postponed due to the absence of an IRO.
 - 1 Other child's review was delayed due to Social worker availability.
 - There was delay in notifying that 2 further children had become Looked After.

	Jan-Mar 2021	Oct-Dec 2020	July-Sept 2020	April - June 2020	Jan - Mar 2020
Number of children reviewed in the quarter	58	60	41	62	48
Number of reviews held in timescale	52	60	38	60	47
Number of reviews held out of timescales	6	0	3	2	1

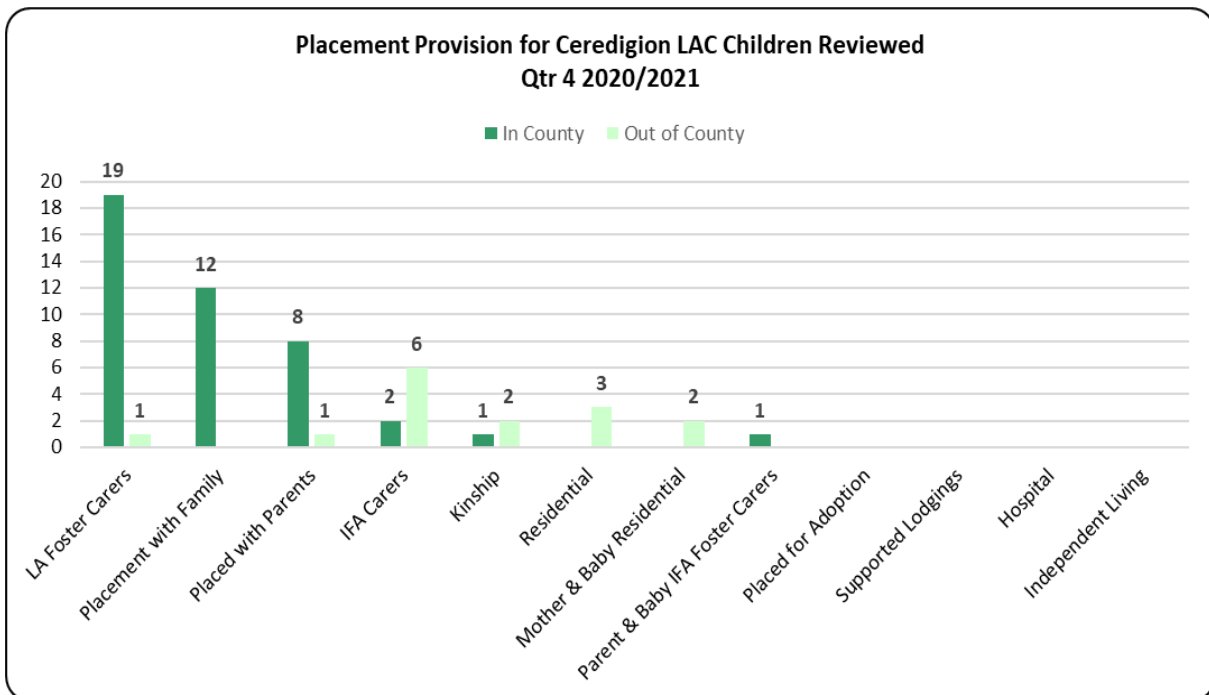


3. Age and Gender of the Children Reviewed in the Quarter:



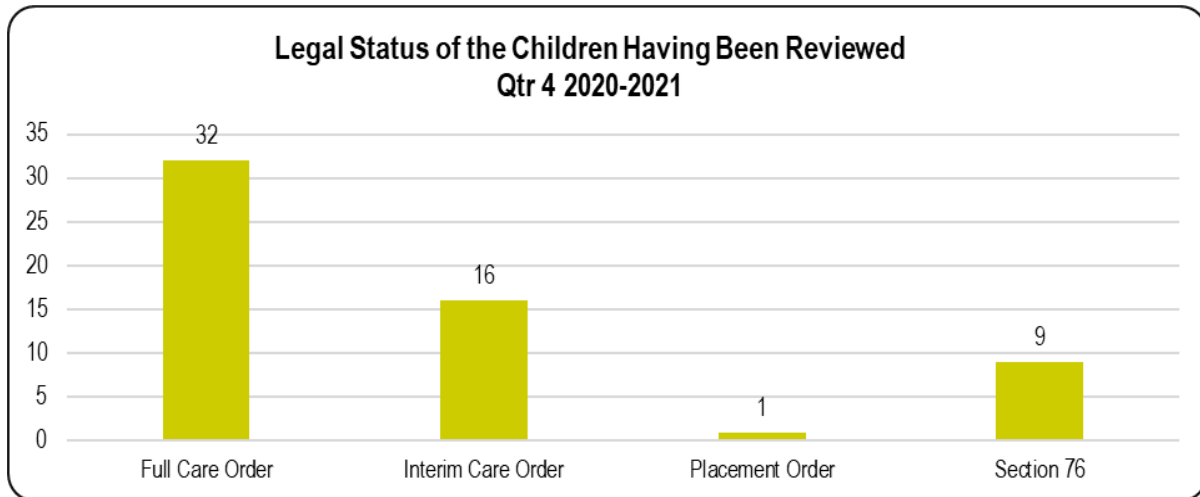
4. Nature of the Placement Provision of Children Reviewed in the Quarter:

Type of Placement	In County	Out of County	Total
LA Foster Carers	19	1	20
Placement with Family	12		12
Placed with Parents	8	1	9
IFA Carers	2	6	8
Kinship Carers	1	2	3
Residential		3	3
Mother & Baby Residential		2	2
Parent & Baby IFA Foster Carers	1		1
Adoption			
Supported Lodgings			
Hospital			
Independent Living			
	43	15	58



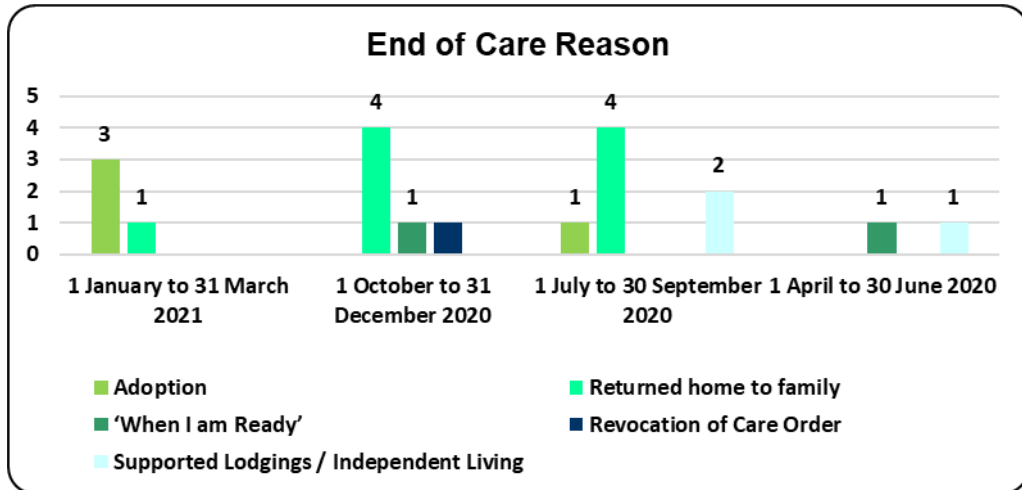
5. Legal Status of Children Reviewed in the Quarter:

Legal Status of the Children Having Been Reviewed	
Full Care Order	32
Interim Care Order	16
Placement Order	1
Section 76	9
Total	58



6. Reasons for End of Care of the Children Reviewed

Period	Number left care	End of Care Reason				
		Adoption	Returned home to family	'When I am Ready'	Revocation of Care Order	Supported Lodgings / Independent Living
1 January to 31 March 2021	4	3	1	-	-	-
1 October to 31 December 2020	6	0	4	1	1	-
1 July to 30 September 2020	7	1	4	-	-	2
1 April to 30 June 2020	2	0	0	1	0	1
Total	19	4	9	2	1	3



7. Number and percentage of Looked After Children who have an allocated Social Worker.

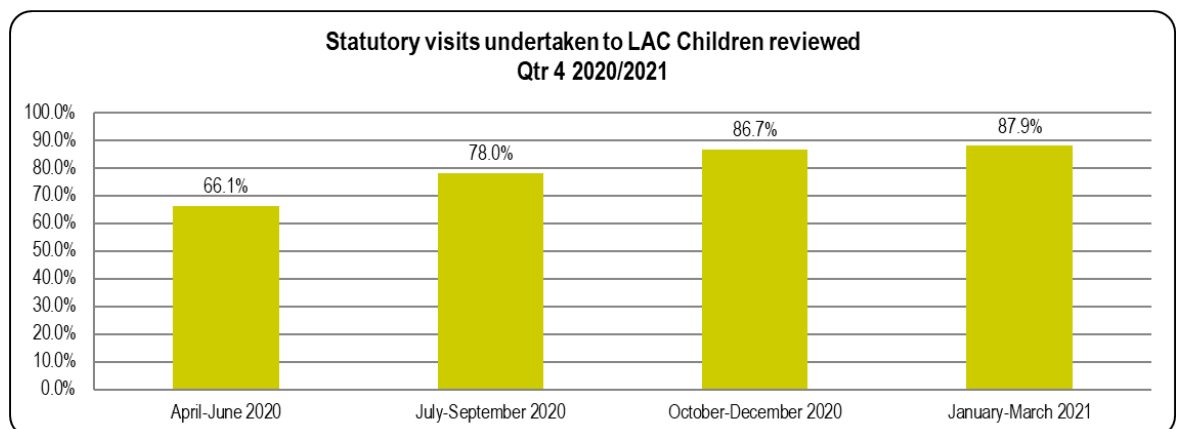
Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

- 58 (100.0%) LAC Reviews recorded that a qualified Social Worker was allocated and actively involved with the child.

8. Number and percentage of statutory visits undertaken to Looked After Children reviewed within the required timescales.

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 87.9%

- 51 (87.9%) Looked After Children received Social Worker visits in accordance with the statutory requirements.
- 7 (12.1%) Looked After Children did not receive Social Worker visits in accordance with the statutory requirements.

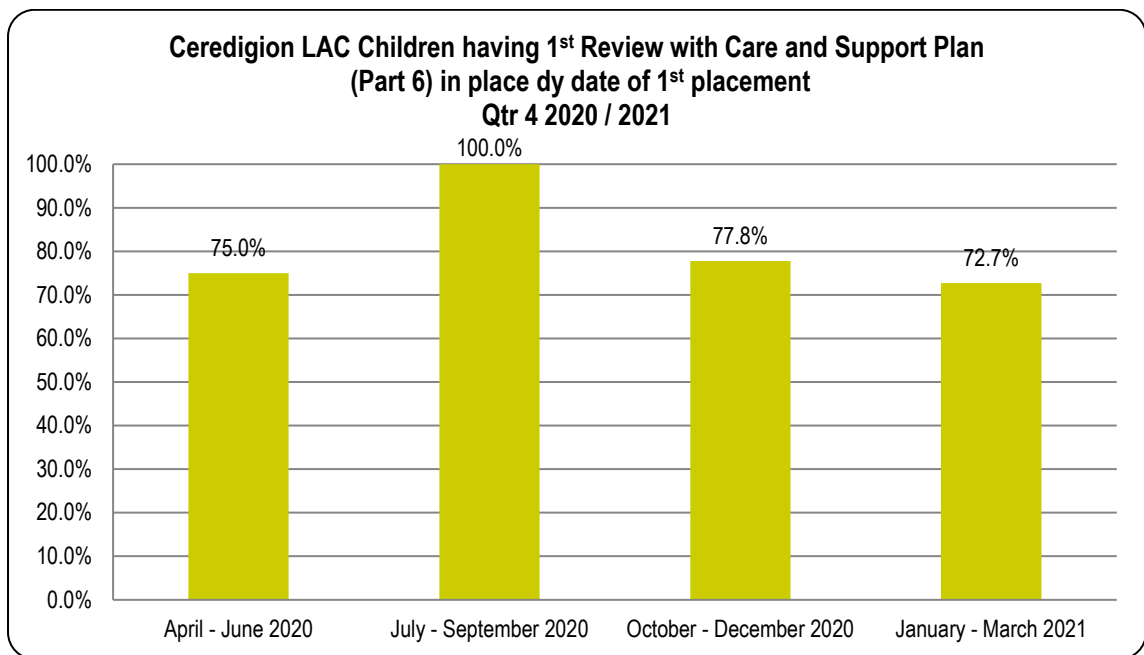


Comment: This is the percentage of visits that were undertaken where children were seen, however in 7 of the cases the stat visits were undertaken but not recorded on the system.

9. Number and Percentage of Care and Support Plans (Part 6) in place at the date of the first placement and of up to date plans available for the Review.

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 72.7%

- There were 11 new LAC placements made during this quarter; 8 (72.7%) Review meetings recorded that the child / young person had a Care and Support Plan (Part 6) in place by the date of his/her placement.
- For 1 child and a sibling group of 2 the Care and Support Plan was not in place by date of first placement; however the Care and Support Plan was in place at the time of the review for all 3 of the children / young persons.



- The IRO identified that updates were required to the Care and Support Plan records (Part 6) of 3 children.

Comment: It is now confirmed that the Care and Support Plan for all 3 children has been updated since the review.

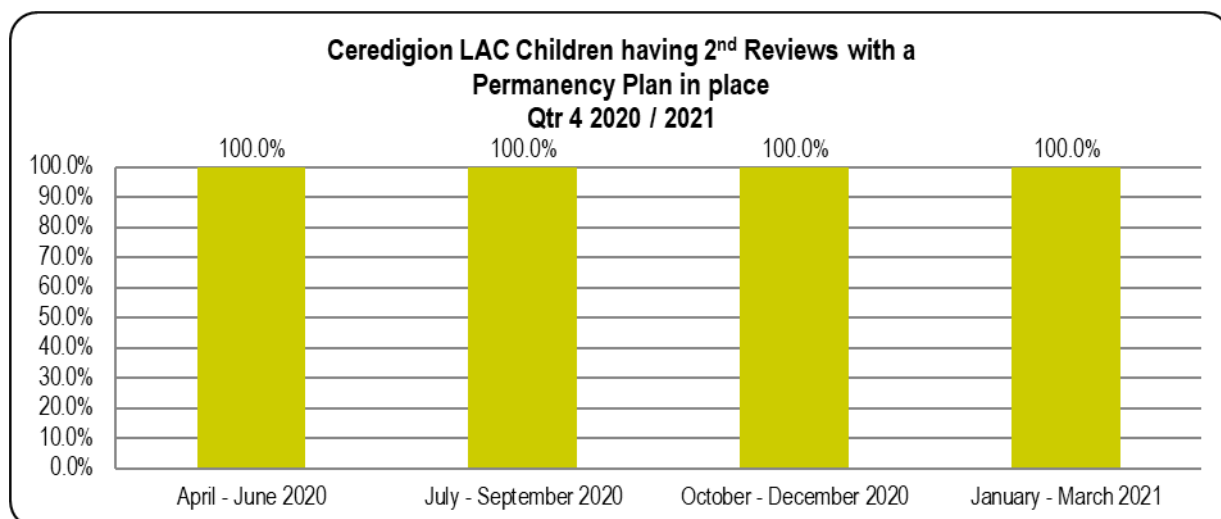
10. Number and percentage of Looked After Children who have a Permanency Plan by the second review if a return home has not been planned.

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

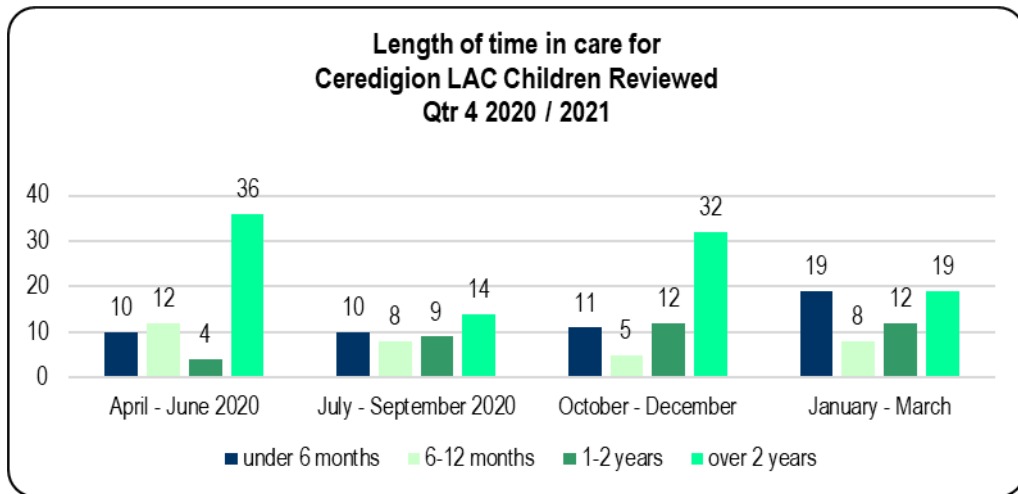
- There were 11 second reviews during this quarter, all 11 reviews (100.0%) recorded that a Permanency Plan had been agreed. This is consistent with the previous quarter.
- There was concerns recorded by the IRO in 4 (6.9%) reviews in this period regarding the progress of the Placement / Care and Support Plan / Permanency Plan.

The nature of the concerns was as follows: -

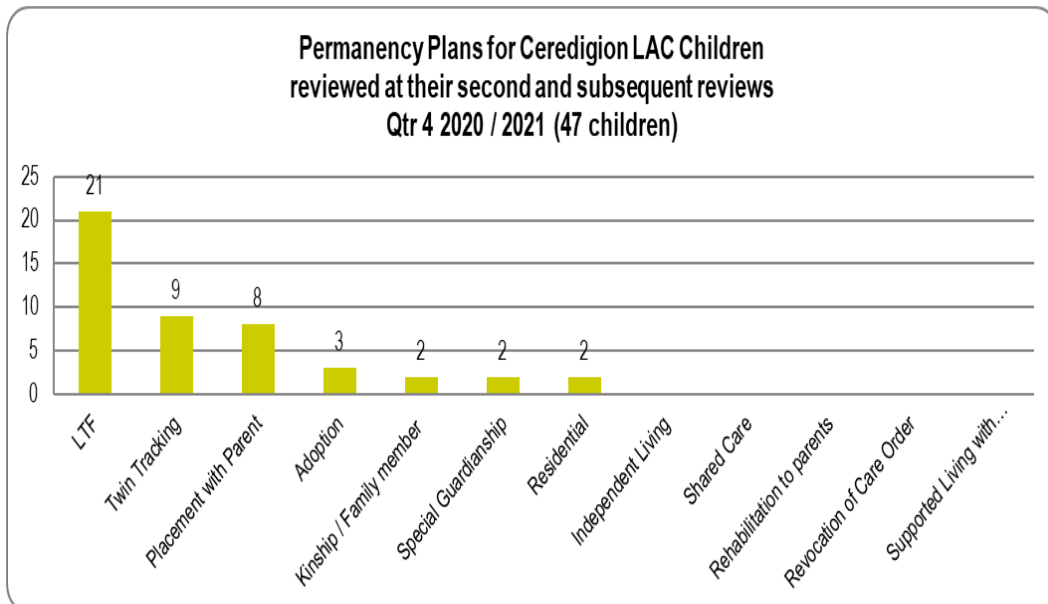
- Lack of resources due to the fact that a decision has been made that an alternative placement needs to be identified for 1 young person to allow him/her the opportunity to develop independence in the future.
- Delay in progressing a Special Guardianship for 1 young person.
- Lack of resources in progressing the plan of Adoption for 1 young person.
- Permanency Plan needing to be agreed for 1 further young person.



11. Length of Time in Care:



12: Nature of Permanency Plans:



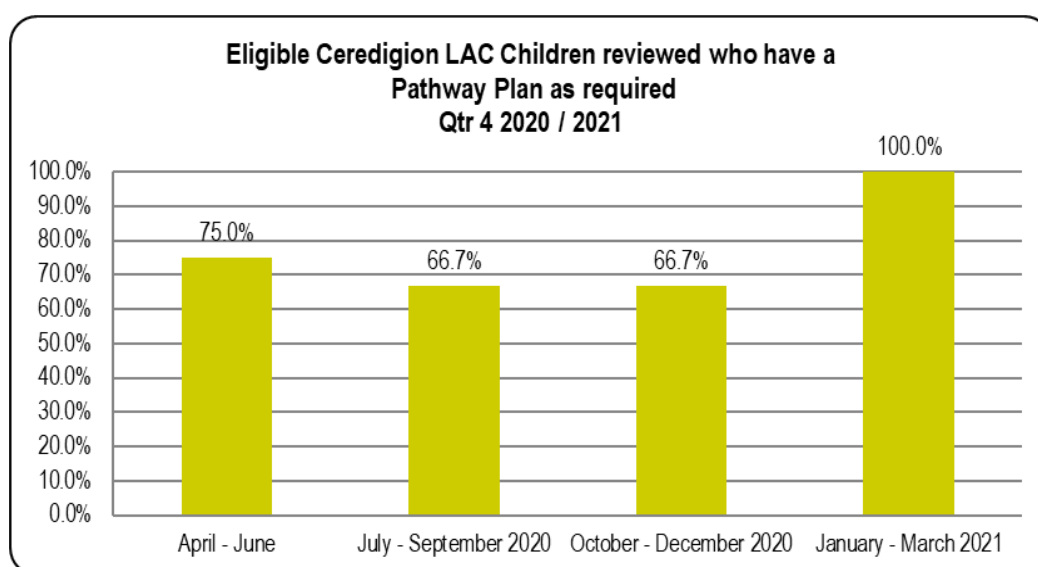
13. Number and percentage of Looked After Children receiving Respite Care away from Main Carers

- 0 (0.0%) LAC Reviews noted that the child / young persons were receiving respite care away from their main carers.

14. Number and percentage of eligible young people who have a Pathway Plan as required.

Target set: 100% Target Achieved 100.0%

- All 8 (100.0%) Young People recorded that there was a Pathway Plan in place and were allocated a Personal Advisor.



15. Number and percentage of Looked After Children (of appropriate age and level of understanding) who understand the reasons for them being looked after.

Target Set 100% -Target achieved 100.0%

- The data for this performance indicator relates to 39 children / young persons as 19 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding to comprehend the reasons for being looked after.
- 39 (100.0%) Of this group showed some level of understanding about why they were cared for away from their families, which compares to 96.2% in the previous quarter. It was reported that 1 Child needed to be provided with further clarification.

16. Number and percentage of Looked After Children (of appropriate age and level of understanding) understand their Care and Support Plan.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 41 children / young persons as 17 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding and were therefore not included in the figures.

- 40 (97.6%) of this group showed a level of understanding as to the nature of their Care and Support Plan (part 6).
- 1 (2.4%) Review recorded that this was unclear and a piece of work that needed to be undertaken with the young person.

17. National Measure 33: Number and percentage of moves for Looked after Children.

- 11 (19.0%) LAC Reviews reported that there was a change in a child's/young person's placement during this quarter; this compares to 15.0% in the previous quarter.

The reasons for the changes in Placement were as follows:

- 1 Young person moved from a Parent and Child Together placement (PACT) to a Mother & Baby Foster Care Placement for further assessment.
- 2 Siblings moved from a Mother & Baby Foster Care Placement to a Residential Parent & Child Together Placement (PACT) for assessment.
- 2 Siblings moved from a short term foster placement to a long term foster placement.
- 2 Siblings moved from a short term foster placement to a long term placement with family.
- 1 Young person moved from a Mother & Baby Foster Placement to a Placement with Parent.
- 1 Young person moved from an emergency placement to a short term foster placement.
- 1 Young person moved from a short term placement that was unsuitable to another short term placement.
- 1 Young person moved from a residential placement to another residential placement offering Therapeutic Care.

18 Number and percentage of placement plans (including education and health provision) that are assessed as meeting the needs of Looked after Children.

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

- 58 (100.0%) Placement/care and support plans were recorded as meeting the needs of the children / young people; this is consistent with the previous quarter. 6 Reviews however noted the following: -
 - It became apparent during the review for a group of 2 siblings that the Contract of expectations was not being adhered to in respect of transport arrangement, this will be followed up with Management.
 - Placement meeting needs to a degree; however a further placement now identified for young person to promote self-care and life skills within a therapeutic setting.
 - Young person spending more time with other parent as parent working long hours.
 - Although the placement is meeting the needs, a further long term foster placement needs to be identified which will offer a solo placement or have much older teenage children in line as suitability for young person's identified ongoing placement requirements.
 - Young person is still presenting with concerning behaviour which continuous to be discussed at monthly placement review meetings.

19. Number and percentage of Safeguarding Concerns identified for Looked After Children during this quarter

- 5 (8.6%) LAC Reviews identified safeguarding concerns for the young person; it was confirmed that the concerns were being addressed.

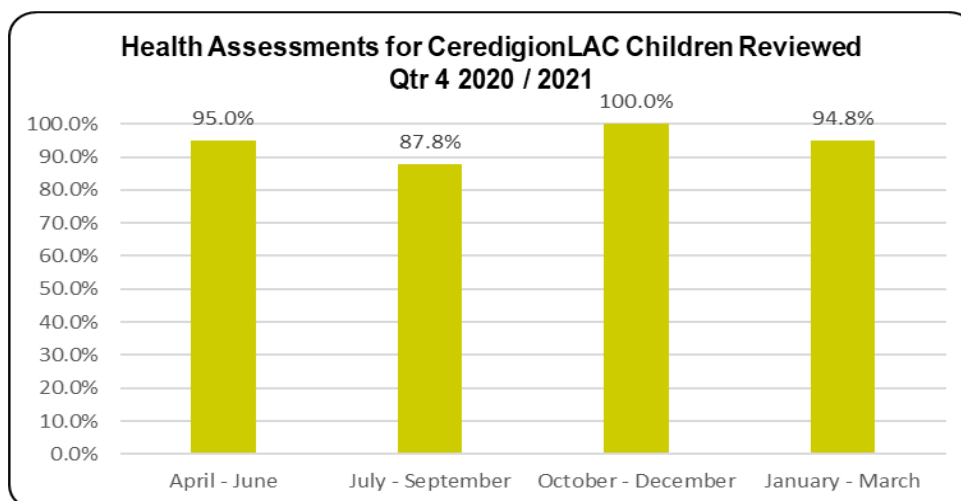
20. Number of Looked After Children's names on the Child Protection Register.

- 10 (17.2%) Reviews confirmed that the young person's name was included on the Child Protection Register.

21. Number and percentage of Looked After Children who received Health Assessments in accordance with statutory requirements

Target Set 100%- Target achieved 94.8%

- 55 (94.8%) Children/Young People Looked After had an up to date health assessment reported at their review, which compares to 100.0% in the previous quarter.



Comment: All 3 children had a health assessment completed by 19th March 2021. One was outside of statutory timescales due to host LAC health team and 2 were due to late notification of becoming LAC.

22. The percentage of children registered with a dentist within 20 working days of becoming looked after

Target set: 100% Target Achieved 81.8%

Registered with a dentist

The data for registering a child / young person with a dentist within 20 days of start of placement relates to 11 children / young persons.

- 9 (81.8%) Reviews recorded that the child / young person was registered with a dental practitioner within 20 working days of the start of placement.
- 2 (18.2%) reviews recorded that the child / young person wasn't registered with a dental practitioner within 20 days of start of placement

Comment: 2 children are not currently registered with the dentist and will be referred to Community Dental Service once they return to area.

Registered with a dentist

The data for this performance indicator relates to 47 Children / Young persons as 11 Children / Young persons having a first LAC Review were taken out of the above equation to coincide with National Measure requirements.

- 41 (87.2%) Children and young people were registered with a dentist. This compares to 94.1% in the previous quarter.

- 6 (12.8%) Children and young people had not been registered with the dentist, all of these children were under 2 years old.

Comments: 6 children were not registered at their review however 4 have subsequently been registered and the other 2 will be registered with the Community Dental Service once they return to area.

23. National Measure 30: Number and percentage of Looked After Children who have had their teeth checked by a dentist within 3 months of becoming Looked After.

Seen by a dentist

The data for being seen by a dentist within 3 months of becoming looked after relates to 10 children.

- 6 (60.00%) Review recorded that the child / young person had been seen by a registered dentist within 3 months of becoming LAC.
- 4 (40.0%) Children and young people were recorded as not having had dental checks within 3 months of becoming LAC.

Comment: Ongoing Covid19 pandemic. Routine appointments not occurring. 3 Registered with private dentists, not Community Dental Service and 1 living out of area.

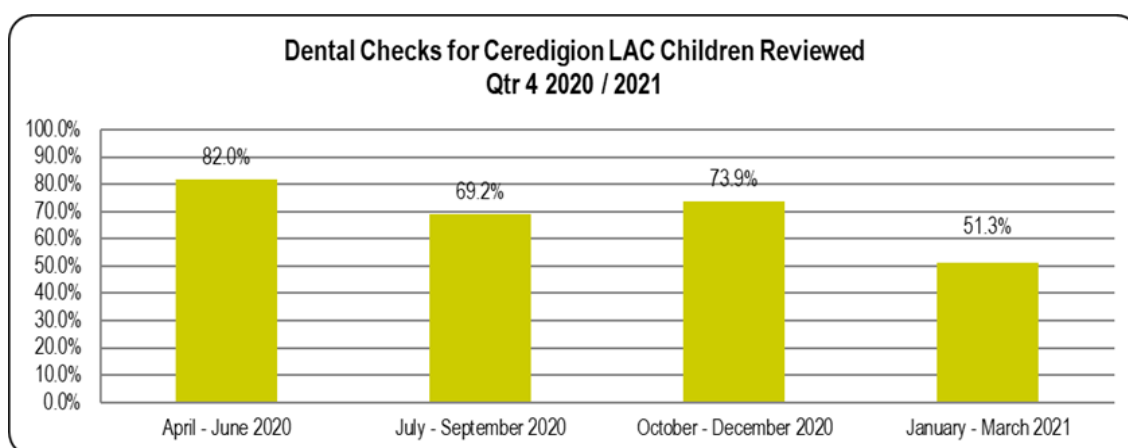
Seen by a dentist

Target Set 90% - Target achieved 51.3%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 39 Children / young persons as 19 Children / Young persons were under 2 years of age and / or having their first LAC Reviews and were taken out of the above equation to coincide with National Measures requirements.

- 20 (51.3%) Children and young people were recorded as having a dental check during the preceding 12 months, which compares to 73.9% in the previous quarter.
- 19 (48.7%) Children and young people were recorded as not having had dental checks.

Comment: Ongoing Covid19 pandemic. LAC Health Team contacted Service Manager for Community Dental Service to raise concern that looked after children have not had routine appointments for in excess of 12 months. Response from Community Dental Services is that Welsh Government guidelines stipulates that they don't carry out routine appointments, although it does say if any treatment is deemed necessary then they can carry it out. They stated that if it is required that a LAC child be seen then the clinic can be contacted. All staff will be informed that if they receive a phone call and the child is LAC then to book them in to the appropriate clinic.



24. National Measure 31: Percentage of children looked after who were registered with a GP within 10 working days of the start of their placement

- 17 (89.5%) Reviews recorded that the child was registered with a provider of general medical services within 10 working days of the start of placement.
- 2 Reviews reported that this action remained outstanding, this was an agreed action from the Review.

Comment: LAC Health Nurse has advised that these 2 children have subsequently registered with a GP in the area of their placement. They did have GP registration at the time of the review, but not local to placement.

25. Number and percentage of children looked after who were registered with a GP

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

- All 58 (100.0%) children and young people were registered with a GP, which is consistent with the previous quarter.
- 54 (94.7%) Children had their immunisations up to date.

- 3 (5.3%) Children were late in receiving their immunisations; the reasons recorded were: -
 - 2 Reviews reported that outstanding immunisations would be undertaken via school nurse/GP.
 - 1 Review reported that the immunisations needed to be completed.

1 Review was taken out of the equation as the parent was refusing to allow the child to have an immunisation.

Comment: We have received a recent update form LAC Nurse; one person has now had outstanding immunisations, one is refusing them and one young person has partially received.

26. Number and percentage of Looked After Children assessed as requiring CAMHS services that are referred and receive an assessment /service.

Target: 50%

Actual Performance

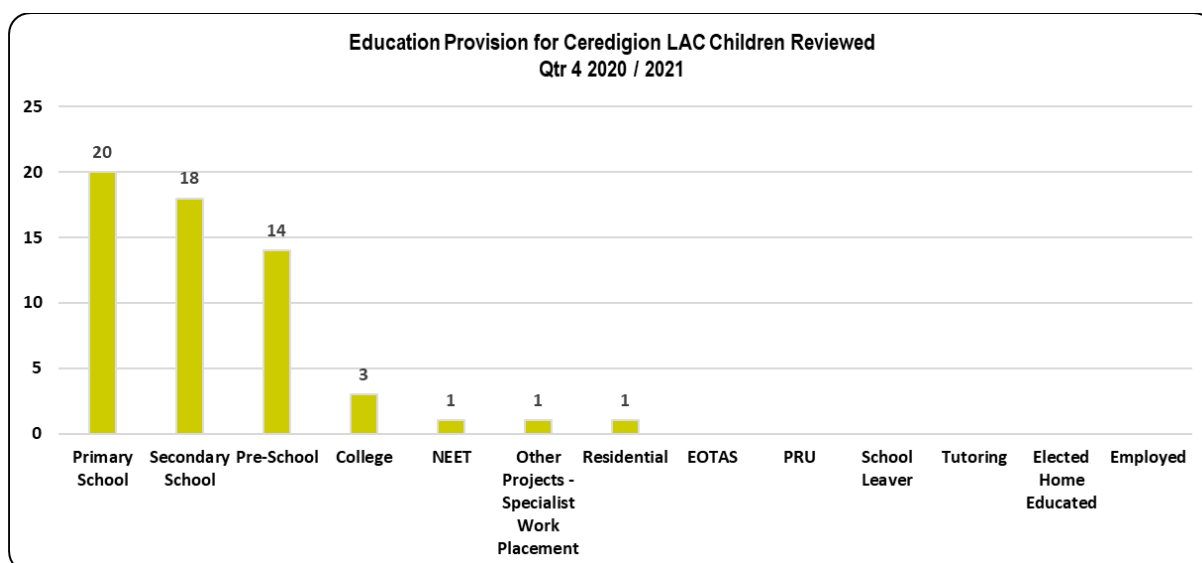
- 8 (13.8%) LAC Reviews recorded that a child/young person had been referred to CAMHS, it was confirmed at 7 Reviews that the referral had been accepted for the child/young person. 1 Review confirmed that the referral had not been accepted.
- 52 (100.0%) LAC Reviews recorded that children/young people's mental/emotional health had been considered during the Health Assessment and/or during discussions in the meeting.

6 reviews recorded that the child / young person was too young, these were therefore taken out of the equation.

27. Nature of Education Provision:

During this quarter the children and young people reviewed were in the following educational provision.

Education Provision	
Primary school pupils	20
Secondary school pupil	18
Pre-school children	14
College	3
NEET	1
Residential	1
Other Projects-Specialist Work Placement	1
PRU	
EOTS	
School Leaver	
Tutoring	
Elected Home Educated	
Employed	
Total	58



28. Number and percentage of Looked After Children of school age who had a Personal Education Plan within 20 school days of entering care or joining a new school.

Target Set 70% - Target achieved 94.1%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 34 children / young persons who were of compulsory school age and therefore eligible for a Personal Education Plan.

- 32 (94.1%) Children and young people of statutory school age had an up to date Personal Education Plan.
 - 12 (85.7%) Reviews recorded that the PEP had been completed within 20 school working days of becoming Looked After or 20 working days of a change in school as required.
 - 20 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that the young person had an up to date Personal Education Plan.
 - 2 (14.3%) Reviews recorded that the young person's PEP was not completed within 20 days; however the PEP was in place for both these young people soon after.
- ***
- 9 (25.0%) Children and young people attending school/college were identified as having a recognised additional learning need.
- ***
- 9 (26.5%) Reviews deemed that the children / young persons attending school/college were underachieving educationally. All 9 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that the young people were receiving support.
- ***
- 17 (100.0%) Reviews identified that the educational provision had been put in place at the start of the placement.
- None of the Reviews identified that there had been a period whereby the child / young person had been out of education awaiting a school placement.

29. National Measure 32: Percentage of Looked After Children who have changed schools and outside of transitional arrangements

Target Set 0% - Target achieved 5.9%

- 2 (5.9%) Reviews recorded a change of school which was not transitional, which compares to 0.0% in the previous quarter.

30. Number and percentage of Looked After Children who were excluded from school

Target Set 12% fixed term exclusion – Target achieved 0.0%

Target Set 1% permanent exclusion – Target achieved 0.0%

- 0 (0.0%) Reviews reported that the young person had been excluded on a fixed term basis during the review period. This compares to 2.5% in the previous quarter.
- 0 (0.0%) Reviews reported that the young person had been excluded from school permanently, which is consistent with the previous quarter.

There were no exclusions during this period but there were child care hubs.

SECTION THREE

CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION

1. **Local Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Looked After Children of age and understanding consulted by the Social Worker or attended their review**

Target Set 100% – Target achieved 100.0%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 42 reviews as 6 reviews recorded that the children / young persons were not of an age and level of understanding to be included in the consultation process although 5 of these children / young people attended the review.

- 42 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that consultation had taken place

Breakdown of consultation

18 Children / young people attended their review via Teams.

24 Children / young people completed consultation papers or/and had their views represented by professionals, parents, carers or advocates.

- The IRO had no direct contact with any children / young people during the review period outside of the review meeting.

2. **Local Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Children who were aware of their right for an Advocacy Service / Independent Visitor Scheme**

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 41 reviews as 17 reviews recorded that the children / young people reviewed were not of an age and understanding to be informed about their right for Advocacy / Independent Visitor Scheme and were therefore taken out of the equation.

- All 41 (100.0%) Children / young persons were informed of their right for an Advocacy / Independent Visitor Scheme and a referral made. 1 Further child under 5 years old was also referred to the service.

3 Local Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Children informed about the Complaints Procedure

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 97.2%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 36 reviews as 2 reviews recorded that the children / young people were not of the age / level of understanding and were therefore taken out of this equation.

- 35 (97.2%) Children / young people knew about the complaints process, which compares to 97.4% in the previous quarter.
- 1 (2.8%) Child / young person needed to be advised by their Social Worker about the complaints procedure.

4 Local Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Parents consulted by the Social Worker before the review or who attended the review

Target Set 80% - Target achieved 100.0%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 51 reviews as 8 reviews recorded that the parents were not involved in the statutory review process and these were therefore taken out of the above equation.

- 51 (100.0%) Parents completed consultation papers or met with / spoke with the IRO prior and / or after the review or / and attended the review themselves or / and had their views represented by a professional.

Breakdown of consultation

Consultation Papers were sent out for 50 reviews, the IRO telephoned the parent for 1 other review.

39 Reviews confirmed that the parents were present, or spoke to the IRO by phone prior and/or after the review.

5 Local Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Foster Carers consulted by the social worker or attends the Child's Review

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 50 reviews as 8 reviews recorded that the child was placed with a parent or living independently, these reviews were therefore taken out of the equation.

- 50 (100.0%) Foster Carers completed consultation papers or / and attended the reviews during this period.

6 Local Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Health Representative attending the Review or Sending a Report

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 86.2%

- 50 (86.2%) Reviews confirmed that information regarding health was available for the meeting.
- 8 (13.8%) Reviews confirmed that there was no health information available for the meeting.

Comments: 3 placed out of area. School Nurses have been redeployed on an ongoing basis due to Covid19 pandemic vaccine programme.

7. Local Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of a School Representatives attending a Review or Sending a Report

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

- 42 (100.0%) LAC Reviews had a school representative attend or provided a written report, which is consistent with the previous quarter.

8. Local performance Indicator: Number and percentage of LAC Review Documents completed by the Social Worker prior to the review

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 72.4%

- 42 (72.4%) LAC Reviews confirmed that the LAC Review document had been completed by the Social Worker prior to the review, this compares to 68.3% in the previous quarter.
- 16 (27.6%) LAC Reviews confirmed that the LAC Review document had not been completed by the Social Worker prior to the review; 4 of these documents remain uncompleted.

Comment: The performance with regards the completion of LAC Paperwork in a timely manner continues to be a cause of concern. This is due to staffing issues within the Social Work Teams, which continues to have an impact on the improvement of this performance. However, good practice in this area of performance still needs to be a priority.

**SECTION FOUR:
ISSUE RESOLUTION PROTOCOL**

The Issue Resolution Protocol was not initiated during this period for any child by the IRO.

Although it was noted that Mid-Point reviews were not taking place, where needed, IRO were bringing reviews forward when there were concerns.

**SECTION FIVE
EVALUATION**

This information was unavailable for this quarter

SECTION SIX

PATHWAY PLANNING

For over 16 years old and not LAC / over 18 year old care leavers

25 Pathway Plan Reviews were held during the quarter.

1. Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plan Review held within timescales

- 20 (80.0%) Pathway Plan Reviews were held within timescales, which is consistent with the previous quarter.
- 5 (20.0%) Pathway plan reviews were held out of timescales. The reasons recorded were the absence of an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO); an agency IRO was appointed in early February.

2. Performance Indicator: Percentage of Young Persons with allocated Personal Advisor / Social Worker

- It was identified at all 25 (100%) reviews that all the young persons had an allocated Social Worker or/and Personal Advisor.

3. Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plan Review Record Completed for the Meeting

- The review record had been completed for the meeting for 25 (100%) Pathway Plan reviews, which compares to 90% in the previous quarter.

4. Performance indicator: Percentage of Young People Consulted for the Review Meeting

- 20 (80%) Reviews confirmed that the young person had his / her views represented at the review or / and attended the review.
- 5 (20%) Reviews documented that the views of the young person were not represented at the meeting.

5. Performance indicator: Percentage of Young People attending their Review Meeting

- 7 (28%) Reviews recorded that the young person attended their review, 1 further review recorded that the young person attended very briefly.
- 17 (68%) Reviews recorded that the young persons had not attended their review.

6. Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plan meeting young person's needs

- 24 (96%) Reviews confirmed that the Pathway Plan was meeting the young person's needs.
- 1 (4%) Review recorded that the Pathway Plan was not meeting the young person's needs.

7. Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plans updated prior to Leaving Care/18th Birthday

- There were no young people in the category of needing to have their Pathway Plan updated prior to the young person leaving care/18th Birthday.

8. Evaluation This information was unavailable for this quarter

SECTION SEVEN

RESIDENTIAL NON LAC

There were no Residential Non LAC Reviews held during this period.

SECTION EIGHT

REGULAR RESPITE

There were no Regular Respite Reviews held during the quarter.

SECTION NINE

SHORT BREAKS

There were no Short Break Reviews held during this period

SECTION TEN

FOSTER CARER REVIEWS

2 Foster Carer Reviews were undertaken during this period

1 Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Foster Carer Reviews undertaken within the statutory timescales

- Neither of the reviews were held within timescales; this was due to absent Independent Chair.

2 Performance indicator: Percentage of consultation received from LAC Social Worker

- 1 (50%) Foster Carer Review confirmed that consultation had been provided by the LAC Social Worker.

3 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Consultation received from children

- There was no consultation received from children.

4 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Supervising Social Workers' Reports Received

- Supervising Social Workers' reports were received for both (100%) reviews.

5 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Reviews able to carry out its purpose

- Both reviews (100.0%) confirmed that the review was able to carry out its purpose.

6 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Level of Satisfaction from Family Placement Service

- Both reviews (100%) identified that the Foster Carers were 'very satisfied' with the service from the Family Placement Service