

## Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

**REPORT TO:** Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny  
**DATE:** 15 March 2022  
**LOCATION:** Virtually  
**TITLE:** Porth Cynnal Specialist Services (Children & Adults)

### **INDEPENDENT REVIEWING SERVICE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QTR 2 2021 - 2022**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** To monitor the progress of Looked After Children through Independent Reviewing Officers scrutiny of their plans and placements during the second quarter of 2021/2022. 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 2 2021/2022.

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, as of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, there were 91 children being looked after by the Local Authority. This is an increase of 2 in the number of children being looked after. At the end of Q1, there were 89 children being looked after.
- 48 children were reviewed in this quarter compared to 67 in the previous quarter 97.9 % were reviewed within the statutory timeframe compared to 98.5% in Q1.
- 3 children left care in this quarter compared to 5 in Quarter 1. All 3 children went to Independent Living provisions.
- The placement provision for the children reviewed in this quarter ranged from 28 placed in Local Authority Foster Care Provision, 9 placed with parents, 3 in residential care, 3 with kinship carers and 2 with Independent Foster Care Agencies, 1 in an adoption placement and 1 in hospital.
- Of the children reviewed in this quarter, 87.5% of children received a statutory visit. This was compared to 89.6% in Quarter 1.
- 26 of children reviewed were the subjects of a Full Care Order, 12 were of an Interim Care Order, 3 on a Placement Order and 7 were under the legal status of 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 percentage of children (of sufficient understanding) who were involved in or consulted about their review, was 100%
- The 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%.
- 27 Pathway Plan Reviews were completed in this quarter. 85.2% were completed within timescale.
- 92.6% of the Reviews undertaken evidenced that the Pathway Plans that were in place were meeting the needs of the young people. Where it has been recorded that the plans were not meeting the needs of the young people, this was due to the young person not engaging with their plan.
- 96.3% 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:** 22 December 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

**Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council**  
**Safeguarding Service**

**Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report**

**Quarter 2: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 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 for any children/young persons 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.

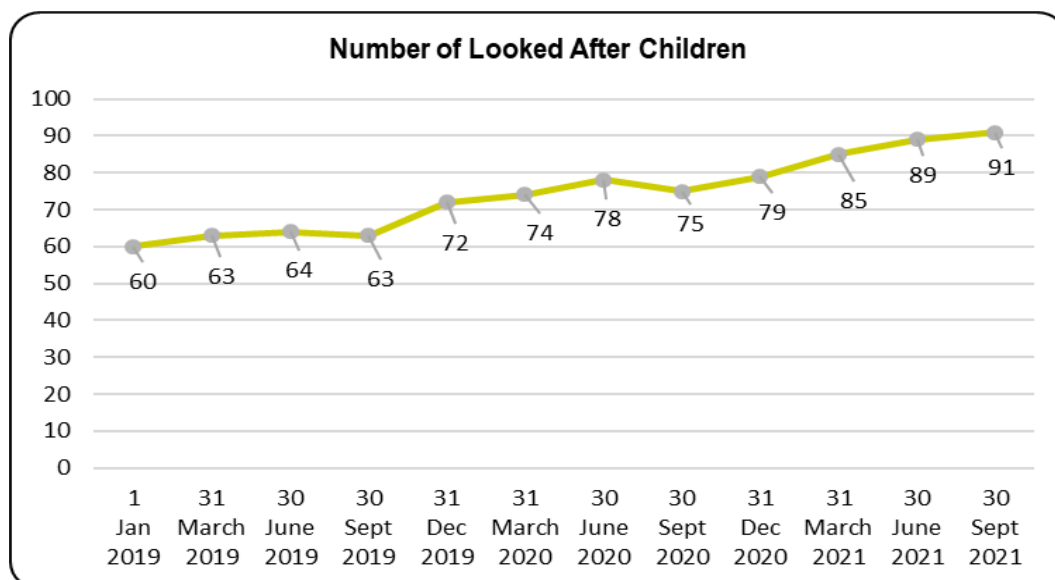
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## SECTION TWO CARE PLANNING

### 1. Headline Figures for Q2:

<b>The following table and chart provides the total number of Looked After Children data at the end of each quarter commencing with the most recent quarter.</b>	
30 Sept 2021	91
30 June 2021	89
31 March 2021	85
31 Dec 2020	79
30 Sept 2020	75
30 June 2020	78
31 March 2020	74
31 Dec 2019	72
30 Sept 2019	63
30 June 2019	64
31 March 2019	63
1 Jan 2019	60



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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 97.9%

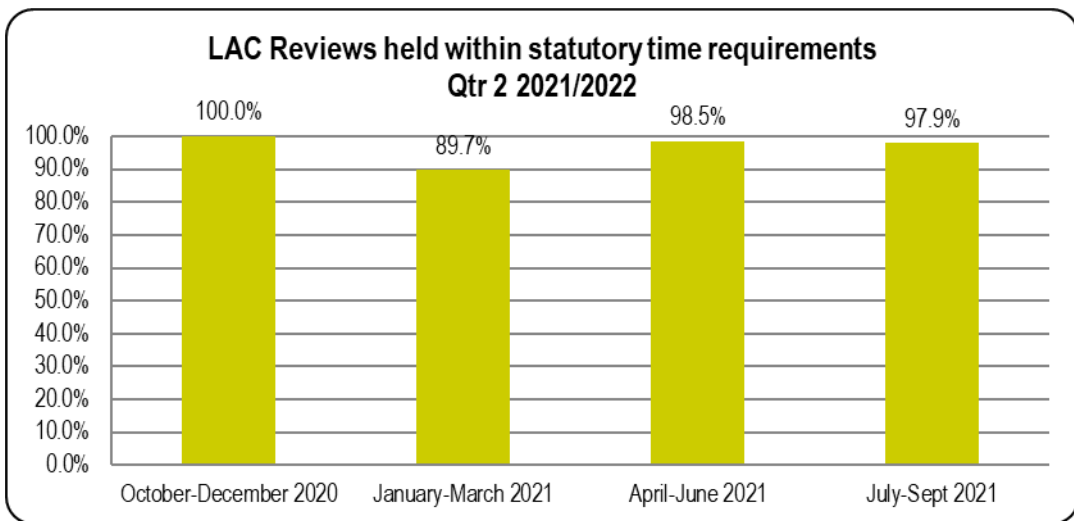
48 Children were reviewed within the Quarter.

- 47 (97.9%) LAC Review Meetings were undertaken within the statutory requirements.

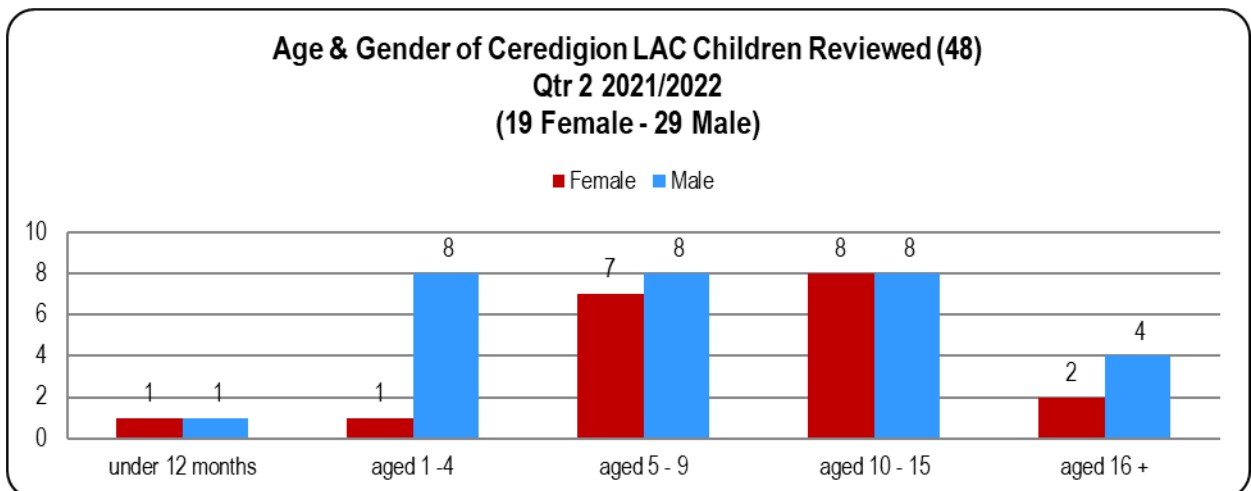
1 (2.1%) LAC Review Meeting was held out of statutory requirements; the reason recorded was as follows: -

- There was a delay of 1 day for a child’s review due to an emergency Planning Meeting taking place in respect of the young person.

	July-Sept 2021	April-June 2021	Jan-Mar 2021	Oct-Dec 2020	July-Sept 2020
Number of children reviewed in the quarter	48	67	58	60	41
Number of reviews held in timescale	47	66	52	60	38
Number of reviews held out of timescales	1	1	6	0	3



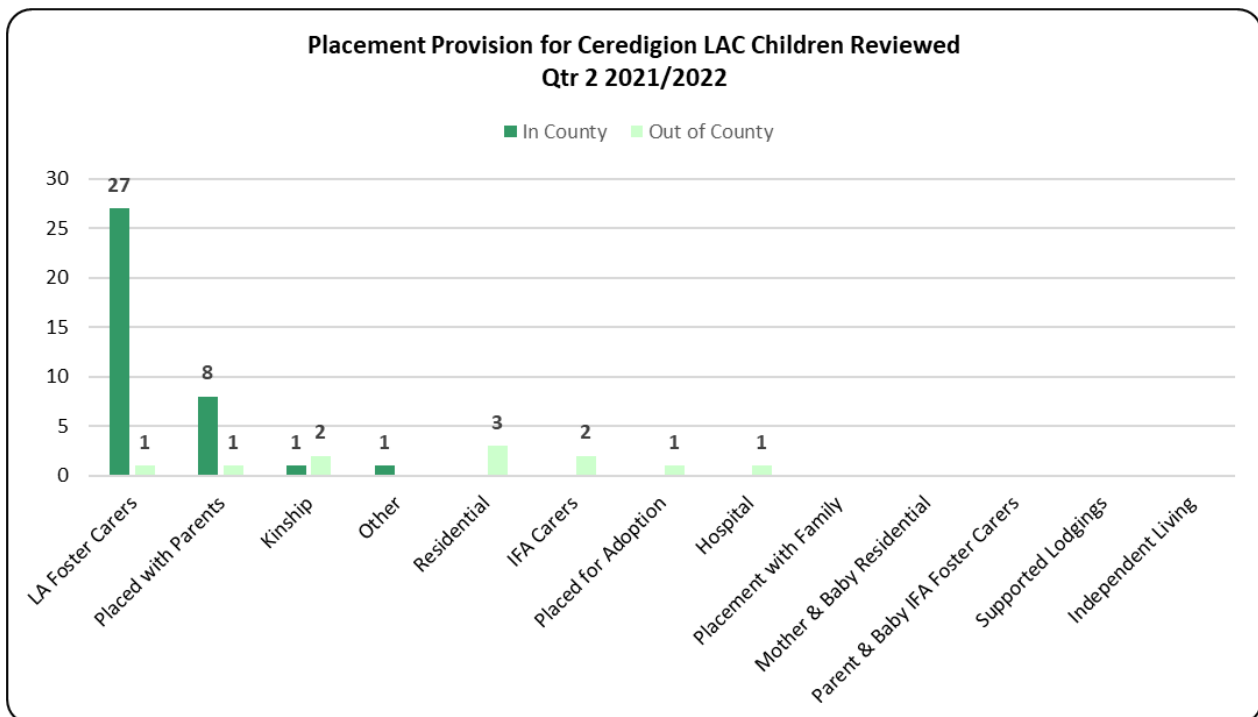
**3. Age and Gender of the Children Reviewed in the Quarter:**





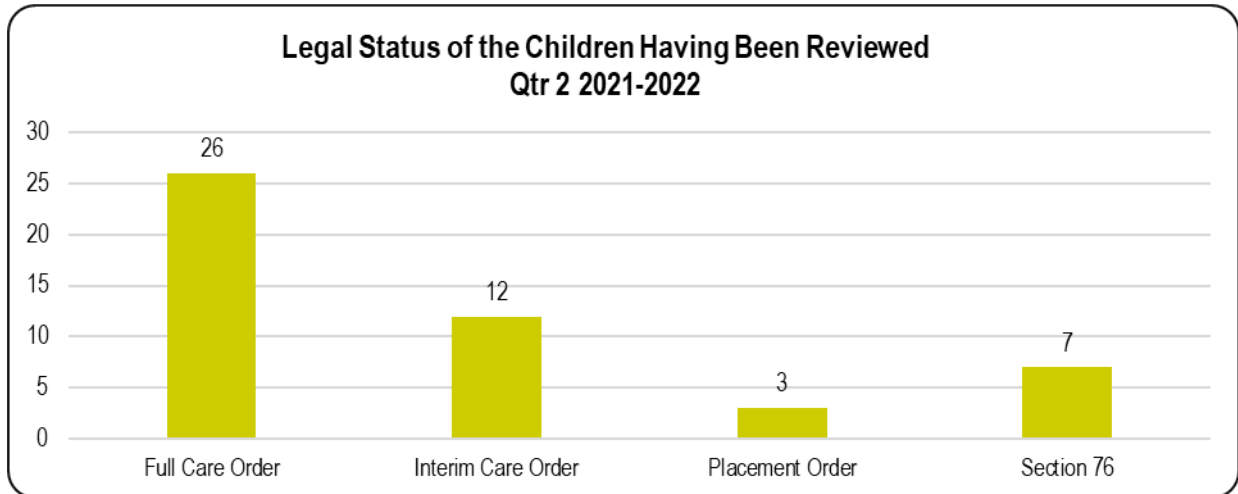
#### 4. Nature of the Placement Provision of Children Reviewed in the Quarter:

Type of Placement	In County	Out of County	Total
LA Foster Carers	27	1	28
Placed with Parents	8	1	9
Kinship Carers	1	2	3
Other	1		1
Residential	-	3	3
IFA Carers	-	2	2
Adoption	-	1	1
Hospital	-	1	1
Placement with Family			
Mother & Baby Residential		-	-
Parent & Baby IFA Foster Carers			
Supported Lodgings			
Independent Living			
	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>48</b>



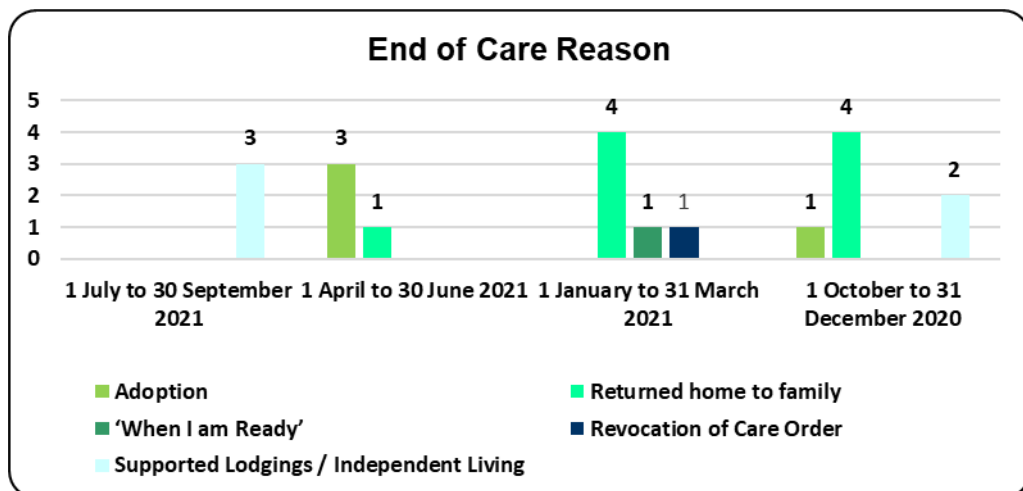
#### 5. Legal Status of Children Reviewed in the Quarter:

Legal Status of the Children Having Been Reviewed	
Full Care Order	26
Interim Care Order	12
Placement Order	3
Section 76	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>



## 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 July to 30 September 2021	3	0	0	0	0	3
1 April to 30 June 2021	5	1	2	1	1	-
1 January to 31 March 2021	4	3	1	-	-	-
1 October to 31 December 2020	6	0	4	1	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>



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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

- 48 (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 87.5%

- 42 (87.5%) Looked After Children received Social Worker visits in accordance with the statutory requirements.
- 6 (12.5%) Looked After Children did not receive Social Worker visits in accordance with the statutory requirements.

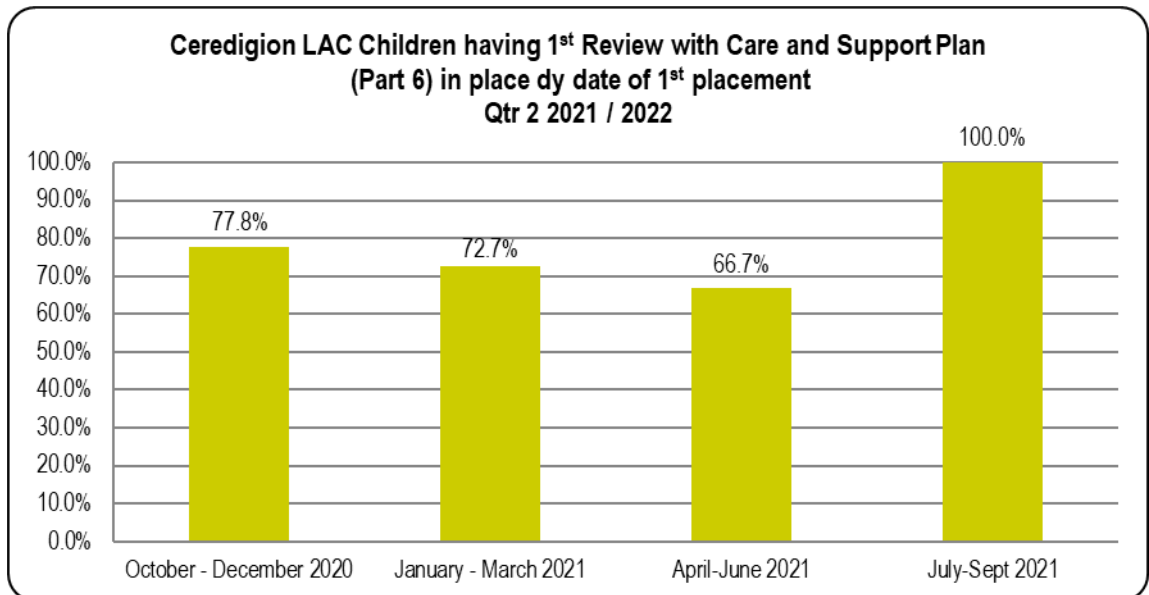


**Comment:** This is the percentage of visits that were undertaken where children were seen.

**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 100.0%

- There were 7 new LAC placements made during this quarter; all 7 (100.0%) 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.



- 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 1 child has been updated since the review, the other cases have been followed up by the IRO.

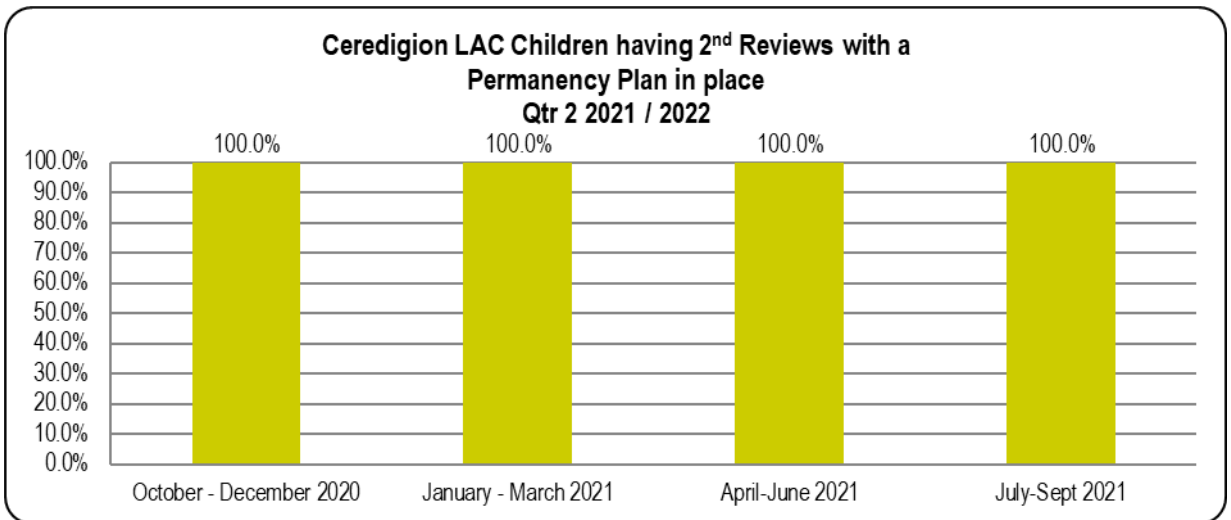
**10. Number and percentage of Looked After Children who have a Permanency Plan by the second review if a return home has not been planned.**

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

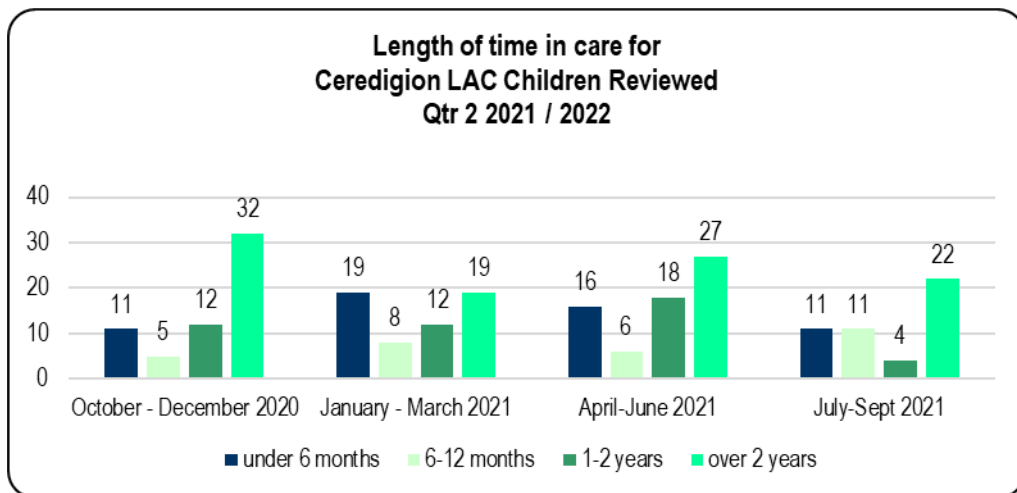
- There were 4 second reviews during this quarter, all 10 reviews (100.0%) recorded that a Permanency Plan had been agreed. This is consistent with the previous quarter.
- There was concerns recorded by the IRO in 6 (12.5%) reviews in this period regarding the progress of the Placement / Care and Support Plan / Permanency Plan.

The nature of the concerns was as follows: -

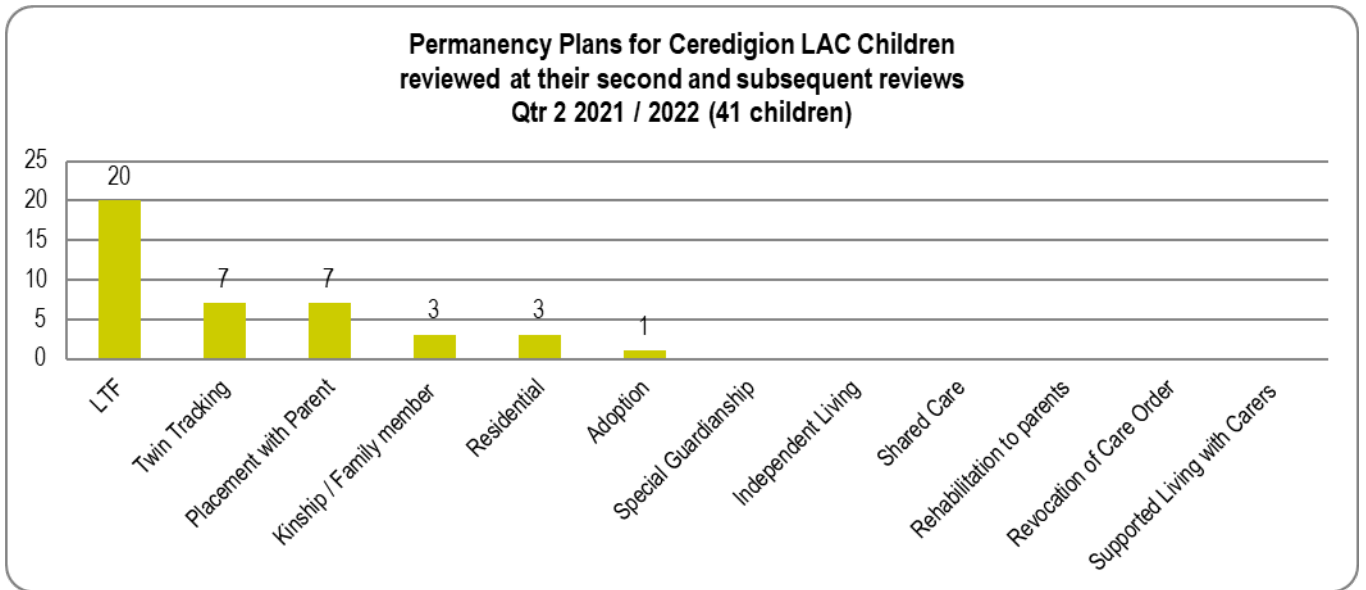
- 2 Reviews noted that there were issues of a delay, not the delay of the Local Authority, to a sibling assessment taking a long time to organise due to the need to source an Independent Assessment and long term plan.
- For 1 young person the foster placement was under pressure and should only have been for 6 weeks over summer holidays. Young person's behaviour was very challenging and concerning at the time.
- At 1 review the foster carers had asked for alternative long term placement to be found for the young person
- It was reported at 1 review that a Residential Placement had broken down and the young person had been placed in temporary accommodation which was a short term emergency placement at the time.
- A further review recorded that the young person had been placed with foster carers on a temporary basis as it was unclear as to whether the foster carers would be able to manage the young person's needs on a permanent basis.



**11. Length of Time in Care:**



**12: Nature of Permanency Plans:**



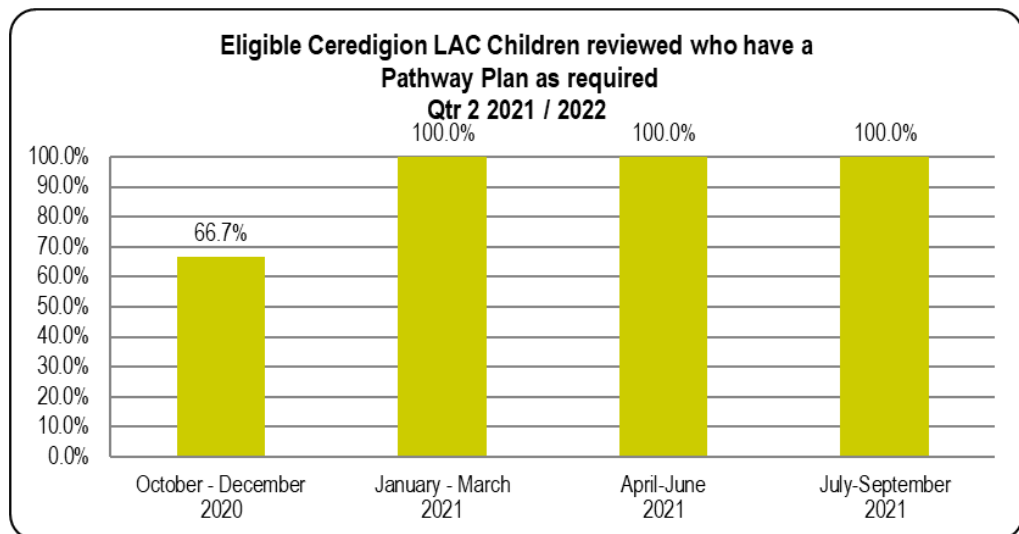
**13. Number and percentage of Looked After Children receiving Short Break Care away from Main Carers**

- 4 (8.3%) LAC Reviews noted that the child / young person was receiving short break care away from their main carer.

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

Target set: 100% Target Achieved 100.0%

- All 4 (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 35 children / young persons as 13 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding to comprehend the reasons for being looked after.
- 35 (100.0%) Of this group showed some level of understanding about why they were cared for away from their families, which compares to 98.0% in the previous quarter.

**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 36 children / young persons as 12 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding and were therefore not included in the figures.

- 35 (97.2%) of this group showed a level of understanding as to the nature of their Care and Support Plan (part 6).
- 1 (2.8%) Review that the Care Plan was out of date and needed to be updated with the young person to reflect the current situation.

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

- 11 (22.9%) LAC Reviews reported that there was a change in a child's/young person's placement during this quarter; this compares to (8.9%) in the previous quarter.

The reasons for the changes in Placement were as follows:

- 2 Young persons moved to a foster placement following an unsuccessful assessment outcome at a Mother & Baby Residential Unit.
- 2 Young persons moved from a short term placement to a long term placement.
- 1 Young person moved from a short term Residential Placement to a long term Residential Placement.
- 1 Review recorded that the young person was moving to an Adoptive Placement.
- At 1 Review the young person's Residential Placement broke down and a move was made to a Residential Unit within the County.

- 2 Young persons' first placement broke down and they moved to a long term placement.
- 1 Young person moved from an emergency placement to a further short term placement.
- 1 Young person's Independent Agency Foster Carers decided to resign and gave notice on placement.

**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 91.7%

- 44 (91.7%) Placement/care and support plans were recorded as meeting the needs of the children / young people; which compares to 100% in the previous quarter.
- 4 (8.3%) Reviews recorded that Placement/care and support wasn't meeting the needs of the children. The reasons recorded were: -
  - 2 Reviews reported that this was due to the fact that parents weren't engaging effectively with the plan/professional advice.
  - For 1 review for a child placed in an Adoption Placement the approved adopters weren't following the plan, going against advice and disengaging from professionals.
  - 1 Further review recorded that the placement was a short term option whilst other options were being explored.

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

- 5 (10.4%) 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.**

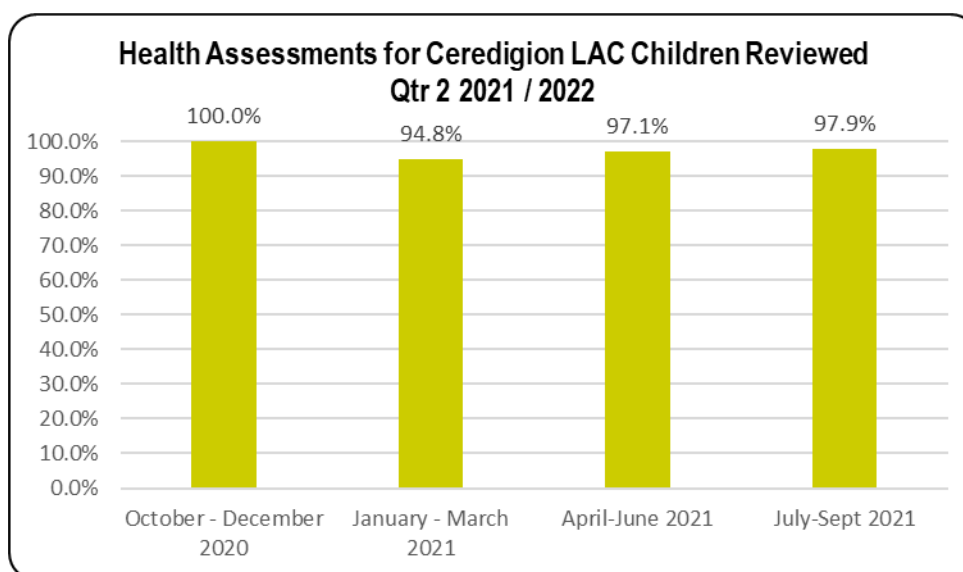
- There were no reviews held in the period whereby the young person's name was included on the Child Protection Register.



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

Target Set 100%- Target achieved 97.9%

- 47 (97.9%) Children/Young People Looked After had an up to date health assessment reported at their review, which compares to 97.1% in the previous quarter.
- 1 (2.1%) Child/Young People Looked After did not have an up to date health assessment at their review but this is now in place.



**Comment:** Health Assessment is now in place, the reason for the delay was due to late notification to Health of LAC status.

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

Target set: 100% Target Achieved 100.0%

**Registered with a dentist**

The data for registering a child / young person with a dentist within 20 days of start of placement relates to 4 children / young persons.

- All 4 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that the child / young person was registered with a dental practitioner within 20 working days of the start of placement.

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### Registered with a dentist

The data for this performance indicator relates to 41 Children / Young persons as 7 Children / Young persons having a first LAC Review were taken out of the above equation to coincide with National Measure requirements.

- 41 (100.0%) Children and young people were registered with a dentist. This compares to 95.1% in the previous quarter.

### 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 4 children.

- All 4 (100.00%) Reviews recorded that the child / young person had been seen by a registered dentist within 3 months of becoming LAC.

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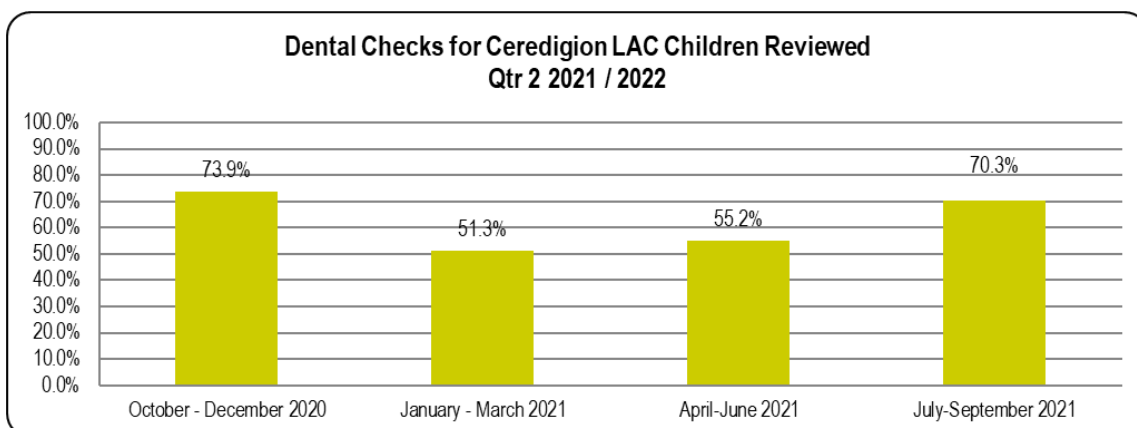
#### Seen by a dentist

Target Set 90% - Target achieved 70.3%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 37 Children / young persons as 11 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.

- 26 (70.3%) Children and young people were recorded as having a dental check during the preceding 12 months, which compares to 55.2% in the previous quarter.
- 11 (29.7%) Children and young people were recorded as not having had dental checks.

**Comment:** Routine dental checks had been put on hold due to Covid19 pandemic and guidance from Welsh Government.



**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**

- 12 (85.7%) Reviews recorded that the child was registered with a provider of general medical services within 10 working days of the start of placement.
- 2 (14.3%) Reviews reported that this action remained outstanding.

**Comment:** - It can be confirmed that both young people are now registered.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 97.9%

- 47 (97.9%) children and young people were registered with a GP, which compares to 100.0% in the previous quarter.
- 1 (2.1%) Child remained registered with a GP as s/he had not been discharged from hospital following their birth, at the time of the review.
- 42 (93.3%) Children had their immunisations up to date.
- 3 (6.7%) Children were late in receiving their immunisations; however it was confirmed at all reviews that work was ongoing in this respect.

3 Reviews were taken out of the equation as the parent was refusing to allow the child to have an immunisation.

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

Target: 50%

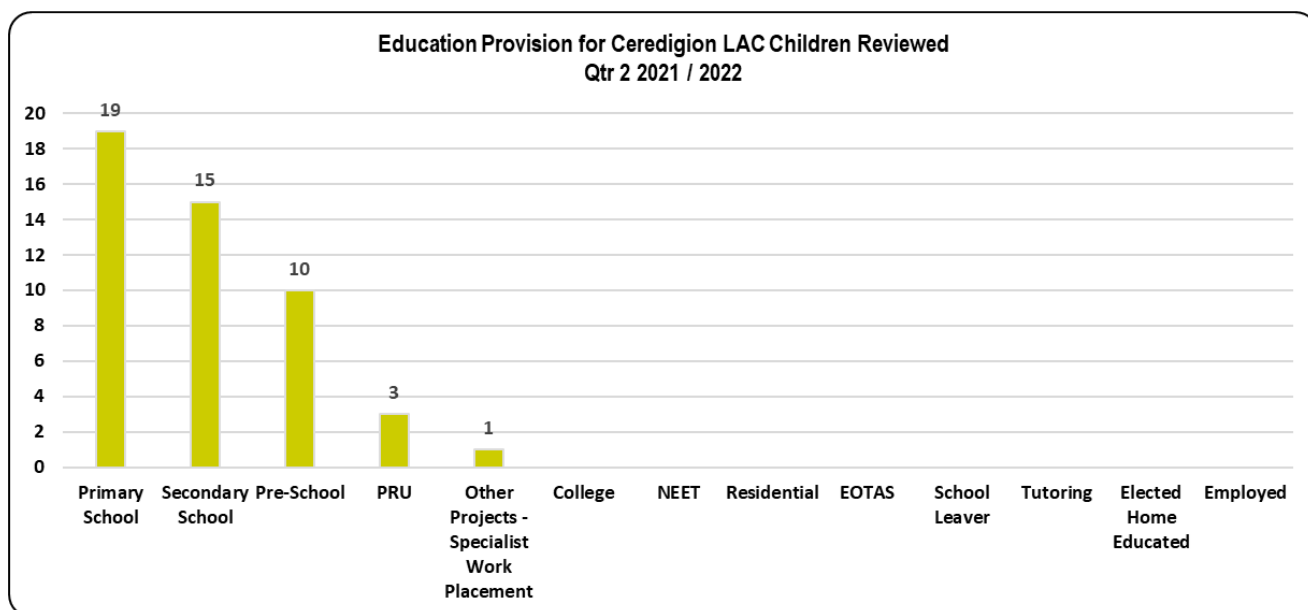
Actual Performance

- 3 (6.2%) LAC Reviews recorded that a child/young person had been referred to CAMHS, it was confirmed at 2 Reviews that the referral had been accepted for the child/young person. For the other young person it was confirmed at the following review that the referral had been accepted.
- 47 (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.
- 1 Review recorded that the child / young person was too young, this was 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.

<b>Education Provision</b>	
Primary school pupils	19
Secondary school pupil	15
Pre-school children	10
PRU	3
Other Projects-Specialist Work Placement	1
College	
NEET	
Residential	
EOTS	
School Leaver	
Tutoring	
Elected Home Educated	
Employed	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>



**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 93.9%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 33 children / young persons who were of compulsory school age and therefore eligible for a Personal Education Plan.

- 32 (97.0%) Children and young people of statutory school age had an up to date Personal Education Plan.
  - 9 (97.0%) Reviews recorded that the PEP had been completed within 20 school days of becoming Looked After or 20 school days of a change in school as required.
  - 1 (10.0%) Review recorded that the PEP had not been completed within 20 school days of a change in school as required, however this has subsequently completed.
  - 23 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that the young person had an up to date Personal Education Plan.

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- 7 (20.0%) Children and young people attending school/college were identified as having a recognised highest additional learning needs.

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- 14 (41.2%) Reviews deemed that the children / young persons attending school/college were underachieving educationally. All 14 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that the young people were receiving support.

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- 10 (90.9%) Reviews identified that the educational provision had been put in place at the start of the placement.
- 1 (9.1%) Review recorded that the educational provision was not in place at the start of the placement.

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- 1 (3.0%) Review identified that there had been a period whereby the child / young person had been out of education awaiting a school placement, it was noted that education provision was organised within a matter of days following placement.

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

Target Set 0% - Target achieved 9.1%

- 3 (9.1%) 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 3.0%

Target Set 1% permanent exclusion – Target achieved 0.0%

- 1 (3.0%) Reviews reported that the young person had been excluded on a fixed term basis during the review period. This compares to 2.2% 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 exclusions during this quarter: -

- 17 sessions = 8.5 days
- 4 sessions = 2 days
- 10 sessions = 5 days
- 6 sessions = 3 days

Total – 37 sessions = 18.5 days

## 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 36 reviews as 12 reviews recorded that the children / young persons were not of an age and level of understanding to be included in the consultation process although 3 of these children / young people were present at their review.

- All 36 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that consultation had taken place

Breakdown of consultation

16 Children / young people attended their review via Teams.

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

- The IRO did not have 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 36 reviews as 12 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.

- 36 (100.0%) Children / young persons were informed of their right for an Advocacy / Independent Visitor Scheme and a referral made.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

The data for this performance indicator relates to 33 reviews as 15 reviews recorded that the children / young people were not of the age / level of understanding and were therefore taken out of this equation.

- 33 (100.0%) Children / young people knew about the complaints process, which compares to 97.7% in the previous quarter.

### **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 40 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.

- 40 (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 all 40 reviews.

30 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 39 reviews as 9 reviews recorded that the child was placed with a parent or living independently, these reviews were therefore taken out of the equation.

- 38 (97.4%) Foster Carers completed consultation papers or / and attended the reviews during this period.
- 1 (2.6%) Review identified that there had been an oversight in having the Family Placement Service attend/consulted.



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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 87.5%

- 42 (87.5%) Reviews confirmed that information regarding health was available for the meeting.
- 6 (12.5%) Reviews reported that there was no health information at the meeting.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 94.7%

- 36 (94.7%) LAC Reviews had a school representative attend or provided a written report, which compares to 100.0% in the previous quarter.
- 2 (5.3%) Reviews recorded that there was no school representative or written report.

**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 85.4%

- 41 (85.4%) LAC Reviews confirmed that the LAC Review document had been completed by the Social Worker prior to the review, this compares to 64.2% in the previous quarter.
- 7 (14.6%) LAC Reviews confirmed that the LAC Review document had not been completed by the Social Worker prior to the review.

**Comment:** This is due to staffing issues within the Social Work Team. Measures are being put in place to address this issue.

**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

27 Pathway Plan Reviews were held during the quarter.

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

- 23 (85.2%) Pathway Plan Reviews were held within timescales, which compares to 80.0% in the previous quarter.
- 4 (14.8%) Pathway Plan reviews were held out of timescales. The reasons recorded were staffing issues and the reallocation of cases.

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

- It was identified at all 27 (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 24 (88.9%) Pathway Plan reviews, which compares to 100.0% in the previous quarter.
- 3 (11.1%) Reviews reported that the Review Record had not been completed at the time of the review.

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

- 26 (96.3%) Reviews confirmed that the young person had his / her views represented at the review or / and attended the review.
- 1 (3.7%) Review reported that the views of the young person had not been represented, this was due to the fact that the young person was homeless and refusing to engage with professionals.

- 5 Performance indicator: Percentage of Young People attending their Review Meeting**
- 11 (40.7%) Reviews recorded that the young person attended their review.
  - 16 (59.3%) Reviews recorded that the young persons had not attended their review.
- 6 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plan meeting young person's needs**
- 25 (92.6%) Reviews confirmed that the Pathway Plan was meeting the young person's needs.
  - 2 (7.4%) Reviews reported that the Pathway Plan wasn't meeting the young persons' needs; the reasons recorded for both were that the young people weren't engaging with anyone.
- 7 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plans updated prior to Leaving Care/18<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
- 2 (100.0%) Pathway Plan Reviews reported that the Pathway Plan had been updated prior to the young persons' leaving care/18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- 8 Evaluation This information was unavailable for this quarter**

## SECTION SEVEN

### REGULAR SHORT BREAK CARE

There was 1 Regular Short Break Care Review held during the quarter.

- 1 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Regular Short Break Care undertaken within the statutory time requirement**
  - This review was held within timescales.
  
- 2 Performance indicator: Percentage of statutory visits undertaken to children at Regular Short Break Care placements within the required timescale**
  - It was recorded that the statutory visits had been undertaken however weren't recorded on the system at the time of writing of the report, however were updated after the quarter end.
  
- 3 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Young Persons Consulted/Attended the Review Meeting**
  - It was recorded at the review that the young persons was represented/attended the review meeting.
  
- 4 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Parents Consulted for the Review Meeting**
  - It was recorded that the parent either attended/was represented the review.
  
- 5 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Foster Carers Consulted for the Review Meeting**
  - It was recorded that the Carers either attended/were represented at the review.

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**SECTION EIGHT**

**SHORT BREAKS**

There were no Short Break Reviews held during this period

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## **SECTION NINE**

### **FOSTER CARER REVIEWS**

3 Foster Carer Reviews were undertaken during this period

- 1 Performance Indicator: Number and percentage of Foster Carer Reviews undertaken within the statutory timescales**
  - 2 (66.7%) Foster Carer Reviews were held within timescales.
  - 1 (33.3%) Foster Carer Review was held out of timescales; this was due to absence of the Independent Chair.
  
- 2 Performance indicator: Percentage of consultation received from LAC Social Worker**
  - 1 (33.3%) Foster Carer Review confirmed that consultation had been provided by the LAC Social Worker for one of the cases, but had not been received for another case.
  - 2 (66.7%) Foster Carer Reviews confirmed that consultation had not been provided by the LAC Social Worker.
  
- 3 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Consultation received from children**
  - 1 (33.3%) Foster Carer Reviews confirmed that consultation had been received from children.
  - 2 (66.7%) Foster Carer Reviews reported that consultation had not been received in this respect.
  
- 4 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Supervising Social Workers' Reports Received**
  - Supervising Social Workers' reports were received for all 3 (100%) reviews.
  
- 5 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Reviews able to carry out its purpose**
  - All 3 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**

- 2 (66.7%) Reviews identified that the Foster Carers were 'satisfied' with the service from the Family Placement Service.
- 1 (33.3%) Review identified that the Foster Carer found the service from the Family Placement Service to be 'unsatisfactory'; it was noted that this was due much to staffing issues, COVID restrictions etc the expected and usual levels of supervision not taking place during this reviewing period.