

# CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 3 December 2024

**Title:** Porth Cynnal Specialist Services  
Independent Reviewing Service Performance  
Management Report Quarter 1 2024 - 2025

**Purpose of the report:** To monitor the progress of Looked After Children through Independent Safeguarding Reviewing Officers scrutiny of their plans and placements during the first quarter of 2024/2025

**For:** Information

**Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:**  
Councillor Alun Williams, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Through Age and Wellbeing

## **Background**

This report represents the monitoring and quality assurance of Looked After Children who were reviewed during the first quarter of 2024/25.

This information contributes to Members fulfilling their roles as Corporate Parents.

The information is based on the monitoring forms completed by the Independent Safeguarding Reviewing Officers (ISRO) following each Looked After Children Statutory Review (LAC Review) and is informed by other performance information held by Children Services.

The 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 (PI's).

On the basis of the information available and the views expressed during the review meeting, the ISRO 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 ISRO 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 deemed necessary for 4 young people by the ISRO in the period.

In addition, the ISRO 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 CAFCASS Cymru. This action was not required at any of the review meetings in the period.

### **Summary of Key Points:**

- There were 142 children who were being looked after, at the end of Quarter 1 compared to 137 as at the end of Quarter 4.
- 89 children were reviewed in this quarter and 91% reviews were held within timescale.
- The nature of the placement provision of children reviewed were 15 LA Foster carers, 17 kinship carers, 4 placed with parents, 22 in Independent Foster Care agencies, 17 in residential placements, 5 in supported lodgings/independent living, 4 placements with family, 1 Mother and Baby Residential unit, 1 Adoption.
- The Legal Status of children that were reviewed were that 53 were subject to a Full Care Order, 13 Interim Care Order, 3 Placement Order and 20 under Section 76.
- For 4 children who were reviewed, their care status ended for the following reasons: 1 returned home to family, 1 went into a When I am Ready Placement and 2 moved to independent living provisions.
- The number and percentage of children reviewed who had received a statutory visit in timescales was 84.3% compared to 85.9% in Q4.
- The percentage of care and support plans that are in place and are available at the time of the first review is 40% this quarter which is a decrease from Quarter 4 when it was 71.4%
- There were no Permanency Plans in place at the second review if children/young people were not returning home to their families.
- The percentage of eligible young people reviewed this quarter who had a Pathway Plan in place was 18.7%.
- 96.6% of plans for children (which included Health and Education plans) were meeting the needs of the children/young people.
- 98.9% received Health assessments within the statutory requirements.
- 95.7% of children had a Personal Education Plan in place within 20 working days of them coming into care.
- 20 Pathway Plans were held this quarter, 85% were held in timescales. 100% of reviews confirmed that the Pathway Plans were meeting the young person's needs. 70% of reviews undertaken confirmed that young people had been consulted about their plans and/or that they were present at their reviews.
- 100% of children/young people who were of sufficient age and understanding were either consulted or attended their reviews.

### **Positive achievements / good outcomes for Children / Young People Reviewed in quarter.**

- It was documented that one young person who was an Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child was very settled in placement and doing very well at college.
- One young person was settled in placement and receiving support. The young person was attending Future Works, working part-time with the intention of working full time and gaining qualifications at the same time.
- For one young person it was noted that s/he was settled in placement and had an excellent school report.
- One further review identified that the young person was really settled in placement and there were good prospects in upcoming exams.

**Wellbeing of Future Generations:**

**Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why.**

No. This report is provided on an ongoing basis and demonstrate the continuing work that is undertaken with Looked after Children in Ceredigion.

**Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:**

**Long term:** N/A

**Collaboration:** N/A

**Involvement:** N/A

**Prevention:** N/A

**Integration:** N/A

**Recommendation(s):**

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

**Reasons for decision:**

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

**Overview and Scrutiny:**

Healthier Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Policy Framework:**

Corporate Strategy

**Corporate Well-being Objectives:**

Creating caring and healthy communities

**Finance and Procurement implications:**

Within core budget

**Legal Implications:**

None

**Staffing implications:**

None

**Property / asset implications:**

None

**Risk(s):**

The report reflects a risk of harm to children and how they are safeguarded

**Statutory Powers:**

Children Act 1989, Children Act 2004 & Social Services Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

**Background Papers:**

Internal documents only that are held by Specialist Services

**Appendices:**

Appendix A- Independent Reviewing Service Performance Management Report  
Quarter 1 2024/25

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9 October 2024

**Acronyms:**

ISRO - Independent Safeguarding Reviewing Officer

LAC - Looked After Children

CAFCASS - The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service

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 1: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**



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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 Safeguarding Reviewing Officers (ISRO) following each review meeting within this quarter along with other performance information held by the Children and Families Service.

During the review meeting the ISRO 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 deemed necessary for 4 children/young persons in the period.

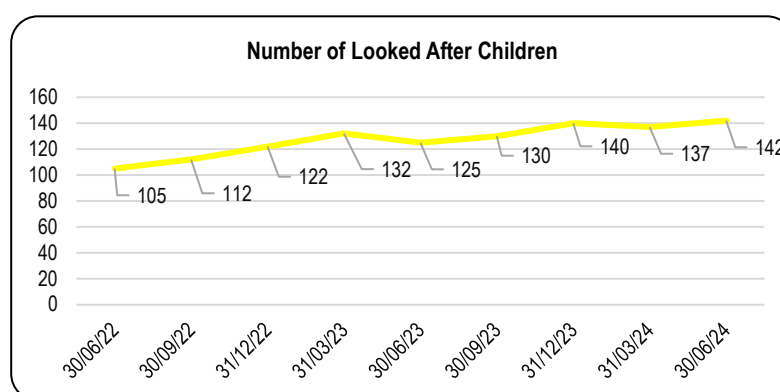
In addition, the ISRO has regard as to whether the child/young person's human rights are being breached in any way and, if so, might make a referral to CAFCASS Cymru. This action was not required at any of the review meetings in the period.

## SECTION TWO

### CARE PLANNING

#### 1. Headline Figures for Q1:

<b>The following table and chart provide the total number of Looked After Children data at the end of each quarter commencing with the most recent quarter.</b>	
30 June 2024	142
31 March 2024	137
31 December 2023	140
30 September 2023	130
30 June 2023	125
31 March 2023	132
31 December 2022	122
30 September 2022	112
30 June 2022	105



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

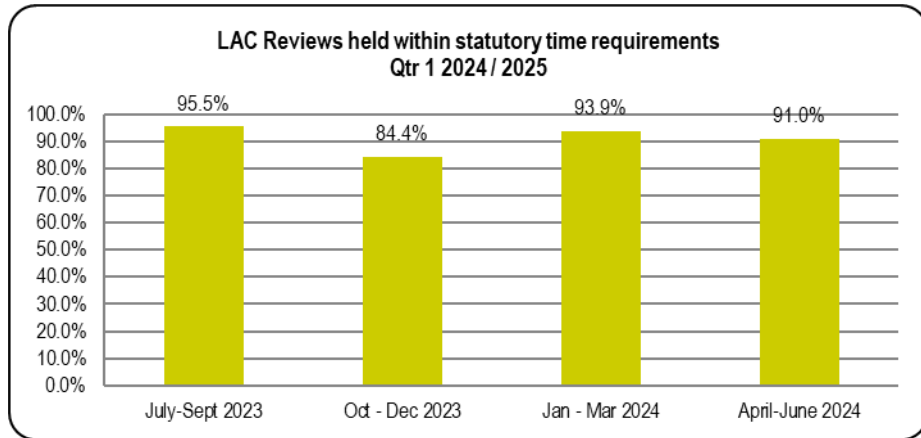
Target Set 100% - Target achieved 91.0%

89 Children were reviewed within the Quarter.

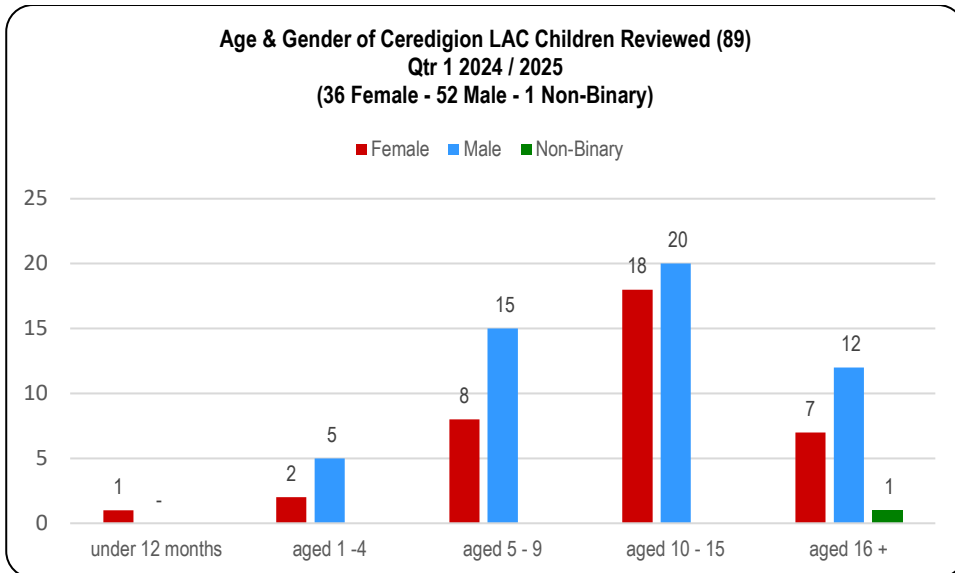
- 81 (91.0%) LAC Review Meetings were undertaken within the statutory requirements.
- 8 (9.0%) LAC Review Meetings were held out of statutory requirements; the reasons recorded were as follows: -
  - 5 LAC Review Meetings were delayed due to ISRO being on sick leave.
  - There were delays in the scheduling of 1 LAC review due to a change in placement, Final Court Hearing and change of Social Worker.
  - 2 Further reviews were delayed due to a change in social worker / no allocated social worker.



	<b>April-June 2024</b>	<b>Jan-Mar 2024</b>	<b>Oct-Dec 2023</b>	<b>July-Sept 2023</b>	<b>April-June 2023</b>
Number of children reviewed in the quarter	89	99	109	88	95
Number of reviews held in timescale	81	93	92	84	90
Number of reviews held out of timescales	8	6	17	4	5



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



#### 4. Cultural, Religious and Language Needs

89 (100.0%) Reviews identified that the young person's cultural needs were met. It was recognised at 58 reviews that the young person's religious needs were met; for a further 31 reviews the needs had not been met / it was unknown as to whether the needs had been met.

An interpreter was needed for 8 reviews, the service was provided for 7 reviews. An interpreter was also present at a further review but not needed by the young person.

#### 5 Citizenship

76 Reviews recorded that the child / young person was a UK Citizen, with 13 reviews noting that the child / young person was not a UK Citizen.

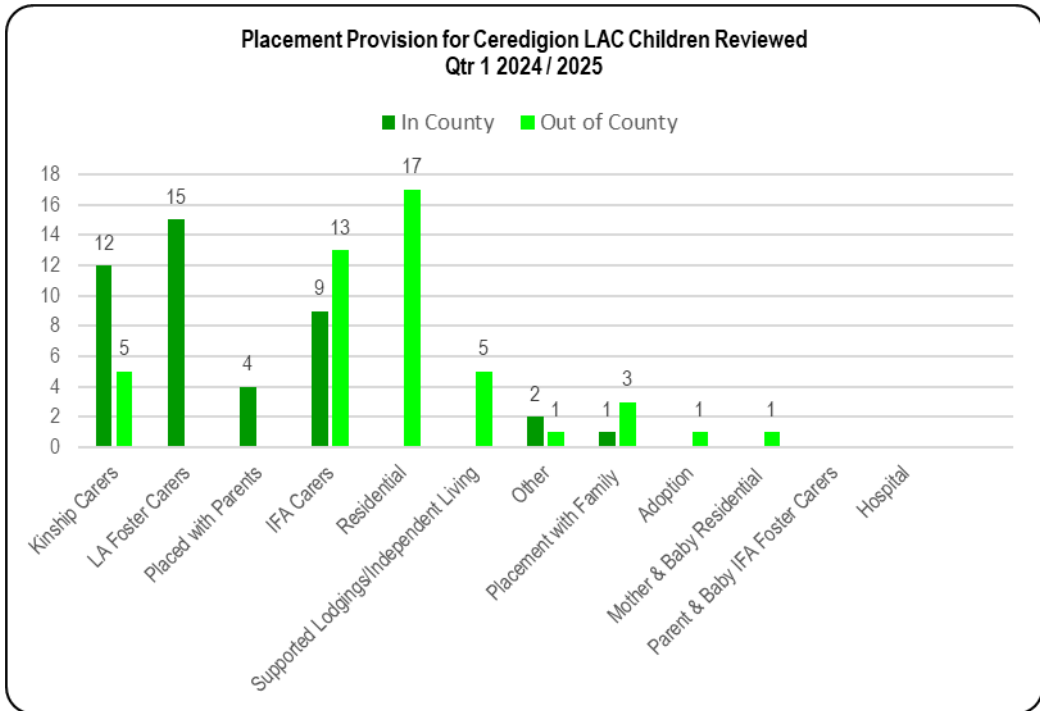
9 Children / Young people were Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers, none of these children / young people had an EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) in place.

All 9 reviews recorded that an application had not been made for an EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS); 7 of these reviews recorded that the young person was being supported in this respect.

There were 4 other children / young persons who were not UK Citizens; it was confirmed that 2 young persons did have an EUSS in place; however, the other 2 children did not have an EUSS in place.

#### 6 Nature of the Placement Provision of Children Reviewed in the Quarter:

Type of Placement	In County	Out of County	Total
Kinship Carers	12	5	17
LA Foster Carers	15		15
Placed with Parents	4		4
IFA Carers	9	13	22
Residential		17	17
Supported Lodgings/Independent Living		5	5
Other	2	1	3
Placement with Family	1	3	4
Adoption		1	1
Mother & Baby Residential		1	1
Parent & Baby IFA Foster Carers			
Hospital			
	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>89</b>

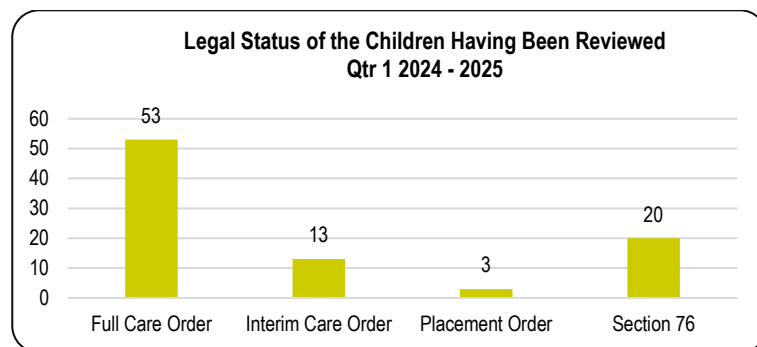


80 Young people who were placed with Local Foster Carers had been placed with carers who were able to speak their first language.

9 Reviews noted that the young person was an unaccompanied child and placed in a care setting which did not meet their first language needs. There was a translator in the review to enable the young person to participate accordingly.

**7. Legal Status of Children Reviewed in the Quarter:**

Legal Status of the Children Having Been Reviewed	
Full Care Order	53
Interim Care Order	13
Placement Order	3
Section 76	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

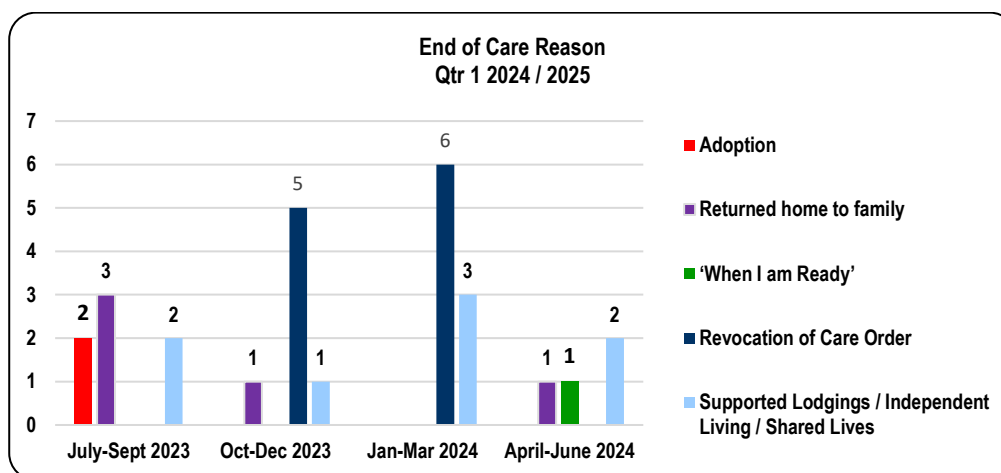


## Delegated Authority

Delegated Authority was confirmed to be in place for 58 children who were reviewed with 14 reviews informing that it was not in place. It was unknown at 9 reviews with a further 8 Reviews recording that it was not applicable for the case.

## 8. 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/Shared Lives
April – June 2024	4		1	1		2
Jan – Mar 2024	9				6	3
Oct - Dec 2023	7		1		5	1
July - Sept 2023	7	2	3			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>



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

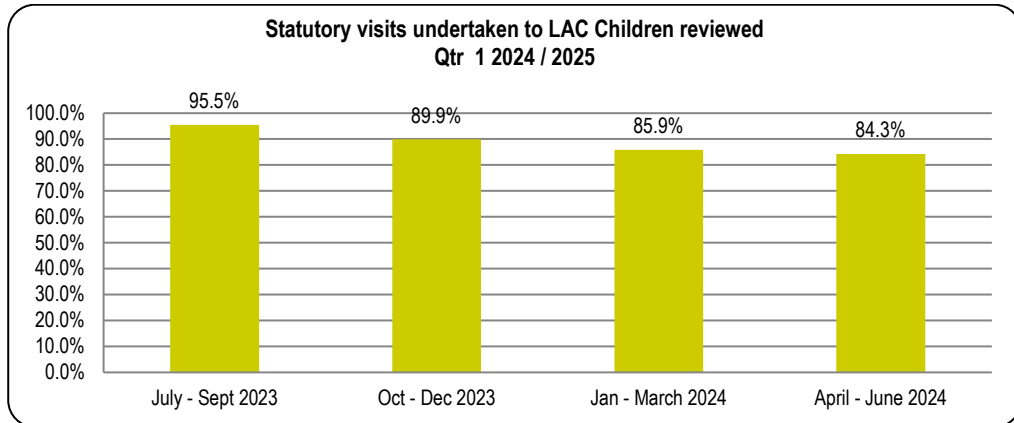
Target Set 100% - Target achieved 98.9%

- 88 (98.9%) LAC Reviews recorded that a qualified Social Worker was allocated and actively involved with the child.
- 1 (1.1%) LAC Review recorded that the child was allocated to the team with no named social worker.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 84.3%

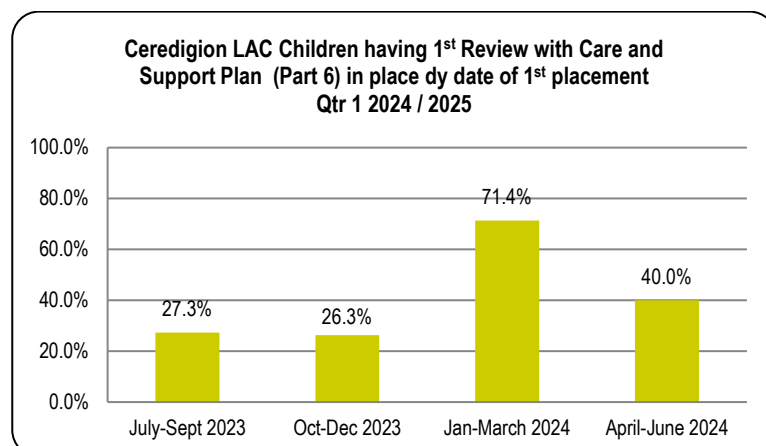
- 75 (84.3%) Looked After Children received Social Worker visits in accordance with the statutory requirements.



**11. 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 40.0%

- There were 5 Children that became Looked After during this quarter; 2 (40.0%) 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 Care and Support Plan (Part 6) was not in place by date of placement for the other 3 children / young persons.



- 63 (70.8%) Reviews recorded that the Care and Support Plan (Part 6) was up to date.

- The ISRO identified that updates were required to the Care and Support Plan records (Part 6) of 26 children. It was identified that the updating of the Care and Support Plan was still outstanding for 21 children / young persons.

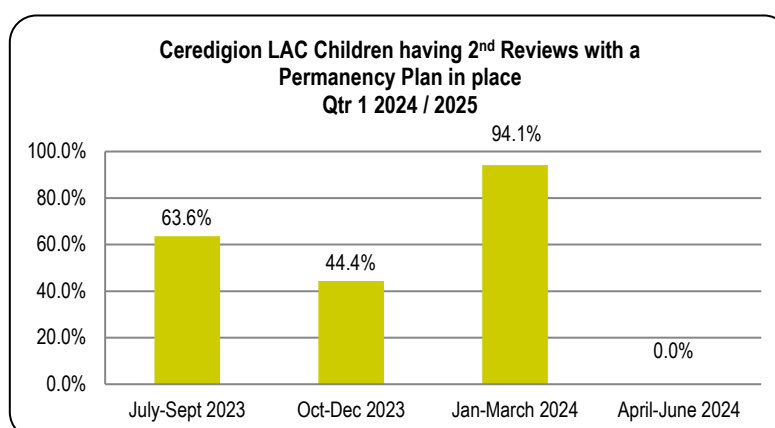
## 12. Number and percentage of Looked After Children who have a Permanency Plan by the second review if a return home has not been planned.

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 0.0%

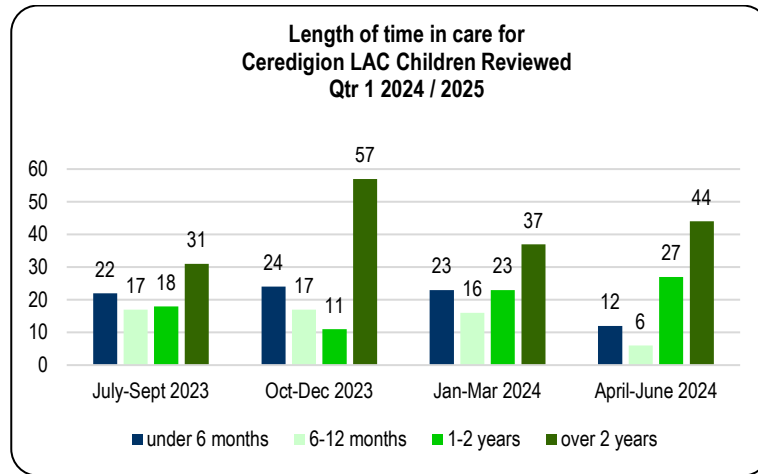
- There were 3 second reviews during this quarter, none of these reviews recorded that a Permanency Plan had been agreed. This compares to 94.1% in the previous quarter.
- There were concerns recorded by the ISRO in 4 (4.5%) reviews in this period regarding the progress of the Placement / Care and Support Plan / Permanency Plan.

The nature of the concerns was as follows: -

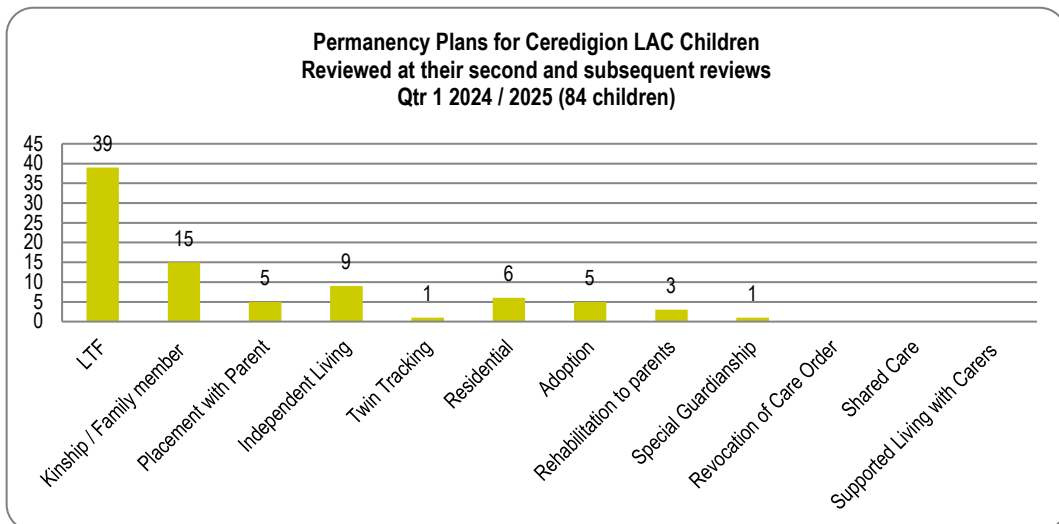
- For 1 review there was concerns that the social worker had not completed Special Guardianship Order (SGO) paperwork and due to a number of changes of social worker there had been no further action taken regarding the SGO assessment.
- It was identified at another review that there was a need to make decisions regarding the child's long term care arrangements as soon as possible. The emotional impact of changes in care on the young person were evident and the child needed reassurance of where s/he would be living for the rest of his / her childhood.
- 1 Child / Young person had moved to a short term placement again, aside from this the child was still awaiting the outcome of a parental assessment and wanted to be placed with that parent on a permanent basis if appropriate. The ISRO highlighting that there was too much drift for the child / young person.
- For 1 further child / young person the case was still in Public Law Outline and recommendations from a psychological report had not been actioned.



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



**14: Nature of Permanency Plans:**



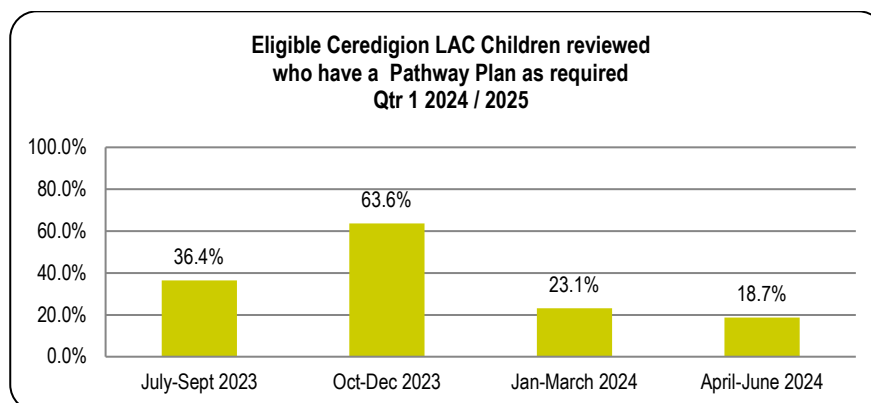
**15. Number and percentage of Looked After Children receiving Short Break Care away from Main Carers**

- 9 (10.1%) LAC Reviews noted that the child / young person was receiving short break care away from their main carer; all these LAC Reviews reported that the respite placement was meeting the young person’s needs.

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

Target set: 100% Target Achieved 18.7%

- 3 (18.7%) Young People's reviews recorded that there was a Pathway Plan in place and were allocated a Personal Advisor.
- 13 (81.3%) Reviews recorded that the young person did not have a Pathway Plan in place; however 5 of these young persons were allocated a Personal Advisor.



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

Target Set 100% -Target achieved 96.1%

- The data for this performance indicator relates to 77 children / young persons as 12 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding to comprehend the reasons for being looked after.
- 74 (96.1%) Of this group showed some level of understanding about why they were cared for away from their families, which compares to 95.9% in the previous quarter.
- 3 (3.9%) Reviews reported that Life Journey work needed to be undertaken with the child / young person to support in understanding the reasons for being looked after.

**18. 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 78 children / young persons as 11 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding and were therefore not included in the figures.



- 69 (88.5%) of this group showed a level of understanding as to the nature of their Care and Support Plan (part 6).
- 9 (11.5%) Reviews recorded that this needed to be shared with the children / young persons.

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

- 10 (11.2%) LAC Reviews reported that there was a change in a child's/young person's placement during this quarter; this compares to (13.1%) in the previous quarter.

The reasons for the changes in placement were as follows:

- A sibling group of two had an unplanned move into foster carer following risks presented in placement with family.
- A further sibling group of two had a planned move from a placement with family to foster care as directed by their plan.
- One young person had a planned move from one member of the family to other approved family members.
- One young person had a planned move from residential to foster carer, however this broke down, and the young person returned to residential care.
- A baby moved from hospital to a parent & child residential assessment unit with mother.
- A planned move to an adoption placement took place for one young person.
- One young person had an unplanned move to a further short term placement due to carers given notice on a short term placement.
- One young person left the LA's accommodation and has moved once thereafter to live with family friends without LA authorisation.

Of the unplanned moves, 1 review recorded that a Stability Meeting had been held within 6 weeks. For the other unplanned moves, a Stability Meeting had not been held/or it was unknown whether a Stability Meeting had been held.

#### **20 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 96.6%

- 86 (96.6%) Placement/care and support plans were recorded as meeting the needs of the children / young people, which compares to 92.9% in the previous quarter.

- 3 (3.4%) Reviews recorded that Placement/care and support plan was not meeting the needs of the child / young person. The reasons recorded were: -
  - It was identified that one young person needed one to one care to enable him / her to have the care required to progress their development. This was initially a short term placement and the young person has remained in placement for 12 months.
  - One young person had left previous placement and currently sofa surfing.
  - All needs were being met for another young person except for emotional needs as maternal grandmother appears to be prioritising young person's mother's needs above the young person. Assessment of grandmother currently taking place.

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

- 4 (4.5%) LAC Reviews identified safeguarding concerns for the young person; it was confirmed that the concerns were being addressed.

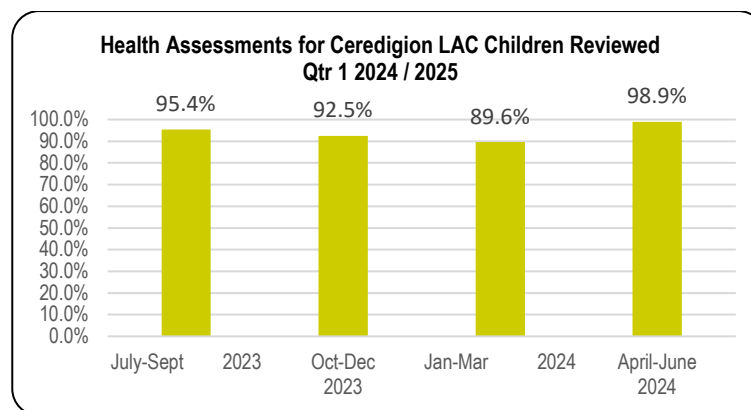
**22. Number of Looked After Children's names on the Child Protection Register.**

- 5 (5.6%) LAC Reviews during the quarter confirmed that the young person's name was included on the Child Protection Register.

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

Target Set 100%- Target achieved 98.9%

- 87 (98.9%) Children/Young People Looked After had an up-to-date health assessment reported at their review, which compares to 89.6% in the previous quarter.
  - 4 First reviews documented that the Initial Health Assessment had been undertaken within 4 weeks of the child becoming LAC.
  - 83 Further reviews recorded that Health Assessments were undertaken every 6 months for children aged under 5 and every 12 months for children over the age of 5.
- 1 (1.1%) Child / Young Person did not have an Initial Health Assessment completed within the statutory 4 weeks; this was due to being placed out of the area; however this was subsequently completed.
- 1 Child / Young Person refused to engage to have a health assessment completed and was therefore taken out of the equation.



**Comment:** Delays often occur due to lack of notification of new children into placement / placement moves and end of placements by Local Authority.

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

Target set: 100% Target Achieved 66.7%

**Registered with a dentist.**

The data for registering a child / young person with a dentist within 20 days of becoming looked after relates to 3 children / young persons.

- 2 (66.7%) Reviews recorded that the child / young person was registered with a dental practitioner within 20 working days of the start of placement.
- 1 (33.3%) Review noted that the child / young person was yet to be registered with a dental practitioner, however a referral had been sent to a Community Dental Team.

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**Registered with a dentist.**

The data for this performance indicator relates to 84 Children / Young persons as 5 Children / Young persons having a first LAC Review were taken out of the above equation to coincide with National Measure requirements.

- 83 (98.8%) Children and young people were registered with a dentist. This compares to 89.1% in the previous quarter.
- 1 (1.2%) Review recorded that the child and young person needed to be registered with a dentist.

**Comment:**

**25. 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 3 children.

- 3 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that the child / young person had been seen by a registered dentist within 3 months of becoming LAC.

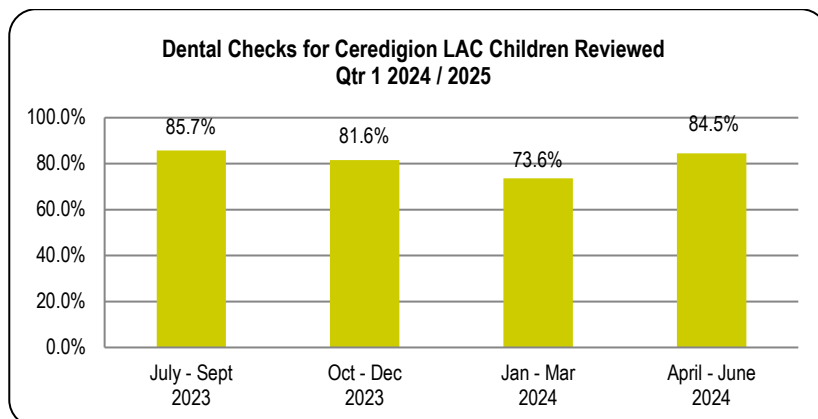
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**Seen by a dentist.**

Target Set 90% - Target achieved 84.5%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 84 Children / young persons as 5 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.

- 71 (84.5%) Children and young people were recorded as having a dental check during the preceding 12 months, which compares to 73.6% in the previous quarter.
- 13 (15.5%) Children and young people were recorded as not having had dental checks; however it was noted that dental checks had subsequently taken place for 3 children.



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

- 11 (78.6%) Reviews recorded that the child was registered with a provider of general medical services within 10 working days of the start of placement.
- 3 (21.4%) Reviews reported that this action remained outstanding at the time of the review.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%.

- 89 (100.0%) Children and young people were registered with a GP, which compares to 99.0% in the previous quarter.
- 76 (88.4%) Children had their immunisations up to date.
- 10 (11.6%) Children were late in receiving their immunisations, 6 Of these young people are Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) and are offered an accelerated programme as there is incomplete previous immunisation history.

3 Reviews were taken out of the equation as the parent / young person was refusing immunisation.

**Comment:** Updating of immunisation is an ongoing process to be compliant with immunisation schedules.

- 84 (94.4%) 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.
- 5 (5.6%) Reviews recorded that the mental health issues had not been considered.

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- 8 (9.0%) LAC Reviews identified that the young person had a current mental health problem.
- Behavioural issues were identified for 20 (22.5%) children / young people during this period.

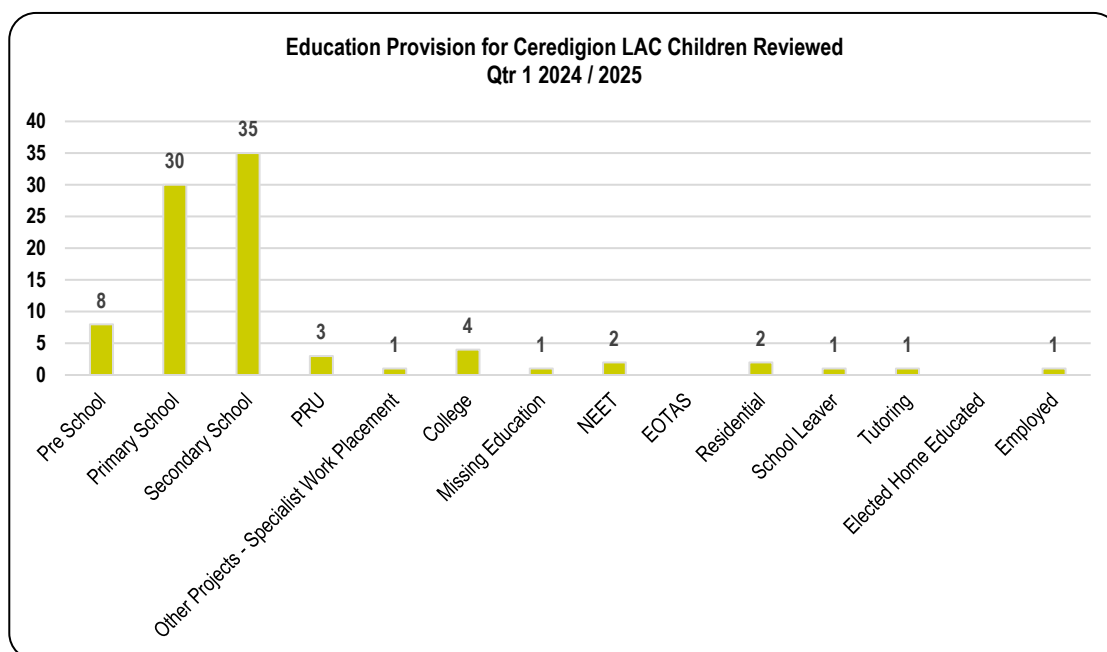
**28. Number and percentage of Looked After Children assessed as requiring CAMHS services that are referred and receive an assessment /service.**

- 3 (3.4%) LAC Reviews recorded that a child/young person had been referred to CAMHS, it was confirmed at all 3 reviews that the referral had been accepted.
- A further 2 reviews confirmed that a child / young person had an ongoing service.

## 29. Nature of Education Provision:

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

Education Provision	
Pre-school children	8
Primary school pupils	30
Secondary school pupil	35
PRU	3
Other Projects-Specialist Work Placement	1
College	4
Missing Education	1
NEET	2
EOTAS	
Residential	2
School Leaver	1
Tutoring	1
Elected Home Educated	
Employed	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>



**30. 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 100% - Target achieved 95.7%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 70 children / young persons who were of compulsory school age and therefore eligible for a Personal Education Plan.

- 67 (95.7%) Children and young people of statutory school age had an up-to-date Personal Education Plan.
  - 10 (76.9%) 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.
  - 3 (23.1%) Reviews recorded that the PEP had not been completed within 20 school days.
 

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  - 57 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that the young person had an up-to-date Personal Education Plan.
 

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- 12 (17.1%) Children and young people attending school/college were identified as having a recognised highest additional learning need.
 

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- 33 (47.1%) Reviews deemed that the children / young persons attending school/college needed additional support educationally. All 33 Reviews recorded that the young people were receiving support.
- 9 (81.8%) Reviews identified that the educational provision had been put in place at the start of the placement.
- 2 (18.2%) Reviews recorded that the educational provision was not in place at start of placement.
 

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- 6 (8.6%) Reviews identified that there had been a period whereby the child / young person had been out of education awaiting a school placement



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

Target Set 0% - Target achieved 8.6%.

- 6 (8.6%) Reviews recorded a change of school which were not transitional, which compares to (0.0%) in the previous quarter.

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

Target Set 12% fixed term exclusion –Target achieved 1.4%.

Target Set 1% permanent exclusion – Target achieved 0.0%.

- 1 (1.4%) Reviews reported that the young person had been excluded on a fixed term basis during the review period. This compares to 3.1% 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: -

24 sessions, total of 12 days

A further child was excluded for 12 sessions / 6 days up until the end of June; with a new education provision to be agreed to avoid permanent exclusion.

## 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 76 reviews as 13 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.

- 76 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that consultation had taken place.

Breakdown of consultation

34 Children / young people attended their review via Hybrid / Teams.

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

- The ISRO had direct contact with 38 children / young persons 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 89.7%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 78 reviews as 11 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.

- 70 (89.7%) Children / young persons were informed of their right for an Advocacy / Independent Visitor Scheme.
- 8 (10.3%) Children / young persons were not informed of their right for an Advocacy / Independent Visitor Scheme

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 94.5%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 73 reviews as 16 reviews recorded that the children / young people were not of the age / level of understanding and were therefore taken out of this equation.

- 69 (94.5%) Children / young people knew about the complaints process, which compares to 96.2% in the previous quarter.
- 4 (5.5%) Reviews recorded that the child/ young person did not know / ISRO was unclear if the child / young person knew about the complaints process.

### 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 74 reviews as 15 reviews recorded that the parents were not involved in the statutory review process and these were therefore taken out of the above equation.

- 74 (100.0%) Parents completed consultation papers or met with / spoke with the ISRO 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 for 74 reviews.

49 Reviews confirmed that the parents were present; or spoke to the ISRO 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 86 reviews as 3 reviews recorded that the child was placed with a parent or living independently, these reviews were therefore taken out of the equation.

- All 86 (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 91.0%.

- 81 (91.0%) Reviews confirmed attendance / that information regarding health was available for the meeting. However for one of these reviews, although there was representation at the review, no up to date information regarding the child's health was able to be shared as the Health Assessment was being completed by another Health Board.
- 8 (9.0%) Reviews reported that there was no health information at the meeting.

**Comment:** When young people live out of county, it is more difficult to have the health professionals to attend. Non-attendance / receipt of reports will be followed upon.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 80.8%.

- 59 (80.8%) LAC Reviews had a school representative attend or provided a written report, which compares to 94.6% in the previous quarter.
- 14 (19.2%) LAC Review 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 42.7%.

- 38 (42.7%) LAC Reviews confirmed that the LAC Review document had been completed by the Social Worker prior to the review, this compares to 37.4% in the previous quarter.
- 51 (57.3%) LAC Reviews confirmed that the LAC Review document had not been completed by the Social Worker prior to the review.

**9. Positive achievements / good outcomes for Children / Young People Reviewed in quarter**

- It was documented that one young person who was an UASC was very settled in placement and doing very well at college.

- One young person was settled in placement and receiving support. The young person was attending Future Works, working part-time with the intention of working full time and gaining qualifications at the same time.
- For one young person it was noted that s/he was settled in placement and had an excellent school report.
- One further review identified that the young person was really settled in placement and there were good prospects in upcoming exams.

**SECTION FOUR:**  
**ISSUE RESOLUTION PROTOCOL**

The Issue Resolution Protocol was initiated for two young persons by the ISRO during this period.

1 Mid-Point review took place during this period and where needed ISRO 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

20 Pathway Plan Reviews were held during the quarter.

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

- 17 (85.0%) Pathway Plan Reviews were held within timescales, which compares to 64.5% in the previous quarter.
- 3 (15.0%) Pathway Plan Reviews were held out of timescales. The reasons recorded were as follows: -
  - All 3 Reviews were delayed due to ISRO/PA annual / sick leave and reallocation of cases.

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

- It was identified at all 20 (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 13 (65.0%) Pathway Plan Reviews, which compares to 90.3% in the previous quarter.
- 7 (35.0%) 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**

- 14 (70.0%) Reviews confirmed that the young person had his / her views represented at the review or / and attended the review.
- It was identified at 6 (30.0%) reviews that the young person had not had his / her views represented at the review or / and attended the review.

- 5 Performance indicator: Percentage of Young People attending their Review Meeting**
- 9 (45.0%) Reviews recorded that the young person attended their review.
  - 11 (55.0%) Reviews recorded that the young persons had not attended their review.
- 6 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plan meeting young person's needs**
- All 20 (100.0%) Reviews confirmed that the Pathway Plan was meeting the young person's needs.
- 5 Performance Indicator: Percentage of Pathway Plans updated prior to Leaving Care/18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**
- 2 (66.7%) Reviews recorded that the Pathway Plan had been updated prior to the young person leaving care / 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
  - 1 Review recorded that the Pathway Plan had not been updated prior to the young person leaving care / 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- 6 Evaluation This information was unavailable for this quarter.**



**SECTION SEVEN**

**REGULAR SHORT BREAK CARE**

There were no Regular Short Break Care Reviews held during the quarter.

**SECTION EIGHT**

**SHORT BREAK CARE**

No Short Break Care Reviews were held during the quarter.