

## CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

**Report to:** Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny

**Date of meeting:** 5 March 2025

**Title:** Porth Cynnal Specialist Services (Children & Adults)  
Independent Reviewing Service  
Performance Management Report  
QTR 2 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 second quarter of 2024/2025. 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 fulfil their duties as Corporate Parents

**Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:**

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

**Background**

Attached is the Independent Safeguarding Reviewing Service Report Quarter 2 2024/2025.

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 fulfils 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 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 8 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.

## **Current Situation**

### **SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS:**

- At the end of Quarter 2, there were 137 children/young people being looked after by the Local Authority and this compares to 142 at the end of Quarter 1.
- 79 children/young people were reviewed in this quarter and 92.4% were reviewed within the statutory timescales.
- 97.5% of reviews recorded that children/young people's cultural needs were being met.
- For 11 reviews undertaken, a language interpreter was needed and in 10 of those reviews, an interpreter was present, an interpreter being unavailable for 1 review
- Of those children/young people reviewed in this quarter, Local Authority Foster Care was the main placement of provision, with Independent Fostering Agency being the second placement provision.
- 69 children/young people who were placed with local foster carers were placed with carers who were able to speak their first language.
- The number of children/young people who left care was 8 in this quarter compared to 4 in the previous quarter. Of those 8, 4 moved to an independent living provision, 2 returned home to family, 1 went to a "When I am ready" provision and 1 child was adopted.
- The percentage of children/young people who are being looked after, who received a Statutory visit within timescales was 93.7% which is an improvement on the previous quarter (84.3%).
- The percentage of care and support plans that were in place for children. at the time of the first review was 62.5% which is an improvement on the previous quarter which was 40%.
- The percentage of children who had a permanency plan in place by the second review was 25% which was an improvement on the previous quarter.
- Of those children/young people reviewed who have a permanency plan in place, 26 children/young people are to live in long term foster care, 10 are to live with Kinship/family , 8 are to live independently, 7 in adoption, 7 are in placements with parents, 6 are twin tracking, 4 are to be rehabilitated with parents, 2 are to remain in residential care and 1 in a Special Guardianship placement.
- 16.7% of young people eligible had Pathway Plans in place and there is work being undertaken between teams to address this issue in relation to Pathway Plans.
- 92.5% of children/young people reviewed who had a sufficient level of understanding, understood the reasons why they were being looked after. 86% understood the nature of their care and support plan.
- 16.5% of reviews, evidenced that children/young people had experienced a change to placement, and this was for a variety of reasons, compared to 11.2% in the previous quarter.
- 94.9% of children/young people received a Health Assessment within the statutory timeframes.

- 95.8% of children/young people of statutory school age had a Personal Education Plan within 20 days of entering school or joining a new school.
- It is noted that there have been a high number of children being looked after out of county, who have needed Education provision and that there has been excellent multi-agency working, between partner agencies and good working practices have managed the challenges, that have existed.
- The percentage of children/young people of sufficient age and understanding, who were consulted for their review was 100%.
- 100% of parents of children/young people were consulted prior to the review, by the social worker and 100% of foster carers were consulted prior to the review.

Some examples of positive Information from Reviews.

- One young person was settled in placement and doing really well in college.
  - It was documented that one young person was doing well at college and had plans to further their studies and attend university.
  - One review recorded that the young person had started college and was working at a local fish sushi bar which the young person loved.
  - Another young person was recognised to be doing well in school and continuing to play rugby.
  - It was detailed at a further review that the young person was thriving in secondary school and very settled in placement.
- 29 Pathway Plans were held in the quarter.
  - 89.7% were held within timescales.
  - 86.2% reported that the young people's views were represented in the Pathway Plan meetings and/or the young people were present at the meeting.
  - All 29 reviews documented that the young person's plan was meeting their support needs.

### **Wellbeing of Future Generations:**

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

No

### **Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:**

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

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

**Recommendation(s):**

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

**Reasons for decision:**

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:** 10 December 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 2: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



**...yn gofalu i wneud gwahaniaeth**  
**...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 8 children/young persons in the period.

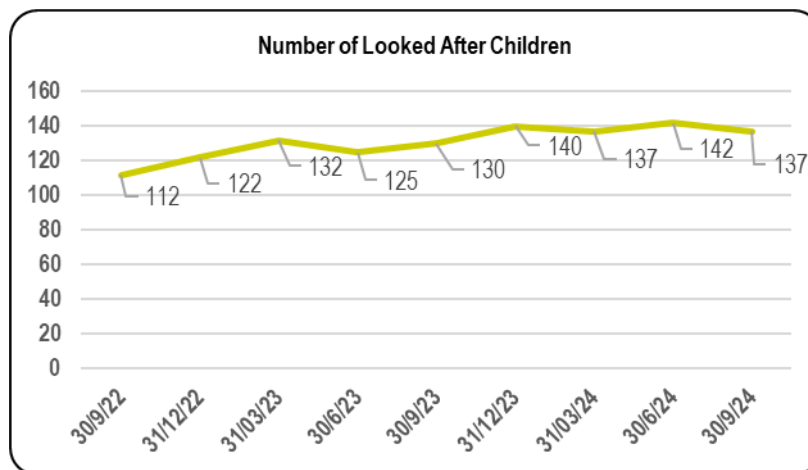
In addition, the ISRO has regard as to whether the child/young person's human rights are being breached in any way and, if so, might make a referral to CAF/CASS Cymru. This action was not required at any of the review meetings in the period.

## SECTION TWO

### CARE PLANNING

#### 1. Headline Figures for Q2:

<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 September 2024	137
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



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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 92.4%

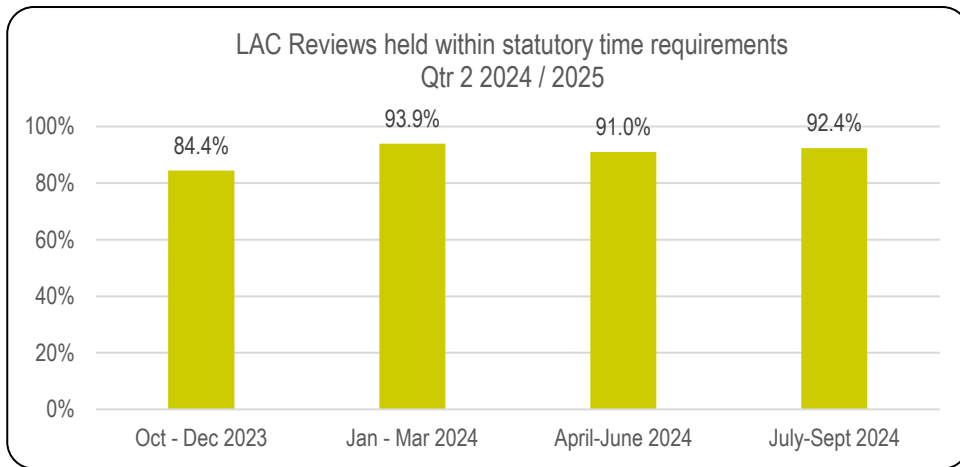
79 Children were reviewed within the Quarter.

- 73 (92.4%) LAC Review Meetings were undertaken within the statutory requirements.
- 6 (7.6%) LAC Review Meetings were held out of statutory requirements; the reasons recorded were as follows: -

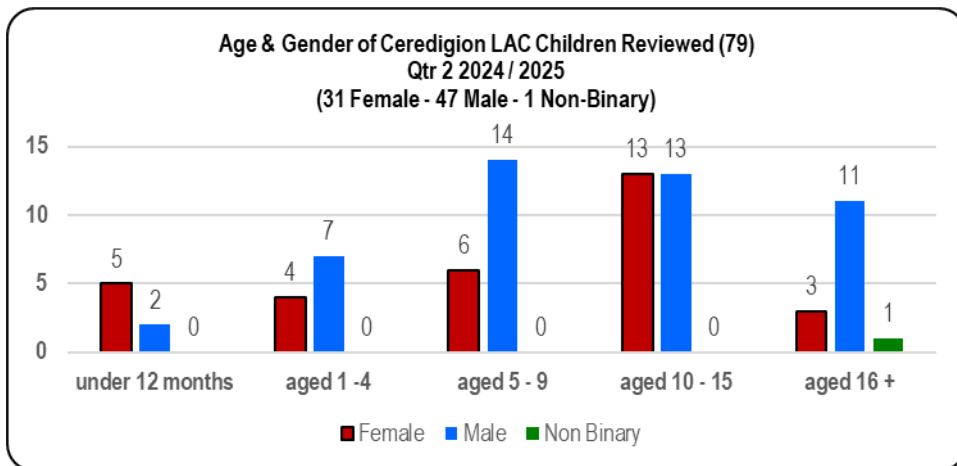


- 1 LAC Review Meeting was delayed due to ISRO being on sick leave.
- There were delays in the scheduling of 2 LAC reviews due to tying in with the Court Hearing.
- 3 Further reviews were delayed due to a change in Independent Safeguarding Reviewing Officer.

	July-Sept 2024	April-June 2024	Jan-Mar 2024	Oct-Dec 2023	July-Sept 2023
Number of children reviewed in the quarter	79	89	99	109	88
Number of reviews held in timescale	73	81	93	92	84
Number of reviews held out of timescales	6	8	6	17	4



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



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

77 (97.5%) Reviews identified that the young person's cultural needs were met. 1 Review informed that the cultural needs weren't met, with another review noting that it was unknown if the cultural needs were being met.

It was recognised at 42 reviews that the young person's religious needs were met; for a further 37 reviews the needs had not been met / it was unknown as to whether the needs had been met.

An interpreter was needed for 11 reviews. The service was provided for 10 reviews, the interpreter was however unavailable for 1 review.

#### 5 Citizenship

66 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.

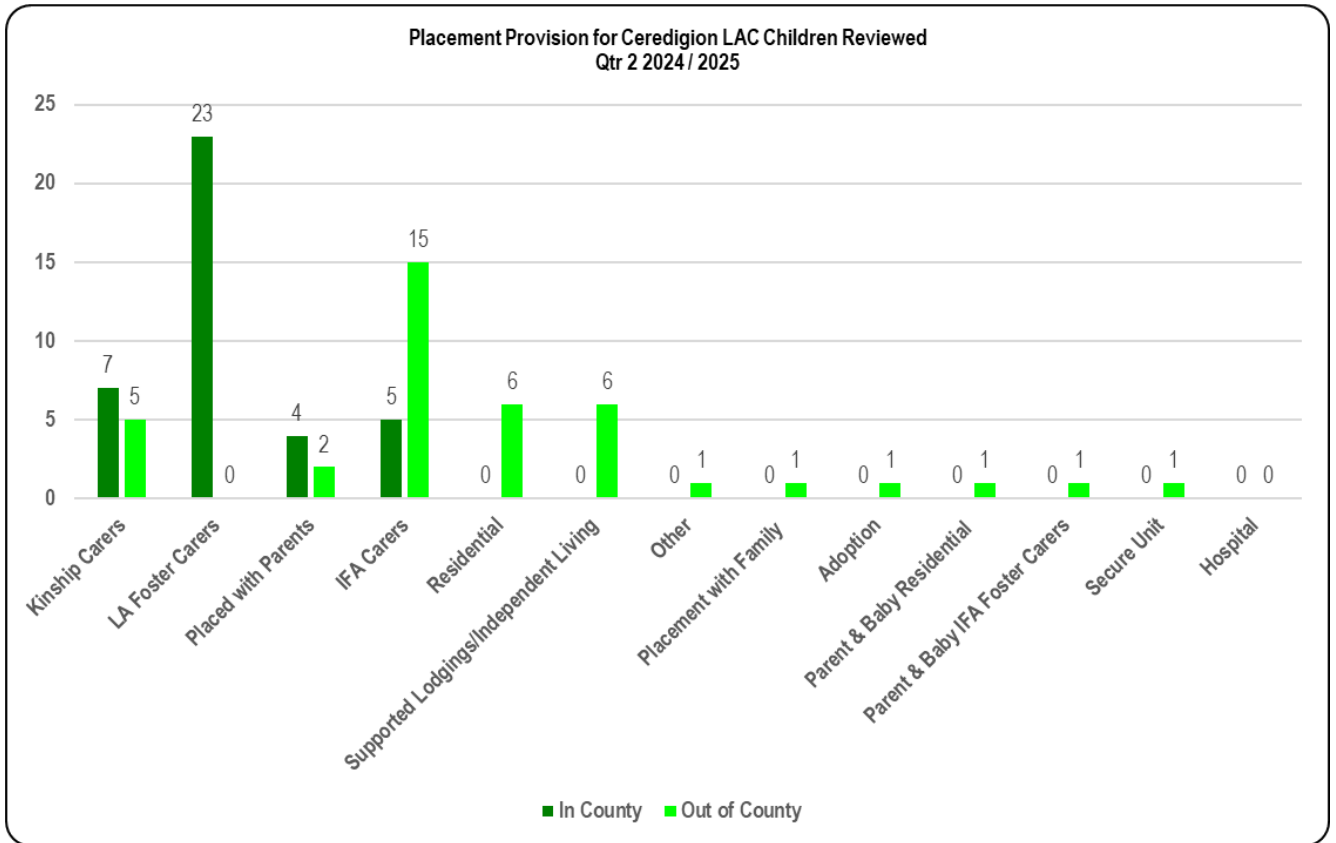
10 Children / Young people were Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers, none of these children / young people had an EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) in place.

1 Of these reviews recorded that an application had been made for an EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS); with all other 9 reviews recording that the young person was being supported in this respect.

There were 3 other children / young persons who were not UK Citizens; it was confirmed that all 3 young persons had 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	7	5	12
LA Foster Carers	23	0	23
Placed with Parents	4	2	6
IFA Carers	5	15	20
Residential	0	6	6
Supported Lodgings/Independent Living	0	6	6
Other	0	1	1
Placement with Family	0	1	1
Adoption	0	1	1
Parent & Baby Residential	0	1	1
Parent & Baby IFA Foster Carers	0	1	1
Secure Unit	0	1	1
Hospital	0	0	0
	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>79</b>

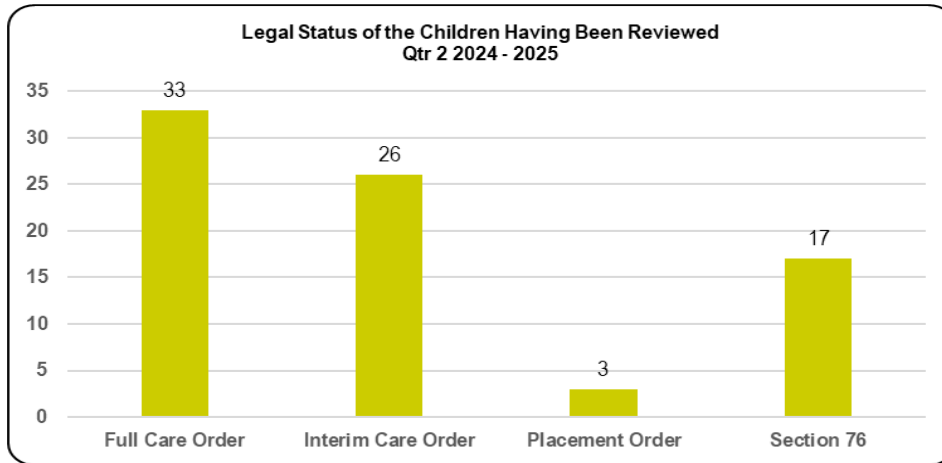


69 Young people who were placed with Local Foster Carers had been placed with carers who were able to speak their first language.

10 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:

<b>Legal Status of the Children Having Been Reviewed</b>	
Full Care Order	33
Interim Care Order	26
Placement Order	3
Section 76	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

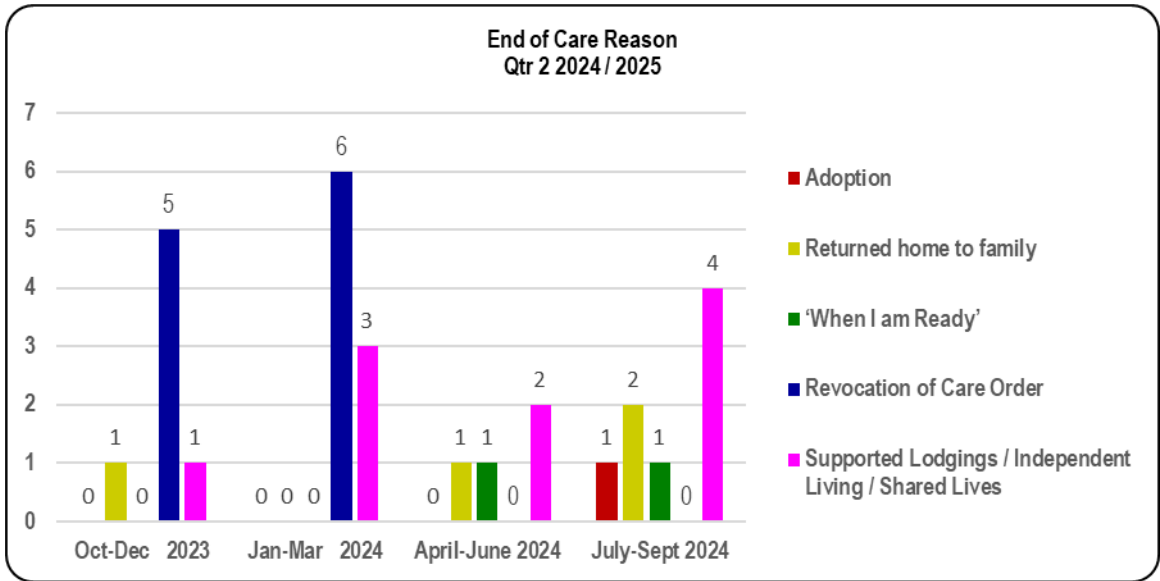


### Delegated Authority

Delegated Authority was confirmed to be in place for 59 children who were reviewed with 3 reviews informing that it was not in place. It was unknown at 6 reviews with a further 11 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
July - Sept 2024	8	1	2	1	0	4
April - June 2024	4		1	1		2
Jan - Mar 2024	9				6	3
Oct - Dec 2023	7		1		5	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>



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

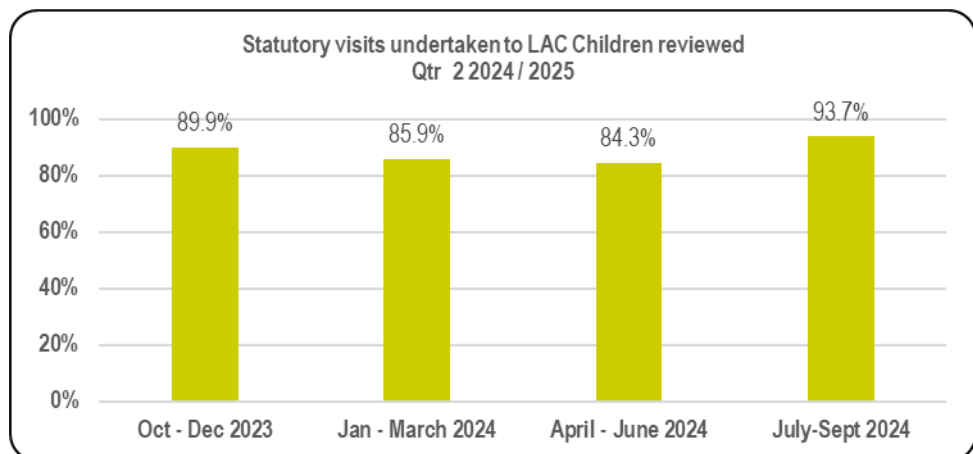
Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%

- 79 (100.0%) LAC Reviews recorded that a qualified Social Worker was allocated and actively involved with the child.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 93.7%

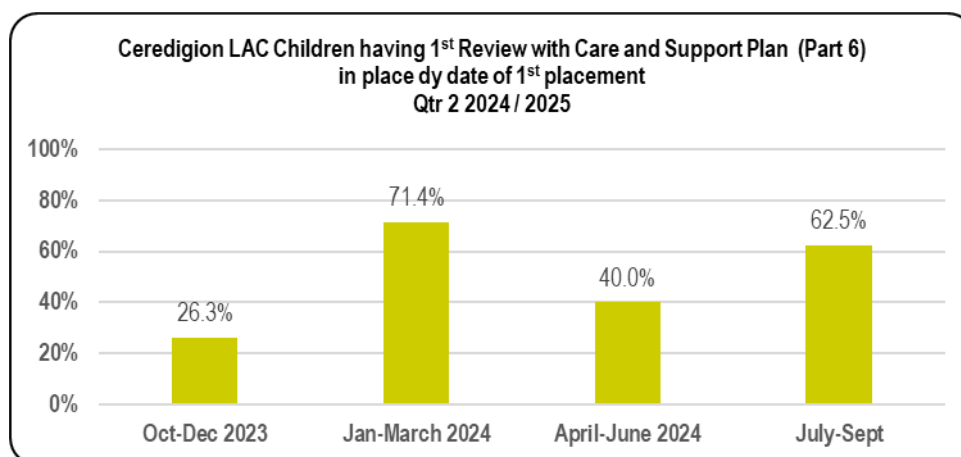
- 74 (93.7%) Looked After Children received Social Worker visits in accordance with the statutory requirements.



**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 62.5%

- There were 8 Children that became Looked After during this quarter; 5 (62.5%) 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.



- 56 (70.9%) 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 23 children. It was identified that the updating of the Care and Support Plan was still outstanding for 18 children / young persons.

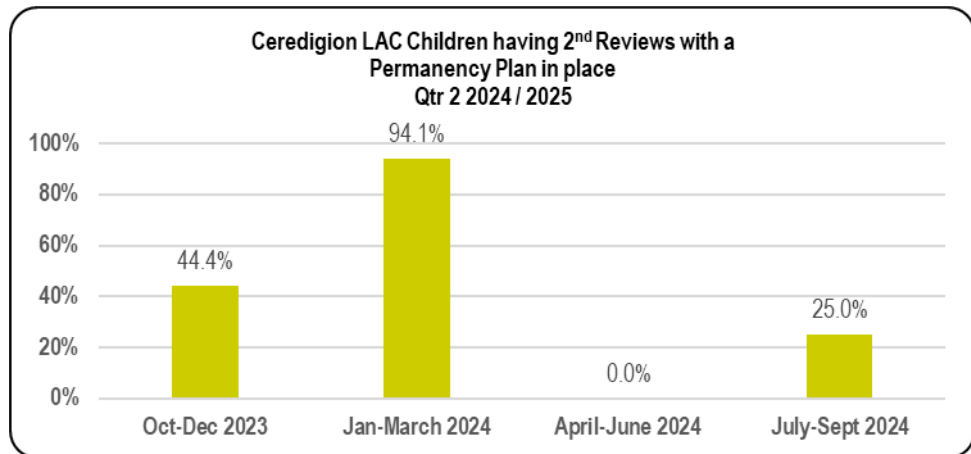
**12. Number and percentage of Looked After Children who have a Permanency Plan by the second review if a return home has not been planned.**

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 25.0%

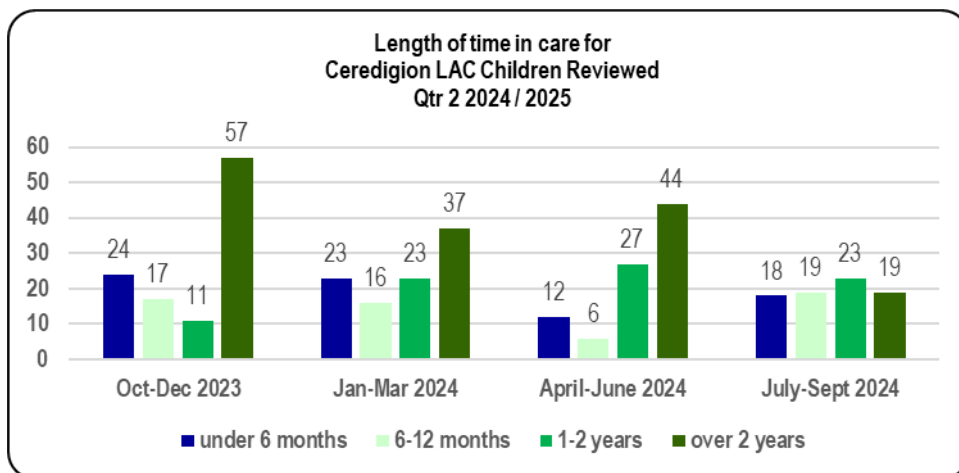
- There were 4 second reviews during this quarter, 1 (25.0%) of these reviews recorded that a Permanency Plan had been agreed. This compares to 0.0% in the previous quarter.
- 3 (75.0%) Reviews recorded that there was no Permanency Plan in place.
- There were concerns recorded by the ISRO in 2 (2,5%) reviews in this period regarding the progress of the Placement / Care and Support Plan / Permanency Plan.

The nature of the concerns was as follows: -

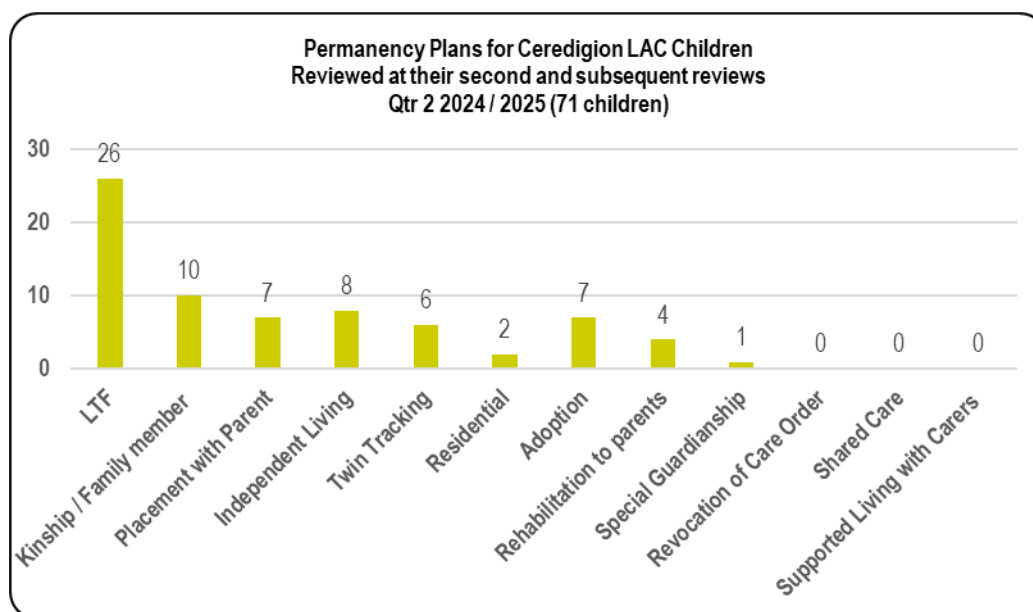
- There is a need to make decisions regarding the child’s long term care arrangements as soon as possible. The emotional impact of changes in care on the child are evident and s/he needs reassurance of where s/he is going to live for the rest of his / her childhood.
- The previous Parenting assessment was completed and negative re both parents and the updated version is positive, however, mother appears to be the person deciding as to whether she wants to care for the child and when she will be ready to do so. Mothers partner has not yet been assessed and the overall concerns which brought the child into care appear to have been lost over the months.



**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

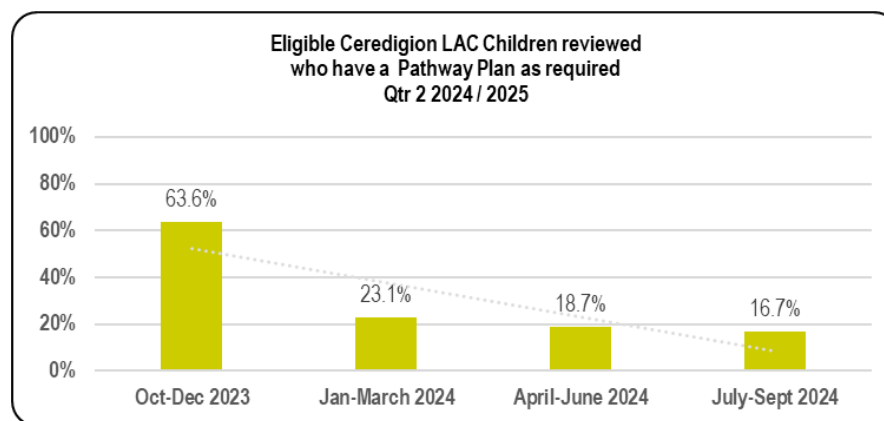
- 3 (3.8%) LAC Reviews noted that the child / young person was receiving short break care away from their main carer; all these LAC Reviews reported that the respite placement was meeting the young person's needs.

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

Target set: 100% Target Achieved 16.7%

- 2 (16.7%) Young People's reviews recorded that there was a Pathway Plan in place and were allocated a Personal Advisor.
- 10 (83.3%) Reviews recorded that the young person did not have a Pathway Plan in place; however 4 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 after**

Target Set 100% -Target achieved 92.5%

- The data for this performance indicator relates to 53 children / young persons as 26 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding to comprehend the reasons for being looked after.
- 49 (92.5%) Of this group showed some level of understanding about why they were cared for away from their families, which compares to 96.1% in the previous quarter.
- 4 (7.5%) 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 50 children / young persons as 29 children / young persons were not considered to be of an appropriate age and level of understanding and were therefore not included in the figures.

- 43 (86.0%) of this group showed a level of understanding as to the nature of their Care and Support Plan (part 6).
- 7 (14.0%) 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.**

- 13 (16.5%) LAC Reviews reported that there was a change in a child's/young person's placement during this quarter; this compares to (11.2%) in the previous quarter.

The reasons for the changes in placement were as follows:

- A sibling group of 2 raised concerns regarding their placement and were moved to a short term placement; the allegations are being investigated.
- 1 Young person moved from an unregulated placement to foster carers.
- 1 Young person had a step down from a Residential Substance Misuse Rehabilitation Assessment Unit to a Placement with Parent as directed by their plan. With a further young person having a step down from a Mother & Child Foster Care Placement to a Placement with Parent as directed by their plan.
- A breakdown of a family placement resulted in 1 young person moving into a foster placement, but due to carer commitments there was a further move to Supported Accommodation.
- 1 Other young person requested a move from their foster carer due to disagreement and moved to a further foster carer placement.
- A further sibling group of 2 came into care into an emergency placement, thereafter; moving to a respite placement prior to moving to a suitable fostering placement. A further sibling moved from the emergency placement to a suitable foster care placement.
- 1 young person who was placing themselves at risk in the community had a move to a Secure Accommodation.
- A kinship carer ended a placement for 1 young person who then moved to a Residential Placement.
- A further young person requested a move from foster carers to an Independent Setting due to being unhappy in their placement.

There was one unplanned move, the Stability Meeting had not been held within 6 weeks.

## 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 94.9%

- 75 (94.9%) Placement/care and support plans were recorded as meeting the needs of the children / young people, which compares to 96.6% in the previous quarter.
- 4 (5.1%) Reviews recorded that Placement/care and support plan was not meeting the needs of the child / young person. The reasons recorded were: -

- Educational provision has now been identified and agreed and transition days started but will not technically be on the school roll until September.
- Despite the foster carers best efforts, they are unable to keep the young person safe. S/he is bringing unknown teenagers into the property and his/her bedroom and there have been some assaults upon the young person when this happens. The young person is also leaving the placement whenever s/he pleases and has been seen to be picked up by unknown adults in cars. There is a concern that the young person may be involved in drug use and 'county lines'. The older peers s/he is associating with are very likely a high risk to him/her.
- This is an unregulated placement and the young person has not been in education for nearly 2 years, whilst at home. There is no education provision within the current short term placement.
- Despite lots of support, the young person refuses to attend any sort of educational provision. S/he is insisting he is provided with a home tutor.

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

- 4 (5.1%) 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.**

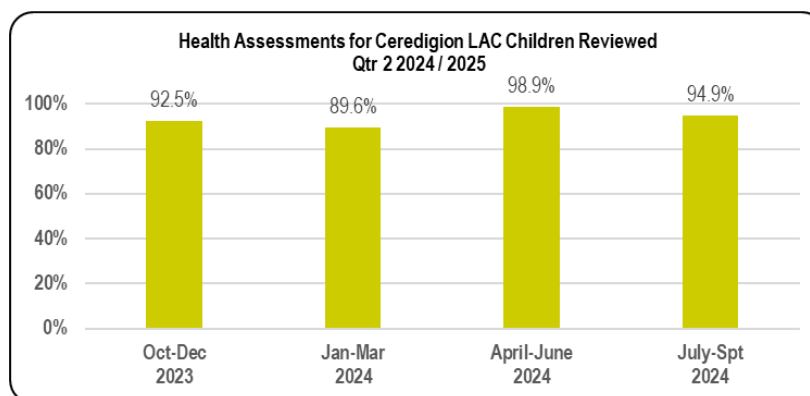
- 1 (1.3%) LAC Review during the quarter confirmed that the young person's name was included on the Child Protection Register.

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

Target Set 100%- Target achieved 94.9%

- 74 (94.9%) Children/Young People Looked After had an up-to-date health assessment reported at their review, which compares to 98.9% in the previous quarter.
  - 4 First reviews documented that the Initial Health Assessment had been undertaken within 4 weeks of the child becoming LAC; it was noted that one of these young people had refused to have the assessment undertaken.
  - 70 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.
  - 4 (5.1%) Child / Young Persons did not have an Initial Health Assessment completed within the statutory 4 weeks.

- 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 0.0%

**Registered with a dentist.**

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

- 0 (0.0%) Reviews recorded that the child / young person was registered with a dental practitioner within 20 working days of the start of placement.
- 4 (100.0%) Review noted that the child / young person was yet to be registered with a dental practitioner; it was noted that one of these young person's was living out of the area and therefore managed by another Authority.

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**Registered with a dentist.**

The data for this performance indicator relates to 71 Children / Young persons as 8 Children / Young persons having a first LAC Review were taken out of the above equation to coincide with National Measure requirements.

- 64 (90.1%) Children and young people were registered with a dentist. This compares to 98.8% in the previous quarter.

- 7 (9.9%) Reviews recorded that the child and young person needed to be registered with a dentist.

Comment: it was noted that all of the children not registered with a dentist were under a year old.

**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 one child.

- This review recorded that the child / young person had not been seen by a registered dentist within 3 months of becoming LAC.

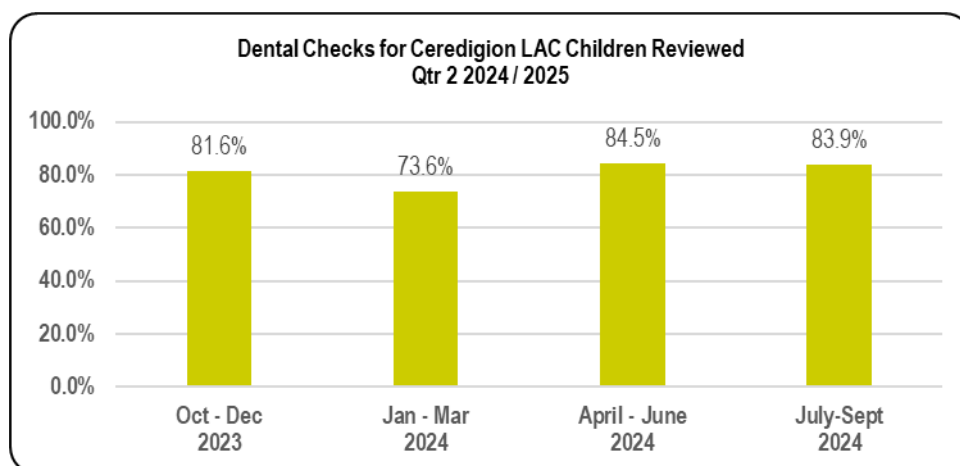
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**Seen by a dentist.**

Target Set 90% - Target achieved 83.9%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 62 Children / young persons as 17 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.

- 52 (83.9%) Children and young people were recorded as having a dental check during the preceding 12 months, which compares to 84.5% in the previous quarter.
- 10 (16.1%) Children and young people were recorded as not having had dental checks; it was recorded that one of these young person had a dental phobia.



**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**

- 15 (83.3%) Reviews recorded that the child was registered with a provider of general medical services within 10 working days of the start of placement.
- 3 (16.7%) Reviews reported that this action remained outstanding at the time of the review. All these children / young people were placed out of the area.

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

Target Set 100% - Target achieved 100.0%.

- 79 (100.0%) Children and young people were registered with a GP, which is consistent with the previous quarter.
- 64 (82.1%) Children had their immunisations up to date.
- 14 (17.9%) Children were late in receiving their immunisations, 7 Of these young people are Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) and are offered an accelerated programme as there is incomplete previous immunisation history; this is especially difficult when child / young person is placed out of area. It was also noted that 1 young person who was reviewed twice in this period is now up to date with immunisations.

1 Review was 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.

- 75 (94.9%) 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.
- 4 (5.1%) Reviews recorded that the mental health issues had not been considered.

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- 4 (5.1%) LAC Reviews identified that the young person had a current mental health problem.
- Behavioural issues were identified for 16 (20.2%) children / young people during this period.

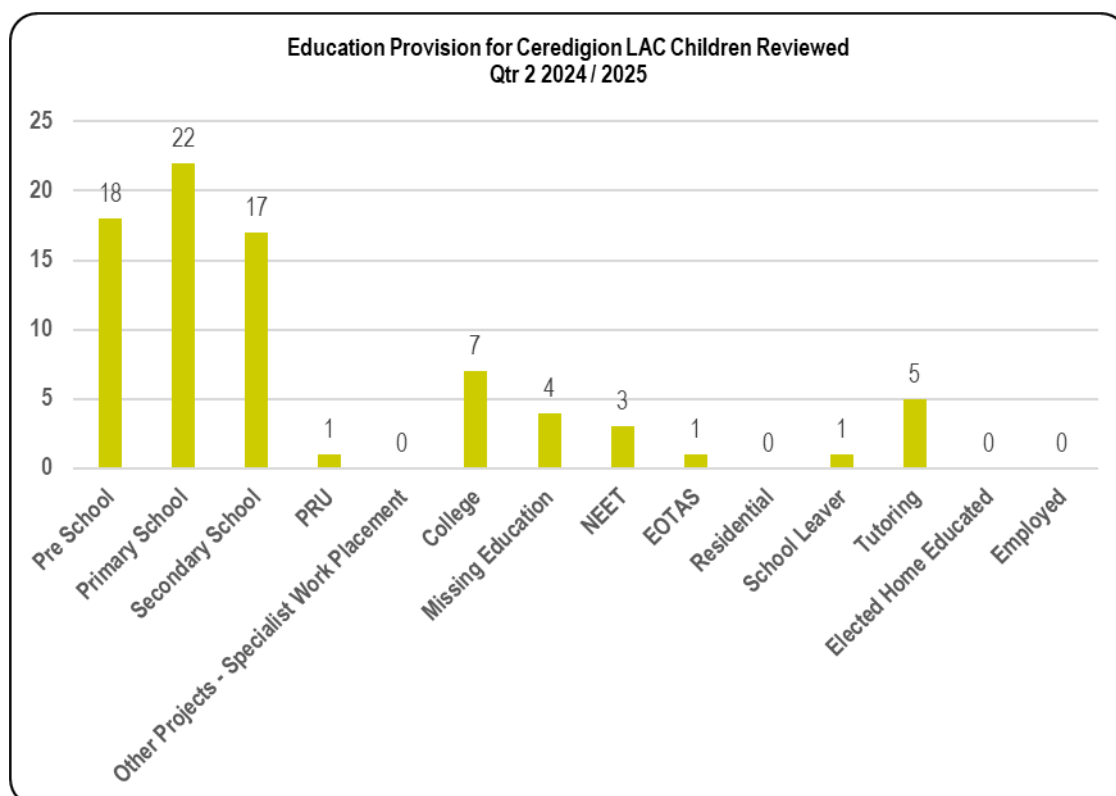
**28. Number and percentage of Looked After Children assessed as requiring CAMHS services that are referred and receive an assessment /service.**

- 4 (5.1%) LAC Reviews recorded that a child/young person had been referred to CAMHS, 3 of these reviews confirmed that the referral had been accepted.
- 1 Review noted that the referral had not been accepted.
- A further 3 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	18
Primary school pupils	22
Secondary school pupil	17
PRU	1
Other Projects-Specialist Work Placement	0
College	7
Missing Education	4
NEET	3
EOTAS	1
Residential	0
School Leaver	1
Tutoring	5
Elected Home Educated	0
Employed	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>



**It is noted that there have been a high number of children being looked after, out of county, who have needed Education provision and that there has been excellent multi-agency working, between partner agencies and good working practices have managed the challenges, that have existed.**



**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 95.8%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 48 children / young persons who were of compulsory school age and therefore eligible for a Personal Education Plan.

- 46 (95.8%) Children and young people of statutory school age had an up-to-date Personal Education Plan.
  - 10 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.
  - 36 Reviews recorded that the young person had an up-to-date Personal Education Plan.
- 2 (4.2%) Children and young people of statutory school age did not have an up to date Personal Education Plan.

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- 10 (20.8%) Children and young people attending school/college were identified as having a recognised highest additional learning need.

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- 24 (50.0%) Reviews deemed that the children / young persons attending school/college needed additional support educationally. All 24 Reviews recorded that the young people were receiving support.
- 10 (83.3%) Reviews identified that the educational provision had been put in place at the start of the placement.
- 2 (16.7%) Review recorded that the educational provision was not in place at start of placement.

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- 1 (2.1%) 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 0.0%.

- 0 (0.0%) Reviews recorded a change of school which were not transitional, which compares to (8.6%) 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 4.0%.

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

- 2 (4.0%) Reviews reported that the young person had been excluded on a fixed term basis during the review period. This compares to 1.4% 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: -

14 sessions, total of 7 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 55 reviews as 24 reviews recorded that the children / young persons were not of an age and level of understanding to be included in the consultation process although 1 of these children / young people was present at their review.

- All 55 (100.0%) Reviews recorded that consultation had taken place.

Breakdown of consultation

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

29 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 26 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 86.4%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 59 reviews as 20 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.

- 51 (86.4%) Children / young persons were informed of their right for an Advocacy / Independent Visitor Scheme.
- 8 (13.6%) 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 93.6%.

The data for this performance indicator relates to 47 reviews as 32 reviews recorded that the children / young people were not of the age / level of understanding and were therefore taken out of this equation.

- 44 (93.6%) Children / young people knew about the complaints process, which compares to 94.5% in the previous quarter.
- 3 (6.4%) 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 68 reviews as 11 reviews recorded that the parents were not involved in the statutory review process and these were therefore taken out of the above equation.

- 68 (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 68 reviews.

36 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 74 reviews as 5 reviews recorded that the child was placed with a parent or living independently, these reviews were therefore taken out of the equation.

- All 74 (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 84.8%.

- 67 (84.8%) Reviews confirmed attendance / that information regarding health was available for the meeting.
- 12 (15.2%) 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 96.3%.

- 52 (96.3%) LAC Reviews had a school representative attend or provided a written report, which compares to 80.8% in the previous quarter.
- 2 (3.7%) 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 40.5%.

- 32 (40.5%) LAC Reviews confirmed that the LAC Review document had been completed by the Social Worker prior to the review, this compares to 42.7% in the previous quarter.
- 47 (59.5%) 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**

- One young person was settled in placement and doing really well in college.
- At another review it was identified that the young person was settled and doing well in placement and at school
- It was documented that one young person was doing well at college and had plans to further their studies and attend university.

- One review recorded that the young person had started college and was working at a local fish sushi bar which the young person loved.
- Another young person was recognised to be doing well in school and continuing to play rugby.
- It was identified that one young person was very settled in placement and doing very well at college.
- A transition into comprehensive school was reported to be going well for one young person who was also very settled in placement.
- It was detailed at a further review that the young person was thriving in secondary school and very settled in placement.

**SECTION FOUR:  
ISSUE RESOLUTION PROTOCOL**

The Issue Resolution Protocol was initiated for one young person 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

29 Pathway Plan Reviews were held during the quarter.

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

- 26 (89.7%) Pathway Plan Reviews were held within timescales, which compares to 85.0% in the previous quarter.
- 3 (10.3%) Pathway Plan Reviews were held out of timescales. The reasons recorded were as follows: -
  - 1 Review was delayed due to PA/Agency unavailability with another review delayed due to ISRO/PA and young person's unavailability.
  - 1 Further review was rescheduled pending clarity of young person's change in circumstances.

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

- It was identified at all 29 (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 (82.8%) Pathway Plan Reviews, which compares to 65.0% in the previous quarter.
- 5 (17.2%) 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

- 25 (86.2%) Reviews confirmed that the young person had his / her views represented at the review or / and attended the review.
- It was identified at 4 (13.8%) 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 (31.0%) Reviews recorded that the young person attended their review.
- 20 (69.0%) Reviews recorded that the young persons had not attended their review.

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

- All 29 (100.0%) reviews confirmed that the Pathway Plan was meeting the young person's needs.

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

- 1 (25.0%) Review recorded that the Pathway Plan had been updated prior to the young person leaving care / 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- 3 (75.0%) Reviews recorded that the Pathway Plan had not been updated prior to the young person leaving care / 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**8. 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.