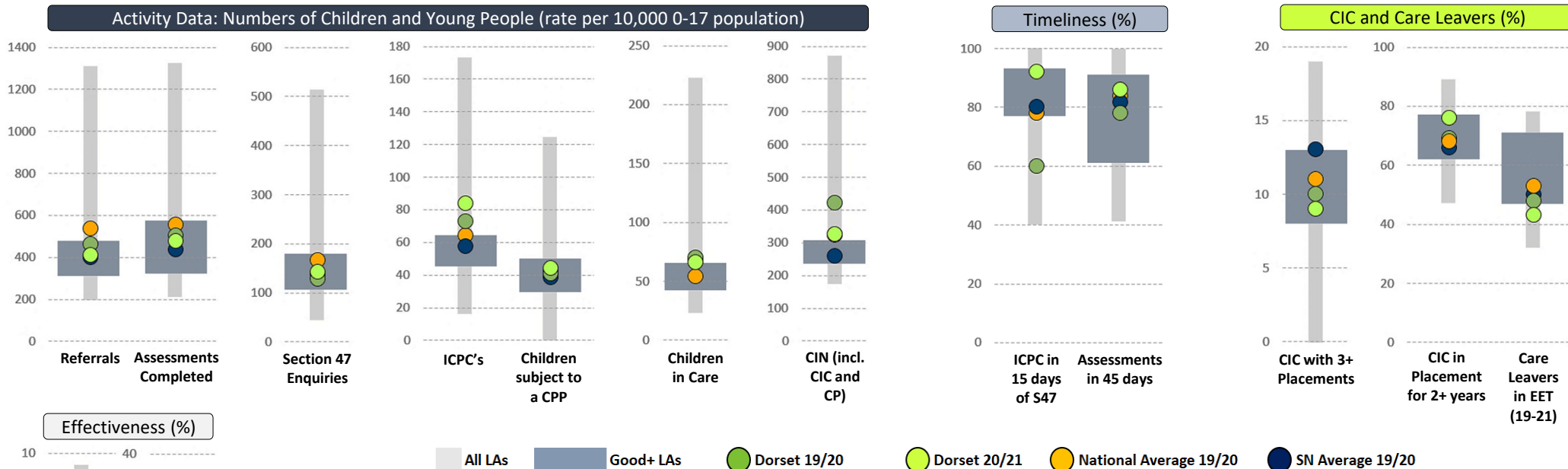


Context: Performance Benchmarking 2019/20



Comments:

- It can be seen that Dorset are within the range of the good and outstanding authority performance (from 19/20) on the majority (11/14) of these measures.
- Timeliness of assessments and ICPCs has continued to improve and out 20/21 position shows very positive improvements.
- Rates of Referrals and assessments show steady performance with small reductions, which is seen as positive.
- Rate of initial child protection conferences have shown an increase, but positively, the rate of children on a Child Protection Plan has remained within the good and outstanding range, as has those ceasing within 2 years and the percentage of repeat plans has reduced this year. This continues to be an area of close scrutiny.
- The rate of children in need has shown a reduction, closer to good and outstanding authorities levels, and continues to decrease (continued focus on data quality is having a positive impact here).
- Stability of placements has improved across both short and long term measures.
- Care leavers (aged 19-21) in education, employment and training has reduced in 20/21, likely impacted by Covid as this looks at the situation during the birthday window for those young people. Dorset continue to monitor closely the current situation of all care leavers who are receiving a service.

Statistical Neighbours in 2019/20 were: Devon, East Sussex, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Shropshire, Somerset, Suffolk, West Sussex, Wiltshire and Worcestershire.
 Good+ Statistical Neighbours are: Cornwall, East Sussex, Shropshire, Suffolk and Wiltshire.