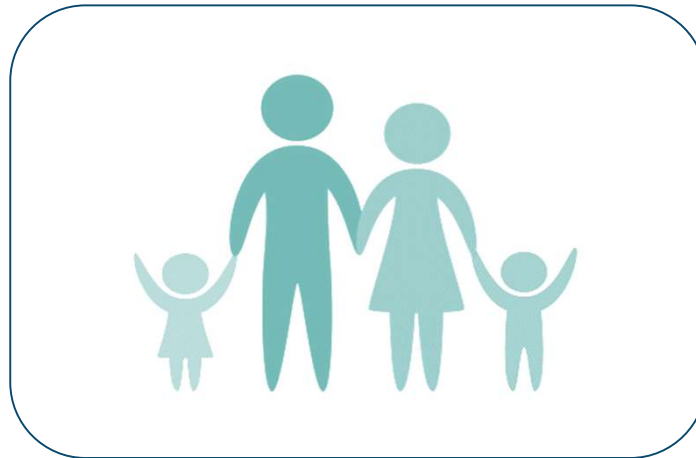


Corporate Parenting Performance Report

People - Childrens



October 2021

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Corporate Parenting Board - Performance



Introduction

This purpose of this report is to provide the Corporate Parenting Board with an overview of performance. These indicators are grouped together under the relevant areas. Work will continue with managers to develop targets.

Overview of Performance

The report assesses the performance of available data during or as at the end of the last month, snapshots of this data are taken. Performance is compared with the previous month and whether there has been an improvement or decline in performance. Where appropriate, a target has been set to ensure high performance and drive improvement and there is RAG rating for these indicators. Targets have been set in line with national and statistical neighbour rates/averages and this information is included in the report where it is available and in discussion

RAG Rating and Performance Direction




Where a target has been set, indicators are RAG rated using the criteria below:

Green Performance is good and in line with or exceeding target: consistent with the National/Statistical Neighbour average.

Amber Performance is below target; inconsistent with National/Statistical Neighbour average; action is in place with likelihood of improvement.

Red Performance is poor; well below expected levels nationally; improvement is required.

Latest performance is compared with the previous month with arrows indicating direction of performance as follows:

-  improved performance compared with previous month
-  same performance compared with previous month
-  decline in performance compared with previous month

Benchmarking Note:

Good and Outstanding Statistical neighbours for 2019/20 includes Shropshire, Wiltshire, East Sussex, Cornwall and Suffolk. The latest available benchmarking data has been included.

Corporate Parenting Data Set (last 6 months)



	Benchmarking 19/20		Current Target	Baseline Dorset March 2020	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Direction of Performance	Status	Trend
	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Profile													
Measure													
Rate of children in care as at end of month													
	67	54	60	70	65.4	65.4	64.8	65.0	64.6	65.1	⊗	Yellow	
Number of children who became CIC													
			10	21	4	15	5	8	7	13	⊗	Yellow	
Number of children who ceased to be CIC													
			13	22	7	15	9	7	13	9	⊗	Yellow	
Health													
% of New Children in Care receiving their IHA within 20 days (one month in arrears)													
			95	28	75.0	66.7	0.0	87.5	66.7		⊗	Red	
% CIC for 12 months or more with Annual Health Assessment completed on time													
	90	88.8	90	79	81.0	81.3	83.1	82.4	84.7	84.2	⊗	Yellow	
% CIC in care 12 months or more who have had a dental check within 12 months													
	86	82.2	85	78	23.0	34.6	41.5	42.8	45.5	47.7	✓	Red	
% of ALL CIC at end of month with up to date immunisations													
	88	92.4	88	83	87.4	88.1	88.0	88.5	87.9	86.2	⊗	Yellow	
Emotional Wellbeing													
% of children for CIC for at least 12 months age 4-16yrs with completed SDQ assessment													
	81	74.2		61	73.8	74.4	73.7	79.8	80.3	82.0	✓	Green	
Average SDQ score for children in care who have been in care for more than 12 months (age 4 to 16)													
	14.1	14.8		18.6	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.2	15.3	15.3	⊗	Yellow	
Safety													
% of children in care (at any point in last 6 months) with at least one missing episode in the last 12 months													
	11	10.4	10	16	13	13	14	14	13	12	✓	Yellow	
% Children in Care who have had more that 1 episode of Missing													
	7.4	6.8		8.2	8	8	8	8	8	8	!	Yellow	
Number of allegations made against foster carers													
	10	8.8		27	2	3	3	2	1	1	!	Yellow	

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	Benchmarking 19/20		Current Target	Baseline Dorset March 2020	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Direction of Performance	Status	Trend
	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Placement													
% Children in Care living in foster placement													
	71.8 (18/19)	73.3 (SN 18/19)			73	73	72	71	70	70	⚠		
% of CIC at end of month with 3+ placements in previous 12 months													
	11	11.6	10	11	6.1	6.3	5.7	6.8	9.2	9.1	✓	 	
% of children in care for 2.5 years or more, aged under 16 who have been in their placement for 2 or more years													
	68	69.2	70	69	72.0	70.1	69.1	67.7	64.8	64.9	✓	 	
% Children in Care living in a commissioned placement													
	51	41		49	53	52	54	54	53	54	✗		
% CIC placed 20 miles away from home													
	20	33.4	35	47	43.2	42.8	42.0	43.5	44.4	43.8	✓	 	
% CIC placed outside Dorset													
	41	26.2	30	40	40.5	39.6	40.9	40.8	41.0	40.8	✓	 	
Number of unregulated placements (H5, P2, R1)													
				47	25.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	22.0	21.0	✓		
Education													
% Children in Care with an Education Health and Care Plan													
	28	32			40	36	37	NA	38	39			
% Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 1													
								Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022			
% Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Maths													
	51 (18/19)	48.6 (SN 18/19)						Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022			
% Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Writing													
	50 (18/19)	46.3 (SN 18/19)						Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022			
% Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Reading													
	49 (18/19)	46.9 (SN 18/19)		51.0				Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022			
Average Attainment 8 score for Children in Care													
	17.7	24.16						Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022			
Average progress 8 score for Children in Care													
	1.23 (18/19)	1.42 (SN 18/19)						Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022			
% of children with a PEP within 20 days of coming into care													
					NA	100	100	NA	NA	NA			
% all Children in Care Unauthorised absence													
	1.4 (18/19)	1 (SN 18/19)			2.29	2.28	2.25	NA	1.84	2.29	✗		

Corporate Parenting Data Set (last 6 months)



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	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Education													
Average Attendance % for Children in Care of school age													
					91.8	85.2	91.9	NA	93.3	92.6	✗		
% Children in Care who have been in care for 12 months who have had at least one Fixed Term Exclusion (in the month)													
					2.6	2.6	2.9	NA	2.1	2.5	✗		
% all Children in Care on reduced timetable													
					5.3	4.9	6.2	NA	4.6	1.4	✓		
Permanence													
% of CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan													
		90	73		98.6	97.9	97.9	97.1	96.2	98.1	✓		
% Children who have achieved Permanence													
					26.8	30.3	30.2	33.2	34.3	35.5	✓		
% Children Achieved Permanence SGO													
	12.2	11.4		8.6	8.0	11.0	14.0	14.0	17.0	15.0	✗		
% Children Achieved Permanence Adoption													
	11	12.2		9.0	14.0	11.0	13.0	11.0	14.0	13.0	✗		
Sufficiency													
Number of Foster carers at end of month													
			215	200	205	202	197	196	198	194	✗		
Number of new households recruited – Mainstream													
				22	1	0	2	0	2	0	✗		
Number of new households recruited – Connected Person													
				18	1	1	0	0	2	2	!		
Number of new households recruited – Temporary													
					2	8	1	2	1	0	✗		
Number of households de-registered – exclude connected carers													
				22	1	1	0	1	0	1	✗		
Number of households resigned													
				64	2	4	4	3	4	1	✓		
Number of applicants undergoing assessment (Foster Carers)													
					16	14	11	10	12	13	✓		
Number of allegations made against foster carers that were substantiated													
				14	1	2	0	0	0	1	✗		

Corporate Parenting Data Set (last 6 months)



	Benchmarking 19/20		Current Target	Baseline Dorset March 2020	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Direction of Performance	Status	Trend		
	Eng AV	Good + AV													
Adoption															
Number of adoptions finalised in month															
				16	2	1	2	0	1	1	!				
Number of children living in adoptive placements pending adoption orders															
					19	20	20	21	20	21	✓				
Number of children with a match identified															
					1	1	0	0	2	1	✗				
Number of children where family finding is ongoing															
					19	17	19	18	15	13	✓				
Numbers of Adoption placement order revocations over last 12 months															
				2	8	8	6	7	7	6	✓				
Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)															
				412	481	450	508	482	487	521	✗				
The average number of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters															
				203	246	240	231	253	253	268	✗				
Number of adoptive families recruited															
				60	2	3	2	5	0	1	✓				
Number of adoptive Families in assessment															
					46	45	45	41	41						
Care Leavers															
% Care Leavers with an up to date pathway plan at end of month															
				95	66.5	85	85	86	82	76	71	✗			
% Care Leavers who are living in suitable accommodation (19-21 yrs)															
				85	85.4	96	88	96	96	94	94	!			
% Care Leavers who are in Employment Education or Training (19-21yrs)															
				53	55.4	60	48	51	52	55	54	52	53	✓	
% Care Leavers who are in touch with Dorset Local Authority (19-21yrs)															
				90	89.3	93	92	99	99	99	99	99	99	!	

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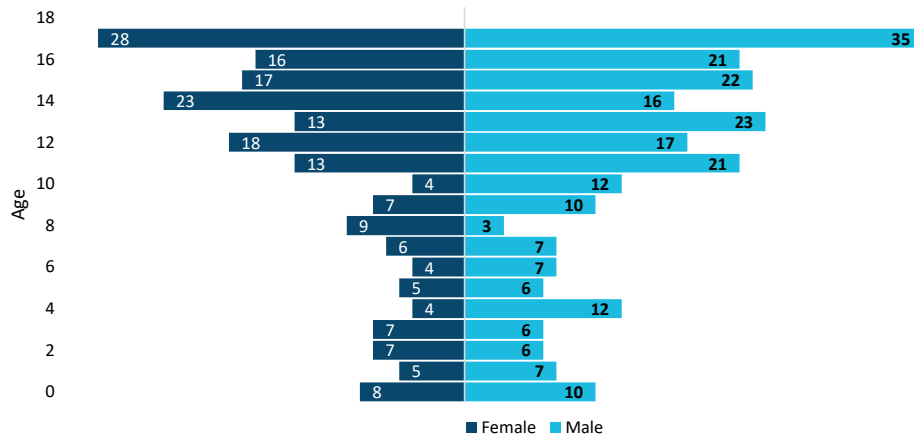
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Children In Care by Age & Gender at 31st October 2021



Number of Children In Care at 31 October 2021:

441



Number of Care Leavers at 31 October 2021:

277



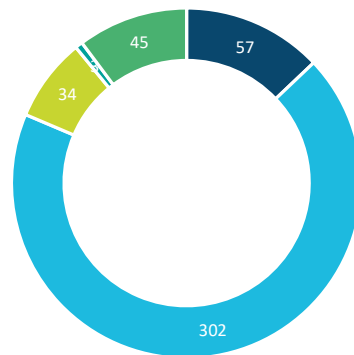
Comments:

We continue to see work towards reduction in our total number of children in care, which is now much closer to our statistical neighbours. This in part is due to improved processes and oversight of children coming into Dorset Councils Care and progressing their permanence option. We continue to see children coming into our care in a planned way in the majority.

We also have seen a slight increase in our total children and young people who are care leavers this month. This however is likely in the medium term to increase as

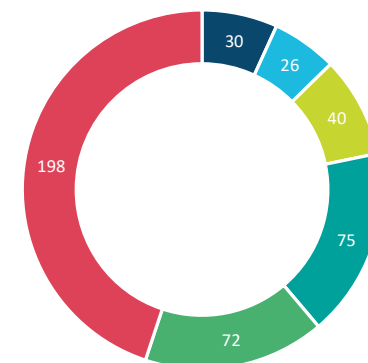
Legal Status at 31st October 2021

- C1 Interim Care Order
- C2 Full Care Order
- E1 Placement Order Granted
- L2 Emergency Protection Order
- V2 Single Period of Accom Under Section 20



Duration in Care at 31st October 2021

- 0-3 months
- 4-6 months
- 7-12 months
- 13-24 months
- 25-36 months
- 37+ months



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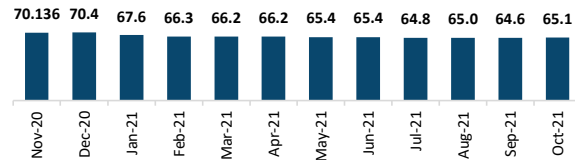
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Rate of Children In Care per 10,000



England Average 19/20 (67)

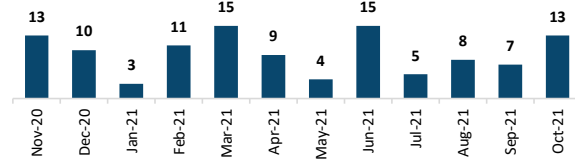
Dorset 19/20 (70)

Good + Statistical Neighbours

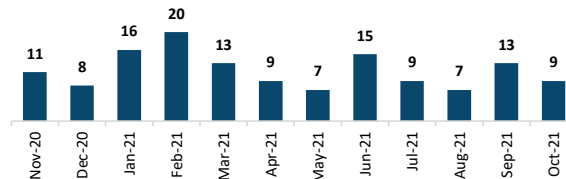
Comments:

Our rate of Children in care per 10,000 has steadily reduced month on month since January 2021. Our rate of children in care is now lower than national average for the past 10 months. This is positive and an improving picture for Dorset Council, we remain with a higher rate of children in care than our good or outstanding statistical neighbours. Considerable efforts have been made and continue to be made to only have children come into our care when appropriate to do so and they achieve permanence without drift or delay.

Number of Children who have come into Care



Number of Children who ceased to be in Care



Comments:

We continue to see a trend of less children entering care than leaving for most months of 2021. Whilst this is positive and a result of the refined process's we remain committed to ensuring children coming into our care in a planned way and achieve permanence in a timely way, further progress is required, and this remains our priority.

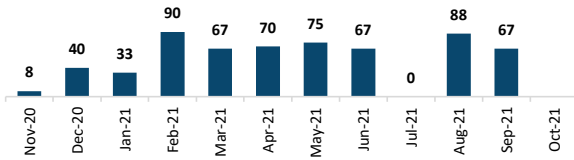
Attention continues to be given to ensuring that plans for permanence include all permanence options which are being explored and progressed in a timely manner. This results in achieving permanence for our children in a timely way.

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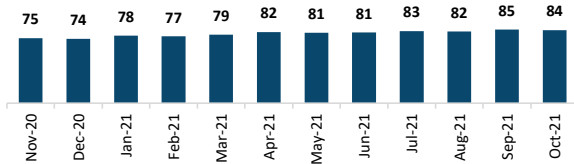
% of New CIC receiving their IHA within 20 days



Comments: % of New Children in Care receiving their Initial Health Assessment (IHA) monthly data is reported 1 month after the month is due, this is to allow for the data to fall into the month due, i.e. a child accommodated on the 31 December would not be calculated until 26 January. Data is from our Mosaic system. Benchmarking data is currently not available.

We have seen an improvement in performance in completed IHAs since January this year. We have better management oversight of this process in real time, reducing and preventing delay in completing and sharing relevant consent documents with health which has led to delay in setting up an IHA within 20 days. We continue to work closely with our health colleagues to address any issues in real-time with all professionals involved fully committed to improving performance. Performance should continue to improve in this regard. We have seen some difficulties in progressing out of county IHA in timescales and we continue to work closely with the Clinical Commissioning group to improve performance.

% CIC Annual Health Assessment completed on time

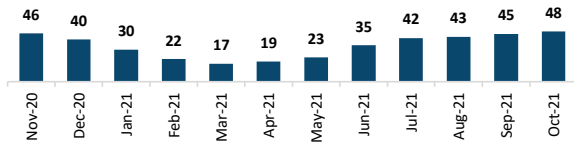


■ England Average 19/20 (90%)
 ■ Dorset 19/20 (79%)
 ■ Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

Figures shown on the graph are for children in care for 12 months or more, the percentage having their Annual Review Health Assessment (RHA) completed on time. It should be noted that our measures are different from the CCQ who measure % of children in each month who have had their review health assessment as opposed to our measure.

% CIC who have had a dental check within 12 months

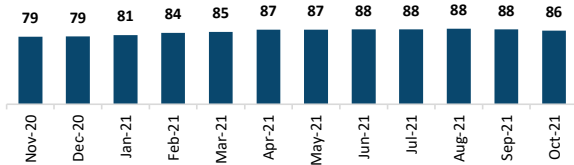


■ England Average 19/20 (86%)
 ■ Dorset 19/20 (78%)
 ■ Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments: Figures shown on the graph are for children in care (CIC) for 12 months or more and whether they have had a dental check within the last 12 months.

We continue to see an improvement in our children accessing a dentist for their 12 monthly dental check. Our children accessing their annual dental check is also a month on month improving picture as our children are now seen as a priority vulnerable group in the South West. Performance was impacted due to the Global pandemic.

% CIC at month end with up to date immunisations



■ England Average 19/20 (88%)
 ■ Dorset 19/20 (83%)
 ■ Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

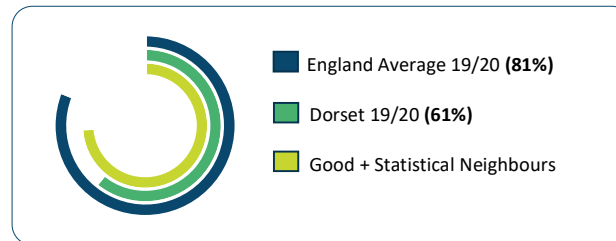
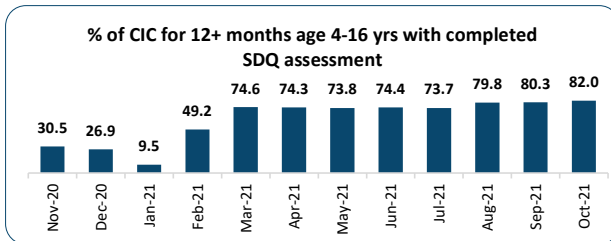
Figures shown on the graph are for the percentage of children in care at end of month with up to date immunisations. CCG data shows Immunisations for Children in care are up to date with the UK Immunisation schedule for the month of those due an RHA in the month.

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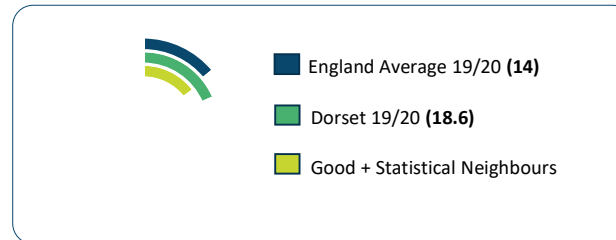
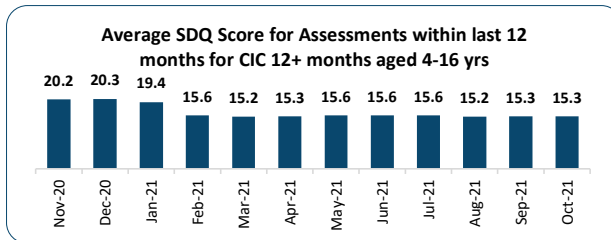
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EMOTIONAL WELLBEING



Comments:
We continue to remain focused on this as a priority for Children Services. We have seen an improvement in completion of the Strengths and difficulty questionnaire, and we are monitoring and tracking on a child level data these scores and what that means for our children. We have sustained this performance and the % return is greater than last year and in line with statistical neighbours.

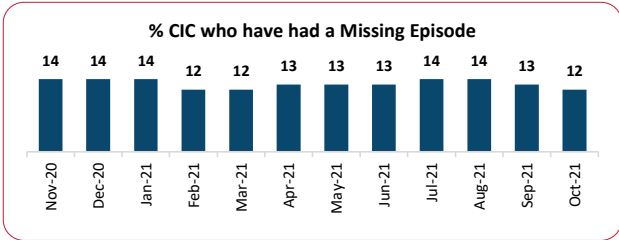
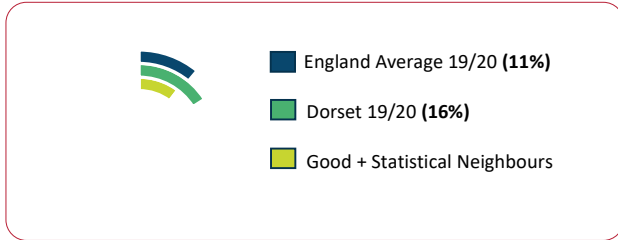


Comments:
A score below 14 is best. Dorset's average score has dropped as the percentage of SDQs completed has increased. The average score for those completed falls in the slightly raised banding. This suggests that overall the wellbeing of our children in care has improved and may indicate that we are better at meeting and responding to their emotional and behavioural needs.

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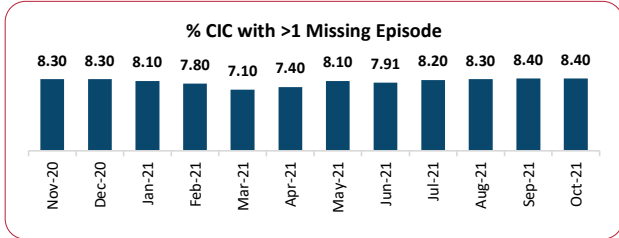
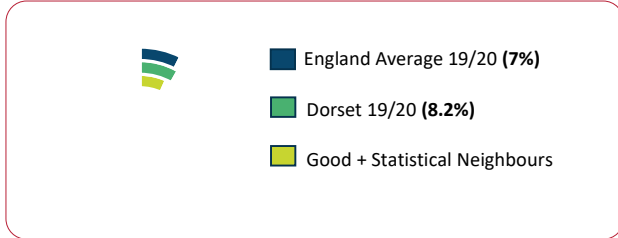
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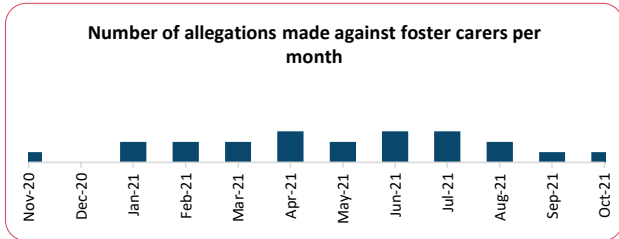
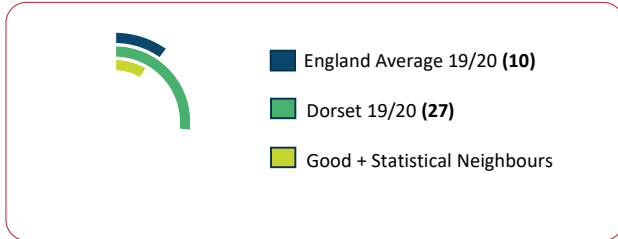
- England Average 19/20 (11%)
- Dorset 19/20 (16%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:
13% of our children in care had a missing episode in September and 12% in October, so a slight reduction on previous months figures. However, our data shows that this remains a consistent picture across the year, as monthly percentages since November have ranged from 12% - 14%. The daily missing meeting now has consistent attendance from Police missing team and IMPACT (child exploitation team) will also share information and practice, for those young people open to their service.

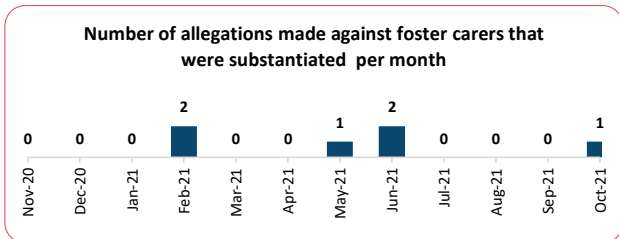
- England Average 19/20 (7%)
- Dorset 19/20 (8.2%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:
During September and October this remained consistent with 8.4% CIC with more than one missing episode. We remain a statistical outlier with our current data set, when compared to our good/statistical neighbours and England average. As noted previously, the daily missing meeting and consistency in professionals engaging with our children in care who have gone missing, will develop our responses and practice to reduce the % of children in care who have missing episodes.

- England Average 19/20 (10)
- Dorset 19/20 (27)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:
In October there was one allegations against foster carers. This related to concerns that the foster carers had allowed a young person to consume alcohol.



12 month total: Dorset 19/20 (14)

Comments:
There has been one allegation substantiated against a foster carer which relates to an incident dating from August 2021

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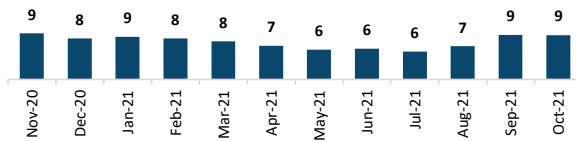
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PLACEMENT



% Children in Care with 3 or more Placements

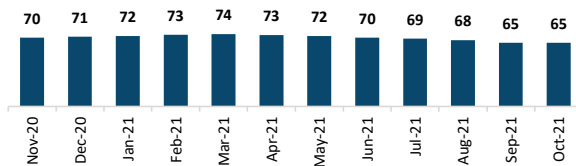


- England Average 19/20 (11%)
- Dorset 19/20 (11%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

Dorset Council continues to perform better than our good statistical neighbours and the national average. We continue to use stability meetings as a way of offering support early to reduce crisis escalating and placement break down. The Harbour Outreach team are also now working with our children where placement break down has been identified.

% CIC 2.5 Years in same placement for 2+ Years

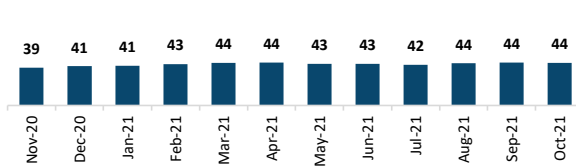


- England Average 19/20 (68%)
- Dorset 19/20 (69%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

This continues to be an improving picture as we develop practice to ensure that where possible children achieve permanence and stability earlier. We know our children and have a forward planner all our children who have not achieved permanence in these placements and have clear plans to progress their permanence in a timely way.

% CIC Living 20+ Miles from Home Address

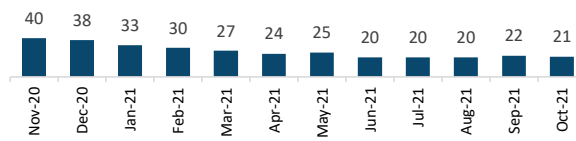


- England Average 19/20 (20%)
- Dorset 19/20 (47%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

We continue to have too many children who are placed away from their local community and are not yet settled in their permanent placement. Recruiting local carers for local children is central to our sufficiency strategy. There is an ongoing recruitment drive underway.

Number of unregulated placements (H5, P2, R1)



Comments:

All of our children in unregulated placement are 16 + and are closely monitored on a monthly basis.

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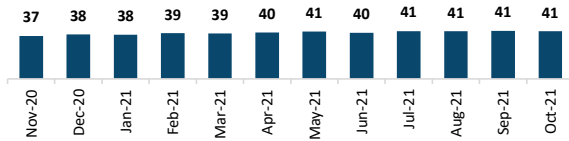
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PLACEMENT



% CIC Living Outside Dorset Council Area

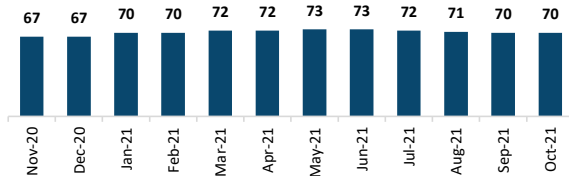


- England Average 19/20 (41%)
- Dorset 19/20 (40%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

We continue to have too many children placed out of their local area. We continue to review permanence plans for these children. Just over two thirds have been in their placement for more than a year. A proportion of these children are placed in connected persons placement which are placement falling outside of the Dorset Council locality.

Children in Care Living in Foster Placement

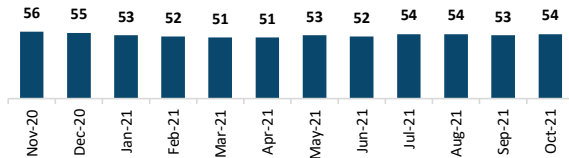


- England Average 18/19 (72%)
- Dorset 18/19 (70%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

The majority of our children continue to live in a family home. Figures are taken from ChAT.

CIC Living in a Commissioned Placement



- England Average 19/20 (51%)
- Dorset 19/20 (49%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

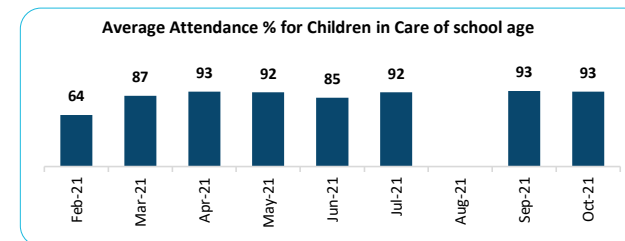
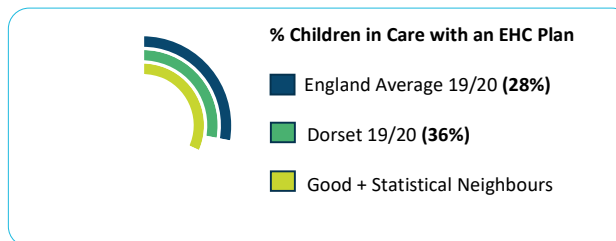
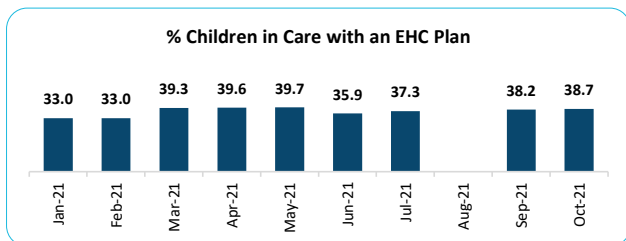
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EDUCATION



Indicator	National 19/20	Dorset 19/20	Good + SN Average 19/20	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Children with a PEP within 20 days of coming into care (%)				NA	100	100	NA	100	100
Children in Care Unauthorised absence (%)	1.7%	1.0%	1.3%	2.3	2.3	2.3	NA	1.8	2.3
Children in Care 12+ months who have had at least one Fixed Term Exclusion (%)	11%	14%	13%	2.6	2.6	2.9	NA	2.1	2.5
Children in Care on reduced timetable (%)				5.3	4.9	6.2	NA	4.6	1.4

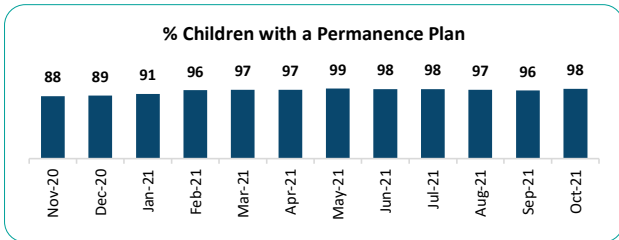
Indicator	National 18/19	Dorset 18/19	SNs 18/19	Outstanding SN 18/19 Range	County and National data is not available for 2021 year due to Covid-19 pandemic. The use of these indicators , for accountability, is suspended. Dorset Council continues to support our schools to provide the best education for all.
Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Maths (%)	51%	57%	49%	35% - 46%	
Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Writing (%)	50%	43%	46%	32% - 42%	
Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Reading (%)	49%	43%	47%	25% - 37%	
Average Attainment 8 score for Children in Care	19.2	14.4	15.4	14.9 - 17.8	
Average progress 8 score for Children in Care	-1.23	-0.96	-1.42	- 0.93 - -1.33	

Comments:
 PEPs for children new into care within 20 days remains 100%.
 Some students had a short burst of a reduced timetable in September; pleasingly most have now returned to a full time timetable in October.
 Unauthorised absence improved dramatically in September but has taken a further dip in October to similar levels to last year. Overall attendance rates have continued to improve on last year which is pleasing given overall absence rate from schools due to Covid. Year 11 continue to be a year group of concern in terms of attendance.
 Fixed term exclusions so far this term equates to 10 children. All bar one are secondary school age and the other has now moved to a more suitable provision where he is settling in well.

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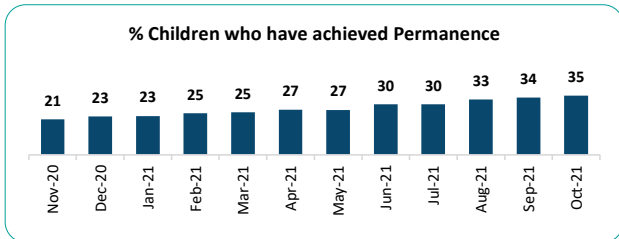
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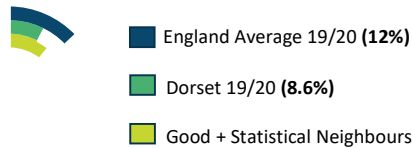
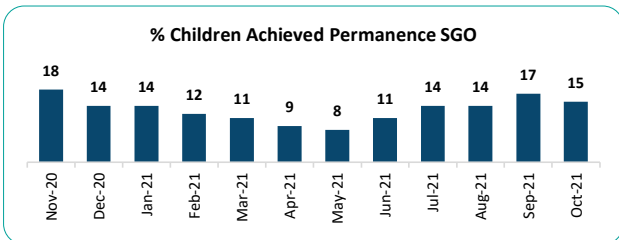
Comments:

This continues to be an improving picture for Dorset Children with month-on-month improvement. We have processes in place and a data dashboard to track permanence and we continue to monitor and track our children’s permanence option and timeliness of achieving permanence. A monthly permanence reports is also shared with senior managers and operation staff. There continues to be growing scrutiny from our Quality Assurance and Reviewing Officers to ensure further oversight of timeliness and quality of permanence plans. Figures taken from Mosaic for children in care for 4 months or more at the end of each month



Comments:

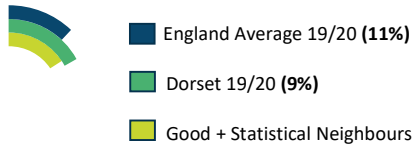
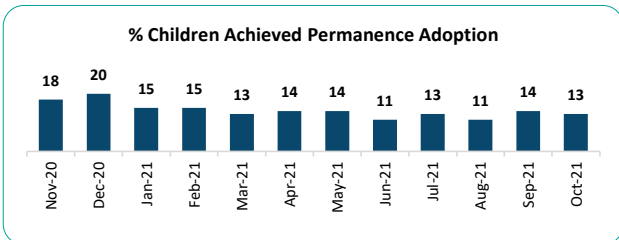
We remain committed to ensuring our children are achieving permanence in a timely way. This performance is a month on month improving picture. This is due to better monitoring and tracking of our children’s journey to permanence in our care, supported by improved date (dashboard) accessible by our staff.



Comments:

Figures are taken from ChAT and include children who left care in the last 6 months.

We continue to look at all options for securing permanence for our children whilst in our care.



Comments:

Figures are taken from ChAT and include children who left care in the last 6 months.

Dorset Council continues to progress and track our children through the adoption process in a timely way, in close partnership with ASPIRE.

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SUFFICIENCY



Indicator	Dorset 18/19	Dorset 19/20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
No of approved foster carers (All)	186	202	205	204	207	201	203	202	205	202	197	196	198	194
No of new households recruited														
Mainstream	21	22	3	3	3	2	3	3	1	0	2	0	2	0
CP	14	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2
Temporary CP	0	0	2	4	0	1	5	5	2	8	1	2	1	0
No of households de-registered (excludes connected carers)	16	22	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
No of households resigned	44	64	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	1

Comments:

The number of new households recruited each month is recorded separately for Mainstream Fostering, Connected Persons and Temporary Approved Connected Persons.

The number of households deregistered only applies to mainstream fostering. A clear action plan is in place to improve the level of foster carer availability. There is an on going recruitment campaign to develop our inhouse provision.

There is an ongoing plan to manage the number of unavailable beds within the service. This is regularly monitored and foster carers are encouraged to consider availability. It is hoped that this will improve as Covid restrictions are now lifted. Recruitment efforts continue with the latest advertising campaign focussed on recruiting carers for teenagers. Dorset council participated in a South West regional campaign during the annual Fostering Fortnight Campaign in may and generated 15 enquiries from the public about becoming foster carers. This is a disappointing result. However there has been a noticeable drop in the number of enquiries in the last two months and this has been felt by the other LA's in the South West region. One hypothesis is that people are concentrating on going out or visiting relatives and friends as the Covid restrictions lift and the weather is good.

Sufficiency remains an issue and during the period of October there were no newly approved mainstream foster carers. It should also be noted that enquiries had reduced by 57%. The reasons for this are related to a number of issues.

1. Face to face recruitment was stopped correctly due to the pandemic but unfortunately there was a delay in recommencing this. The impact of face to face recruitment events is that a 'footprint' is left which kindles interest and eventually enquiries.
2. There is a significant need to develop links with key stakeholders, businesses and enterprises to ensure that there is a vehicle for marketing. Examples of this would be advertising in GP surgeries and individual companies and sectors promoting fostering within the County.
3. The need to complete and launch a newly designed marketing campaign which will give Dorset Council fostering a softer and more accessible face. This also needs to be more targeted because the current data indicates that people who are making enquiries have not made similar enquiries with independent fostering agencies which would appear to show that we are not currently reaching out to the correct market.

A piece of work is also being undertaken within the team to review current vacancies and to explore on an individual basis with households if approvals can be increased and there is scope to increase individual vacancy rates.

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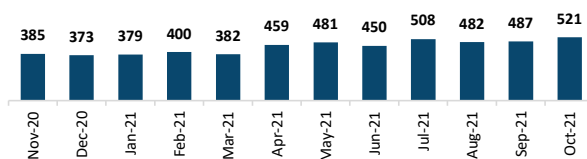
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ADOPTION



Indicator	Dorset 19/20	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Number of adoptions finalised in year	16	3	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	1
Number of children living in adoptive placements pending adoption orders	-	16	18	18	19	20	20	21	20	21
Number of children with a match identified	-	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	1
Number of children where family finding is ongoing	-	20	22	22	19	17	19	18	15	13
Number of revocations of Placements Orders	2	7	7	8	8	8	6	7	7	6
Number of adoptive families recruited	60	4	4	0	2	3	2	5	0	1
Number of adoptive Families in assessment	-	47	49	49	46	45	45	41	41	

Average number of days between entering care and having an adoptive placement



National 18/19: **486**

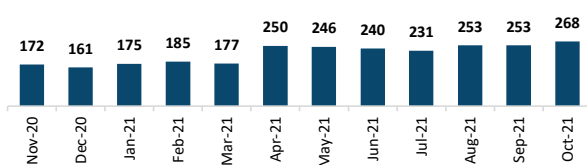
Dorset 18/19: **433**

Statistical Neighbours 18/19: **453**

Comments:

Dorset have 13 families where family finding is ongoing . All of these children have been either linked with an adopter or the plan has changed to foster care. The number of days between a child entering care and having an adoptive placement has risen slightly. This is due to the pandemic slowing down court work leading in some cases to the need for reassessments due to the time lapse in hearings. This is national and not specific to Dorset.

Average No. of days between a child receiving a PO & being matched to an adoptive family



National 18/19: **201**

Dorset 18/19: **137**

Statistical Neighbours 18/19: **176**

Comments:

The number of days between a child receiving a PO and being matched to adopters has also risen due to some extremely complex children and siblings being matched. Younger children and babies are still placed quickly. The impact on the number of days this is a consequence of a higher level of ambition and ability to find adoptive families for hard to place children.

Comments:

Dorset have continued to perform well among statistical neighbours for the time a child starts in care and moves to their adoptive family.

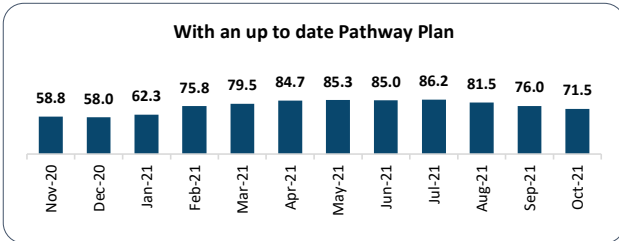
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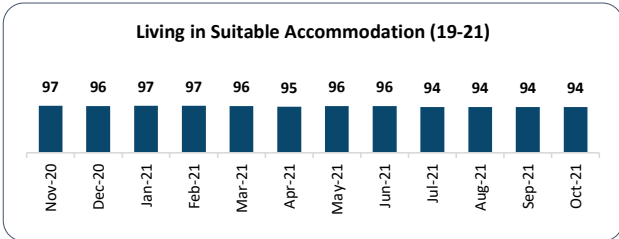
CARE LEAVERS



Comments:

Benchmarking data currently not available. We are currently developing best practice guidance for operational staff and continue to monitor and track progress in this regard. Figures taken from Mosaic for all Care Leavers at the end of each month.

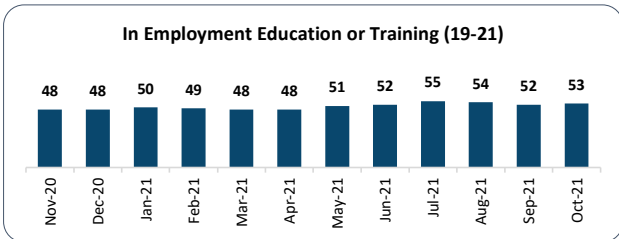
Please note: For 'Living in Suitable Accommodation' and In Employment, Education, or Training' measures we use current data available but benchmarking data is using data from last birthday.



- England Average 19/20 (85%)
- Dorset 19/20 (88%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

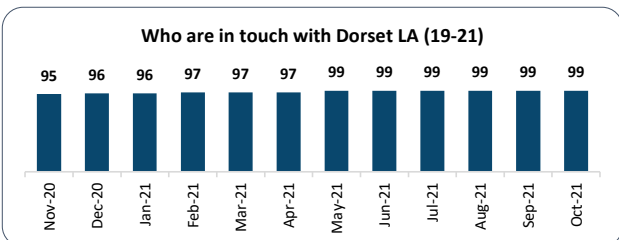
Although a high number of our Care Leavers are in suitable accommodation, we have a small number that are in B&B, in emergency accommodation and or in custody or no fixed abode/ residence unknown. 4 in B&B and 6 in custody 1 in no fixed abode and residence unknown. Those in unsuitable accommodation are monitored through a monthly highlight report to CSLT.



- England Average 19/20 (53%)
- Dorset 19/20 (48%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

Improvements in our NEET statistics have levelled off in the past few weeks. However, we have 3 Personal Advisers who focus on supporting Care Leavers around their employment, education and training and we have established a referral system within the team and are developing bespoke interventions to support around 20 Care Leavers. Figures are taken from ChAT based on current care leavers at the end of each month.



- England Average 19/20 (90%)
- Dorset 19/20 (92%)
- Good + Statistical Neighbours

Comments:

Our 'In Touch' rates are higher than our statistical neighbours, we do have a small number of Care Leavers we are not in touch with. Where we are not in touch, Care Leaver will still have an allocated PA who will continue to try to make contact by whatever means they can. We remain in touch with every care leaver who has left our care in the last 12 months.