Corporate Parenting Performance Report

People - Childrens

January 2022 Performance

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Corporate Parenting Board - Performance

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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 with Service Managers. Sparkline graphs have been included to illustrate trends.

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 are Shropshire, Wiltshire, East Sussex, Cornwall and Suffolk. The latest available benchmarking data has been included.

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|	Benchmarking 19/20		Current Target	Baseline Dorset March 2020	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Direction of Performance	Status	Trend
	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Profile													
Measure													
Rate of children in care as at end of month													
	67	57.6	60	70	65.0	64.6	65.1	65.1	64.6	64.1	✓	🟧	〜
Number of children who became CIC													
			10	21	8	7	13	14	13	10	✓	🟩	〜
Number of children who ceased to be CIC													
			13	22	7	13	9	13	14	12	✗	🟧	〜
Health													
% of New Children in Care receiving their IHA within 20 days (one month in arrears)													
			95	28	87.5	66.7	84.6	16.7	8.3		✗	🟥	〜
% CIC for 12 months or more with Annual Health Assessment completed on time													
	91	92	90	79	82.4	84.7	84.2	82.0	81.3	78.6	✗	🟧	〜
% CIC in care 12 months or more who have had a dental check within 12 months													
	40	30.4	85	78	42.8	45.5	47.7	50.1	57.1	60.1	✓	🟥	〜
% of ALL CIC at end of month with up to date immunisations													
	86	92	88	83	88.5	87.9	86.2	85.7	83.8	81.3	✗	🟧	〜
Emotional Wellbeing													
% of children for CIC for at least 12 months age 4-16yrs with completed SDQ assessment													
	81	83.8		61	79.8	80.3	82.0	85.4	86.3	86.4	✓		〜
Average SDQ score for children in care who have been in care for more than 12 months (age 4 to 16)													
	13.7	14.1	15	18.6	15.2	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.4	✓	🟧	〜
Safety													
% of children in care (at any point in last 6 months) with at least one missing episode in the last 12 months													
	11	11.6	16	14	13	12	12	12	13		✗	🟧	〜
% Children in Care who have had more that 1 episode of Missing													
	7.4	7.4	8.2	8	8	8	9	9	9		✗	🟧	〜
Number of allegations made against foster carers													
	10	12.0	27	2	1	1	1	0	3		✗	🟧	〜

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	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Placement													
% Children in Care living in foster placement													
	71.8 (18/19)	73.3 (SN 18/19)			71	70	70	70	69	70	✓		
% of CIC at end of month with 3+ placements in previous 12 months													
	9	9.4	10	11	6.8	9.2	9.1	9.5	8.7	8.8	✗	🟩	
% of children in care for 2.5 years or more, aged under 16 who have been in their placement for 2 or more years													
	70	72.2	70	69	67.7	64.8	64.9	67.4	67.1	66.9	✗	🟧	
% Children in Care living in a commissioned placement													
	51	41		49	54	53	54	56	55	55	ⓘ		
% CIC placed 20 miles away from home													
	21	34	35	47	43.5	44.4	43.8	43.1	43.5	43.3	✓	🟥	
% CIC placed outside Dorset													
	42.1	25.6	30	40	40.8	41.0	40.8	40.1	43.0	43.3	✗	🟥	
Number of unregulated placements (H5, P2, R1)													
			10	47	20	22	21	19	18	18	ⓘ	🟧	
Education													
% Children in Care with an Education Health and Care Plan													
	45.2	39.58			NA	38	39	38	39	41			
% 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	19.08			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	NA	NA	NA	100	NA			
% all Children in Care Unauthorised absence													
	1.4 (18/19)	1 (SN 18/19)	1		NA	1.84	2.29	2.34	3.02	2.16	✓	🟧	

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	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Education													
Average Attendance % for Children in Care of school age													
			95		NA	93.3	92.6	91.1	89.9	89.0	❌	🟥	
% Children in Care who have been in care for 12 months who have had at least one Fixed Term Exclusion (in the month)													
			12		NA	2.1	2.5	3.8	2.8	3.8	❌	🟩	
% all Children in Care on reduced timetable													
					NA	4.6	1.4	2.8	3.8	5.8	❌		
Permanence													
% of CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan													
			90	73	97.1	96.2	98.1	97.8	98.5	98.7	✅	🟩	
% Children who have achieved Permanence													
					33.2	34.3	35.5	36.6	41.2	40.1	❌		
% Children Achieved Permanence SGO													
	12.2	12.5		8.6	14.0	17.0	15.0	15.0	21.0	17.0	❌		
% Children Achieved Permanence Adoption													
	11	12.4		9.0	11.0	14.0	13.0	15.0	13.0	10.0	❌		
Sufficiency													
Number of Foster carers at end of month													
			215	200	196	198	194	194	193	190	❌	🟥	
Number of new households recruited – Mainstream													
				22	0	2	0	1	0	1	✅		
Number of new households recruited – Connected Person													
				18	0	0	2	2	1	5	✅		
Number of new households recruited – Temporary													
					2	1	0	0	5	0	❌		
Number of households de-registered – exclude connected carers													
			2	22	1	0	1	1	0	1	❌	🟩	
Number of households resigned													
				64	3	4	1	1	3	6	❌		
Number of applicants undergoing assessment (Foster Carers)													
					10	12	13	13	13	11	❌		
Number of allegations made against foster carers that were substantiated													
				14	0	0	1	0	1	1	⏸		

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	Benchmarking 19/20		Current Target	Baseline Dorset March 2020	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Direction of Performance	Status	Trend
	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Adoption													
Number of adoptions finalised in month				16	0	1	1	4	0	0	⚠		
Number of children living in adoptive placements pending adoption orders					21	20	21	23	21	21	⚠		
Number of children with a match identified					0	2	1	0	0	0	⚠		
Number of children where family finding is ongoing					18	15	13	10	12	12	⚠		
Numbers of Adoption placement order revocations over last 12 months				2	7	7	6	7	7	5	✓		
Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)				412	482	487	522	508	541	532	✓		
The average number of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters				203	253	253	268	239	260	251	✓		
Number of adoptive families recruited				60	5	0	1	1	4	3	✗		
Number of adoptive Families in assessment					41	41	NA	44	54	51	✗		
Care Leavers													
% Care Leavers with an up to date pathway plan at end of month			95	66.5	82	76	71	65	62	81	✓	🟧	
% Care Leavers who are living in suitable accommodation (19-21 yrs)	88	89.8	96	88	94	94	94	95	95	93	✗	🟧	
% Care Leavers who are in Employment Education or Training (19-21yrs)	52	55	60	48	54	52	53	54	51	48	✗	🟥	
% Care Leavers who are in touch with Dorset Local Authority (19-21yrs)	91	92.2	93	92	99	99	99	99	99	99	⚠	🟩	
Number of Health passports due within the month (2 months in arrears)					4	6	7	7					
Number of health passports completed (2 months in arrears)					4	6	7	7					

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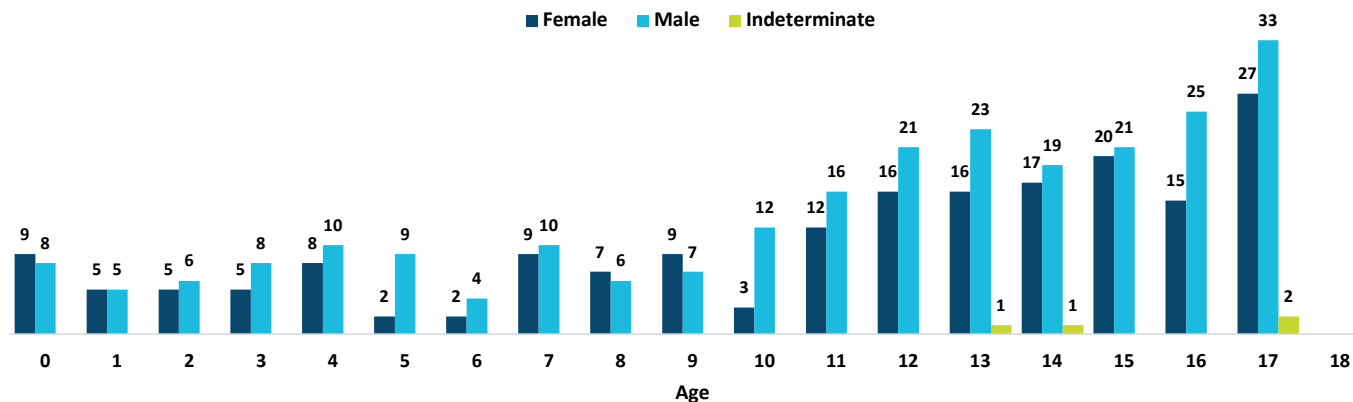
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Number of Children In Care at 31 January 2022:

Number of Care Leavers at 31 January 2022:

Children In Care by Age & Gender at 31st January 2022

Legend: ■ Female ■ Male ■ Indeterminate

Age	Female	Male	Indeterminate
0	9	8	
1	5	5	
2	5	6	
3	5	8	
4	8	10	
5	2	9	
6	2	4	
7	9	10	
8	7	6	
9	9	7	
10	3	12	
11	12	16	
12	16	21	
13	16	23	1
14	17	19	1
15	20	21	
16	15	25	
17	27	33	2
18			

Comments:

We continue to see a 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 Council's Care and progressing their permanence option in a timely manner.

We also have seen a slight decrease in our total children and young people who are care leavers this month. There will be an increase in the overall number of care leavers in the medium term as our 17-year-old young people turn 18 and transition into the care leaver services. We have established a monthly multiagency transitions group to support smooth transitions into post 18 support for our young people.

Legal Status at 31st January 2022

Legend:
- ■ C1 Interim Care Order
- ■ C2 Full Care Order
- ■ E1 Placement Order Granted
- ■ V2 Single Period of Accom Under Section 20
- ■ V4 Accommodated under an agreed series of short-term breaks, when agreements are recorded (ie NOT individual episodes of care)

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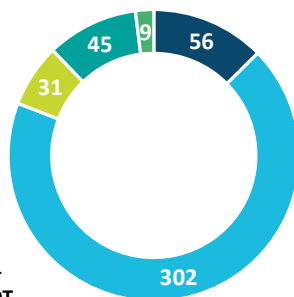
Duration in Care at 31st January 2022

Legend:
- ■ 0-3 months
- ■ 4-6 months
- ■ 7-12 months
- ■ 13-24 months
- ■ 25-36 months
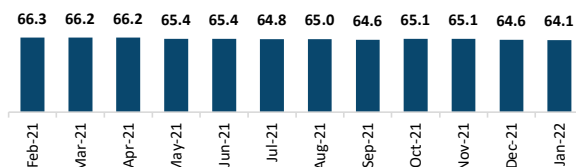- ■ 37+ months
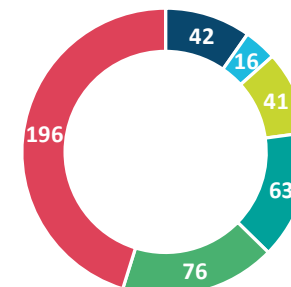
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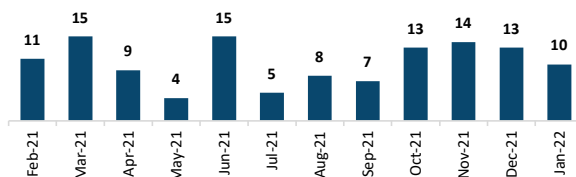
Rate of Children In Care per 10,000

Month	Rate
Feb-21	66.3
Mar-21	66.2
Apr-21	66.2
May-21	65.4
Jun-21	65.4
Jul-21	64.8
Aug-21	65.0
Sep-21	64.6
Oct-21	65.1
Nov-21	65.1
Dec-21	64.6
Jan-22	64.1

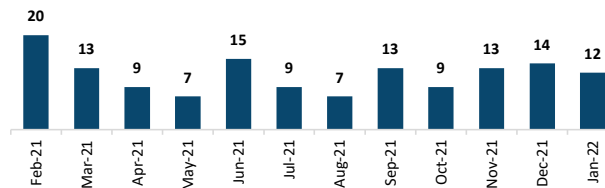|		
England Av 20/21	67	per 10k
Dorset 20/21	66	per 10k
Good+ SN Av 20/21	58	per 10k

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 year. This is positive and a continuing improving picture for Dorset Council. We do remain with a higher rate of children in care then our good + statistical neighbours. We are committed to continuing to work towards achieving a similar rate per 10000 as Good+ 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

Month	Number
Feb-21	11
Mar-21	15
Apr-21	9
May-21	4
Jun-21	15
Jul-21	5
Aug-21	8
Sep-21	7
Oct-21	13
Nov-21	14
Dec-21	13
Jan-22	10

Number of Children who ceased to be in Care

Month	Number
Feb-21	20
Mar-21	13
Apr-21	9
May-21	7
Jun-21	15
Jul-21	9
Aug-21	7
Sep-21	13
Oct-21	9
Nov-21	13
Dec-21	14
Jan-22	12

Comments:

We continue to see a trend of less children entering care then leaving for the past 12 months. Whilst this is positive and a result of the refined processes, we remain committed to ensuring children coming into our care in a planned way and achieve permanence in a timely way; this remains our priority.
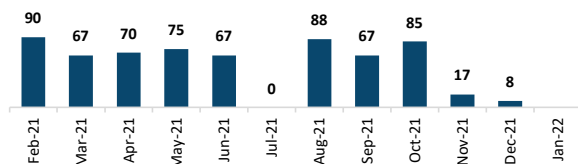
Attention continues to be given to ensuring that plans for permanence include all permanence options which are being explored and progressed in a timely manner.
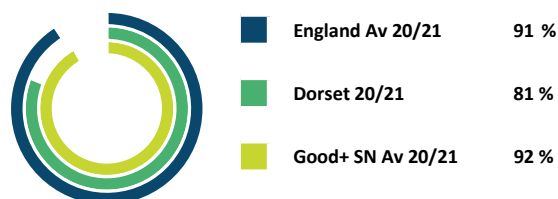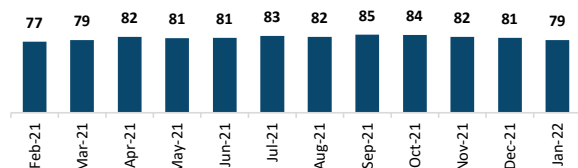
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% of New CIC receiving their IHA within 20 days

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
90	67	70	75	67	0	88	67	85	17	8	

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 a decline in performance in completed IHAs since November 2021. We continue to monitor our children in achieving consents within 5 working days of the young person coming into care and their Initial health assessment. 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. Time taken to navigate access to services for identified health needs is increased when a child is placed out of area, due to out of area medical capacity. Monthly meeting re-instated between Corporate Parenting Service Manager and Designated Nurse for Children in Care and Care Leavers. Meeting held on 26 January 2022 to review current model to create capacity and flexibility where specific circumstances impact on ability to secure consent. Given more children are entering care in a planned way, consent to be sought prior to child entering care.
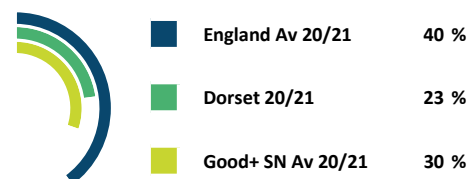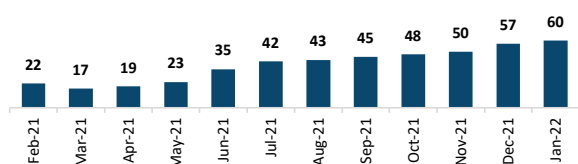
% CIC Annual Health Assessment completed on time

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
77	79	82	81	81	83	82	85	84	82	81	79

England Av 20/21	91 %
Dorset 20/21	81 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	92 %

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. Review Health Assessments out of area response is determined by out of area health team capacity.
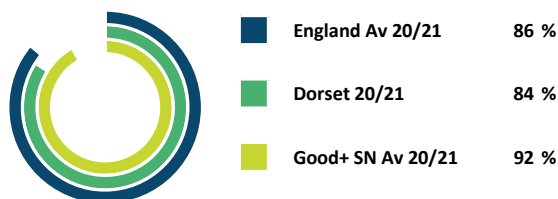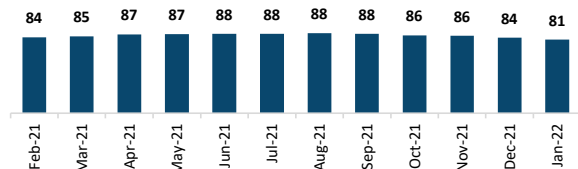
% CIC who have had a dental check within 12 months

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
22	17	19	23	35	42	43	45	48	50	57	60

England Av 20/21	40 %
Dorset 20/21	23 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	30 %

Comments:
Figures shown on the graph are for children in care (CIC) for 12 months + 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

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
84	85	87	87	88	88	88	88	86	86	84	81

England Av 20/21	86 %
Dorset 20/21	84 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	92 %

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.
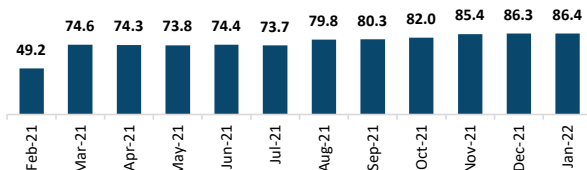
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% of CIC for 12+ months age 4-16 yrs with completed SDQ assessment

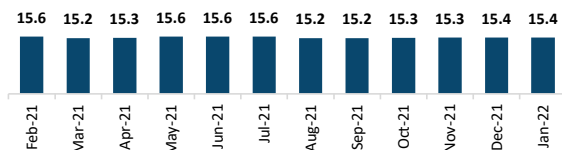| Month	Value
Feb-21	49.2
Mar-21	74.6
Apr-21	74.3
May-21	73.8
Jun-21	74.4
Jul-21	73.7
Aug-21	79.8
Sep-21	80.3
Oct-21	82.0
Nov-21	85.4
Dec-21	86.3
Jan-22	86.4

England Av 20/21	80 %
Dorset 20/21	81 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	69 %

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 Difficulties questionnaire from March 2021 and the subsequent months. 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 better than our good + statistical neighbours and the English average.

Average SDQ Score for Assessments within last 12 months for CIC 12+ months aged 4-16 yrs

Month	Value
Feb-21	15.6
Mar-21	15.2
Apr-21	15.3
May-21	15.6
Jun-21	15.6
Jul-21	15.6
Aug-21	15.2
Sep-21	15.2
Oct-21	15.3
Nov-21	15.3
Dec-21	15.4
Jan-22	15.4

England Av 20/21	14
Dorset 20/21	15
Good+ SN Av 20/21	14

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.
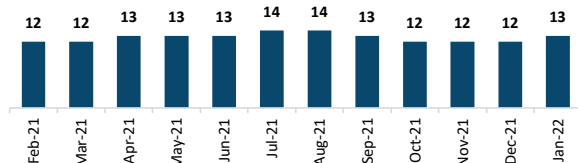
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% CIC who have had a Missing Episode

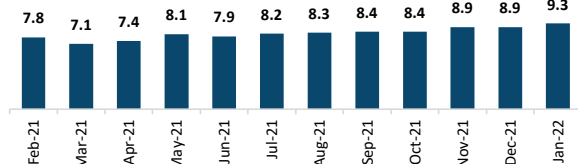| Month	Value
Feb-21	12
Mar-21	12
Apr-21	13
May-21	13
Jun-21	13
Jul-21	14
Aug-21	14
Sep-21	13
Oct-21	12
Nov-21	12
Dec-21	12
Jan-22	13

England Av 20/21	10 %
Dorset 20/21	10 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	9 %

Comments:

13% of our children in care had a missing episode in January 2022 and 12% in December 2021, a slight increase in previous month's figures. However, our data shows that this remains a consistent picture across the year, as monthly percentages since February 2021 have ranged from 12% - 14%. The daily missing meeting now has consistent attendance from the Police missing team and IMPACT (child exploitation team) will also share information and practice, for those young people open to their service.
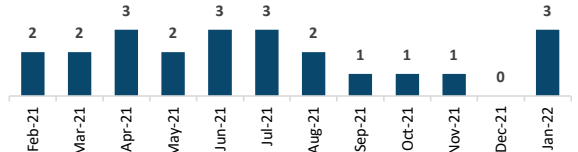
% CIC with >1 Missing Episode

Month	Value
Feb-21	7.8
Mar-21	7.1
Apr-21	7.4
May-21	8.1
Jun-21	7.9
Jul-21	8.2
Aug-21	8.3
Sep-21	8.4
Oct-21	8.4
Nov-21	8.9
Dec-21	8.9
Jan-22	9.3

England Av 20/21	6.5 %
Dorset 20/21	5.5 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	5.8 %

Comments:

During January 2022 there has been an increase to 9.3% in Children in Care 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.

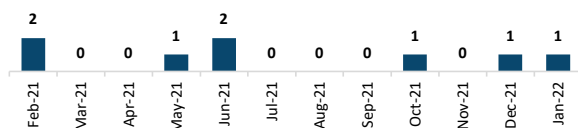## Number of allegations made against foster carers per month

Month	Value
Feb-21	2
Mar-21	2
Apr-21	3
May-21	2
Jun-21	3
Jul-21	3
Aug-21	2
Sep-21	1
Oct-21	1
Nov-21	1
Dec-21	0
Jan-22	3

England Av 19/20	10
Dorset 19/20	27
Good+ SN Av 19/20	9

Comments:

In January 2022 there were 3 allegations made against foster carers. 2 of these did not progress beyond referral.

Number of allegations made against foster carers that were substantiated per month

Month	Value
Feb-21	2
Mar-21	0
Apr-21	0
May-21	1
Jun-21	2
Jul-21	0
Aug-21	0
Sep-21	0
Oct-21	1
Nov-21	0
Dec-21	1
Jan-22	1

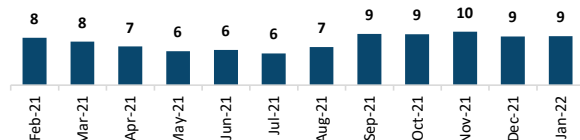12 month Dorset Total 19/20   (14)

Comments:

There has been one allegation substantiated against a foster carer in January 2022.

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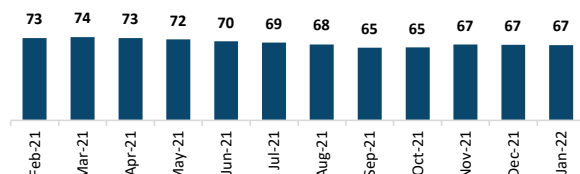## % Children in Care with 3 or more Placements

Month	Value
Feb-21	8
Mar-21	8
Apr-21	7
May-21	6
Jun-21	6
Jul-21	6
Aug-21	7
Sep-21	9
Oct-21	9
Nov-21	10
Dec-21	9
Jan-22	9

England Av 20/21	9 %
Dorset 20/21	9 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	9 %

Comments:

Dorset Council performance is in line with 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.

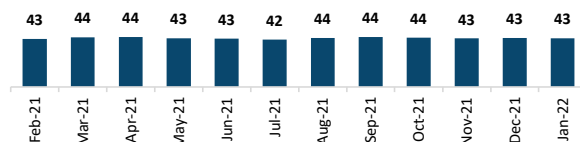## % CIC 2.5 Years in same placement for 2+ Years

Month	Value
Feb-21	73
Mar-21	74
Apr-21	73
May-21	72
Jun-21	70
Jul-21	69
Aug-21	68
Sep-21	65
Oct-21	65
Nov-21	67
Dec-21	67
Jan-22	67

England Av 20/21	70 %
Dorset 20/21	76 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	72 %

Comments:

This continues to be a consistent picture and we continue to develop practice to ensure that where possible children achieve permanence and stability earlier. We know our children and have a forward planner for all our children who have not achieved permanence in these placements and have clear plans to progress their permanence in a timely way.
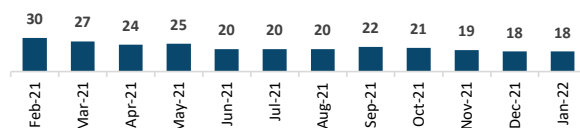
% CIC Living 20+ Miles from Home Address

Month	Value
Feb-21	43
Mar-21	44
Apr-21	44
May-21	43
Jun-21	43
Jul-21	42
Aug-21	44
Sep-21	44
Oct-21	44
Nov-21	43
Dec-21	43
Jan-22	43

England Av 20/21	21 %
Dorset 20/21	48 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	34 %

Comments:

We continue to have too many children who are placed away from their local community. Recruiting local carers for local children is central to our sufficiency strategy and work with local providers and expansion of our own in-house provision through The Harbour will see 9 children's homes opening in Dorset this year for Dorset children.

Number of unregulated placements (H5, P2, R1)

Month	Value
Feb-21	30
Mar-21	27
Apr-21	24
May-21	25
Jun-21	20
Jul-21	20
Aug-21	20
Sep-21	22
Oct-21	21
Nov-21	19
Dec-21	18
Jan-22	18

Comments:

All of our children in unregulated placement are 16 + and are closely monitored on a monthly basis. We have seen a reduction since February 2021 and will continue to reduce this number in the coming months.
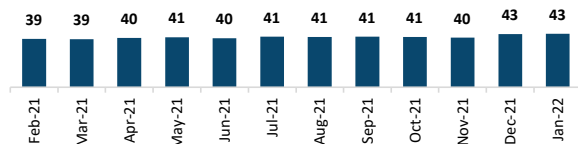
% CIC Living Outside Dorset Council Area

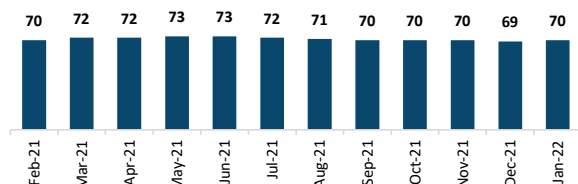| Month	Value
Feb-21	39
Mar-21	39
Apr-21	40
May-21	41
Jun-21	40
Jul-21	41
Aug-21	41
Sep-21	41
Oct-21	41
Nov-21	40
Dec-21	43
Jan-22	43

England Av 20/21	42 %
Dorset 20/21	42 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	26 %

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.
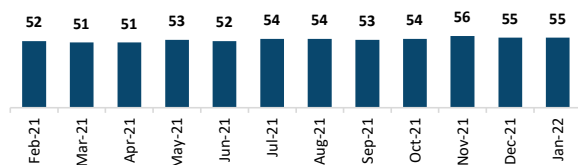
Children in Care Living in Foster Placement

Month	Value
Feb-21	70
Mar-21	72
Apr-21	72
May-21	73
Jun-21	73
Jul-21	72
Aug-21	71
Sep-21	70
Oct-21	70
Nov-21	70
Dec-21	69
Jan-22	70

England Av 19/20	72 %
Dorset 19/20	70 %
Good+ SN Av 19/20	74 %

Comments:

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

CIC Living in a Commissioned Placement

Month	Value
Feb-21	52
Mar-21	51
Apr-21	51
May-21	53
Jun-21	52
Jul-21	54
Aug-21	54
Sep-21	53
Oct-21	54
Nov-21	56
Dec-21	55
Jan-22	55

England Av 19/20	51 %
Dorset 19/20	49 %
Good+ SN Av 19/20	41 %

Comments:

Figures are taken from ChAT and include children in care as at the end of each month. Includes all placements that are not in Dorset provision.
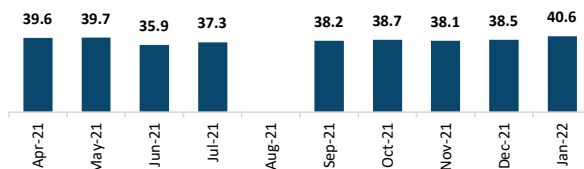
% Children in Care with an EHC Plan

Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
39.6	39.7	35.9	37.3		38.2	38.7	38.1	38.5	40.6

% Children in Care with an EHC Plan

England Av 19/20	28 %
Dorset 19/20	36 %
Good+ SN Av 19/20	32 %

Average Attendance % for school age CIC

May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
91.8	85.2	91.9		93.3	92.6	91.1	89.9	89.0
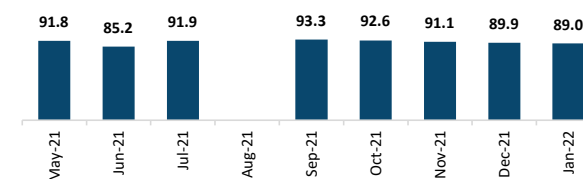
England Av 19/20	Dorset 19/20	Good + SN Av 19/20		Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
			Children with a PEP within 20 days of coming into care (%)	NA	NA	NA	NA	100	NA
1.7	1.0	1.3	Children in Care Unauthorised absence (%)	NA	1.8	2.3	2.3	3.0	2.2
11	15	13	Children in Care 12+ months who have had at least one Fixed Term Exclusion (%)*	NA	2.1	2.5	3.8	2.8	3.8
			Children in Care on reduced timetable (%)	NA	4.6	1.4	2.8	3.8	5.8

* Exclusions are reported a year in arrears so refer to 18/19 (published 19/20)

Comments:
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.

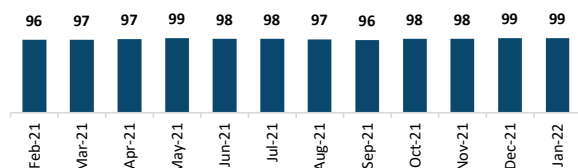| Indicator	England Av 18/19	Dorset 18/19	Good+ SN Av 18/19	Good+ SN 18/19 Range
Children in Care achieving expected standards in KS2 Maths (%)	0.5	0.6	0.5	35% - 46%
Children in Care achieving expected standards in KS2 Writing (%)	0.5	0.4	0.5	32% - 42%
Children in Care achieving expected standards in KS2 Reading (%)	0.5	0.4	0.5	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	-1.2	-1.0	-1.4	- 0.93 - -1.33

Comments:
Work has been implemented to improve the way the systems works around school moves for children with an EHCP. There has been a slight decrease in average attendance to 89% - Analysis has been undertaken with year 10 and 11 having the highest unauthorised absence out of all year groups. Year 11s are to be the focus in the February pupil progress meeting to analyse this in further detail. There has been an increase in the number of CiC (12 months +) with at least one fixed term exclusion (3.8%). The number of children with at least one fixed term exclusion has increased to 11 (from 9 in December). A piece of work is being undertaken to set up training and support for staff on alternatives to exclusion with a focus on the pupil voice at reintegration meetings. The percentage of children in care on reduced timetables has increased in January to 5.8%. This is being monitored in CiC CMOOE meetings. This is at an individual child level and being monitored for specific reasons for the individual child.

PERMANENCE

Dorset Council

% Children with a Permanence Plan

Month	Value
Feb-21	96
Mar-21	97
Apr-21	97
May-21	99
Jun-21	98
Jul-21	98
Aug-21	97
Sep-21	96
Oct-21	98
Nov-21	98
Dec-21	99
Jan-22	99

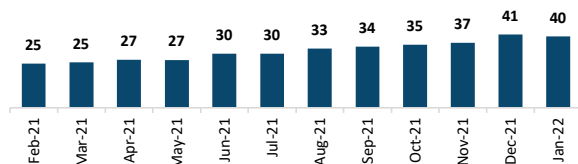**Comments:**

This continues to be a consistent picture for Dorset Children with month-on-month seeing consistent performance.

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 report is also shared with senior managers and operational 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 are taken from Mosaic for children in care for 4 months or more at the end of each month
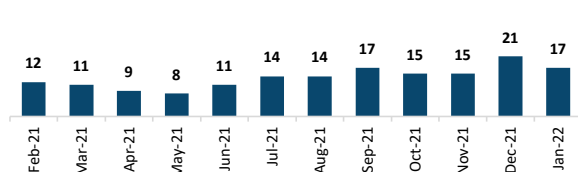
% Children who have achieved Permanence

Month	Value
Feb-21	25
Mar-21	25
Apr-21	27
May-21	27
Jun-21	30
Jul-21	30
Aug-21	33
Sep-21	34
Oct-21	35
Nov-21	37
Dec-21	41
Jan-22	40

Comments:

We remain committed to ensuring our children are achieving permanence in a timely way. This performance has reduced slightly since December 2021. This remains a key focus and performance in this regard should steadily improve in coming months as seen throughout 2021.

This is due to better monitoring and tracking of our children's journey to permanence in our care, supported by improved data (dashboard) accessible by our staff.

% Children Achieved Permanence: SGO

Month	Value
Feb-21	12
Mar-21	11
Apr-21	9
May-21	8
Jun-21	11
Jul-21	14
Aug-21	14
Sep-21	17
Oct-21	15
Nov-21	15
Dec-21	21
Jan-22	17

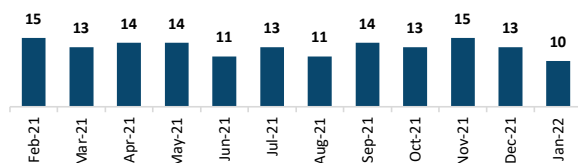| England Av 20/21 | 14 % |
| Dorset 20/21 | 12 % |
| Good+ SN Av 20/21 | 14 % |

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.

% Children Achieved Permanence: Adoption

Month	Value
Feb-21	15
Mar-21	13
Apr-21	14
May-21	14
Jun-21	11
Jul-21	13
Aug-21	11
Sep-21	14
Oct-21	13
Nov-21	15
Dec-21	13
Jan-22	10

England Av 20/21	10 %
Dorset 20/21	14 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	12 %

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

Dorset Council

Indicator	Dorset 18/19	Dorset 19/20	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
No of approved foster carers (All)	186	202	201	203	202	205	202	197	196	198	194	194	193	190
No of new households recruited														
Mainstream	21	22	2	3	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
CP	14	18	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	5
Temporary CP	0	0	1	5	5	2	8	1	2	1	0	0	5	0
No of households de-registered (excludes connected carers)	16	22	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
No of households resigned	44	64	2	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	1	1	3	6

Comments:

Enquiries continue to show improvement with an increase of 27.8% compared with January 2021. It is interesting to note that despite January traditionally being a quieter month the numbers have continued to rise.

This calendar year there have been 235 enquiries which progressed to 104 initial visits and the recruitment of 19 fostering households.
To ensure the conversion rate is as high as possible:

1. Enquirers are welcomed positively, provided with a personal service and responded to within 24 hours.
2. Prospective carers are given clear, engaging verbal and written information that highlights what Dorset Council Fostering can offer at every touch point with a consistent message.
3. The application process is smooth and efficient with fostering carers approved within 26 weeks where possible

Current work to strengthen sufficiency includes;
•The commissioning and use of a marketing agency.
•Redesigning of Dorset Councils Fostering image.
•A specific micro-site.
•Focussed Google advertising
•Face-to-face recruitment
•A focussed background awareness campaign to provide a constant drip effect.

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.
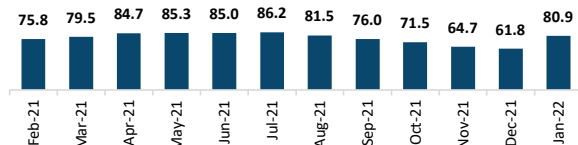
With an up to date Pathway Plan

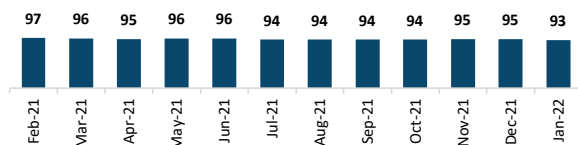| Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
75.8	79.5	84.7	85.3	85.0	86.2	81.5	76.0	71.5	64.7	61.8	80.9

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.

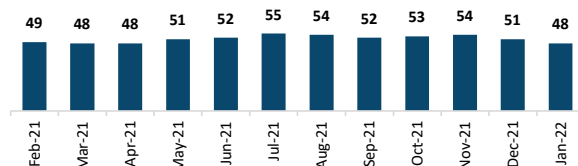### Living in Suitable Accommodation (19-21)

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
97	96	95	96	96	94	94	94	94	95	95	93

England Av 20/21	88 %
Dorset 20/21	88 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	90 %

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 0 in no fixed abode and 4 residences unknown. Those in unsuitable accommodation are monitored through a monthly highlight report to CSLT.

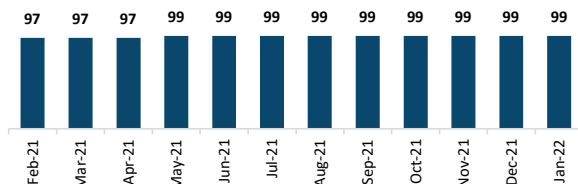### In Employment Education or Training (19-21)

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
49	48	48	51	52	55	54	52	53	54	51	48

England Av 20/21	52 %
Dorset 20/21	43 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	55 %

Comments:

Improvements in our NEET statistics have dropped slightly, and we are working with our NEET reengagement team to improve performance. We have 3 Personal Advisors who focus on preparing any care leaver prior to university and supporting the current 32 young people at university.

Who are in touch with Dorset LA (19-21)

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
97	97	97	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99

England Av 20/21	91 %
Dorset 20/21	94 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	92 %

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.
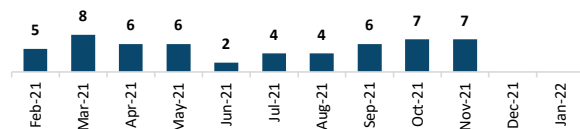
CARE LEAVERS

Dorset Council

Number of Health passports due within the month (2 months in arrears)

Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
5	8	6	6	2	4	4	6	7	7		

Number of health passports completed (2 months in arrears)

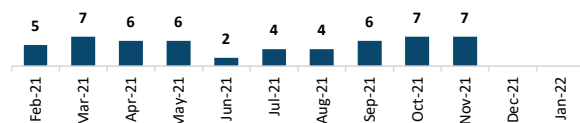| Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
5	7	6	6	2	4	4	6	7	7		

Comments:

Health passports provide an overview of health for a young person leaving our care.

It details immunisations, allergies, medication, health history such as any significant illnesses known or operations. It also supports our young people to know their health information and where to go for support if needed. For example, sexual health services, mental health services

Health Passports are shared by Dorset's Child in Care Nurse with our Children in Care 6 months prior to their 18 birthday. This is an in-person discussion and is also shared electronically and in paper form with our children their current social worker and their Personal Advisor to support smoother transitions.

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ADOPTION

Dorset Council

Indicator	Dorset 19/20	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
Number of adoptions finalised in year	16	2	2	1	2	0	1	1	4	0	0
Number of children living in adoptive placements pending adoption orders	-	18	19	20	20	21	20	21	23	21	21
Number of children with a match identified	-	3	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Number of children where family finding is ongoing	-	22	19	17	19	18	15	13	10	12	12
Number of revocations of Placements Orders	2	8	8	8	6	7	7	6	7	7	5
Number of adoptive families recruited	60	0	2	3	2	5	0	1	1	4	3
Number of adoptive Families in assessment	-	49	46	45	45	41	41	NA	44	54	51

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

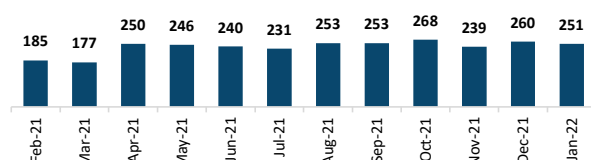|											
400	382	459	481	450	508	482	487	522	508	541	532
Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22
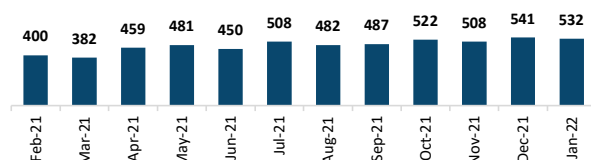
National 2019	**376**
Dorset 2019	**285**
Good+ Statistical Neighbours 2019	**342**

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

185	177	250	246	240	231	253	253	268	239	260	251
Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22

National 2019	**178**
Dorset 2019	**129**
Good+ Statistical Neighbours 2019	**149**

Comments:

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

All data is taken from Aspire Adoption Agency.

There were no adoption orders made in December. Several were scheduled for January, 4 are delayed by the Somerset ruling until after March. All of those children remain with their adopters. Early permanence avoided delay in children being placed with adopters. All 12 children subject to family finding are linked with potential adopters. The 5 revocations are for historic children whose plan has changed to foster care.

The timescales look slow. This is skewed by a few children with high level needs who took longer to be successfully placed and a few children waiting for their placement order to be revoked. Young children continue to be matched and placed quickly. Timescales for each child are reviewed monthly by senior management .

Aspire maintains around 30 available adopters a third of which will consider early permanence. Comprehensive tracking means that if a a suitable inhouse adopter is not identified by the time a child receives a placement order, external searches are immediately initiated.