

Corporate Parenting Performance Report

People - Childrens



March 2022 Performance

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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 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.

Corporate Parenting Data Set (last 6 months)



	Latest Benchmarking		Current Target	Baseline Dorset March 2020	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-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	65.1	65.1	64.6	64.1	64.8	66.2	⊗	🟡	
Number of children who became CIC													
			10	21	13	14	13	10	16	18	⊗	🔴	
Number of children who ceased to be CIC													
			13	22	9	13	14	12	11	11	⊕	🟡	
Number of CIC who are UASC at end of month													
					9	11	11	11	15	23			
% of CIC who are UASC													
					2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.4	5.1			
Health													
% of New Children in Care receiving their IHA within 20 days (one month in arrears)													
			95	28	84.6	16.7	8.3	18.2	0.0		⊗	🔴	
% CIC for 12 months or more with Annual Health Assessment completed on time													
	91	92	90	79	84.2	82.0	81.3	78.6	84.3	88.8	⊕	🟡	
% CIC in care 12 months or more who have had a dental check within 12 months													
	40	30.4	85	78	47.7	50.1	57.1	60.1	61.1	62.4	⊕	🔴	
% of ALL CIC at end of month with up to date immunisations													
	86	92	88	83	86.2	85.7	83.8	81.3	83.2	83.9	⊕	🟡	
Emotional Wellbeing													
% of children for CIC for at least 12 months age 4-16yrs with completed SDQ assessment													
	81	83.8		61	82.0	85.4	86.3	86.4	73.8	80.1	⊕		
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	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.7	⊗	🔴	
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	10	16	12	12	12	13	12	13	⊗		
% Children in Care who have had more than 1 episode of Missing													
	7.4	7.4		8.2	8.4	8.9	8.9	9.3	8.9	9.2	⊗		
Number of allegations made against foster carers													
	10	12.0		27	1	1	0	3	2	0	⊕		

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	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Placement													
% Children in Care living in foster placement													
	71.8	73.3			70	70	69	70	69	69	!		
% of CIC at end of month with 3+ placements in previous 12 months													
	9	9.4	10	11	9.1	9.5	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	✗		
% 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	64.9	67.4	67.1	66.9	63.4	65.1	✓		
% Children in Care living in a commissioned placement													
	51	41		49	54	56	55	55	55	56	✗		
% CIC placed 20 miles away from home													
	21	34	35	47	43.8	43.1	43.5	43.3	43.5	43.8	✗		
% CIC placed outside Dorset													
	42.1	25.6	30	40	40.8	40.1	43.0	43.3	42.8	42.9	✗		
Number of unregulated placements (H5, P2, R1)													
			10	47	21	19	18	18	19	24	✗		
Education													
% Children in Care with an Education Health and Care Plan													
	45.2	39.58			39	38	39	41	38	37			
% 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	48.6					Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022				
% Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Writing													
	50	46.3					Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022				
% Children in Care achieving expected standards in Key Stage 2 Reading													
	49	46.9		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	1.42					Data not available due to COVID		Data published August 2022				
% of children with a PEP within 20 days of coming into care													
			100		NA	NA	100	NA	NA	NA			
% all Children in Care Unauthorised absence													
	1.7	1.56	1		2.29	2.34	3.02	2.16	2.13	2.36	✗		

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	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Education													
Average Attendance % for Children in Care of school age													
			95		92.6	91.1	89.9	89.0	89.0	87.9	⊗	Red	
% Children in Care who have been in care for 12 months who have had at least one suspension (in the month)													
	11.4	13.7			2.5	3.8	2.8	3.8	2.0	6.1	⊗		
% all Children in Care on reduced timetable													
			2		1.4	2.8	3.8	5.8	6.6	6.5	⊙	Red	
Permanence													
% of CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan													
			90	73	98.1	97.8	98.5	98.7	98.8	98.3	⊗	Green	
% Children who have achieved Permanence													
					35.5	36.6	41.2	40.1	41.9	42.7	⊙		
% Children Achieved Permanence SGO													
	12.2	12.5		8.6	15.0	15.0	21.0	17.0	18.0	20.0	⊙		
% Children Achieved Permanence Adoption													
	11	12.4		9.0	13.0	15.0	13.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	⊗		
Sufficiency													
Number of Foster carers at end of month													
			215	206	194	194	193	190	190	192	⊙	Red	
Number of new households recruited – Mainstream													
				26	0	1	0	1	1	2	⊙		
Number of new households recruited – Connected Person													
				45	2	2	1	5	2	3	⊙		
Number of new households recruited – Temporary													
					0	0	5	0	0	4	⊙		
Number of households de-registered – exclude connected carers													
			2	12	1	1	0	1	3	2	⊙	Green	
Number of households resigned													
				15	1	1	3	6	3	2	⊙		
Number of applicants undergoing assessment (Foster Carers)													
					13	13	13	11	11	11	⚠		
Number of allegations made against foster carers that were substantiated													
				14	1	1	0	3	2	0	⚠		

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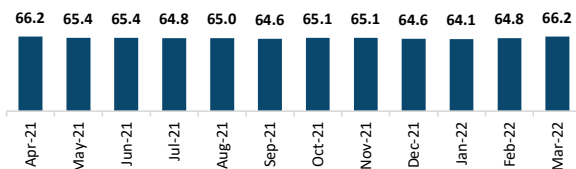
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	Eng AV	Good + AV											
Adoption													
Number of adoptions finalised in month													
			16	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	!		
Number of children living in adoptive placements pending adoption orders													
				21	23	21	21	20	20		!		
Number of children with a match identified													
				1	0	0	0	0	0		!		
Number of children where family finding is ongoing													
				13	10	12	12	14	13		✓		
Numbers of Adoption placement order revocations over last 12 months													
			2	6	7	7	5	3	4		✗		
Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)													
			412	522	508	541	532	518	544		✗		
The average number of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters													
			203	268	239	260	251	242	257		✗		
Number of adoptive families recruited													
			60	1	1	4	3	4	2		✗		
Number of adoptive Families in assessment													
				NA	44	44	37	33	35		✓		
Care Leavers													
% Care Leavers with an up to date pathway plan at end of month													
			95	66.5	71	65	62	81	80	84	✓		
% Care Leavers who are living in suitable accommodation (19-21 yrs)													
	88	89.8	96	88	94	95	95	93	90	95	✓		
% Care Leavers who are in Employment Education or Training (19-21yrs)													
	52	55	60	48	53	54	51	48	48	50	✓		
% Care Leavers who are in touch with Dorset Local Authority (19-21yrs)													
	91	92.2	93	92	99	99	99	99	99	98	✗		
Number of Health passports due within the month (2 months in arrears)													
				7	7	7	6						
Number of health passports completed (2 months in arrears)													
				7	7	7	6						

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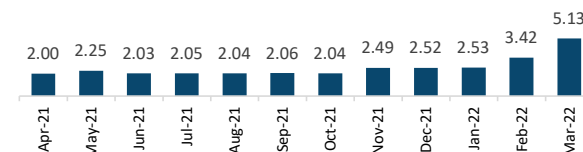
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Rate of Children In Care per 10,000



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

% of Children In Care who are UASC

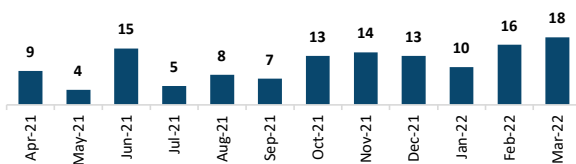


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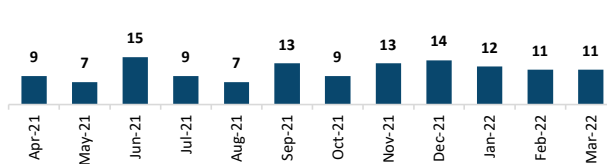
Our rate of children in care per 10,000 has steadily increased month on month since January 2022. Dorset Council is part of the National Transfer scheme for Unaccompanied Asylum-seeking children. We have seen an increase in children coming into our care in this way in 2022 which has increased our overall child in care number.

Our rate of children in care remains lower than the national average. We do remain with a higher rate of children in care than our good + statistical neighbours. We are committed to continuing to work towards achieving a similar rate per 10,000 as Good+ Statistical neighbours. Considerable efforts 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..

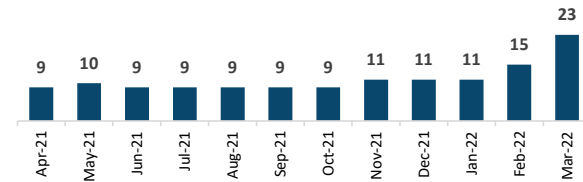
Number of Children who have come into Care



Number of Children who ceased to be in Care



Number of CIC who are UASC at end of month

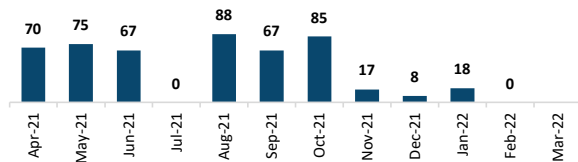


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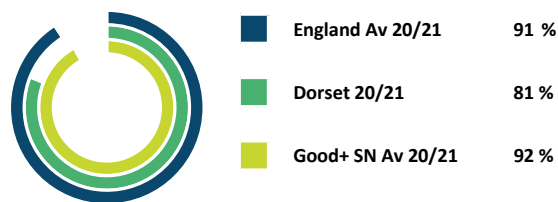
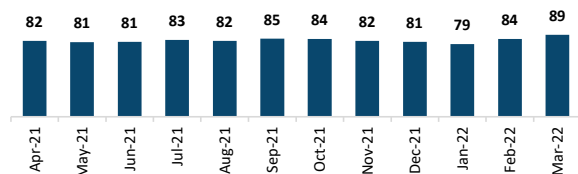
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% of New CIC receiving their IHA within 20 days



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 a decline in performance in completed IHAs since April 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. In January 1 consent was out of time scales and in February we had a sibling group of 2 and 1 in March where consent was gained out of the 5 working day timescale. 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.

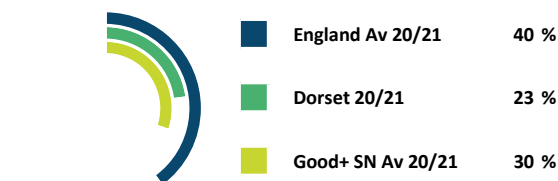
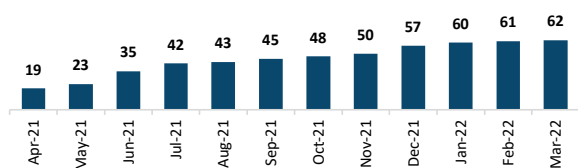
% CIC Annual Health Assessment completed on time



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.

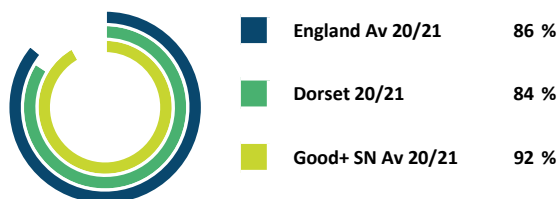
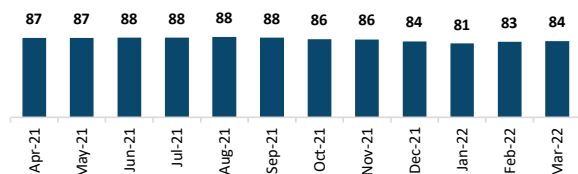
% CIC who have had a dental check within 12 months



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



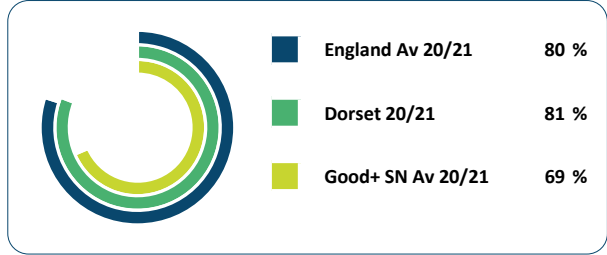
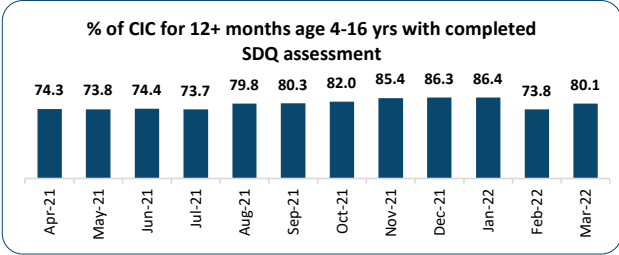
Comments:

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.

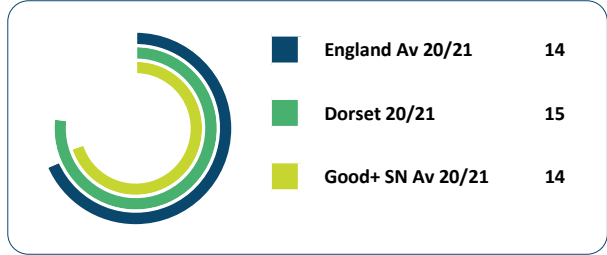
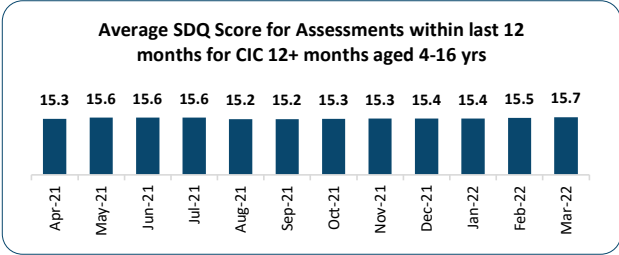
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Comments:
 We continue to remain focused on this as a priority for Children Services. We have seen an improvement in completion of the Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire from March 2021 and the subsequent months. We are monitoring and tracking 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.



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.

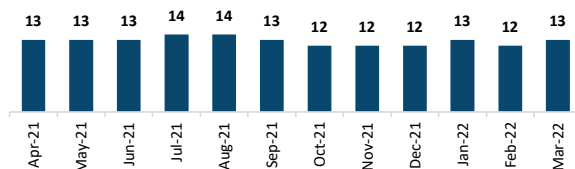
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% CIC who have had a Missing Episode

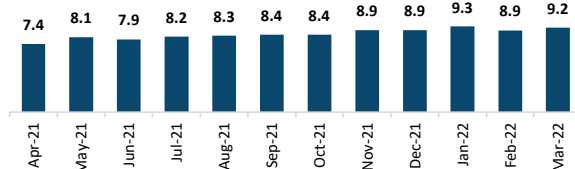


England Av 20/21	10 %
Dorset 20/21	10 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	9 %

Comments:

13% of our children in care had a missing episode in March 2022, a slight increase from the previous month's figures. There is continued work in respect of our young people and how we can reduce missing episodes, through the Daily Missing Meeting and continued oversight of the Return Home Interview process. We are currently seeing a reduction in the number of young people engaging in their Return Home Interview and plan to seek feedback and consider ways to improve engagement.

% CIC with >1 Missing Episode

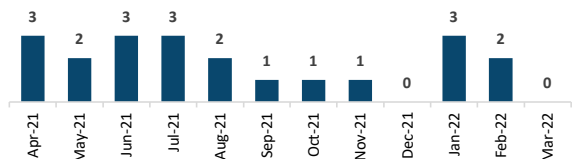


England Av 20/21	6.5 %
Dorset 20/21	5.5 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	5.8 %

Comments:

We have seen a gradual increase in our young people with more than one missing episode and there are a number of them who have had regular missing episodes. We are exploring this further, through looking at how we engage young people in the Return Home Interview and how we work together to reduce further missing episodes. A workshop was held with our Harbour and Targeted Youth workers, attended by Police Missing Team Strategic Lead and Children's Services Leads, with a focus on missing and Return Home Interviews. We will also be developing the Daily Missing Meeting, risk management and how recommendations/actions inform the young person's support plan to reduce further missing episodes and risks associated with this.

Number of allegations made against foster carers per month

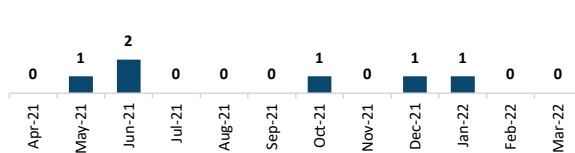


England Av 20/21	10
Dorset 20/21	15
Good+ SN Av 20/21	11

Comments:

In March 2022 there were 0 allegations made against foster carers.

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



12 month Dorset Total 20/21 5

Comments:

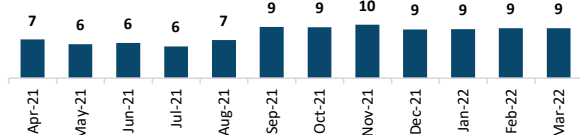
There has been no allegation substantiated against a foster carer in February or March 2022.

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% Children in Care with 3 or more Placements

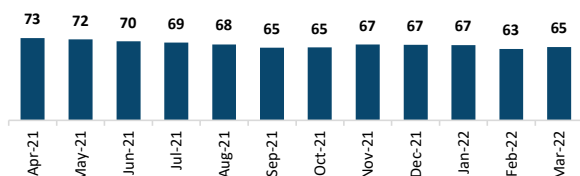


England Av 20/21	9 %
Dorset 20/21	9 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	9 %

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

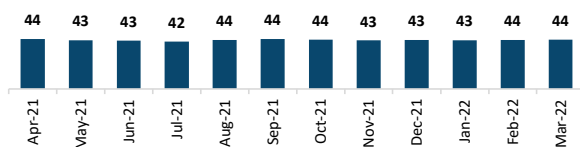


England Av 20/21	70 %
Dorset 20/21	76 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	72 %

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

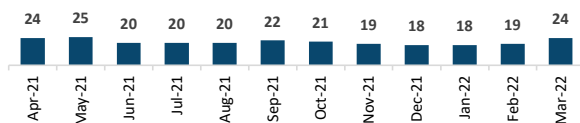


England Av 20/21	21 %
Dorset 20/21	48 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	34 %

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)



Comments:

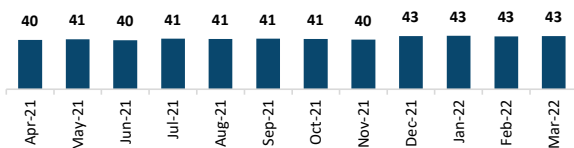
All of our children in unregulated placement are 16+ and are closely monitored on a monthly basis. We have seen an increase in March 2022 due to the increase in unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people coming into our care via the National transfer scheme.

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% CIC Living Outside Dorset Council Area

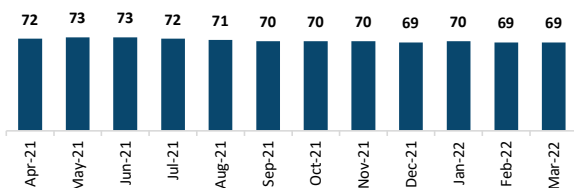


England Av 20/21	42 %
Dorset 20/21	42 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	26 %

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

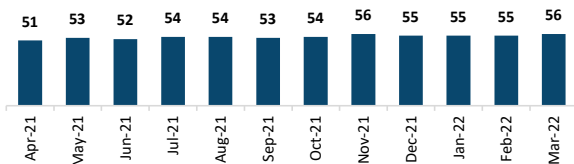


England Av 20/21	71 %
Dorset 20/21	72 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	74 %

Comments:

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

CIC Living in a Commissioned Placement



England Av 20/21	48 %
Dorset 20/21	54 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	58 %

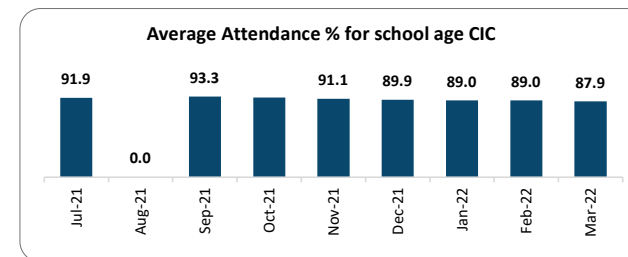
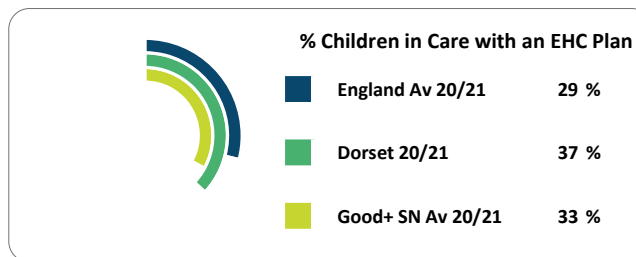
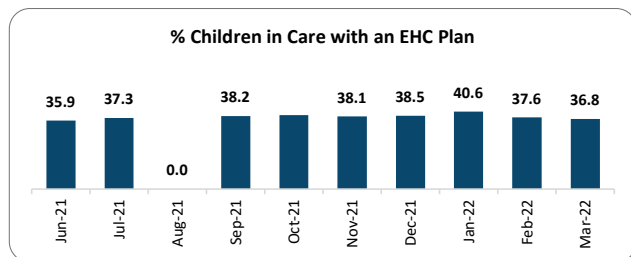
Comments:

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England Av 19/20	Dorset 19/20	Good + SN Av 19/20		Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
			Children with a PEP within 20 days of coming into care (%)	NA	NA	100	NA	NA	NA
1.5	1.3	1.1	Children in Care Unauthorised absence (%)	2.3	2.3	3.0	2.2	2.1	2.4
9	10	12	Children in Care 12+ months who have had at least one Fixed Term Exclusion (%)*	2.5	3.8	2.8	3.8	2.0	6.1
			Children in Care on reduced timetable (%)	1.4	2.8	3.8	5.8	6.6	6.5

* Exclusions are reported a year in arrears so refer to 19/20 (published 20/21)

Comments:	Indicator	England Av 18/19	Dorset 18/19	Good+ SN Av 18/19	Good+ 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 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

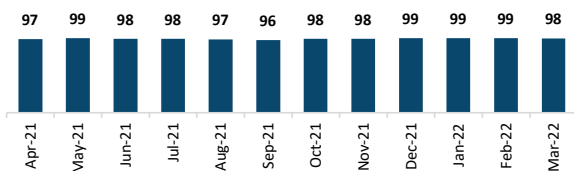
Comments:
 There has been a slight decrease in the % of children with an EHC Plan but this is due in part to an increase in the full roll of the Virtual School. The average attendance has decreased to 87.9% in March from 89% in February. The Virtual School are introducing a celebration of outstanding attendance at the end of each term to encourage attendance whilst undertaking some analysis of patterns in attendance within the team during the summer term to address this trend. There has been an increase in the number of suspensions (FTE) in March. Analysis has been undertaken by school and year group and meetings have been arranged with targeted schools to discuss alternatives to exclusion.

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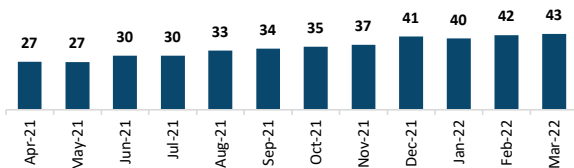
% Children with a Permanence Plan



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

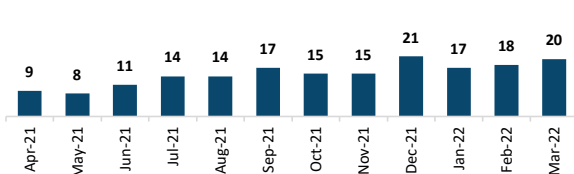
% Children who have achieved Permanence



Comments:

We remain committed to ensuring our children are achieving permanence in a timely way. This performance has steadily improved slightly since April 2021. This remains a key focus and performance in this regard should steadily improve in coming months as seen to date. 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. Numbers of children in care have increased, however we are still seeing an increase in the % achieving permanence.

% Children Achieved Permanence: SGO



England Av 20/21 14 %

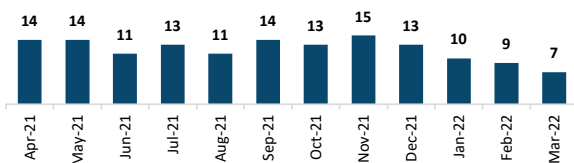
Dorset 20/21 12 %

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



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



Indicator	Dorset 19/20 (whole year)	Dorset 20/21 (whole year)	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
No of approved foster carers (All)	206	244	202	205	202	197	196	198	194	194	193	190	190	192
No of new households recruited														
Mainstream	26	25	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	2
CP	45	38	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	1	5	2	3
Temporary CP			5	2	8	1	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	4
No of households de-registered (excludes connected carers)	12	12	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	2
No of households resigned	15	16	3	2	4	4	3	4	1	1	3	6	3	2

Comments:

In the month of March, we had 20 enquiries, which is an increase from the previous month and better than this time last year.

This financial year there have been 206 enquiries in comparison to 248 in previous year. However, we anticipate our recruitment strategy which includes an increase of face-to-face recruitment alongside digital recruitment with strengthen the footprint of the Dorset Council Fostering Service in the county. Over the last two months we have had transfers from independent fostering agencies and other local authority. The 20 enquiries in March resulted in progressed to 8 initial visits and 2 approvals.

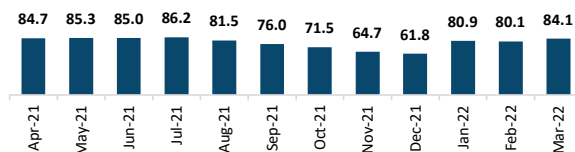
The annual fostering report is being presented to Corporate Parenting Board on the 28th April.

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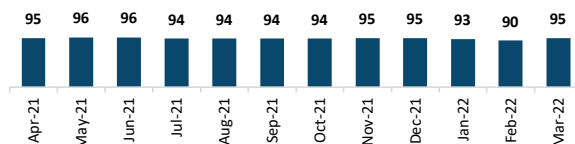
With an up to date Pathway Plan



Comments:

Benchmarking data currently not available. Figures taken from Mosaic for all Care Leavers at the end of each month. Quality and timeliness of pathway plans remains a focus for the Care Leaver services who continue to closely monitoring performance.

Living in Suitable Accommodation (19-21)

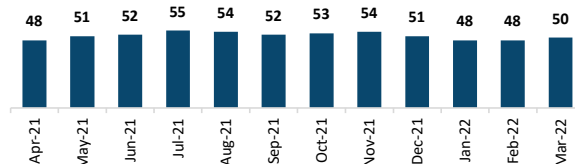


England Av 20/21	88 %
Dorset 20/21	88 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	90 %

Comments:

Although a high number of our Care Leavers are in suitable accommodation, there are 5 young people in B&B and 6 in custody, and 4 in residences unknown. Those in unsuitable accommodation are monitored through a monthly highlight report to CSLT. 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.

In Employment Education or Training (19-21)

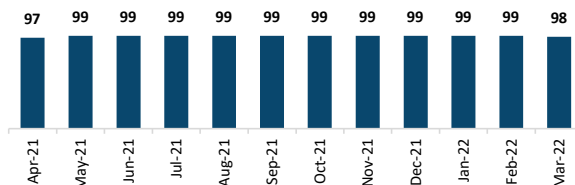


England Av 20/21	52 %
Dorset 20/21	43 %
Good+ SN Av 20/21	55 %

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)



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

Comments:

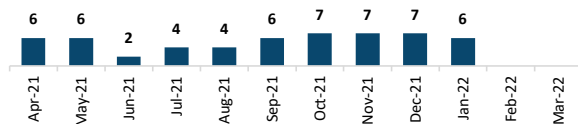
Our 'In Touch' rates are higher than our statistical neighbours, we do have a small number of Care Leavers we are not in touch with. Where we are not in touch, Care Leaver will still have an allocated PA who will continue to try to make contact by whatever means they can.

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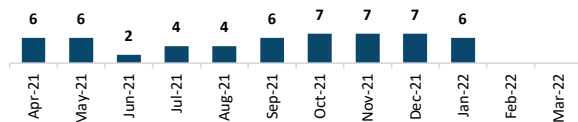
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Number of Health passports due within the month (2 months in arrears)



Number of health passports completed (2 months in arrears)



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.

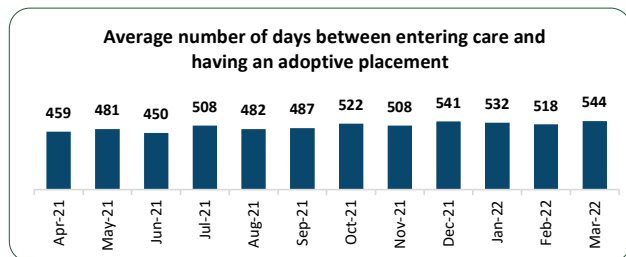
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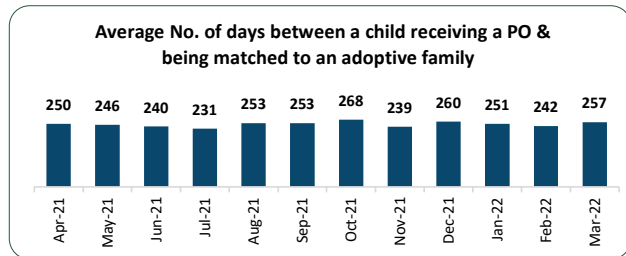
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Indicator	Dorset 19/20	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
Number of adoptions finalised in year	16	1	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0
Number of children living in adoptive placements pending adoption orders	-	20	20	21	20	21	23	21	21	20	20
Number of children with a match identified	-	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Number of children where family finding is ongoing	-	17	19	18	15	13	10	12	12	14	13
Number of revocations of Placements Orders	2	8	6	7	7	6	7	7	5	3	4
Number of adoptive families recruited	60	3	2	5	0	1	1	4	3	4	2
Number of adoptive Families in assessment	-	45	45	41	41	NA	44	44	37	33	35



National 2019	376
Dorset 2019	285
Good+ Statistical Neighbours 2019	342



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 between December and March because 4 children’s adoption hearings have been delayed by the Somerset ruling . Those children remain with their adopters. Early permanence avoided delay in children being placed with adopters. All 13 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 timescale for matching and placing children has lengthened compared to the 2019 figures. This is a national trend and 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 suitable inhouse adopter is not identified by the time a child receives a placement order, external searches are immediately initiated.