Dorset Council

Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report

March 2025

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present the **Corporate Parenting Board** with a comprehensive overview of performance metrics. The indicators are organized by relevant categories to facilitate analysis and understanding. We will continue collaborating with managers to establish clear targets for improvement and accountability.

Overview of Performance

The report presents key indicators and evaluates performance against these metrics over the past six months. It assesses the available data as of the end of the last month, utilising snapshots for analysis. Where applicable, specific targets have been established to promote high performance and drive improvement, accompanied by a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rating for each indicator. These targets are aligned with national benchmarks and the averages of statistical neighbours, and relevant information is included in the report where available, in collaboration with Service Managers.

RAG Rating and Performance Direction

Where a target has been set, indicators are RAG rated in the 'Status' field 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.

The latest performance is compared to the previous month, with icons indicating the direction of performance, based solely on whether the figures have increased or decreased. It is important to note that the '**Direction of Performance**' field is not related to the established targets; rather, it serves to highlight changes in performance trends. To assess the overall status of each measure, please refer to the RAG ratings in the '**Status**' field, which indicate how the latest month's performance aligns with the set targets.

- ✓ **improved performance compared with previous month**
- ✗ **decline in performance compared with previous month**
- ! **same performance compared with previous month**

ℹ Benchmarking Note

The statistical neighbours recognised for their Good and Outstanding performance include Cornwall, East Sussex, Norfolk, Shropshire, Somerset, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire. The most recent benchmarking data has been incorporated into this report for your review.

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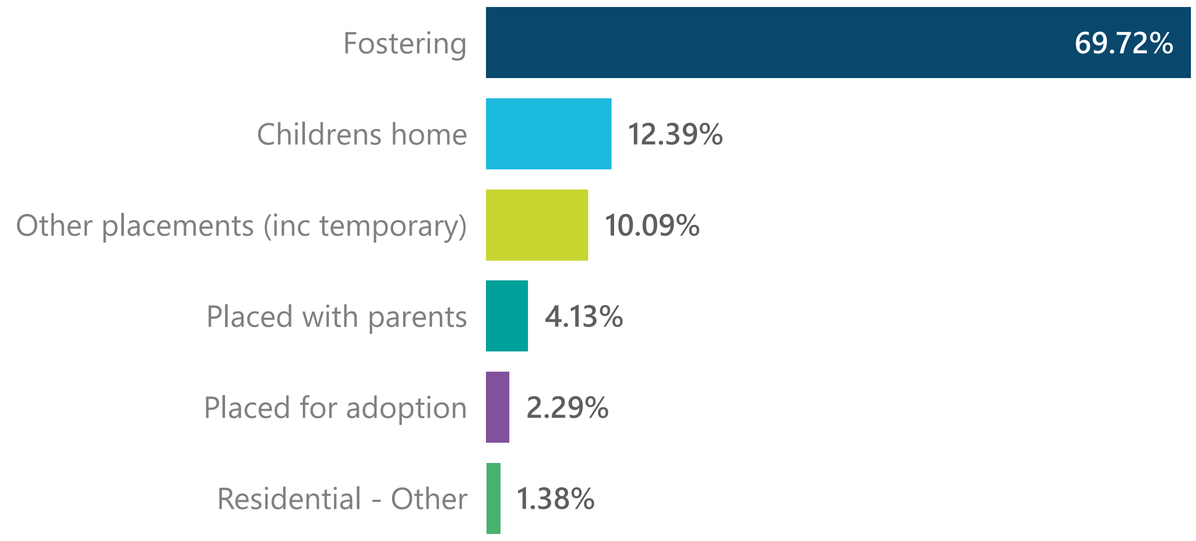
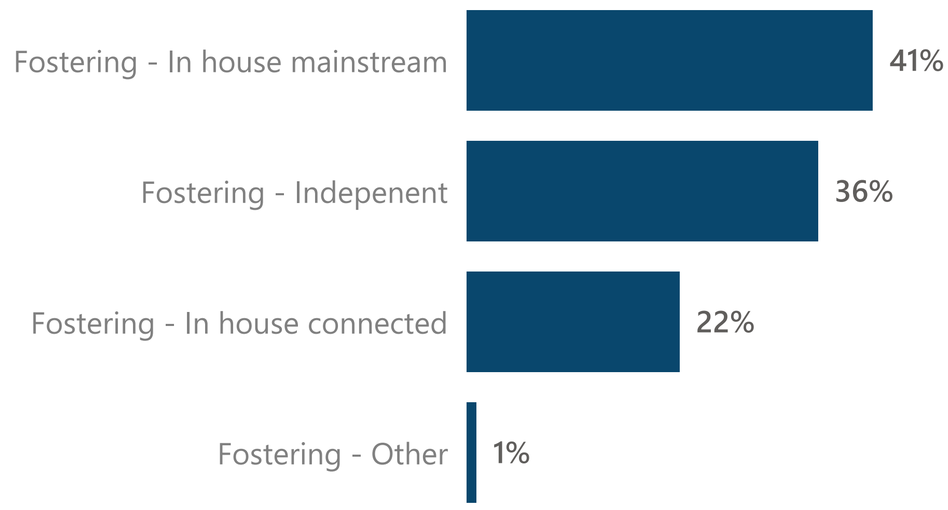
A full list of indicators including 6 months of data is included in the Appendix.

Child Placement Type



Placement - Fostering Breakdown



Number of Children in Care

We have 435 children in care (rate of 66 per 10,000), 41 of which are unaccompanied asylum seeking children. Last month we had 433 , (66) and 42 respectively.

Permanence

In the last 6 months 10 % of children achieved permanence through Adoption and 5 % achieved permanence through Special Guardianship Orders (SGO). Last month this was 11 % and 1 % respectively.

Distance from Home

41 % of our children in care live over 20 miles away from home (excluding our unaccompanied asylum seeking children). Last month it was 41 %.

Placement Stability

Of our children in care who have been in care for 2.5 years (aged 16 or under) 78 % have been in their placement for 2 years or more. Last month it was 78 %.

10 % of our children in care had 3 or more placements in the previous 12 months. Last month it was 11 %.

Health

Of our children who have been in care for at least 12 months (aged 4-16), 53 % have had a strengths & difficulties questionnaire completed. Last month this was 58 %

Of our new children in care last month, 33 % had their initial health assessment within 20 days. In the month prior to that it was 22 %

Education

The average attendance for this academic year for our children in care is 89 %, (89 % up to last month).

93 % of our children in care have had their termly personal education plan completed on time (93 % up to last month).

Adoption

19 children were adopted in the last 12 months, compared to 16 children in the previous 12 months.

Adoption

The average number of days from the date of the Placement Order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters was 201 (201 last month)

Adoption

The average number of days between entering care and moving in with adopted family (adjusted for foster carer adoptions) was 334 (334 last month).

Care Leavers

We have 2 care leavers (active, aged 16-25 yrs) in bed and breakfast accommodation. In the previous month we had 1

Care Leavers

96 % of our care leavers are living in suitable accommodation (active, 19-21 yrs). Last month this was 96 %

Care Leavers

68 % of our care leavers are in employment, education or training (active, 19-21 yrs). Last month this was 66 %

Care Leavers

93 % of our care leavers with an up to date Pathway Plan and end of month (active, 17-25 yrs). Last month this was 93 %

Care Leavers

98 % of our care leavers are in in touch with us (active, 19-21 yrs). Last month this was a 98 %

Profile Data for

March 2025

Number of Children in Care

435

Last Month: 433 (+0.5%)

Number of Care Leavers

558

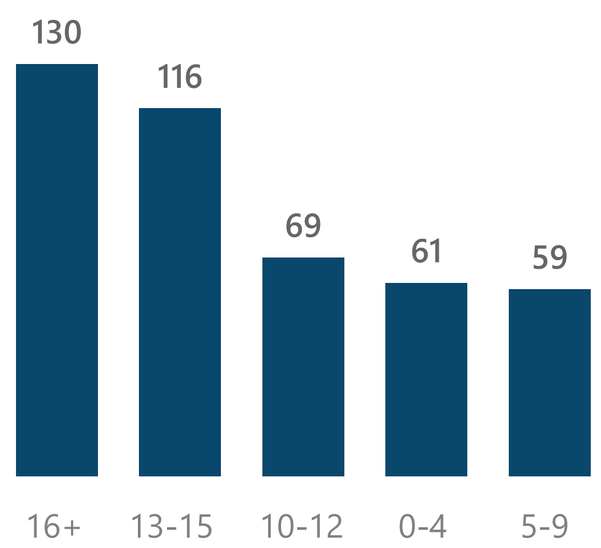
Last Month: 554 (+0.8%)

of Those, Number Receiving a Service

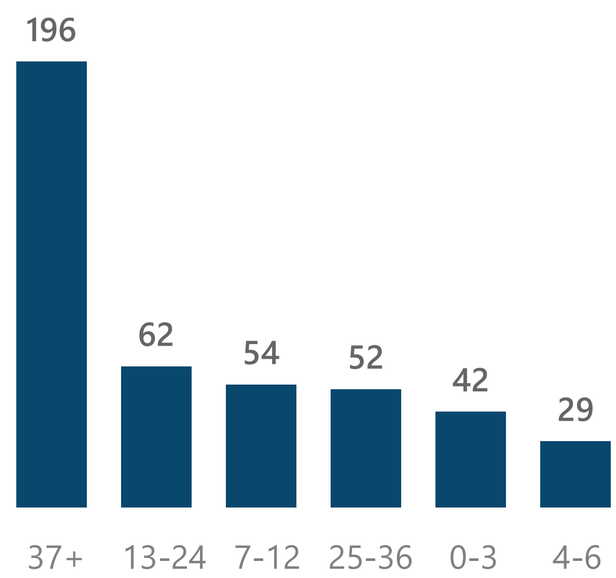
300

Last Month: 304 (-1.3%)

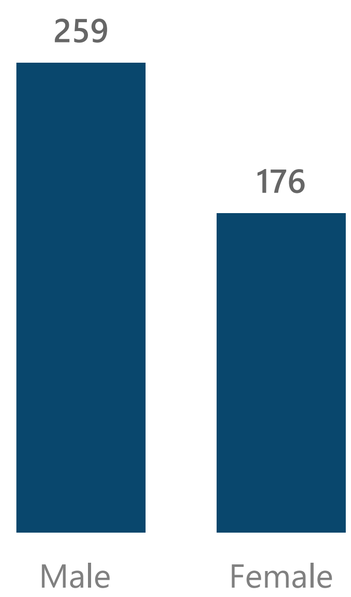
Children in Care (Age)



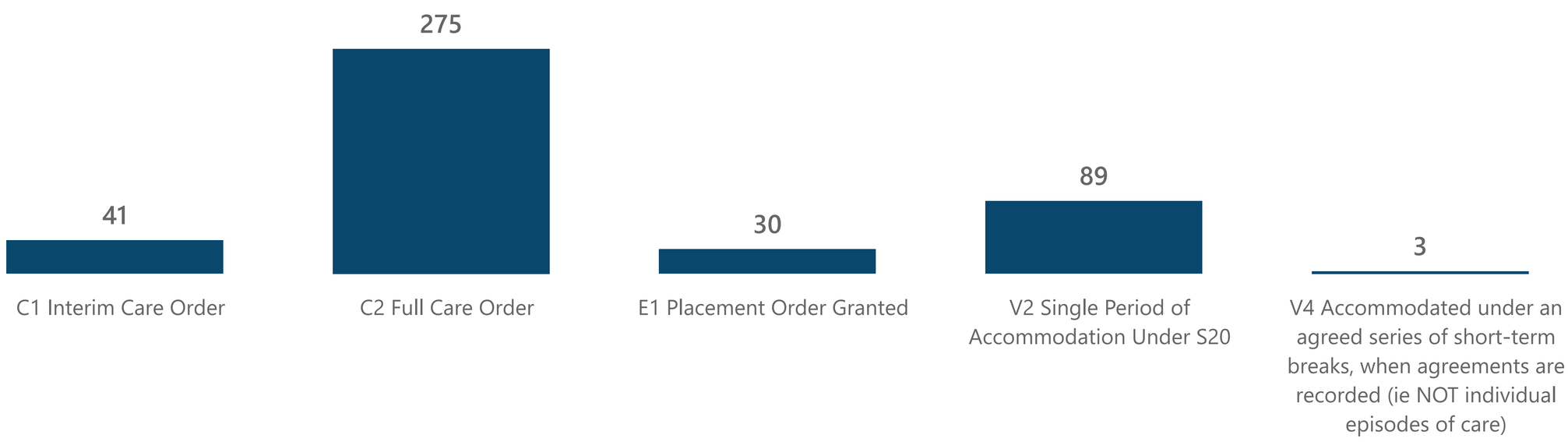
Children in Care (Duration in Months)



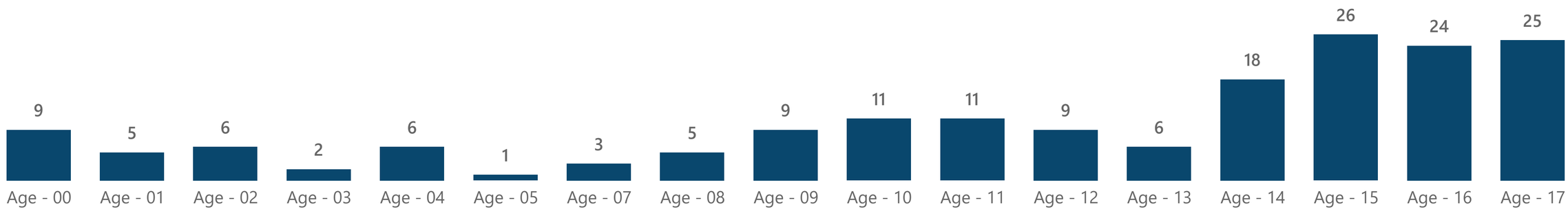
Children in Care (Gender)



Children in Care by Legal Status (Number)



Children in Care by Gender & Age (Female)



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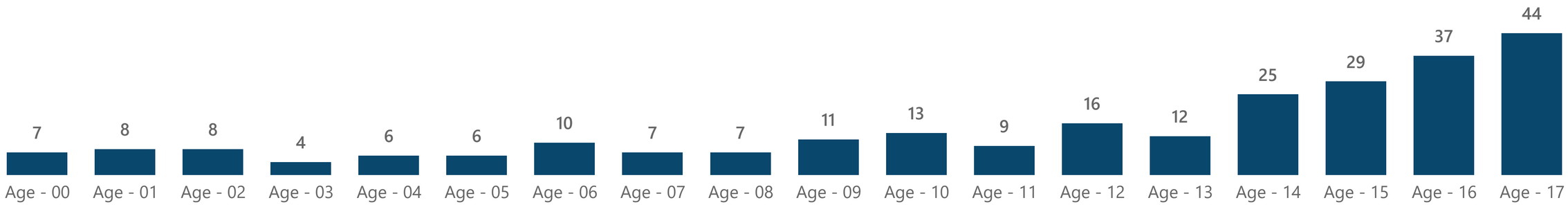
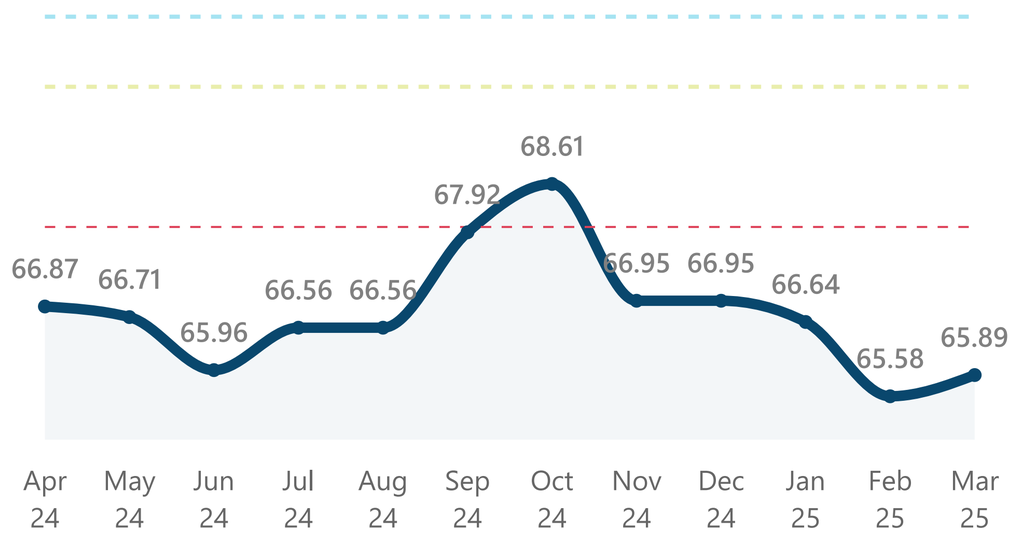


Profile Data for

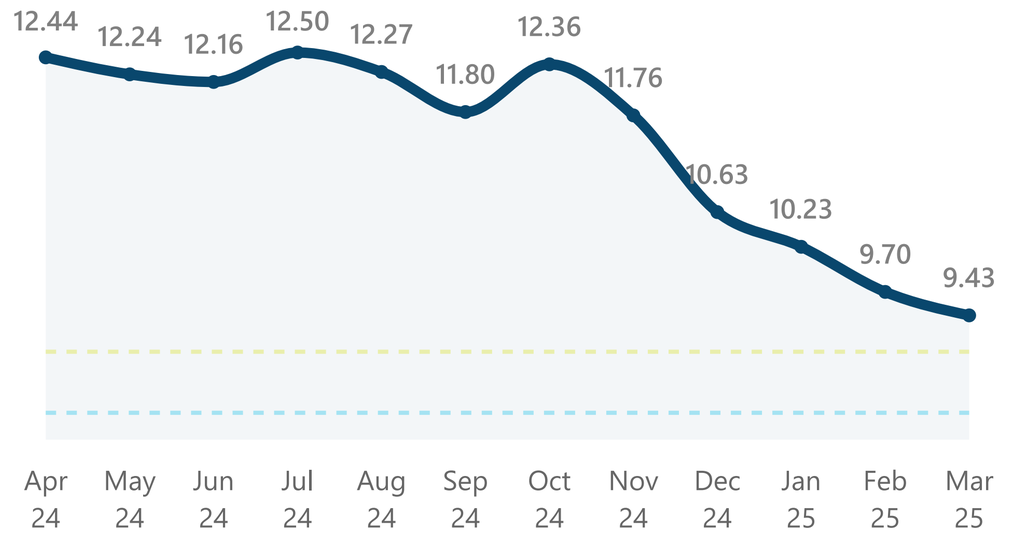
March 2025

Rate of CIC as at end of month



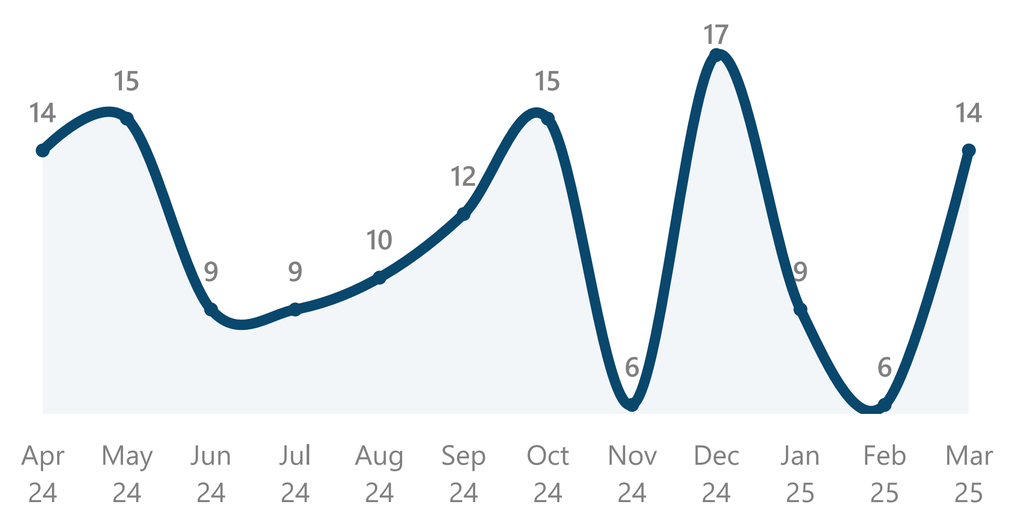
Dorset's **target** is **68**. **Good + SN** is **71** and **England** is **70**. The highest recorded rate was **68.61**in Oct 24. The lowest recorded rate was **65.58** in Feb 24.

% of CIC who are UASC



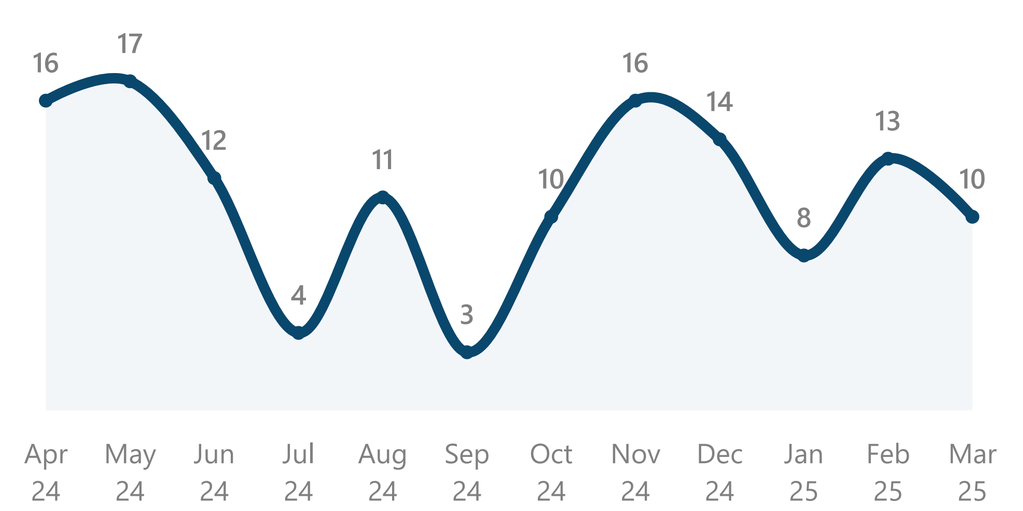
Good + SN is **8.29%** and **England** is **9%**. The highest recorded percentage was **12.5%** in Jul 24**.** The lowest recorded percentage was **9.43%** in Mar 25.

No. of children who became CIC



In the last 12 months, there have been **136** children who became CIC. The highest number recorded was **17** in Dec 24. The lowest number recorded was **6** in Nov 24 and Feb 25.

No. of children who ceased to be CIC



In the last 12 months, there have been **134** children who ceased to CIC. The highest number recorded was **17** in May 24. The lowest number recorded was **3** in Sep 24.

Commentary

The rate of children in care is 65.89 and remains lower than good +stat nighbours and national average and keeps us firmly in the green. We have seen an increase in the number of children entering care in March 2025, 8 of whch were adolescents, 2 of which returned to their family. We also saw an increase in the % of new children in care who were previously children in care.

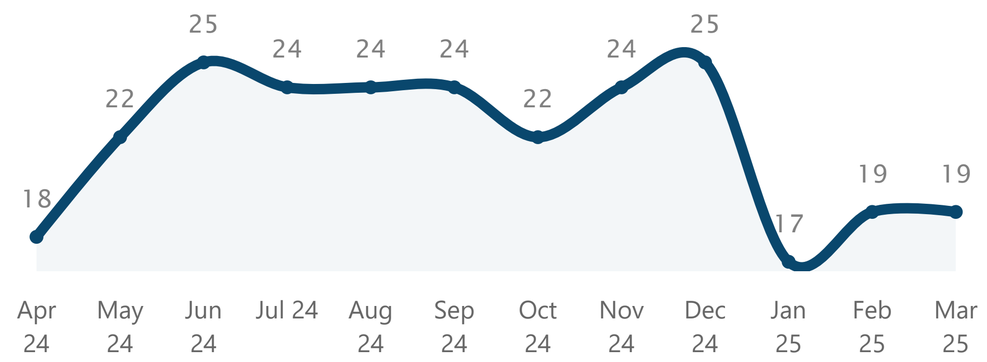
Profie Performance Measures & Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng. Avg	Target	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Latest D.O.T.
% of CIC who are UASC	-	8.29	9.00		10.23	9.70	9.43	
No. of children who became CIC	Low			10.00	9.00	6.00	14.00	Worsening
No. of children who became CIC Excl UASC	Low			10.00	7.00	5.00	13.00	Worsening
No. of children who ceased to be CIC	High			13.00	8.00	13.00	10.00	Worsening
No. of CIC at end of month	Low			420.00	440.00	433.00	435.00	Worsening
No. of CIC who are UASC at end of month	-				45.00	42.00	41.00	
Rate of CIC as at end of month	Low	71.00	70.00	68.00	66.64	65.58	65.89	Worsening
Rate of CIC as at end of month Excl UASC	Low	65.08	63.55		59.83	59.22	59.68	Worsening

Adoption Data for

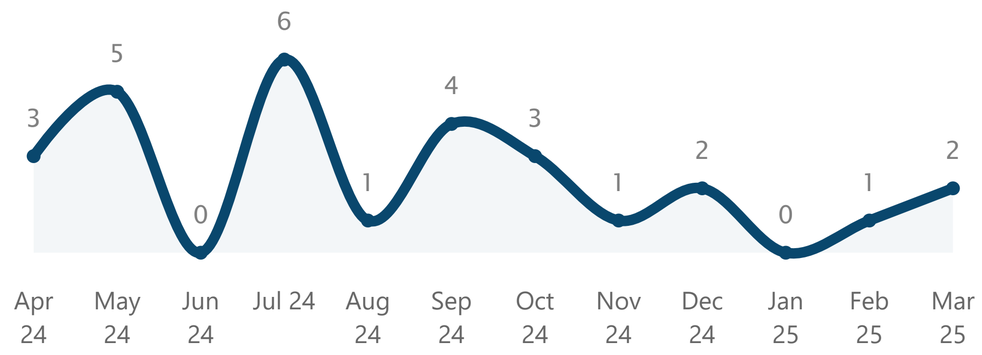
March 2025

Children adopted in last 12 months



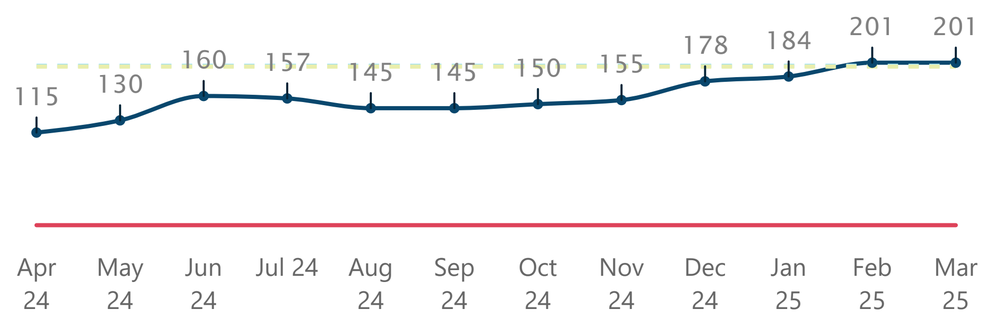
In the last 12 months, there have been a total of **263** children adopted. The highest number adopted in a month was **25** (Jun 24 & Dec 24). The lowest number adopted in a month was **17** (Jan 25).

No. of adoptive families approved (ADM)



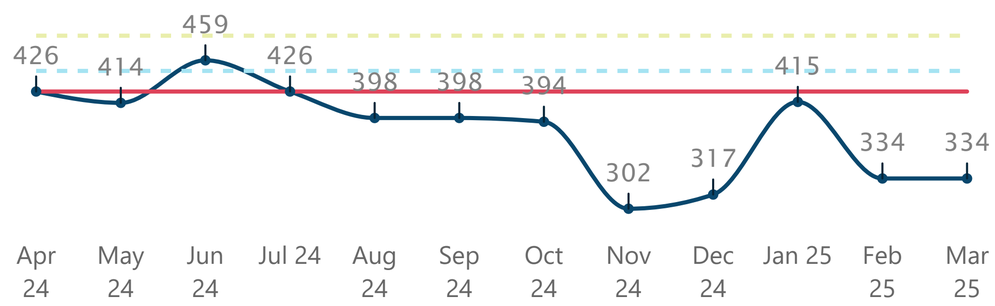
In the last 12 months, there have been a total of **28** adoptive families approved. The highest number approved in a month was **6** (Jul 24). The lowest number approved in a month was **0** (Jun 24 and Jan 25)

The average No. of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters



Dorset's **target** is **121**. The average number of days for **Good + SN** is **225** and the average number of days for **England** is **197**. The highest average number of days for Dorset was **201** (Feb 25 and Mar 25). The lowest average number of days for Dorset was **115** in Apr 24.

Average No. of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)



Dorset increased it's **target** from **342** to **426** from Apr 24.The average number of days for **Good + SN** is **460** and the average number of days for **England** is **480**. The highest average number of days for Dorset was **459** in Jun 24. The lowest average number of days for Dorset was **302** in Nov 24.

Commentary

It is positive to see the number of children adopted in the last 12 months has maintained good performance, at 19 which is better than this time last year. The partnership working, family finding offer and tracking of children continues to support better performance than Good + stat neighbours and England average regarding timeliness of entering care and moving in with adoptive family. More adopters have been approved this year than in 2023/24. However, this needs to be balanced against the number of children who are waiting to be placed, and attention needs to be maintained on an ambitious recruitment strategy with particular focus on recruiting adopters for sibling groups, children who are disabled and older children. We are fast tracking those adoptive families that meet the needs of children who have those harder to place characteristics.

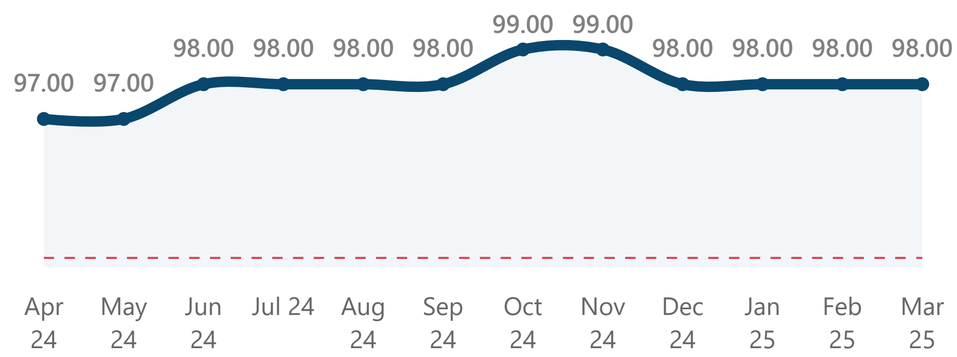
Adoption Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
Average No. of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)	Low	447.78	485.04	426.00	447.78	415.00	334.00	334.00	Same
Children adopted in last 12 months	High					17.00	19.00	19.00	Same
No. of Adoption placement order revocations over last 12 months	Low					4.00	4.00	5.00	Worsening
No. of adoptive families approved (ADM)	High					0.00	1.00	2.00	Improving
No. of adoptive Families in assessment	High					16.00	15.00	12.00	Worsening
The average No. of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters	Low	197.23	196.18	121.00	197.23	184.00	201.00	201.00	Same

Care Leavers Data for

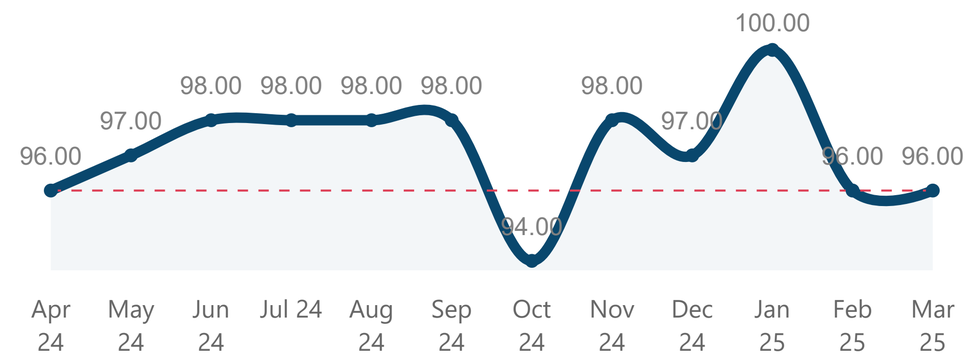
March 2025

% Care Leavers who are in touch with Dorset Local Authority (Active aged 19-21)



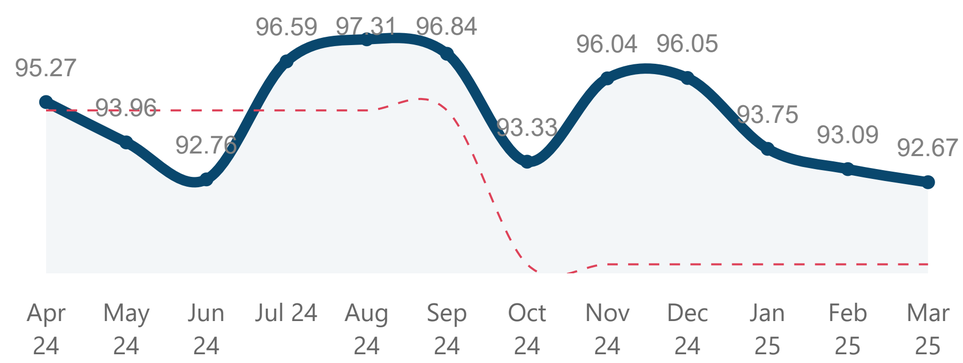
Dorset's **target** is **93%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **99%** (Oct & Nov 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **97%** (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr & May 24)

% Care Leavers who are living in suitable accommodation (Active aged 19-21)



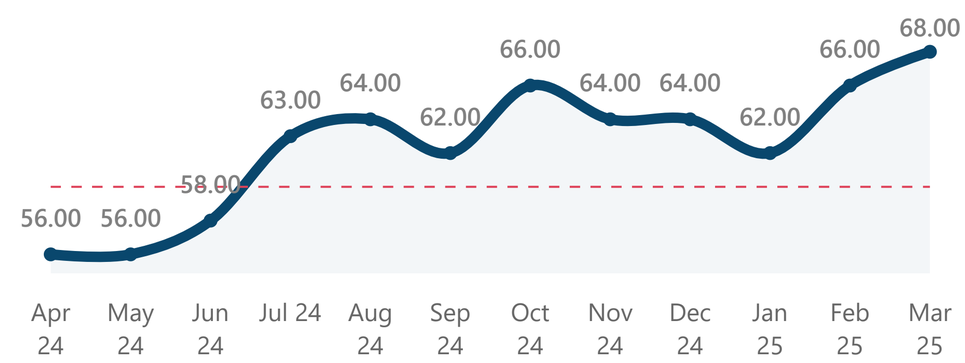
Dorset's **target** is **96%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **100%** (Jan 25). The lowest percentage recorded was **94%** (Oct 24)

% Care Leavers with an up to date pathway plan at end of month (Active aged 17-25)



From Jan 24 to Mar 24, Dorset's **target** was **90%**. During Apr 24 to Sep 24 it was **95%**. From Oct 24, it was **90%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **97.31%** (Aug 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **92.76%** (Jun 24)

% Care Leavers who are in Employment Education or Training (Active aged 19-21)



Dorset's **target** is **60%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **68%** (Mar 25). The lowest percentage recorded was **56%** (Apr and May 24)

Commentary

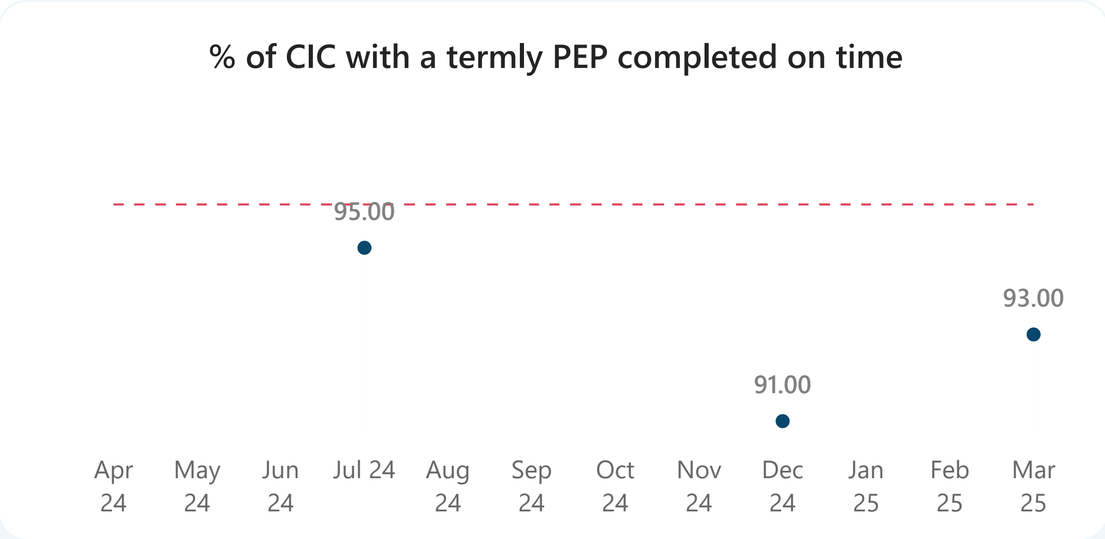
At the end of March 25 we had a total of 558 care leavers in our family, of which 300 are actively receiving support and have a personal advisor. We remain in touch with 98% of our care leavers and continue to actively engage with the small % who actively choose not to access the support and services available to them. Housing remains a priority for us as a service and continues to be identified as a key priority for our care leavers. We are proud that 96% of our care leaver family are in suitable housing. The 4% who are not, we know them well and their individual situations and circumstances. We have 3 young people in custody, 1 young person who remains homeless and 2 young people who have moved out of the area and relocated to Scotland, presented as homeless and are currently in B&B whilst being assessed as to whether they are eligible for social housing in the area they want to remain. These 3 young people were unaccompanied children and are all very clear on where they want to live and what type of accommodation. We continue to support them to understand the housing processes, challenges and costs and are identifying suitable accommodation options for them regularly. We are working closely with our colleagues in hosuing and the young people are seen and contacted regularly. For some of our young people (34) they are living in shared accommodation which is considered as HMO. These are small shared houses of no more than 6 young people which suitable facilities, location and access to community resources and support networks. All are seen regularly and 2 of the HMO (9 of the young people) are homes owned by the care leaver service. We remain focussed on our priority to increase the access to EET for our care leavers and continue to work collaboratively with our pathway to employment team to strengthen this area of our work and develop creative opportunities for young people to engage with learning and training. We have seen an increase in EET for care leavers 19-21 to 68% which is the highest we have achieved and is a direct result of targetted training and preparation for employment workshops. We are working closely with the virtual school to understand the reduction of EET for 17/18 year olds as we know those who are actively engaged at 17 continue to seek education, training or employment once they leave care. 92% of our pathway plans continue to be completed within timescales and 8 weekly supervision remains above our target of 90%.

Care Leavers Performance Metrics

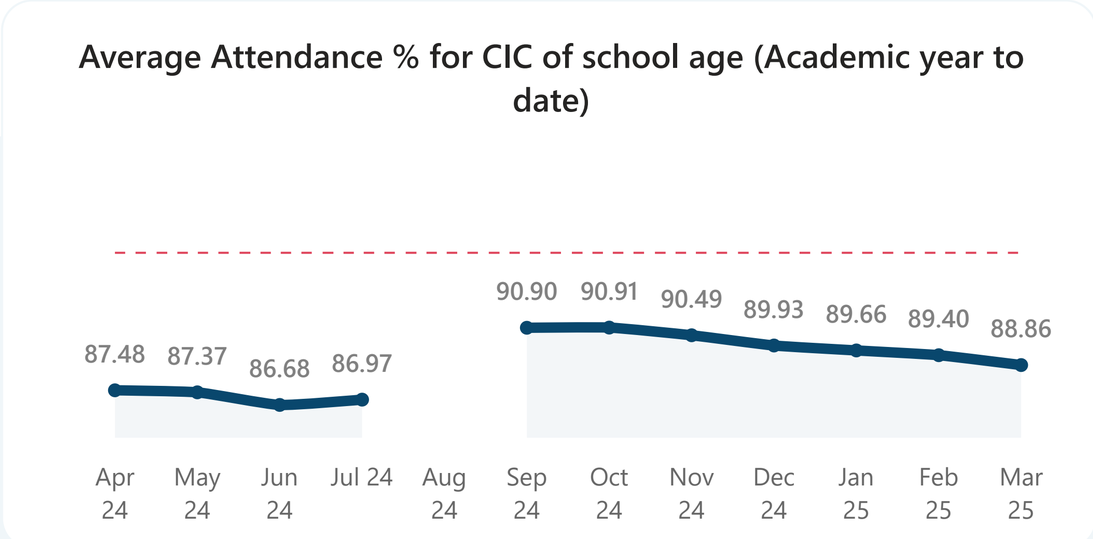
Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
% Care Leavers aged 19-21 in EET (OC3)	High	56.86	54.00		56.86			59.35	Worsening
% Care Leavers who are in Employment Education or Training (Active aged 17-18)	High			60.00		84.00	85.00	77.00	Worsening
% Care Leavers who are in Employment Education or Training (Active aged 19-21)	High			60.00		62.00	66.00	68.00	Improving
% Care Leavers who are in touch with Dorset Local Authority (Active aged 19-21)	High			93.00		98.00	98.00	98.00	Same
% Care Leavers who are living in suitable accommodation (Active aged 19-21)	High			96.00		100.00	96.00	96.00	Same
% Care Leavers with an up to date pathway plan at end of month (Active aged 17-25)	High			95.00		93.75	93.09	92.67	Worsening
No. of Care Leavers (Active aged 17-25) in Bed and Breakfast accommodation	Low			0.00		0.00	1.00	2.00	Worsening
No. of Care Leavers (Active aged 17-25) in unsuitable accommodation at end of month	Low			11.00		3.00	5.00	6.00	Worsening
No. of health passports completed (2 months in arrears)	-					8.00	10.00		
No. of Health passports due within the month (2 months in arrears)	-					8.00	10.00		

Educational Data for

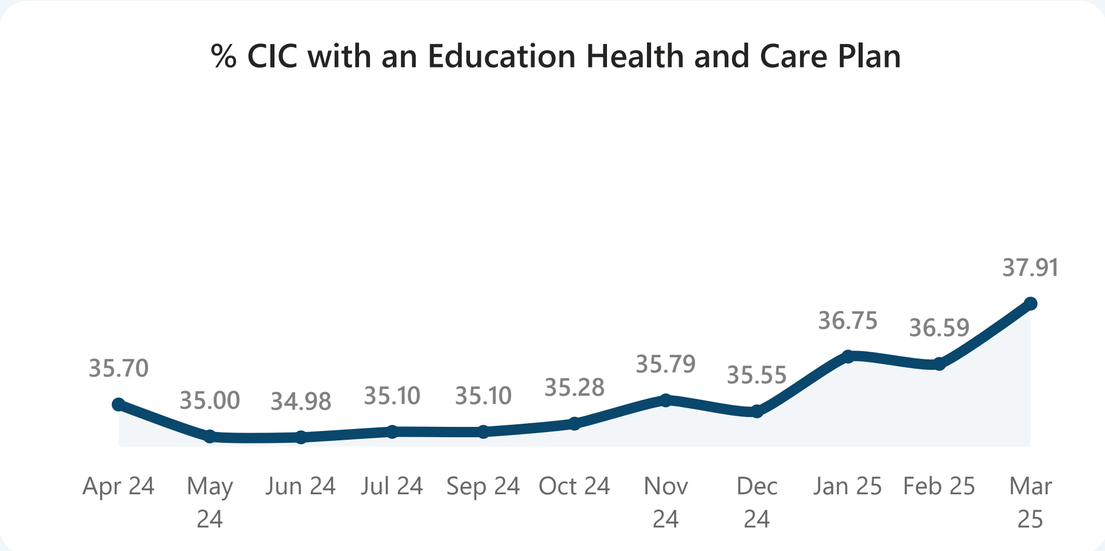
March 2025



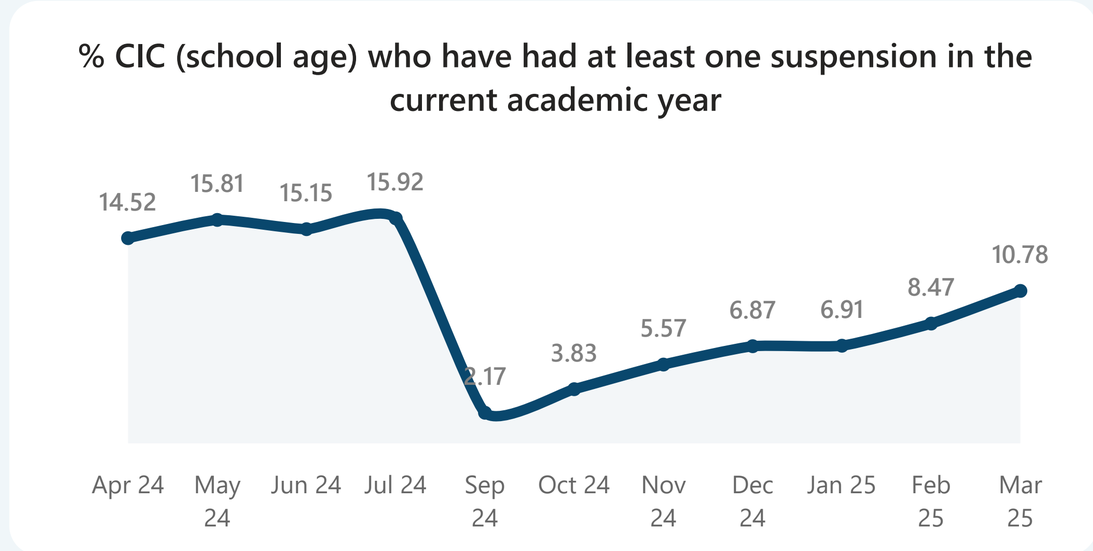
Dorset's **target** is **96%.** In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **95%** (Jul 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **91%** (Dec 24)



Dorset's **target** is **95%.** In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **90.91%** (Oct 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **86.86%** (Jun 24)



In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **39.76%** (Jan 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **34.98%** (Jun 24)



In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **15.92%** (Jul 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **2.17%** (Sep 24)

Commentary

Dorset Virtual School continue to work hard to support our Children in Care and Care Leavers with their education. The Spring Term saw an improvement in the timeliness of PEP completion with 100% of initial PEPs and 93% of all PEPs completed and quality assured within the 20-day timeframes ensuring that all our children were supported educationally with robust monitoring in place where there are concerns. PEP quality remained consistently high with 96% of Spring PEPs graded as good or better (double the number of golds from Autumn term 2024). There has been an increase in attendance at PEPs for children, social workers, Personal Advisors and Designated Teachers compared to Autumn 2024. Attendance for the cohort stands at 89% year to date. Attendance is an improvement on the previous year now. Attendance for all year groups is over 90% except for year 9 (86.0%), year 10 (83%) and year 11 (79%). All children with below 50% attendance are monitored on the inclusion monitoring board and any child with a suspension is focused on during the monthly student progress meeting. Currently, 70% of our post-16 young people are in education, employment or training. All children who are NEET are monitored fortnightly on the Inclusion Monitoring Board to ensure that support is in place to re-engage with learning. 33 children have had at least one suspension in this academic year and 15 of these children have a SEN need or EHCP. All Virtual School Leads attend reintegration meetings for children who are suspended. The Virtual School Service Manager or Specialist Teachers will lean in to support any child that has had more than one suspension. Any child with a suspension in the month is discussed at the next monthly Pupil Progress meeting. The Virtual School has two planned events in place for our children and young people during May half-term, including a digital day in collaboration with Arts University Bournemouth and Bournemouth University focusing on coding, virtual reality and animation. The Virtual School is also finalising its plans for the annual Virtual School Awards to be held in July to celebrate our children and young people who have achieved this year, both in education and the wider community.

Education Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
% CIC (school age) who have had at least one suspension in the current academic year	Low					6.91	8.47	10.78	Worsening
% CIC with an Education Health and Care Plan	-					36.75	36.59	37.91	
% of children with a PEP within 20 days of coming into care	High			100.00				100.00	
% of CIC & Care Leavers who are EET (16 to 18 Year Olds - Y12 & Y13)	High			72.00		66.90	73.79	69.66	Worsening
% of CIC & Care Leavers who are NEET (16 to 18 Year Olds - Y12 & Y13)	Low			28.00		33.10	26.21	30.34	Worsening
% of CIC with a termly PEP completed on time	High			96.00				93.00	
Average Attendance % for CIC of school age (Academic year to date)	High			95.00		89.66	89.40	88.86	Worsening

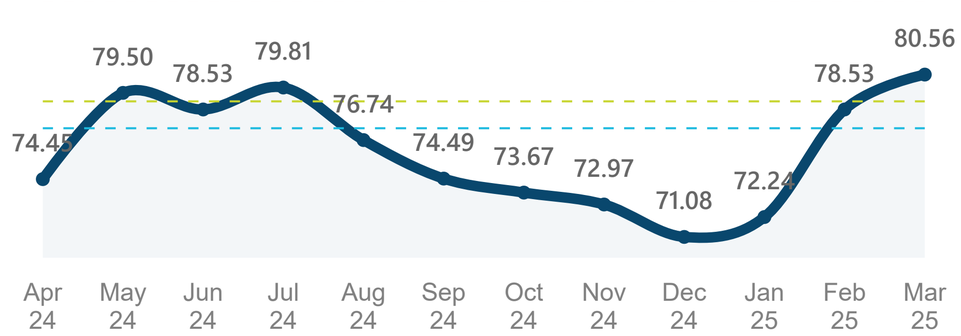
Health and Emotional Wellbeing Data for

March 2025

% of New CIC (in previous month) receiving their IHA within 20 days

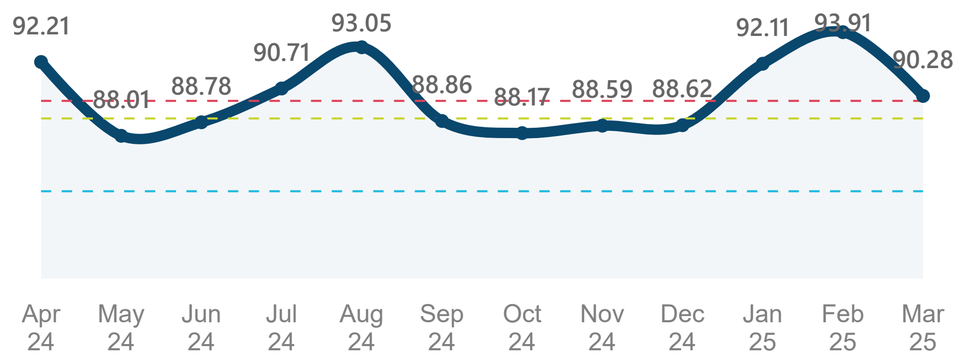
Dorset's **target** is **95%**. The highest recorded percentage was **80%** (Jun and Dec 24). The lowest recorded percentage was **22.22%** (Feb 25)

% CIC in care 12 months or more who have had a dental check within 12 months



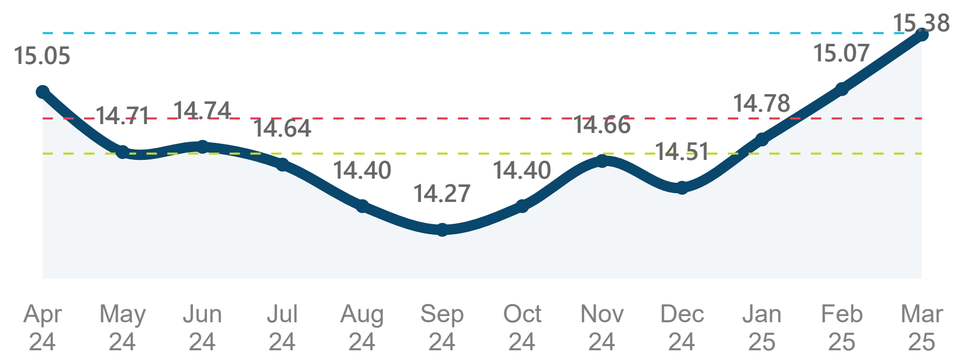
Dorset's **target** is 85%. **Good + SN** is **77.43%** and **England** is **79%**. The highest recorded percentage was **79.81%** (Jul 24). The lowest recorded percentage was **71.08%** (Dec 24)

% CIC for 12 months or more with Annual Health Assessment completed on time



Dorset's **target** is **90%**. **Good + SN** is **84.86%** and **England** is **89%**. The highest percentage recorded was **93.05%** (Aug 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **88.01%** (May 24)

Average SDQ score for CIC who have been in care for more than 12 months (age 4 to 16)



Dorset's **target** is **14.9**. **Good + SN** is **15.39** and **England** is **14.7**. The highest average SDQ score recorded was **15.38** (Mar 25). The lowest average SDQ score recorded was **14.27 (**Sep 24)

Health & Emotional Wellbeing

Noticable drop in % of new children in care receiving their IHA within 20 days which is indicative of the number of factors which impact on this indicator. This related to 6 children, 2 were completed in time, 1 delayed consent (s20) and has since returned home. 3 children placed outside Dorset all completed between 21-30 days.

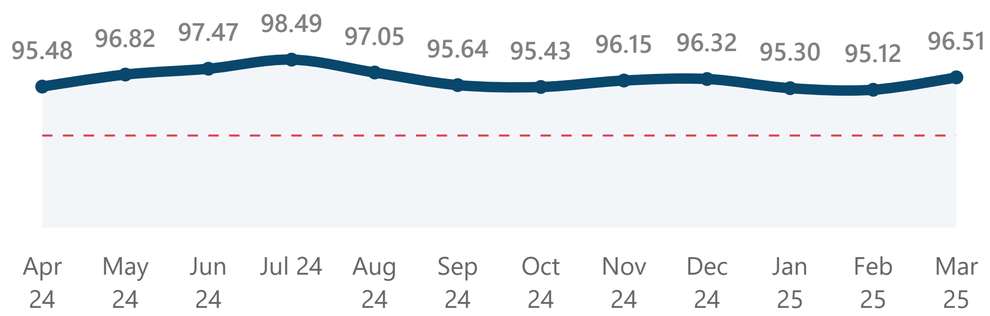
Health & Emotional Wellbeing Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Latest D.O.T.
% CIC for 12 months or more with Annual Health Assessment completed on time	High	84.86	89.00	90.00	84.86	92.11	93.91	90.28	Worsening
% CIC for 12 months or more with up to date Immunisations	High	86.29	82.00	85.00	86.29	90.85	93.91	91.54	Worsening
% CIC in care 12 months or more who have had a dental check within 12 months	High	77.43	79.00	85.00	77.43	72.24	78.53	80.56	Improving
% of children for CIC for at least 12 months age 4-16yrs with completed SDQ assessment	High	68.43	77.00	75.00	68.43	60.07	57.75	53.17	Worsening
% of New CIC (in previous month) receiving their IHA within 20 days	High			95.00		76.50	22.22	33.33	Improving
% of New CIC (in previous month) receiving their IHA within 20 days Excl UASC	High			95.00		76.50	28.57	40.00	Improving
Average SDQ score for CIC who have been in care for more than 12 months (age 4 to 16)	Low	15.39	14.70	14.90	15.39	14.78	15.07	15.38	Worsening

Permanence Data for

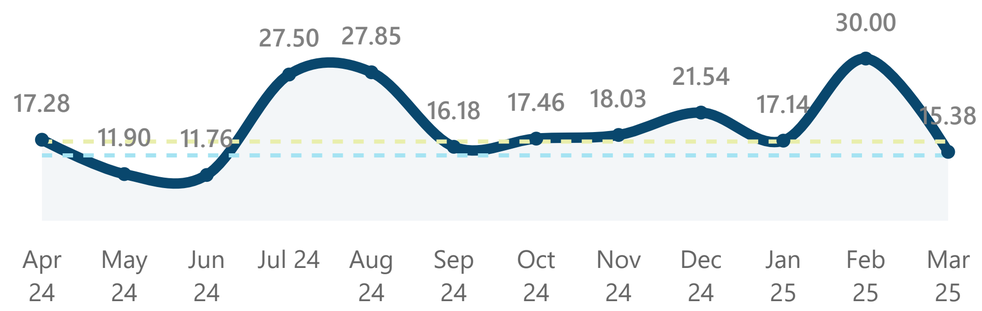
March 2025

% CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan



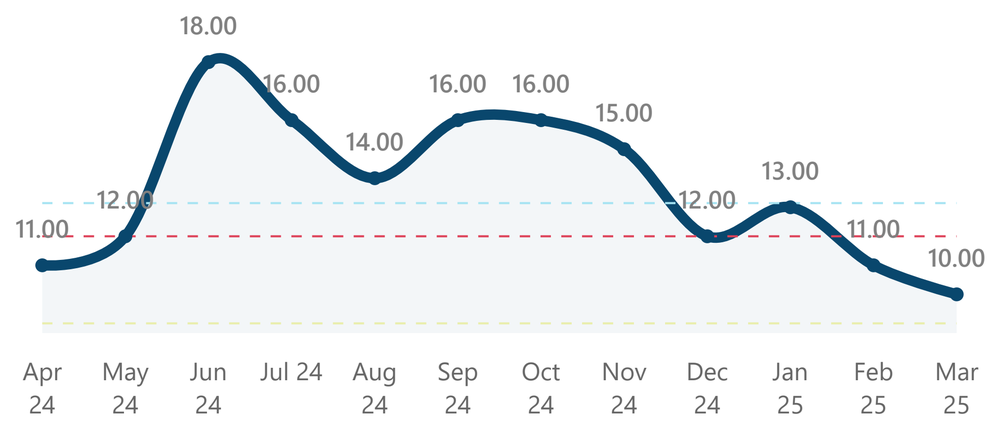
Dorset's **target** is **90%.** In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **98.49%** in Jul 24. The lowest percentage recorded was **95.12%** in Feb 25. Dorset have been above target in all 12 of the last 12 months.

% Children Achieved Permanence Returned home to live with parents/ relatives (with PR) (Rolling 6 months)



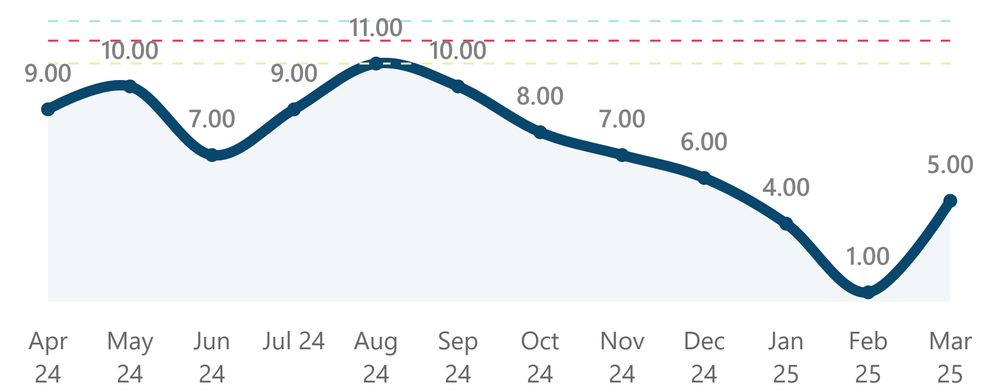
Good +SN percentage is **14.83%** and **England** is **17%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **30%** in Feb 25). The lowest percentage recorded was **11.76%** in Jun 24.

% Children Achieved Permanence Adoption (Rolling 6 months)



Dorset's **target** is **12%. Good +SN** percentage is **13.14%** and **England** is **9%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **18%** (Jun 24) The lowest percentage recorded was **10%** in Mar 25.

% Children Achieved Permanence SGO (Rolling 6 months)



Dorset's **target** is **12%. Good +SN** percentage is **12.86%** and **England** is **11%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **11%** in Aug 24. The lowest percentage recorded was **1%** in Feb 25.

Commentary

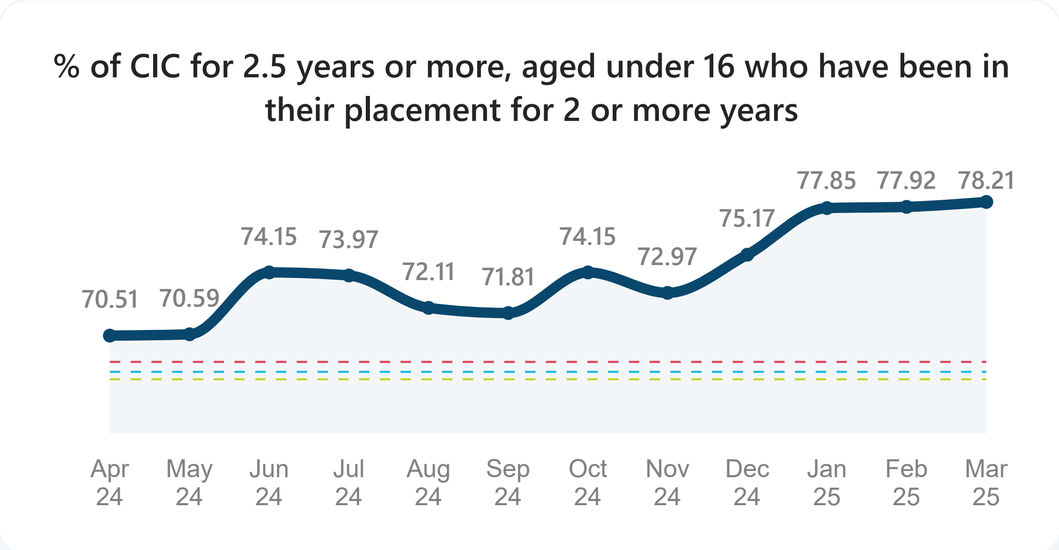
We have seen a slight dip in the % of children achieving permanence through adoption at 11% which remains above national average. The % of children who achieved permanence through SGO has increased this month to 5% and while an improving picture remains lower than good + stat neighbours and national average. The proportion of children who have a completed Permanence Plan was 92.99 % at end of March 2025 of which 86.95 % (excl UASC) had been updated in the last 6 months (excluding Achieved Permanence). 78% children in care for 2.5 years have lived in the same home for 2 years or more. 50.45% children who have a long term fostering as a plan have achieved permanence which is at the highest point since 2021.

Permanence Performance Metrics

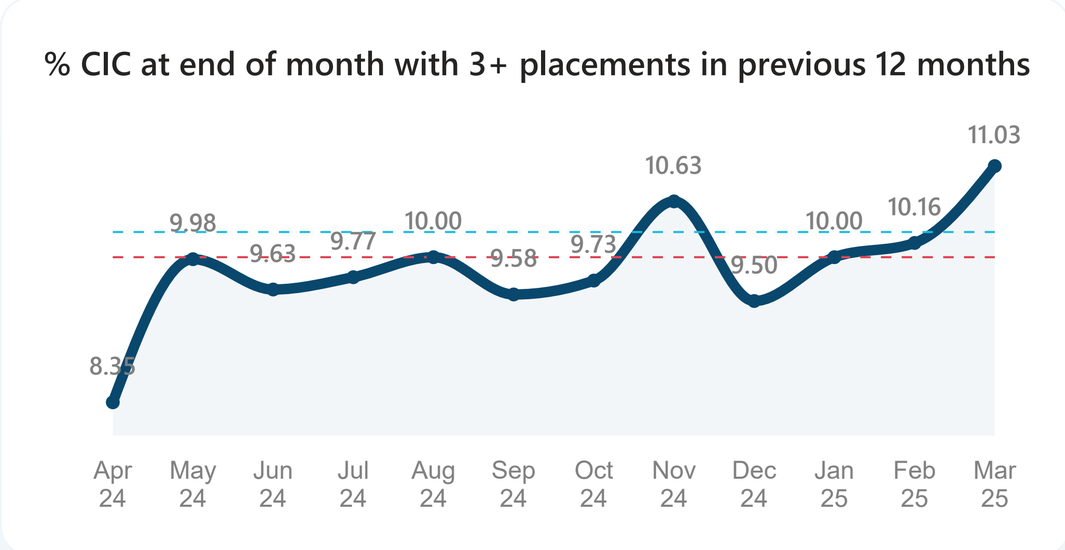
Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Latest D.O.T.
% Children Achieved Permanence Adoption (Rolling 6 months)	High	13.14	9.00	12.00	13.14	13.00	11.00	10.00	Worsening
% Children Achieved Permanence Returned home to live with parents/ relatives (with PR) (Rolling 6 months)	High	14.83	17.00		14.83	17.14	30.00	15.38	Worsening
% Children Achieved Permanence SGO (Rolling 6 months)	High	12.86	11.00	12.00	12.86	4.00	1.00	5.00	Improving
% CIC at month end with long term fostering as plan and achieved permanence	High					53.09	55.28	54.47	Worsening
% CIC at month end with long term fostering as plan and achieved permanence Excl UASC	High					57.92	60.00	59.64	Worsening
% CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan	High			90.00		95.30	95.12	96.51	Improving
% CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan Excl UASC	High			90.00		96.17	96.51	97.26	Improving

Placement Data for

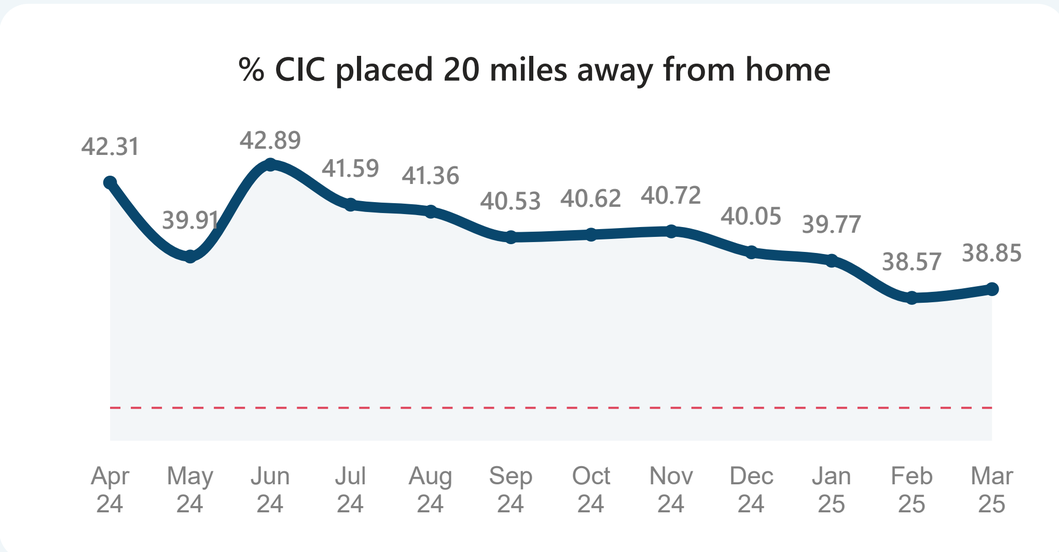
March 2025



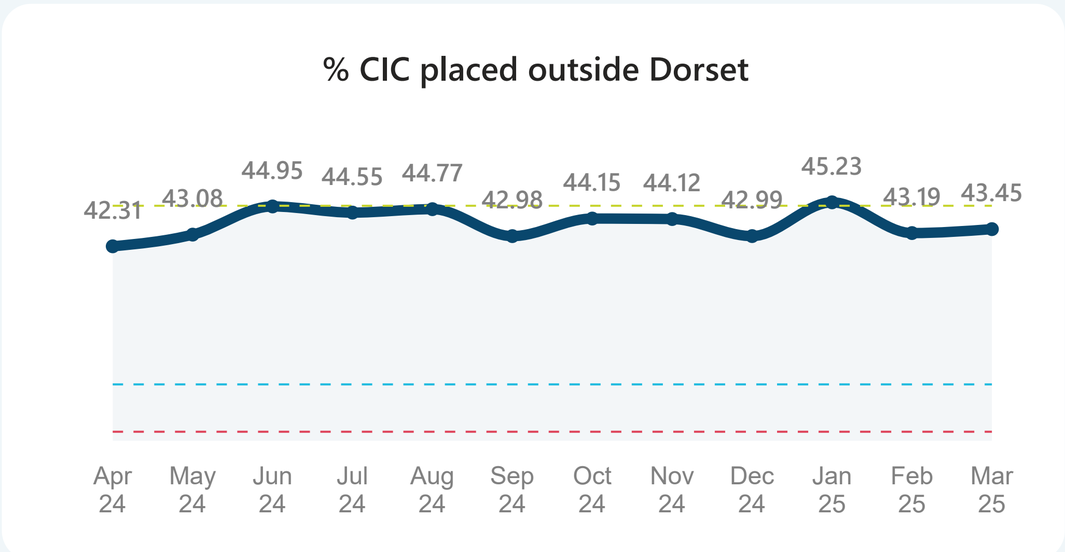
Dorset's **target** is **69%**. The highest recorded percentage was **78.21%** in Mar 25. The lowest recorded percentage was **70.51%** in Apr 24.



Dorset's **target** is **10%. Good + SN** is **10.29%** and **England** is **10%**. The highest recorded percentage was **11.03%** in Mar 25. The lowest recorded percentage was **8.35%** in Apr 24.



Dorset's **target** is **35%**. The highest percentage recorded was **42.89%** in Jun 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **38.57%** in Feb 25.



Dorset's **target** is **30%**. **Good + SN** is **33.14%** and **England** is **45%**. The highest percentage recorded was **45.23%** in Jan 25. The lowest percentage recorded was **42.31%** in Apr 24.

Commentary

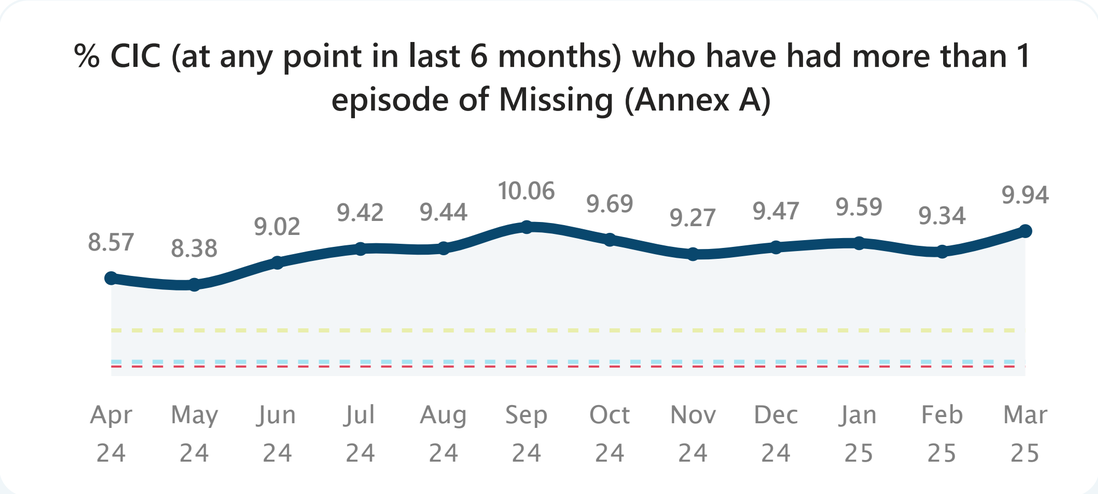
More children are settled with their carers with long term stability strengthening further and being the highest recorded (since April 2020) at 78.2%, 10% better than good+ stat neighbours.% Children placed outside Dorset (Excl Unnacompanied children) has reduced from 42.99% in December to 39.09% in March 2025.There has been a slight decrease in the % of children living in a foster placement although an overall increase from this time last year including an increase in the number of children living with Dorset carers. This month there are fewer children living closer to home with % children 20 mile from home increasing to 41.12 % from 40.92% last month. However,we are in a stronger position than this time last year when 44.3% children lived over 20 miles from their home.

Placement Performance Metrics

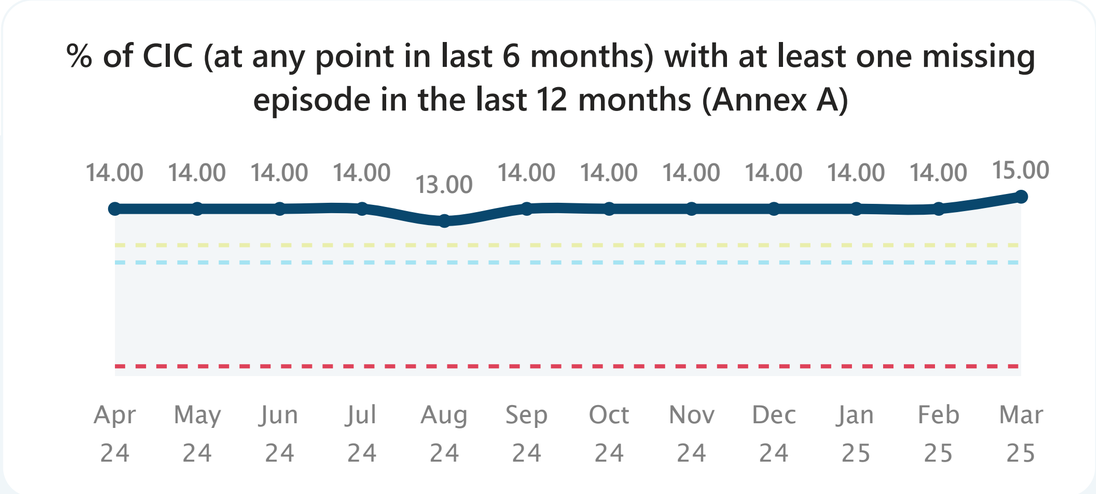
Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Latest D.O.T.
% CIC at end of month with 3+ placements in previous 12 months	Low	10.29	10.00	10.00	10.29	10.00	10.16	11.03	Worsening
% CIC at end of month with 3+ placements in previous 12 months Excl UASC	Low			9.00		10.63	10.49	11.17	Worsening
% CIC in private provision	Low	40.43	37.00		40.43	44.55	42.49	42.53	Worsening
% CIC in private provision Excl UASC	Low					39.49	38.11	37.31	Improving
% CIC living in foster placement	High	67.29	67.00	69.00	67.29	71.36	72.52	69.89	Worsening
% CIC living in foster placement Excl UASC	High			71.00		70.63	71.61	68.78	Worsening
% CIC over 20 mile away from home excl UASC	Low	33.29	22.00	35.00	33.29	42.28	40.92	41.12	Worsening
% CIC placed outside Dorset	Low	33.14	45.00	30.00	33.14	45.23	43.19	43.45	Worsening
% CIC placed outside Dorset excl UASC	Low			30.00		41.27	39.90	39.09	Improving
% of CIC for 2.5 years or more, aged under 16 who have been in their placement for 2 or more years	High	68.43	68.00	69.00	68.43	77.85	77.92	78.21	Improving
No. of CIC placed with parent(s)	-					19.00	16.00	18.00	
No. of unregulated placement (P2, R1, H5 pre Nov23) excl UASC	Low					0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of unregulated placements (P2, R1, H5 pre Nov23)	Low			10.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	Same

Safety Data for

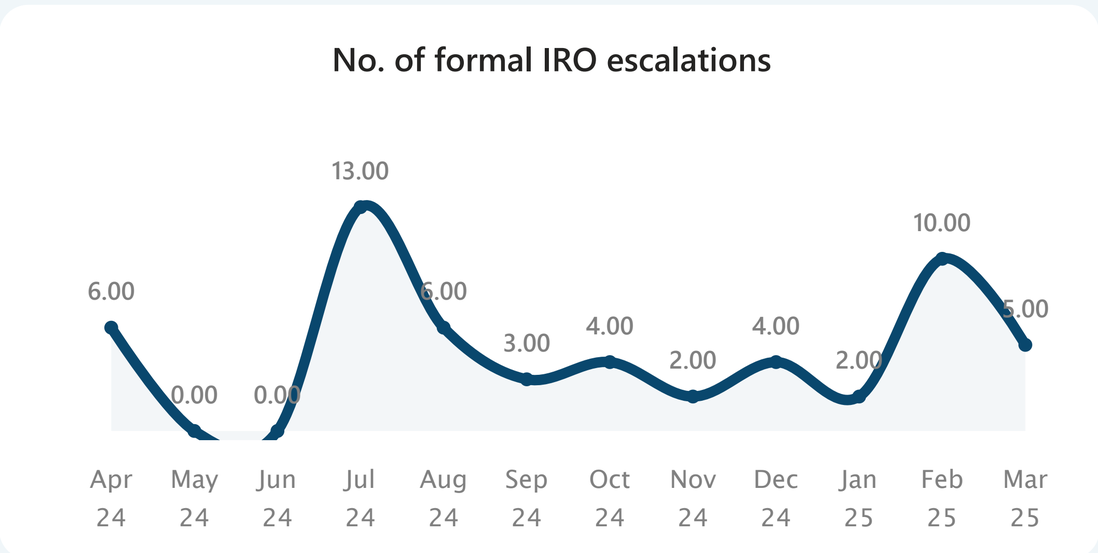
March 2025



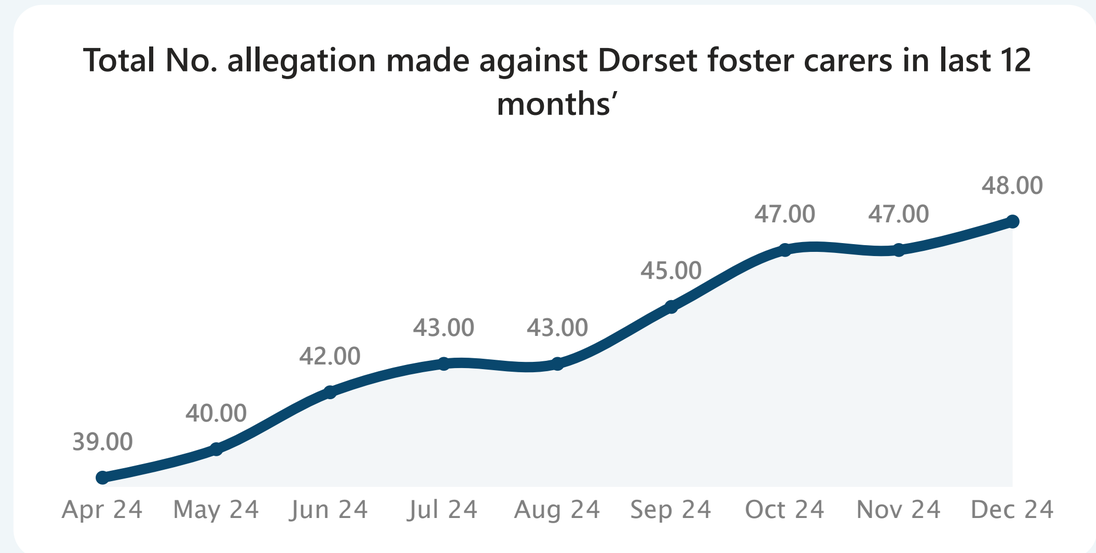
Dorset's **target** is **6%. Good +SN** percentage is **6.14%** and **England** is **7.05%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **10.06%** (Sep 24). The lowest percentage recorded was **8.38%** (May 24). Dorset have been above target for each of the last 12 months.



Dorset's **target** is **10%. Good +SN** percentage is **9.57%** and **England** is **11%**. In the last 12 months, the highest percentage recorded was **15%** in Mar 25. The lowest percentage recorded was **13%** in Aug 24.



There has been a total of **55** IRO escalations in the last 12 months. The highest number recorded was **13** (Jul 24). The lowest number recorded was **0** (May & Jun 24)



There has been a total of **394** allegations made in the last 12 months. The highest number recorded was **48** (Dec 24). The lowest number recorded was **39** (Apr 24)

Commentary

Children who are reported missing does have quite considerable trends linked to the time of year, and weather conditions. It is not surprising to see that during March (the driest ever I believe) we had a notable increase in overall children, and children in care being reported missing. Fortunately a large proportion of those children in care who are reported missing, are children where there are plans in place to increase safety. More return home interviews are being offered, as a percentage, than we have previously been able to offer, and we believe that more consistent presence of the same staff offering a RHI, will increase the relationship between child and practitioner, to then share more information, which can work towards increasing safety.

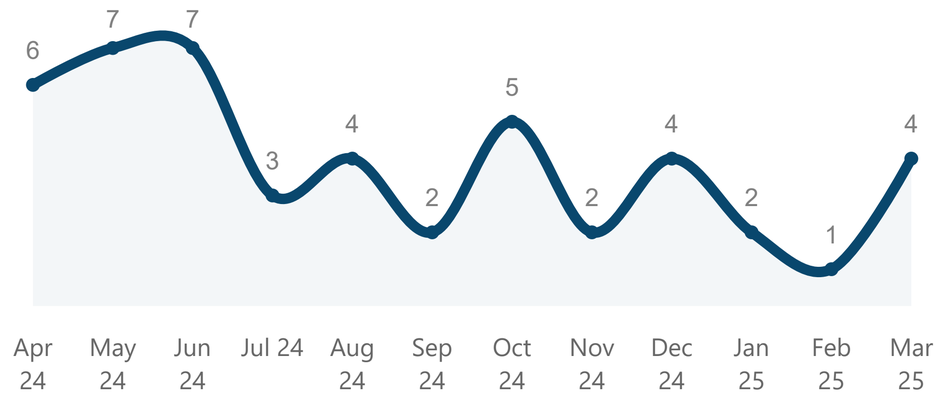
Permanence Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Latest D.O.T.
% CIC (at any point in last 6 months) who have had more than 1 episode of Missing (Annex A)	Low	6.14	7.05	6.00	6.14	9.59	9.34	9.94	Worsening
% of CIC (at any point in last 6 months) with at least one missing episode in the last 12 months (Annex A)	Low	9.57	11.00	10.00	9.57	14.00	14.00	15.00	Worsening
No. of allegations made against foster carers that were substantiated	-								
No. of formal IRO escalations	High					2.00	10.00	5.00	Worsening
No. of informal IRO escalations	High					6.00	6.00	9.00	Improving
No. of IRO escalations closed	-					13.00	23.00	25.00	
Total No. allegation made against Dorset foster carers in last 12 months'	Low								

Sufficiency Data for

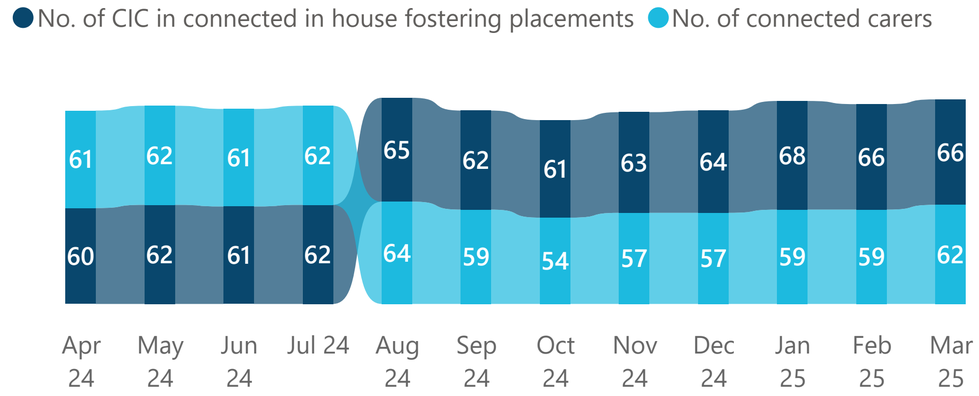
March 2025

Total Number of New Households Recruited



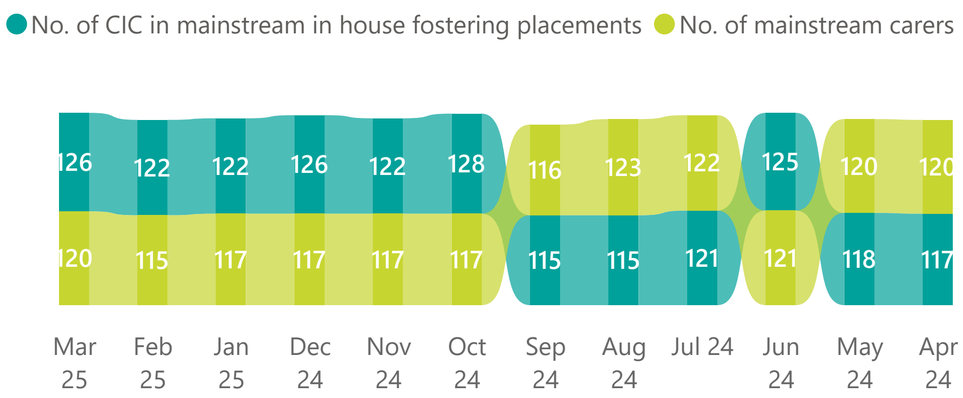
In the last 12 months, there have been **47** new households recruited. The highest number recorded was **7** in May and Jun 24. The lowest number recorded was **1** in Feb 25.

In House Connected Carers



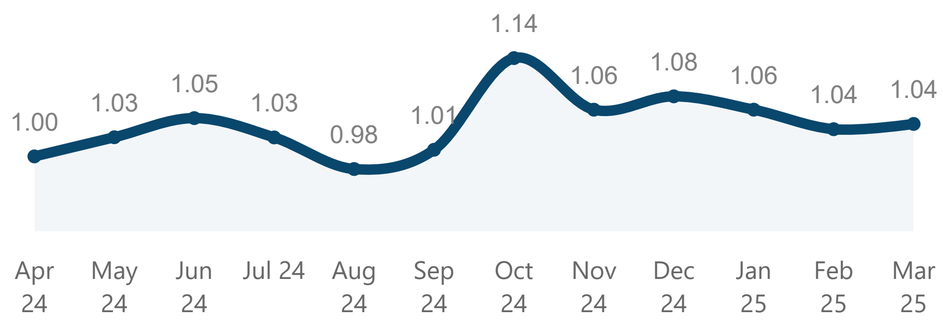
In the last 12 months, there have been a total of **760** CIC in connected in house fostering placements and a total of **717** connected carers.

In House Mainstream Foster Carers



In the last 12 months, there have been a total of **1,457** CIC in mainstream in house fostering placements and a total of **1,425** mainstream carers.

Fostering utilisation rate - mainstream



Dorset's **target** is **1.3%.** The highest rate recorded was **1.14** in Oct 24. The lowest rate recorded was **0.98** in Aug 24.

Commentary

We have seen an increase in the number of foster carers from 179 to 197 in the last 6 months. However, the number of mainstream carers has increased to 119 with 2 mainstream carers recruited this month. The number of children in mainstream foster care has increased from 113 to to 121. However, the % of children living in a foster home has slightly decreased to 69.89% and remains better than good+ stat neighbours and national. Recruitment of local foster carers and supporting more children to live within their own family network will enable children to be able to maintain those important relationship and remain connected. Work to establish a dedicated Kinship service within the Fostering Service has concluded and all Special Guardianship work has now transferred from Aspire.

Sufficiency Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Good + SN	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Latest D.O.T.
% Foster Carer visits up to date (excl FTA)	High			80.00		81.46	67.05	79.89	Improving
Fostering utilisation rate - mainstream	High			1.30		1.06	1.04	1.04	Improving
No. of applicants undergoing assessment (Foster Carers - Connected Person)	High					9.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of applicants undergoing assessment (Foster Carers - Mainstream)	High					8.00	9.00	11.00	Improving
No. of CIC in connected in house fostering placements	-					68.00	66.00	66.00	
No. of CIC in mainstream in house fostering placements	High					122.00	122.00	126.00	Improving
No. of connected carers	High					59.00	59.00	62.00	Improving
No. of Foster carers at end of month	High			200.00		182.00	180.00	188.00	Improving
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Connected Carers	Low					0.00	2.00	2.00	Same
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Foster to Adopt	Low					0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Mainstream	Low			2.00		1.00	1.00	0.00	Improving
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Temporary	Low					0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of mainstream carers	High			138.00		117.00	115.00	120.00	Improving
No. of new households recruited – Connected Person	High					0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of new households recruited – Foster to Adopt	High					0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of new households recruited – Mainstream	High			2.00		1.00	0.00	1.00	Improving
No. of new households recruited – Temporary	High					1.00	1.00	3.00	Improving

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Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report

Appendix

Appendix A

Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report

This appendix presents a comprehensive table of key performance metrics related to the **Corporate Parenting Board Performance Report**, covering data from the last six months. Each metric includes relevant targets, benchmarks for "Good+" performance, and the average figures for England, allowing for effective comparison and assessment. Additionally, the table highlights the latest direction of travel for each indicator, indicating whether performance is improving, stable, or declining. It also summarises the total number of key performance indicators (KPIs) included on the page, categorising them based on their performance trends: those that are improving, remaining the same, worsening, or lacking a direction of travel. Furthermore, the table provides totals for RAG (Red, Amber, Green) ratings, offering a quick visual reference for performance status across the metrics.

No. of KPIs	Improving	Same	Worsening	No D.O.T	Green	Amber	Red	No RAG
16	2	0	10	4	3	5	0	8

Corporate Parenting Board Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
% allocated children open 4 wks+ with supervision in 8 weeks	High			90.00	92.03	91.36	86.87	87.55	92.80	89.45	Worsening
% Children Achieved Permanence Returned home to live with parents/ relatives (with PR) (Rolling 6 months)	High	14.83	17.00		17.46	18.03	21.54	17.14	30.00	15.38	Worsening
% CIC at month end with long term fostering as plan and achieved permanence	High				49.01	48.81	48.00	53.09	55.28	54.47	Worsening
% CIC at month end with long term fostering as plan and achieved permanence Excl UASC	High				53.57	53.33	52.68	57.92	60.00	59.64	Worsening
% CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan	High			90.00	95.43	96.15	96.32	95.30	95.12	96.51	Improving
% CIC for 4 months or more with a completed permanence plan Excl UASC	High			90.00	95.91	97.03	97.81	96.17	96.51	97.26	Improving
% of CIC who are UASC	-	8.29	9.00		12.36	11.76	10.63	10.23	9.70	9.43	
No. of children and young people supported by an advocate during CP (commissioned)	-				32.00	25.00	19.00	19.00	23.00	35.00	
No. of children who became CIC	Low			10.00	15.00	6.00	17.00	9.00	6.00	14.00	Worsening
No. of children who became CIC Excl UASC	Low			10.00	12.00	5.00	17.00	7.00	5.00	13.00	Worsening
No. of children who ceased to be CIC	High			13.00	10.00	16.00	14.00	8.00	13.00	10.00	Worsening
No. of CIC at end of month	Low			420.00	453.00	442.00	442.00	440.00	433.00	435.00	Worsening
No. of CIC placed with parent(s)	-				20.00	17.00	16.00	19.00	16.00	18.00	
No. of CIC who are UASC at end of month	-				56.00	52.00	47.00	45.00	42.00	41.00	
Rate of CIC as at end of month	Low	71.00	70.00	68.00	68.61	66.95	66.95	66.64	65.58	65.89	Worsening
Rate of CIC as at end of month Excl UASC	Low	65.08	63.55		60.13	59.07	59.83	59.83	59.22	59.68	Worsening

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Appendix B

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Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
% CIC at end of month with 3+ placements in previous 12 months	Low	10.29	10.00	10.00	9.73	10.63	9.50	10.00	10.16	11.03	Worsening
% CIC at end of month with 3+ placements in previous 12 months Excl UASC	Low			9.00	9.85	10.77	9.87	10.63	10.49	11.17	Worsening
% CIC for 12 months or more with up to date Immunisations	High	86.29	82.00	85.00	82.25	83.78	86.46	90.85	93.91	91.54	Worsening
% CIC in private provision	Low	40.43	37.00		45.25	45.02	43.89	44.55	42.49	42.53	Worsening
% CIC in private provision Excl UASC	Low				38.04	38.21	37.72	39.49	38.11	37.31	Improving
% CIC living in foster placement	High	67.29	67.00	69.00	68.87	71.04	72.62	71.36	72.52	69.89	Worsening
% CIC living in foster placement Excl UASC	High			71.00	69.52	71.54	72.66	70.63	71.61	68.78	Worsening
% CIC over 20 mile away from home excl UASC	Low	33.29	22.00	35.00	43.58	43.59	42.28	42.28	40.92	41.12	Worsening
% of all CIC who had a valid passport at their last review Excl UASC	High				44.38	42.74	42.21	43.02	43.50	47.44	Improving
% of children for CIC for at least 12 months age 4-16yrs with completed SDQ assessment	High	68.43	77.00	75.00	66.89	64.19	62.54	60.07	57.75	53.17	Worsening
% of CIC & Care Leavers who are EET (16 to 18 Year Olds - Y12 & Y13)	High			72.00	73.76	74.65	68.30	66.90	73.79	69.66	Worsening
% of CIC (in care 40 working days) with valid passport at last review	High				38.50	37.59	37.34	38.42	39.19	42.71	Improving
% of New CIC (in previous month) receiving their IHA within 20 days	High			95.00	50.00	66.67	80.00	76.50	22.22	33.33	Improving
% of New CIC (in previous month) receiving their IHA within 20 days Excl UASC	High			95.00	50.00	75.00	100.00	76.50	28.57	40.00	Improving
Average SDQ score for CIC who have been in care for more than 12 months (age 4 to 16)	Low	15.39	14.70	14.90	14.40	14.66	14.51	14.78	15.07	15.38	Worsening

No. of KPIs
15

Improving
6

Same
0

Worsening
9

No D.O.T
0

Green
3

Amber
3

Red
5

No RAG Rating
4

Appendix C

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No. of KPIs **15**

Improving **3**

Same **4**

Worsening **6**

No D.O.T **2**

Green **4**

Amber **4**

Red **3**

No RAG Rating **4**

Corporate Parenting Board Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
% Care Leavers aged 19-21 in EET (OC3)	High	56.86	54.00				59.65			59.35	Worsening
% CIC (at any point in last 6 months) who have had more than 1 episode of Missing (Annex A)	Low	6.14	7.05	6.00	9.69	9.27	9.47	9.59	9.34	9.94	Worsening
% CIC for 12 months or more with Annual Health Assessment completed on time	High	84.86	89.00	90.00	88.17	88.59	88.62	92.11	93.91	90.28	Worsening
% CIC in care 12 months or more who have had a dental check within 12 months	High	77.43	79.00	85.00	73.67	72.97	71.08	72.24	78.53	80.56	Improving
% CIC placed outside Dorset	Low	33.14	45.00	30.00	44.15	44.12	42.99	45.23	43.19	43.45	Worsening
% CIC placed outside Dorset excl UASC	Low			30.00	38.29	38.46	37.97	41.27	39.90	39.09	Improving
Average No. of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)	Low	447.78	485.04	426.00	394.00	302.00	317.00	415.00	334.00	334.00	Same
No. of Care Leavers (Active aged 17-25) in Bed and Breakfast accommodation	Low			0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	2.00	Worsening
No. of Care Leavers (Active aged 17-25) in unsuitable accommodation at end of month	Low			11.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	6.00	Worsening
No. of Foster carers at end of month	High			200.00	175.00	177.00	180.00	182.00	180.00	188.00	Improving
No. of health passports completed (2 months in arrears)	-						6.00	8.00	10.00		
No. of Health passports due within the month (2 months in arrears)	-						6.00	8.00	10.00		
No. of unregulated placement (P2, R1, H5 pre Nov23) excl UASC	Low				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of unregulated placements (P2, R1, H5 pre Nov23)	Low			10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
The average No. of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters	Low	197.23	196.18	121.00	150.00	155.00	178.00	184.00	201.00	201.00	Same

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Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
% Care Leavers who are in Employment Education or Training (Active aged 19-21)	High			60.00	66.00	64.00	64.00	62.00	66.00	68.00	Improving
% Care Leavers who are in touch with Dorset Local Authority (Active aged 19-21)	High			93.00	99.00	99.00	98.00	98.00	98.00	98.00	Same
% Care Leavers who are living in suitable accommodation (Active aged 19-21)	High			96.00	94.00	98.00	97.00	100.00	96.00	96.00	Same
% Care Leavers with an up to date pathway plan at end of month (Active aged 17-25)	High			95.00	93.33	96.04	96.05	93.75	93.09	92.67	Worsening
% Children Achieved Permanence Adoption (Rolling 6 months)	High	13.14	9.00	12.00	16.00	15.00	12.00	13.00	11.00	10.00	Worsening
% Children Achieved Permanence SGO (Rolling 6 months)	High	12.86	11.00	12.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	4.00	1.00	5.00	Improving
% Foster Carer visits up to date (excl FTA)	High			80.00	77.91	67.05	78.98	81.46	67.05	79.89	Improving
% of children with a PEP within 20 days of coming into care	High			100.00			100.00			100.00	
% of CIC & Care Leavers who are NEET (16 to 18 Year Olds - Y12 & Y13)	Low			28.00	26.24	25.35	31.70	33.10	26.21	30.34	Worsening
% of CIC (at any point in last 6 months) with at least one missing episode in the last 12 months (Annex A)	Low	9.57	11.00	10.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	Worsening
% of CIC with a termly PEP completed on time	High			96.00			91.00			93.00	
Children adopted in last 12 months	High				22.00	24.00	25.00	17.00	19.00	19.00	Same
No. of Adoption placement order revocations over last 12 months	Low				9.00	7.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	Worsening
No. of adoptive families approved (ADM)	High				3.00	1.00	2.00	0.00	1.00	2.00	Improving
No. of adoptive Families in assessment	High				13.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	15.00	12.00	Worsening
No. of CIC in mainstream in house fostering placements	High				128.00	122.00	126.00	122.00	122.00	126.00	Improving
No. of connected carers	High				54.00	57.00	57.00	59.00	59.00	62.00	Improving
No. of mainstream carers	High			138.00	117.00	117.00	117.00	117.00	115.00	120.00	Improving

No. of KPIs
18

Improving
7

Same
3

Worsening
6

No D.O.T
2

Green
5

Amber
5

Red
2

No RAG Rating
6

Appendix E

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No. of KPIs
18

Improving
5

Same
6

Worsening
3

No D.O.T
4

Green
1

Amber
2

Red
0

No RAG Rating
15

Corporate Parenting Board Performance Metrics

Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
% CIC (school age) who have had at least one suspension in the current academic year	Low				3.83	5.57	6.87	6.91	8.47	10.78	Worsening
% CIC with an Education Health and Care Plan	-				35.28	35.79	35.55	36.75	36.59	37.91	
Average Attendance % for CIC of school age (Academic year to date)	High			95.00	90.91	90.49	89.93	89.66	89.40	88.86	Worsening
No. of allegations made against foster carers that were substantiated	-				0.00	0.00	0.00				
No. of applicants undergoing assessment (Foster Carers - Connected Person)	High				9.00	12.00	13.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of applicants undergoing assessment (Foster Carers - Mainstream)	High				8.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	11.00	Improving
No. of formal IRO escalations	High				4.00	2.00	4.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	Worsening
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Connected Carers	Low				3.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	Same
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Foster to Adopt	Low				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Mainstream	Low			2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	Improving
No. of households deregistered/resigned – Temporary	Low				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of informal IRO escalations	High				5.00	11.00	13.00	6.00	6.00	9.00	Improving
No. of IRO escalations closed	-				17.00	6.00	7.00	13.00	23.00	25.00	
No. of new households recruited – Connected Person	High				1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of new households recruited – Foster to Adopt	High				0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Same
No. of new households recruited – Mainstream	High			2.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	Improving
No. of new households recruited – Temporary	High				3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	Improving
Total No. allegation made against Dorset foster carers in last 12 months'	Low				47.00	47.00	48.00				

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Indicator	Good Is	Good + SN	Eng Avg.	Target	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	D.O.T
Fostering utilisation rate - mainstream	High			1.30	1.14	1.06	1.08	1.06	1.04	1.04	Improving
No. of CIC in connected in house fostering placements	-				61.00	63.00	64.00	68.00	66.00	66.00	
Total No. allegation made against Dorset foster carers in last 12 months'	Low				47.00	47.00	48.00				

No. of KPIs
3

Improving
1

Same
0

Worsening
0

No D.O.T
2

Green
0

Amber
1

Red
0

No RAG Rating
2