



RAG rating for actuals against targets (it is not appropriate to have targets for all indicators)	On target	Within 15% of target	More than 15% from target
Direction of travel shown between current and previous month (green indicates an improvement and amber indicates a decline)	▲	▼	

Indicators of Success

The indicators below will demonstrate change achieved

Rates are calculated using the 2023 ONS mid year population estimate 0-17 of 81,634 (Office of National Statistics) and are calculated as a rate per 10,000 children aged 0-17.

ID	Early Help and Front Door Responses - Early Help and Front Door information only	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
1	Number of Early Help / Front Door Referrals (in month)	776	602	691	661	560	384	527	403	435	358	524	461	Monitor	N/A	▼
2	Percentage of Early Help Assessments completed within 45 working days (in month)	83.0%	90.0%	73.0%	84.0%	87.4%	94.0%	99.0%	96.0%	99.0%	95.0%	97.8%	98.4%	90.0%	N/A	▲
3	Percentage of Early Help episodes closed within the last 12 weeks who have been referred to Social Care (in month)	4.2%	4.3%	3.8%	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%	3.2%	7.5%	8.8%	5.5%	4.9%	4.8%	Below 8%	N/A	▼
4	Number of children stepped down from Child In Need to Early Help (in month)	16	17	29	41	18	20	9	27	31	19	21	21	Monitor	N/A	◀ ▶
5	Number of ChECS Contacts (in month)	900	642	865	935	747	817	933	912	1083	910	931	893	Monitor	N/A	▼
6	Percentage of repeat contacts where previous contact was within previous 12 months (in month)	51.6%	55.2%	53.1%	53.8%	50.8%	44.5%	46.1%	45.4%	43.1%	44.9%	41.1%	41.8%	45%	N/A	▲
7	Percentage of ChECS Contact decisions made within one working day (in month)	86.7%	90.6%	95.3%	77.2%	89.6%	91.7%	93.3%	84.7%	82.1%	87.8%	74.2%	71.2%	90.0%	N/A	▼
8a	Number of Referrals (in month)	248	192	214	226	181	216	223	255	272	180	229	330	Monitor	N/A	▲
8b	Percentage of referrals leading to 'No Further Action' (in month)	4.8%	8.3%	9.8%	10.2%	2.8%	0.5%	1.8%	0.3%	0.3%	2.8%	2.6%	7.3%	below 10%	N/A	▲
9a	Percentage of visits within 5 working days of referral (in month)	57.7%	65.6%	61.8%	68.4%	58.3%	57.7%	50.8%	65.2%	55.2%	64.5%	66.7%	45.9%	90.0%	N/A	▼
9b	Percentage of referral visits within 10 working days of referral (in month)	74.0%	81.0%	75.0%	84.0%	79.0%	77.0%	74.0%	83.0%	83.0%	88.0%	82.0%	74.0%	90.0%	N/A	▼
10	Percentage of re-referrals within previous 12 months (rolling 12 months)	17.0%	18.0%	17.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	15%	16%	below 18%	19%	▲
11	Percentage of single assessments leading to closure (in month)	44.0%	42.8%	53.7%	52.5%	43.0%	42.8%	48.6%	46.9%	47.7%	57.1%	57.1%	50.5%	45%	N/A	▼
12	Percentage of single assessments closed with outcome of Early Help	11.9%	12.5%	7.8%	16.4%	13.6%	21.1%	6.9%	17.5%	10.9%	12.4%	23.1%	12.9%	25%	N/A	▼
13	Percentage/ number of strategy discussions held within 48 hours of referral date	69.4%	52.3%	71.1%	80.6%	69.6%	83.7%	67.8%	60.8%	57.8%	47.6%	45.7%	50.0%	90.0%	N/A	▲
14	Percentage of strategy discussions with the outcome 'Section 47 enquiry required' (in month)	67.9%	62.7%	59.7%	75.9%	78.5%	62.2%	68.5%	71.7%	67.3%	59.1%	64.5%	57.9%	60%	N/A	▼
15	Percentage of authorised Section 47 Enquiries with the outcome 'Convene initial child protection conference' (in month)	33.3%	20.6%	27.1%	24.4%	16.1%	21.7%	24.1%	20.0%	30.4%	33.6%	16.2%	31.7%	35%	N/A	▲

Narrative:

ID 11 & 12: We are reducing the % of assessments being completed which are resulting in no further action or not requiring social care involvement but support at early help. This suggests that we are increasingly only undertaking statutory work where it is required.

ID	Robust and effective social work practice - All of CYPFS	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
16	Rate of Children in Need (CIN) per 10,000 children (month end snapshot)	112.5r	118.8r	109.4r	100.4r	106.2r	108.4r	126.4r	135.9r	134.9r	122.7r	127.4r	133.8r	105-135	N/A	▲

17	Rate of Children subject to a Child Protection Plan (CP) per 10,000 children (month end snapshot)	34.9r	35.0r	34.8r	34.3r	32.4r	30.4r	29.3r	28.9r	30.0r	30.6r	29.2r		30.4r	34-35	38r	▲
18	Rate of Cared for Children (CIC) per 10,000 children (month end snapshot)	66.4r	65.6r	68.5r	68.6r	68.6r	67.5r	67.3r	67.3r	67.4r	67.6r	66.8r		66.4r	64-66	64r	▼
19a	Percentage of single assessments completed within 45 working days (in month)	80.4%	75.3%	61.6%	74.4%	82.0%	66.5%	65.2%	76.0%	72.2%	86.4%	86.7%		88.8%	90.0%	87%	▲
19b	Percentage of single assessments completed within 45 working days (year to date)	76.2%	76.1%	72.8%	73.1%	74.0%	73.2%	72.5%	72.8%	72.7%	86.4%	86.5%		87.3%	90.0%	87%	▲
19c	Percentage of single assessments completed within 45 working days (rolling 12 months)	86.0%	85.1%	81.8%	80.2%	80.1%	78.4%	75.7%	74.0%	72.7%	73.4%	74.5%		76.6%	90.0%	87%	▲
20	Percentage of children seen during assessment (completed in month)	93.8%	98.0%	95.0%	97.80%	96.2%	99.1%	97.60%	98.2%	96.5%	96.0%	96.0%		90.1%	95.00%	N/A	▼
21	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of Strategy Discussion (in month)	69.3%	76.0%	80.0%	93.9%	64.7%	66.7%	82.9%	71.4%	91.4%	87.8%	100.0%		79.4%	90.0%	79%	▼
22	Percentage of current children subject to Repeat Child Protection Plans within 2 years (month end snapshot)	13.5%	14.6%	11.3%	9.2%	9.8%	9.7%	8.4%	7.2%	8.2%	10.8%	11.3%		10.9%	below 15%	N/A	▼
23	Percentage of children who have a closed Child Protection plan open for 2 years or more (year to date)	1.5%	1.3%	2.7%	4.6%	4.1%	3.6%	3.1%	2.9%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	below 4%	4%	◀ ▶
24	Number of children with a missing episode(s) in month	55	56	47	59	53	49	46	44	57	56	76		84	below 50	N/A	▲
25	Contextual Safeguarding - Number of Current Children with an active exploitation Flag (month end snapshot)	41	44	43	44	47	48	53	52	51	54	52		56	Monitor	N/A	▲
26	Percentage of PLO (Public Law Outline) concluding within 16 weeks	60.0%	28.6%	28.6%	66.7%	66.6%	40.0%	14.3%	12.5%	33.3%	35.7%	16.6%		14.2%	90.0%	N/A	▼

Narrative:

ID 19 a - c: The improvement in timeliness of assessment has continued in June, suggesting that we are meeting our vulnerable families quickly to identify support required.

ID 21: 4 of the 15 conferences held in June were out of timescales, however in all cases there was the engagement of parents.

ID	At risk of Care, Cared for and Care Experienced Children and Young People - All of CYPFS	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25		Jun-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
27	Number of admissions to care in month	22	10	29	13	26	12	23	15	20	17	14		18	15	N/A	▲
28	Number of discharges from care in month	11	16	13	13	24	20	24	13	17	15	21		21	Monitor	N/A	◀ ▶
29	Number of unregistered placements – Under 16 (month end snapshot)		3	2	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	3		2	0	N/A	▼
30	Number of unregistered placements – Age 16+ (month end snapshot)		0	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3		3	0	N/A	◀ ▶
31	Number of residential placements (month end snapshot)	42	42	40	41	42	44	49	50	51	50	45		46	43	N/A	▲
32	Number of children subject to Police Protection Powers (PPP) who entered care in month	5	2	8	7	8	4	5	3	4	4	3		4	0	N/A	▲
33	Percentage of discharges from care to Special Guardianship Order (rolling 12 months)	11.4%	11.1%	10.3%	9.0%	10.3%	10.6%	13.4%	12.9%	13.4%	14.5%	15.2%		16.0%	13.0%	10%	▲
34	Number of Special Guardianship Orders in place														Monitor	N/A	
35a	Number of Children in "in house" foster care provision (inc Kinship)	239	238	246	251	249	241	239	235	233	230	230		223	240		▼
35b	Number of Children in IFA Placements	123	119	115	121	118	114	124	121	119	130	126		131	Monitor		▲
35c	Percentage of children placed with 'in house' foster carers (month end snapshot)	66%	66.7%	68.1%	67.5%	67.8%	67.9%	65.8%	66.0%	66.0%	63.9%	64.6%		63.0%	70.0%	N/A	▼
35d	Total number of Mainstream Fostering Households				74	75	73	73	73	76	77	75		75	Monitor	N/A	◀ ▶
35e	Total number of approved Kinship Households				65	56	56	52	48	50	53	52		52	Monitor	N/A	◀ ▶
35f	Total number of Fostering Households				138	131	128	124	121	125	130	127		127	Monitor	N/A	◀ ▶

36	Short Term Placement Stability (month end snapshot)	13.1%	13.0%	13.3%	12.4%	11.5%	11.1%	11.7%	11.1%	11.5%	10.3%	11.0%		11.3%	11.0%	N/A	▲
37	Long Term Placement Stability (month end snapshot)	60.9%	61.5%	62.9%	65.3%	66.1%	67.4%	67.6%	67.6%	68.9%	69.5%	67.7%		68.6%	70.0%	N/A	▲
38a	Percentage of Initial Health Assessment Reports completed within month where paperwork was received from CE within 5 working days of admission to care	26.0%	62.5%	35.0%	30.0%	60.0%	77.8%	66.7%	27.3%	23.5%	50.0%	54.5%		NYA	85.0%	N/A	▲
38b	Percentage of Initial Health Assessment Reports completed within month that were completed within 20 working days of admission to care	50.0%	50.0%	36.0%	36.4%	60.0%	81.8%	61.9%	23.0%	20.0%	41.2%	50.0%		NYA	85.0%	N/A	▲
39	Percentage of children in care with health checks up to date	84.0%	84.0%	84.0%	83.0%	83.0%	86.0%	90.0%	92.0%	89.0%	88.0%	86.0%		84.0%	90.0%	85%	▼
40	Percentage of children in care with dental checks up to date	78.0%	75.0%	62.0%	62.0%	59.0%	57.0%	68.0%	62.0%	66.0%	86.0%	94.0%		96.0%	80.0%	75%	▲
41	Percentage of children in care with optical checks up to date															N/A	
42	Percentage of children in care with immunisations up to date			57.0%	55.0%	54.0%	53.0%	53.0%	54.0%	54.0%	81.0%	78.0%		76.0%	70%	N/A	▼
43	School attendance rate for children known to Social Care - statutory school age in Cheshire East schools only (month end snapshot for academic year)		Not reported	87%	87%	87%	86%	86%	86%	86%	85%	85.4%		84.8%	89.0%	N/A	▼
44	Number of Children in Care without a School Placement - statutory school age		Not reported	5	3	3	3	5	7	8	8	7		5	0	N/A	▼
45	Number of Children in Care with a Current Suspension - statutory school age		Not reported	11	15	27	32	36	38	40	40	44		47	below 20	N/A	▲
46	Number of Children in Care with a Current Permanent Exclusion - statutory school age		Not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	N/A	◀ ▶
47a	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 17 to 18 in Education, Employment or Training (month end snapshot)	77.0%	81.0%	75.0%	70.0%	74.0%	76.0%	74.0%	69.0%	65.0%	69.0%	67.0%		67.0%	77.0%	66%	▼
47b	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 17 to 18 in Suitable Accommodation (month end snapshot)	93.0%	92.0%	93.0%	93.0%	99.0%	97.0%	97.0%	98.0%	96.0%	97.0%	93.0%		93.0%	95.0%	87%	▼
48a	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 19 to 21 in Education, Employment or Training (month end snapshot)	57.0%	56.0%	55.0%	59.0%	61.0%	66.0%	68.0%	66.0%	63.0%	63.0%	64.0%		65.0%	60.0%	56%	▲
48b	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 19 to 21 in Suitable Accommodation (month end snapshot)	88.0%	88.0%	86.0%	92.0%	95.0%	97.0%	97.0%	95.0%	96.0%	97.0%	97.0%		96.0%	95.0%	87%	▼

Narrative:
ID: 29 & 30: As at the end of June the 5 unregistered placements relate to specialist provision inspected by CQC and notified to Ofsted.
ID 33: There continues to be a positive trend with the number of young people leaving care and being supported via a Special Guardianship order, providing that additional support within their family networks.
ID 37: There is an improvement in the long term stability measure. Having a stable home improves the life chances and opportunities for our young people.
ID 39, 40 & 42: We have worked closely with our health colleagues to address any recording issues regarding the health support for our cared for children. Again good health support is crucial for improved life chances.
ID 48a: An increased % of our care leavers aged 19-21 are in Education, Employment or training which will hopefully lead to improved life chances.

ID	Quality Assurance and Audit (safeguarding) - All of CYPFS	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25		Jun-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
49	Timeliness of Reviews of Child Protection Plans (month end snapshot)	94.9%	86.3%	75.0%	93.4%	92.9%	97.0%	91.9%	90.0%	100.0%	100.0%	97.60%		100.0%	90-95%		▲
50	Timeliness of Reviews of Children in Care (month end snapshot)	81.5%	65.8%	63.4%	68.4%	78.0%	74.0%	77.1%	71.1%	91.3%	80.2%	80.0%		81.9%	90-95%		▲
51	Number of Informal quality assurance practice alerts	5	1	3	0	1	3	7	11	2	0	0		0	Monitor		▼
52	Number of formal quality assurance practice alerts	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0		0	Monitor		▼
53	Number of good practice alerts	4	10	3	8	9	5	4	7	5	5	2		9	Monitor		▲

Narrative: ID 49: Child protection plan review timescales remain within target which is the best possible outcome for our young people. ID 51: There were no informal or formal practice alerts which is a potential early indicator of an improvement in quality of case planning and management.																
ID	Quality Assurance and Audit (auditing) - All of CYPFS	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
54	Overall number of collaborative audits completed	12	6	6	6	6	6	6	4	14	12	16	18	6 per month	N/A	▲
55	Overall percentage of audits completed within timescale	100%	100%	100%	100%	83%	100%	83%	67% (4)	74% (14)	41%(5)	31%(5)	50% (9)	100%	N/A	▲
56	Overall percentage of audits graded as good or better following moderation	8% (1)	17% (1)	17% (1)	0%	50% (3)	17% (1)	33% (2)	25% (1)	38% (3)	33% (4)	14% (2)	28%(5)	80%+	N/A	▲
57	Overall percentage of audits graded as 'does not yet meet good' following moderation	92% (11)	83% (5)	83% (5)	100% (6)	50% (3)	83% (5)	67% (4)	75% (3)	62%(5)	67% (8)	86% (14)	72%(13)	40.0%	N/A	▼
58	The % of audits that were down graded at moderation	67% (8)	50% (3)	83% (5)	17% (1)	0%	0%	33% (2)	25% (1)	13% (1)	25% (3)	14%(1)	33% (4)	10%	N/A	▲
59	Overall number of family help audits completed			6			7			9	6	6	5	6	N/A	▼
60	Overall percentage of family help audits graded as good or better following moderation			83%			43%			43%	0%	33%	40%	55%	N/A	▲
61	Overall percentage of family help audits graded as 'does not yet meet good' following moderation			17%			57%			57%	100%	67%	60%	30%	N/A	▼
62	The % of family help audits that were down graded at moderation			0%			0%			22%	0%	33%	20%	15%	N/A	▼
63	Overall number of thematic audits completed in a month			12			NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	12	N/A	
64	Overall percentage of thematic audits graded as good or better following moderation			17%			NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	55%	N/A	
65	Overall % of thematic audits graded as does not meet good or better			83%			NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	30%	N/A	
66	The % of thematic audits that were down graded at moderation			8%			NA		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	15%	N/A	
67	Overall number of Multiagency audits completed			5			27							25	N/A	
Narrative: ID 55: There is a positive improvement in both the number and % of audits being completed in a timely manner. ID 56: Whilst small steps it is good to see a slow increasing number of cases now being audited as good and 1 was upgraded from requires improvement at moderation.																
ID	A Stable and able workforce - All of CYPFS	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Target		Direction of travel
68	Early Help / Targeted Support - Average Caseload													20		
69	Children's Social Work - CIN/CP Average Caseload	24	23	24	19	19	20	21	22	21	20	20	22	17		▲
70	Children's Disability Team - Average Caseload	18	19	23	21	25	22	21	22	20	17	15	20	20		▲
71	Cared for Children Service - Average Caseload (not inc Fostering Service))	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	17		◀ ▶

72	Care Leavers - Average Caseload	14	14	14	14	15	14	16	16	13	13	13		13	18		◀ ▶
73	Unallocated cases at month open where referral is over 3 working days			9	10	1	11	1	4	6	8	5		2	4		▼
74	Percentage of Social Workers with more than 20 children allocated (month end snapshot)	50.6%	53.8%	55.6%	36.7%	37.4%	42.4%	39.6%	48.4%	43.0%	41.0%	33%		45%	35%		▲
75	Percentage of Case Supervisions in time – CIN/CP Teams (month end snapshot (all workers))	52.5%	40.1%	79.0%	73.0%	66.0%	59.0%	62.0%	65.0%	68.0%	88.0%	80.0%		79.0%	95%		▼
76	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Cared for Team (month end snapshot (all workers))	59.0%	64.0%	64.0%	56.0%	60.0%	52.0%	58.0%	55.0%	51.0%	71.0%	72.0%		75.0%	95%		▲
77	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Care Leavers Service (month end snapshot (social workers))	63.0%	57.0%	98.0%	67.0%	66.0%	43.0%	61.1%	40.0%	12.0%	62.0%	43.0%		41.0%	95%		▼
78	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Care Leavers Service (month end snapshot (PA's))		67.0%	94.0%	74.0%	75.0%	69.0%	68.0%	78.0%	68.0%	59.0%	66.0%		68.0%	95%		▲
79	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Children's Disability Team (month end snapshot (all workers))	86.0%	77.0%	68.0%	79.0%	70.0%	73.0%	76.0%	63.0%	61.0%	71.0%	94.0%		98.0%	95%		▲
80	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Court team (month end snapshot (all workers))								34.0%	20.0%	10.0%	95.0%		78.0%	95%		▼
81	Percentage of Foster Carer Supervision – Fostering Service (month end snapshot)			89.0%	79.6%	90.0%	82.4%	76.0%	87.2%	90.9%	80.0%	86.8%		85.0%	95%		▼
82	Turnover rate for Social Workers (month end snapshot)	21.8%	19.6%	24.7%	16.7%	18.5%	18.5%	21.1%	24.2%	25.3%	26.2%	25.8%		22.2%	15%		▼
83	Vacancy rate for Social Workers (month end snapshot)	32.2%	27.6%	28.8%	26.5%	26.5%	25.6%	23.6%	28.7%	32.0%	29.9%	28.7%		27.4%	25%		▼
84	Sickness Average Days Lost Per FTE (Rolling Year) - CYPFS department as a whole	6.53	6.87	6.76	11.26	10.57	10.85	10.05	12.42	13.42	13.82	13.83		14.19	10		▲

Narrative:

ID 69-72: There is emerging pressure in the CIN/CP and CWD team in terms of increasing average caseloads.

ID 75-81: Supervision timeliness continues to be variable. We need to be confident that holiday period doesn't impact further

ID 82-83: There has been a further small reduction in the turnover and vacancy rate for Social Workers in June.

ID 84: The sickness days lost reports were rebuilt in October as it was identified the reports only included episodes opened and closed in a period and excluded any ongoing absense episodes. As a result from October we are reporting a truer picture.