

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	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
1	Percentage of Early Help Assessments completed within 45 working days (in month)	84.0%	87.4%	94.0%	99.0%	96.0%	99.0%	95.0%	97.8%	98.4%	99.3%	100%	94.7%	90.0%	N/A	▼
2	Percentage of Early Help episodes closed within the last 12 weeks who have been referred to Social Care (in month)	4.4%	4.2%	4.5%	3.2%	7.5%	8.8%	5.5%	4.9%	4.8%	5.6%	5.7%	4.4%	Below 8%	N/A	▼
3	Number of children stepped down from Child In Need to Early Help (in month)	41	18	20	9	27	31	20	22	23	27	17	10	Monitor	N/A	▼
4	Number of ChECS Contacts (in month)	935	747	817	933	912	1083	910	931	893	1186	951	1269	Monitor	N/A	▲
5	Percentage of repeat contacts where previous contact was within previous 12 months (in month)	53.8%	50.8%	44.5%	46.1%	45.4%	43.1%	44.9%	41.1%	41.8%	40.6%	39.0%	46.8%	45%	N/A	▲
6	Percentage of ChECS Contact decisions made within one working day (in month)	77.2%	89.6%	91.7%	93.3%	84.7%	82.1%	87.8%	74.2%	71.2%	69.4%	78.5%	78.0%	90.0%	N/A	▼
7a	Number of Referrals (in month)	226	181	216	223	255	272	180	229	330	229	172	199	Monitor	N/A	▼
7b	Percentage of referrals leading to 'No Further Action' (in month)	10.2%	2.8%	0.5%	1.8%	0.3%	0.3%	2.8%	2.6%	7.3%	9.6%	10.5%	10.0%	below 10%	N/A	▼
8a	Percentage of visits within 5 working days of referral (in month)	68.4%	58.3%	57.7%	50.8%	65.2%	55.2%	64.5%	66.7%	46.9%	59.0%	54.0%	56.3%	90.0%	N/A	▲
8b	Percentage of referral visits within 10 working days of referral (in month)	84.0%	79.0%	77.0%	74.0%	83.0%	83.0%	88.0%	82.0%	77.0%	85.0%	73.0%	81.0%	90.0%	N/A	▲
9	Percentage of re-referrals within previous 12 months (rolling 12 months)	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	15%	16%	15%	15%	16%	below 18%	19%	▼
10	Percentage of single assessments leading to closure (in month)	52.5%	43.0%	42.8%	48.6%	46.9%	47.7%	57.1%	57.1%	50.5%	58.4%	48.6%	56.7%	45%	N/A	▲
11	Percentage of single assessments closed with outcome of Early Help	16.4%	13.6%	21.1%	6.9%	17.5%	10.9%	12.4%	23.1%	12.9%	19.8%	16.8%	7.1%	25%	N/A	▼
12	Percentage of strategy discussions held within 48 hours of referral date	80.6%	69.6%	83.7%	67.8%	60.8%	57.8%	47.6%	45.7%	50.0%	70.6%	76.9%	52.6%	90.0%	N/A	▼
13	Percentage of strategy discussions with the outcome 'Section 47 enquiry required' (in month)	75.9%	78.5%	62.2%	68.5%	71.7%	67.3%	59.1%	64.5%	57.9%	73.8%	60.0%	65.5%	60%	N/A	▲
14	Percentage of authorised Section 47 Enquiries with the outcome 'Convene initial child protection conference' (in month)	24.4%	16.1%	21.7%	24.1%	20.0%	30.4%	33.6%	16.2%	31.7%	24.2%	32.4%	30.2%	35%	N/A	▼

Narrative:

ID 4: All contacts are now being loaded at the ChECS front door, in September 168 of the 1269 were transferred to Early Help. The increase in contacts in September can be largely attributable to schools returning (211 contacts)

ID 7b: The % of referrals resulting in no further action has remained high and accounts for 24 individuals (13 families). Of these, there are a couple of families where the young people are currently being supported by other LAs and will be subsequently moved to Cheshire East following completion of work.

ID	Robust and effective social work practice - All of CYPFS	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
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15	Rate of Children in Need (CIN) per 10,000 children (month end snapshot)	100.4r	106.2r	108.4r	126.4r	135.9r	134.9r	122.7r	127.4r	133.8r	122.5r	113.1r	107.7r	105-135	N/A	▼
16	Rate of Children subject to a Child Protection Plan (CP) per 10,000 children (month end snapshot)	34.3r	32.4r	30.4r	29.3r	28.9r	30.0r	30.6r	29.2r	30.4r	29.3r	29.6r	26.3r	34-35	38r	▼
17	Rate of Cared for Children (CIC) per 10,000 children (month end snapshot)	68.6r	68.6r	67.5r	67.3r	67.3r	67.4r	67.6r	66.8r	66.4r	66.3r	66.0r	65.3r	64-66	64r	▼
18a	Percentage of single assessments completed within 45 working days (in month)	74.4%	82.0%	66.5%	65.2%	76.0%	72.2%	86.4%	86.7%	88.8%	86.4%	91.2%	81.1%	90.0%	87%	▼
18b	Percentage of single assessments completed within 45 working days (year to date)	73.1%	74.0%	73.2%	72.5%	72.8%	72.7%	86.4%	86.5%	87.3%	87.0%	87.8%	86.7%	90.0%	87%	▼
18c	Percentage of single assessments completed within 45 working days (rolling 12 months)	80.2%	80.1%	78.4%	75.7%	74.0%	72.7%	73.4%	74.5%	76.6%	77.4%	78.6%	80.5%	90.0%	87%	▲
19	Percentage of children seen during assessment (completed in month)	97.80%	96.2%	99.1%	97.60%	98.2%	96.5%	96.0%	96.0%	90.1%	96.3%	95.4%	95.8%	95.00%	N/A	▲
20	Percentage of Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of Strategy Discussion (in month)	93.9%	64.7%	66.7%	82.9%	71.4%	91.4%	87.8%	100.0%	79.4%	86.7%	88.9%	81.0%	90.0%	79%	▼
21	Percentage of current children subject to Repeat Child Protection Plans within 2 years (month end snapshot)	9.2%	9.8%	9.7%	8.4%	7.2%	8.2%	10.8%	11.3%	10.9%	10.0%	10.3%	11.6%	below 15%	N/A	▲
22	Percentage of children who have a closed Child Protection plan open for 2 years or more (year to date)	4.6%	4.1%	3.6%	3.1%	2.9%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	4.5%	3.4%	below 4%	4%	▼
23	Number of children with a missing episode(s) in month	59	53	49	46	44	57	56	76	84	68	44	50	below 50	N/A	▲
24	Contextual Safeguarding - Number of Current Children with an active exploitation Flag (month end snapshot)	44	47	48	53	52	51	54	52	56	59	56	50	Monitor	N/A	▼
25	Percentage of PLO (Public Law Outline) concluding within 16 weeks	66.7%	66.6%	40.0%	14.3%	12.5%	33.3%	35.7%	16.6%	14.2%	40.0%	50.0%	44.4%	90.0%	N/A	▼

Narrative:

ID 16: The rate of young people being supported under a Child Protection Plan is possibly lower than we would expect given our demography.

ID 18a-c: There has been a drop the timeliness of assessment in September, which has also impacted slightly on the year to date position.

ID 23: There has been a further positive reduction in the number of young people reported missing in the month of August. Alongside this we continue to closely monitor the take up of return to home interviews and how they inform revisions in plans to better support our young people.

ID	At risk of Care, Cared for and Care Experienced Children and Young People - All of CYPFS	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
26	Number of admissions to care in month	13	26	12	23	15	20	17	14	18	23	18	8	15	N/A	▼
27	Number of discharges from care in month	13	24	20	24	13	17	15	21	21	24	15	13	Monitor	N/A	▼
28	Number of unregistered placements – Under 16 (month end snapshot)	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	3	0	N/A	◀ ▶
29	Number of unregistered placements – Age 16+ (month end snapshot)	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	5	0	N/A	▲
30	Number of residential placements (month end snapshot)	41	42	44	49	50	51	50	45	46	51	54	54	43	N/A	◀ ▶
31	Number of children subject to Police Protection Powers (PPP) who entered care in month	7	8	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	8	1	1	0	N/A	◀ ▶
32	Percentage of discharges from care to Special Guardianship Order (rolling 12 months)	9.0%	10.3%	10.6%	13.4%	12.9%	13.4%	14.5%	15.2%	16.0%	16.0%	16.4%	16.5%	13.0%	10%	▲
33	Number of Special Guardianship Orders in place													Monitor	N/A	
34a	Number of Children in "in house" foster care provision (inc Kinship)	251	249	241	239	235	233	230	230	223	224	209	205	240		▼

34b	Number of Children in IFA Placements	121	118	114	124	121	119	130	126	131	126	133	132	Monitor	
34c	Percentage of children placed with 'in house' foster carers (month end snapshot)	67.5%	67.8%	67.9%	65.8%	66.0%	66.0%	63.9%	64.6%	63.0%	64.0%	61.1%	60.8%	70.0%	N/A
34d	Total number of Mainstream Fostering Households	74	75	73	73	73	76	77	75	75	75	74	73	Monitor	N/A
34e	Total number of approved Kinship Households	65	56	56	52	48	50	53	52	52	52	54	56	Monitor	N/A
34f	Total number of Fostering Households	138	131	128	124	121	125	130	127	127	127	128	129	Monitor	N/A
35	Short Term Placement Stability (month end snapshot)	12.4%	11.5%	11.1%	11.7%	11.1%	11.5%	10.3%	11.0%	11.3%	12.2%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	N/A
36	Long Term Placement Stability (month end snapshot)	65.3%	66.1%	67.4%	67.6%	67.6%	68.9%	69.5%	67.7%	68.6%	67.7%	65.1%	62.6%	70.0%	N/A
37a	Percentage of Initial Health Assessment Reports completed within month where paperwork was received from CE within 5 working days of admission to care	30.0%	60.0%	77.8%	66.7%	27.3%	17.6%	53.8%	54.5%	23.5%	40.0%	20.0%	NYA	85.0%	N/A
37b	Percentage of Initial Health Assessment Reports completed within month that were completed within 20 working days of admission to care	36.4%	60.0%	81.8%	61.9%	23.0%	20.0%	43.8%	57.1%	23.5%	52.4%	11.1%	NYA	85.0%	N/A
38	Percentage of children in care with health checks up to date	83.0%	83.0%	86.0%	90.0%	92.0%	89.0%	88.0%	86.0%	84.0%	85.0%	87.0%	88.0%	90.0%	85%
39	Percentage of children in care with dental checks up to date	62.0%	59.0%	57.0%	68.0%	62.0%	66.0%	86.0%	94.0%	96.0%	95.0%	95.0%	94.0%	80.0%	75%
40	Percentage of children in care with optical checks up to date														N/A
41	Percentage of children in care with immunisations up to date	55.0%	54.0%	53.0%	53.0%	54.0%	54.0%	81.0%	78.0%	76.0%	76.0%	85.0%	83.0%	70%	N/A
42	School attendance rate for children known to Social Care - statutory school age in Cheshire East schools only (month end snapshot for academic year)	87%	87%	86%	86%	86%	86%	85%	85.4%	84.8%	84.1%	84.0%	88.0%	89.0%	N/A
43	Number of Children in Care without a School Placement - statutory school age	3	3	3	5	7	8	8	7	5	6	6	6	0	N/A
44	Number of Children in Care with a Current Suspension - statutory school age	15	27	32	36	38	40	40	44	47	47	47	8	below 20	N/A
45	Number of Children in Care with a Current Permanent Exclusion - statutory school age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
46a	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 17 to 18 in Education, Employment or Training (month end snapshot)	70.0%	74.0%	76.0%	74.0%	69.0%	65.0%	69.0%	67.0%	67.0%	67.0%	65.0%	60.0%	77.0%	66%
46b	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 17 to 18 in Suitable Accommodation (month end snapshot)	93.0%	99.0%	97.0%	97.0%	98.0%	96.0%	97.0%	93.0%	93.0%	95.0%	97.0%	96.0%	95.0%	87%
47a	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 19 to 21 in Education, Employment or Training (month end snapshot)	59.0%	61.0%	66.0%	68.0%	66.0%	63.0%	63.0%	64.0%	65.0%	64.0%	65.0%	63.0%	60.0%	56%
47b	Percentage of Care Leavers aged 19 to 21 in Suitable Accommodation (month end snapshot)	92.0%	95.0%	97.0%	97.0%	95.0%	96.0%	97.0%	97.0%	96.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	87%

Narrative:

ID 28 & 29: As at the end of September the 8 unregistered placements relate to specialist provision. 2 currently inspected by CQC and a further 3 are Ofsted registered supported accommodation however the individuals concerned are receiving additional care and support the provider isn't registered for.

ID 32: There is a continued increase in the numbers of individuals being able to leave care and be supported in homes via special guardianship orders.

ID 46a-47b: In the main we are demonstrating improved outcomes for our Care Leavers however there is still more to do to increase the % of 17-18 year olds in education, employment and training.

ID	Quality Assurance and Audit (safeguarding) - All of CYPFS	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
48	Timeliness of Reviews of Child Protection Plans (month end snapshot)	93.4%	92.9%	97.0%	91.9%	90.0%	100.0%	100.0%	97.60%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	90-95%		◀ ▶
49	Timeliness of Reviews of Children in Care (month end snapshot)	68.4%	78.0%	74.0%	77.1%	71.1%	91.3%	80.2%	80.0%	81.9%	91.7%	90.3%	93.3%	90-95%		▲
50	Number of Informal quality assurance practice alerts	0	1	3	7	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	Monitor		◀ ▶
51	Number of formal quality assurance practice alerts	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	Monitor		◀ ▶
52	Number of good practice alerts	8	9	5	4	7	5	5	2	9	10	8	11	Monitor		▲

Narrative:

ID 48: Child protection plan review timescales has remained at 100% for 3 consecutive months which is the best possible outcome for our young people.

ID 49: Although a slight dip, the timeliness of children in care reviews remains in line with target.

ID	Quality Assurance and Audit (auditing) - All of CYPFS	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Target	SN av	Direction of travel
53	Overall number of collaborative or thematic audits completed	6	6	6	6	4	14	12	16	18	24	47	21	6 per month	N/A	▼
54	Overall percentage of audits completed within timescale	100%	83%	100%	83%	67% (4)	74% (14)	41% (5)	31% (5)	50% (9)	54%	74% (35)	37% (11)	100%	N/A	▲
55	Overall percentage of audits graded as good or better following moderation	0%	50% (3)	17% (1)	33% (2)	25% (1)	38% (3)	33% (4)	14% (2)	28% (5)	38% (9)	28% (13)	33% (7)	80%+	N/A	▲
56	Overall percentage of audits graded as 'does not yet meet good' following moderation	100% (6)	50% (3)	83% (5)	67% (4)	75% (3)	62% (5)	67% (8)	86% (14)	72% (13)	62% (15)	72% (34)	67% (14)	40.0%	N/A	▲
57	The % of audits that were down graded at moderation	17% (1)	0%	0%	33% (2)	25% (1)	13% (1)	25% (3)	14% (1)	33% (4)	17% (4)		19% (4)	10%	N/A	
58	Overall number of family help audits completed			7			9	6	6	5	6	5	7	6	N/A	▲
59	Overall percentage of family help audits graded as good or better following moderation			43%			43%	0%	33%	40%	67%	40%	71%	55%	N/A	▲
60	Overall percentage of family help audits graded as 'does not yet meet good' following moderation			57%			57%	100%	67%	60%	33%	60%	29%	30%	N/A	▼
61	The % of family help audits that were down graded at moderation			0%			22%	0%	33%	20%	0%	20%	0%	15%	N/A	▼
62	Overall number of Multiagency audits completed			27						6	15			25	N/A	

Narrative:

ID 53 & 54: Please note that 30 collaborative audits were issued but only 21 completed. In terms of the 21 there were 11 (52%) completed in timescales

ID 55-57: Of the 21 audits completed 15 were moderated and 4 were subsequently downgraded

ID	A Stable and able workforce - All of CYPFS	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Target		Direction of travel
63	Early Help / Targeted Support - Average Caseload												19	20		
64	Children's Social Work - CIN/CP Average Caseload	19	19	20	21	22	21	20	20	22	20	20	19	17		▼
65	Children's Disability Team - Average Caseload	21	25	22	21	22	20	17	15	20	20	19	18	20		▼
66	Cared for Children Service - Average Caseload (not inc Fostering Service)	17	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	15	16	15	17		▼

67	Care Leavers - Average Caseload	14	15	14	16	16	13	13	13	13	13	13	18		◀ ▶
68	Unallocated cases at month open where referral is over 3 working days	10	1	11	1	4	6	8	5	2	5	4	6	4	▲
69	Percentage of Social Workers with more than 20 children allocated (month end snapshot)	36.7%	37.4%	42.4%	39.6%	48.4%	43.0%	41.0%	33%	45%	30%	32%	27%	35%	▼
70	Percentage of Case Supervisions in time – CIN/CP Teams (month end snapshot (all workers))	73.0%	66.0%	59.0%	62.0%	65.0%	68.0%	88.0%	80.0%	79.0%	77.0%	80.0%	88.6%	95%	▲
71	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Cared for Team (month end snapshot (all workers))	56.0%	60.0%	52.0%	58.0%	55.0%	51.0%	71.0%	72.0%	75.0%	83.0%	64.0%	79.2%	95%	▲
72	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Care Leavers Service (month end snapshot (social workers))	67.0%	66.0%	43.0%	61.1%	40.0%	12.0%	62.0%	43.0%	41.0%	48.0%	78.0%	61.0%	95%	▼
73	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Care Leavers Service (month end snapshot (PA's))	74.0%	75.0%	69.0%	68.0%	78.0%	68.0%	59.0%	66.0%	68.0%	82.0%	76.0%	90.0%	95%	▲
74	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Children's Disability Team (month end snapshot (all workers))	79.0%	70.0%	73.0%	76.0%	63.0%	61.0%	71.0%	94.0%	98.0%	70.0%	89.0%	72.0%	95%	▼
75	Percentage of Case Supervision's in time – Court team (month end snapshot (all workers))					34.0%	20.0%	10.0%	95.0%	78.0%	24.0%	26.0%	75.6%	95%	▲
76	Percentage of Foster Carer Supervision – Fostering Service (month end snapshot)	79.6%	90.0%	82.4%	76.0%	87.2%	90.9%	80.0%	86.8%	85.0%	78.0%	70.0%	66.0%	95%	▼
77	Turnover rate for Social Workers (month end snapshot)	16.7%	18.5%	18.5%	21.1%	24.2%	25.3%	26.2%	25.8%	22.2%	17.4%	24.1%	19.9%	15%	▼
78	Vacancy rate for Social Workers (month end snapshot)	26.5%	26.5%	25.6%	23.6%	28.7%	32.0%	29.9%	28.7%	27.4%	20.7%	28.5%	30.8%	25%	▲
79	Sickness Average Days Lost Per FTE (Rolling Year) - CYPFS department as a whole	11.26	10.57	10.85	10.05	12.42	13.42	13.82	13.83	14.19	14.47	15.22	15.15	10	▼

Narrative:

ID 63: We have completed additional analysis and data extraction which has enabled us to report on average case loads for Early Help/ Targeted Support for the first time.

ID 64 & 69: There has been a downward trend in average case loads across the teams, with only the CIN/CP teams above the target level. Crucially supervision timescales in these teams is high which means workers are being well supported which will enable much better support for our young people.

ID 77: There has been a slight downward trend in turnover rate of staff which will hopefully enable more stability for our young people in terms of consistency of worker.