

**Children in Care
Performance Data**

2018/19 Q3

(As per 28th February 2019)

March 2019

Corporate Parenting Panel Data Set

COMMENTARY FROM Q3 18/19 REPORT

1. This dataset provides an overview of key metrics and performance indicators to the Panel. It is proposed that it is provided at each meeting for information and is supplemented by an annual report on missing from placement, Health of Looked after Children and Virtual School.

Commentary

Over the last 5 years the number and rate of children in care in Wiltshire has increased from a low base in 2003. This increase has been more than that seen in the statistical neighbour and England averages. The rate remains slightly below statistical neighbours and significantly below the England average. Given Wiltshire's low levels of deprivation, we would expect the rate of children in care to be below the national average. The age profile of children in care is in line with the England profile. The placement profile is also in line with the England profile with 75% of children placed with foster carers.

2. A key performance indicator table is shown below. Of particular note:
 - a. The number of children in Care has remained stable in this Quarter.
 - b. Section 20 CA1989: Voluntary Accommodated Children has increased in direct relation to the increased number of children in care.
 - c. The data of LAC reviews completed in this Quarter is not reliable because of the data migration from Care First to Liquid Logic in this quarter - it appears to have stayed the same in this quarter.
 - d. Children placed more than 20 miles from home. Is showing a small decline percentage, this will continue to fluctuate as the challenges of securing local independent fostering and residential placements persist and the number of LAC within Wiltshire fluctuates: increased by 30 this quarter. Across the region LAC continues to grow.

The work to ensure sufficiency of local placements, including growth of in-house fostering resource is in progress. Market engagement work is underway and relationships with local fostering and residential providers is being strengthened. Progress is reported to CPP at each meeting.

Families and Children Transformation (FACT) program will be launched on 5th March 2019: will reduce and prevent entries of children into care.

LAC Visits – target remains at 90-95%. The Liquid Logic migration has been completed and Reporting is a 'Work Flow' system. The 'work flow' is currently being configured for anomalies such as 'light touch' visiting. Q4 will be viable for this reporting and will increase accuracy overall.

NB: Q2 performance ran at 78% against a target of 95%. Improvements have been achieved within safeguarding team's compliance is at 87%. In the two children in care teams the average is 78%: North and South has significant vacancies over this quarter and visits scheduled against priority criteria.

- e. Adoption Performance – 3% increase: is measured against the adoption scorecard. Q2 performance was affected by two children who were finally adopted in May/June 2018. These were challenging children to place: repeated national searches as adoption remained our permanency plan, contested by parents, leading to protracted proceedings. The scorecard information is validated at the point of Adoption Order, it will continue to have scorecard impact for some time. NB: A1 result would be 331 for this year (within target of 426) and A2 would be 147 excluding two children.

Children in Care in Wiltshire – at a glance

Number of children under 18 yrs in the care of Wiltshire local authority between 2011 - 2018 (at 31st March each year)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Children	383	416	446	397	404	419	443	444

Proportion of children per 10,000 of the under 18 population between 2011 - 2018 (at 31st March each year)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Wiltshire	37	40	43	39	39	40	42.6	42.3
Statistical Neighbour	40	40	42	43	45.3	48	52	n/a
England	58	59	60	60	60	60	62	n/a

Number of children by age (at quarter end)

	Q4 17/18		Q1 18/19		Q2 18/19		Q3 18/19		England* (2017)
	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%	%
Under 1	36	8%	34	7%	27	6%	23	5%	5%
1 - 4	34	8%	41	9%	45	10%	54	11%	13%
5 - 9	72	16%	63	14%	60	13%	65	13%	19%
10 - 15	189	43%	191	42%	193	43%	197	41%	39%
16+	113	25%	127	28%	129	28%	145	30%	23%
Total	444	100%	456	100%	454	100%	484	100%	100%

Number of children by placement type (at 30th September 2018)

Placement type	Children	%
Placed with WC foster carer	168	34.7%
Foster carer other local authority	0	0.0%
Placed with IFA foster carer	142	29.3%
Voluntary/third sector provision	5	1.0%
Foster Placement with relative or friend	51	10.5%
Fostering subtotal	366	75.6%
Homes & Hostels	23	4.8%
Residential School	6	1.2%
NHS / Health Trust / medical or nursing care establishment	0	0.0%

Family Centre / Mother and Baby Unit	0	0.0%
Residential Accommodation not subject to Children's Home regulations	2	0.4%
Residential Care Home (Reg Homes Act 1984)	9	1.9%
YOI or Prison	0	0.0%
Residential subtotal	40	8.3%
Placed with parents / person with parental resp.	12	2.5%
Placed with parents subtotal	12	2.5%
Independent Living or Other Placement	39	8.1%
Placed for adoption	25	5.2%
Secure Unit	2	0.4%
Missing from Placement	0	0.0%
Other placement subtotal	66	13.6%
Total	484	100.0%

Safeguarding Improvement Data Set (Looked After Children) – 2018/19 Q3 update

Key to RAG ratings at end of document

Ref	Indicator	Previous Yrs Performance		Qtrly Performance (last 5 quarters)										2018/19		Comparators (2017/18)		Comment	
		2016/17	2017/18	Oct to Dec 2017	RAG	Jan to Mar 2018	RAG	Apr to Jun 2018	RAG	Jul to Sep 2018	RAG	Oct to Dec 2018	RAG	DOT	Actual (Ytd)	Target	England Avg		Stat Neighbr. (good +)
1	Number of looked after children	443	444	435	-	444	-	456	-	454	-	484	-	↑	484	441 - 480	n/a	n/a	
2	Looked after children rate per 10,000	43	41	41	G	41	G	43	G	43	G	46	G	↑	46	42-46	64	53 (51)	
3	Number/% of Interim Care Orders	27 7%	49 11%	47 11%	G	49 11%	G	47 10%	A	44 10%	A	58 12%	G	↑	12%	11-14%	16%	15% (15%)	
4	Number/% of Section 20 LAC	117 30%	99 22%	101 23%	G	99 22%	G	113 25%	G	116 26%	A	129 27%	A	↑	27%	20-25%	19%	26% (23%)	
5	% of Section 20 LAC more than 1 yr	61%		63%	-	59%	-	48%	-	49%	-	50%	-	-	50%	-	-	-	
6	% LAC reviews on time	92%	98%	96%	G	96%	G	85%	R	91%	A	85%	R	↓	85%	95%-98%	-	-	
7	% LAC participating in reviews	97%	97%	97%	G	97%	G	98%	G	95%	G	Data unavail.	G	↓	95%	95%-98%	-	-	
8	% LAC placed more than 20 miles from home	33%	32%	39%	R	37%	R	36%	R	36%	R	34%	A	↓	34%	28-33%	19%	27% (32%)	2016/17 comparator data
9	LAC with 3+ placements during the year	10%	12%	11%	G	12%	G	10%	G	9%	G	9%	G	=	9%	9-12%	10%	11% (14%)	
10	Looked after for at least 2.5 yrs in same placement for at least 2 years	64%	77%	77%	G	77%	G	77%	G	75%	G	68%	G	↓	68%	68-77%	70%	70% (69%)	

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11	LAC statutory visits on time against basic practice standard: Any child more than one year LAC – at least one visit during the 3 months Any one less than a year - should have had 6 weekly visits	78%	89%	84%	A	89%	A	88%	A	86%	A	Data unavail	A	↓	86%	90%-95%	-	-	Measurement methodology changed Q4 2016/17
12	Private Fostering: New notifications(confirmed)	36	54	6	G	6	G	28	G	17	R	2	G	↑	47		-	-	
	% followed up in 7 days	53%	100%	100%		100%		93%		65%		100%			83%	100%	-	-	
13	Number of children adopted	33	22	2	R	3	A	7	G	8	G	4	G	↓	25	25-30	-	-	
14	A1: Average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (days) (cumulative in year)	445	326	336	G	326	G	253	G	343	G	326	G	↓	326	380(2016-19)	520 (2014-17)	477 (2014-17)	Two children adopted Q1 2016/17 with long history.
		450 (2014-17)	392 (2015-18)																
15	A2: Average time between a local authority receiving a court order to place a child and the local authority deciding to match an adoptive family (cumulative in year)	224	132	137	R	132	R	63	G	114	G	111	G	↓	111	120	226 (2014-17)	177 (2014-17)	Two children adopted Q1 2016/17 with long history. long history.
		184 (2014-17)	171 (2015-18)																
16	A3: % children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (cumulative in year)	80%	74%	73%	A	74%	A	79%	A	75%	A	78%	A	↑	78%	80%			Not comparable across yrs.
		72% (2014-17)	73% (2015-18)																53% (2014-17)

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17	Number of newly approved adopters and time taken to approve adopters from application	26	17	5	A	4	R	7	G	6	G	7	G		27	22-27	-	-
	0-3 months	2	0	0		0		0		0		0						
	3-6 months	9	4	1	-	1	-	0	-	1	-	2	-					
	6-12 months	13	12	4		3		6		4		5						
	More than 12 months	2	1	0		0		1		1		0						
18	% LAC had health check in last year	97%	80%	-		-		-		-				Reported Annually	85-90%	88%	79% (82%)	
19	% LAC had dental check in last year	99%	89%	-		-		-		-				Reported Annually	85-90%	84%	73% (81%)	

Notes:

RAG definitions post April 2014

Red – not meeting levels of performance in line with statutory guidance or within 10% of target (for smaller numbers within 20%)*

Amber – not on target, up to 10% away (for smaller numbers within 20%) *

Green – expected to achieve current year target

*warning – where low figures are concerned, eg a target of less than 20, 10% variance is very small and reduces the reliability of the RAG rating