

Data as at end of April 2024

The top ten indicators are measures being monitored in the DfE Commissioner's report and where possible, a rolling 12 month and 6 month figure is used to show recent progress.

Indicators 8-23 compares the latest 6 month data from April 2024 to 6 month data 12 months ago, as taken from the ChAT report.

The scorecard also shows the direction of travel and comparisons made to published statistics (2022-23)

Key indicator. Targets have been set for all key indicators.														Latest published statistics (2022-23)					Analysis
No	Indicator	LA rolling 12m (May23 - Apr24)	LA rolling 6m (Nov23 - Apr24)	Direction of travel (RAG rated where low/high is stated)	Target	Low/High is good	RIG Q3 Sefton	RIG Q3 NW	LA	SN	NW	Eng	Compared to mid-50% LA						
1	Referrals received (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	646.0	711.0	↑	580	-	636.1	511	823	630	530	545	Higher	After a peak of 658 referrals per 10k children in February, the 12 month rolling rate has slightly fallen to 646. The 6 month rolling rate is higher at 711, due to a busier than average period during January and February. 12 month rate is above target and stat neighbour group.					
2	Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)*	23.5%	21.7%	↓	21%	Low	20.8%	21.4%	27	24	22	22	Higher	Re-referral rate in rolling 12 months has gradually fallen since September 2023 where it was 27%, compared to 23.5% as at end of April. Compared to 21.7% of re-referrals in the last six months, this highlights the progress being made and the rate is slowly moving to the target of 21%. Progress has been made, the current 12 month rate of 23.5% is on par with stat neighbour group, but slightly above NW and England.					
3	Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	809.2	805	↓	622	-	813.1	583.3	919	667	597	557	Higher	The rate of assessments was on a downward trajectory since June 2023 (898.4), but this month has seen a slight upturn. The 6 month figure (805) shows that progress is being made, however the rate is far from the revised target of 622. Despite the continued fall in rate, Sefton still has a higher rate compared to the benchmarking group.					
4	Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)*	77.6%	87.0%	↑	89%	High	88.8%	83.6%	74	84	79	82	Lower	The rolling 12 month rate of assessments completed within 45 days has been on the increase month on month since September 2023, where the completion rate in time was at 65.2% April figure sits at 74.4%. 6 month rolling figure of 87% shows the improvement made in this area, as it edges towards meeting the target of 89%. 12 month rate is currently below benchmarking groups, however if the 6 month rate is sustained, then all benchmarking groups will be surpassed.					
5	Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	257.9	253	↓	207	-	280.3	198.8	378	222	210	192	Higher	Direction of travel for the 12 month rolling rate of s47 enquiries has been on a downward trend since April 2023 - 382 per 10k to 258 per 10k at the end of April. 6 month rolling rate is lower at 253. Progress is being made to the revised target of 207 (previously 250) and would still place Sefton in the higher range when compared to benchmarking neighbours.					
6	Percentage of agency social workers (%) in workforce**	30% (Jan24)	27% (Mar24)	↓	20%	Low	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Target is to reduce the percentage of agency staff from 50% to 20% and The latest figure from March 2024 of 27% shows very good progress has been made.					
7	Percentage of CIN Visits completed within timescales	69.0%	72.7%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Monthly performance data shows that progress has been made in terms of CIN visit timeliness, where summer 2024 saw an average completion rate of 62%, compared to the 6 month rate of 72.7%.					
8	Percentage of Assessments completed within 45 working days by Corporate Parenting	63.0%	65.2%	↑	85%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Although Corporate Parenting only complete an average of 27 assessments per month, completion rates in timescale has been previously poor. However, assessments completed within 45 days has seen rates increase from 59% in the summer to an average of 88% in the last three months.					
9	Percentage of CP Visits completed within timescales	83.5%	89.1%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Progress has been made with CP visits has shown by 6 month rolling average of 89%, compared to 83.5 for the rolling 12 months. On track to meet target.					
10	Percentage of Cfc Visits completed within timescales	83.3%	81.2%	↓	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Due to an unusually poorer completion rate in January 2024, where rates dipped under 80% in time, 6 month rolling rate has been affected by this.					

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11	Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	74	69	↓	-	-	83	65.7	99	72	69	63	Higher	The rate of children per 10,000 who were subject of an ICPC has fallen in the last 6 month as the rate falls from 74 to 69. This is on par with North West and under stat neighbours.
12	Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%)	91%	65%	↓	-	High	84%	79.7%	91	80	80	78	Higher	ICPC timeliness rate has fallen since 12 months ago and monthly analysis shows a slight dip in performance in the last couple of months.
13	Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children) **	518	465	↓	-	-	459	369.1	517	390	387	343	Higher	The rate of children in need has fallen compared to 12 months ago. Current rate is on par with 2022-23 data and higher than benchmarking group.
14	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	62	47	↓	-	-	54	50.8	63	50	49	43	Higher	Rate of CP children have continued to fall since May 2023, where the rate was 67. Current rate is ar 47. The number of CP children in Sefton is under 300 for the fifth consecutive month. Prior to December 2023, CP numbers have been above 300 since December 2021. The current rate is slightly below statistical neighbours and North West.
15	Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	18%	18%	↔	-	Low	20.7%	21.7%	18	23	24	24	Lower	The rate of repeat CP is the same compared to same period last year. Below benchmarking neighbours.
16	Children who ceased to be on a CP plan whose plan lasted 2 years or more (%)	4	3	↓	-	Low	-	-	4	4	5	4	In range	The percentage of children who ceased to be on a CP plan for 2 years or more has always been low and is on par with benchmarking groups.
17	Children who are looked after (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	115	108	↓	-	-	110	94	114	93	97	71	Higher	The number of Cared for Children has remained under 600 for the thrird consecutive month (586) and is the lowest number since March 2020 (566). The rate per 10k is still higher than statistical neighbours and national. Recent North West analysis shows Sefton to be 7th highest in the group.
18	Children looked after who had a missing incident in the period (%)	11	11	↔	-	-	-	-	10	12	12	11	In range	Rate remains static over 12 month period and inline with statistical neighbours and national.
19	Children looked after who were away without authorisation in the period (%)	1%	1%	↔	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	Lower	Rate remains static over 12 month period and low compared with statistical neighbours and national.
20	Children looked after who had their teeth checked by a dentist in the last 12 months (%)	79%	68%	↓	-	High	-	-	87	74	77	76	Higher	Percentage rate has fallen since this time last year and is currently below benchmarking groups. However, this rate usually increases throughout the year and is expected to be inline with benchmarking group by the end of the reporting year.
21	Children looked after who had their annual health assessment (%)	93%	96%	↑	-	High	-	-	98	90	92	89	Higher	Percentage rate has increased since this time last year. Above benchmarking groups.
22	Children who ceased to be looked after in the period who were adopted (%)	3%	8%	↑	-	-	-	-	<1%	10	9	9	In range	Adoption rate remains stable. but is very low compared to benchmarking groups.
23	Children who ceased to be looked after in the period due to a Special Guardianship Order (%)	18%	24%	↑	-	-	-	-	21	-	15	12	Higher	Percentage rate has increased since the same period last year. Above last year's figure and above benchmarking group.

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24	Children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday (%)	83%	85%	↑	-	High	-	-	100	91	81	79	Higher	Percentage rate has increased slightly since the same period last year and is currently above NW and England, but below stat neighbours.
25	Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%) - Latest snapshot **	80%	90%	↑	-	High	-	-	91	88	90	88	In range	The rate of care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation has increased compared to same period last year. In the same range with benchmarking groups.
26	Care leavers aged 19-21 in education, employment, or training (%) - Latest snapshot **	43%	45%	↑	-	High	-	-	47	53	54	56	Lower	Young people in employment, education or training (EET) has increased slightly when comparing to the same period 12 months ago. This rate is below benchmarking groups.

\* rolling 12 months data. All others figures are taken from the ChAT 12 months ago

\*\* snapshot at end of April 2024