

Data as at end of September 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 11-26 compares the latest 6 month data from July 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)

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No	Indicator	LA rolling 12m (Oct23 - Sep24)	LA rolling 6m (Apr24 - Sep24)	Direction of travel (RAG rated where low/high is stated)	Target	Low/High is good	RIG Q1 Sefton	2024-25 Q1 RIG NW	LA	SN	NW	Eng	Compared to mid-50% LA	Analysis
1	Referrals received (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	749.7	770.0	↑	580	-	671	534.1	823	630	530	545	Higher	The 12 month rolling rate continues to rise and has increased for the sixth consecutive period from 632 in March to 749.7 in September. There has been a 40% increase in the number of referrals between April to September compared to the same period last year. 6 months and 12 month rolling rate is above target and benchmarking groups.
2	Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)*	24.4%	23.0%	↓	21%	Low	24.0%	22.2%	27	24	22	22	Higher	The 12 month rolling rate for re-referrals has remained relatively consistent for the last six reporting periods - stabilising around 23-25%. For the last three reporting periods, 6m rate has been lower than 12m rate, indicating progress in the right direction. The current 6 month rate of 23% is slightly higher than target and in the same range as benchmarking neighbours.
3	Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	782.3	822	↑	622	-	777	610.4	919	667	597	557	Higher	After an upturn in the 12m rate of assessments per 10k in April (804), the rate has fallen and the summer months sees the rate settle around 780-785 assessments per 10k. However, the 6 month figure (822) shows that numbers are on the rise due to increase in referrals and the rate is well above from the revised target of 622. Sefton has a higher rate compared to the benchmarking group.
4	Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)*	82.2%	81.0%	↓	89%	High	82.8%	83.8%	74	84	79	82	Lower	The rolling 12 month rate of assessments completed within 45 days has been on the whole on the up and is above 80% compared to June last year, where the rate was at 65%. 6 month rolling figure of 81% shows that improvement has slightly fallen in the last 6 months compared to earlier in the year. 12 month rate is on par with benchmarking groups. Q1 figures shows Sefton to be 7th highest out of 24 LAs in the North West.
5	Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	276.8	322	↑	207	-	258	203.1	378	222	210	192	Higher	Direction of travel for the 12 month rolling rate of s47 enquiries has been on a largely downward trend since April 2023, however, a larger than average number of s47s were completed in May and July, resulting in the trend now heading in the opposite direction. Sefton higher than benchmarking neighbours.
6	Percentage of agency social workers (%) in workforce**	30% (Jan24)	28% (Aug24)	↓	20%	Low	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Target is to reduce the percentage of agency staff from 50% to 20% and the latest figure from August 2024 of 28% is a slight increase from 26% recorded in June.
7	Percentage of CIN Visits (non CWCN) completed within timescales	79.9%	81.2%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Monthly performance data shows that progress has been made in terms of CIN visit timeliness in the last 6 months. 6 month rate is at 81.2% compared to the 12 month rolling rate of 79.9%, demonstrating progress in recent months.

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8	Percentage of Assessments completed within 45 working days by Corporate Parenting	63.0%	67.3%	↑	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% last year to 6m rate of 67.3%, which is an improvement, however a fall in recent months. Monthly performance shows rates as high as 88% in May, but fallen since then.
9	Percentage of CP Visits completed within timescales	87.7%	88.3%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Progress has been made with CP visits has shown by 6 month rolling average of 88.3%, compared to 87.7% for the rolling 12 months - due to improved performance compared to a poorer summer. Currently shy of meeting target.
10	Percentage of Cfc Visits completed within timescales	84.9%	85.5%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Monthly analysis shows that the percentage of Cfc visits completed on time are improving each month and edging towards target.

No	Indicator	LA Sep23 ChAT	LA Sept4 ChAT	Direction of travel	Target	Low/High is good	RIG Q1 Sefton	2024-25 Q1 RIG NW	Latest published statistics (2022-23)				Compared to mid-50% LA	Analysis
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11	Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	58	84	↑	-	-	79	65.6	99	72	69	63	Higher	The 6mth rate of children per 10k who were subject of an ICPC has increased for the fourth consecutive period from 55 (May) to 84 (September). Number of ICPCs have nearly doubled in the last four months compared to the previous four. Monthly analysis shows a large number of ICPCs started in June and July. Despite the recent increase, the 12m rate is still below stat neighbours and NW.
12	Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%)	70%	91%	↑	-	High	86%	80.3%	91	80	80	78	Higher	ICPC timeliness rate has increased in recent months, as reflected in the 6m rate of 91% compared to the 12m rate of 70%. Four months out of the last six show the rate above 85%. August and September data shows 100% of ICPCs were completed in time.
13	Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children) **	415	475	↑	-	-	468	376.8	517	390	387	343	Higher	The rate of children in need has fallen slightly compared to last reporting month (483 v 475), due to to increase in referral numbers. Current rate is lower than Sefton 2022-23 data, but higher than benchmarking group.
14	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	58	63	↑	-	-	53	48.7	63	50	49	43	Higher	After a large fall in the rate of CP children per 10k from 67 in May 2023 to 47 in Mar 2024, the CP has started to creep up in recent months to 63 per 10k. After seven months of CP numbers below 300, CP has risen to 336 in September (fifth monthly increase). The 12m current rate of 58 per 10k is above statistical neighbours and North West.
15	Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	25%	25%	↔	-	Low	22.4%	23.1%	18	23	24	24	Lower	Similar to the rate of CP, the 6 month rolling rate of children becoming on a CP for a subsequent time has already started to creep up from 18% (May) to 25% (September). As a result, Sefton's rate is now on par with benchmarking groups, previously below.
16	Children who ceased to be on a CP plan whose plan lasted 2 years or more (%)	5%	3%	↓	-	Low		2.1%	4	4	5	4	In range	Similar to the two previous CP indicators, the percentage of children who ceased to be on a CP plan for 2 years or more (rolling 12m) has increased too, although 6m rate is starting to fall. The rate has always been low and is on par with benchmarking groups.
17	Children who are looked after (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	116	105	↓	-	-	106	94.8	114	93	97	71	Higher	The number of Cared for Children has remained under 600 for the ninth consecutive month (561) 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	12	↑	-	-	-	-	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%	2%	↑	-	-	-	-	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 (%)	69%	93%	↑	-	High	-	-	87	74	77	76	Higher	Percentage rate has increased since this time last year and is currently above benchmarking groups. This rate usually increases throughout the year and is expected to be above benchmarking group by the end of the reporting year.
21	Children looked after who had their annual health assessment (%)	88%	98%	↑	-	High	-	-	98	90	92	89	Higher	Percentage rate has remained stable compared to this time last year. Above benchmarking groups.

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22	Children who ceased to be looked after in the period who were adopted (%)	5%	7%	↑	-	-	-	-	<1%	10	9	9	In range	Adoption rate has increased in the last 6 months and is slightly below compared with benchmarking groups.
23	Children who ceased to be looked after in the period due to a Special Guardianship Order (%)	14%	31%	↑	-	-	-	-	21	-	15	12	Higher	Percentage rate has increased since the same period last year. Above last year's figure and above benchmarking group.
24	Children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday (%)	96%	72%	↓	-	High	-	-	100	91	81	79	Higher	Percentage rate has decreased since the same period last year and is currently below NW and England, but below stat neighbours.
25	Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%) - Latest snapshot **	85%	95%	↑	-	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. Above benchmarking groups.
26	Care leavers aged 19-21 in education, employment, or training (%) - Latest snapshot **	44%	54%	↑	-	High	-	-	47	53	54	56	Lower	Young people in employment, education or training (EET) has increased when comparing to the same period 12 months ago. This rate is on par with benchmarking groups.

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

\*\* snapshot at end of September 2023, September 2024