

Data as at end of November 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 November 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 (2023-24)

Key indicator. Targets have been set for all key indicators.		Latest published statistics (2023-24)												
No	Indicator	LA rolling 12m (Dec23 - Nov24)	LA rolling 6m (Jun24 - Nov24)	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)*	722.2	726.0	↑	580	-	671	534.1	622	586	512	518	In range	After six consecutive increases, the 12 month rolling rate has fallen slightly from a high of 749.7 in September to 726 in November, a drop of 3%. 6 months and 12 month rolling rate is above target, benchmarking groups and Sefton figure for 2023-24
2	Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)*	24.1%	22.0%	↓	21%	Low	24.0%	22.2%	23	23	20	21	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 four reporting periods, 6m rate has been lower than 12m rate, indicating progress in the right direction. The current 6 month rate of 22% is slightly higher than target and in the same range as benchmarking neighbours.
3	Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	801	825	↑	622	-	777	610.4	775	636	589	536	Higher	Since June, the 12m rate of assessments completed per 10k has risen each month with a slight dip in November. The 6 month figure (825) is greater than 12m rate and shows that numbers have been on the rise in recent months. 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 (%)*	84.3%	79.0%	↓	89%	High	82.8%	83.8%	75	82	82	84	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 same point last year, where the rate was at 65%. 6 month rolling figure of 79% shows that improvement has slightly fallen in the last 6 months compared to earlier in the year. Monthly analysis shows there was a dip during the summer months were completion rates fell below 80% (although the same is seen for November's performance, 77.5%). 12 month rate is on par with benchmarking groups.
5	Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	293	326	↑	207	-	258	203.1	263	208	204	187	In range	Since April 2024, the rolling rate has been on an upward trend. April's rate was at 255.8 and November's rate is at 293. 6m rate is at 326, showing the large increase in recent months. Monthly analysis shows that number of s47s have increased by 25%, comparing June-November this year, compared to last year. Sefton higher than benchmarking neighbours.
6	Percentage of agency social workers (%) in workforce**	30% (Jan24)	28% (Sep24)	↓	20%	Low	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Target is to reduce the percentage of agency staff from 50% to 20% and the latest figure from September 2024 of 28% is a slight increase from 30% recorded in January.
7	Percentage of CIN Visits (non CWCN) completed within timescales	76.7%	80.7%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Monthly performance data shows that progress has been made in terms of CIN visit timeliness from this point last year. The 6 month rate is at 80.7% compared to the 12 month rolling rate of 76.7%

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8	Percentage of Assessments completed within 45 working days by Corporate Parenting	66.1%	66.2%	↑	85%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Although Corporate Parenting only complete an average of 24 assessments per month, completion rates in timescale has dropped in recent months. Assessments completed within 45 days has seen almost the same rates in rolling 6m as rolling 12m. Monthly performance shows rates as high as 86% in May compared to latest at 64% in November.
9	Percentage of CP Visits completed within timescales	82.1%	86.3%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	November shows 80% of CP visits were completed in timescale. Despite this, progress has been made with CP visits - last year completion rate was around 80% compared to the high 80s as achieved in October. The 6 month rolling figure is currently shy of meeting target.
10	Percentage of Cfc Visits completed within timescales	86.5%	85.1%	↓	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Despite monthly analysis shows that the percentage of Cfc visits completed on time were moving towards the target, there has been a small dip in performance in October (84%) and November (85%).

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11	Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	73	90	↑	-	-	79	65.6	77	70	66	60	In range	The 6mth rate of children per 10k who were subject of an ICPC had from 67 (Jun) to 90 (Nov). Number of ICPCs are up 23% compared to the same sixth month period last year. Monthly analysis shows a large number of ICPCs started in June, July and October. The recent increase has moved the 12m rate above stat neighbours and NW.
12	Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%)	88%	96%	↑	-	High	86%	80.3%	94	81	82	80	Higher	ICPC timeliness rate has increased in recent months, as reflected in the 6m rate of 96% compared to the 12m rate of 88%. In the last 5 months the rate has been above 90%, of which 100% of ICPCs were completed in timescale in three of these months.
13	Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children) **	464	445	↓	-	-	468	376.8	453	383	380	333	Higher	The rate of children in need has fallen slightly compared to last reporting month (460 v 464), but an increase compared to the same point last year. Current rate is higher than Sefton 2023-24 data and benchmarking groups.
14	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	58	67	↑	-	-	53	48.7	52	47	49	42	In range	After a large fall earlier in the period, the rate of CP children per 10k is currently at 67. After seven months of CP numbers below 300, CP has now risen to 364 in November. The 12m current rate of 58 per 10k is above Sefton 2023-24 and 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%	22	24	25	25	In range	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 to 25% (November). Now at the same rate as this time last year. 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%	10%	↑	-	Low	-	2.1%	5	3	4	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 and 6m) has increased too. The rate is above benchmarking groups.
17	Children who are looked after (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	116	101	↓	-	-	106	94.8	114	93	97	71	Higher	The number of Cared for Children has remained under 600 for the tenth consecutive month (541) 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 (%)	2%	4%	↑	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	Lower	Rate has remained largely static over 12 month period until recent months where there has been an increase in away without authorisation numbers moving Sefton slightly above statistical neighbours and national. This may be due to change in recording practice.
20	Children looked after who had their teeth checked by a dentist in the last 12 months (%)	70%	94%	↑	-	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 (%)	95%	97%	↑	-	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 (%)	1%	6%	↑	-	-	-	-	<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 (%)	12%	35%	↑	-	-	-	-	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 (%)	78%	76%	↓	-	High	-	-	100	91	81	79	Higher	Percentage rate has decreased since the same period last year and is currently below NW and all benchmarking groups.
25	Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%) - Latest snapshot **	90%	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 **	43%	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 November 2023, November 2024