

**Sufficiency Statement and Commissioning  
Strategy for Looked After Children and Care  
Leavers**

# Sufficiency Statement

## Introduction

Stockport's Sufficiency Statement and Commissioning Strategy for Looked after Children and Care Leavers draws together the findings from extensive research into the needs of children and young people in care in Stockport. It also explores current provision of accommodation within Stockport.

From this analysis, the Strategy then sets out the on-going needs of children in care for whom we need to develop additional provision within or close to Stockport. This in turn will inform:

- Our recruitment strategy for foster placements and supported lodgings providers;
- On-going market engagement with key providers who can help us to meet a wider range of needs within or close to Stockport.

This Sufficiency and Commissioning Strategy will be published on the Stockport Council website.

## Local Drivers

1.1. We are committed to ensuring that children and young people are able to remain safely within their own families wherever this is consistent with their wellbeing.

1.2. We have developed a range of preventative services that help and support families to address issues that may otherwise lead to a breakdown in family relationships, and which enable children and young people to remain safely in the care of their parents or extended families. We now have a higher concentration of keyworkers in Stockport Family supporting these families to prevent children being taken into care.

1.3. We are also committed to improving the range of support available to children with disabilities and their families, again to ensure that this group of children and young people are also able to remain within their families wherever possible.

1.4. Where children and young people do need to come into care, we are committed to ensuring that as many as possible are placed with foster carers within Stockport, and that those carers are supported to provide the level of care we expect and require for children we are responsible for.

1.5. Our approach to ensuring that we have sufficient placements for our children and young people in care is one that includes:

- Ensuring that we only look after those children and young people for whom being in care is the only way of ensuring their safety and protection;
- Ensuring that we invest in 'edge of care services' to ensure that families where children and young people are on the edge of care are supported to make the necessary changes so that children can remain within their birth families;
- Ensuring that we secure permanency through adoption, Special Guardianship Orders and Child Arrangement Orders for younger children who cannot remain within their birth families wherever possible;
- Utilising foster placements for children and young people in care wherever possible and especially for younger children, and continuing to search for step down foster placements where possible for young people who are in residential provision where possible;

- Working with partner agencies to develop locally available services and provisions where there are difficulties in meeting particular needs, for example;
- Supporting children and young people who have behavioural needs and who are unable to access services through existing Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services;
- Identifying where there are clear gaps in local provision for children and young people in care as part of a dialogue with the provider market with the aim of developing targeted specialist provision in Stockport.

## **2. Summary of Proposals**

This Strategy is to promote the development of types of placements within Stockport that will enable us to ensure that, as far as possible, children and young people who need to be in care in Stockport are able to continue to live within or close to the Borough.

Stockport strives to provide placements for Looked after Children that are as close to a normal home environment as possible. To this purpose, Stockport Families First team provides coordinated intensive support to children and their families at the edge of care. The multi-agency team works collaboratively with locality social workers wrapping support around families and interventions are clinically informed and reviewed. Where possible families are supported to remain together. If necessary, children are placed in foster placements with family and friends.

This Sufficiency Strategy identifies a need for more internal and external foster care placements for children who are ready to live in a home environment. This Strategy compliments the Fostering Recruitment Strategy that sets out a detailed recruitment and marketing strategy for Stockport Foster Carers. Stockport Council is one of the NW Authorities that works to the North West Flexible Purchasing System for Foster Carers when making referrals to Independent Fostering Agencies. Commissioning Support Managers within the Council's SPEND Team will focus on market development work with IFA providers, raising the profile of Stockport looked after children with these providers. We would particularly like to encourage the recruitment of local foster carers who can offer step-down foster placements for children moving from residential care, and also foster placements for children with disabilities.

Within Stockport, there is more residential and 16+ semi-independent capacity than is needed by Stockport young people. Since 2018, Stockport uses the North West Flexible Purchasing System to make referrals for residential placements. The SPEND Commissioning Team will continue to visit local residential and 16+ providers and run provider forums in order to raise quality, to create better communication with the commissioned providers. We would like to encourage existing local residential and 16+ providers to offer available places to Stockport young people. We particularly need residential providers within Stockport who are able to support young people who may need to reduce aggressive behaviours or substance misuse.

Stockport has also joined with NW authorities to set up a new Dynamic Purchasing System for commissioning 16+ providers. We work closely with semi-independent providers within the Borough to ensure that the provision meets local needs.

Stockport Council has agreed arrangements with Stockport Homes to allow early with-held properties that can be made available for Care Leavers. 16+ Intensive Support Workers within the Leaving Care Team provide flexible and wrap around support to looked after children and care leavers. We also continue to promote Staying Put placements and are recruiting for supported lodgings, reviewing the need for new specialist placements.

The majority of children in care to Stockport are placed within the Borough or within a relatively close distance. In the number of those placed away from Stockport, some are in care, but others are placed with extended family or friends. Our aim is to reduce the number of children placed away from Stockport unless it is appropriate to live at distance. This Strategy outlines the types of needs that it should be possible to meet closer to or within Stockport by working in partnership with local providers.

The Strategy is accompanied by data set out in Appendix 1.

## **2. Needs Analysis**

### **2.1 Demographics**

Stockport's looked after children population has gradually been increasing since 2016. In March 2017, the population was 333. This has increased by 14% to a total of 381 young people by November 2018. This equates to a rate of 53 looked after children per 10,000 of the under 18 population. This means that Stockport has fewer looked after children than its North West neighbours who's average looked after children population per 10,000 in 2018 was 86 per 10,000 and it's statistical neighbours which was 66.7.

The increasing population largely reflects the increase that has happened regionally as well as nationally across the country since 2016, and regionally in the North West. This is also reflected in the number of children who are placed in Stockport by other Local Authorities which is also increasing.

During 2019, it is proposed to introduce a new way of providing support for young people who are within or on the edge of the care system called "No Wrong Door". This will replace one of the Council Homes at Broadfields, and with a residential hub that will include wrap-around teams who will support young people as they come into care, with a view to providing intensive support to enable young people to return home where possible, or to find foster families to help with their transition to adulthood.

### **2.2 Ethnicity**

The majority of looked after children in Stockport are White British. At March 2017, the percentage of children looked after from minority ethnic groups was 16.7%. This figure has reduced since 2016, and in November 2018 is 15.1%. There has been a slight increase in Asian looked after children, and consideration should be given to recruitment of ethnic minority internal carers.

### **2.3 Age**

When comparing the age ranges of the looked after children cohort, there are currently higher numbers of 10-15 year olds within the group. With 36.7% of all looked after children being aged between 10 and 15, this is the group that have the highest demand for placements generally.

### **2.4 Age of Looked after Children when they come into care**

An analysis of the age of children when they come into care shows a higher percentage babies and of under 4's. This group has been gradually increasing since March 17. There has been a larger 36% increase of 5-9 year old young people coming into care from March 17 to November 18, which indicates the need for more family support for 5-9 years old children.

### **2.5 Locality of LAC based on postcode (before taken into care)**

Analysing of the referrals from the 'deprivation' priority areas of Stockport, show a sharp increase in the number of young people that are being placed from the Adswold area, which has become the priority area with the most placements. The number of placements for children from Offerton is also increasing and is now matching the number from Central Stockport.

### **2.6 Legal Status**

The legal status of the looked after children cohort from March 2018 shows that 59.3% were on a full care order. The percentage of children on a full care order has increased over the last three years, and has continued to increase during 2018.

Of all the children in Stockport, almost 60% are taken into care due to abuse or neglect. While there has been some fluctuation in the number of admissions each quarter over the last 3 years, current figures remain quite similar to 2015. However in the last year, there has been a significant reduction in the number of discharges from care each quarter, which has contributed to the increase in LAC population figures.

### **2.7 Referral Trends**

The number of new referrals received each month fluctuates, however there has been a gradual increase in the number of referrals received each month over the 4 year period. In the last year and a half, there has been a reduction in the percentage of referrals that proceed to social work. The latest figure is 92.7%. The majority of referrals are made by the police and schools, however there have been a steady increase in referrals made by health services.

## 2.8 Placement Types

Figures show a higher number of male looked after children (56%) in total. The March 18 figures show that: The numbers of children placed in foster care has been increasing. In March 18, 234 (65.4%) were placed in foster care, of which 201 (55%) are fostered by Stockport Council foster carers. The percentage of total placements made with Stockport Council foster carers has reduced over the last two years, showing that the number of internal foster placements has not been increasing at the same level as the total LAC population:

March 16 % of LAC with SMBC Carers	61.4%
March 17 % of LAC with SMBC Carers	57.7%
March 18 % of LAC with SMBC Carers	55%

In the past, the majority of children not placed with internal foster carers have largely been 11-15 year olds, however the data from March 18, shows that younger children in the 0-4 and 5-10 yr age bands have also been fostered by IFA providers (PR4 & PR5), showing a new need for more Stockport Council carers for all ages (including younger ages).

32 Young People were placed with IFA placements. This number has increased by a third from 24 placements in 2016. The data also shows that of the 32 IFA placements, 63% are for females. This shows that IFA carers are more likely to accept females.

Data from the end of March 2018 shows that there were 7 placements in the local authority provision residential homes, which shows that, at the time, 3 vacancies were unused within our own residential provision at the time.

12 young people were in 16+ placements (H5). This number has doubled in the last two years. In March 2018, there were also 31 placed in residential units. Residential numbers have also increased from 19 since March 2016.

The increase in the LAC population over the past two years, particularly in the numbers of IFA, residential and 16+ placements will impact on the number of internal foster carers required, as well as the budget required for external placements, and indicates a need for more internal placements, both foster carers and internal residential and 16+.

All of the residential placements (except one disability placement) are over 10 years old, again showing the need for more internal and IFA foster care placements for children over 10 years old.

## 2.9 Placement changes and Strengths and Difficulties

In the last year there has been a continued reduction in the number of children who have had 3+ placements in the last 12 months.

SDQ questionnaire results of LAC have reduced slightly over the last year, showing that the emotional Health of looked after children improved. In Stockport the CAMHS service provides support for the most vulnerable. This includes:

- The transitions team that focuses on 16-18 year olds
- Improving support for care leavers.

The Integrated CAMHS Partnership aims to improve support for children and young people who have mental health concerns but also have a range of complex needs. This includes:

- Looked after children
- Children and young people who have had adverse childhood experiences
- Children and young people with a learning disability
- Children and young people with behaviour that challenges.

There have been recent increases in demand for mental health services. In addition the KITE service was decommissioned, and the new "Emotional Health and Wellbeing Team" began in July 2018 to support the emotional wellbeing of children who are looked after. The team accept referrals, assess and provide

interventions based on clear formulations around the children's / placements difficulties. They also assist the authority in collecting SDQ data for all our children in care. The team will consist of:

- 3 F/T social workers who work more therapeutically
- 1 social work manager
- 1 (2.5 days per week) clinical psychologist.

The Children's and Young People's Mental Health Transformation Plan was published in March 2018. The plan will be further refreshed by end of March 2019. The CCG has recently finalised its commissioning plan for a further £241K of investment. Priorities are:

- Funding the Healthy Young Minds Operational Manager post
- Funding the Mental Health Practitioner post (early years)
- Funding 2 new Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner posts
- Complex needs pathway / ACE / LAC.

The CCG plans to invest in a Voluntary Sector led information and wellbeing hub. In terms of funding to support complex needs / ACE / LAC, conversations with social care are needed in order to ensure that this funding is used effectively. Further commissioning priorities include:

- ADHD diagnosis and treatment pathway
- ASD diagnostic pathway
- Improving access to early mental health support.

## **2.10 LAC reviews and health checks**

The health of looked after children is closely monitored, however current figures for 2018-19 show that a lower percentage of health and dental assessments have taken place this year. In addition, the percentage of LAC cases reviewed in time, reduced between April 17 and July 18, but has shown a slight increase again since.

## **2.11 Educational Attainment & Special Educational Needs**

Changes in recording of educational attainment make it difficult to compare progress since 2014/15. Overall absence levels are above national levels at 5.9%. LAC students are supported by the Virtual School (VS) attendance strategy. Individual pupils are monitored by VS link teachers, who liaise with every school and social worker. VS link teachers also have termly monitoring meetings with school LAC Designated Teachers to ensure that pupils with emerging attendance issues are well supported. The VS Education Manager meets termly with the Young People's Education Worker (Welfare) to track and monitor the LAC cohort and ensure that the School Age Workers are involved with families where necessary for additional support. LAC who are placed out of Borough are monitored daily by Welfare Call, who provide daily updates and reports for Virtual School link teachers. Virtual School link teachers also implement an incentive and reward system relating to improved attendance and good patterns of attendance. Despite a range of support mechanisms a small number of young people have had exceptionally challenging circumstances which have impacted on attendance figures. We continue to work with all agencies to support the young person to be able to access regular educational provision.

In Stockport, there is a higher percentage of looked after children who have an EHCP in place (30.3%), when compared to National averages. The percentage of looked after children with SEN but without an EHCP is less than national levels and is improving. Details of Stockport's SEND local offer is available on the Council Website: <https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/localoffer.page>

In Stockport, the percentage of looked after children with Average Attainment 8 score is higher than national averages and has been improving. In 2018, 33% Stockport LAC achieved level 4 or above in English and maths (7<sup>th</sup> nationally for Attainment 8, and 8<sup>th</sup> nationally for progress 8), significantly higher than statistical neighbours.

## **2.12 Looked after Children with Child Sexual Exploitation Issues**

Figures from March 2019 show that approximately 7% of looked after children were monitored due to CSE Concerns. The number of looked after children who were considered to be at some risk of child sexual exploitation has increased by 2% since 2018.

## 2.14 Care Leavers

The local offer for Care Leavers is set out in the Council Website:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/showcase/care-leavers>

As at 31st March 2018 there were a total of 178 care leavers. This has increased from 167 care leavers in March 2017. This is broken down as follows:

- Relevant - 6
- Former Relevant - 172
- TOTAL – 178

Looking at qualifying care leavers that are also open to the Leaving Care Team (but are not included in the DfE definition), below is the total of all care leavers on 31<sup>st</sup> March by age and type:

Age:										
Type	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Grand Total
Qualifying	7	8	2	6	3		1			27
Relevant	4	5								9
Former Relevant		33	45	29	43	34	16	14	3	217
Grand Total	11	46	47	35	46	34	17	14	3	253

The percentage of 19 year old care leavers (who were looked after when aged 16) who are in education employment or training has increased to 54%, and remains higher than statistical neighbouring authorities and national average rates. From 2014/5 we have had dedicated services for young person officer and adult skills adviser to target NEET looked after children and care leavers to support young people to access education, employment and training. We have 43% of care leavers staying with their former foster carers which is significantly higher than national average figures. In addition 90% of care leavers are accommodated in suitable accommodation, this has increased slightly from 89% in 16/17.



### 3. Accommodation Sufficiency

#### 3.1 Approved Adoptive Families 3.1 Approved Adoptive Families

	March 2013	March 2015	March 16	End march 2018
Approved adoptive families	42	36	25	N/a
Families waiting to be matched with Children	14	31	19	N/a
Families with a child in placement where the final adoption order had not been issued	28	25	15	n/a
Number of families granted final adoption order	29	36	28	n/a
Number of families matched to child	27	33	24	N/a
Number of adoption orders granted for Stockport children		32	25	13
Number of Stockport children matched with adoptive families		20	24	12

The number of children adopted in 2017/18 is lower than previous years. This is in line with national trends. By the end of Sept 2018 however, 17 children had already been placed for adoption suggesting that numbers are increasing. Due to robust care planning we can be assured that adoption is considered for all children who need it.

From October 2017 it is no longer appropriate to report adopter numbers by local authority -as approved adopters cover the whole of the regional agency (RAA). During 2017-18, 48 adopters were approved. The RAA was heavily reliant on applicants already in the system at go live.

In 2018/19, the RAA are on target to approve 91 adopters. The RAA has a target to increase adopter approvals in 2019/20 to 120. This is a challenging target given the national landscape where adopter recruitment has not kept pace with numbers of placement orders.

#### Regional Adoption Agency

In May 2015 the Government announced changes to the delivery of adoption services by proposing that all adoption services would need to be delivered on a regional basis by 2020. Stockport led the development of the regional adoption agency with 5 LAs: Stockport; Salford; Trafford; Manchester and Cheshire East. The DfE made it clear that they wished to see Voluntary Adoption Agencies as integral partners in the regional agencies. Adoption Matters and Caritas Care were invited to join the Regional Adoption Agency (RAA).

The objectives of the Regional Adoption Agency are:

- a. To provide children with the right adopters at the right time, approving those equipped to meet the needs of children waiting.
- b. To minimise changes of plan away from adoption
- c. To reduce delay and improve timescales for matching and placement for all children –working with care planning processes in each Council to improve early identification / twin track planning and to achieve best practise and consistency across the region.
- d. To take innovative approaches to placing ‘hard to place’ children
- e. To reduce the likelihood of placement breakdown through timely and improved matching, preparation and adoption support.

In the longer term it is anticipated that the new agency will:

- Support all permanence options for children including Special Guardianship Orders.
- Reduce the number of parents who have successive children placed for adoption

The hub went live in June 2017 providing centralised marketing & recruitment functions. A central register of children and carers is held and a strategic plan for the delivery of Adoption Support across the region.

Three spoke offices covering the North, Centre and South of the region, were then set up, delivering:

- Adopter preparation and approval
- Early identification of children being looked after by each local authority and likely to require adoption.
- The capacity and skills to place children and support adopters
- Adoption Support services

Staff working in the spoke offices work in 2 specialisms, recruitment, family finding and adoption support. Staff are seconded to Stockport who as host provides back office support services under an SLA. In terms of sufficiency however, the RAA will have, by the end of March 2019, almost doubled recruitment when compared to that of the 5 local authorities in the year preceding the launch of the agency.

For Stockport, in the year 17/18 only 3 children were placed inter-agency. This is 23% whereas prior to the RAA this was usually 66%. That means more children from Stockport are being placed within the Northwest region, enabling more effective transitions and adoption support delivery.

### **3.2 Internal Foster carers - Profile of the fostering service**

As at March 2018 there were 155 children in mainstream placements, 45 in Friends and Family Placements and 9 in Reg 24 placements (for connected children).

As at March 2018 there were 177 fostering households - 127 mainstream, 4 specialist, 30 FF, 9 short break carers and 7 Reg 24 carers. This has increased steadily over the last two years, from 165 households in March 2016, and 173 households in March 17.

Case management (EIS) reports from November 2018 shows that there are a total of 370 approved placements, with around 38 (10%) unfilled placements with in-house long-term carers. However, whilst “on paper” these placements looked to be unfilled, there will be matching reasons why many of these placements cannot be filled. A new senior practitioner is proposed within the Fostering Team to help keep an overview.

During the year the service recruited 28 fostering households – 16 mainstream, 1 specialist, 1 short breaks and 10 Family and Friends (of which 4 originally started as Reg 24). Unfortunately in the same year, 4 x households were de-registered, and a number of fostering households had fostering placements that successfully became “staying put” placements. The total increase in fostering households over the year, was therefore 4 households.

With the newly approved mainstream households, 29 placements were offered with 13 households approved for placements up to the age of 18 and 2 up to the age of 13. 4 households were approved to take up to 3 children age 2 up to age of 13. 15 of the approved fostering households live in Stockport, with 1 living in Hyde and the specialist carer living in Middleton. Their locations are: Hyde, Bredbury, Cheadle

Hulme (2), Romiley (2), Gatley, Offerton (2), Poynton, Hazel Grove, Heald Green, Woodley (2), Heaviley, Bramhall, Middleton (specialist).

An ethnic breakdown of the SMBC Foster Carers on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 shows a need to recruit more foster carers of mixed ethnic and Asian breakdowns, to better reflect the ethnic breakdown of Stockport's looked after children, where 7.7% are mixed ethnic background, and 3% have Asian backgrounds.

Ethnic Breakdown of SMBC foster carers	Main carer	%
White		94.8%
British	188	
Irish	1	
Traveller of Irish Heritage	0	
Gypsy/Roma	0	
Any Other white background	1	
Mixed		2.4%
White & Black Caribbean	2	
White & Black African		
White & Asian		
Any other mixed background	3	
Asian or Asian British		1.4%
Indian	1	
Pakistani		
Bangladeshi		
Any other Asian background	2	
Black or Black British		1.4%
Black Caribbean	2	
Black African	1	

There are currently proposals to improve the Stockport foster care recruitment website. A new digital 'Verint' system is currently being developed for 2019, in order to closely monitor the recruitment process for internal foster carers. This will record the process from when potential carers first show an interest in caring, though the recruitment process to when their recruitment is successfully completed. It is recommended that the carers who do not complete the full recruitment process as foster carers should be recorded, and where suitable, encouraged to consider other roles such as mentors, supported lodging or short breaks carers.

### 3.3 Short Break Provision

The Short Breaks project helps to keep young people out of care or to rehabilitate them home from being looked after. The Short Breaks project gives respite to young people when they are living at home when in crisis situations to alleviate some of the pressures or to support rehabilitation home plans. This is done in conjunction with other services from Stockport Families First (SFF) including Family Group Conferences and Intensive Support Service, and a support plan of all services is co-ordinated via the SFF panel which meets on a weekly basis and where cases are reviewed on a regular basis.

Short Breaks Carers have at times provided very short term placements when an alternative placement has not been able to be identified. However the plan is always for an alternative placement or rehab home to take place.

As of February 2019, the project currently had a total of 11 homes of Short Breaks Carers, 8 homes of foster carers who do Short Breaks only and 3 homes of child-minders. We have 2 home from home carers who offer 2:1 support for children with disabilities. We additionally have a number of foster carers who have dual approval as full time/respite Foster Carers and Short Breaks however they are managed by the fostering service. Short Breaks foster carers can take over night placements and Short Breaks child minders who take day care placements. (N.B. Day support for placements for children under the age of 8 years can only be placed with child minders and cannot be placed with Foster Carers unless they are also registered as a child minder).

#### Short Breaks foster care placements

	June 2016	2017	2019
Short Break Carers	11 ( 8 households)	7 households	11
Short Breaks foster places	19	19	17
Child Minders (for children under 8 years old)	9 households		3 households
Home from Home scheme (2:1 support for YP with Autism)	5 carers (3 households)	2 households	2 households

#### Foster Placements Filled

	March 2015	March 2016	March 2017	March 2018
Foster placements	171	126	142 (3 of these are non-Stockport children placed with SMBC carers).	155
Placements with family & friends		32	45 F&F; 8 Reg 24	45 F&F 9 Reg 24
Short breaks	74 (total figures for financial year)	40	26	Quarter 1 2018 45 placements made

The figures from November 2018 suggest that there are over 100 unfilled placements within the in-house carer households. In a lot of cases this will be because of the need for careful matching of young people placed together in the same household. There is a recent increase in demand for IFA placements for younger children, as well as foster carers who can take older children, sibling groups or children with complex needs. Proposals for recruitment are set out in the Fostering Recruitment Strategy, and key points are included within the actions to this Commissioning Strategy below.

If short break carers are not available, the team signpost families to alternative provisions e.g. the two year old offer or play schemes. Alternatively, a Family Group Conference is held so that the family can identify their own respite.

### 3.4 Supported Lodgings

At full capacity, the scheme currently has 10 beds available (This has reduced from 20 beds in 2015). In December 2018, there were 6 full placements, with 1 shortly to be filled. Of the 10 beds available, 1 provider is on hold until January 2019, 1 provider has changed to a respite bed only. A further 2 general applicants will shortly be going to Panel for approval and 1 Child Specific applicant is also going to Panel for approval. Placements cost £196.50/week, and the young person contributes either £20, £40 or £60/week depending on their income. Where eligible, we also claim housing benefit for young people aged 18+.

Funding for supported lodgings comes from two streams:

- a) Children's Social Care budget (If under 18 – this can be for up to 2 years)
- b) Supporting People Funding (through Adults) – (over 18 – this can be for 2-3 years with the 3rd year available if in education.)

Although Supported Lodgings are a cost effective placement for supported accommodation for young people over 16, sometimes the care/support needs of children or young people prevent this being a viable option. The local authority is seeking to develop the scheme with recruitment for providers who are able to support young people with more challenging behaviours

### 3.5 Independent Fostering Agencies on 2018 North West Foster Care Flexible Purchasing System

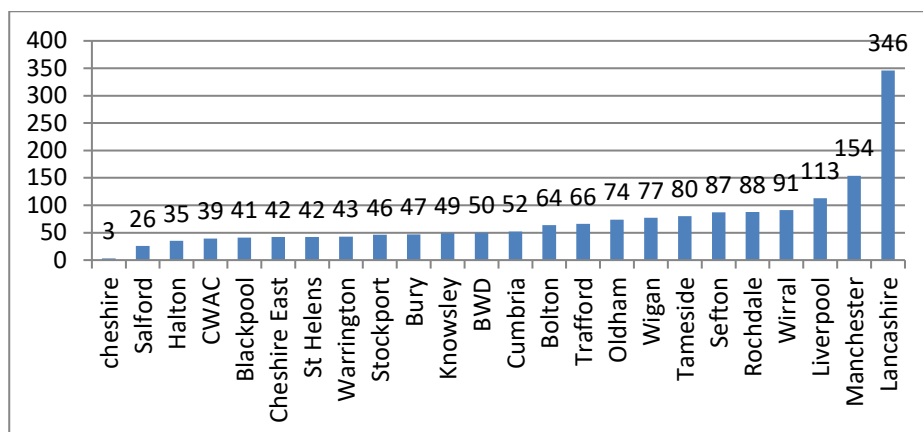
The FPS started in April 2018, replacing the previous 2014 Framework Contract to provide the opportunity for 23 regional local authorities to benefit from the consolidation of demand for foster care placements. The contract was initially awarded to 39 Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs) in Round One. There will be an opportunity for further new providers to apply at quarterly intervals. The FPS includes three Lots, Standard, Specialist and Cohort placements. Providers submitted prices for delivery of the Core Cost Specification against four different age bands.

The North West has collected information on provider capacity over the last eight years on various framework and FPS contracts. The table below estimates capacity on contract in 2010, 2014 and now 2018, and shows that capacity in the region has reduced by 332 since 2014.

	2010	2014	2018
Estimated IFA Capacity on contract	2716	3902	3570

Placements North West (PNW) is a regional organisation holding information about all external providers in the North West. The PNW Fostering Market Report 2018 also shows that the number of fostering households across the region has reduced gradually since 2015. The report shows 46 IFA fostering households in Stockport in 2018 this has reduced from 72 IFA fostering households in July 2016.

## Number of IFA fostering households by local authority geographical boundaries



Although these IFA placements are available “on paper”, experience has shown that these placements are rarely available when placement searches are made. It is proposed that we continue to build good working relationships local IFA providers to understand which carers are located within Stockport, to have knowledge as to when these placements become available in our area, and to promote the needs of Stockport children.

### 3.5 Residential Provision in Stockport

Stockport Council has two children’s homes, Dial Park and Broadfields. These provisions offer 10 beds in total. Based on full occupancy, the indicative cost of these beds are £1,918/week

Within Stockport there are 31 independent OFSTED-registered children’s homes with 153 beds available

- 21 homes (in R1 mainstream category) with 96 beds available
- 6 homes (in R2 Therapeutic category) with 16 beds available
- 4 homes (in R2 Disability category) with 41 beds available. (this includes 28 beds provided by Seashell Trust. The setting is split into 7 homes, but we have included it, here, as a single setting).

There are also five 16-18 semi-independent settings within Stockport, with a total of 26 beds available. (One setting specialises in mental health and is CQC registered).

In addition, Stockport manages three semi-independent flats at Broadfields, which can offer 3 beds in total.

### **TOTALS: 39 residential units with 192 beds (including 16+) and including Dial Park and Broadfields SMBC Homes**

Residential home provision is well in excess of the needs for Stockport young people, when compared to the number of external residential and semi-independent placements that are being commissioned in 2018. However it is still the case that it is difficult to find residential placements within the Borough for young people within the Borough, as placements are often filled with young people from out of area. For this reason, it is important to continue to build relationships with local providers to raise the needs of Stockport Young People with them.

During 2019, it is proposed to replace the 5-bed Council childrens home at Broadfields with a “No Wrong Door” Hub. This will include wrap-around teams who will support young people as they come into care, with a view to providing intensive support to enable young people to return home where possible, or assess young people to help find foster families.

It is also proposed to set up two new internal 16+ Semi-Independent Flats in the grounds of the Broadfields Unit in 2019.

### 3.6 Providers on North West Flexible Purchasing System for Residential Placements 2018

From 2018, there has been a new Residential FPS in place over the North West Region, amalgamating the previous Greater Manchester and Merseyside Framework Contracts. Providers will be able to join the contract or add new provision in quarterly windows, so numbers of providers on the FPS will increase gradually. In 2018 there are over 90 providers on the contract. The FPS will be a 10 year contract initially. There are 8 lots in the new contract: For Lots 1 to 5 (services in or within 40 miles of the NW) **indicative** prices have been gathered.

- **Lot 1: Residential Care** – Flexible mainstream provision located in or within 40 miles of the NW
- **Lot 2: Therapeutic Care**– Services which meet the needs of children and young people needing more specialist care and will employ or procure specialist resources to do so. Services will be located in or within 40 miles of the NW.
- **Lot 3: Complex Health / Medical Care** - providers must be trained, competent and able to meet the needs of children and young people requiring more specialist health care and are located in or within 40 miles of the NW.
- **Lot 4: Short Break Services**
- **Lot 5: Short Break Residential Services to Support Transition** - time limited, intensive support placements purchased for the sole purpose of stabilising behaviours, and supporting the Young Person and LA in transitioning into a longer term placement.
- **Lot 6: Services located at a distance** – Services located more than 40 miles of the boundaries of the NW.

Two categories have yet to be developed:

- **Lot 7 Cohort Purchases** - This category is for organisations who are interested in bidding for services to meet the needs of a number of young people. This might be for named young people or could be for future business for predicted need.
- **Lot 8 Innovation and Scope** - This lot is a lot to include innovation and scope for future requirements throughout the life of the Purchasing System, should participating authorities require additional capacity or innovation through the Purchasing System.

### 3.7 North West Care Leaver and Young Homeless Supported Accommodation Dynamic Purchasing Framework 2016

The 2016 Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) contract was formally procured by Tameside MBC and supported by Placements North West (PNW). The contract builds upon the collaborative commissioning and performance work undertaken in the North West in projects such as the minimum standard monitoring as well as the 2012 framework contract procured by Manchester City Council. The DPS significantly strengthened quality threshold for providers, and is designed to ensure providers on the contract, have a good understanding of the service delivery model. This Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is open to tenders from new providers each quarter. The DPS is used to make new referrals for semi-independent providers across the North West. Usually we are able to find 16+ placements with providers who are on the Regional DPS contract.

In the Greater Manchester area (Z1 zone) in June 2018 there are:

- 105 x Semi-independent residential homes – approx. (44 providers)
- 35 x floating support plus accommodation
- 38 x floating support only

### **3.8 Secure Provision**

Referrals for secure placements are made through the National Secure Welfare Commissioning Unit. Referrals are often time consuming to complete, and there are often no available beds across the country when referrals are made. This means that daily chasing of referrals is needed until a placement become available.



## 4. Regional Commissioning

### 4.1 Greater Manchester Commissioning Group

The **Residential Market Position Statement for Greater Manchester** from Summer 2019, identifies that there are 738 residential beds available in Greater Manchester, which is more than sufficient for the 599 children placed in residential homes by Greater Manchester local authorities.

Key Messages for residential providers operating in Greater Manchester are:

- Greater Manchester wants to place more children locally.
- There are enough beds in Greater Manchester for all the children who are in residential settings to live in the region, but often they are full with children from elsewhere.
- Greater Manchester authorities will be formally asking providers with homes in Greater Manchester listed on the NW FPS to work much more closely with them to match and place children in a pilot programme.
- Children with more complex needs are much less likely to be placed in Greater Manchester so we are keen to work with providers who can meet the needs of more complex young people.

The **Fostering Market Position Statement for Greater Manchester** from Summer 2019 identified that IFA capacity in Stockport reduced by 12% in 2017, and again by 22% in 2018.

Key messages for IFA providers operating in Greater Manchester are:

- There are not enough foster carers in Greater Manchester to meet the needs of our children.
- While local authorities intend over the long term to increase significantly the number of children in their internal fostering services, more IFA foster carers are needed
- There is a need particularly for foster carers for teenagers, sibling groups and those with more complex needs
- Greater Manchester will shortly be running a purchasing exercise to identify a small number of strategic partners to undertake long term planning and matching for children who need enhanced fostering packages

### 4.2 Placements North West Commissioning Group

The Action Plan for 2019 for the NW commissioning Group include the following key actions:

1. An improved route to the SALLs (16+) market with robust quality standards, with new contract in place by Jan 2020
2. Improved route to SEND Market with enhanced financial and quality checks with proposal report complete by on way June 19
3. Residential market which is fit for purpose, with robust financial checks. An agreed vision of future residential market and how we will get there. Revised purchasing system by Sept 19
4. Sufficient Foster Market; which includes shared learning across authorities at all levels and informed use of data intelligence. With revised purchasing system with parent and child lot in place by December 2019.
5. Quarterly collection of local authority census information, and regional census reports produced.
6. Quarterly commissioning leads and placement team development days, and regular provider engagement days.

### 4.3 Placement North West's Residential Census – December 2018

This report, produced in March 2019, highlighted the following residential trends across the North West Region:

- 45% increase in external residential placements
- 36% Increase in estimated annual spend
- 2% of placements with a unit cost of over £7,000 per week
- Four providers delivering 25% of the placements
- 30% of residential placements made in provision not registered with the FPS

- Increased costs due to not using local placements

The report shows the average cost of active private/voluntary children's home placements made by Stockport was £3,386/week, which was the fourth lowest in NW authorities, and lower than the regional average of £3,676/week.

#### 4.4 Placement North West's Foster Care Census – December 2018

This report, produced in March 2019, highlighted the following foster care trends across the North West Region:

- 67% of the region's placements delivered through five organisations
- Regional spend on IFA placements increased by £10.5m
- 2% increase in under 4s in IFA placements

Average weekly cost of standard IFA placements made by Stockport in December 2019 was £795/week, which matches the regional average weekly rate across the North West.

## 5. Resources

### 5.1 Stockport's External Placement Budget

The external placement budget has fluctuated over a number of years. In recognition of the higher numbers of external residential placements being required, the external residential budget in 2019-20 has increased to £7.4M. Looking at the 2019 average placement cost of £2,902 week (including 16+ placements), the 2019-20 external residential budget allows for approximately 38 full-time average cost residential /16+ placements over the year.

	Foster care budget	Residential budget	Total budget	Difference in budget since previous year
<b>2014-15</b>	£ 1,050,347.00	£ 3,149,921.00	£ 4,200,268.00	£ -
<b>2015-16</b>	£ 955,347.00	£ 2,196,921.00	£ 3,152,268.00	-£ 1,048,000.00
<b>2016-17</b>	£ 841,865.00	£ 1,932,131.00	£ 2,773, 996	-£ 378,272.00
<b>2017-18</b>	£841,865.00	£2,497,131	£3,338,996	+£565,000
<b>2018-19</b>	£841,865.00	£4,747,062	£5,588,927	+£2,249,931
<b>2019-20</b>	£1,627,332	£5,789,062	£7,416,394	

## 6. Commissioning Strategy - Actions

### 6.1 Keep Young People with Families

Action	Comment	Lead
In line with Corporate Parenting Strategy, adopt No Wrong Door Innovation to provide intensive edge of care support	Based in Broadfields Unit, strengthening Stockport Family First, and linking to early intervention & prevention work	JW – Jan 2020
Further consider the early help and preventative resources deployed to geographic priority areas with a higher percentage of LAC	Consider whether any additional targeted family support can be given to families within priority areas.	JW

### 6.2 Ensure in-house vacancies are fully utilised

Action	Comment	
Ensure residential placements are fully utilised	Through good care planning and matching.	LH
Ensure foster carers are fully utilised	Care matching of internal foster carers with young people. The development of No Wrong Door Hub will enable more careful matching to foster carers.	VT
Ensure that in-house foster vacancies are monitored weekly, and that vacancies are filled whenever possible.	Incentivising carers to take more complex young people. Also upskilling carers and providing more support.	VT

### 6.3 Develop New In-House Placements

Action	Comment	Lead
Adoption target for approvals for 19/20 to increase to 120		Adoption Counts recruitment 19/20
Continue to encourage Concurrent Planning and fostering for adoption placements	An opt-out approach rather than opt in during assessment. Enhanced training for FFA. Robust contract monitoring for concurrency project	Adoption Counts Senior management Team
Take innovative adoption approaches to placing “hard to place children”	Example-trialling bespoke family finding, in house activity days and exchange days	Adoption Counts Senior Management Team
Maximise adopter resources via strategic overview	Example: Coram BAAF matching project Strategic matching meetings & Family finding events.	Adoption Counts Senior Management Team
Update foster recruitment website and digitalise the monitoring of internal foster care recruitment process.		Fostering Team
Internal foster care – review whether foster carers who take younger children can be encouraged to increase their age ranges.		Fostering Team

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Provide training and support for teenage / more complex foster placements.	Aim to support 5 households / year to take older children	Fostering Team
Ongoing training and support for care workers to ensure workforce is confident to work with children with SEND.		Fostering Team
Targeted campaign to recruit Stockport Foster carers for Teenagers and older children, sibling groups, children with complex needs and children with disabilities.	Details of recruitment approach is set out in the Fostering Recruitment Strategy for 2018-19	Fostering Team
Regional "You Can Foster" campaign	Joint funding agreed for market research and insight into brand and future ways to generate enquiries.	Fostering Team – March 2020
Increase Specialist Foster Carers by 50%	Detailed proposals for recruitment are set out in the Fostering Recruitment Strategy for 2018-19,	Fostering Team
Recruit more short breaks carers to work with more complex challenging children and young people and encourage Stockport Foster Carers to be approved as short break carers.	Most of the children/yp with challenging and complex issues need to be worked with on a 1:1 basis.	Fostering Team
Give further consideration as to whether specialist foster carers can also be given approval for emergency (short break) Placements.		Fostering Team
Recruit new supported lodging carers who are able to support young people with more complex needs.		Fostering Team
Focus on recruiting more foster carers of mixed ethnic background, to better reflect the ethnic breakdown of Stockport's looked after children.		Fostering Team
Set up two 16+ flats at Broadfields Home site	New provision for 16-17 year olds. Review based on No Wrong Door proposal.	LH/JW
Develop proposal for 18+ supported accommodation working with Stockport Homes	Proposal is for 2 x three bed properties and 7 individual units	KB/JW – Sept 19

#### 6.4 External Placement Sufficiency & Market Management

Action	Comment	Timescale and Lead
Proactively engage the local provider market to develop relationships and manage the development of the market.	Continue to provide quarterly provider forums for residential & 16+ providers.  Meet with IFAs to understand the local IFA market availability and to explain local needs for placements especially for step down placements for over 10yr olds and	Commissioning Manager

	<p>male placements, also for children with disabilities.</p> <p>Meetings are held with IFA providers to understand their carers located within Stockport and why these are often not available to Stockport young people.</p> <p>Ensure that IFAs are aware of the wrap around services that are available to Stockport children who are placed within local placements.</p> <p>Meet with local residential and 16+ providers to ensure that Stockport providers are aware of the need for placements for young people with more complex needs locally.</p>	
GM Commissioning Group Priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Growth in Fostering (internal and IFA) – including working in clusters to meet with IFAs, and creating regional market position statements</li> <li>2. Improving Brokerage techniques – regular emails to IFAs, and training by IFAs on writing good referrals (arranged centrally), and complex fostering placement meetings with groups of IFAs and SWs</li> <li>3. Securing Residential capacity – trading internal residential placements, cluster group engagement with residential providers,</li> <li>4. High cost placements – training for placement/commissioning staff on negotiation techniques, sharing info on residential prices, possible joint commissioning</li> <li>5. Impact of inward placements (from outside NW)</li> <li>6. Review of Placement Team structures within Greater Manchester</li> </ol>	Commissioning Manager
North West Commissioning Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An improved route to the SaLLs (16+) market with robust quality standards, with new contract in place by Jan 2020</li> <li>2. Improved route to SEND Market with enhanced financial and quality checks with proposal report complete by on way June 19</li> </ol>	Commissioning Manager

	<p>3. Residential market which is fit for purpose, with robust financial checks. An agreed vision of future residential market and how we will get there. Revised purchasing system by Sept 19</p> <p>4. Sufficient Foster Market; which includes shared learning across authorities at all levels and informed use of data intelligence. With revised purchasing system with parent and child lot in place by December 2019.</p> <p>5. Quarterly collection of local authority census information, and regional census reports produced.</p> <p>6. Quarterly commissioning leads and placement team development days, and regular provider engagement days.</p>	
Ensure the regular review of sufficiency report.	Provision of sufficiency statement & information for local Placement Provider Forum - IFAs and residential providers to improve knowledge about local needs that cannot be met within the Borough.	Commissioning Manager

## 6.5 Placement Costs Monitoring

Action	Comment	Timescale and Lead
Ensure that all new placements are on standard regional contract fees where possible.	If additional fees are required, these should be clearly set out within the IPA, ensuring that these additional costs are monitored closely.	Placements Team
Continue to review high cost / low outcome placements, and monitoring costs against external placements budget.	Ensure that if changes are required to placement, IPA's are amended with additional appendix for detail.  Ensure reviews undertaken at IPEP and Tracking Meetings and additional costs are considered. Ensure monitoring mechanisms can easily identify overpayments	Commissioning Officer
Continue to ensure IPAs are good quality and outline specify individual outcomes and timescales for review.	Ensure that IPAs are agreed before a young person is placed.  Ensure agreed mechanisms for feedback and challenge when IPAs are of lower than expected quality	Placements Team
Continue to ensure that annual and sibling discounts are collected	Review discounts monthly	Commissioning Team

## 6.6 Monitoring of Placement Quality

Action	Comment	Timescale and Lead
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Sufficiency Statement – June 2019

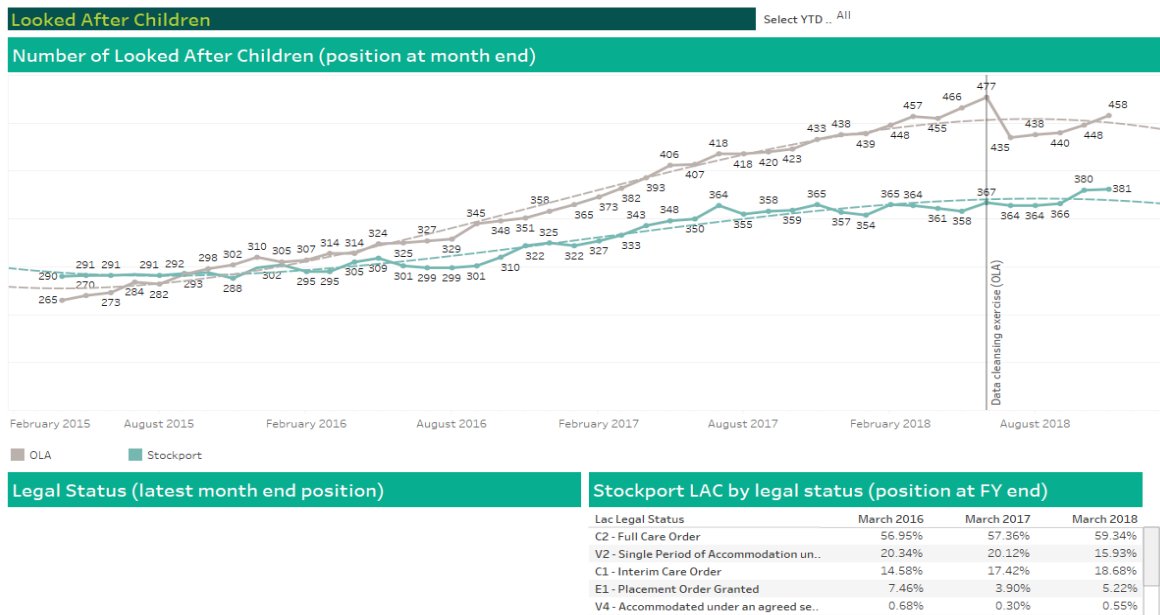
Regular collection of Ofsted reports for all current providers	Reviewed by Placements Team, store reports centrally and send links to Managers. Inform managers if issues arise	Placement Team
Collection of Reg 44 reports for current providers, focussing on those who are less than good	Reviewed by Commissioning Manager, informing managers if issues arise.	Commissioning Team
Arrange Councillor visits to residential providers within Stockport as required	Focus on providers within Stockport where Stockport YP are placed	Commissioning Manager
Ensure annual visits to Semi-independent providers – ensure due diligence with unregistered providers	Focus on providers where Stockport YP are placed	Commissioning Manager
Sharing any concerns about safeguarding with LADO and Regional Authorities as necessary	Using Placements North West ISP system	Placements / Commissioning Team

## 6.7 Additional Commissioned Services for Young People

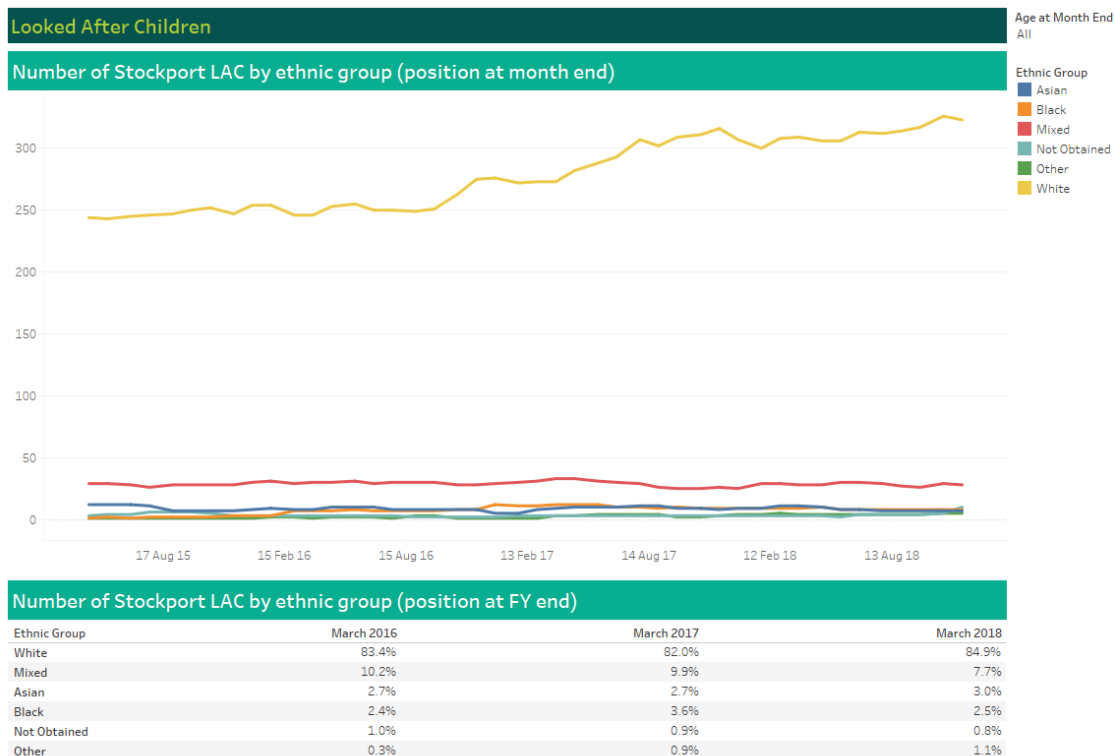
Action	Comment	Timescale and Lead
Improve collection of Health Returns	Aim for 100% returns in terms of dental and health records from placements	Health Team
Improve educational outcomes for LAC	Continue tracking, monitoring and supporting progress of Stockport LAC  Maintain the teacher link case management work to support individual LAC.  Maintain/develop the direct support for LAC  Aim for 100% high quality PEP completion	Head of Virtual School
Continue to support new tenders for services, quarterly contract meetings with providers for existing commissioned service/s e.g. young carers, mentoring schemes, or IMHA services.	Aim for new 18+ supported accommodation contract by September 2019	Commissioning Manager

## Appendix 1 – Data around LAC population

### 2.1 Demographics



### 2.2 Ethnicity

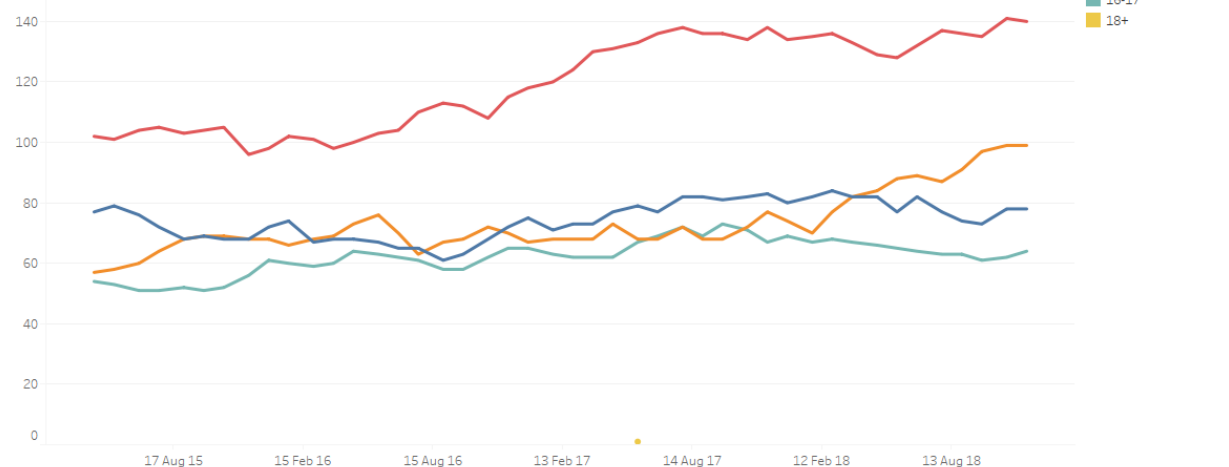




## 2.3 Age

### Looked After Children

#### Number of Stockport LAC by Age banding (position at month end)



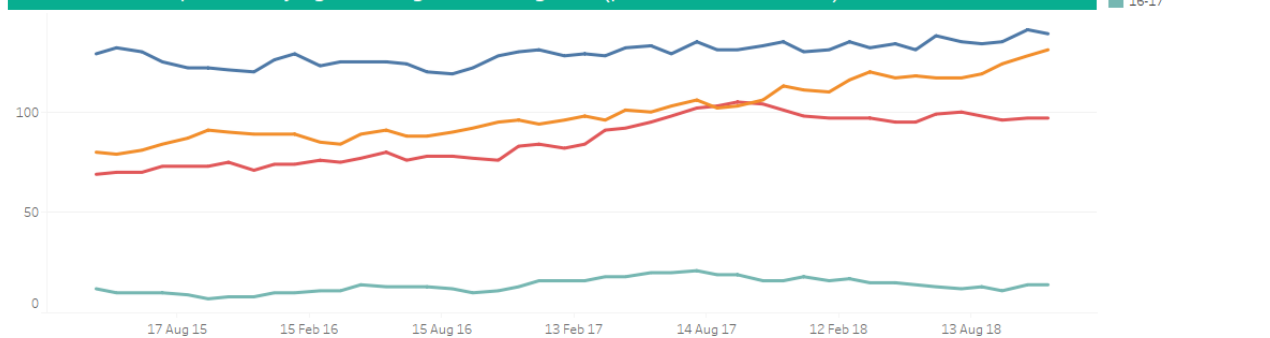
#### Number of Stockport LAC by Age banding (position at FY end)

Age at Mon..	March 2016	March 2017	March 2018
0-4	23.1%	21.9%	22.5%
5-9	23.4%	20.4%	22.5%
10-15	33.2%	39.0%	36.5%
16-17	20.3%	18.6%	18.4%

## 2.4 Age of Looked after Children when they come into care

### Looked After Children

#### Number of Stockport LAC by Age banding on Entering Care (position at month end)



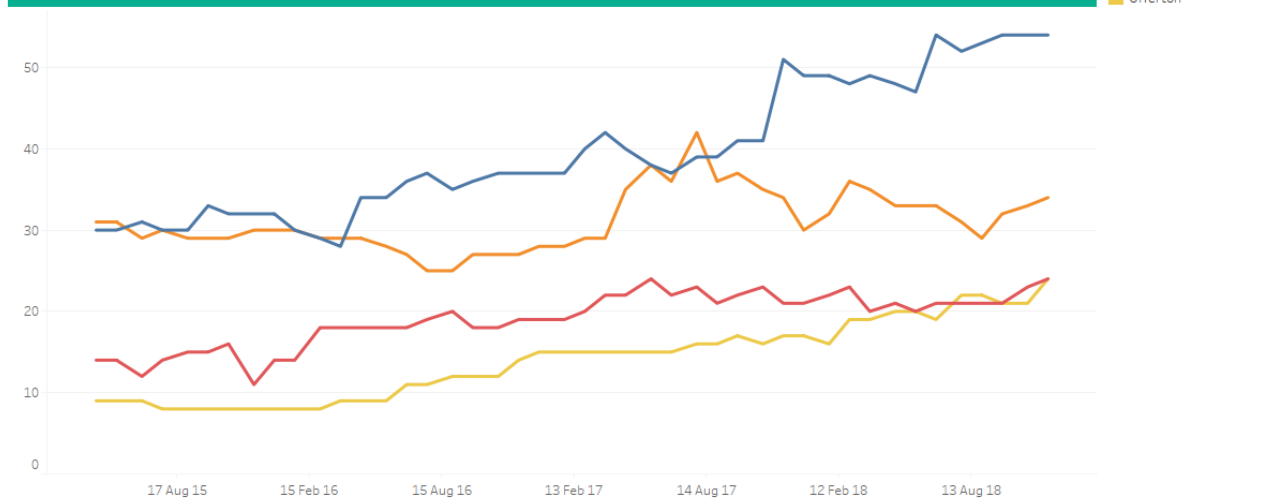
#### Number of Stockport LAC by Age banding on Entering Care (position at FY end)

Age on Entering ..	March 2016	March 2017	March 2018
0	13.6%	13.8%	14.3%
1	7.1%	6.6%	5.5%
2	9.2%	7.8%	6.9%
3	6.4%	5.7%	3.8%
4	6.1%	4.5%	5.8%
5	5.4%	5.4%	8.2%
6	7.1%	6.3%	6.6%
7	4.1%	3.9%	4.7%
8	7.5%	7.5%	7.4%
9	4.4%	5.7%	6.0%
10	6.1%	5.4%	6.0%
11	2.7%	3.3%	3.6%
12	3.7%	4.2%	4.9%
13	6.8%	6.3%	4.4%
14	2.7%	3.6%	3.6%
15	3.4%	4.5%	4.1%
16	2.4%	3.6%	1.9%
17	1.4%	1.8%	2.2%

## 2.5 Locality of LAC based on postcode (before taken into care)

### Looked After Children

#### Number of Stockport LAC, Accomodated from a Priority Area NMA



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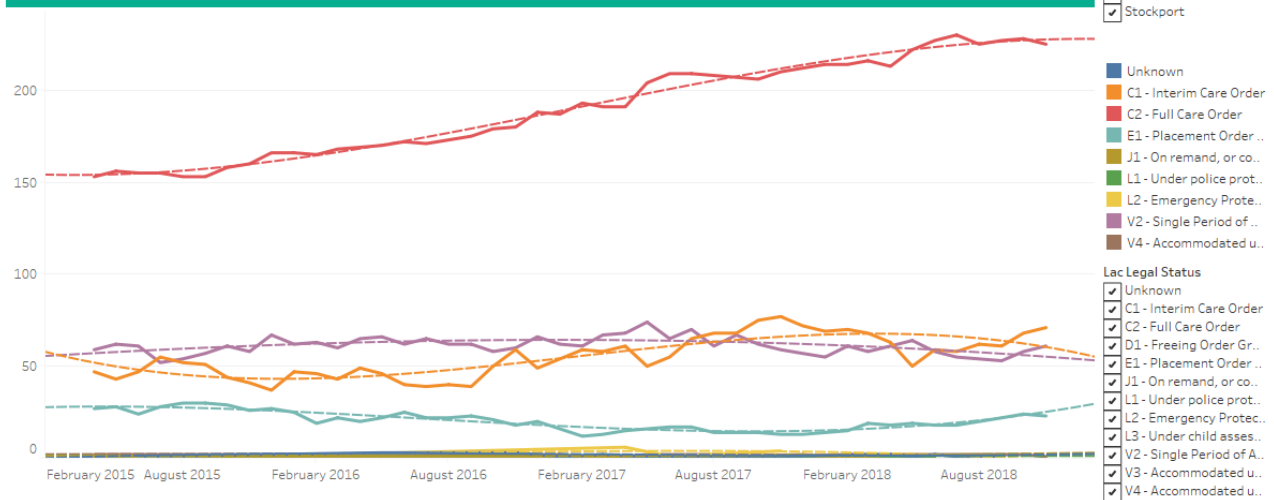
Main Priority Area NMA	March 2016	March 2017	March 2018
Adswood and Bridgehall	28	42	49
Brinnington	29	29	35
Central	18	22	20
Offerton	9	15	19
Non NM Areas	163	176	207
Outside of Stockport	48	49	34

## 2.6 Legal Status

### Looked After Children

Select YTD (fin yr) or All  
All

#### Number of Looked After Children by legal status (position at month end)



#### Number of Looked After Children by legal status (position at FY end)

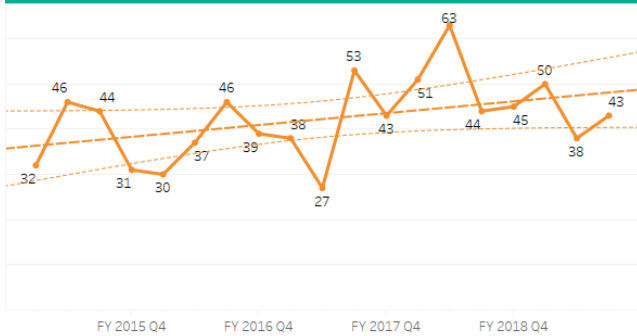
Lac Legal Status	March 2016	March 2017	March 2018
C2 - Full Care Order	56.95%	57.36%	59.34%
V2 - Single Period of Accommodation un..	20.34%	20.12%	15.93%
C1 - Interim Care Order	14.58%	17.42%	18.68%
E1 - Placement Order Granted	7.46%	3.90%	5.22%
V4 - Accommodated under an agreed se..	0.68%	0.30%	0.55%
Unknown		0.60%	
J1 - On remand, or committed for trial o..			0.27%
L1 - Under police protection and in local ..		0.30%	

## Looked After Children

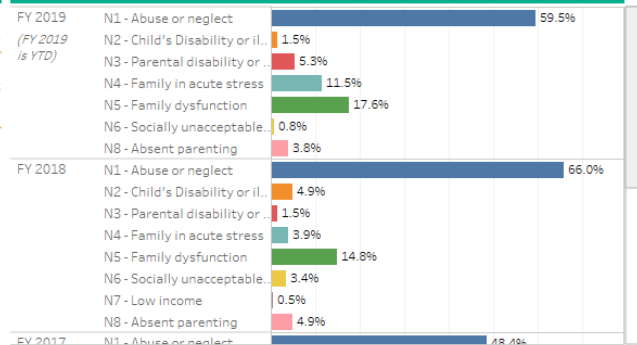
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○ OOA  
● Stockport

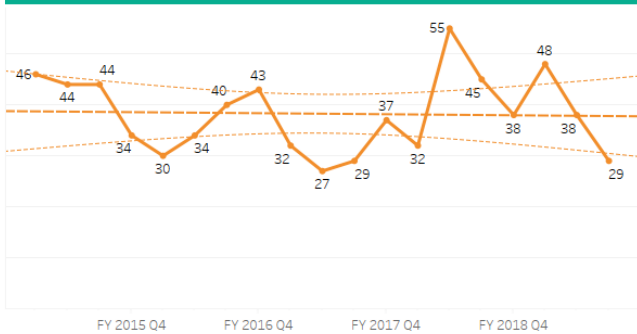
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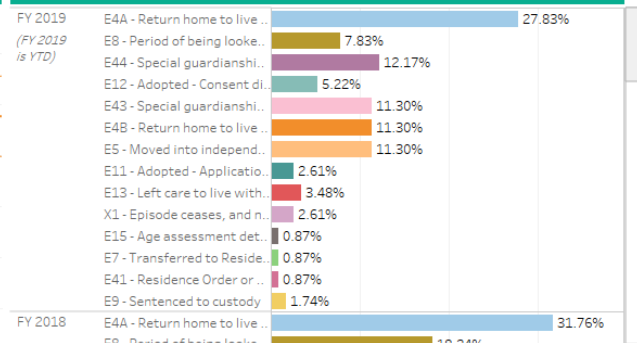
### Stockport Admissions by Primary Category of Need



### Discharges



### Stockport Discharges by Reason



## 2.7 Referral Trends

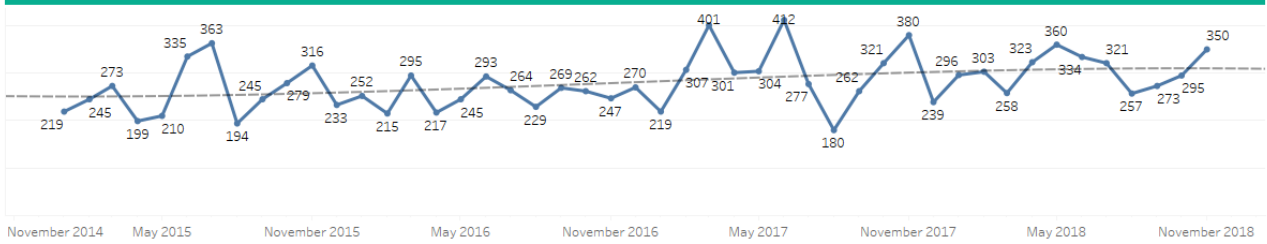
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Include/exclude most recent quarter  
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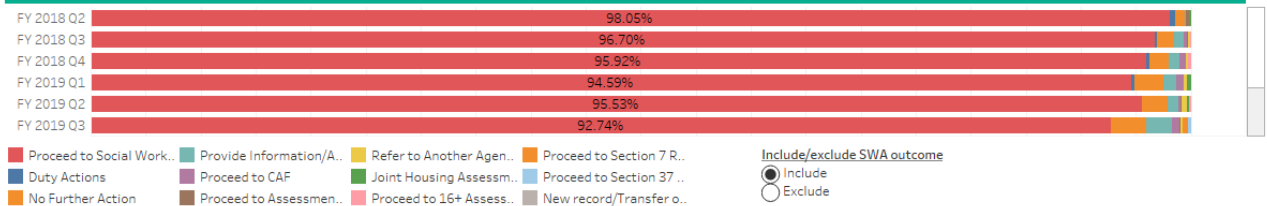
Select referral dates  
January 2015 to November 2018  
and Null values

Select YTD (fin yr) or All  
All

### Referrals Trend



### Referral outcomes (includes SWAs)



### Referrals source

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
6 Police	23.74%	25.80%	22.59%	25.47%	24.29%
2A Schools	21.98%	15.21%	18.21%	19.02%	20.99%
3D Health services - Other primary health services	6.78%	8.96%	10.27%	10.36%	14.44%
1C Individual - Self	0.45%	0.81%	2.18%	4.66%	
5A LA services - Social care e.g. adults social care	13.84%	12.12%	10.74%	9.03%	3.79%
8 Other - Including children's centres, independent age...	4.48%	4.21%	3.79%	3.20%	3.71%
5B LA services - Other internal (department other than soc...	3.12%	4.53%	3.94%	3.76%	3.11%

### Referrals outcomes

	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Proceed to Social Work Assessment	73.95%	89.09%	92.00%	96.83%	94.35%
No Further Action	6.65%	2.71%	2.17%	1.44%	2.73%
Provide Information/Advice	0.54%	0.96%	0.76%	1.40%	
Proceed to CAF	0.14%				
Joint Housing Assessment				0.03%	0.23%
Refer to Another Agency				0.11%	0.30%
Duty Actions	18.86%	7.59%	4.22%	0.34%	0.11%

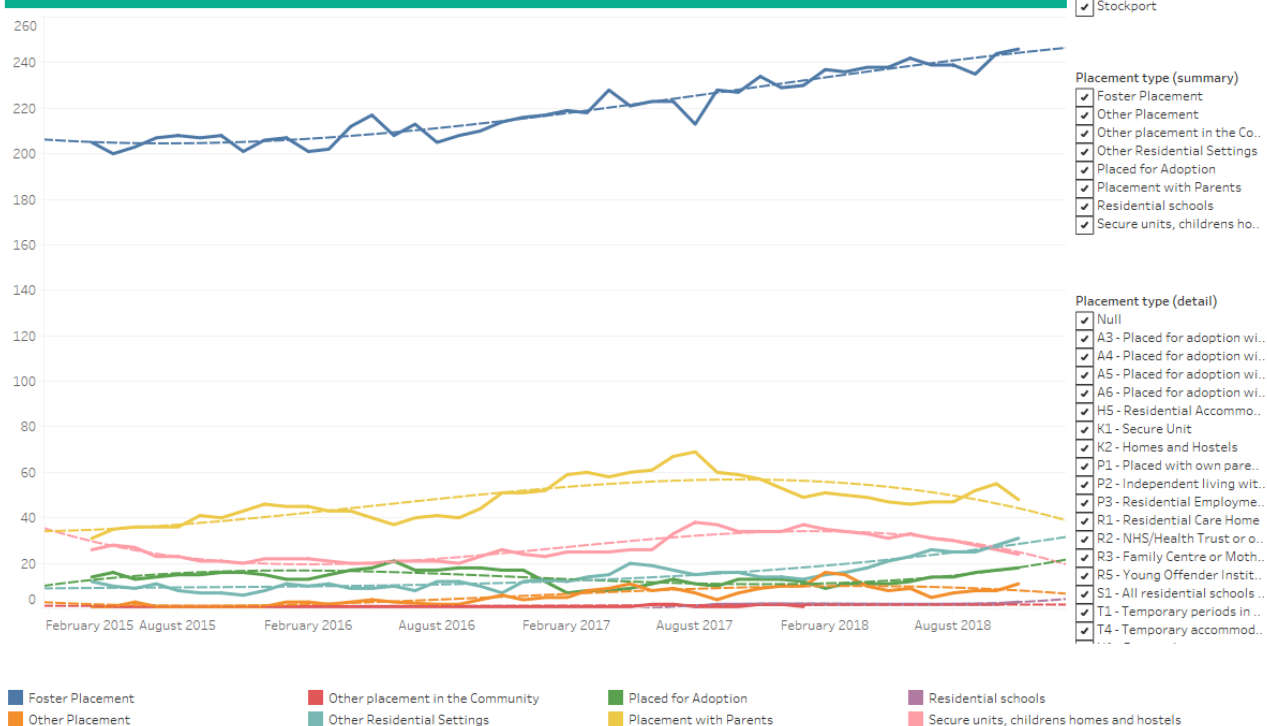
## 2.8 Placement Types

### Looked After Children

LAC placement type  
Summary

Select YTD (fin yr) or All  
All

### Number of Looked After Children by placement type (position at month end)



## Number of Looked After Children by placement (position at most recent FY end)

	Female						Total	Male					Total	Grand Total
	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-17	18+	0-4		5-9	10-15	16-17				
Foster Placement	23	29	40	12		104	24	34	49	23	130	234		
Other Placement	2	2		2	1	7	2	1	4	3	10	17		
Other Residential Settings				7		7				9	9	16		
Placed for Adoption	3	1				4	6	1			7	11		
Placement with Parents	9	6	6	1		22	11	7	4	4	26	48		
Residential schools									1	1	2	2		
Secure units, childrens ho..	1		12	2		15			16	3	19	34		
Grand Total	38	38	58	24	1	159	43	43	74	43	203	362		

## Number of Looked After Children by placement (position at most recent FY end)

		Female						Male					Grand Total
		0-4	5-9	10-15	16-17	18+	Total	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-17	Total	
Foster Placement	PR1 - Own Provision	17	22	34	11		84	20	32	44	21	117	201
	PR2 - Other Local Authority Prov...									1		1	1
	PR4 - Private Provision	4	7	6			17	3	2	3	2	10	27
	PR5 - Voluntary or Third Sector ...	2			1		3	1		1		2	5
	Total	23	29	40	12		104	24	34	49	23	130	234
Other Placement	Unknown					1	1			1		1	2
	PR1 - Own Provision	2	2		2		6	2	1	1	3	7	13
	PR4 - Private Provision									2		2	2
	Total	2	2		2	1	7	2	1	4	3	10	17
Other Residential Settings	PR3 - Other Public Provision				1		1				1	1	2
	PR4 - Private Provision				6		6				8	8	14
	Total				7		7				9	9	16
Placed for Adoption	PR1 - Own Provision							4				4	4
	PR2 - Other Local Authority Prov...	3	1				4	1	1			2	6
	PR5 - Voluntary or Third Sector ...							1				1	1
	Total	3	1				4	6	1			7	11
Placement with Parents	PR0 - Parents or other person w...	9	6	6	1		22	11	7	4	4	26	48
	Total	9	6	6	1		22	11	7	4	4	26	48
Residential schools	PR4 - Private Provision										1	1	1
	PR5 - Voluntary or Third Sector ...									1		1	1
	Total									1	1	2	2
Secure units, childrens homes and hostels	PR1 - Own Provision			2			2			4	1	5	7
	PR2 - Other Local Authority Prov...			1	1		2			2		2	4
	PR4 - Private Provision	1		8	1		10			9	2	11	21
	PR5 - Voluntary or Third Sector ...			1			1			1		1	2
	Total	1		12	2		15			16	3	19	34
Grand Total		38	38	58	24	1	159	43	43	74	43	203	362

## Number of Looked After Children by placement (position at FY end)

Lac Placement Type Group	Lac Placement Type	March 2016	March 2017	March 2018
Foster Placement	U1 - Foster placement with relative or frie..	25	40	44
	U3 - Foster placement with relative or frie..	19	12	9
	U4 - Foster placement with other foster c..	48	63	67
	U5 - Foster placement with other foster c..		2	2
	U6 - Foster placement with other foster c..	100	94	112
Other Placement	Null	4	4	2
	T4 - Temporary accommodation of 7 days ..			1
	Z1 - Other placements not listed above	2	6	14
Other placement in the Community	P2 - Independent living with friends or wi..	1		
Other Residential Settings	H5 - Residential Accommodation not subj..	6	11	12
	R1 - Residential Care Home	1	3	
	R2 - NHS/Health Trust or other establish..	3		1
	R3 - Family Centre or Mother and Baby Un..			1
	R5 - Young Offender Institution or prison			2
Placed for Adoption	A3 - Placed for adoption with parental co..			2
	A4 - Placed for adoption without parental ..	1	2	
	A5 - Placed for adoption with placement o..			1
	A6 - Placed for adoption with placement o..	13	6	8
Placement with Parents	P1 - Placed with own parents or other per..	43	57	48
Residential schools	S1 - All residential schools except where d..			2
Secure units, childrens homes and hostels	K1 - Secure Unit	1	1	3
	K2 - Homes and Hostels	19	24	31

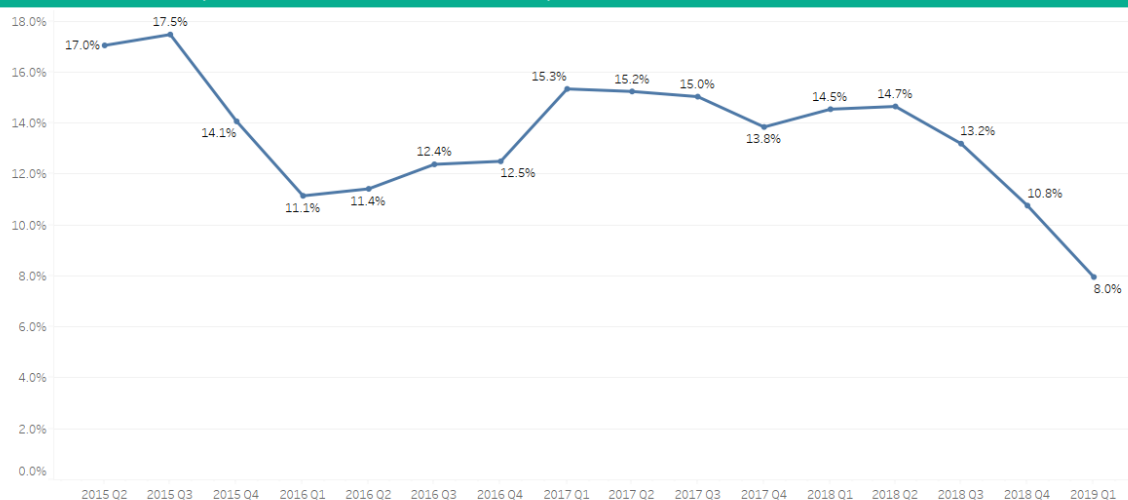
## 2.9 Placement changes and Strengths and Difficulties

### Looked After Children

Select YTD (fin yr) or All  
All

Select Time Period (LAC Placement Count)  
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### LAC Placement count (3+ placements in previous 12 months) - *Provisional figures at present*



### Strength & Difficulties Questionnaire Results



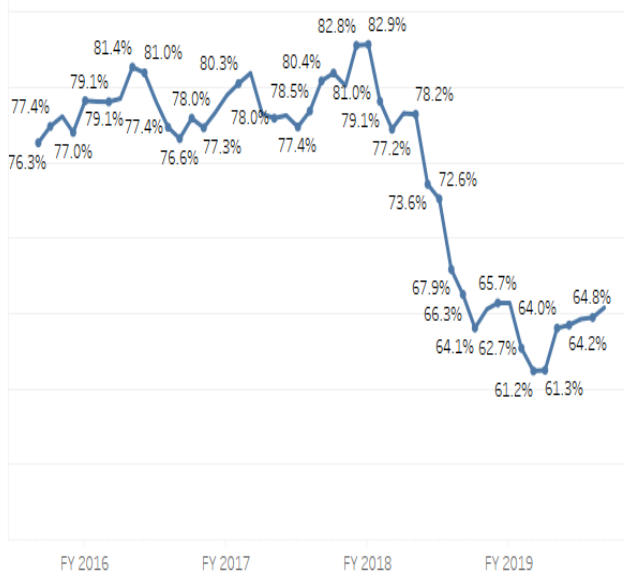
## 2.10 LAC reviews and health checks

Looked After Children

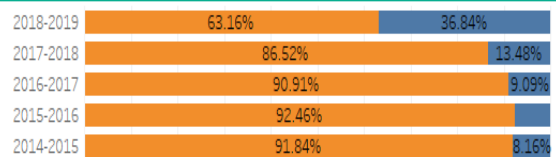
Select YTD (fin yr) or All  
All

Primary Need (latest month end position)

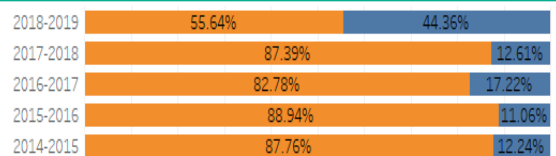
### LAC cases reviewed within timescales (month end)



### LAC Health Assessment



### LAC Dental Assessment





## 2.11 Educational Attainment & Special Educational Needs

### Performance benchmark

This data is a fixed snapshot as at 16/06/19, due to the transfer from EIS to Liquid Logic.

Category  
Multiple values

Select Benchmark RAG  
Statistical Neighbours

Measure Multiple values

Select late.. All

### Performance Table

Category	Measure	Latest ..	Next update	Trend	Stockport	Stat. Neighb..	North West	National
All Pupil Absence & Exclusions	LAC overall absence	2018	April 2020	Worsening	5.9	4.5	4.5	4.5
	LAC unauthorised absence	2018	April 2020	Worsening	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.3
Looked after children	% of LAC with a SEN statement/EHCP	2018	April 2020	Worsening	30.3	25.8	22.4	26.5
	% of LAC with SEN but without a statement/EHCP	2018	April 2020	Improving	27.3	28.8	28.9	29.0
	LAC Key Stage 4 - Avg Attainment 8 score	2018	April 2020	Improving	25.6	18.4	19.6	18.9
	LAC offending	2018	November 2019	Similar	8.0	4.6	5.0	4.0
	LAC overall absence	2018	April 2020	Worsening	5.9	4.5	4.5	4.5
	LAC unauthorised absence	2018	April 2020	Worsening	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.3

## 2.12 Looked after Children with Child Sexual Exploitation Issues

	at 31 March 2017		at 31 March 2018		at 31 March 2019	
CSE Risk Score	No. of LAC	% of LAC	No. of LAC	% of LAC	No of LAC	% of LAC
High	5	1.5%	5	1.4%	3	0.8%
Medium	9	2.7%	4	1.1%	6	1.7%
Low	0	0.0%	2	0.6%	3	0.8%
No score recorded	7	2.1%	7	1.9%	14	3.9%
Not currently monitored by the CSE team	310	93.7%	344	95.0%	335	92.8%

<b>Total LAC</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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## 2.13 Care Leavers

### Performance benchmark

Category  
Multiple values

Select Benchmark RAG  
Statistical Neighbours

Measure  
Multiple values

Select latest year  
All

### Performance Table

Category	Measure	Latest ..	Next update	Trend	Stockport	Stat. Neighb..	North West	National
Looked after children	Care leavers - EET (%)	2017	November 2018	Similar	54.0	49.7	49.0	50.0
	Care Leavers - Higher Education (%)	2017	November 2018	Similar	5.0	7.1	6.0	6.0
	Care Leavers - NEET (%)	2017	December 2018	Similar	41.0	42.7	45.0	40.0
	Care Leavers - Staying with their former foster carers (%)	2017	December 2018	Improving	43.0	29.7	32.0	25.0
	Care leavers - suitable accomodation (%)	2017	November 2018	Worsening	90.0	85.1	87.0	84.0

For all 18-21 year olds accommodation type was:

Accom.	Qualifying	Relevant	Former Relevant	Grand Total
Not Recorded	6			6
Parents/Family - Suitable	8	3	16	27
Parents/Family - Not Suitable	1			1
Community/Residential - Suitable			10	10
Semi Independent - Suitable	1		5	6
Supported - Suitable			4	4

Abroad			1	1
Unknown			1	1
Foyers - Suitable			2	2
Independent - Suitable	3	1	75	79
Custody - Not Suitable		1	4	5
Other - Suitable			3	3
Former Foster Carers - Suitable			29	29
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>174</b>