

Child & Family Services

Monthly Well-being Report

January 2024



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Head of Service Overview

The trend is usual for January. There has been a drive in the early help hubs to reduce the waiting lists and staff are continuing to keep in contact with families who are waiting.

The Learning and Innovation team are looking at the complex cases in supported care planning (currently 65%) to understand the level of need and how demand is being managed.

Children in Public Law Outline remains the same average as for the last 12 months (55); in addition to this there are 23 unborn children being tracked and supported through Born into Care.

The numbers of children dual registered (on the child protection register and looked after) has reduced to 35. The local process and practice for dual registrations is being reviewed to reduce the bureaucratic burden on practitioners, families and children.

The percentage of child protection visits showing as not overdue (76%) has not changed since the last report. Team managers confirm, via their manual trackers, that visits have been undertaken. The Head of Service is meeting with business support managers in February to agree how information can be recorded in a timely way on WCCIS.

Child Protection Registration has decreased to 201 and the Looked After Children population has slightly increased to 483. There are 26 Unified Assessments underway in the Family and Friends Team; and Foster Wales Swansea received 31 registrations of interest in January compared to 5 in December. 17 fostering assessments (Form Fs) are being completed, with the plan for these to be considering at Fostering Panel over the next 4-8 weeks.

Professional Abuse Strategy Meetings have decreased; there are 29 ongoing cases with 19 meetings held in January - 8 concluded as substantiated and 4 concluded as unsubstantiated



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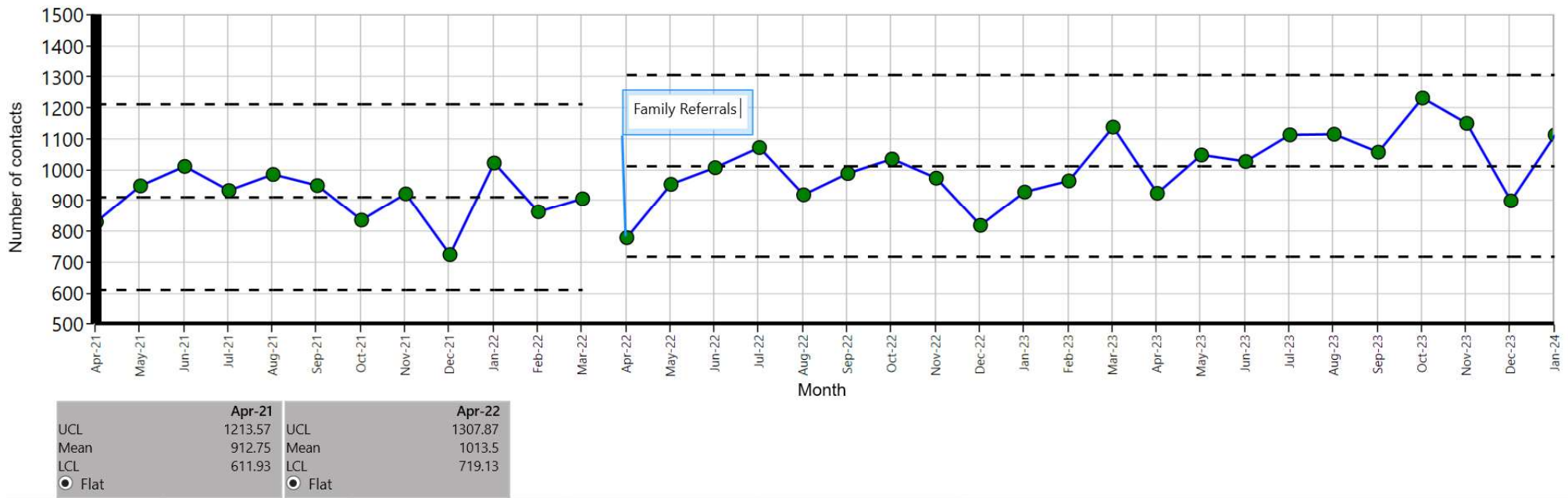
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Contacts	December 2023	January 2024
The total number of contacts received by Child & Family Services during the month:	901	1115
The number of contacts closed Information only during the month:	542	683
The number of contacts closed with Advice or Assistance during the month:	83	70

Contacts received by SPOC





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Integrated Information, Advice & Assistance Hub

Contacts & Closures	December 2023	January 2024
The number of contacts received by the Integrated Information, Advice and Assistance Hub during the month:	547	568
The number of contacts received during the month where Advice or Assistance has been provided within 12 months:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of contacts closed Information only during the month:	360	365
The number of contacts closed with Advice or Assistance during the month:	52	19
The number of contacts closed with another reason during the month:	0	0
The number of contacts passed to preventative services during the month:	31	21
The number of contacts passed to Contextual, Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (CMET) Team during the month: <small>(includes individuals, contextual areas and peer groups)</small>	6	10
The number of contacts passed to the Integrated Safeguarding Hub during the month:	25	20
The number of contacts passed to Supported Care Planning during the month: <small>(includes the Academy)</small>	23	17
The number of contacts passed to the Family & Friends Team:	1	0
The number of contacts passed to the Independent Carers Assessment Team:	0	0
The number of contacts received during the month, which were being supported by the Integrated Information, Advice and Assistance Hub at the end of the month:	49	116



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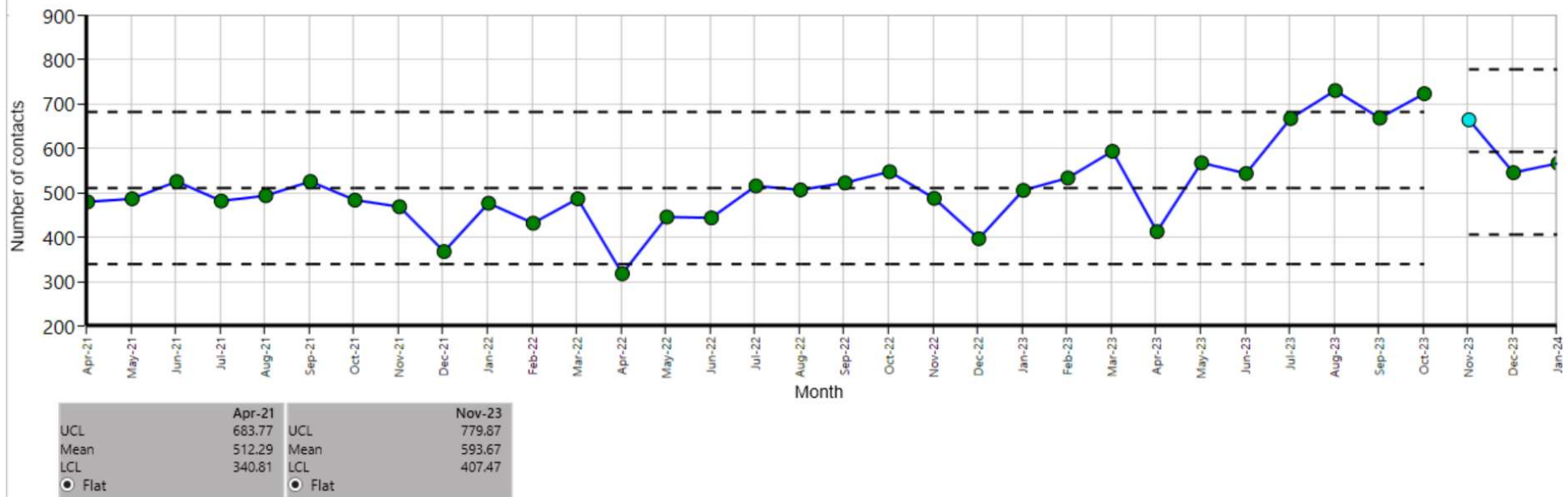
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Contacts received by IAA



Emergency Duty Team

Contacts & Closures	December 2023	January 2024
The number of contacts received by the Emergency Duty Team during the month:	39	33
The number of contacts closed Information only during the month:	8	1



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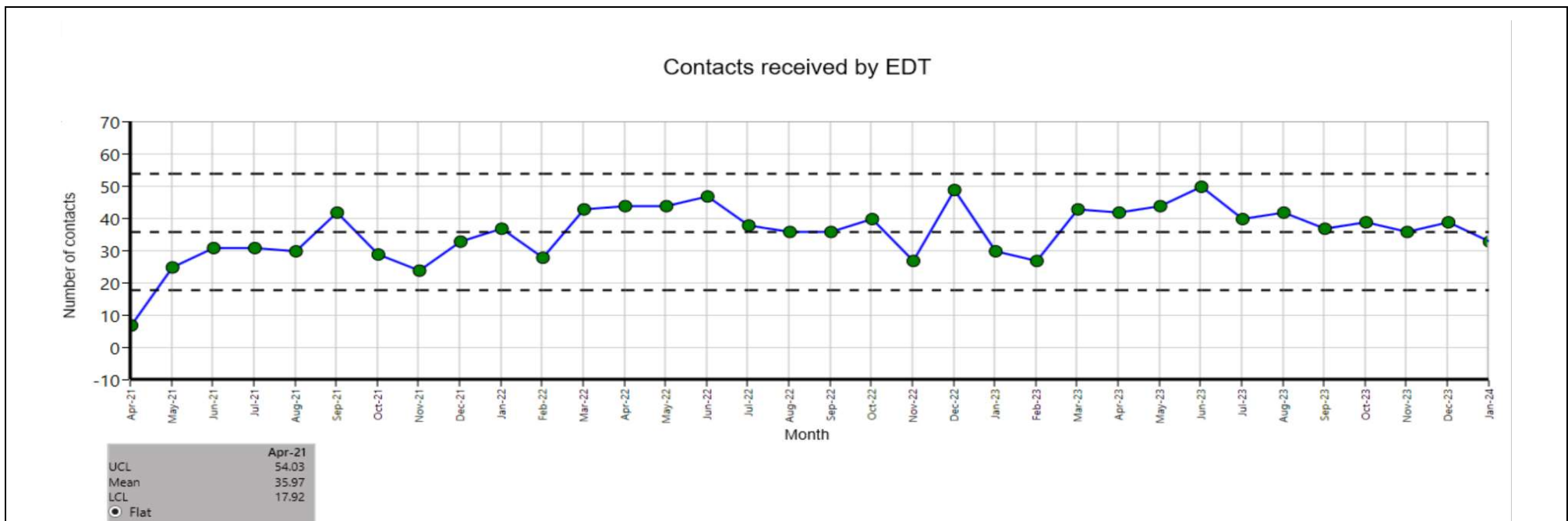
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The number of contacts closed Advice or Assistance during the month:	1	0
The number of contacts passed to preventative services during the month:	0	4
The number of contacts passed to the Integrated Information, Advice & Assistance Hub:	23	24
The number of contacts passed to Contextual, Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (CMET) Team during the month: (includes individuals, contextual areas and peer groups)	0	2
The number of contacts passed to the Integrated Safeguarding Hub during the month:	5	2
The number of contacts passed to Supported Care Planning during the month: (includes the Academy)	2	0
The number of contacts received during the month, which were being supported by the Emergency Duty Team at the end of the month:	0	0





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Child Protection Investigations*	December 2023	January 2024
The total number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings recorded during the month:	13	2
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings which require a Section 47 enquiry:	0	1
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings where no further CP action is required:	4	0
The total number of Section 47 enquiries recorded during the month:	1	0
The number of Section 47 enquiries which require an Initial Child Protection Conference:	0	0
The number of Section 47 enquiries where there is no further CP action required:	1	0

Domestic Abuse Hub

Contacts & Closures	December 2023	January 2024
The number of contacts received by the Domestic Abuse Hub during the month:	221	396
The number of contacts received during the month where Advice or Assistance has been provided within 12 months:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of contacts closed Information only during the month:	163	302
The number of contacts closed Advice or Assistance during the month:	26	35
The number of contacts passed to preventative services during the month:	0	0
The number of contacts passed to the Integrated Information, Advice & Assistance Hub or the Integrated Safeguarding Hub during the month:	4	12
The number of contacts passed to Supported Care Planning during the month: (includes the Academy)	8	17
The number of contacts received during the month, which were being supported by the Domestic Abuse Hub at the end of the month:	20	30



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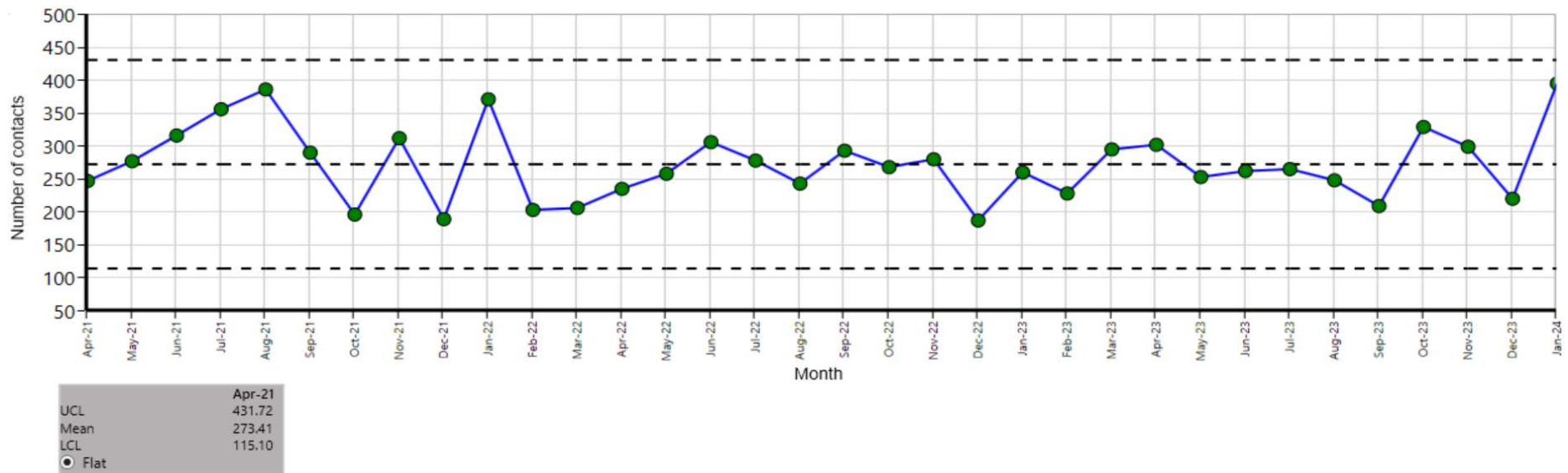
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Early Help Hubs

Contacts & Closures	December 2023	January 2024
The number of contacts for the Early Help Hubs received during the month:	94	118
The number of contacts closed Information, Advice or Assistance during the month:	16	31
The number of contacts agreed for Early Helps Hubs support during the month:	36	80



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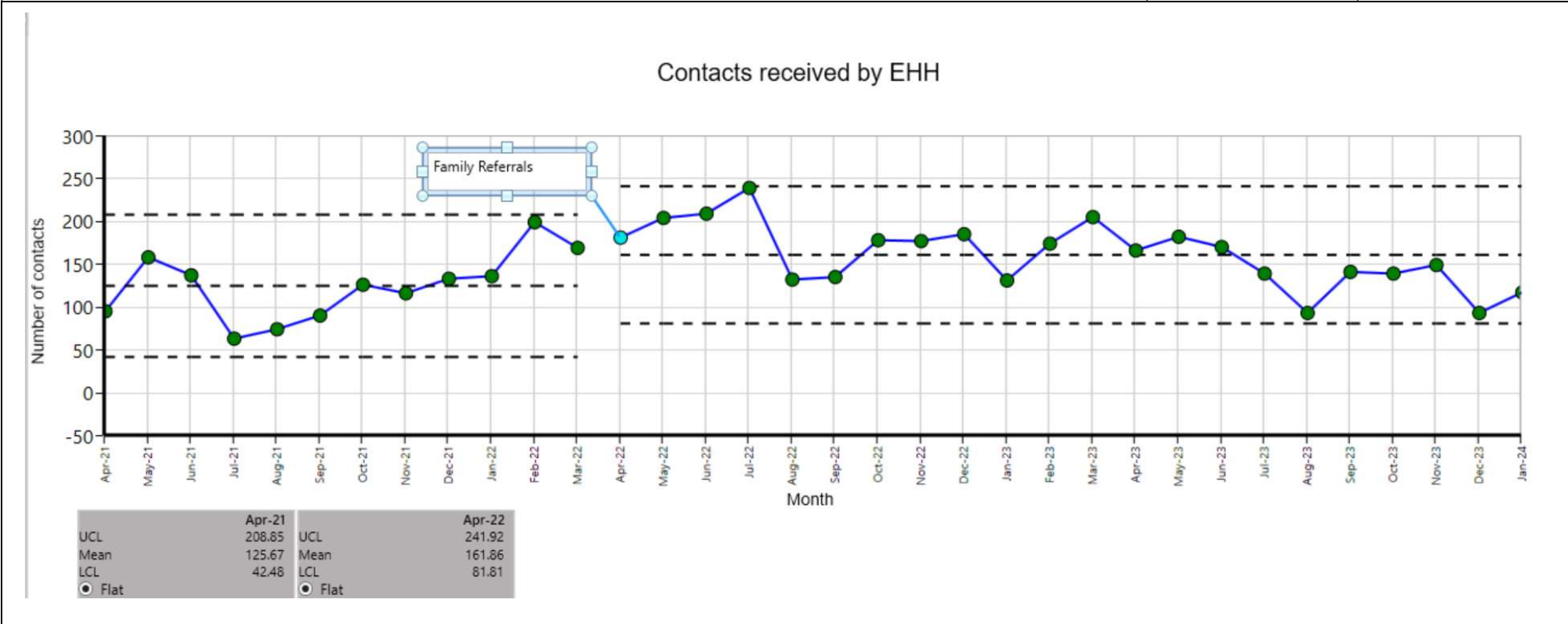
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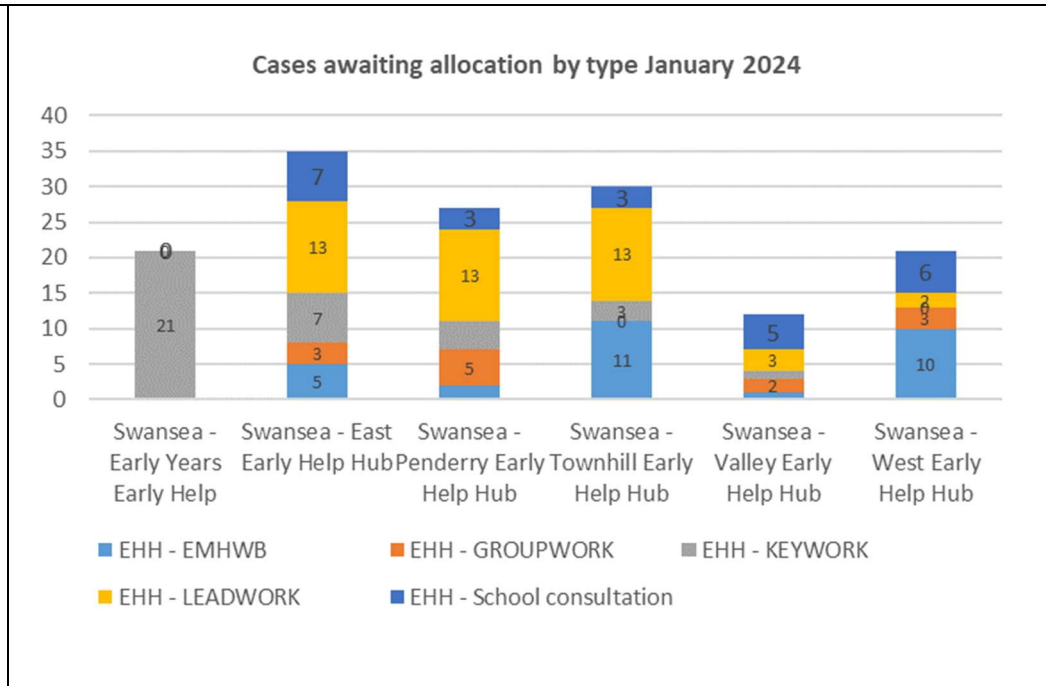
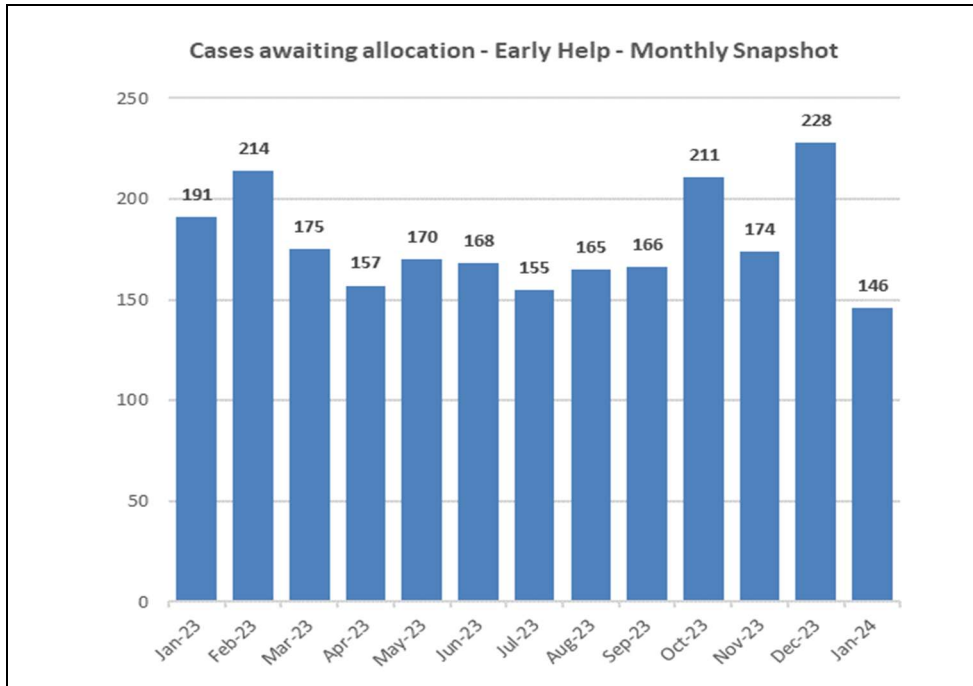
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The number of contacts awaiting allocation at the end of the month:	228	146
The number of contacts received during the month where Advice or Assistance has been provided within 12 months:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of referrals received during the month where support ceased in the last 12 months:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of referrals closed during the month:	136	133
The number of referrals closed with a positive outcome during the month:	70	84

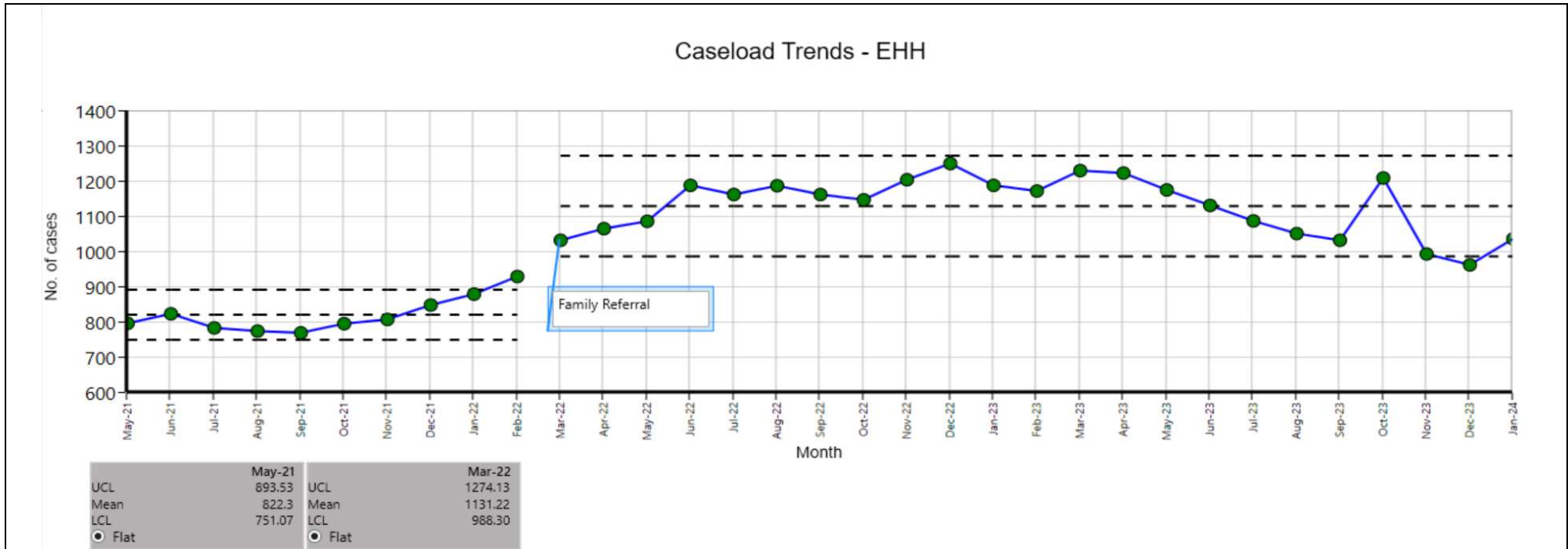




Caseload		December 2023	
The number of children and young people supported at the end of the month:		964	1038
The number of children and young people with a Family Plan / Review at the end of the month:		Report To Be Developed	



Caseload Trends - EHH



Wellbeing Assessments	December 2023	
The number of Wellbeing Assessments due during the month:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of Wellbeing Assessments completed during the month:	29	25

Family Plans	December 2023	
The number of Family Plan / Review's completed during the month:	116	112



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Family Wellbeing Team

Contacts, Caseloads & Closures	December 2023
The number of referrals agreed for Family Wellbeing Support during the month:	Report To Be Developed
The number of referrals closed to the Family Wellbeing Team during the month:	Report To Be Developed
The number of children and young people supported by the Family Wellbeing Team at the end of the month:	Report To Be Developed

Integrated Safeguarding Hub

Contacts & Closures	December 2023	January 2024
The number of contacts that were passed to the Integrated Safeguarding Hub during the month:	30	32
The number of contacts received during the month where Advice or Assistance has been provided within 12 months:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of contacts closed Information only during the month:	0	1
The number of contacts closed Advice or Assistance during the month:	3	5
The number of contacts closed with another reason during the month:	2	1
The number of contacts passed to a preventative service during the month:	0	5
The number of contacts passed to Contextual, Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (CMET) Team during the month: <small>(includes individuals, contextual areas and peer groups)</small>	0	0
The number of contacts passed to Supported Care Planning for a comprehensive assessment during the month: <small>(includes the Academy)</small>	3	1
The number of contacts received during the month, which were being supported by the Integrated Safeguarding Hub at the end of the month:	22	19



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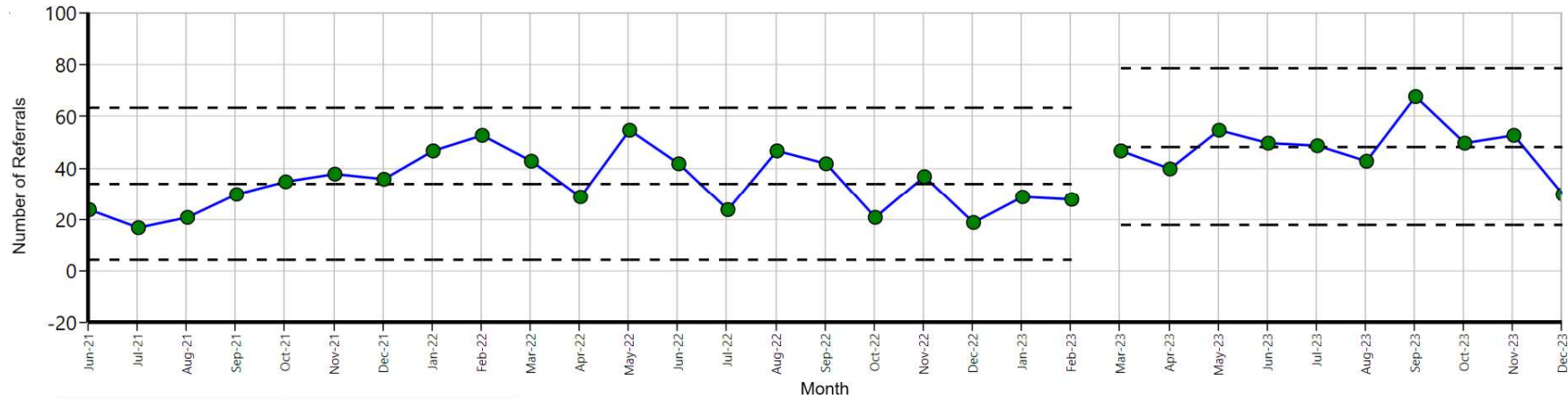
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Referrals Passed to ISH



	Jun-21	Mar-23
UCL	63.67	78.94
Mean	34.14	48.5
LCL	4.62	18.06
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Child Protection Investigations (ISH)	December 2023	
The total number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings recorded during the month:	23	22
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings which require a Section 47 enquiry:	5	12
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings where no further CP action is required:	16	8
The total number of Section 47 enquiries recorded during the month:	5	11
The number of Section 47 enquiries which require an Initial Child Protection Conference:	2	2
The number of Section 47 enquiries where there is no further CP action required:	3	9



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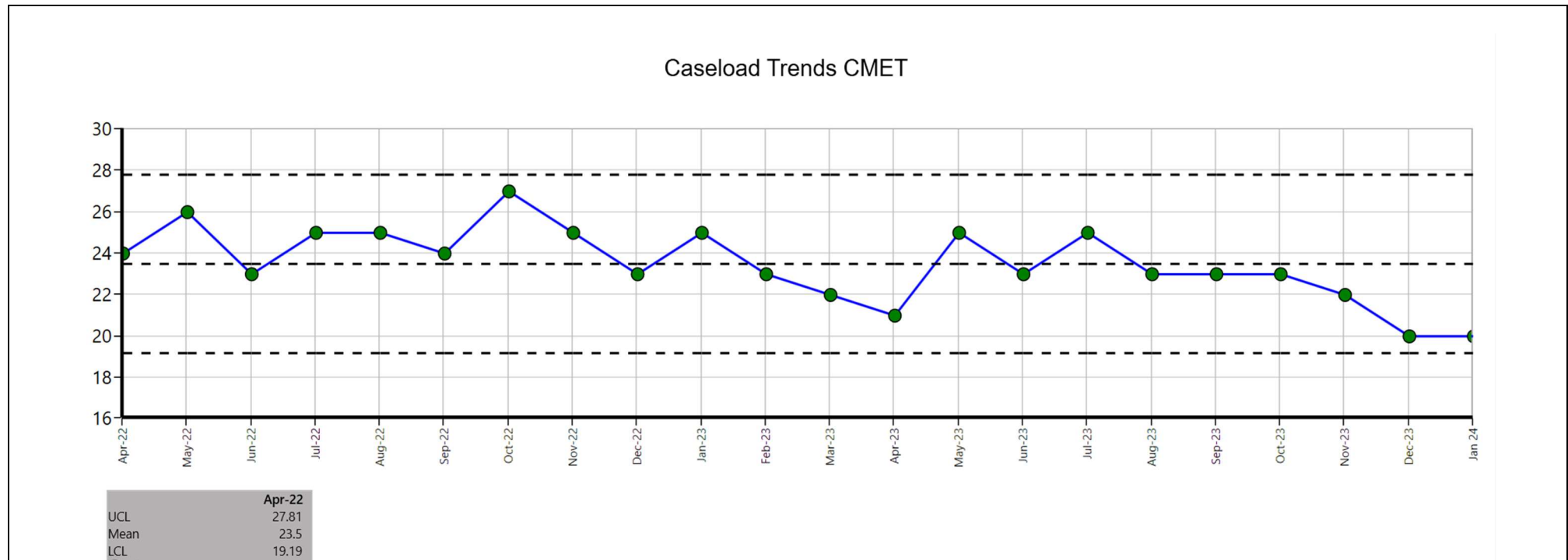
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CMET

Contacts, Caseload & Closures – Contextual	December 2023	January 2024
The number of contacts relating to contextual areas and peer groups that were passed to CMET during the month:	3	2
The number of contacts relating to contextual areas and peer groups that were closed by CMET during the month:	1	2
The number of contacts relating to contextual areas and peer groups that were closed by CMET during the month with a positive outcome:	0	2
The number of contextual areas and peer groups supported by CMET at the end of the month:	20	20





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Contacts, Caseload & Closures – Protocol	December 2023	January 2024
The number of Protocol cases that were started to CMET during the month:	4	8
The number Protocol cases that were closed by CMET during the month:	1	9
The number of Protocol cases considered by CMET during the month:	1	2
The number of Protocol cases open to CMET at the end of the month	28	22

Child Protection Investigations*	December 2023	January 2024
The total number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings recorded during the month:	15	34
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings which require a Section 47 enquiry:	1	2
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings where no further CP action is required:	3	7
The total number of Section 47 enquiries recorded during the month:	1	2
The number of Section 47 enquiries which require an Initial Child Protection Conference:	0	0
The number of Section 47 enquiries where there is no further CP action required:	0	2

Independent Carers Assessment Team

	December 2023	January 2024
The number of referrals received by the Independent Carers Assessment Team during the month:	0	0
The number of referrals for parent carers awaiting allocation at the end of the month:	0	0
The number of parent carers supported by the Independent Carers Assessment Team at the end of the month:	7	3



The number of Independent Carers Assessments due during the month:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of Independent Carers Assessments completed during the month:	0	0
The number of referrals closed by the Independent Carers Assessment Team during the month:	3	4

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per the yearly trend, January saw an increase in contacts into the service across the board. The number of contacts closed and passed on are comparable with the percentages of previous months. Within Early Help Hubs (EHH), there has been a significant reduction in the waiting lists as the caseloads increase across the service. The Academy continues to develop with its Newly Qualified Social Workers (NQSWS) working through their cohort. Skills and experiences continue to be developed. The Contextual Missing Exploited Trafficked team (CMET) saw an increase in strategy discussions which was to be expected following the Christmas period. Of these strategy discussions none proceeded to Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC). In March the team are piloting managing cases with extra familial risks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing grant funding concerns in regards to EHH and the impact this has on capacity of our preventative offer Experience within the Academy remains limited and demand is beginning to exceed capacity. Team managers have been requested to support the Academy to consider how to manage the increase in demand. Narrative from CMET is that the demand into the team continues to grow. There remains a learning need for partners and communities in respect of contextual risks and extra familial harm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy discussion on Team manager monthly meeting agenda for the upcoming month. CMET continue to undertake training across the partners to support with contextual understanding and joint risk management.



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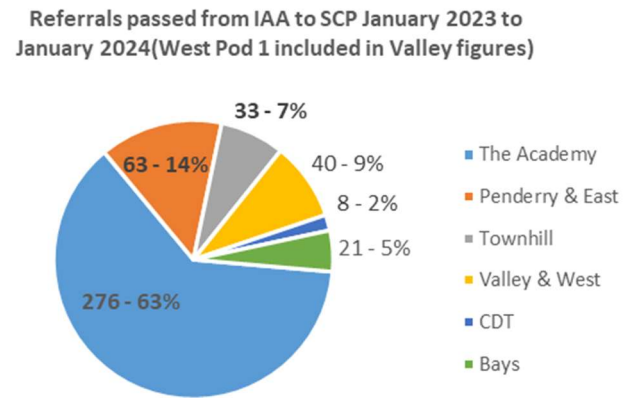
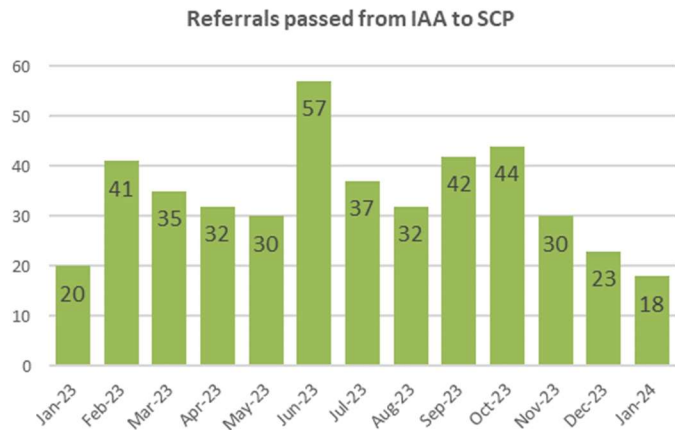
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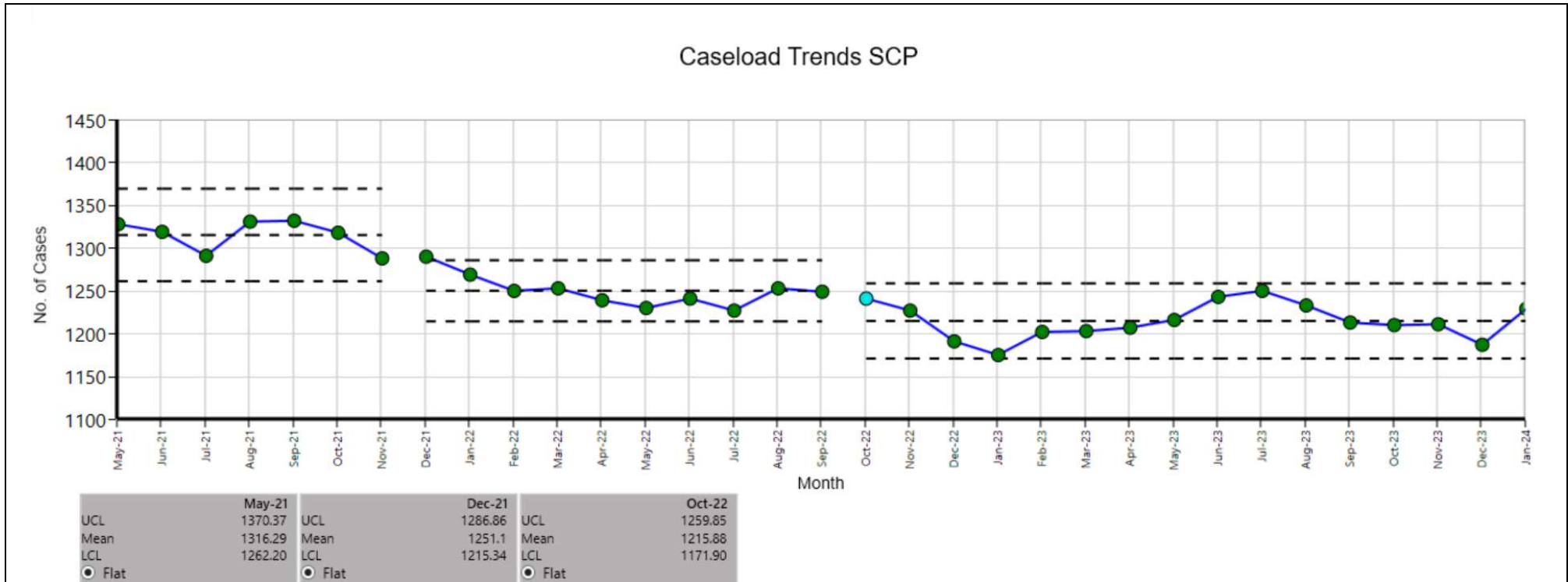
Contacts, Caseload & Closures	December 2023	January 2024
The number of referrals received for a comprehensive assessment during the month: (referrals passed from the Integrated IAA Hub, and includes the Academy)	23	18
The number of referrals received during the month where support ceased in the last 12 months:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of referrals closed in Supported Care Planning during the month:	47	28
The number of referrals closed with a positive outcome during the month:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of referrals passed to Family & Friends during the month:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of referrals stepped down to preventative services during the month:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of children and young people supported by Supported Care Planning at the end of the month: (Includes the Academy)	1188	1230
Of these, the percentage that represent complex cases (CP & LAC):	55.22%	51.63%





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Caseload Trends SCP



Case Supervision	December2023	January 2024
The percentage of Case Supervision sessions which are on time or not overdue at the end of the month:	62.43%	68.76%
Care & Support Plans	December2023	January 2024
The number of children and young people with a Care and Support Plan at the end of the month:	979	958
Single Assessments	December2023	January 2024
The number of Single Assessments due at the end of the month: (*Figure includes the Academy hubs)	208	291



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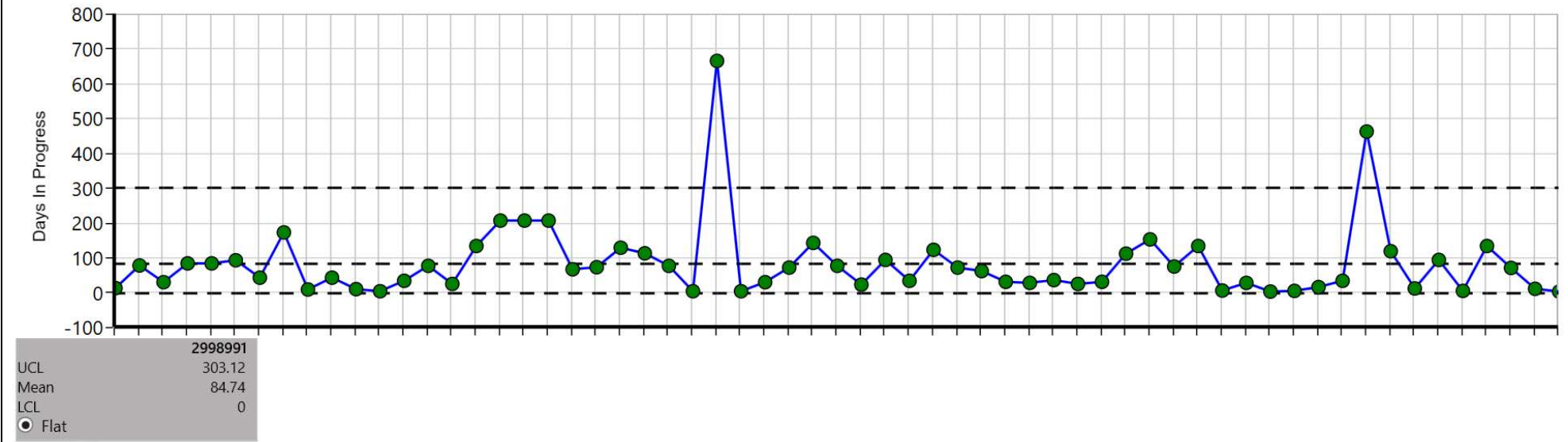
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The number of Single Assessments that are overdue at the end of the month:	129	186
The number of Single Assessments completed during the month:	35	62
The number of Single Assessments carried out within timescales during the month:	13, 37.14%	28, 45.16%
The percentage of children seen during the period of assessment, who were born at the time the assessment concluded:	81.82%	89.83%
The average number of days to complete a Single Assessment during the month:	80 Days	83 Days

Days In Progress





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The total number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings recorded during the month:	14	22
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings which require a Section 47 enquiry:	6	15
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings no further CP action is required:	1	1
The total number of Section 47's recorded during the month:	5	11
The number of Section 47 enquires which require an Initial Child Protection Conference:	5	11
The number of Section 47 enquires where no further CP action is required:	0	0

Child Protection	December 2023	January 2024
The number of children on the Child Protection Register at the end of the month:	217	201
The number of unborns to be added to the Child Protection Register at birth at the end of the month:	14	14
The number of children on the Child Protection Register that have been registered previously:	73	65
The number of children added to the Child Protection Register during the month:	21	11
The number of children added to the Child Protection Register, within 12 months of de-registration:	0	0
The number of children added to the Child Protection Register, within 12 months of de-registrations who've been re-registered under the same category:	Report To Be Developed	
The number of children removed from the Child Protection Register during the month:	21	27
The number of children removed from the Child Protection Register at their first review, who were not Looked After:	3	0



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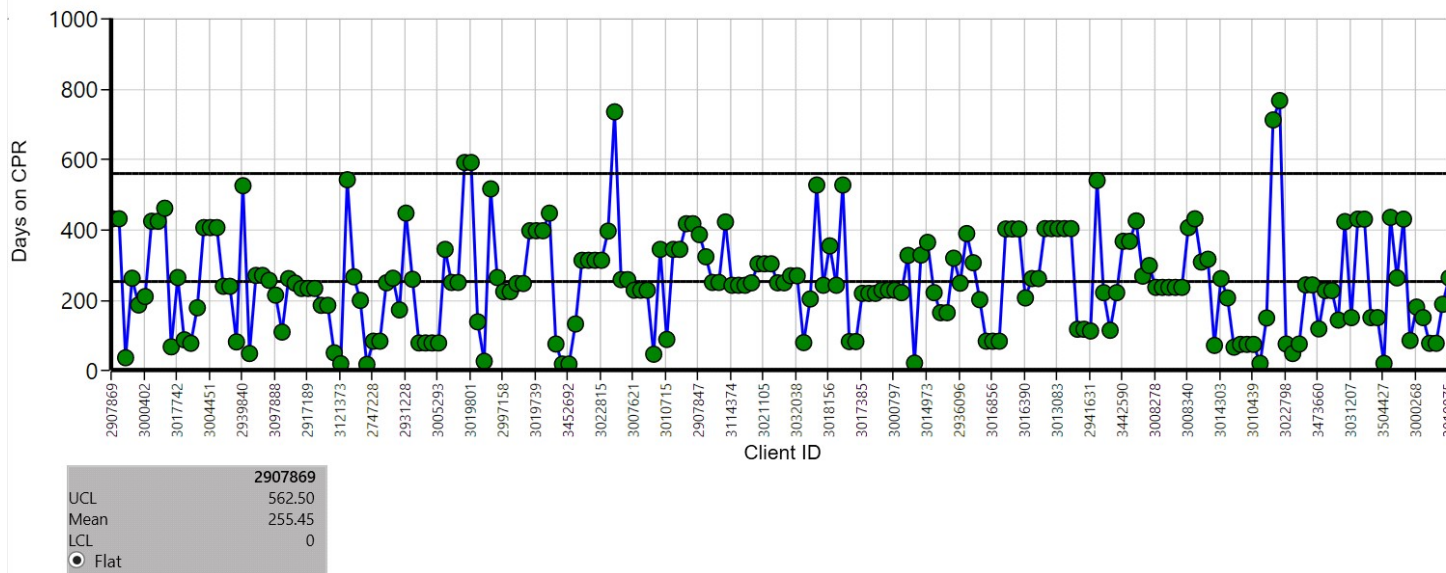
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Initial Core Groups	December2023	
The number of Initial Core Groups due during the month:	22	22
The number of Initial Core Groups held within timescales:	11	8
Statutory Visits	December2023	
The percentage of visits to children on the Child Protection Register that were on time or not over due at the end of the month:	78%	76%



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The number of children on the Child Protection Register who have been visited at least twice during the month:	Report To Be Developed	
Dual Status	December2023	January 2024
The number of children who are on the Child Protection Register and are Looked After:	42	35
Legal Proceedings	December2023	January 2024
The number of children in PLO at the end of the month:	62	55
<i>During January, Public Law Outline concluded for 2 children; the Local Authority issued care proceedings for 4 children. A decision to issue care proceedings for another child has also been agreed at LGM in January; this will be listed in February.</i>		
The number of children in Public Proceedings at the end of the month:	52	53
<i>During January, Public Proceedings concluded for 2 children; the Local Authority was granted Care Orders for 2 children.</i>		
Looked After Children	December2023	January 2024
The number of children who were Looked After at the end of the month:	482	483
The number of children placed in an unregulated placement at the end of the month:	2	2
The number of children awaiting placement at the end of the month:	15	20
The number of children becoming Looked After during the month:	13	7
The number of Looked After children, with an unaccompanied asylum status supported at the end of the month:	9	11
The number of children ceasing to be Looked After during the month:	11	6



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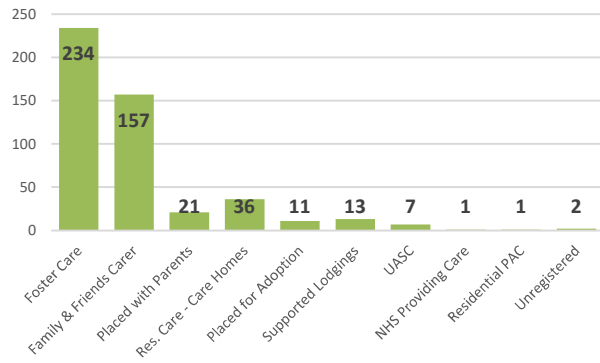
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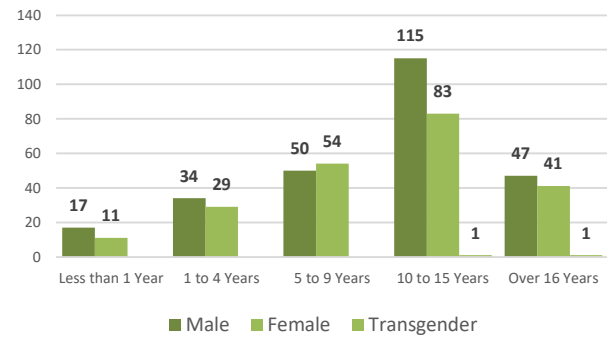
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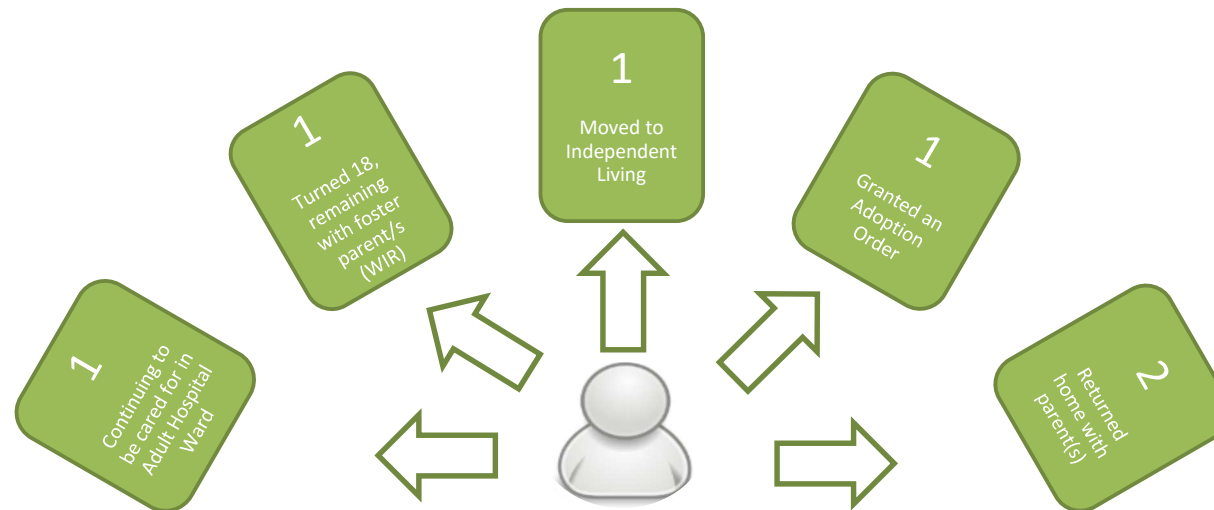
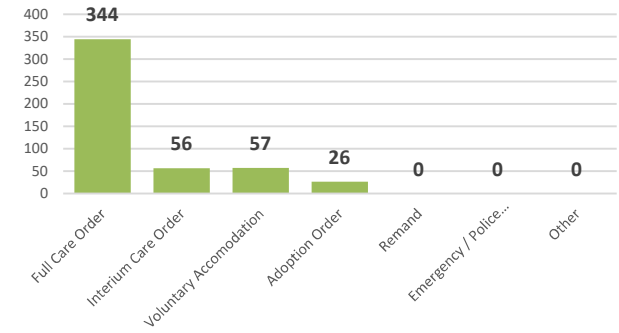
Looked After Children - Placement Type



Looked After Children - Age and Gender



Looked After Children - Legal Status





Initial Personal Education Plan	December 2023	
The number of Initial PEP's due within 20 school days of becoming Looked After during the month:	6	3
The number of Initial PEP's received within 20 school days of becoming Looked After:	6	2

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In line with previous trends, Supported Care Planning (SCP) saw an increase in demand during January which correlates with the trend in the front door (IAA) which resulted in a rise in caseloads. - Complex caseloads remain consistent across the service - Child Protection registration numbers reduced to 201 this month; the number of cases ceasing to be on the register remain consistent with previous months (14 are unborns) - Looked after children figures are also stable at 483 with an increase of 1 in January. - Dual Registration cases (on the Child Protection Register and Looked After) reduced to 35. - Public Law Outline figures reduced to 55 (however the LA issued proceedings on 4 cases this month). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single assessment timeliness remains lower than expected at 45% being completed on time. Current approximate timescales of completion are around 83 days. - Further discussion is required to understand how the wider Local Authority can better meet its corporate parenting responsibilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work is needed to how we are able to make the complex case measure more intelligent as currently complex only represents Child Protection, Looked After Children and dual status. • Supporting team managers to understand the barriers to completing Single Assessments in timescales and piloting pre-validation to help support the teams to plan work that is due. • Ongoing work being completed by the Safeguarding Quality Unit (SQU) to understand the qualitative data behind the dual registration cohort. • Work with corporate parenting board to understand how we can work together to meet our corporate responsibility for our care experienced children.



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Bays Plus

	December2023	January 2024
The number of young people presenting as homeless, placed in a bed & breakfast, during the month (under 18's only): (includes Air B&B and Hotels)	0	0
The total number of young people residing in a bed & breakfast at any time during the month (under 18's only):	0	0
The number of young people presenting as homeless, placed in emergency accommodation, during the month (under 18's only): (includes Jennings, Emergency SLS, SPOT Purchasing Provisions)	0	1
The total number of young people residing in emergency accommodation at any time during the month (under 18's only):	4	4

Child Protection Investigations/Protocol Meetings (Bays Plus)	December2023	January 2024
The total number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings recorded during the month:	1	1
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings which require a Section 47 enquiry:	1	0
The number of Strategy Discussions / Meetings where no further CP action is required:	0	0
The total number of Section 47 enquiries recorded during the month:	1	0
The number of Section 47 enquiries which require an Initial Child Protection Conference:	0	0
The number of Section 47 enquiries where there is no further CP action required:	1	0



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Family & Friends

Family & Friends Carers	December 2023	January 2024
The number of referrals/screening assessments commenced by FAFT during the month:	12	5
Number of the above referrals that were screened out by FAFT with no IFFCA required:	6	2
The number of IFFCA's ongoing as at the end of the month:	5	4
The number of Unified Assessments (UA's) ongoing as at the end of the month:	26	26
The number of carer households approved at panel during the month:	2	2
The number of approved carer households status' terminated at panel during the month:	3	3
The number of approved carer households at the end of the month:	98	97
The number of Carer Reviews due during the month:	8	6
The number of Carer Reviews completed within timescales during the month:	5	6

*Post manual data cleanse

Family & Friends Placements	December2023	January 2024
The total number of children in a kinship carer placement at the end of the month:	130	130
The number of children placed with Reg 26 kinship carers at the end of the month:	32	27
The number of Placement Stability Meetings completed during the month:	0	2
The number of children who moved to a Family & Friends Carer during the month, due to placement breakdown:	0	1
The number of children who moved from a Family & Friends placement during the month, due to placement breakdown:	0	1



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The number of planned moves from Family & Friends placement during the month:	1	0
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Children Subject to Special Guardianship & Child Arrangement Orders	December2023	January 2024
The number of children, subject to a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order, accepted by Family & Friends during the month:	0	5
The number of children, subject to a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order, whose care circumstances changed during the month:	3	0
The number of children, subject to a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order, supported by Family & Friends, at the end of the month:	328	333
The number of SGO Reviews due during the month:	22	28
The number of SGO Reviews completed during the month:	25	27
The number of Family Stability Meetings held and Stability Plans produced during the month:	3	5

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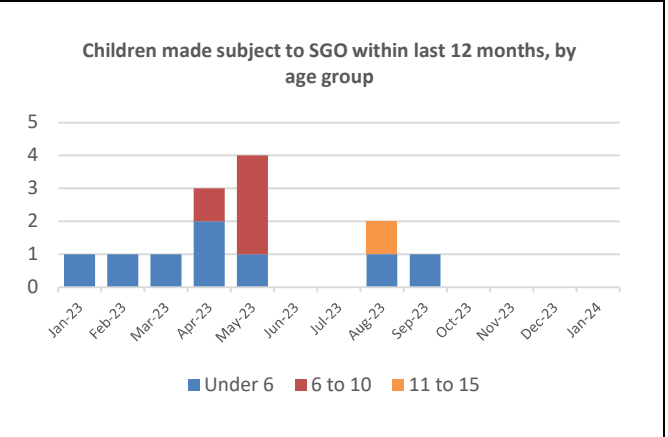
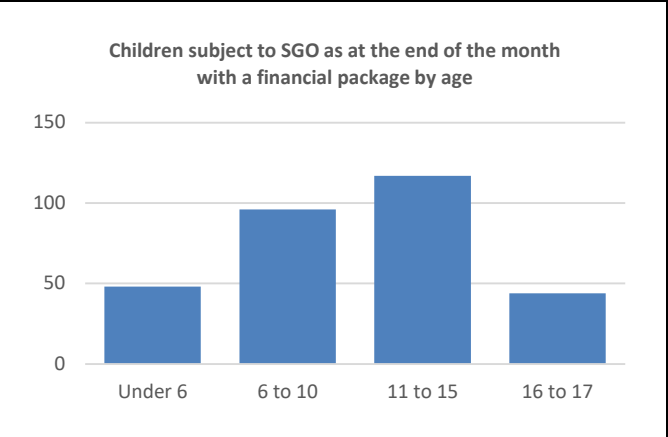
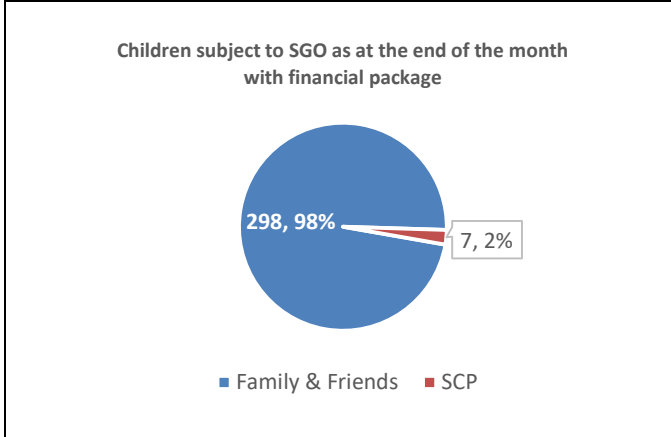
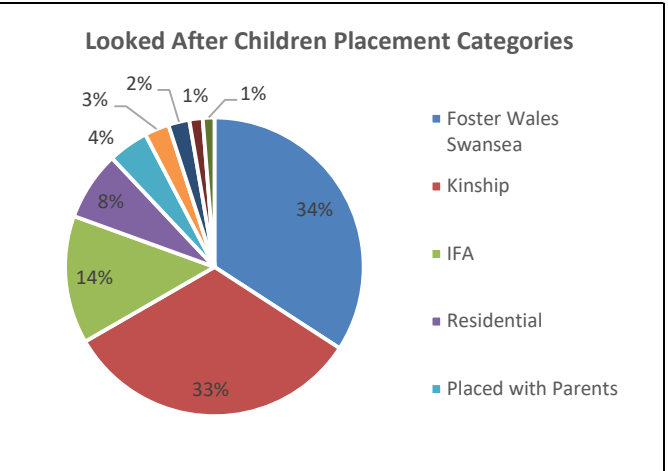
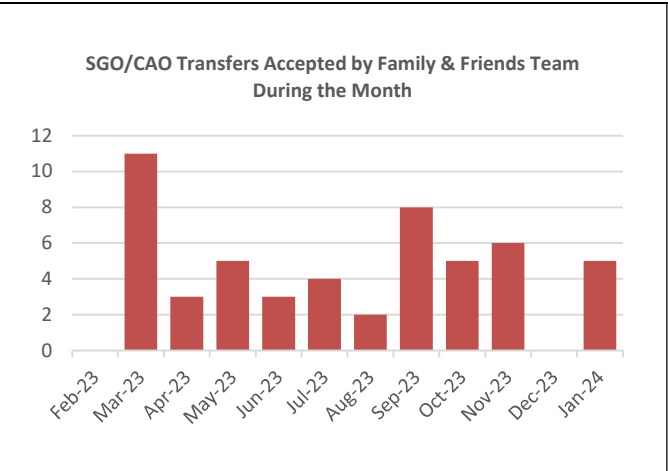
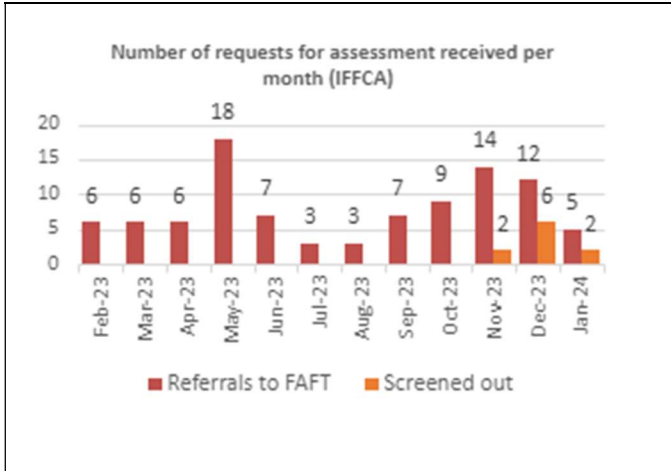
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What is working well?

- Number of SGO annual reviews completed is comparable with reviews and this reflects the fact that SGO reviews now occur on time and that there is no longer a backlog.

What are we worried about?

- Social Worker and Business Support capacity in the team could be impacted by the amount of Unified Assessments (UA) that are being completed and being

What do we need to do?



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Five stability meetings have occurred with all children remaining in the Special Guardianship Order (SGO) family arrangement. None have been escalated and none have resulted in breakdown with the child needing to be accommodated 3. The Family And Friends Team (FAFT) are progressing with SGO development of co-production and have a further young person's participation event planned for February half term 4. The internal therapy service has allocated a member of staff to work with FAFT and Foster Swansea as a link person. 	<p>presented to Panel. Additional Panels have been arranged to manage the increase in UAs.</p>	



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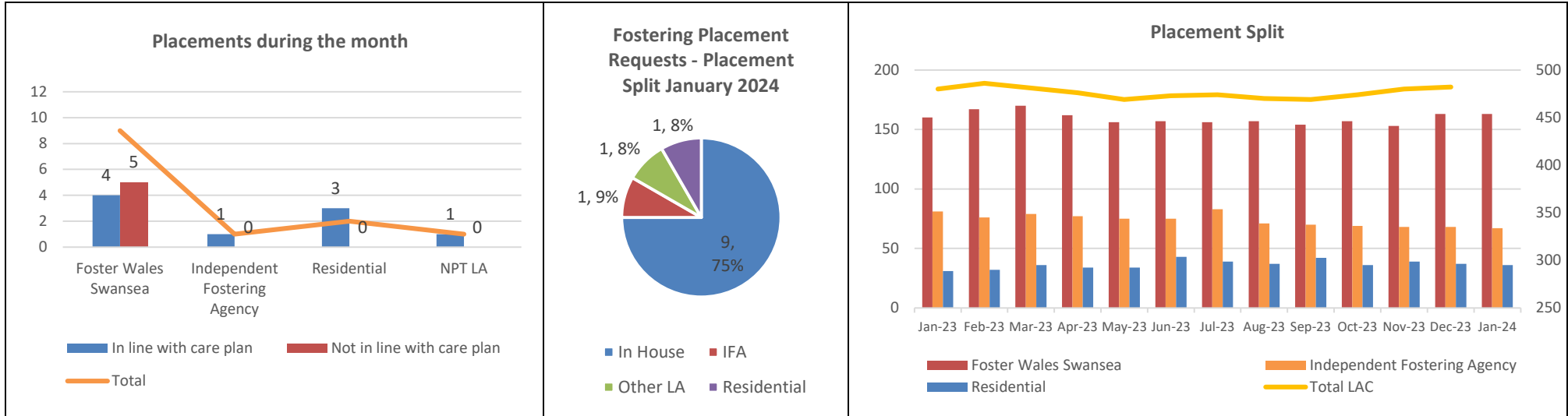
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Foster Wales Swansea

Recruitment	December 2023	January 2024
The number of Registrations of Interest to foster received during the month:	5	31
The number of full assessments allocated during the month:	0	7
The number of carers approved at panel during the month:	3	1
The number of approved carer status' terminated at panel during the month:	1	1
The number of carer reviews during the month:	6	12
The number of carer reviews completed within timescales during the month:	1	1
Placements	December 2023	January 2024
The total number of children placed with a Foster Wales Swansea carer at the end of the month:	163	163
The number of NEW Placement Stability Meetings completed during the month:	1	1
The number of children who changed placement during the month, due to placement breakdown:	1 x IFA, 2 x FWS	0 (fostering placements)
The number of children moving from a Foster Wales Swansea carer to a Residential placement during the month:	0	0
The number of children moving from a Residential placement to a Foster Wales Swansea carer during the month:	0	0



What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 75% of fostering referrals were made in-house. 100% of fostering referrals were achieved. The number of available vacancies slightly increased in January from 12 to 18. There was a significant increase in enquiries – it rose from 5 to 31 which is 520% increase. There was also an increase in home visits in January. In total, there were 8 home visits, with another 4 booked in for early February. To-date, only two haven't proceeded onto the Skills to Foster training stage. The % split between children placed in-house and with IFA carers is currently 71% and 29% respectively. Currently there are 21 active Form F assessments and 4 that are on hold temporarily (some of the reasons for these on hold include applicants health, and change in personal circumstances). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number of available in-house vacancies continues to be low in comparison to need. We only have 1 active Parent and Child (PAC) household. Due to the low number of vacancies available, matched placements are not always possible. The number of available Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) fostering placements continues to be low. The service is struggling to identify matched placements for those young people who need to move from residential to a foster placement (step down). There are at least another 6 babies due to be born between now and June. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Specifically target IFA carers living in Swansea (bolder campaign) Continue to increase our presence in local communities i.e. information stands. To continue monitoring and reviewing the unavailable vacancies. To continue to research and explore ideas to improve the 'package' for both new and existing carers. It needs to be more attractive to recruit and retain i.e. encourage local businesses to become fostering friendly To continue monitoring the recruitment process to ensure that applicants are moving through it in a timely manner and where relevant, IFA carers and previous Foster Wales Swansea carers are fast tracked.



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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Continue to promote the need for foster carers internally. 7. Target local employers to encourage them to become fostering friendly. 8. To continue to improve the retention offer for existing foster carers in line with the recruitment and retention strategy and working with Foster Wales nationally to retain more foster carers and improve the 'offer' i.e. council tax, free car parking, wellbeing offer, expansion of support groups, foster carer charter, foster carer association etc. 9. Create a retention plan which will incorporate the feedback received at the recent carer consultation event e.g. upskill staff, develop information booklets for foster carers on support and services available.



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In-House Residential

	December 2023	January 2024
The number of people receiving in-house residential support as at the end of the month:	2	1 (Ty Nant)
The number of planned admissions during the month:	0	0 (Ty Nant)
The number of emergency admissions during the month:	0	0 (Ty Nant)
The number of children/young persons that have completed a personal plan during the month:	1	1 (Ty Nant)
The average number of days children/young persons have spent residing in Ty Nant:	288	319
The average number of days children/young persons have spent residing in Heol Tir Du:	619	
The number of children/young persons with a move on plan completed as at the end of the month:	0	0 (Ty Nant)
The number of emergency strategy meetings held during the month:	1	1 (Ty Nant)
The total number of available vacant beds as at the end of the month:	1	1 (Ty Nant)
The number of requests/impact assessments completed for in-house residential support during the month:	1	2 (Ty Nant)
The number of reportable ROIs during the month:	4	0 (Ty Nant)

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff team continue to complete training well and embed in practice. Staff team have worked flexibly to support another placement external to our regulated provisions. Working with our in-house therapy team to ensure work plans and strategies are correct for young people Working flexibly with families to ensure we support them in a measured way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of new posts to support Residential services growth. Our young people accessing education packages. Ensuring that the team in times of change and challenge are fully supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete robust induction for new recruits Revise policies and procedures Continue with induction. Supervise and support our additional staff and agency workers. Ensure in house whole service systems are consistent across the homes



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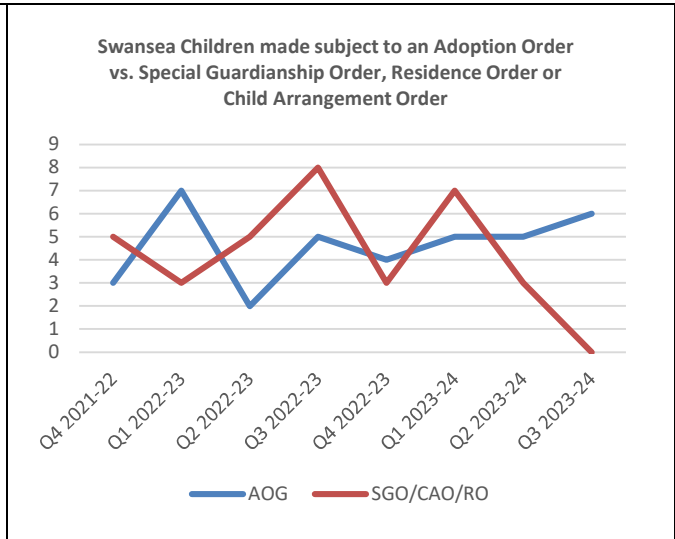
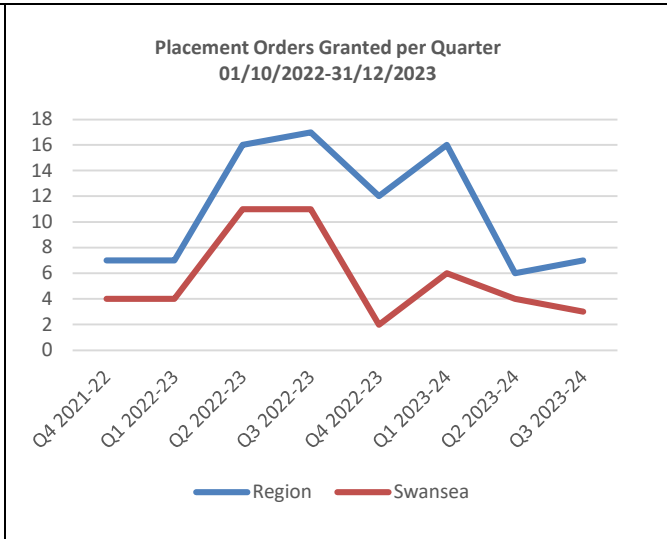
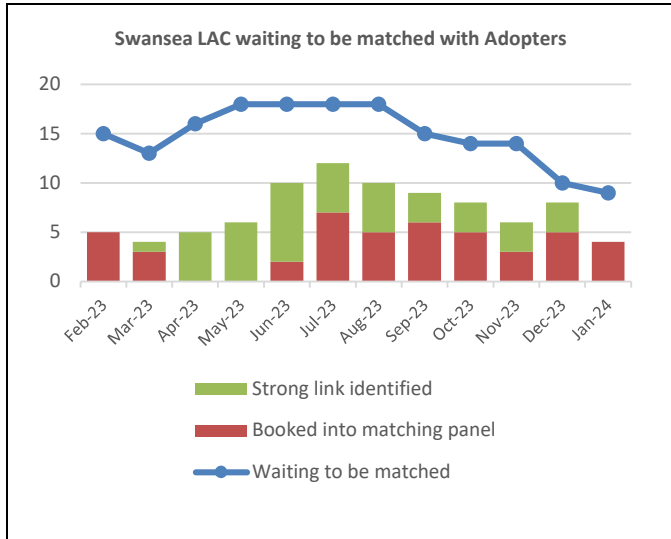
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Western Bay Adoption Service

Recruitment	December2023	January 2024
The number of Registrations of Interest to adopt received during the month:	3	7
The number of full assessments allocated during the month:	3	7
The number of adopters approved at panel during the month:	3	5
The number of approved adopters who have withdrawn from Western Bay Adoption Service during the month:	1	2
The number of adopter reviews due during the month:	0	1
The number of adopter reviews completed within timescales during the month:	0	1
Western Bay Adoption Placements	December2023	January 2024
The number of Swansea children with a positive Should Be Placed outcome by the Agency Decision Maker during the month	0	2
The number of Swansea children made subject of a Placement Order during the month:	0	0
The number of Swansea Looked After Children placed with Western Bay Adopters during the month:	1	4
The total number of Swansea Looked After Children placed with Western Bay Adopters at the end of the month:	10	13
The total number of Swansea Looked After Children matched with adopters during the month:	0	1
The number of Swansea Looked After Children waiting to be matched with adopters:	10 (3 booked into matching panel, 5 with strong links proceeding to SW visit, 2 with no link)	9 (4 booked into matching panel, 4 with no link, 1 with a link being considered)
The number of Swansea Looked After Children who have been matched with adopters but not yet placed for adoption:	3	0
The number of Swansea Looked After Children whose plan for adoption has changed:	3 (1 sibling group)	0



The number of Swansea Looked After Children placed, whose placement was disrupted:	0	0
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What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Really good response in relation to adopters entering the assessment process this month Two complex sibling groups placed this month 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The needs of children are becoming increasingly complex 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continued marketing activity across the region



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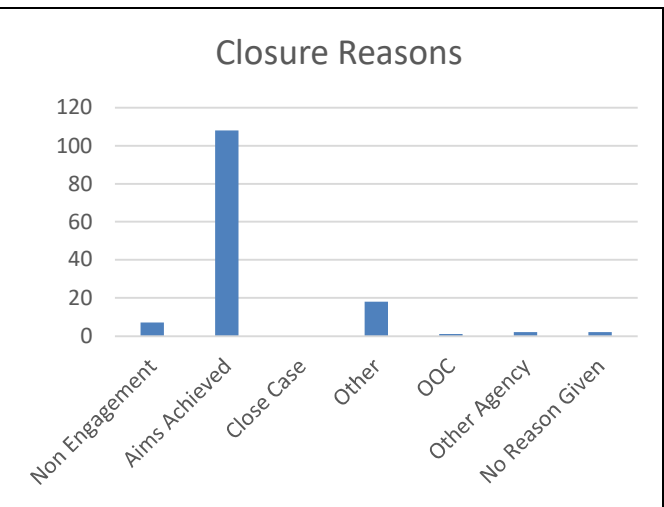
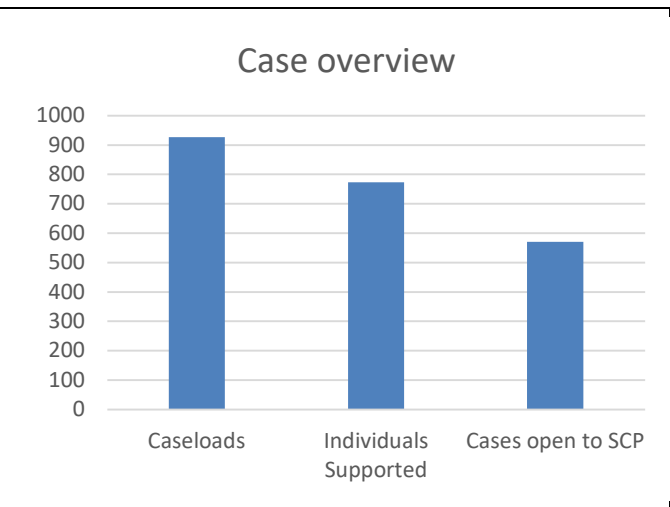
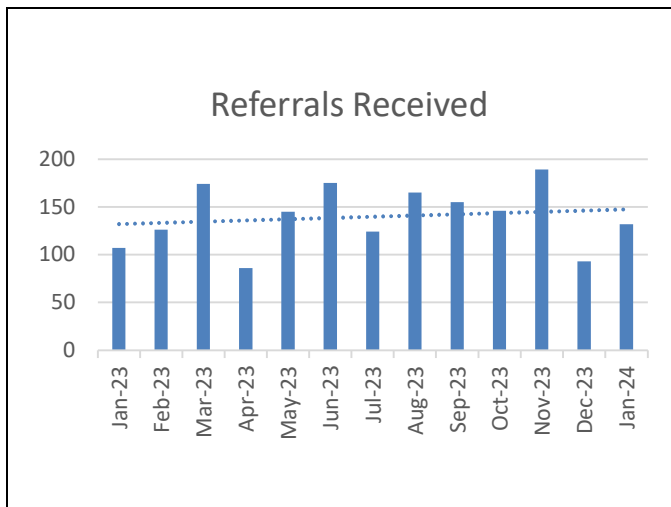
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Family Support Service

Referrals, Caseload & Closures	December 2023	January 2024
The total number of referrals received by Family Support Services during the month:	93	133
The total number of individuals supported by Family Support Services at the end of the month:	973	927
The total number of individuals closed by Family Supported Services during the month:	107	138
The number of individuals closed with an improved outcome during the month:	69	108*

* 78.3% of closures were closed with a positive closure reason.





What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand remains consistent – overall numbers in some areas increase includes with the new home support team and parent and child team as they get up and running. • January saw a slight decrease in numbers going through to Jigso from health due to changes in eligibility (cases only being accepted that are open to supported care planning teams). • Ongoing work ensuring the Born into Care includes the substance use representatives to ensure joined up working to understand the demand. • January saw a decrease in demand from the bespoke placement and unborn rotas compared to December. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues with WCCIS to capture positive outcomes



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Service Quality Unit & Child Protection Conference Unit

Child Protection Conferences	December 2023	January 2024
The number of Initial Conferences held during the month:	20	11
The number of Initial Conferences held within timescales during the month:	20	11
The number of Review Conferences held during the month:	60	60
The number of Review Conferences held within timescales during the month:	60	60
LAC & Pathway Plan Reviews	December2023	December2023
The number of LAC & Pathway Plan Reviews carried out during the month:	96	128
The number of LAC & Pathway Plan Reviews held within timescales during the month:	96	128
Adoption Reviews	December2023	December2023
The number of Adoption Reviews carried out during the month:	5	2
The number of Adoption Reviews held within timescales during the month:	5	2

**Figures reported by SQU and CPCU in the absence of a report from WCCIS*

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the 201 children on the Child protection register the highest category of registration is neglect (9)3, followed by emotional harm (58), 44 children registered under physical and 6 for sexual harm. 14 review conferences were brought forward and de-registration agreed for the dual registered cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 children subject to dual registration where there are court orders in place 19 dual registered cases are in the Public Law Outline process 24 children and young people being on the Child Protection Register longer than 15 months; this is an increasing trend which links to the challenges that most Local Authorities are experiencing due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to review and monitor dual registration cases and cases where there has been child protection registration over 15 months Continue to review our residential placements 3-monthly



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What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All meetings were held within timescales Increase in numbers of looked after children review meetings due to changes in placement. We continue to consult with our care experienced children and young people on how we share written information with them. A young person (aged 12) who regularly attends their review meeting said <i>"I like them as they are better at explaining the meeting and I like that they get sent to me as I don't usually get anything in the post"</i> 	<p>to length of time needed to complete assessments and the courts reintroducing the 26-week deadline for matters to be concluded.</p>	



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Professional Abuse Enquiries

	December 2023	January 2024
The number of ongoing investigations at the end of the month:	31	29
The number of enquiries received during the month:	19	18
The number of enquiries re-directed to Adult Services:	1	2
The number of enquiries which met threshold for an investigation:	15	8
The number of enquiries closed which did not meet threshold for an investigation:	3	5
The number of enquiries passed onto a different Local Authority:	0	1
The number of enquiries still open as a query (requiring further investigation):	0	2
The number of Professional Abuse Strategy meetings held during the month:	19	19
The number of Initial meetings held during the month:	13	6
The number of Review meetings held during the month:	6	13
The number of investigations which concluded during the month:	10	12
8 investigations concluded with Substantiated outcome and 4 Unsubstantiated.		

What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 out of the 13 review Professional Abuse Strategy Meetings (PASM) were concluded this month From the 18 enquires received in the month 8 of the referrals did not proceed to an initial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to receive a high level of enquires on a monthly basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PASM process currently under review with joint working with adult services and looking at both following the same processes.



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PASM (5 did not meet threshold, 1 was for a different Local Authority and 2 were referred to adult services)



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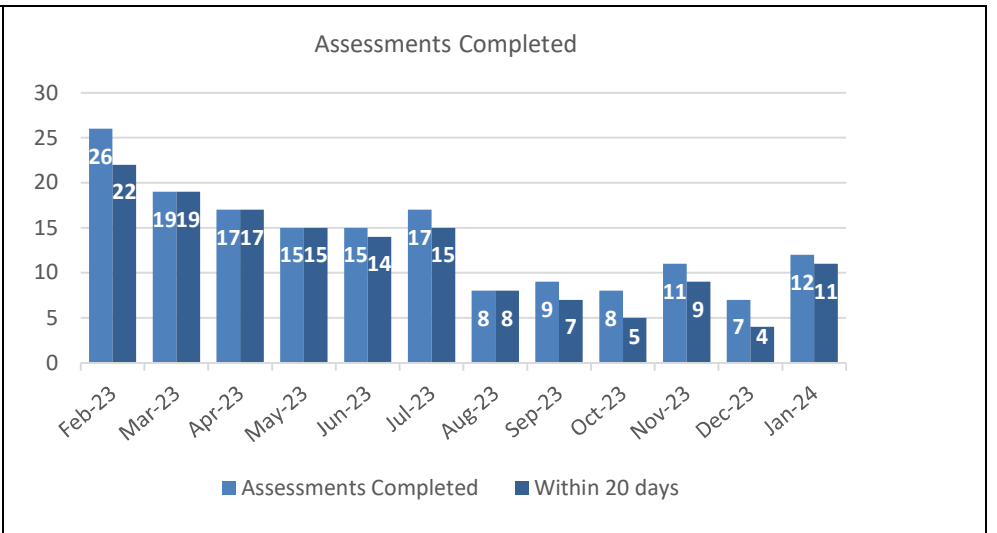
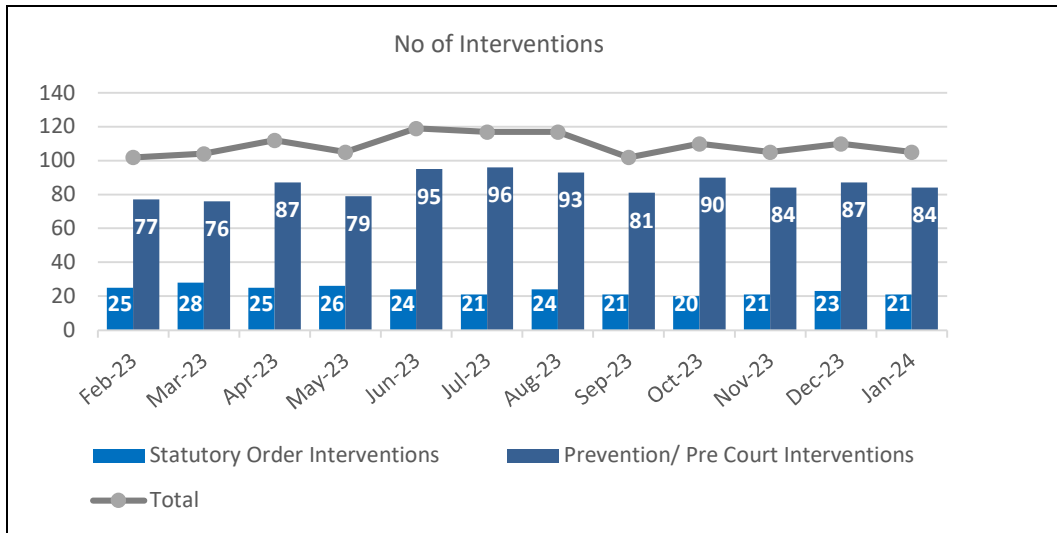
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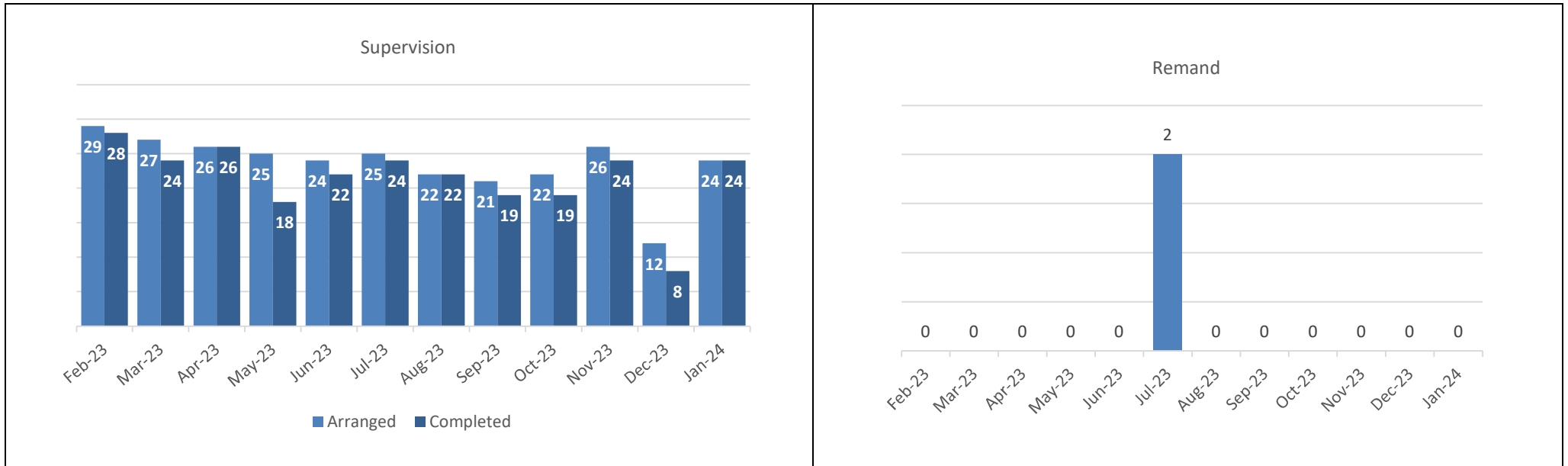
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	December2023	December2023
The total number of young people with an open intervention at the end of the month:	110	105
The number of young people remanded during the month:	0	0
The number of Asset Plus Assessments completed during the month:	7	12
The number of Asset Plus Assessments completed within 20 days:	4	11
The number of supervisions that took place during the month:	8	24





What is working well?	What are we worried about?	What do we need to do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of interventions for the month remain consistent to previous months. There were no new remands. Asset Plus assessments have increased from the previous month. Supervisions have increased in line with typical numbers from previous months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset plus assessments being signed off in line with Youth Justice Service (YJS) recommended timescales has dipped. However, there were staff from the Social Work team off, including one Practice Lead, which would have impacted on capacity across January. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a management team, we use the data provided to consider areas where performance has dipped, and why. We use this information to put in measures to increase overall performance, however, we also need to take into consideration additional pressures that impact on performance, such as leave and staff sickness.



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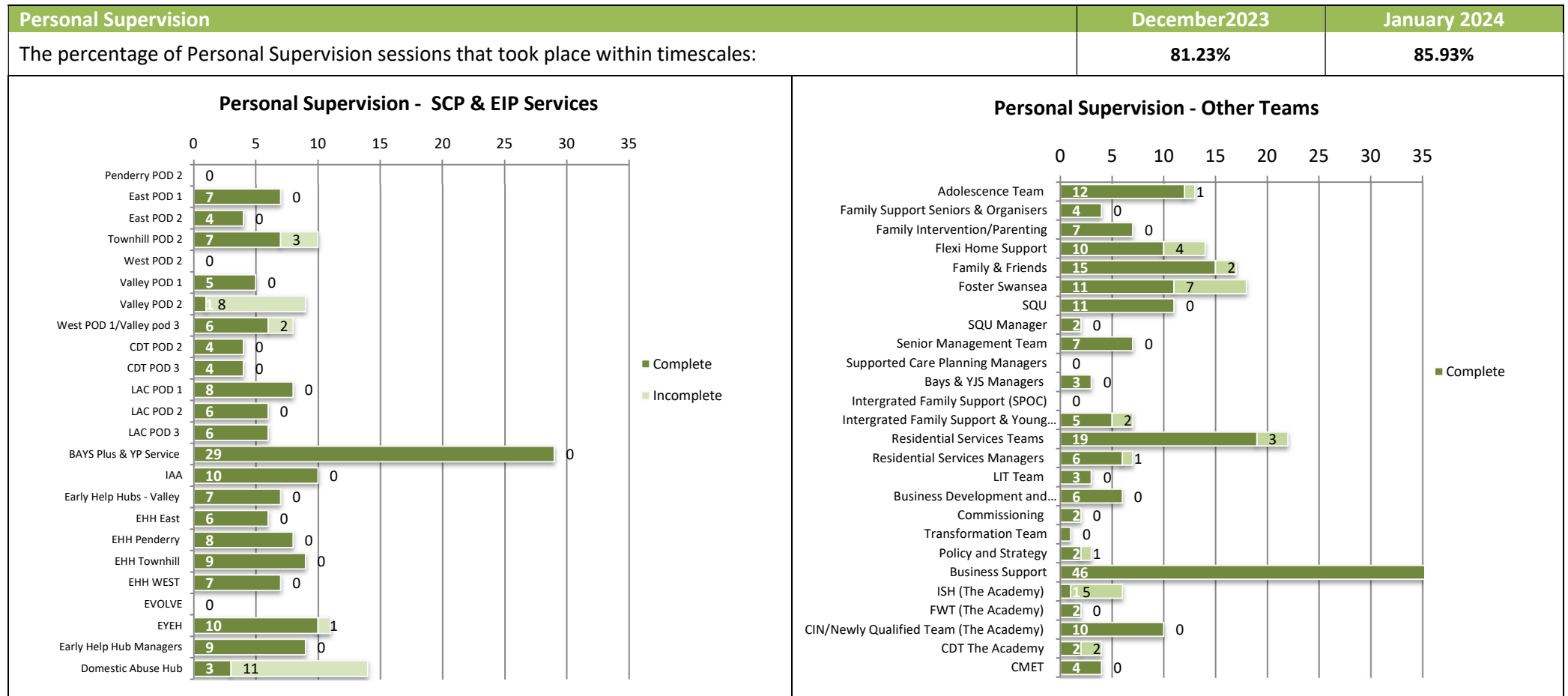
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