

Report Title:	Children and Families Service Key Performance Headlines at September 2022
Meeting for:	Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission
Date:	30th November 2022
Produced by:	Diane Benjamin, Director of Children's Social Care
Authorised by:	Jacque Burke, Director of Children and Families

Report Summary

This report is intended to provide a very brief overview of the key performance headlines for the Children and Families Service as at September 2022. It is not intended to replace the full CFS Annual Report which will be reviewed at a later date by the CYP Scrutiny Commission and contains a full narrative around performance as well as key updates about the service.

Overview of report headlines

- 3,707 referrals were received in 2021/22, a 27% increase from 2,930 received in the previous year. 1,935 referrals have been received between April and September 2022.
- 3,293 social work assessments were completed, a 15% decrease from the 3,858 completed in 2020/21. 2,075 assessments have been completed between April and September 2022.
- 211 children were supported on Child Protection Plans as at 31st March 2022, a 11% decrease compared to 237 children at the same time in 2021. 186 children are supported on Child Protection Plans at the end of September 2022.
- 405 children were looked after as at 31st March 2022, a 6% decrease from 431 children at the same time the previous year. 404 children were looked after at the end of September 2022.
- 179 children entered care during 2021/22, a 3% decrease from 185 children in 2020/21. 95 children entered care between April and September 2022.
- 15.3% of looked after children had three or more care arrangements in 2021/22, compared to 10% in 2020/21. 14% of looked after children had three or more care arrangements as at the end of September 2022.
- 71.2% of children who have been looked after for more than 2.5 years were in stable care arrangements of more than 2 years in 2021/22, a decrease from 77% in 2020/21. 65% of children were in stable arrangements at the end of September 2022.
- 387 care leavers aged between 17 and 21 were being supported by the Leaving Care service at 31 March 2022, an increase of 11 from 376 at the same point in 2021. 357 care leavers were supported at the end of September 2022.