

Children Services Q1 24/25 Performance report

All children, young people, adults and families in Midlothian are supported to be the best they can be. This is achieved through a nurturing, respectful and collaborative approach that promotes wellbeing, equity and inclusion.

Community Priorities

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) draw together public, voluntary and private sector bodies, and local communities to deliver a shared 'plan' to improve the lives of local people based on evidence. In Midlothian, the plan is called the Single Midlothian Plan (SMP). This is a shared partnership plan of how we will meet the needs of our local communities and brings together all the priorities for Midlothian into one place. Our outcomes for the next five years are:

- Individuals and communities have improved health and learning outcomes,
- No child or household need live in poverty,
- Significant progress is made towards net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

In Midlothian the Getting It Right for Every Child Board (GIRFEC) is one of the subgroups of the SMP, and one of the main drivers for the effective delivery of services to children. The GIRFEC Plan also known as the Integrated Children's Service Plan 2023-2026, is a statutory three year plan devised by the local authority and health. The plan develops key outcomes and priority actions which are designed to improve the lives of children, young people and families. The new 3 year plan has now been approved towards the end of 2023.

The plan has 12 shared priority themes, outcomes and actions which sit within 4 subgroups, namely:

1. Children & Young People's Rights
2. Children & Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing
3. Whole Family Wellbeing
4. Information Sharing and Commissioning

We are fully committed to realising a children's rights approach to all of our work and ensuring that we embed the principles of the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) alongside our Promise commitments.

Progress and Achievements

The Promise

The Promise work continues to drive forward our children's service improvements.

Plan 24-30: was launched on 20 June 2024 on a dedicated website to partners. The plan is intended to be visual and interactive to make it accessible and easy to use. Partners are being asked to feedback on their experience of looking at this draft version before it goes live at the end of 2024.

The website is structure around the five foundations highlighted below:

A Good Childhood

Whole Family Support

Supporting the Workforce

Planning

Building Capacity

Referrals:

Over the past year the work we undertook to better ensure that referrals coming into social work were appropriate is paying off with a 50% reduction in referrals from Q1 last year. This said the number of child protection referrals remains high. Child protection is both complex and challenging and requires workers with experience to undertake assessments and manage and understand the risks.

Given the ongoing workforce issues around being unable to recruit experienced workers, we continue to find it challenging with regard to the allocation of this work. The lack of experience across children and families social work practice is becoming more challenging. Newly qualified workers are unable to take child protection work although they can be a good support in helping out in very complex cases with an experienced worker taking the lead. We shall continue to review this position as a senior officer group to ensure workers are supported and to offer reassurance that we are managing risk.

Number of referrals by Quarter

22/23				23/24				24/25
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
2,155	2,212	2,023	2,626	2,353	2,067	1,436	1,324	1,170

Family Wellbeing Service

The service is now well established and working hard to engage with schools and early learning centres to identify families who may require additional support. The team shall move to Easthouses Primary School at the start of the school term. The new facilities will benefit both the staff and more importantly the parents as they shall have rooms where they can do some 1:1 work and have meetings in what is a lovely new building. The family wellbeing service has a dedicated worker who deals with financial requests, this approach means that financial request do not come into the very busy duty system. A framework for recording referrals is currently being worked on.

Looked After away from home population

The data evidences that our looked after population is fairly static bearing in mind data changes on a daily basis. The differences in the data relate to one or two families coming into care, therefore this needs to be considered within this context. Overall across the past year the data has had no significant change, generally fluctuating from 140 – 152 children. The introduction of Family Group decision making, supports families to devise a plan which promotes families staying together with support from extended family. It is too early to advise if this is reason for the fairly static numbers.

The number of children's names on the child protection register has also remained fairly consistent across the past year however once again a cautionary approach when looking at this data as a large family can skew the figures. The main reason for registering a child's name on the register is the risk posed by domestic abuse. This is both a local and national theme.

Rate per 1,000 of Midlothian Looked After and Accommodated Children

22/23				23/24				24/25
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.4	8.6

*Scotland Average for 22/23 is 9.7

Disability Service and Self-Directed Support

We have recruited a new service manager who shall start on the 2nd September who shall lead on this area of work. They are a very experienced service manager who shall be looking at creating a seamless transition between children, education and adult services for our service users. The work will also include having a good overview of which service users shall require ongoing support into adulthood, so that we can plan and have a greater awareness of the impact on our budgets going forward. This service shall also have overall responsibility for self-directed support work ensuring that assessments are undertaken and reviews are happening so that families are supported to access their own supports or if required ask for support from ourselves.

Resettlement Team

Another key success has been the ongoing work that the resettlement team continue to do. Supporting families who have fled war torn countries such as Ukraine and Afghanistan by welcoming and offering ongoing support and advice so that they are fully integrated within their local communities. The team is very small but the impact of their work is significant.

Challenges and risks

National Care Service:

The 'Bill' is progressing to stage 2. There remains no information around whether or not children's services and Justice will be included within the NCS. Many different options are being considered. Over the summer there have been several consultation documents sent out to IJB's and local authorities around this area of work.

Workforce:

Midlothian continues to experience the same staffing issues encountered by other Councils. As already highlighted within this report a general lack of experienced and skilled staff across the sector is a concern. This has resulted in us having to increasingly rely on locum workers which are both expensive but also does not offer continuity to service users. As already reported in previous quarters this is both a local and national issue which is trying to be addressed via the National Social Work Agency.

Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children

We continue to work with our Home Office colleagues to try to find a fairer way to share the distribution of UASC who arrive mainly in Kent on small boats. Most local authorities in Scotland are at capacity regarding having no more foster or residential capacity to

accommodate these young people. We therefore must think differently around how we are all going to manage this ever-increasing demand.

Increased numbers of children impacted by the delay in neurodevelopmental waiting times:

There is a significant delay in families waiting for an appointment with CAMHS regarding neurodevelopment concerns. Not all cases will require clinical input from CAMHS however we are looking at how we can work together to consider how we best support families whilst on the waiting list. We continue to work with partners to explore how best to meet the current demands and pressure whilst making sure we future proof our services to deliver sustainable options locally for children and young people with ASN and Complex and Enduring Needs. A neurodevelopmental pathway is in the early stages of development across the Lothians. At the last GIRFEC Board in June the number of children's names on the waiting list was circa 800, rising at around 200 names per quarter.

Financial Pressures

Finance is an ongoing challenge and we must ensure that we have sufficient capacity within our workforce and resources to meet the increasing demand faced by the service as the population continues to grow.

Service Priority 1 - Ensure the Midlothian Wellbeing Service is aligned with other family supports across Midlothian

Key achievements this quarter:

- Funding is now in place, services are established, small funding to be used for targeted commissioning. Performance indicators in development, work ongoing to create data dashboards and management information.

Service Priority 2 - Develop a transitions strategy and pathway across Children's Services, Education and Adult Health & Social Care

Key achievements this quarter:

- Service Manager (Disability) will take this on going forward. They take up this post at the beginning of September.
- Transitions policy is currently in review, being worked on by Transitions development worker. New Service Manager will take over as lead when they commence
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Service Priority 3 - Maintain supports offered by Family Group Decision Making and Kinship staff to ensure children remain with birth/ kin families.

Key achievements this quarter:

- 26 family referrals during this quarter. During this quarter agreement to expand team by 1FTE to be recruited. 18 family meetings held in Q1. 8 New plans were agreed.
- We remain on target to increase the numbers of kinship assessments completed year on year. The increase in assessments will be linked to the increase in kinship placements made. Current plan to expand kinship assessment offered via Family Centred Care. Move to take place Sept 24.

Service Priority 4 – Strengthen the number of staff who understand the importance of trauma informed practice

Key achievements this quarter:

- Of the 29 staff trained in Trauma informed practice in Q1, 13 were from Children's services.
- Further training sessions and Level 2 sessions are being rolled out in Q2. Agreed 17 people to do University level qualifications.
- To support staff wellbeing, staff consultation completed, with a view to a programme of events beginning in Q2. Contract signed for psychological supports.

Children's Services, Partnership and Communities PI summary

01. Manage budget effectively

Priorities	Indicator	2023/24 Value	Q1 2023/24 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Note	Feeder Data	Value
01. Manage budget effectively	Performance against revenue budget		£21.244 m				

02. Manage stress and absence

Priorities	Indicator	2023/24 Value	Q1 2023/24 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Note	Feeder Data	Value
02. Manage stress and absence	Average number of working days lost due to sickness absence (cumulative)	13.80	3.15	3.88	Q1 24/25: On Target Further work to be done with additional data when HR data is received.	Number of days lost	614.05
						Number of FTE in service	158.16

03. Process invoices efficiently

Priorities	Indicator	2023/24 Value	Q1 2023/24 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Note	Feeder Data	Value
03. Process invoices efficiently	% of invoices paid within 30 days of invoice receipt (cumulative)	97%	98%	97%	Q1 24/25: On Target	Number received (cumulative)	3,736
						Number paid within 30 days (cumulative)	3,636

04. Improve PI performance

Priorities	Indicator	2023/24 Value	Q1 2023/24 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Note	Feeder Data	Value
04. Improve PI performance	% of Service PIs that are on target/ have reached their target. (does not include Corporate PIs)		100%	82%	Q1 24/25: Off Target 9 of 11 actions are currently on target. Actions involving Transitions strategy and pathways to be addressed in Q2 with commencement of new service manager (disability)	Number on tgt/complete or Data Only	11
						Total number of PI's	12

05. Control Risk

Priorities	Indicator	2023/24 Value	Q1 2023/24 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Note	Feeder Data	Value
05. Control Risk	% of high risks that have been reviewed in the last quarter		100%			Number of high risks reviewed in the last quarter	2
						Number of high risks	2

06. Implement Improvement Plans

Priorities	Indicator	2023/24 Value	Q1 2023/24 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Note	Feeder Data	Value
06. Implement Improvement Plans	% of internal/external audit actions progressing on target or complete this quarter.	77.78%	100%	33%	Q1 24/25: Off Target Audit actions for Disability will be addressed in Q2 with commencement of new service manager (disability)	Number of internal/external audit actions on target or complete	1
						Number of internal/external audit actions	3

Children's Services, Partnerships and Communities Complaints Indicator Summary

Commitment to valuing Complaints

Indicator	2023/24 Value	Q1 2023/24 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value
Number of complaints received (quarterly)	28	8	16
Number of complaints closed in the year	17	4	12
Number of complaints upheld (quarterly)	3	0	0
Number of complaints partially upheld (quarterly)	4	2	5
Number of complaints not upheld (quarterly)	6	2	4
Number of complaints Resolved (quarterly)	5	0	3
Average time in working days to respond to complaints at stage 1	6	0	6.25
Average time in working days to respond to complaints at stage 2	17	16	18.43
Average time in working days for a full response for escalated complaints		18.33	21
Percentage of complaints at stage 1 complete within 5 working days	20%	100%	25%
Percentage of complaints at stage 2 complete within 20 working days	125%	100%	57.14%
Percentage of complaints escalated and complete within 20 working days		66.67%	0%
Number of complaints where an extension to the 5 or 20 day target has been authorised (quarterly)	4	0	7
Number of Compliments	0	0	0

Children's Services, Partnership and Communities Action report

01. Ensure the Midlothian Wellbeing Service is aligned with other family supports across Midlothian

Action Code	Measure or sub-action	Due Date	Progress	All Notes
24/25.CSPC .1.1	Develop transparent pathway to ensure 3rd sector partners have equitable access to funding resources within the Family Wellbeing Fund. Ensure funding and resources are in place for 24/25	31-Mar-2025	90%	Q1 24/25: On Target Funding is now in place, services are established, small funding to be used for targeted commissioning.
24/25.CSPC .1.2	Develop a series of performance indicators and baseline figures to measure outcomes for Family Wellbeing Service	31-Mar-2025	50%	Q1 24/25: On Target Performance indicators have been developed, work ongoing to create data dashboards and management info.

02. Develop a transitions strategy and pathway across Children's Services, Education and Adult Health & Social Care.

Action Code	Measure or sub-action	Due Date	Progress	All Notes
24/25.CSPC .2.1	Map and review existing interface to support the proposal for standalone disability/transitions team.	31-Mar-2025	10%	Q1 24/25: On Target Service Manager (Disability) will take this on going forward. Starts in post September 2025.
24/25.CSPC .2.2	Develop a disability transition policy that supports children moving into adult services who have additional support needs.	31-Mar-2025	0%	Q1 24/25: On Target Transitions policy is currently in review, being worked on Transitions development worker.

03. Maintain supports offered by Family Group Decision Making and Kinship staff to ensure children remain with birth/ kin families.

Action Code	Measure or sub-action	Due Date	Progress	All Notes
24/25.CSPC .3.1	Increase the number of families who participate in Family Group Decision Making	31-Mar-2025	50%	Q1 24/25: On Target 26 family referrals during this quarter. During this quarter agreement to expand team by 1FTE to be recruited.
24/25.CSPC .3.2	Increase the number of families who have a Family Group Decision Making plan	31-Mar-2025	25%	Q1 24/25: On Target 18 family meetings held in Q1. 8 New plans were agreed.
24/25.CSPC .3.3	Increase the number of Kinship assessment undertaken.	31-Mar-2025	25%	Q1 24/25: On Target We remain on target to increase the numbers of kinship assessments completed year on year. The increase in assessments will be linked to the increase in kinship placements made. Idea would be to compare kinship placements year on year for past 3 years. Current plan to expand kinship assessment offered via Family Centred Care. Move to take place Sept 24
24/25.CSPC .3.4	Develop and implement permanence process to formally secure children in kinship	31-Mar-2025	50%	Q1 24/25: On Target Kinship policy in draft near completion, next steps to finish and gather feedback from stakeholders, colleagues and management.

04. Strengthen the number staff who understand the importance of trauma informed practice

Action Code	Measure or sub-action	Due Date	Progress	All Notes
24/25.CSPC .4.1	Increase the number of staff and carers trained in using a trauma informed approach	31-Mar-2025	25%	Q1 24/25: On Target Of the 29 staff trained in Trauma informed practice in Q1, 13 were from Children's services
24/25.CSPC .4.2	Continue to promote training opportunities and development for all Children's Services staff	31-Mar-2025	50%	Q1 24/25: On Target Further training sessions in Trauma informed practice and Level 2 sessions are being rolled out in Q2. Agreed 17 people to do University level qualifications. .
24/25.CSPC .4.3	Offer a range of activities and sessions that support staff wellbeing	31-Mar-2025	50%	Q1 24/25: On Target To support staff wellbeing, staff consultation completed, with a view to a programme of events beginning in Q2. Contract signed for psychological supports.



Children's Services, Partnership and Communities Balanced Scorecard Indicators



PI Code	Performance Indicator	2021/22 Value	2022/23 Value	2023/24 Value	2024/25 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Q2 2024/25 Value
BS.CSPC.02	Number of outcome focused assessments undertaken (cumulative)	1,339	1,329	1,397		394	
BS.CSPC.03	Number of external "Foster" placements purchased this year	2	3	10		3	
BS.CSPC.04	Number of referrals to the duty service (cumulative)	8,287	9,016	7,179		1,170	
BS.CSPC.08	Number of children adopted (cumulative)	3	3	2		2	
BS.CSPC.09	Length of time children in permanence process before reaching forever family (months)	21	27			35	
BS.CSPC.10	Number of foster carers going through prep groups on a quarterly basis (cumulative)	24	14	10			
BS.CSPC.11	Number of new foster carers approved (cumulative)	3	1	1			
BS.CSPC.12	Number of foster carers de-registered quarterly (cumulative)	5	4	5			
BS.CSPC.13	Number of permanence LAAC Reviews happening quarterly (cumulative)	10	27	19		3	
BS.CSPC.14	Number of children matched in quarter – (average months from perm LAAC to matching panel) (cumulative)	8	4	1			
BS.CSPC.15	Number of places taken at residential houses - capacity 10	12	10	10		10	
BS.CSPC.16 a	The number of children living in kinship care	61	59	69		79	



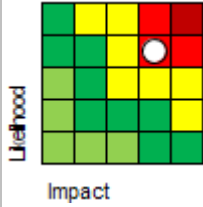
PI Code	Performance Indicator	2021/22 Value	2022/23 Value	2023/24 Value	2024/25 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Q2 2024/25 Value
BS.CSPC.16b	The number of children living in foster care	65	61	62		64	
BS.CSPC.17	Number of Midlothian children on the Child Protection Register	38	43	40		59	
BS.CSPC.18	Rate per 1,000 population of Midlothian children on the Child Protection Register in relation to the Scottish average (2.3)	2.1	2.4	2.2		N/A	
BS.CSPC.19	% of Child Protection plans which have integrated chronology	79%	94%	90%		100%	
BS.CSPC.20	Rate per 1,000 of Midlothian Looked After Children AT HOME in comparison with the Scottish average (2.6)	1.5	1.3	2.1			
BS.CSPC.21	Rate per 1,000 of Midlothian Looked After and Accommodated Children in comparison with the Scottish average (9.7)	7	6.7	7.4			
BS.CSPC.23	The number of looked after children and young people not in residential placed outwith Midlothian	11	8	9		10	
BS.CSPC.24	The number of looked after children and young people placed in Residential School outwith Midlothian	2	2	2		2	
BS.CSPC.26	The number of young people who are allocated/engage with Through Care and After Care service	64	64	54		51	
BS.CSPC.LPI.04	Child Protection: % of Core Group meetings held within a 8 week period.	98%	99%	100%			

PI Code	Performance Indicator	2021/22 Value	2022/23 Value	2023/24 Value	2024/25 Value	Q1 2024/25 Value	Q2 2024/25 Value
BS.CSPC.LPI.05	Child Protection: % of Core Group meetings held within 15 days for Initial	86%	89%	86%			
BS.IOM.CE.1.1b	Midlothian Citizen Advice Bureaux (CABs) will generate an income maximization of £625k per quarter	£5,703,704	£5,119,209	N/A			

Children's Services, Partnership and Communities Risks

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
Future Staffing Levels & Experience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continually review staffing levels and needs. Conduct regular team meetings and 1-1s with staff members. Training and development plan in place for new and existing staff. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Staff recruitment and retention remain both a local and national issue. Require improved workforce planning so that we can better plan and have a greater understanding of our age profile, experience/training needs Given the population increase within Midlothian need to ensure finance are factoring in an increase in workers to manager the increase in need. 					16	Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
Procurement –	We require support to develop a schedule of all our commissioned services This will be required to be reviewed on quarterly basis.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within children’s services we have no overview of contracts or commissioning we do. 2. lack of support developing or trying to commission new contracts 		Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry	The increasing number of SARS – the impact this can have on CEYP – re traumatising them. Often files are very large up to 5000 pages – we have no resource to support individuals to go through this information. It is a time consuming yet very important exercise which can have a significant impact on young people/adults			Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities
Neurodiversity Waiting List		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The impact of an ever increasing ND waiting list (200 per quarter) is having a significant impact on children’s 						Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
		services and referrals 2. The impact on our education colleagues is also significant						
Finance		1. Lack of discussion/planning around how to increase our overall funding to take cognisance of the increased population particularly 0-18 age group.						Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities
SRP.RR.1 4.1 Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry	The Council have set up an Abuse Inquiry Project Team to support the Council to prepare for information requests to support the Inquiry.	Risk Cause: Midlothian Council and its legacy organisations, predating the creation of Midlothian Council in 1996, have been involved in the provision of care of children going back to		Foster Care and Residential Care File Review	Q1 23/24: Inquiry has heard all the evidence for the Sect 21 submissions around foster care. We continue to await the findings by Lady Smith. The redress system is		16	Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
	<p>In addition, we have a Claims Project Team who have mapped out how we shall manage any future claims reported against the Local Authority.</p> <p>The Inquiry Team have established a Project Plan covering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residential establishments, List D Schools and Foster Carers: identifying Children's homes, Foster Carers and any List D Schools in Midlothian over the last 100 years and researching historic records. 	<p>living memory. During this time there is the likelihood that the care children received fell below standards of care now in place. There is the further potential that some people in the care of Midlothian Council and its legacy organisations were subject to abuse by those who were employed to care for them.</p> <p>Risk Event: The Scottish Government began an Inquiry into cases of Child Abuse occurring prior to 17 December 2014, the intention of this enquiry is to identify historic case of abuse</p>			<p>in place and there is a lot of activity around this area of work which requires significant input from our social worker within the Scottish Child Abuse team.</p>			

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
	<p>2. Record Audit: reviewing the Council's existing paper and electronic recordkeeping systems to identify relevant records and map them to residential establishments. This also includes, where possible, noting the Council's historic recordkeeping policies, such as retention schedules.</p> <p>3. Cataloguing/Indexing: checking and updating existing recordkeeping systems for accuracy and</p>	<p>which have to date gone unreported. The most recent Section 21 notice around the Foster Care Case Study is a significant piece of work. The request for information from 1930 to date is very challenging given the volume of files that require to be read and analysed.</p> <p>Risk Effect: If the inquiry finds historic cases of abuse in Midlothian this could damage the reputation of the Council and could place doubt in the eyes of the public as to the safety of these currently in care. There is significant</p>						

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
	<p>consistency, enabling effective information retrieval when requested by the Inquiry. The Project Team have established a Project Plan covering:</p> <p>4. Ascertaining the succession and insurance position in relation to potential historic child abuse claims.</p> <p>5. Ascertaining and agreeing Midlothian Council's legal position/ approach in dealing with the potential historic child abuse claims.</p>	<p>scope for a substantial financial impact arising from claims of historic abuse. Some existing employees may be affected by the inquiry and subsequent claims of abuse.</p> <p>We have requested an extension for Parts B, C & D of the last Section 21 to April 2020, which has been granted.</p> <p>To date there has been no evidence from the extensive file read to suggest there has been systemic abuse within our foster care system.</p>						

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
	<p>6. Identifying the need for guidance, protocol, templates etc. should/if any claims be made against the council.</p> <p>7. Consideration to identifying if additional staffing will be required as expected deluge of FOI's SARs in 2018 from solicitors of potential claimants.</p> <p>8. Project team is in place with project plan with a range of identified actions which are being progressed. Monthly meetings</p>							

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	<p>to progress project plan. 9. The SCAI Social Worker is very competent and experienced in this area of work and provides quarterly updates on their findings from the file read. This is a real strength within this area of work. The CSWO and Principal Solicitor meet regularly with the social worker to discuss findings from the file read.</p>							

Published Local Government Benchmarking Framework Children's Services

Code	Title	2016/17 Value	2017/18 Value	2018/19 Value	2019/20 Value	2020/21 Value	2021/22 Value	External Comparison
CHN8a	Corporate Indicator - The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in Residential Based Services per Child per Week (LGBF)	£3,223.90	£4,356.23	£4,107.14	£4,517.21	£7,322.49	£6,943.79	20/21 Rank 31 (Bottom Quartile) 19/20 Rank 19 (Third Quartile) 18/19 Rank 11 (Second Quartile) 17/18 Rank 22 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 8 (Top Quartile)
CHN8b	Corporate Indicator - The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in a Community Setting per Child per Week (LGBF)	£387.45	£396.23	£375.24	£383.43	£529.51	£497.70	20/21 Rank 26 (Bottom Quartile) 19/20 Rank 19 (Third Quartile) 18/19 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 17/18 Rank 21 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 19 (Third Quartile)
CHN9	Balance of Care for looked after children: % of children being looked after in the Community (LGBF)	89.19%	90.99%	90.37%	91.12%	92.44%	92.44%	20/21 Rank 9 (Second Quartile) 19/20 Rank 10 (Second Quartile) 18/19 Rank 13 (Second Quartile) 17/18 Rank 11 (Second Quartile) 16/17 Rank 15 (Second Quartile)
CHN22	Percentage of child protection re-registrations within 18 months (LGBF)	7.75%	7%	8.93%	3.19%	2.41%	3.45%	21/22 Rank 10 (Second Quartile) 20/21 Rank 13 (Second Quartile) 19/20 Rank 8 (Top Quartile) 18/19 Rank 23 (Third Quartile) 17/18 Rank 23 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 24 (Third Quartile)
CHN23	Percentage LAC with more than 1 placement in the last year (Aug-July) (LGBF)	26.25%	26.18%	15.6%	16.82%	23.84%	20.3%	21/22 Rank 23 (Third Quartile) 20/21 Rank 29 (Bottom Quartile) 19/20 Rank 9 (Second Quartile) 18/19 Rank 6 (Top Quartile) 17/18 Rank 23 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 25 (Bottom Quartile)

Code	Title	2016/17 Value	2017/18 Value	2018/19 Value	2019/20 Value	2020/21 Value	2021/22 Value	External Comparison
CHN24	Percentage of children living in poverty (After Housing Costs) (LGBF)	23.4%	23.8%	22.5%	23. %	19.99%	23%	21/22 Rank 13 (Second Quartile) 20/21 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 19/20 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 18/19 Rank 15 (Second Quartile) 17/18 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 19 (Third Quartile).