

Data as at end of January 2025

The top ten indicators are measures being monitored in the DfE Commissioner's report and where possible, a rolling 12 month and 6 month figure is used to show recent progress.

Indicators 11-26 compares the latest 6 month data from January 2025 to 6 month data 12 months ago, as taken from the ChAT report.

The scorecard also shows the direction of travel and comparisons made to published statistics (2023-24)

Key indicator. Targets have been set for all key indicators.		Latest published statistics (2023-24)												
No	Indicator	LA rolling 12m (Feb24 - Jan25)	LA rolling 6m (Aug24 - Jan25)	Direction of travel (RAG rated where low/high is stated)	Target	Low/High is good	RIG Q1 Sefton	2024-25 Q1 RIG NW	LA	SN	NW	Eng	Compared to mid-50% LA	Analysis
1	Referrals received (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	690.0	670.0	↓	580	-	671	534.1	622	586	512	518	In range	After six consecutive increases, the 6 month rolling rate has fallen slightly from a high of 726 in November to 670 in January, a drop of 8%. 6 months and 12 month rolling rate is above target, benchmarking groups and Sefton's figure for 2023-24.
2	Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)*	24.3%	23.0%	↓	21%	Low	24.0%	22.2%	23	23	20	21	Higher	The 12 month rolling rate for re-referrals has remained relatively consistent for the last seven reporting periods - stabilising around 23-25%. For the last five reporting periods, 6m rate has been lower than 12m rate, indicating progress in the right direction. The current 6 month rate of 23% is slightly higher than target and North West figures.
3	Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	787.8	774.0	↓	622	-	777	610.4	775	636	589	536	Higher	Since June, the 12m rate of assessments completed per 10k has risen each month with a slight dip in January. The rate is well above from the revised target of 622. Sefton has a higher rate compared to the benchmarking group.
4	Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)*	81.4%	75.0%	↓	89%	High	82.8%	83.8%	75	82	82	84	Lower	The rolling 12 month rate of assessments completed within 45 days is above 80% and similar to this time last year. 6 month rolling figure of 75% shows that improvement has slightly fallen in the last 6 months. Monthly analysis shows there was a dip in performance between July 24 to January 25 where completion rates average at 77%. 12 month rate is just below benchmarking groups.
5	Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)*	307	320	↑	207	-	258	203.1	263	208	204	187	In range	Since April 2024, the rolling rate has been on an upward trend. April's rate was at 255.8 and January's rate is at 307. 6m rate is at 314, showing a large increase in recent months. Monthly analysis shows on average 140 s47s initiated in the latest fin year, compared to an average of 114 last year. Sefton's current position is higher than benchmarking neighbours.
6	Percentage of agency social workers (%) in workforce**	30% (Jan24)	28% (Sep24)	↓	20%	Low	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Target is to reduce the percentage of agency staff from 50% to 20% and the latest figure from September 2024 of 28% is a slight increase from 30% recorded in January.
7	Percentage of CIN Visits (non CWCN) completed within timescales	80.0%	79.0%	↓	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	The 6 month rate is at 79% compared to the 12 month rolling rate of 80% is likely due to a dip in performance between September and November. Monthly data performance has improved since and shows a high of 91% of CIN vists taken place in January were within timescale.

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8	Percentage of Assessments completed within 45 working days by Corporate Parenting	66.0%	54.0%	↓	85%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Although Corporate Parenting only complete an average between 15 to 20 assessments per month, completion rates in timescale has dropped in recent months. Assessments completed within 45 days has dropped in rolling 6m compared to rolling 12m. Monthly performance shows rates as high as 89% in June compared to latest at 54% in January.
9	Percentage of CP Visits completed within timescales	88.0%	88.0%	↔	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Both 12 month and 6 month rolling figures are currently shy of meeting target. Despite this January shows 98% of CP visits were completed in timescale. Monthly analysis shows performance is higher in each month this fin year compared to previous fin yer.
10	Percentage of CFC Visits completed within timescales	86.0%	87.0%	↑	90%	High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	The percentage of CFC visits completed on time is slowly moving towards the target. December alone has seen 91% of visits in timescale. Similar to CP visits in timescale, performance is higher in each month this fin year compared to previous fin yer.

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11	Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	70	101	↑	-	-	79	65.6	77	70	66	60	In range	The 6mth rate of children per 10k who were subject of an ICPC has increased from 76 (Aug) to 101 (Jan). Number of ICPCs are up 41% compared to the same sixth month period last year. Monthly analysis shows a large number of ICPCs started in June, October and January. The increase in ICPCs has moved the 12m rate above stat neighbours and NW.	
12	Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%)	85%	87%	↑	-	High	86%	80.3%	94	81	82	80	Higher	ICPC timeliness rate has increased slightly as reflected in the 6m rate of 87% compared to the 12m rate of 85%. In the last 6 months (excluding January) the rate has been above 90%, of which 100% of ICPCs were completed in timescale in four of these months.	
13	Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children) **	371	386	↑	-	-	468	376.8	453	383	380	333	Higher	The rate of children in need has increased by 4% at the end of January 25 compared to the same point last year. Current rate is higher than Sefton 2023-24 data and benchmarking groups.	
14	Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	55	75	↑	-	-	53	48.7	52	47	49	42	In range	After a large fall earlier in the period, the rate of CP children per 10k is currently at 75. The number of young people subject to a CP plan has now risen to 403 in January. The 12m current rate of 75 per 10k is above Sefton 2023-24 and statistical neighbours and North West.	
15	Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	21%	25%	↑	-	Low	22.4%	23.1%	22	24	25	25	In range	The rate of repeat CP has slightly increased compared to last months report (22% v 25%). Despite this, Sefton is in line with statistical neighbours and national.	
16	Children who ceased to be on a CP plan whose plan lasted 2 years or more (%)	6%	8%	↑	-	Low	-	2.1%	5	3	4	4	In range	The latest percentage of children who ceased to be on a CP plan for 2 years or more is similar to January 24 snapshot and therefore continues to put Sefton above benchmarking groups rates.	
17	Children who are looked after (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	112	95	↓	-	-	106	94.8	114	93	97	71	Higher	The number of Cared for Children has remained under 600 for the eleventh consecutive month (515) and is the lowest number since March 2020 (566). The rate per 10k is still higher than statistical neighbours and national. Recent North West analysis shows Sefton to be 7th highest in the group.	
18	Children looked after who had a missing incident in the period (%)	10	11	↑	-	-	-	-	10	12	12	11	In range	Rate remains static over 12 month period and inline with statistical neighbours and national.	
19	Children looked after who were away without authorisation in the period (%)	2%	5%	↑	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	2	Lower	Rate has remained largely static over 12 month period until recent months where there has been an increase in away without authorisation numbers moving Sefton slightly above statistical neighbours and national. This may be due to change in recording practice.	
20	Children looked after who had their teeth checked by a dentist in the last 12 months (%)	67%	94%	↑	-	High	-	-	87	74	77	76	Higher	Percentage rate has increased since this time last year and is currently above benchmarking groups. This rate usually increases throughout the year and is expected to be above benchmarking group by the end of the reporting year.	
21	Children looked after who had their annual health assessment (%)	96%	97%	↑	-	High	-	-	98	90	92	89	Higher	The latest percentage rate is similar compared to this time last year and above benchmarking groups.	

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22	Children who ceased to be looked after in the period who were adopted (%)	2%	14%	↑	-	-	-	-	<1%	10	9	9	In range	Adoption rate has increased in the last 6 months and is above benchmarking groups.
23	Children who ceased to be looked after in the period due to a Special Guardianship Order (%)	20%	19%	↓	-	-	-	-	21	-	15	12	Higher	Percentage rate has decreased since the same period last year. The latest (19) is below last year's figure (20%) but above NW and all benchmarking groups.
24	Children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday (%)	74%	88%	↑	-	High	-	-	100	91	81	79	Higher	Percentage rate has increased since the same period last year and is currently below SN and above all other benchmarking groups.
25	Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%) - Latest snapshot **	98%	95%	↓	-	High	-	-	91	88	90	88	In range	The rate of care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation has dipped slightly compared to same period last year but remains above benchmarking groups.
26	Care leavers aged 19-21 in education, employment, or training (%) - Latest snapshot **	47%	54%	↑	-	High	-	-	47	53	54	56	Lower	Young people in employment, education or training (EET) has increased when comparing to the same period 12 months ago. This rate is on par with benchmarking groups.

\* rolling 12 months data. All others figures are taken from the ChAT 12 months ago

\*\* snapshot at end of January 2024, January 2025