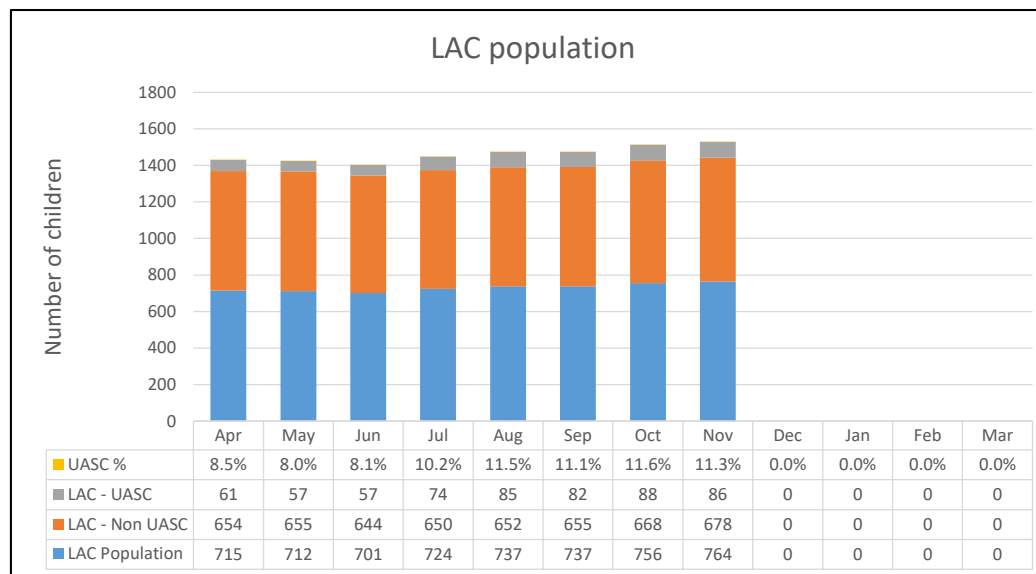


Looked After Children - Population

Looked After Children (LAC)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
LAC Population	715	712	701	724	737	737	756	764						731
LAC - Non UASC	654	655	644	650	652	655	668	678						657
LAC - UASC	61	57	57	74	85	82	88	86						74
UASC %	8.5%	8.0%	8.1%	10.2%	11.5%	11.1%	11.6%	11.3%						10.1%
Rate per 10,000	53.2	53.0	52.2	53.9	54.9	54.9	56.3	56.8						54.4
Became Looked After	32	23	14	30	30	17	34	20						25
Ceased Looked After	19	26	24	14	17	17	14	18						19



Commentary:

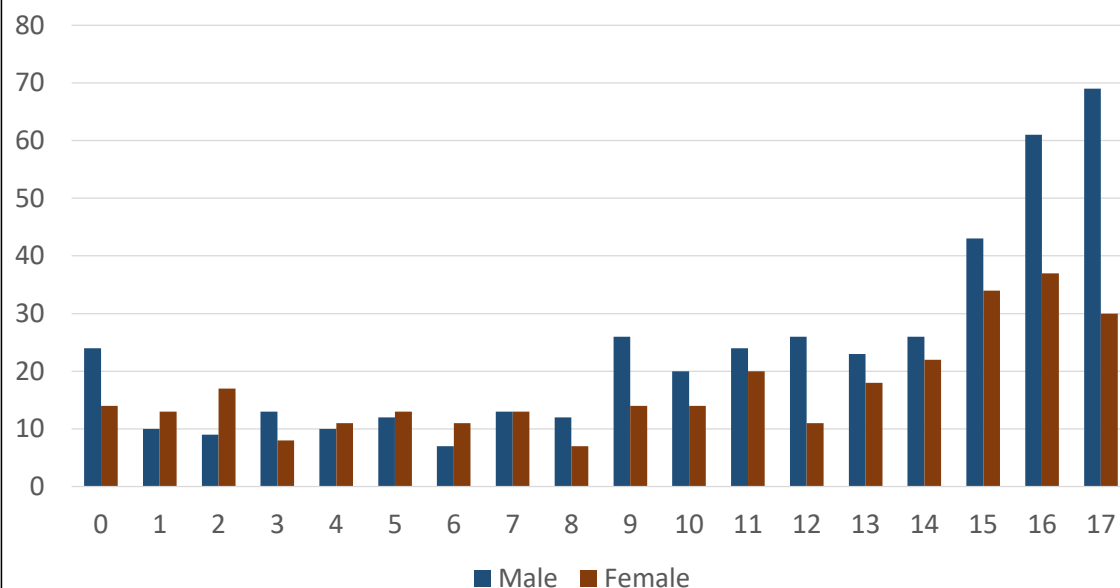
There has been a small reduction in the number of looked after children since reporting to the last Corporate Parenting Committee, but this can occasionally happen as can be seen from the data earlier in this reporting year. As a result the rate of looked after children per 10,000 has also decreased by 0.4 from January, but an increase of 0.9 compared to April 2017. However, Cambridgeshire continues to perform favourably, when compared to the figures for England which are 60 children per 10,000 are looked after.

Notes on data and definitions:

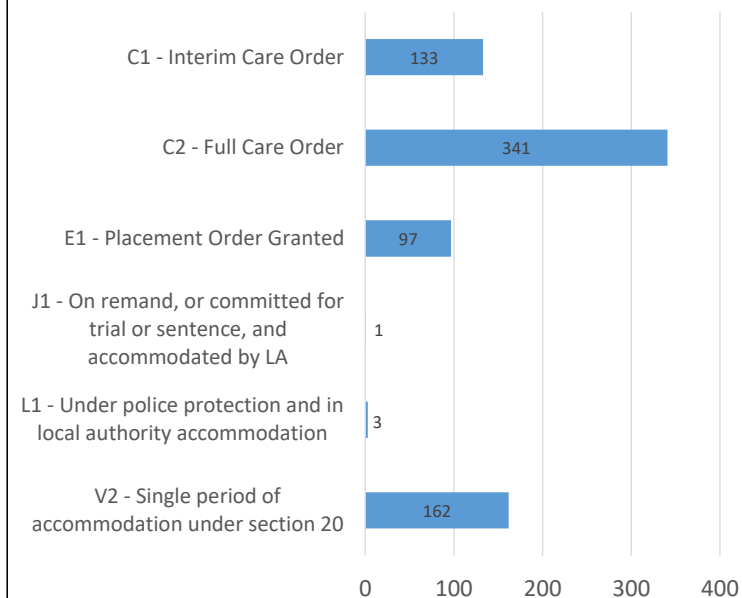
- The 'LAC population figure' measures the number of children who are in the care of the local authority at the end of each month.
- A 'UASC' is an Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child. A contribution of accommodating UASCs is met by the Government.
- The 'Became Looked After' and 'Ceased Looked After' are the numbers of children who entered and left care in the month.

Looked After Children - Demographics as at 31st August 2018

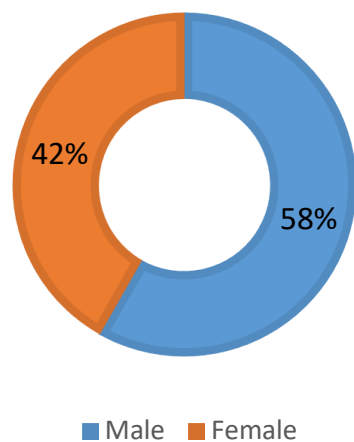
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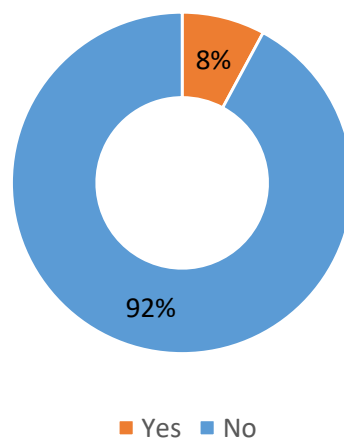
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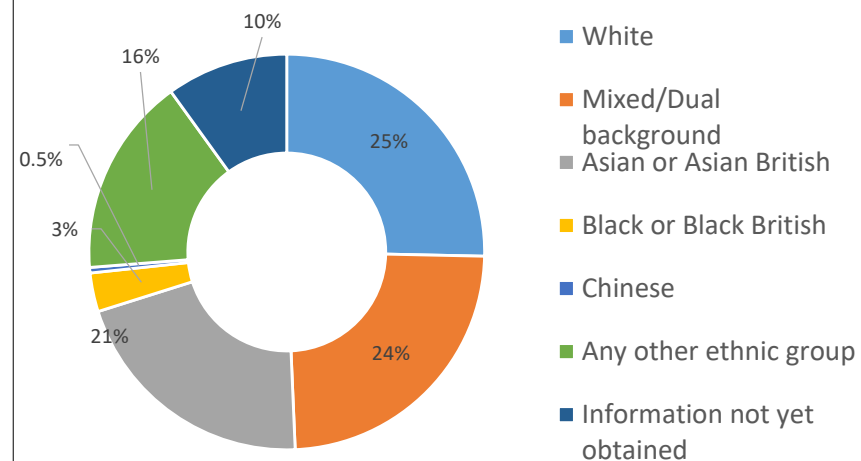
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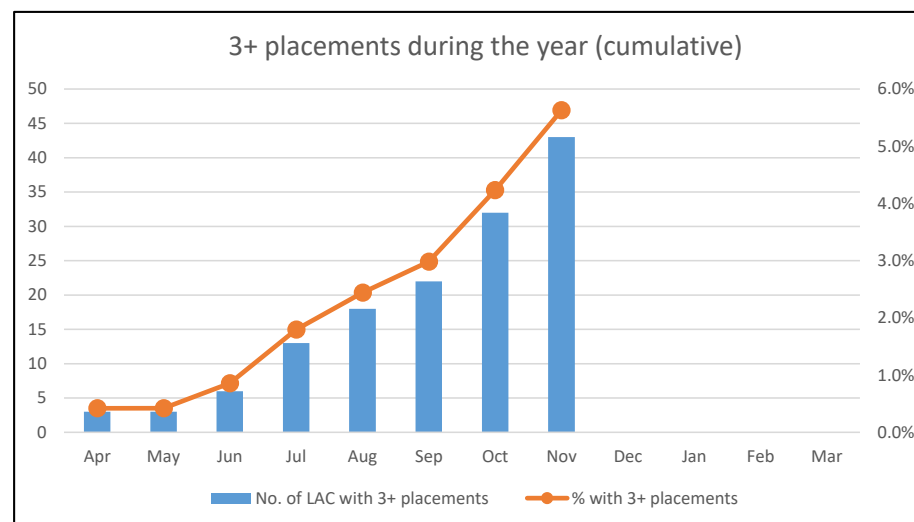
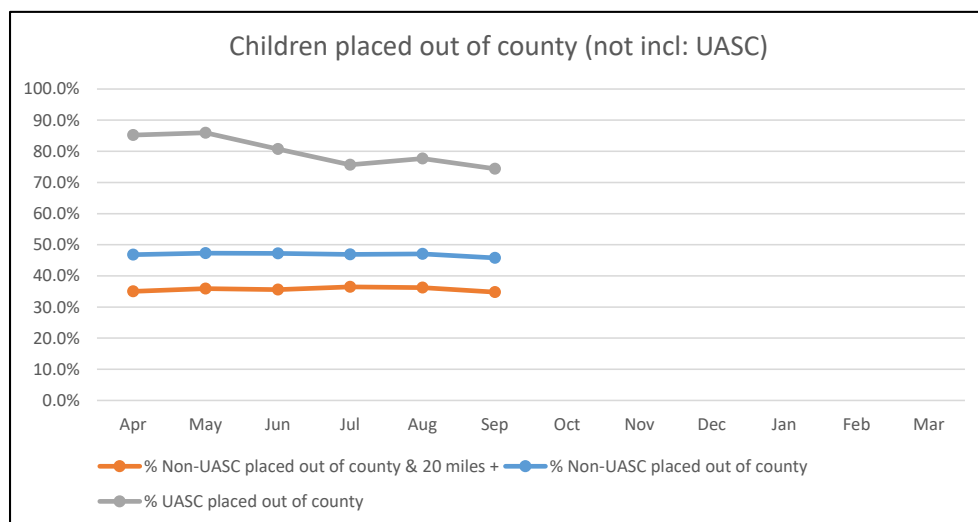
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Looked After Children - Placements

All LAC children placed IN county	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
LAC placed In county	357	353	351	363	364	376	363	362						361
Children placed out of county (not incl: UASC)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
LAC placed out of county	306	312	304	305	307	300	322	331						311
% Non-UASC placed out of county	46.8%	47.3%	47.2%	46.9%	47.1%	45.8%	48.2%	48.8%						47.3%
LAC placed out of county & 20 miles +	229	239	228	237	236	228	250	256						238
% Non-UASC placed out of county & 20 miles +	35.0%	35.9%	35.6%	36.5%	36.2%	34.8%	37.4%	37.8%						36.1%
UASC placed out of county	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
UASC placed out of county	52	49	46	56	66	61	71	71						59
% UASC placed out of county	85.2%	86.0%	80.7%	75.7%	77.6%	74.4%	80.7%	82.6%						80.4%

3+ placements during the year (cumulative)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend
No. of LAC with 3+ placements	3	3	6	13	18	22	32	43					
% with 3+ placements	0.4%	0.4%	0.9%	1.8%	2.4%	3.0%	4.2%	5.6%					
Target	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%	1.7%	2.1%	2.5%	2.9%	3.4%	3.8%	4.2%	4.6%	5.0%	



Commentary:

52% of the looked after population have placements in County. 10% of Cambridgeshire's looked after children have had 3 or more changes in placement. There may be a number of reasons for this for example, a 3rd placement change may be to a child's permanent placement while another may be as a result placement breakdown. We are looking at the details behind these to better understand the reasons for placement changes. A high proportion of unaccompanied asylum seeking young people are placed out of County and this is due to lack of availability of accommodation in Cambridgeshire.

Notes on data and definitions:

- LAC placed In county - Children who have been placed into care within the Cambridgeshire.
- 'Looked After Children placed out of county' measures the number of children we are responsible for who are placed into care outside of the Cambridgeshire area.
- We also measure those who have been placed into care outside Cambridgeshire who are 20 miles or more from the home they lived in before they became a looked after child.
- We count separately the number of UASC who are placed into care outside Cambridgeshire.
- 3+ placements is a count of the number of 3 or more placement changes a looked after child has had since the start of April to fall in line with statutory reporting. This is measured cumulatively. We measure the number of placement changes to understand a child's placement stability whilst in care.

Looked After Children - Placement Types In and Out of County as at end of August 2018

Placement Type	In	Out
A4 - Placed for adoption with consent not with current foster carer		
A5 - Placed for adoption with placement order with current foster carer		2
A6 - Placed for adoption with placement order not with current foster carer	16	16
H5 - Residential accommodation not subject to Children's homes regulations	27	50
K1 - Secure Unit		2
K2 - Homes and Hostels	27	31
M3 - Whereabouts unknown		
P1 - Placed with own Parents or Those with Parental Responsibility	6	5
P2 - Independent Living	1	
Q1 - Foster Placement with Relative or Friend	4	3
Q2 - Placement with other Foster Carer	36	42
R1 - Residential Care Home		2
R2 - NHS/Health trust or other establishment providing medical or nursing care	1	
R3 - Family Centre/Mother and Baby Unit	1	
R5 - Young Offender Institution or Prison		2
S1 - All Residential Schools, except where dual-registered as a school and Children's Home	4	5
T0 - All types of temporary move		
T4 - Temporary accommodation of seven days or less, for any reason, not covered by codes T1 to T3	2	
U1 Foster placement with relative or friend- long term fostering	10	8
U2 Foster placement with relative or friend who is also an approved adopter- FFA	2	1
U3 Foster placement with relative or friend- not long term or FFA	11	3
U4 Placement with other foster carer- long term fostering	91	84
U5 Placement with other foster carer who is also an approved adopter- FFA	8	3
U6 Placement with other foster carer - not long term or FFA	117	108
Z1 - Other Placement		2
Unknown		4
Total	364	373

Commentary:







The location of adopters is always based on securing the best possible match for children so it is expected that children be in and out of county based on the best adopters to meet their needs. 8% of children are placed in children's homes. Some of these children will have disabilities and will require specially equipped settings to meet their needs. 76% of all looked after children are placed with foster carers.


Notes on data and definitions:

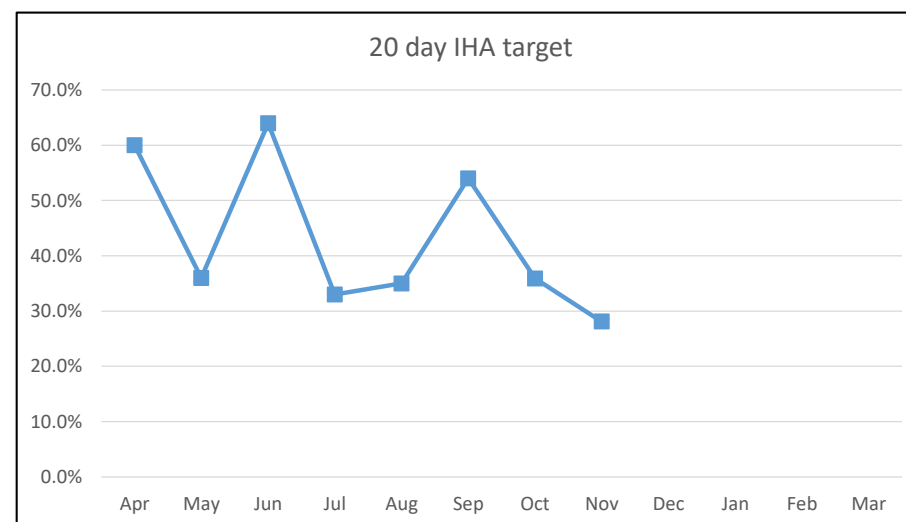
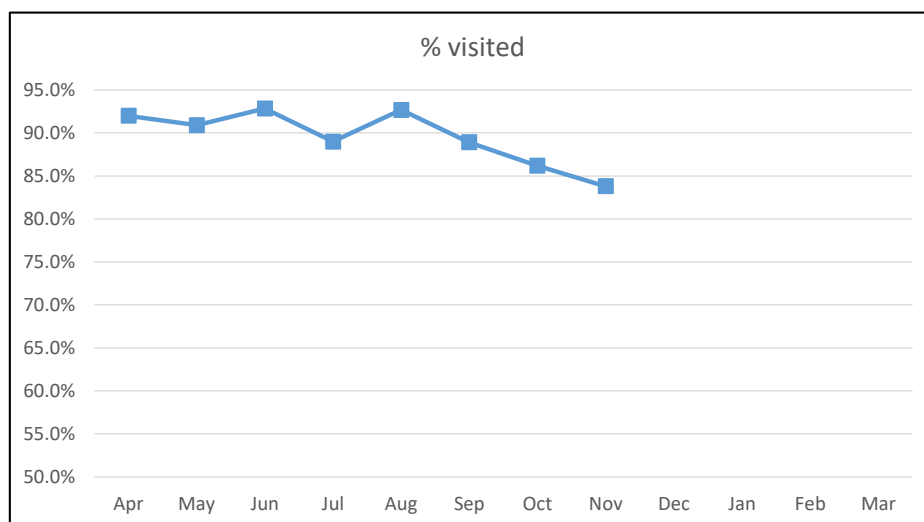
The table compares all Looked After Children placed in care within Cambridgeshire and outside the Cambridgeshire county area.

The codes and descriptions of the Placement Types are defined by the Department for Education which are used in the Looked After Children Statutory Data Returns each year.

Looked After Children -Visits, Reviews and Health

Visits and Reviews	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Children to be visited	512	505	503	509	533	505	564	605						530
No. not seen in timescale	41	46	36	56	39	56	78	98						56
% visited	92.0%	90.9%	92.8%	89.0%	92.7%	88.9%	86.2%	83.8%						89.5%
Late Reviews this month	23	25	9	12	7	1	9	10						12
Cumulative late reviews	23	48	57	69	76	77	86	96						
% reviews in timescale	81.6%	73.4%	85.7%	81.8%	94.0%	99.0%	92.9%	84.6%						86.6%

Health	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
20 day IHA target	60.0%	36.0%	64.0%	33.0%	35.0%	54.0%	35.9%	28.1%						














Commentary: Performance around children being visited has risen by 22 percentage points since April 2017. The month of February saw a dip in the timeliness of Looked After reviews and this was around adverse weather conditions in that month causing meetings to need to be rescheduled. Performance around newly looked after children having their health assessment in 20 days of becoming looked after has fallen in February to 43%. This is around the late notification from children's social care to health. There were also a number of large sibling groups arriving in care, impacting on clinic time and Nurse availability. 6 of the children placed out of County did not have their health assessments within the 20 day timescale. Their health assessments are organised by the hosting Primary Care Trust and Cambridgeshire can not specifically determine when their assessment takes place. The 20 day timescale is national guidance so all Health trusts do work to the same arrangements, but it is important to highlight that Health authorities will prioritise seeing children from their local area, before assessing the needs of children placed in their area by other authorities.

Notes on data and definitions:

- The 'Children to be visited' measures the number of children who are due a visit in the reporting month.
- **LAC Visits:** The number of children not seen in timescale are those who were due a visit in the reporting month, but were not seen in timescale.
- **LAC Reviews:** The 'Late Reviews this month' are those LAC children whose LAC Review did not take place. We also record the cumulative late reviews throughout the year as well as the % of reviews in timescale each month.
- An Initial Health Assessments (IHA) for all children must take place within 20 working days of them becoming looked after. The NHS provide the percentage of children who had their IHA within 20 working days.

Looked After Children - Care Leavers and Adoption

Care Leavers	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Care leaver cohort	33	32	31	44	20	23	33	17						29
Care leavers in suitable accommodation - Yes	26	29	29	42	15	19	25	14						25
Care leavers in suitable accommodation - Unknown	7	3	2	2	5	4	8	3						4
Care leavers who are EET -Yes	18	19	17	27	10	12	17	12						17
Care leavers who are EET - Unknown	15	13	14	17	10	11	16	5						13
Care leavers in touch - Yes	28	29	28	41	16	19	27	14						25
Care leavers in touch - Returned Home	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2						1
Care leavers in touch - No Longer Required	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0

Corum Cambridge Adoption	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Number of adoptions per month	3	3	4	0	3	6	1	5						3
Average time between child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family (days)	244	226	437	0	N/A	321	225	297.8						250
Average time between an LA receiving court authority to place a child and the LA deciding on a match	102	61	213	0	N/A	96	42	94.4						87
Children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family	100%	100%	75%	0%	N/A	100%	100%	100%						82.1%

Commentary:

The data relating to care leavers is presented in the same way all Local Authorities are required to report into the Department for Education.

In January the cohort for Care Leavers is higher than average. This is due to 12 of the children being UASC with the 1st January recorded as their birth date when their actual birth date is unknown.

The Care Leaver Cohort are the Care Leavers whose 17th, 18th 19th, 20th and 21st birthdays fell within the reporting month. There are approximately 275 care leavers within the 15-25 service in total. Performance in relation to children waiting less than 14 months to be adopted has been 100% with the exception being in the month of December.

In January and February 2018, 8 children were adopted.

Notes on data and definitions:

- Care Leaver Cohort - the Care Leavers whose 17th, 18th 19th, 20th and 21st birthdays fell within the reporting month.
- Suitable Accommodation. Whether accommodation is deemed 'suitable' is judged on an individual case. The Department for Education judge the following accommodation types as suitable ('Parents or relatives', 'Community home or other form of residential care', 'Semi-independent', 'transitional accommodation', 'Supported lodgings', 'Ordinary lodgings' without formal support, 'Foyers and similar supported accommodation' and 'Independent living')
- In Touch. There should be "contact" between the authority and the young person around 3 months before and one month after the Care Leaver's birthday. This is designed to monitor the situation of young people when they have left care, rather than their situation immediately before they left care.
- We measure main activity for Care Leavers on or around their 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th or 21st birthday when we are in touch with them. This is reflected in the Education, Employment and Training (EET) numbers.

Looked After Children - Education

Education	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
% yr 12s who are in learning	95.0%	94.6%	94.3%	93.3%	92.7%	88.5%	94.9%	95.7%						
% yr 13s who are in learning	90.6%	90.3%	90.2%	90.0%	89.6%	87.5%	92.0%	92.0%						
% of 16-18 yr olds who are NEET	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	2.0%	2.5%	2.5%						

Commentary:



There has been an improvement in the number of year 12 and 13 children in learning since April 2017.

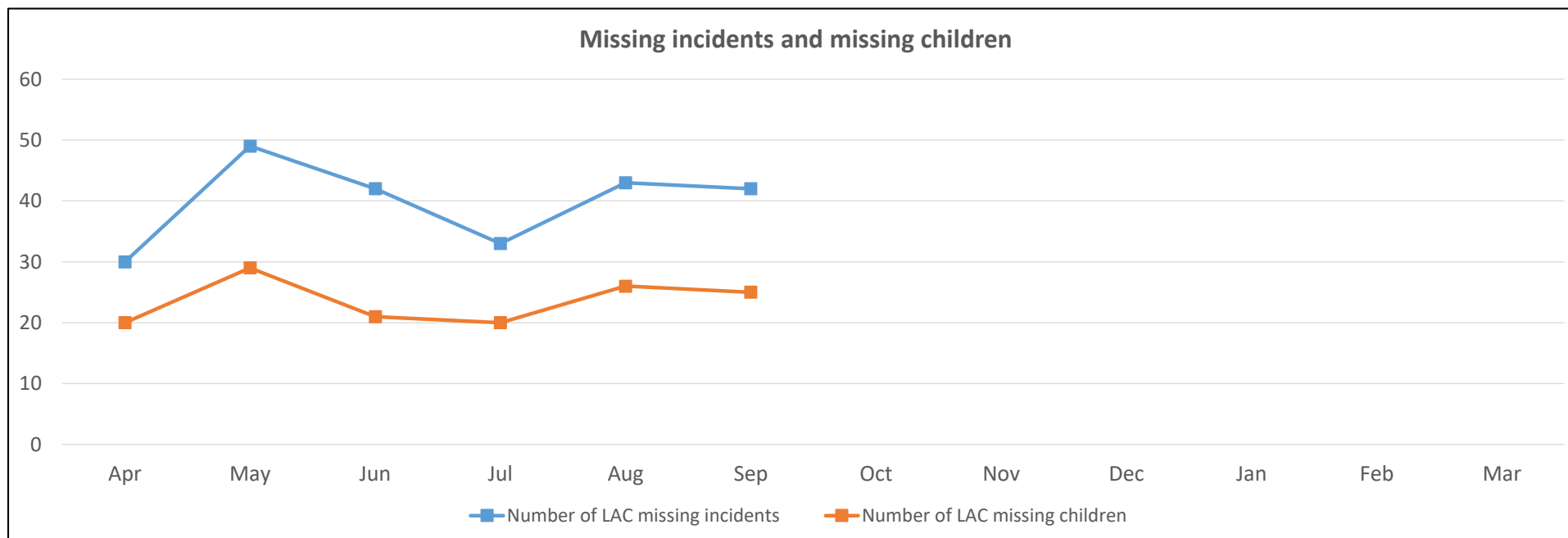
Notes on data and definitions:

- Measures of the percentage of year 12s and 13s currently in some form of learning.

- NEET - Not in Education, Employment or Training.

Looked After Children - Missing

LAC - Missing	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Number of LAC missing incidents	30	49	42	33	43	42	48	54						42.6
Number of LAC missing children	20	29	21	20	26	25	29	33						25.4








Commentary:






The number of missing children and missing incidents has decreased over the course of this reporting year. There is a multi-agency network around children missing who work hard together to support this extremely vulnerable group. It is considered that the reduction in figures is a result of a strong multi-agency approach and positive interventions.

Notes on data and definitions:

- Each episode of a child going missing is recorded as a missing incident
- A Looked After Child who goes missing during the month will be recorded as a missing child only once, but if they go missing multiple times then they generate more than one missing incident during the month.

All Children - Child Sexual Exploitation and Gang Exploitation

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) (All Children)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Trend	Average
Gender														
Male	29	29	29	44	42	40	40	38						36.4
Female	67	67	63	87	86	85	92	98						80.6
Age of children														
0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0.0
9-12	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	3						1.6
13-16	73	73	69	103	103	100	106	110						92.1
17+	22	22	22	25	23	24	25	23						23.3

Gang Exploitation (All Children)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb		Trend	Average
Gender														
Male	22	22	23	34	31	31	39	39						30.1
Female	4	4	4	7	7	7	10	12						6.9
Age of children														
0-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							0.0
9-12	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1						1.1
13-16	18	18	19	30	30	30	36	37						27.3
17+	7	7	7	9	7	7	12	13						8.6

Commentary:

February saw a sharp increase in the number of boys at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation and local intelligence will be being used to look at what is happening to safeguard children. The number of children with gang involvement has remained relatively stable during 2017-18.

Notes on data and definitions:

- As part of a child's assessment practitioners assess a child or young person's level of risk of child sexual exploitation (CSE). CSE is defined as children under 18 in exploitative situations, contexts or relationships where they receive 'something' (e.g. food, accommodation, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, affection, gifts, money) as a result of them performing, and/or another or others performing on them, sexual activities.

- As part of a child's assessment practitioners assess a child or young person's level of risk of gang exploitation. The definition of being at risk of gang-related exploitation is - There are tangible indicators/evidence that suggests risks that a young person is being groomed and/or coerced into moving or selling drugs and being involved in other violence related gang activity, e.g. missing episodes with limited information on whereabouts and/or involvement with groups involved in the supply of drugs and carrying of weapons'.