

Appendix 4 – 2023/24 Q1

CHILDREN’S SERVICES, EDUCATION AND LIFELONG SKILLS

Cabinet Member: Councillor Debbie Andre		
Portfolio Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption • Fostering • Disabled Children Support • Respite Care • Early Help • Care Leavers • Safeguarding • Short Breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Service • Special Educational Needs • Alternative Education • Early Years Development • School Improvement • Schools • Asset Management • Home to School Transport • Youth Council and Youth MP

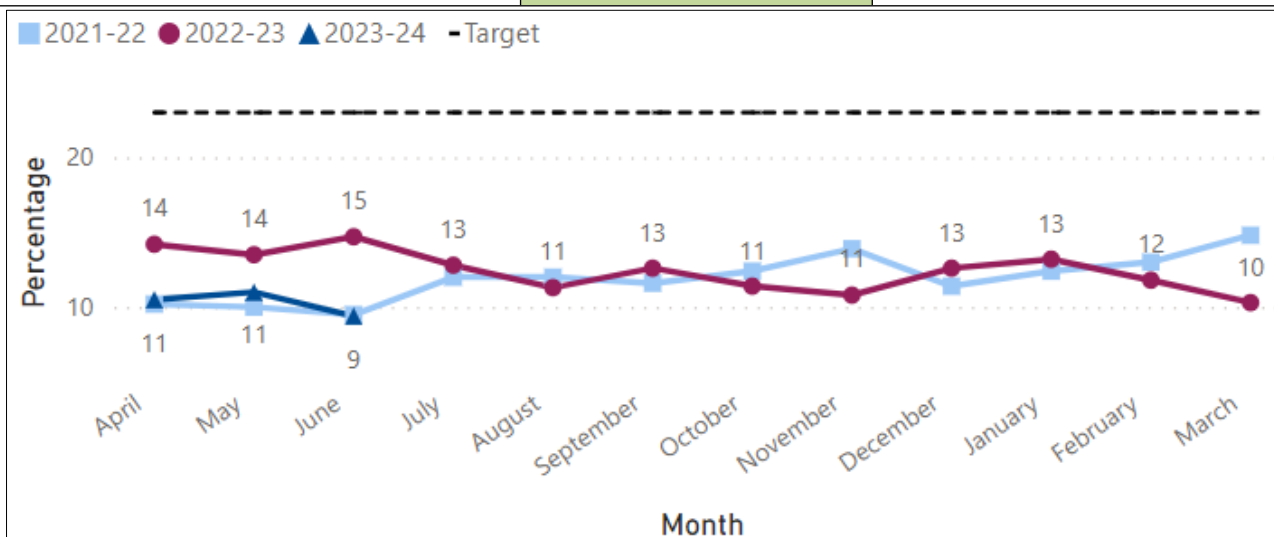
Performance Measures

Percentage of children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (within two years of the previous plans end date)

Aim: The percentage of children becoming subject of a second or subsequent plan remains below 23 percent.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: June 2023	GREEN
Previous Status: March 2023	GREEN

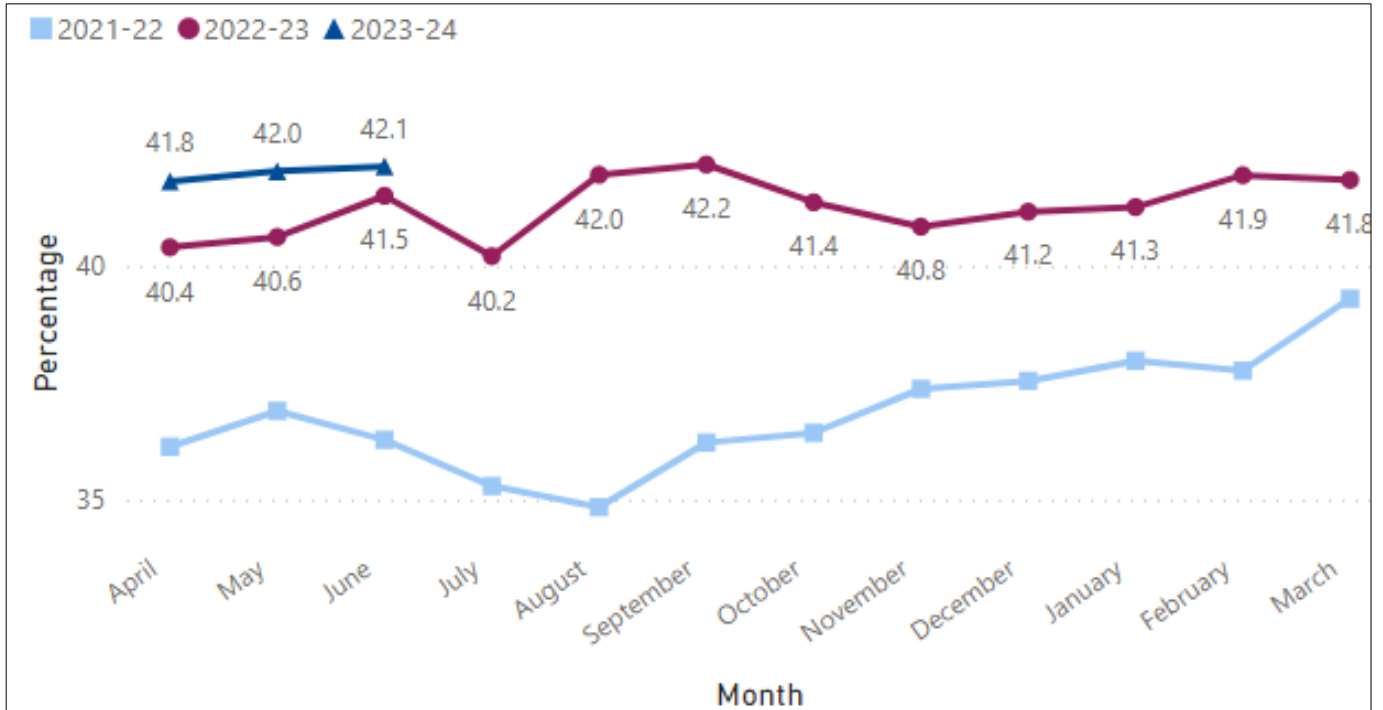


- The management team reviews each case of a child who is subject to a second or subsequent child protection plan within two years to ensure that the response from the social care teams and Independent Reviewing Service is proportionate, and to provide assurance that there were no missed opportunities for earlier intervention or support.
- The reason for the second or subsequent child protection plan is analysed; the majority being because of associated issues with the first child protection plan such as domestic abuse, adult substance misuse and/or adult mental health.

Percentage of children with a referral within 12 months of a previous referral

Aim: The percentage of children with a referral within 12 months is below 30 percent target
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: June 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: March 2023	Monitoring Measure

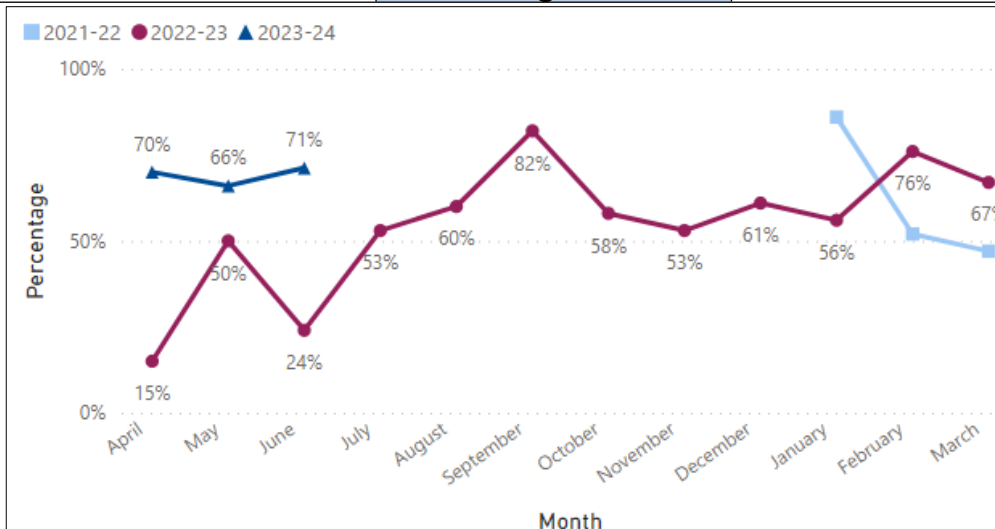


- Unlike other local authorities, the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) counts all re-referrals to ensure a more accurate view rather than only counting those re-referrals that originally progressed to an authorised completed assessment.
- Additional corporate investment was made to increase the number of frontline social workers to prepare and respond to this rise in demand, although recruitment of qualified social workers remains challenging both regionally and nationally.

Percentage of early help cases closed with outcomes achieved

Aim: The percentage of children with a referral within 12 months is below 30 percent target
UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: June 2023	Monitoring Measure
Previous Status: March 2023	Monitoring Measure



- There are assorted reasons for closure of Early Help cases, of which outcomes is one. The number of closed cases and of those with outcomes achieved is shown in the below table.
- Many of the cases reported during this period were closed under the category of 'other,' which makes it hard to distinguish whether outcomes have been achieved.

Percentage of primary and secondary schools graded as good or outstanding in the most recent inspection (not including schools with no inspection score)

Aim: Increase in the number of schools graded good or outstanding in the most recent inspection.

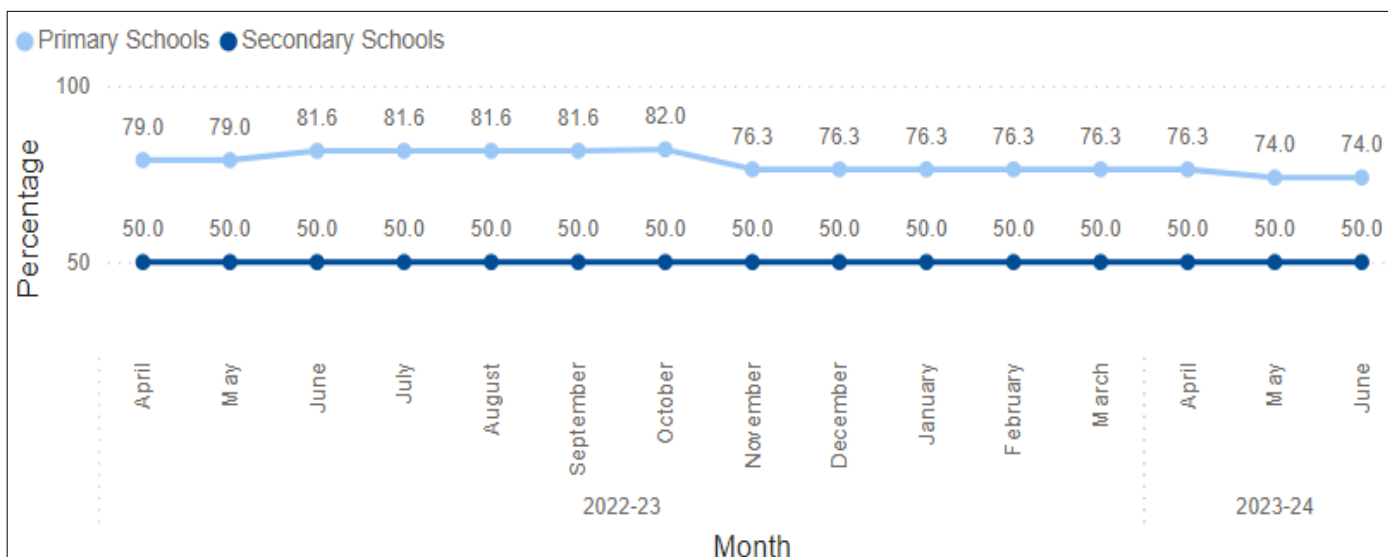
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Most Recent Status: April 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: June 2023

Monitoring Measure



- No further secondary school inspections have taken place that have had reports published as of June 2023
- The Bay All Through School inspection report was published in April 2023, the school was graded good.
- Four further primary inspections were published during this period, Newport, St Blasius and Freshwater and Yarmouth all judged to be good. Greenmount was judged to be RI. New leadership is in place in Greenmount from September and a collaboration has been established between Greenmount and Gatten and Lake Primary School. This collaboration will secure rapid improvement at Greenmount.

Percentage of all Isle of Wight LA schools graded good or outstanding in most recent inspection

Aim: Increase in the percentage of schools graded good or outstanding in the most recent inspection.

UN Sustainable Development Goal: 3

Most Recent Status: April 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: June 2023

Monitoring Measure

Schools	Inadequate	Requires Improvement	Good	Outstanding	Ungraded
49	0	13	36	0	0
	0.00%	26.00%	74.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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Percentage of care leavers in education, employment, or training (all care leavers aged over 16)

Aim: Increase in the percentage of care leavers in education, employment, or training

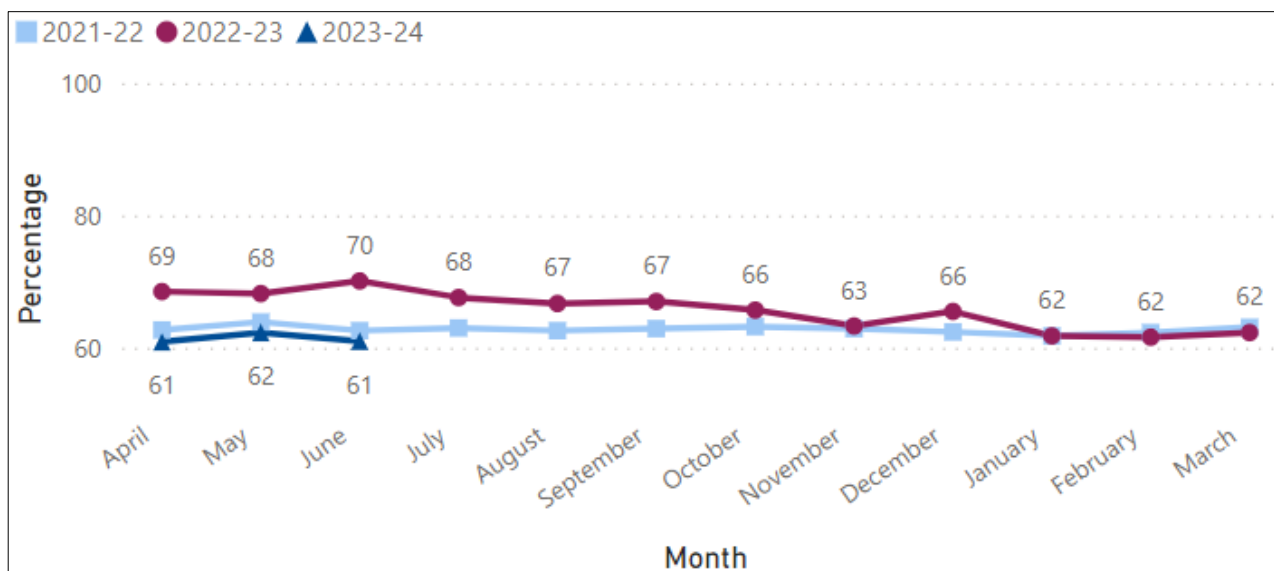
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Previous Status: March 2023

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- The team continue to support young people access University providing role models to other young people.

Number of Post 16 Not in Education, Employment or Training

Aim: Decrease in the percentage of post 16 not in education, employment, or training

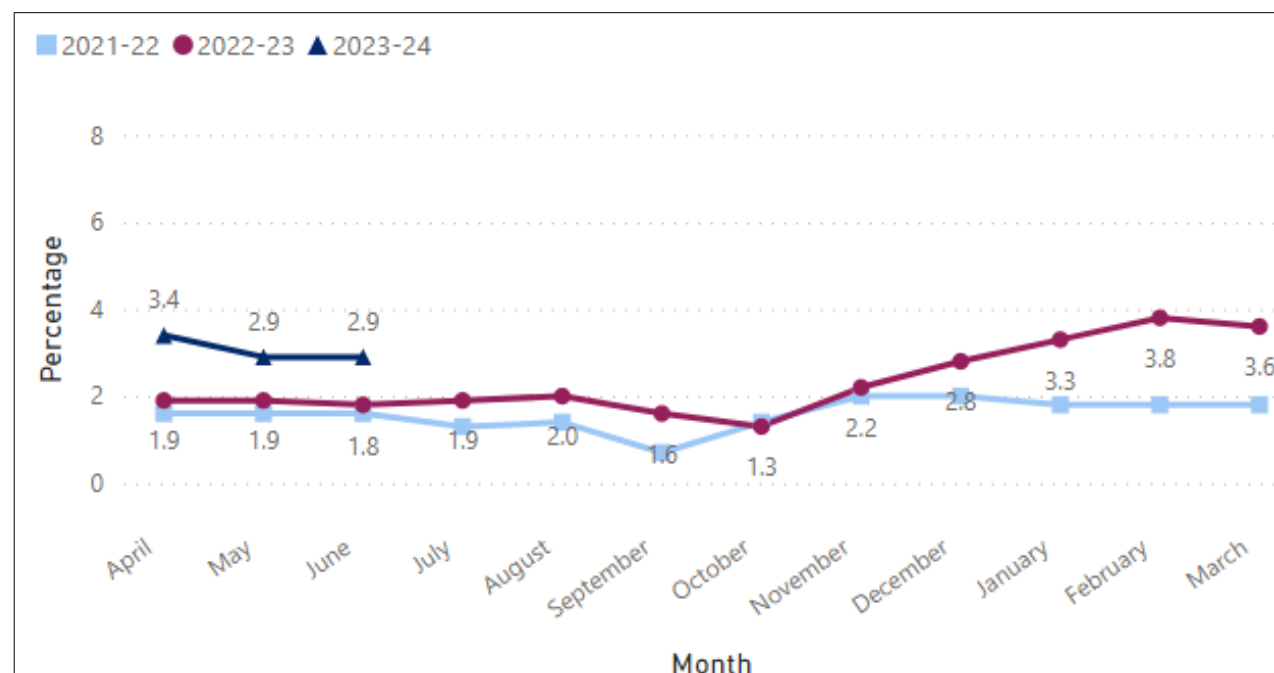
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Most Recent Status: June 2023

Monitoring Measure

Previous Status: March 2023

Monitoring Measure



- The Department for Education uses a combined measure of young people 16-18 who are either NEET or Unknown and publishes an annual average across the 3-month period December-February.
- Island Futures monitor young people's post 16 destinations (years 12 and 13) and provide careers, education, employment, or training support to young people identified as NEET.

Service Updates - Key Aspirations and Ongoing Business

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 3:

Participation has continued to progress in children's services this quarter with Come Dine with Us continuing and an activity at Robin Hill to engage with our Care experienced parents and their children. Elected members joined us for the annual star awards which celebrated the educational achievements of our children looked after and was a very positive event for all concerned.

We had a presentation of our Bright Spots Children in Care Survey with Coram Voice which was well attended by Officers and Elected Members and now further work is being undertaken to complete an action plan. The Bright Spots Your Life Beyond Care Survey has been received and plans are in place to share the findings of this in September.

HYPE has continued to meet, and plans are in place for them to begin to attend corporate parenting board. A care experienced young person has also been recruited to sit on fostering panel.

The Transforming SEND (TSEND) work continues apace with all workstreams on track to deliver against targets. Impower has been commissioned to work with the Isle of Wight as part of the Safety Valve deal and their work is guided by a steering group that includes IoW parent voice. The process for the special school build is underway and on track to open in 2027. The sufficiency strategy and self-evaluation against the Ofsted framework are underway and are being further informed by the feedback from the Alternative Provision Thematic Review inspection (of Hampshire learning transfers) that took place in June.

The Family Hub programme continues with its implementation plan with a full launch of all family hub sites planned for September 2023. The Isle of Wight hosted a visit from Dame Andrea Leadsom, in June, who requested to visit the local authority as one of the chosen LAs to receive funding for Family Hubs, and as a Trailblazer authority. Dame Leadsom had the opportunity to visit a main hub site in Ryde, meet with children and their families and receive a full briefing from the Programme Team plus other LA teams and partner agencies.

The quality assurance programme continues with monthly casefile auditing and CFMT auditing of the audits to consider the quality of both the audit and the casework. Effective management oversight is tested as part of this process.

Children continue to be supported to live safely at home, when safe to do so including the progression of reunification plans for children. For those children in care suitable placements are made.

A review of the Social Care system implementation is started on 10 July 2023 to understand the progress and set a clear go live date.

Workstreams have begun to progress some Modernising Placement Programme (MPP) work on the Isle of Wight. Work continues to draw up a business case to progress MPP further.

Adopt South have continued to be successful with finding adoptive parents for the island's children and children have continued to move to adoptive families in a timely way. One island child has been formally matched and placed with their new adoptive family this quarter and plans are progressing with a match for three island siblings to an island adoptive family. The end of quarter 1 has seen all island children either matched or with a family identified.

The following activity supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 4:

The paper outlining a comprehensive place planning strategy that sought approval for a period of public consultation was ready for the June Cabinet meeting however was withdrawn between Pre-Cabinet and Cabinet.

A new paper seeking that Cabinet approves the publication of a Public Notice that achieves the amalgamation of Godshill Primary School and Chillerton and Rookley Primary School through the closure of Chillerton & Rookley Primary School with effect from the 31 December 2023 is being taken to the July Cabinet.

The Youth Council has appointed a new Chair and Vice Chair with nominated portfolio leads. The Chair and Transport lead met with managers at the ferry companies and Southern Vectis to challenge them on the cost and availability of transport on and off and around the island. They continue to meet monthly with attendance increasing. A new logo has been developed and social media is now used to promote the work of the Youth Council and to increase membership. The iwight.com webpages for the Youth Council have been updated. Two Youth Council on the road meets were hosted in 6th forms to promote membership.

The Youth Council has invited speakers from a range of organisations to question them on topics of their interest. 'Out On The Island' introduced their work to the Youth Council. Ryde Town Council and ASPIRE asked to come along to ask the Youth Council their advice on how Ryde Town Council could set up their own town youth council. The High Sheriff was invited to explain the role and to look to develop a share approach to promoting literacy amongst children. Fusion attended to explain the planned changes around NHS services especially improvements to CAMHS. South Wight Area Youth and Youth for Christ were invited to highlight their work with young people and to encourage them to nominate young people from their organisations to be part of the Youth Council. Membership of the British Youth Council has been paid for and reinstated and contact made with the regional network to be included. The Youth MP was supported recently to attend the British Youth Council national conference.

The Youth MP has not been added to corporate parenting board membership at this time as work continues to be ongoing to arrange for care experienced young people to be present at the board. When this has occurred, they can be asked about the Youth MP joining but the presence of care experienced young people is currently taking priority.

Work on school's performance is ongoing, with a continued focus of all involved on raising academic outcomes. The addition of significant training through the safety valve programme to better support children with SEND needs to be carefully balanced against that needed to ensure that children's progress against KPIs continues to improve, so that overload of schools and headteachers can be avoided.

Strategic Risks

Failure to improve educational attainment.		
Assigned to: Director of Children's Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (June 23)
16 VERY HIGH	6 LOW	10 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
Mar 23	Dec 22	Sep 22
10 MEDIUM	10 MEDIUM	10 MEDIUM
Risk score is consistent		

Failure to identify and effectively manage situations where vulnerable children are subject to abuse.		
Assigned to: Director of Children's Services		
Inherent score	Target score	Current score (June 23)
16 VERY HIGH	5 LOW	9 MEDIUM
Previous scores		
Mar 23	Dec 22	Sep 22
9 MEDIUM	7 MEDIUM	7 MEDIUM
No change in risk score		