

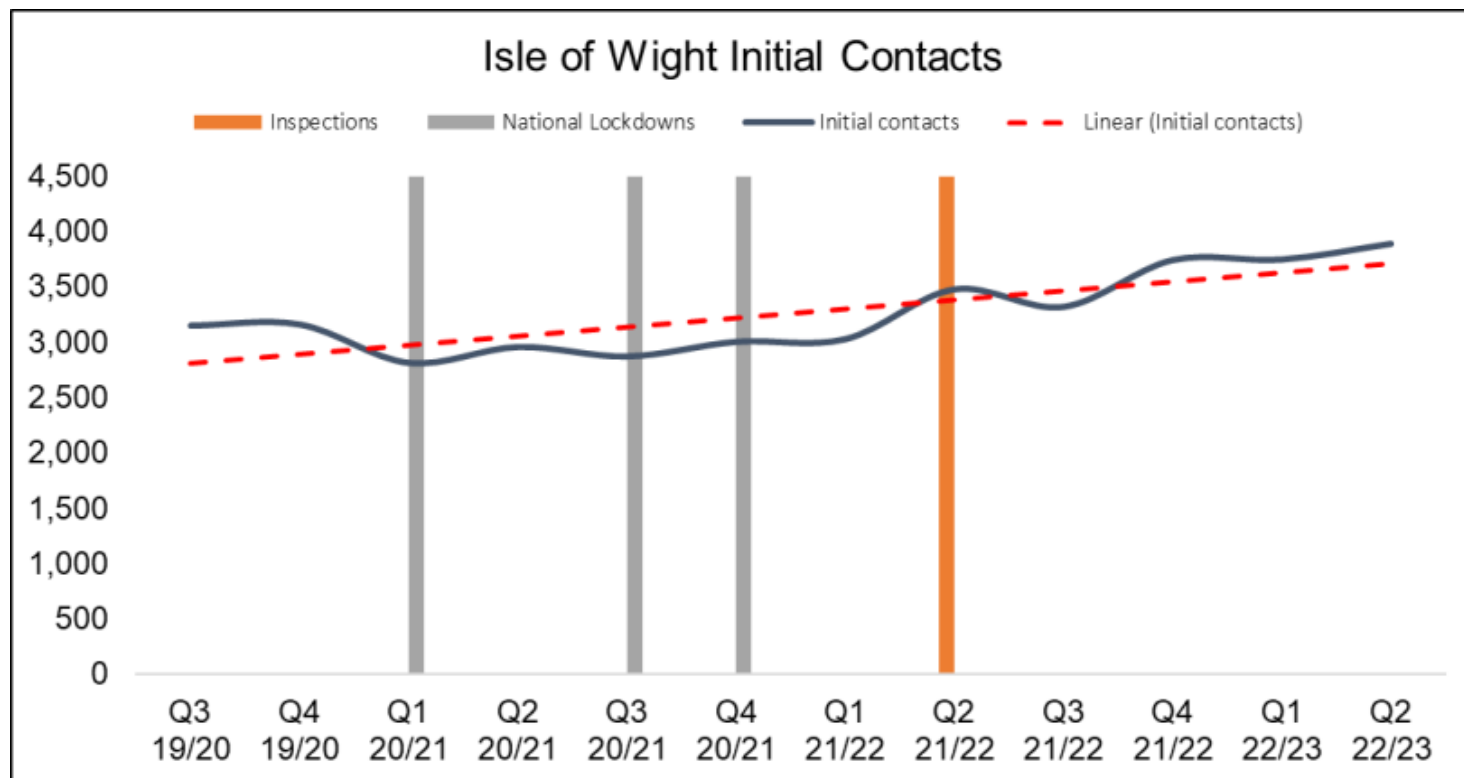
Children's Services Performance Quarter Two 2022/2023

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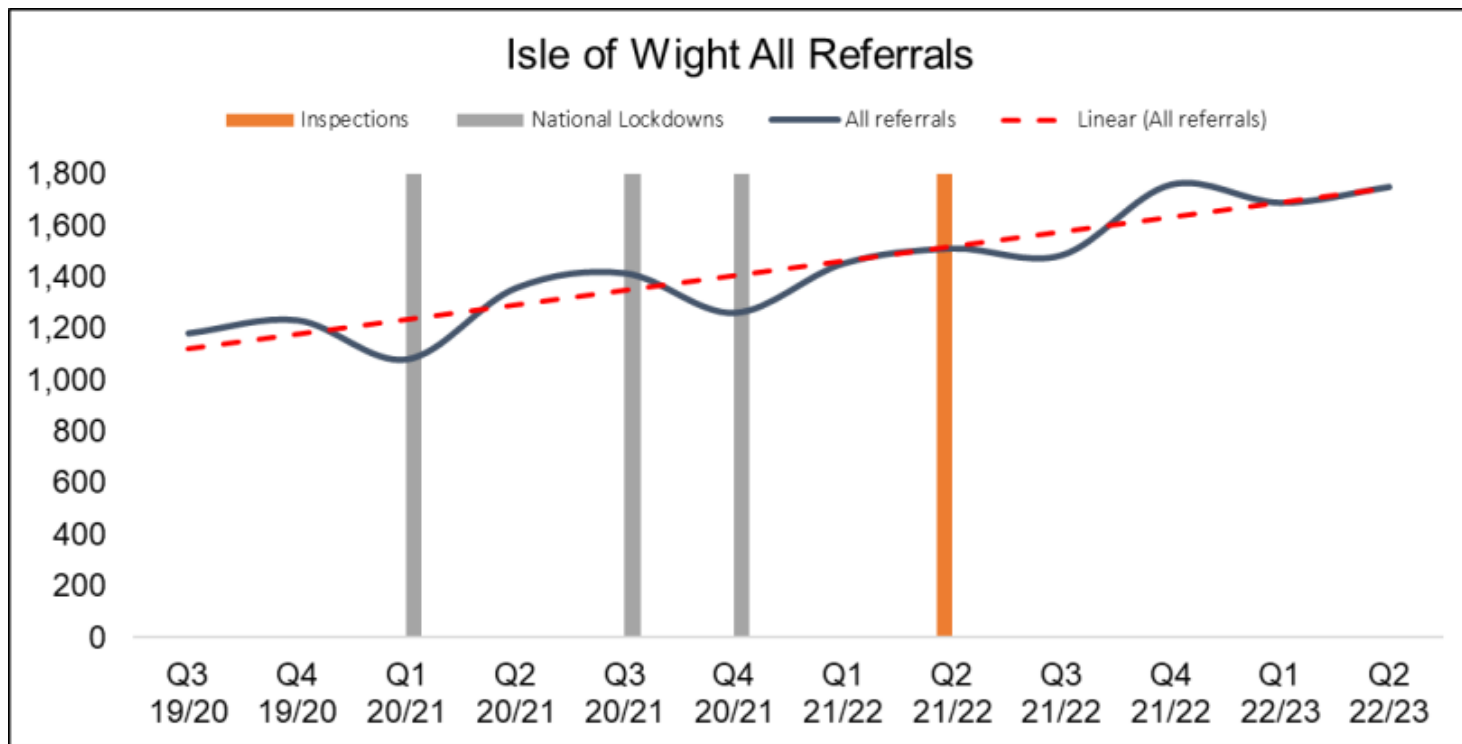
C&F Headlines

- Demand continues to rise across social care and early help, but good performance remains consistent.
- We are developing a senior social worker role in our CASTs for career progression and retention.
- We will implement the Care Review starting with the development of Family Help and recruitment of Family Practitioners.
- We will look to change our operating model in line with the care Review recommendations.

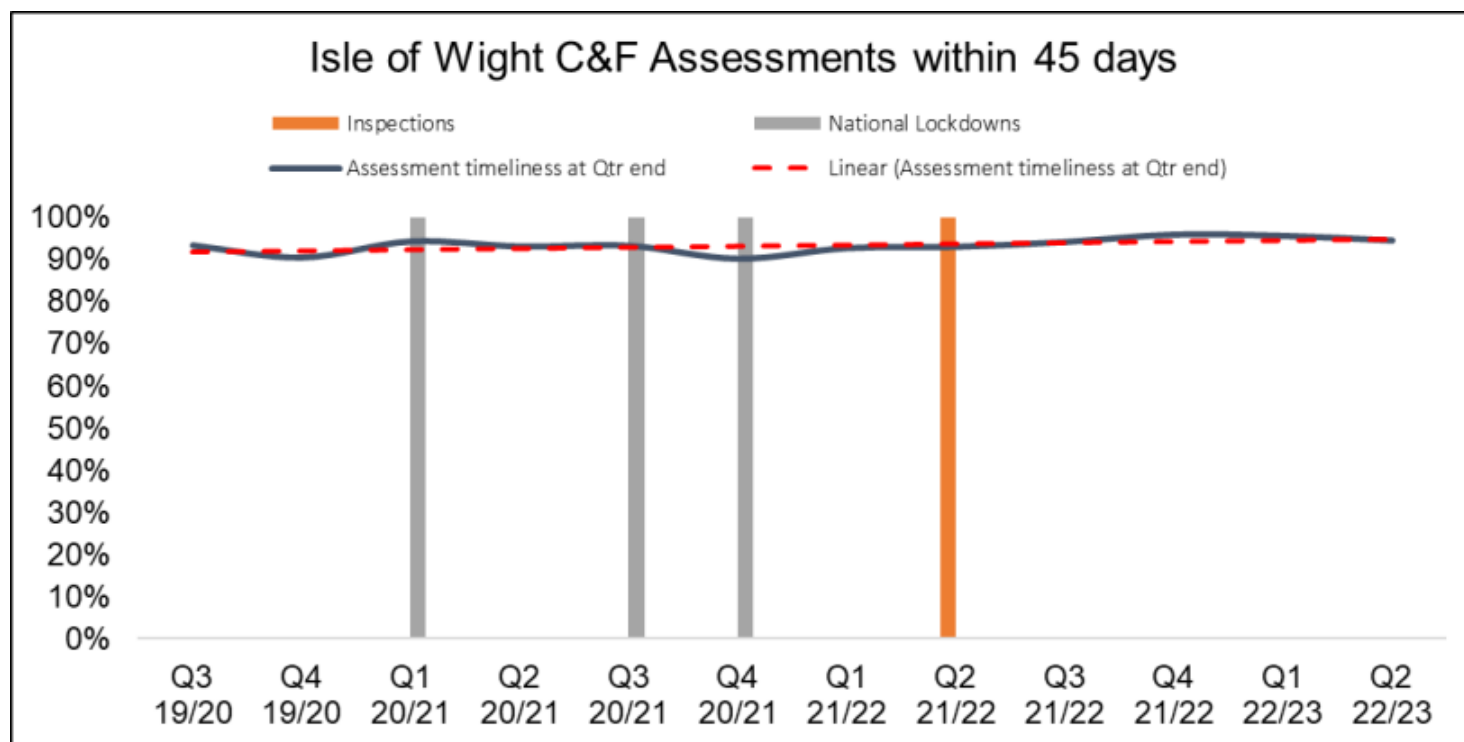
Performance – Contacts



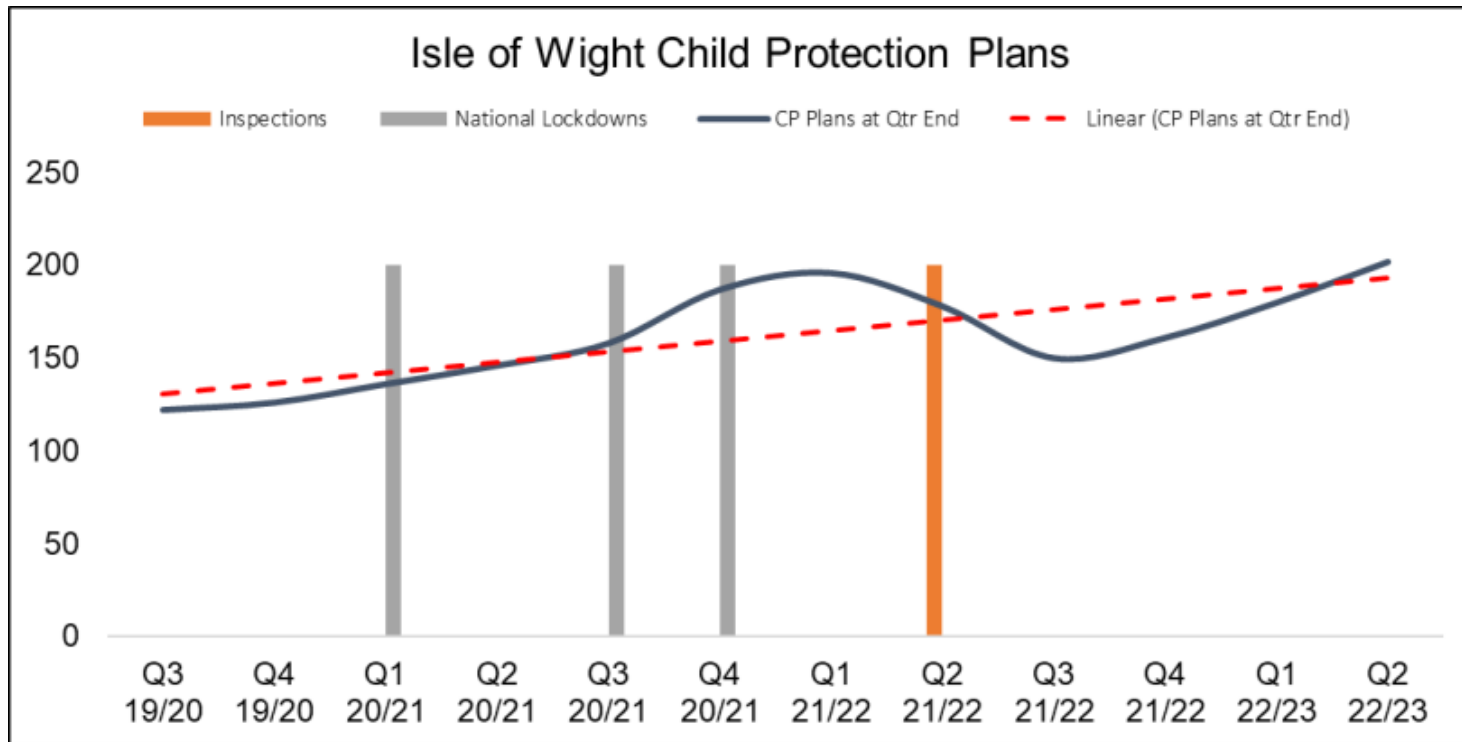
Performance - Referrals



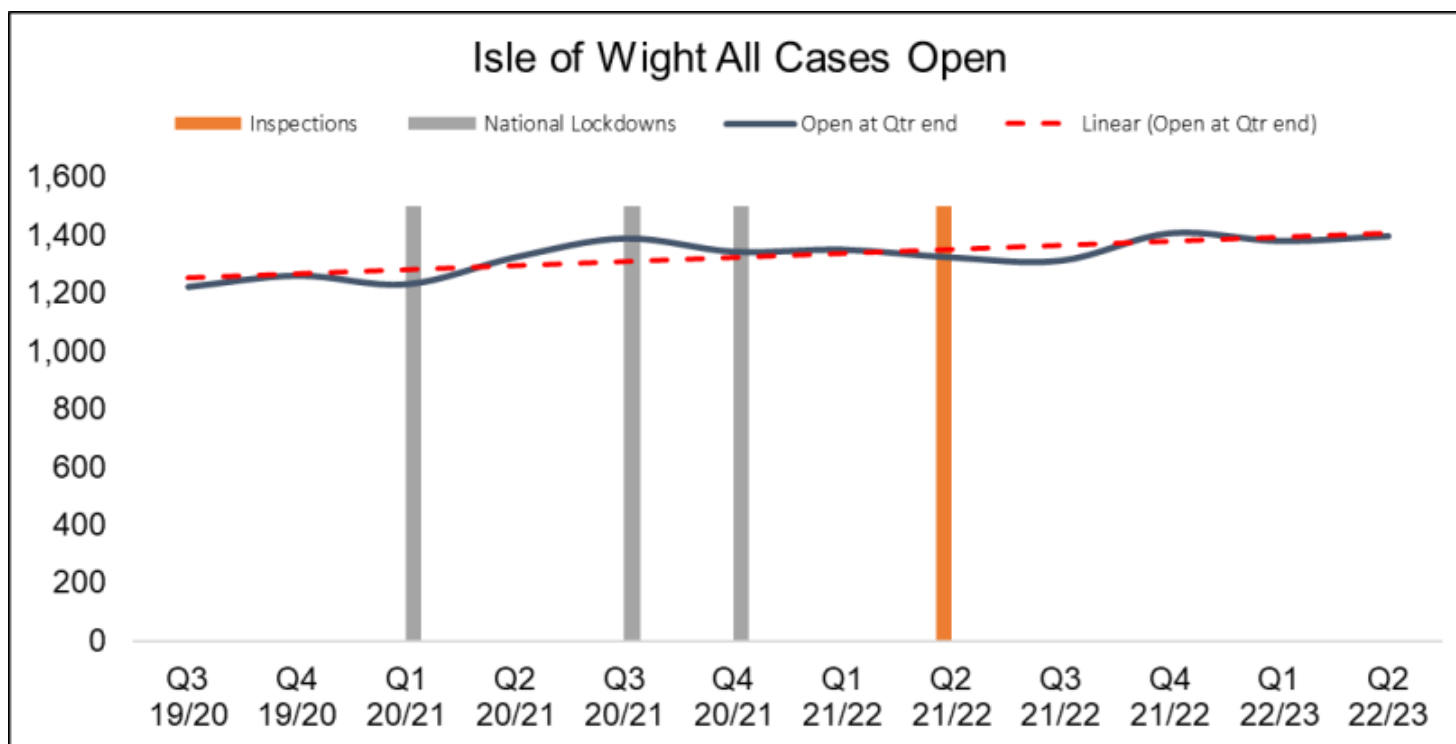
Performance- timely response



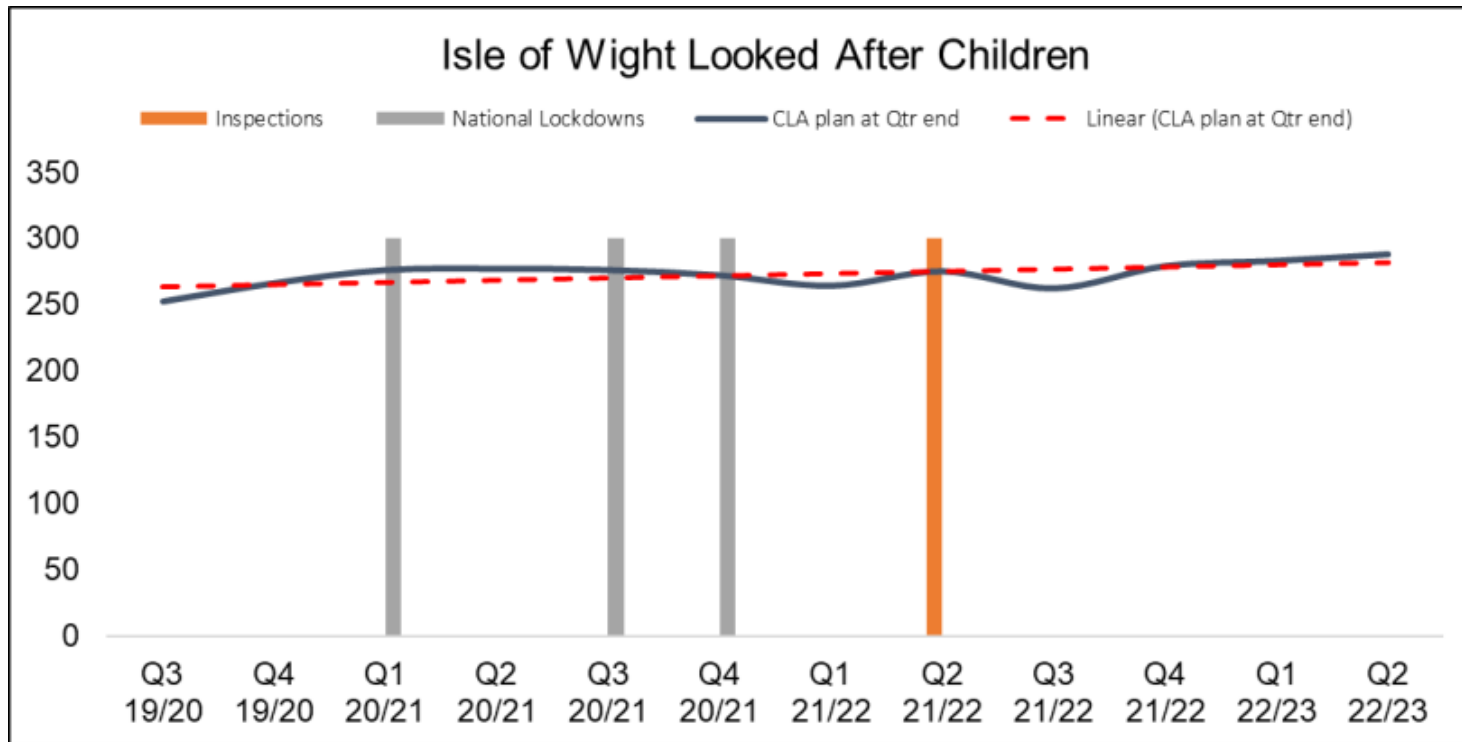
Children subject to child protection planning



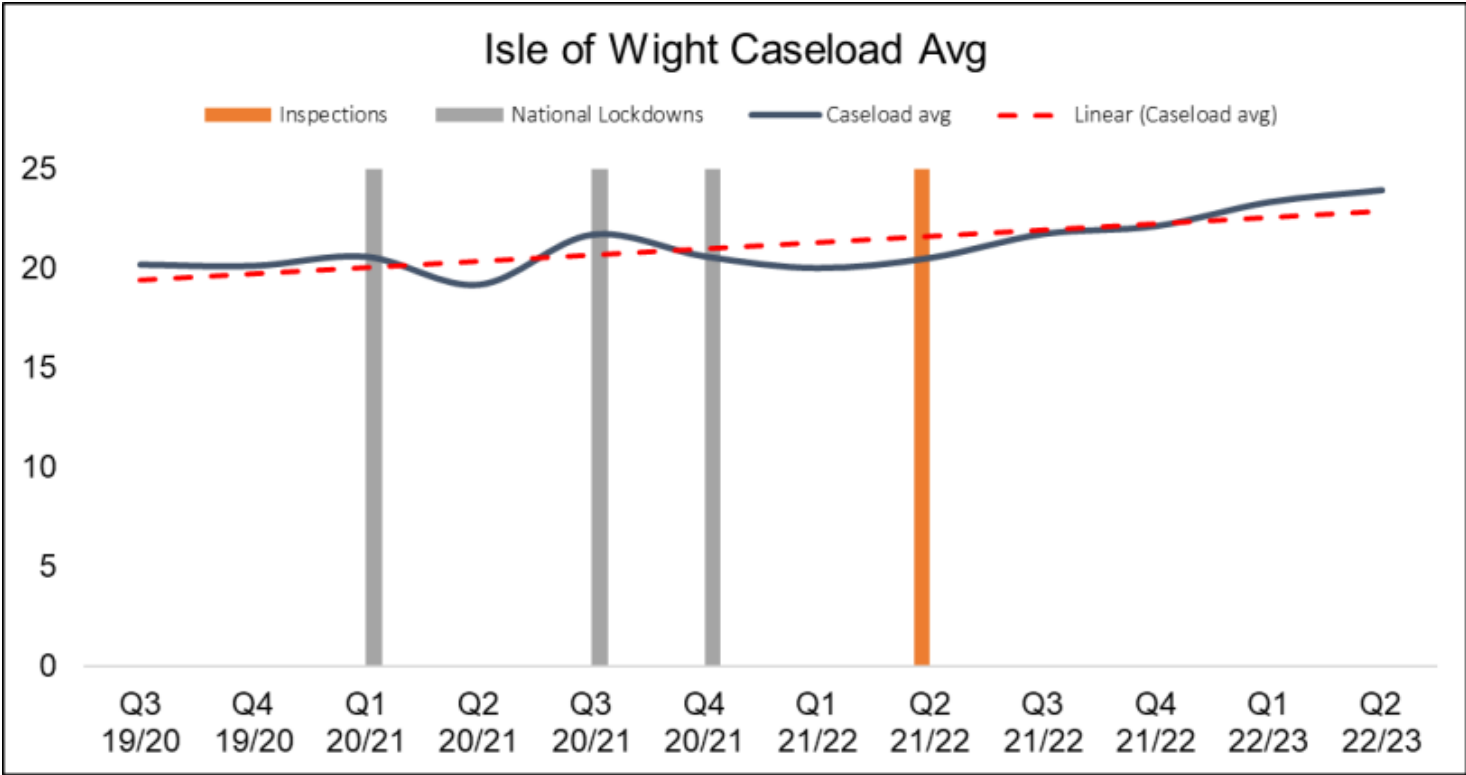
Children in need



Looked After Children (LAC)



Performance - Caseloads



Quality Assurance

- Case file auditing undertaken every month by ATMs, TMs, SMs and CFMT.
- In quarter two, 34 casefile audits were undertaken.
- Evidence of practitioner analysis which influences decision making in 94% of cases.
- Evidence that the assessment has informed the intervention/plan in 94% and evidence of positive outcomes as a result of this for the child/young person in 88% of cases.
- Case summaries reflect progress and positive changes for the child/young person in line with the assessment and plan in 75% of cases.
- There is evidence of management decisions in 91% of cases with decisions evidencing appropriate direction in the case to protect and improve outcomes for the child/young person.

Children in Care

- There were 270 children in the care of the Isle of Wight local authority at end of Q2, a reduction from 285 in August 2022 alone.
- With improved practice, the introduction of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Approach, RAFT delivering multi-agency support to priority cohorts it had been anticipated that there would be a gradual reduction of children on a child protection plan and then CIC.
- There is a shortage of skilled foster carers available on the island and residential and school provision on the island is limited. There is work being undertaken to try to improve the foster care and residential care provision to children on the island.
- Despite the challenges in finding placements for children the number of children with three or more moves has decreased. reduces the need for placement moves. There is good work between the placement team, fostering and children's teams to enable matches to be strong.

Challenges around placements and supported accommodation due to increased demand

The Isle of Wight developed a commissioning framework for supported accommodation for young people in care aged 16/17 years and for care experienced young people.

This is called Pathways to Independent Adulthood and was developed with young people as an action from the Corporate Parenting Board.

Current challenge is the providers are meeting the needs of young people to be ready to move on to independent living. However, due to the lack of available and affordable accommodation, young people remain in supported accommodation meaning other young people cannot step down from residential or foster care into supported accommodation.

Challenges around placements and supported accommodation due to increased demand

Financial cost is significant.

Residential and Secure Placement Forecast Outturn = £6.7M

Purchased Fostering (IFA) = £2M

Supported Accommodation = £1.4M

Total = £10.1M

The Pathways Framework has 25 units spread over 5 providers.

At the end of the period IOW have 15 children aged 16/17 years old in supported accommodation.

12 of these are on the Isle of Wight and with contracted providers who have provided evidence of their eligibility as part of the tender process.

Modernising Placements Programme

MPP is a transformational programme within Children's Services, which started in October 2019, part of which is to increase the number, choice and quality of homes for children in care to live, though we continue to face many challenges. The Isle of Wight is benefiting from the experience of Hampshire who are delivering MPP for the Isle of Wight.

