City priorities 1 Children and young people get the best possible start in life



# Corporate Parenting Board Areas of Focus

11/01/2024

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### Numbers of Children and Young People In Care

Number of Children and Young People in Care (Month End Snapshots)



Levels of Children and young people in care have been slowly increasing over the past 12 months. November saw the number of CaYPIC peak at 524, the highest number recorded since December 2021.

As of 20/12/2023 there are 518 CAYPIC.



In November, there were 23 children and young people admitted to care; an increase of four compared to the previous month.

**Service Comment:** We have analysed the cohort in November and are satisfied only those who needed to come into our care did so. Within this cohort: four of those admitted in November were UASC, one sibling group of four entered care, and two children / young people were remanded to secure units / Youth Offender Institutes.

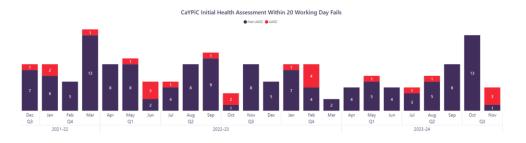
### **CaYPIC Initial Health Assessments Within 20 Working Days**

% of CaYPIC starts within the month with an initial health assessment in 20 working days

Fail Open less than 20 working days Pass Initial Health In Timescale (Rolling 12 Months)



The percentage of CaYPIC starts with an Initial Health assessment within 20 working days has decreased to 47% for November. As this measure reflects a rolling 12-month percentage, while it remains significantly higher than 20% recorded in November 2022, there has been an increasing number of fails recorded in the past four months which is now reflected in the rolling 12-month percentage. This has possibly been impacted by the increased number of CYP entering care over the past two months.



Three of the initial health assessment fails in November were for UASC. However overall, in 2023/24, UASC only account for 12% of all fails.

**Service Comment:** The team(s) continue to work hard to ensure the paperwork is completed within 5 days. In the Health Steering Group, it has been identified that the social workers have completed the paperwork, but the appointment was marked as did not attend (DNA) and / or clinic capacity was an issue.

#### **CaYPIC Reviews Health Assessments in Timescale**



The overall percentage of CaYPIC with a review health assessment in timescale has decreased to 69.8% with 115 fails from 69.8% with 82 fails for October 2023.

Of the 115 fails none were recorded as 'declined' therefore based on the latest medical date, the average number of days with a Health Assessment overdue is 77 days which has decreased from the average number of days for October (81). There are 36 young people who are aged 16 and above and have not had a health assessment review within the given timeframe. 108 of the 115 fails sit within the CAYPIC Teams.

The overall percentage (69.8%) remains below the latest published percentages for West Midlands (86%), statistical neighbours (90.2%) and England (89%).

Percent of children looked after having health checks								
.ocal Autho	rity, Region and England	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Change from previous year
336	Wolverhampton	88.00	93.00	96.00	86.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
984	West Midlands	86.00	88.00	87.00	89.00	86.00	83.00	-3.00
	Statistical Neighbours	89.00	90.60	89.30	89.30	90.20	87.80	-2.40
970	England	88.00	90.00	90.00	91.00	89.00	89.00	0.00

**Service Comment:** There was an oversight with Business Support updates in November, creating a backlog of information to be uploaded to Eclipse. A full review of Assessments is being conducted to fully understand the position.

## Number of CaYPIC missing incidents by month

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Missing Incidents
Individuals Missing



Year	2023		
Missing From	November		
Foster care	19		
Other	11		
Residential Home	1		
School	1		
Total	32		

Year	2023
Time Missing	November
<24 Hours	9
1 Day	13
2-6 Days	9
7+ Days	1
Total	32

Within the last 12 months the number of missing incidents has been sporadic, reaching as high as 57 incidents with 18 individuals in November 22. In November 2023 there were 32 missing incidents, a decrease of 1 from October and a reduction of 4 individuals to 13. Five of the incidents have been generated by one young person.

**Comments (November):** The number of missing children and the number of missing episodes has decreased, the team(s) are aware of who the children are and there are actions recorded within the children's care plans to prevent future missing episodes.

#### **Performance Comment:**

The percentage of CaYPIC reviews within timescale has been consistently above 98% for the over 12-months, with 99.4% recorded within timescale in November relating to just three fails recorded. This followed 100% recorded in October with no fails recorded for the first time in over two years, signifying the strong performance in this area.



**Service Comment:** Performance in this area continues to be strong.

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