

Somerset County Council
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Annual Report
April 2016 – March 2017

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1. Introduction

The Performance & Management Information Team are committed to providing high quality, consistent and needs led data reports, to assist social work teams and front-line staff deliver a quality service for the children, young people and families of Somerset.

In order to achieve this we will continually monitor performance data, and highlight any areas of concern through in depth 'Performance Challenge' reports. The strategy is to provide the service with a full suite of data along with details of any risks uncovered to improve service delivery.

This report looks at data taken from the system between April and March for the periods 2015/16 and 2016/17 – due to the 'live' nature of the dash boards, these figures may differ to those published and submitted for the annual returns.

2. Summary of Key Findings

(key **text** = worse than last year, **text** = better than last year)

Contacts, Referrals & Assessments

- The number of contacts made to Children's Social Care (CSC) has reduced by 1.5% on the previous year.
- Referral numbers have increased by 19.1% on 2015/16 pushing the rate of referrals per 10 000 children up from 377.5 to 461.2.
- The percentage of re-referrals as a proportion of overall referrals has reduced by 3.9 percentage points (%) from 24.7 to 20.8% for 2016/17.
- The number of referrals progressing to assessment has increased for 2016/17 by 24.9% from 3157 to 3943.
- The percentage of C&F Assessments completed on time according to the priority set has increased for 2016/17, rising from 54.6% to 76.7%.
- The percentage of C&F Assessments completed within 45 days has also improved, rising from 66.0% on time in 2015/16 to 87.6% for 2016/17.
- The number of C&F Assessments cancelled has fallen by 72.2%, from 688 in 2015/16 to 188 for 2016/17.
- The number of S47s completed has increased by 19.2%, from 1297 during 2015/16 to 1546 in 2016/17.
- The proportion of S47s completed within 10 days has improved by 5 percentage points (%), rising from 82.8% to 88.4%.

Child Protection

- CP numbers have increased by 41.0% for 2016/17, from 290 at the end of March 2016 to 409 at the end of March 2017.
- The CP rate per 10 000 children increased from 25.6 to 37.5.
- The number of plans ending has reduced on the previous year by 31.7%, from 656 to 448.
- The proportion of children subject to CP for 2 years or longer has reduced from 4.7% in 2015/16 to 2.0% for 2016/17.
- The number of children starting a CP Plan has risen by 40.8%, from 412 in 2015/16, to 580 over the course of 2016/17.
- The proportion of children experiencing a re-plan within 2 years of a previous plan has fallen since 2015/16, from 13.5% to 12.8%.

- The number of stat visits undertaken increased by 11.5% for 2016/17, rising from 7209 to 8038.
- The percentage of Stat Visits completed on time climbed for 2016/17, rising from 88.3% to 93.3%.
- The percentage of children that have had ALL of their CP Stat visits on time improved for 2016/17, rising from 48.9% to 58.3%.
- The proportion of ICPCs completed on time fell slightly, from 97.0% (2015/16) to 94.9% (2016/17).
- The percentage of RCPCs on time has reduced marginally, from 99.0% (2015/16) to 98.5% (2016/17).

Children in Need

- CiN numbers have increased 14.2%, from 1503 (March 2016) to 1716 (March 2017).
- The percentage of CiN without a plan or those where the revision is over 3 months old has remained stable for 2016/17, with the figure remaining at 37.6%.
- The percentage of CiN that did not have a visit recorded has reduced, with March 2017 showing 21.4% of CiN affected, compared to 33.2% CiN in March 2016.
- The percentage of CiN 'stepped down' from CP has reduced from 14.6% in March 2016 to 11.2% in March 2017.
- The percentage of CiN 'stepped down' from CLA has also reduced by 1.2 %, from 6.4% to 5.2%.

Children Looked After

- CLA figures have reduced by 5.6% from 502 as at 31st March 2016 to 474 at 31st March 2017.
- The proportion of long-term CLA that have been in their current placement for 2 years or longer has increased, from 56.6% to 57.2% as at 31st March 2017.
- The proportion of CLA that have experienced 3 or more placement moves has decreased on 2015/16 figures, with a reduction of only 4.5%, from 15.0% to 10.5%.
- The percentage of children placed more than 20 miles from the home address has risen from 28.7% to 32.1%.
- The percentage CLA Stat Visits completed on time has increased slightly on 2015/16, rising from 92.5% to 93.3%.
- The proportion of CLA Reviews completed on time has also increased on 2015/16, rising from 96.8% to 98.0%.
- The percentage of children looked after for more than a year, and have had their Health Assessments improved for 2016/17, rising from 75.1% to 87.1%.
- The percentage of children looked after for more than a year, that have had their Dental Assessment has reduced, from 88.5% to 72.9%.
- The proportion of children looked after aged 4 and above that have had a SDQ recorded has increased, rising from 68.0% to 86.3 %.

Care Leavers

- The total number of Care Leavers has reduced 34.9%, from 315 at the end of March 2016 to 205 March 2016.
- The number of Care Leavers 'in touch' has improved by 2.3 % for 2016/17, rising from 96.2% to 98.5%.
- The percentage of Care Leavers that are NEET has improved from 2016/17, reducing from 50.55 to 42.4%.

- The percentage of care Leavers that are 'suitably accommodated' has improved for 2016/17, rising from 91.1% to 95.6%.

3. Contacts, Referrals & Assessments

3.1 Indicator Summary

Indicator	Totals 2016/17	Totals 2015/16	%/Ppts Change in Number	Somerset Rate per 10 000 2016/17 or %	Somerset Rate per 10 000 2015/16 or %	Stat Neighbour Rate per 10 000 2015/16 or %	National Rate per 10 000 2015/16 or %
No of Contacts	30153	30606	1.5%				
No of Referrals	5036	4229	19.1%	461.2	377.5	478.4	532.2
No of Re-Referrals	1047	1045	-0.2%				
% Re-Referrals	20.8	24.7	-3.9			21.1%	22.3%
No Referrals progressing to Assessment	3943	3157	24.9%				
No of Assessments completed	4965	4456	11.4%	454.7	404.2	463.7	489.5
No of C&F Assessments on time according to priority set	3810	2432	64.6%				
% C&F Assessments completed on time according to priority set	76.7%	54.6%	22.1				
No of C&F Assessments completed in 45 days	4348	2939	47.9%				
% of C&F Assessments completed within 45 days	87.6%	66.0%	21.6				
No of Cancelled C&F Assessments	188	688	-72.2%				
No of S47 Enquiries completed	1546	1297	19.2%	141.6	118.8	126.9	147.5
No of Section 47 Enquiries completed within 10 days	1367	1074	27.3%				
% of Section 47 Enquiries completed within 10 days	88.4%	82.8%	5.6				

Table 1 – (key text = worse than last year, text = better than last year)

3.2 No of Contacts

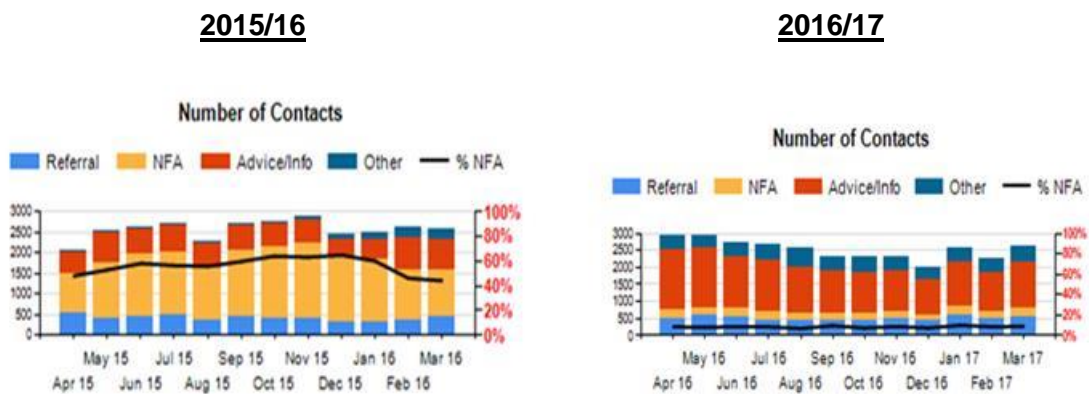


Table 2

2016/17 has seen a reduction in the number of contacts of 1.5%, falling from 30606 to 30153.

The proportion of contacts resulting in 'No Further Action' (NFA) has changed significantly due to a change in process in how these are captured on the system; this has resulted in much lower numbers declared NFA, and a resulting increase in those that are give advice and information.

The chart below shows the distribution of contacts across the county along with the percentage change between the years 2015/16 and 2016/17:-

Area	Contacts (2016/17)	Contacts (2015/16)	% Change
Other	24676	26617	-7.3%
TWS	1545	958	61.3%
CwD	286	136	110.3%
South Somerset	1450	1050	38.1%
Mendip	1044	657	58.9%
Sedgemoor	1152	1228	-6.2%

Table 3

The 'Other' area is primarily made up of contacts via Somerset Direct and account for the bulk of contacts. Area teams should generally only receive contacts directly when a case is already open to them.,

3.3 Referrals

Area	Total Referrals (2016/17)	% of Referrals 2016/17	Total Referrals (2015/16)	% of Referrals (2015/16)	%Change in No of Referrals
Other	1409	28.0%	1037	24.5%	35.9%
TWS	944	18.7%	793	18.8%	19.0%
CwD	114	2.3%	193	4.6%	-40.9%
South Somerset	987	19.6%	844	20.0%	16.9%
Mendip	598	11.9%	498	11.8%	20.1%
Sedgemoor	984	19.5%	864	20.4%	13.9%
Totals	5036		4229		19.1%

Table 4

Although a reduction in the number of contacts was seen during 2016/17, referral numbers have increased by 19.1%, from 4229 in 2015/16 to 5036 for 2016/17.

CwD have seen the number of referrals fall by 40.9%, reducing their portion of the county total from 4.6% to 2.3%. This reduction is as a result of the introduction of the early support team for children with disabilities. The proportion held by the area teams remains broadly the same as last year.

3.4 Re-Referrals

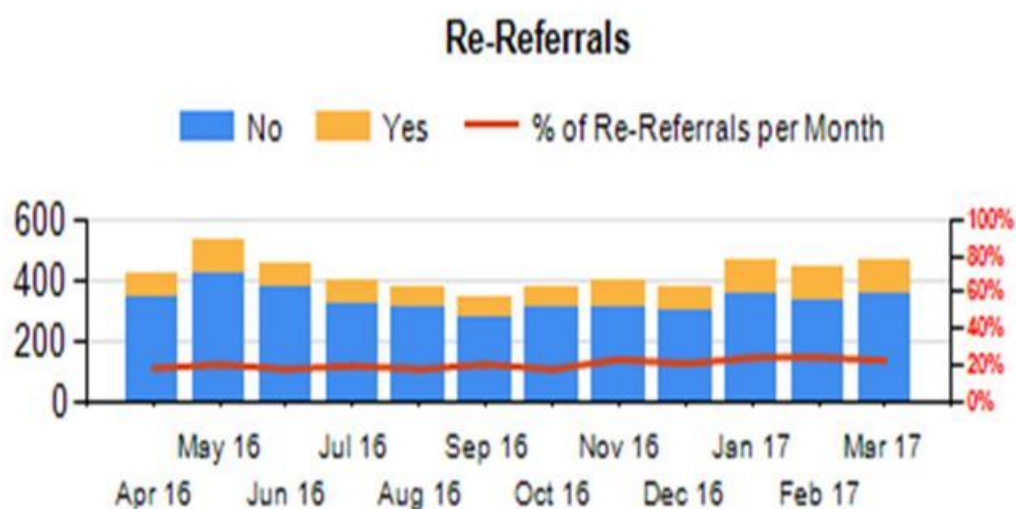


Table 5 – Data for 2016/17

The percentage of re-referrals over the year was 20.8% (1047/5036), 3 percentage points lower than 2015/16 where 1484 of 5541 referrals were re-referrals.

Area	Total Re-Referrals (2016/17)	% Re-Referred (2016/17)	Total Re-Referrals (2105/16)	% Re-Referred (2015/16)	%Change Re-referred
Other	232	22.2%	214	20.5%	8.4%
TWS	212	20.2%	196	18.8%	8.2%
CwD	9	0.9%	38	3.6%	-76.3%
South Somerset	242	23.1%	241	23.1%	0.4%
Mendip	119	11.4%	113	10.8%	5.3%
Sedgemoor	233	22.3%	243	23.3%	-4.1%
Totals	1047		1045		0.2%

Table 6

The number of re-referrals received across the county has remained broadly the same as the previous year with a reduction seen of 0.2%.

CwD has seen the greatest change in the proportion of re-referrals in the county, reducing from 3.6% (38/1045) of the county total, to 0.9% (9/1047); a 76.3% reduction in number overall. This is as a result of the early support team implementation.

South Somerset has the highest number of re-referrals, accounting for 23.1% (231/982) of re-referrals in the county, the same proportion as last year.

Sedgemoor have seen the number and proportion fall slightly, with a reduction of 1 % %off their proportion of county re-referrals and 4.1% fewer re-referrals overall for 2016/17.

3.5 Referrals Progressing to Assessment

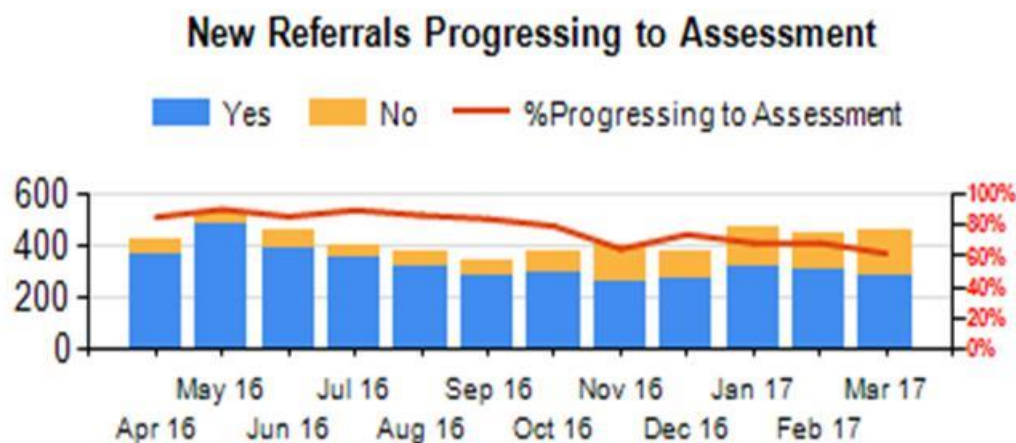


Table 7 – Data for 2016/17

The overall percentage of referrals progressing to assessment for 2016/17 was 78.5% (3953/5036), a rise of 3.4 percentage points on 2015/16.

Area	No of Referrals Progressing to Assessment (2016/17)	% Progressing to Assessment (2016/17)	No of Referrals Progressing to Assessment (2015/16)	% Progressing to Assessment (2015/16)	% Change in Number Progressing to Assessment
Other	538	38.2%	654	63.1%	-17.7%
TWS	892	94.5%	661	83.4%	34.9%
CwD	104	91.2%	100	51.8%	4.0%
South Somerset	923	93.5%	671	79.5%	37.6%
Mendip	570	95.3%	402	80.7%	41.8%
Sedgemoor	926	94.1%	689	79.7%	34.4%
Totals	3953	78.5%	3177	75.1%	24.4%

Table 8

The 5 main teams have all seen the proportion of referrals progressing to assessment increase. Mendip has seen the greatest rise of 41.8%, from 402 referrals progressing to assessment, to 570.

3.6 C&F Assessments Completed on Time

i. In Accordance with Priority Set

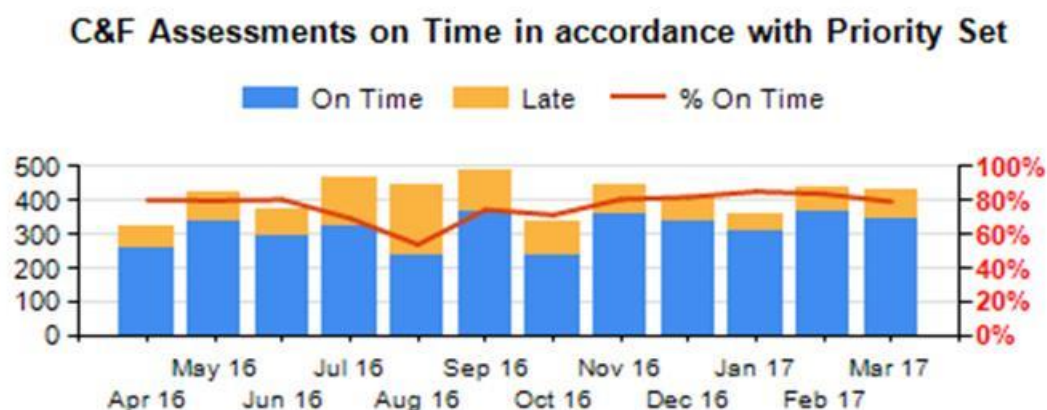


Table 9

The number of assessments completed has increased for 2016/17, rising 11.4% from 4456 to 4965.

Over the past 12 months, 76.7% (3810/4965) of C&F Assessments have been completed on time (according to the priority set). This is a significant improvement on 2015/16 where 54.6% was achieved. (The 2015/16 figure was due in part, to a number of cases (approx. 300) that were re-opened under the direction of the Ofsted Inspection in the earlier part of 2015).

A dip in performance can be seen over the Summer period, which could be attributed to higher levels of staff annual leave.

Area	Assessments On Time (2016/17)	Assessments completed (2016/17)	% On Time (2016/17)	Assessments On Time (2015/16)	Assessments completed (2015/16)	% On Time (2015/16)
Other	23	27	85.2%	15	22	68.2%
TWS	1097	1327	82.7%	600	1139	52.7%
CwD	133	213	62.4%	139	316	44.0%
South Somerset	939	1344	69.9%	674	1190	56.6%
Mendip	600	761	78.8%	366	681	53.7%
Sedgemoor	1018	1293	78.7%	638	1108	57.6%
Totals	3810	4965	76.7%	2432	4456	54.6%

Table 10

All areas except for CWD have seen both the number of assessments and those completed within timescale of priority set improved.

CWD saw numbers reduce from 316 completed in 2015/16 to 213 in 2016/17 however, the proportion on time rose by 18.5 %

Taunton (TWS) saw the greatest rise in performance with a 30 %% increase in the proportion on time compared to the previous year and achieved 82.7% (1097/1327) on time.

South Somerset has seen the lowest level of improvement with a 13.2 %% increase on the previous year, with 69.9% (939/1344) of assessments completed on time. This places them below the county average of 76.7% of assessments on time.

CwD completed the lowest number of assessments on time with 62.4% (133/213), substantially below the county average.

ii. **Within 45 Days**

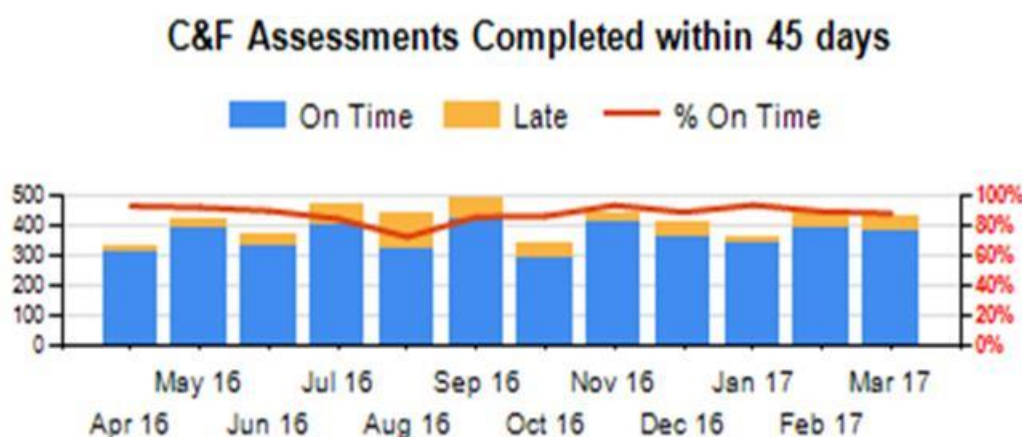


Table 11

Attainment of assessments completed within 45 days came in slightly higher than according to the priority set, at 87.6% (4348/4965), higher than the 66.0% (2939/4456) achieved in 2015/16. These have been affected by the same issues as noted above.

Area	Assessments Within 45 Days (2016/17)	Assessments completed (2016/17)	% Within 45 Days (2016/17)	Assessments Within 45 Days (2015/16)	Assessments completed (2015/16)	% Within 45 Days (2015/16)
Other	27	27	100.0%	21	22	95.5%
TWS	1217	1327	91.7%	784	1139	68.8%
CwD	158	213	74.2%	183	316	57.9%
South Somerset	1169	1344	87.0%	726	1190	61.0%
Mendip	664	761	87.3%	430	681	63.1%
Sedgemoor	1113	1293	86.1%	795	1108	71.8%
Totals	4348	4965	87.6%	2939	4456	66.0%

Table 12

All areas saw a rise in the proportion of assessments completed within 45 days.

South Somerset saw the biggest improvement, with a rise of 26 % from 61.0% (726/1190) of assessments completed within 45 days to 87.0% (1169/1344). This places the team near to the county average.

CwD completed the lowest percentage within 45 days with 74.2% (158/213).

3.7 Cancelled C&F Assessments

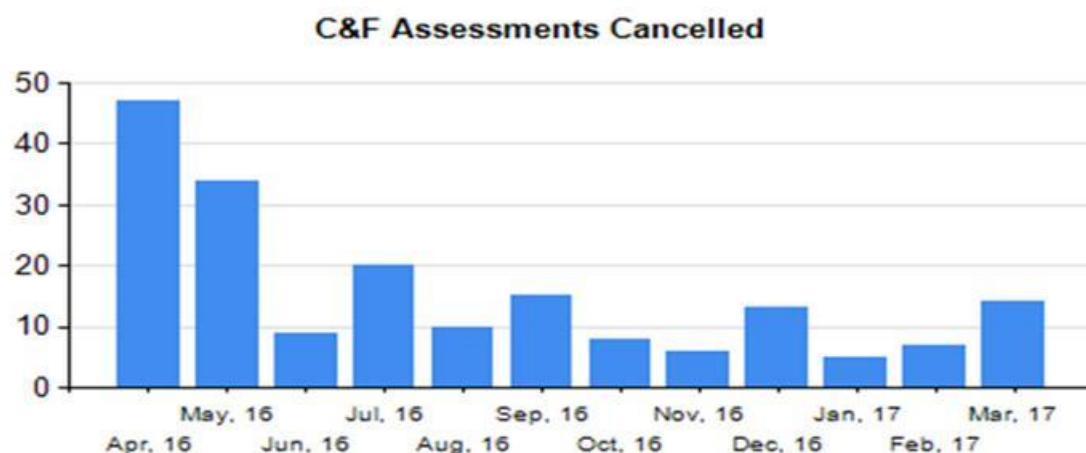


Table 13

As mentioned previously, a high number of cases were re-opened during 2015 and may be responsible for the high number of cancellations in the early part of the year.

Cancelled assessments numbers fell from 688 in 2015/16 to 188 for 2016/17; this is a 72.7% reduction.

Area	Cancellations (2016/17)	% of County Total (2016/17)	Cancellations (2015/16)	% of County Total (2015/16)	% Change in Number
South Somerset	60	31.9%	217	31.5%	-72.4%
Taunton and West Somers	58	30.9%	176	25.6%	-67.0%
Sedgemoor	21	11.2%	131	19.0%	-84.0%
Children with Disabilities	18	9.6%	113	16.4%	-84.1%
Other	18	9.6%	35	5.1%	-48.6%
Mendip	13	6.9%	16	2.3%	-18.8%
Grand Total	188		688		-72.7%

Table 14

All area teams have seen reductions in the number of cancelled assessments.

Mendip shows a low number with just 16 during 2015/16 and 13 for 2016/17.

South Somerset has the highest number and accounts for over a third of cancellations in the county with 60/188.

3.8 Section 47 Enquiries



Table 15

Overall, the number of Section 47 Enquiries (S47s) completed has remained stable over the year. 2015/16 saw 1297 S47s completed; this has risen to 1546 for 2016/17. The proportion completed within 10 days improved significantly for 2016/17, rising from 79.5% to 88.4% (1367/1546).

4. Child Protection

4.1 Indicator Summary

Indicator	Totals 2016/17	Totals 2015/16	%/Ppts Change in Number from 2015/16	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2016/17	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	Stat Neighbour Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	National Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16
No of Children subject of a CP Plan as at 31st March	409	290	41.0%	37.5	25.6	43.1	43.1
CP Ending in Year	457	687	-33.0%	41.9	59.8	52.4	53.7
Children CP for 2 years+ Ending in Year	9	31	71.0%				
% of children CP for 2 years+ Ending in year	2.0%	4.7%	-2.7				
CP Starting in Year	580	412	40.8%	53.1	37.6	55.6	54.2
No of children with a Re-Plan within 2 Years of Previous Plan	52	42	5.0%				
% of children with a Re-Plan within 2 Years of Previous Plan	12.8%	13.5%	-0.7				
No of Strategy Discussions	1789	2474	-27.7%				
No of CP Stat Visits Completed	8038	7209	11.5%				
% CP Stat Visits on Time	93.3%	88.3%	5.0				
% of Children subject of a plan who had all of their visits on time	58.3%	48.9%	9.4				
% of Children whose ICPC was on time	94.9%	97.0%	-2.1				
% of children whose RCPC was on time	98.5%	99%	0.5	98.5%	99.0%	91.1%	93.7%

Table 16

4.2 Child Protection Numbers

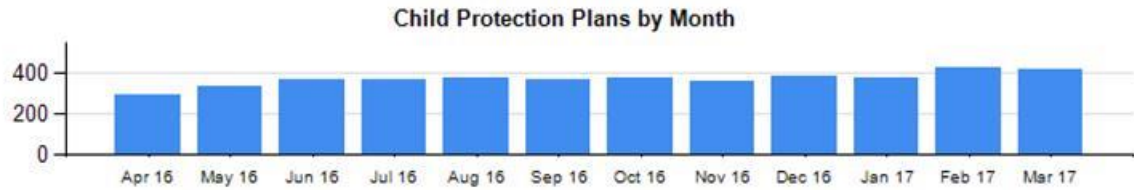


Table 17

The number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan (CP) has risen over the year, beginning at 290 and ending the year at 409, a 41% increase.

The end of year figure for 2016/17 shows a rate per 10 000 children CP of 37.5, lower than the 2015/16 return figure of 43.1 seen with our Statistical Neighbours.

4.3 CP Plans Ending in the Last 12 Months

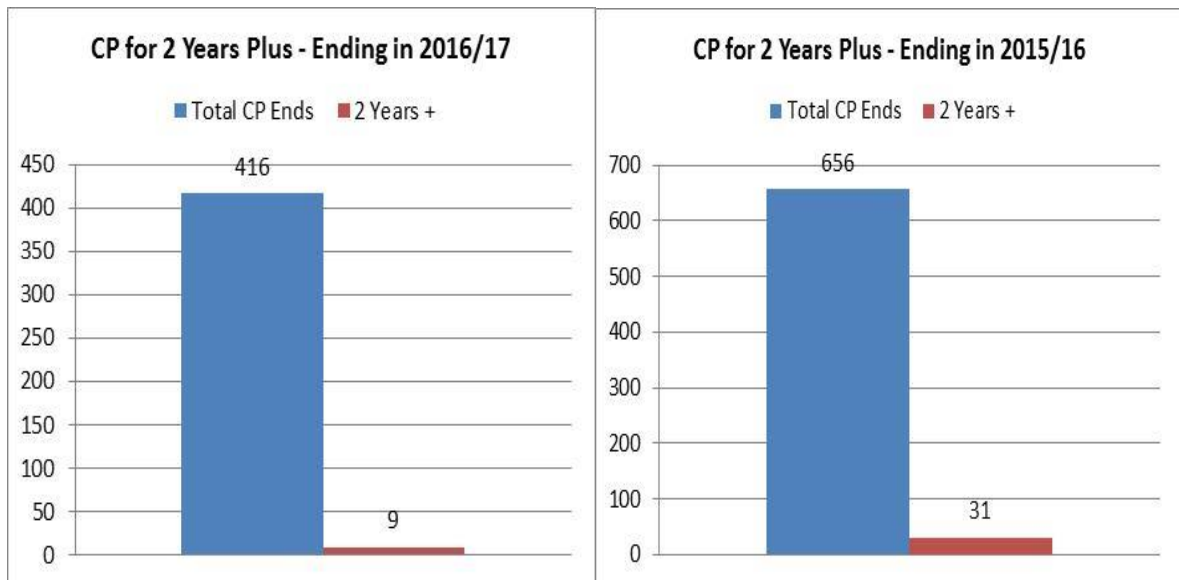


Table 18

As the charts above show, the number of plans ending has reduced for 2016/17, by 31.7% on the previous year.

The proportion of these that have lasted 2 years or longer has reduced, 4.7% (31/656) to 2.0% (9/448). This is due to an increased the focus upon permanence planning in area teams.

CP Plans Ending where the Child has been CP for 2 Years +						
Area	2016/17 Total CP Ends	2016/17 CP for 2 Years +	2016/17 % Ends CP for 2 Years +	2015/16 Total CP Ends	2015/16 CP for 2 Years +	2015/16 % Ends CP for 2 Years +
South Somerset	125	3	2.4%	211	18	8.5%
Sedgemoor	136	3	2.2%	191	6	3.1%
Taunton and West Somerset	105	0	0.0%	168	6	3.6%
Mendip	70	3	4.3%	66	0	0.0%
Other	1	0	0.0%	5	1	20.0%
Children with Disabilities	11	0	0.0%	15	0	0.0%
Total	448	9	2.0%	656	31	4.7%

Table 19

In terms of total closures, Mendip has seen a rise in numbers, going from 66 to 70. They have also seen an increase in the proportion of plans ending that had gone beyond 2 years; having 0 during 2015-16, this stood at 4.3% (3/70) for 2016/17.

4.4 CP Re-plans within 2 Years

Children becoming CP in the last 12 Months within 2 years of a previous Plan

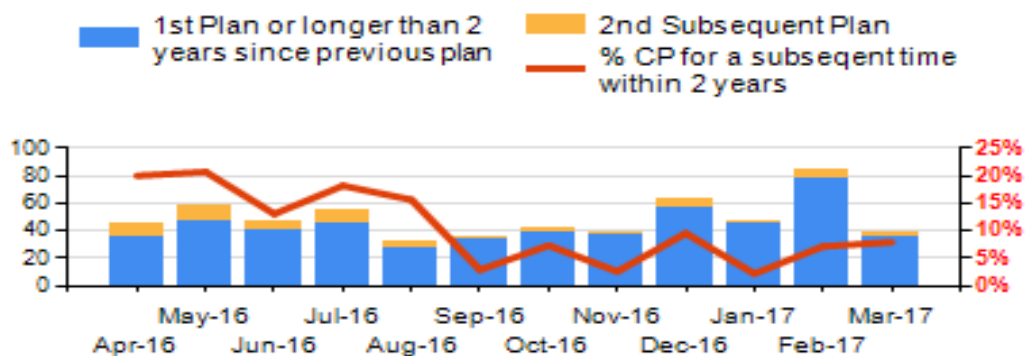


Table 20

An overall increase in the number of children starting a CP Plan has been seen since 2015/16, with numbers rising 40.8%, from 412 to 580 over the course of 2016/17.

For 2016/17, 10.9% (63/580) of children that became CP had previously been subject to a CP Plan in the 2 years preceding. This is a reduction on 2015/16, where 14.6% (60/412) were subject to a re-plan within this time.

CP Re-Plans within 2 Years						
Area	2016/17 Total CP Starts	2016/17 CP 2nd + Time	2016/17 % CP 2nd+ Time	2015/16 Total CP Starts	2015/16 CP 2nd + Time	2015/16 % CP 2nd+ Time
Taunton and West Somerset	174	11	6.3%	102	18	17.6%
South Somerset	163	20	12.3%	106	15	14.2%
Sedgemoor	143	22	15.4%	109	15	13.8%
Mendip	78	9	11.5%	67	6	9.0%
Children with Disabilities	18	1	5.6%	18	5	27.8%
Other	4	0	0.0%	10	1	10.0%
Grand Total	406	52	12.8%	310	42	13.5%

Table 21

The number of children becoming the subject of a CP plan has risen 31.0% over the last 12 months; TWS saw the biggest rise in numbers during the year, rising 70.6% from 102 in 2015/16 to 174 in 2016/17.

The number of children presenting as CP for a 2nd or subsequent time over the 12 months increased by 23.8%, rising from 42 to 52.

Taunton (TWS) have seen the proportion of second child protection plans reduced by 11.3 %, from 17.6% in 2015/16 to 6.3% for 2016/17. Their proportion of the county total of re-plans has also reduced, from 42.9% (18/42) to 21.2% (11/52).

Sedgemoor has seen their percentage of re-plans increase slightly, by 1.6 %, from 13.8% (15/109) to 15.4% (22/143). Their proportion of the county total of re-plans has risen from 31.2% (15/42) to 42.3% (22/52).

4.5 Children Subject to CP that have had ALL of their Statutory Visits on time

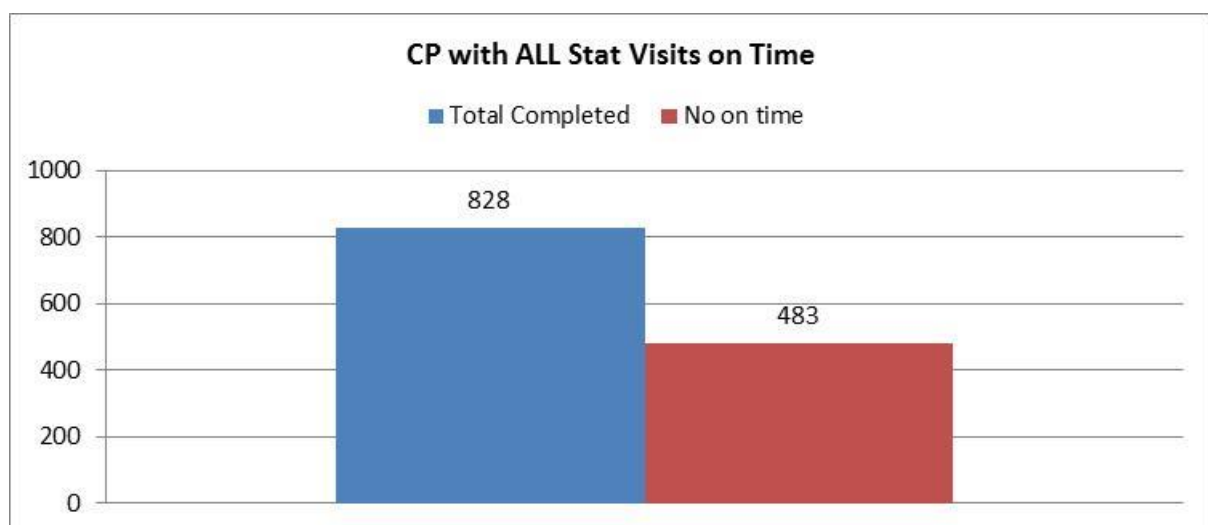


Table 22

As at 31st March 2017, 58.3% (483/828) of children subject to a CP Plan had all of their Statutory Visits on time. This is higher than the figure achieved for 2015/16,

which stood at 48.9% (431/882). There was a corresponding decrease of 6.1% in the number of children in receipt of child protection plans. Benchmarking data is not available for 2015/16, however, during 2014/15, Statutory Neighbours achieved 69.1% and the figure overall for England was 63.7%.

CP who have had ALL of their Stat Visits on time						
Area	2016/17 No of Children with Stat Visits completed	2016/17 No of Children with Stat Visits on Time	2016/17 % with ALL visits on time	2015/16 No of Children with Stat Visits completed	2015/16 No of Children with Stat Visits on Time	2015/16 % with ALL visits on time
South Somerset	233	106	45.5%	286	94	32.9%
Sedgemoor	213	138	64.8%	254	135	53.1%
Taunton and West Somerset	237	146	61.6%	209	137	65.6%
Mendip	125	90	72.0%	115	58	50.4%
Children with Disabilities	20	3	15.0%	17	6	35.3%
Other	0	0	0.0%	1	1	100.0%
Total	828	483	58.3%	882	431	48.9%

Table 23

Of all of the area teams, Mendip has achieved the highest proportion of children where **all** of their statutory visits have been completed on time, with 72.0% (90/125), much improved on 2015/16 where 50.5% (58/115) was achieved. South Somerset has also improved with a rise in proportion of all CP visits on time of 12.6 %

Both Taunton and CwD have seen the proportion of children with **all** visits on time reduce; 4 % for Taunton and 20.3 % for CWD.

4.6 Monthly CP Statutory Visits

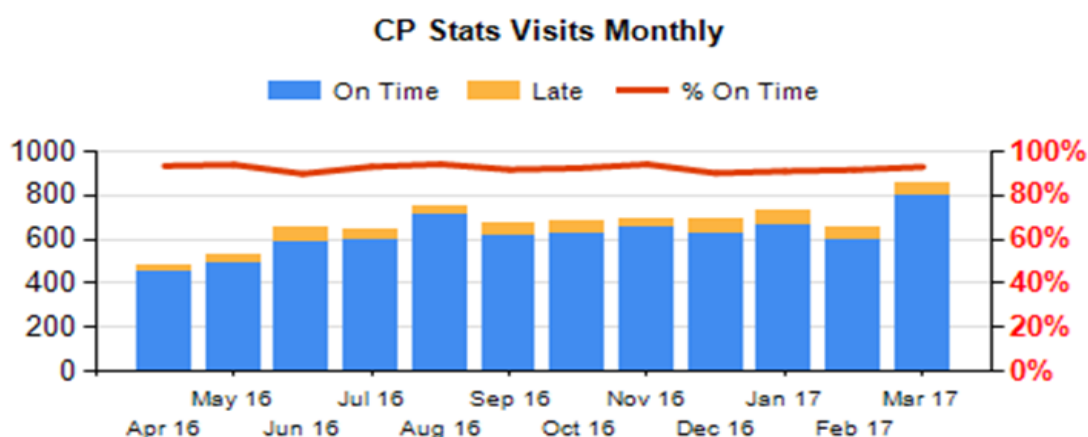


Table 24

2016/17 has seen the number of Statutory Visits required increase as the year has progressed. Beginning the year with 481 visits required during April, the end of the

year saw this figure stand at 856 for the final month, a 78% increase. This is due to CP plan visiting frequency becoming more responsive to individual children’s needs.

Over the entire 12 month period, 8038 Stat Visits were completed, 7418 of which were on time, equating to 93.3% on time. This is an improvement on last year’s figure of 88.3% (6367/7209).

4.7 ICPCs on Time

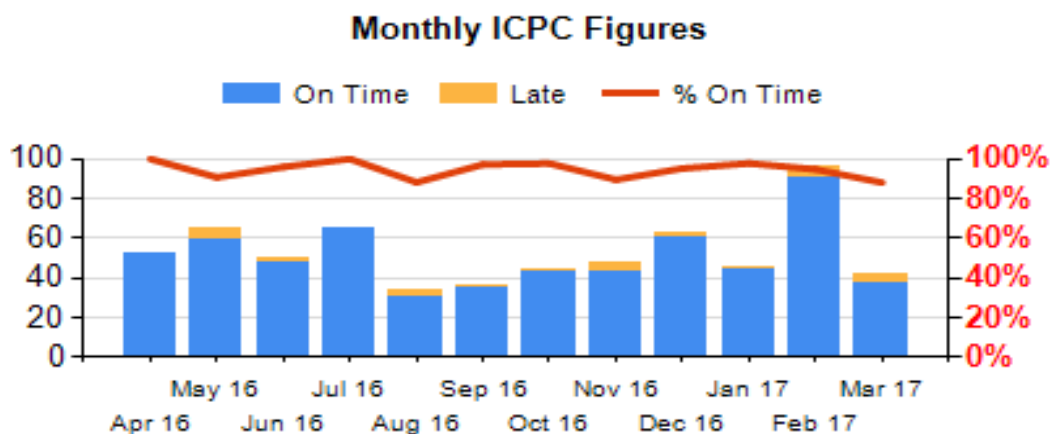


Table 25

Timeliness of ICPCs has been high across the year, with 94.9% completed on time in the last 12 months, slightly lower than the 97.0% figure of 2015/16.

4.8 RCPCs on Time

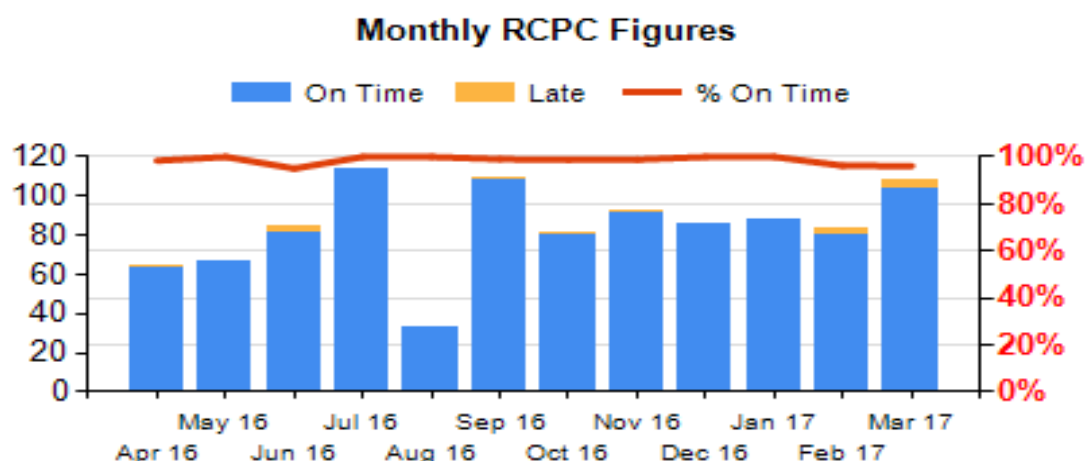


Table 26

Performance in respect of the timeliness of RCPCs continues to be strong, with 98.5% (980/995) achieved for 2016/17. This is marginally below the 2015/16 outturn of 99.4%.

5. Children in Need

5.1 Indicator Summary

Indicator	Totals 2016/17	Totals 2015/16	%/Ppts Change in Number from 2015/16	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2016/17	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	Stat Neighbor Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	National Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16
CiN as at 31st March (excl CLA, CP & OT)	1716	1503	14.2%				
% CiN without a Plan or Revision is over 3 months old (as at 31st March)	37.6%	37.6%	0				
% CiN with no visit recorded in the last 6 weeks (as at 31st March)	21.4%	33.3%	-11.9				
% CiN Stepped Down from CP	11.2%	14.6%	3.4				
% CiN Stepped Down from CLA	5.2%	6.4%	1.2				

Table 27

5.2 Number of CiN (excl. CP, CLA & OT)

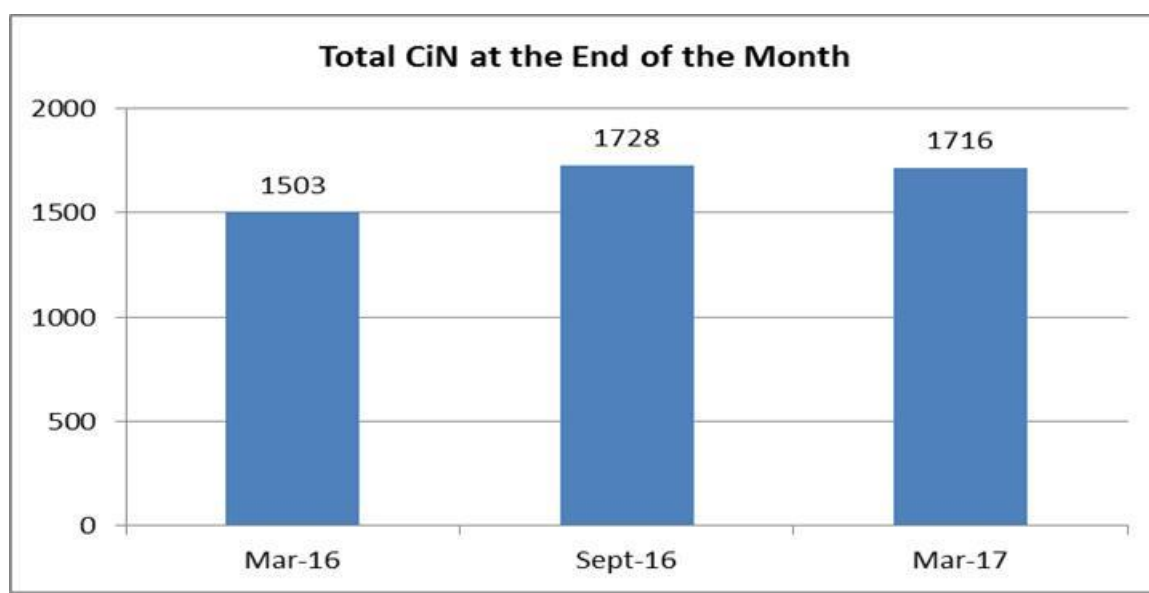


Table 28

CiN numbers have climbed slightly over the 12 month period, rising from 1503 to 1716, up 14.2%

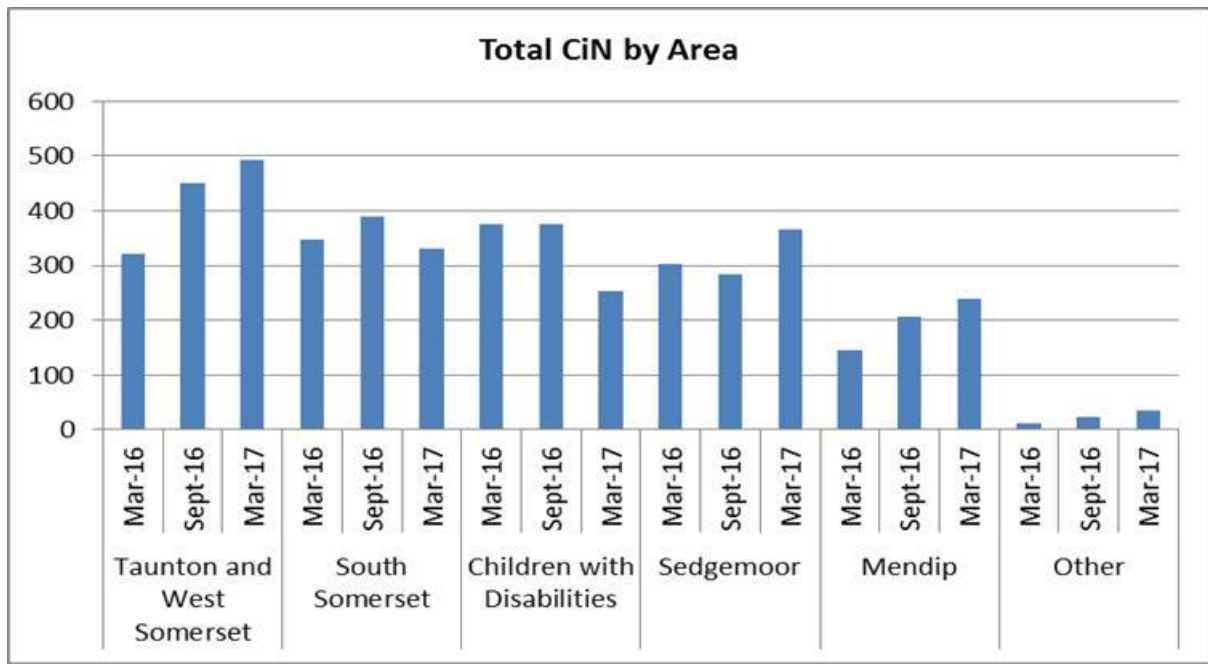


Table 29

Most area teams have seen an increase in CiN numbers over the course of the year, with Mendip seeing the largest, with a 66.7% increase rising from 144 to 240. Taunton saw numbers rise 52.7% from 322 to 492 and Sedgemoor 21.5% (302 to 367).

CwD have seen a significant reduction in CiN numbers, falling 32.7%, from 376 to 253, due to the introduction of the early support team. South Somerset saw a small reduction of just 4.9%.

5.3 CiN without a Plan or Revision is over 3 months old

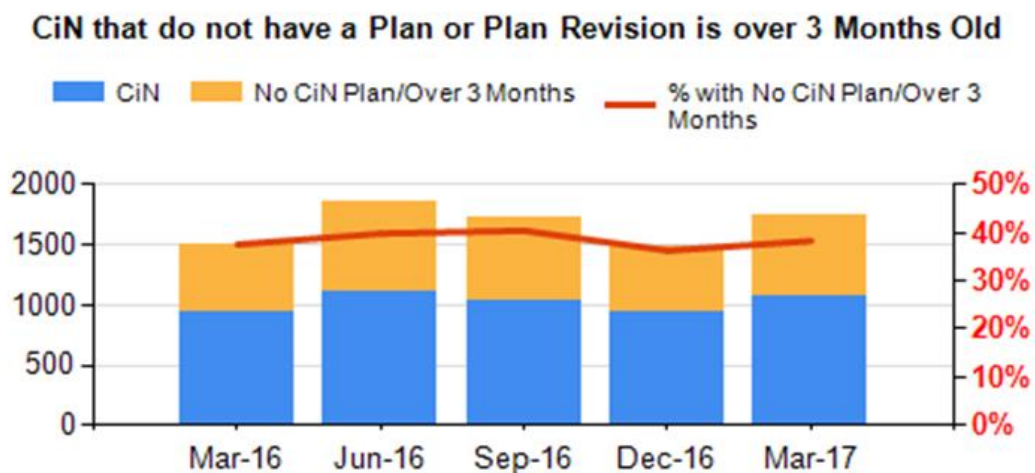


Table 30

The above chart plots CiN at specific points during the year and shows how CiN numbers have climbed slightly and performance remained reasonably stable in respect of ensuring plans are in place and reviewed appropriately.

At the end of March 2016, 37.6% (565/1503) of CiN did not have a plan or their plan revision was over 3 months old and this remains the same at 31st March 2017 with 646/1716 CiN without a plan/revision out of date.

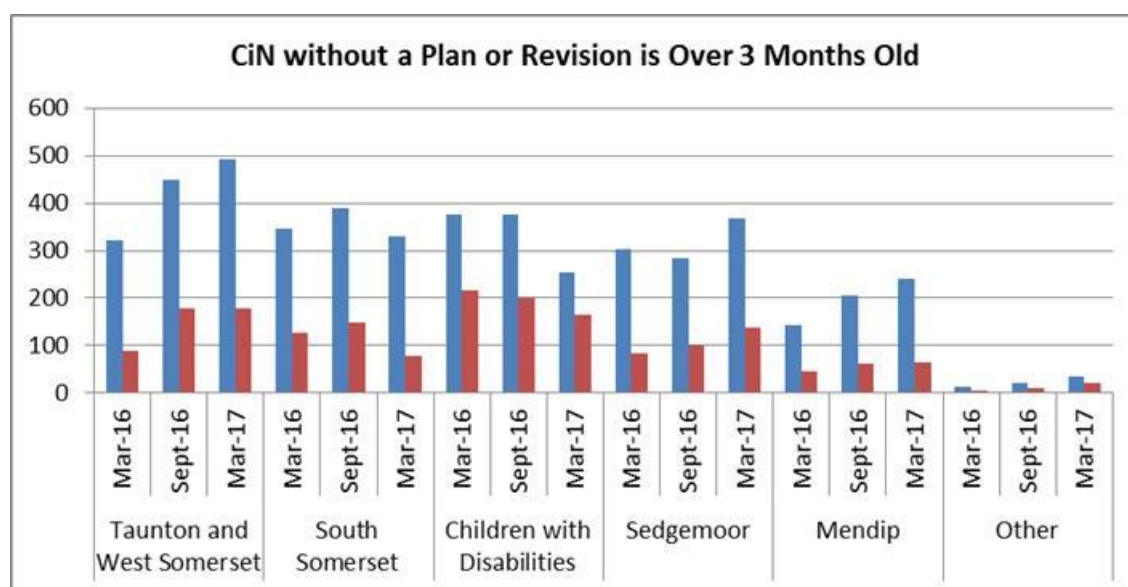


Table 31

All areas except for South Somerset and Mendip have seen the proportion of CiN without a plan (or the revision is over 3 months old) rise. South Somerset has fallen from 36.3% (126/347) to 23.3% (77/330) and Mendip from 31.3% (45/144) to 27.1% (65/240). Of the area teams, Taunton has seen the greatest rise, from 27.3% (88/322) to 36.2% (178/492).

5.4 CiN without a Visit recorded in the last 6 weeks

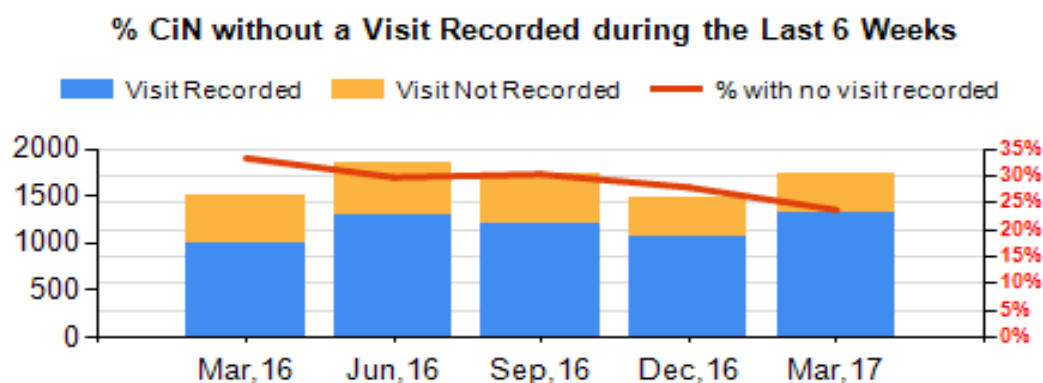


Table 32

The above chart shows CiN at specific points in the year and tracks the proportion of children who have not been visited in the last 6 weeks.

At the end of March 2016, 33.3% (500/1503) of CiN had no visit recorded within the previous 6 weeks. By March 2017, this figure has reduced to 21.4% (367/1716).

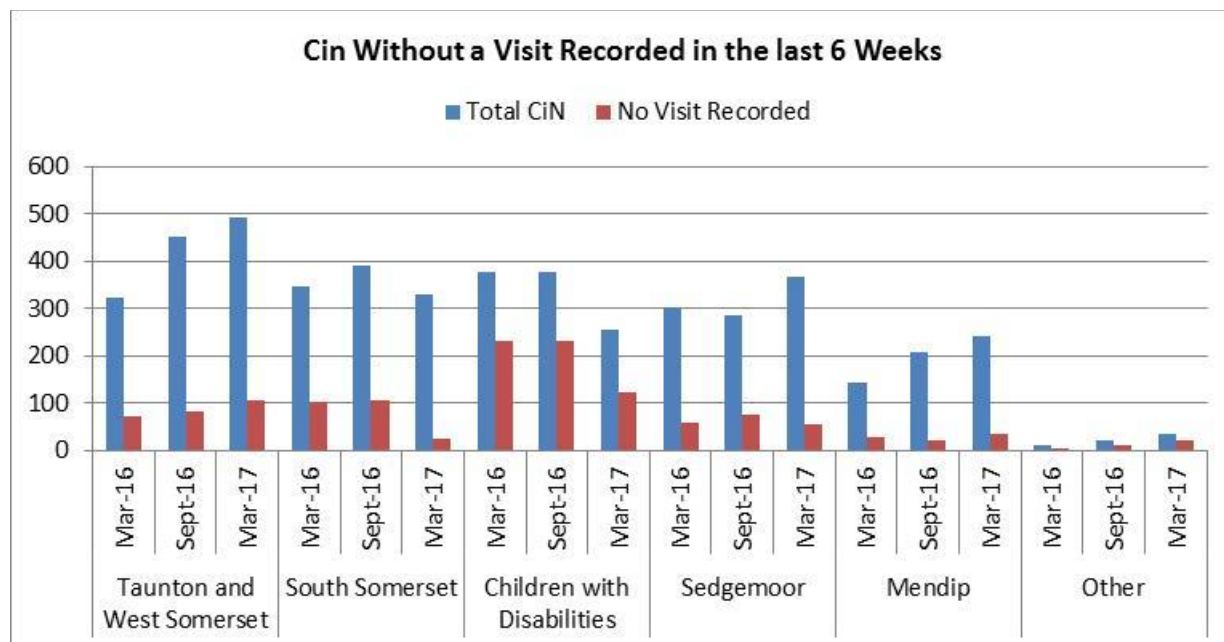


Table 33

Further improvements have been seen since last year, with the area breakdown showing that all area teams have once again seen a reduction in the proportion of CiN without a visit recorded.

South Somerset has seen the greatest improvement, with the proportion falling from 29.7% (103/347) at the end of March 2016 to 7.65% (25/330) for March 2017, the lowest in the county.

CwD has the highest proportion within the area teams at 49.0% (124/253) without a visit. (*Visiting frequency for CWD varies according to need and can be outside the system set timescale of minimum 6 weekly where families require less frequent support*).

5.5 CiN that have Stepped Down from a CP Plan

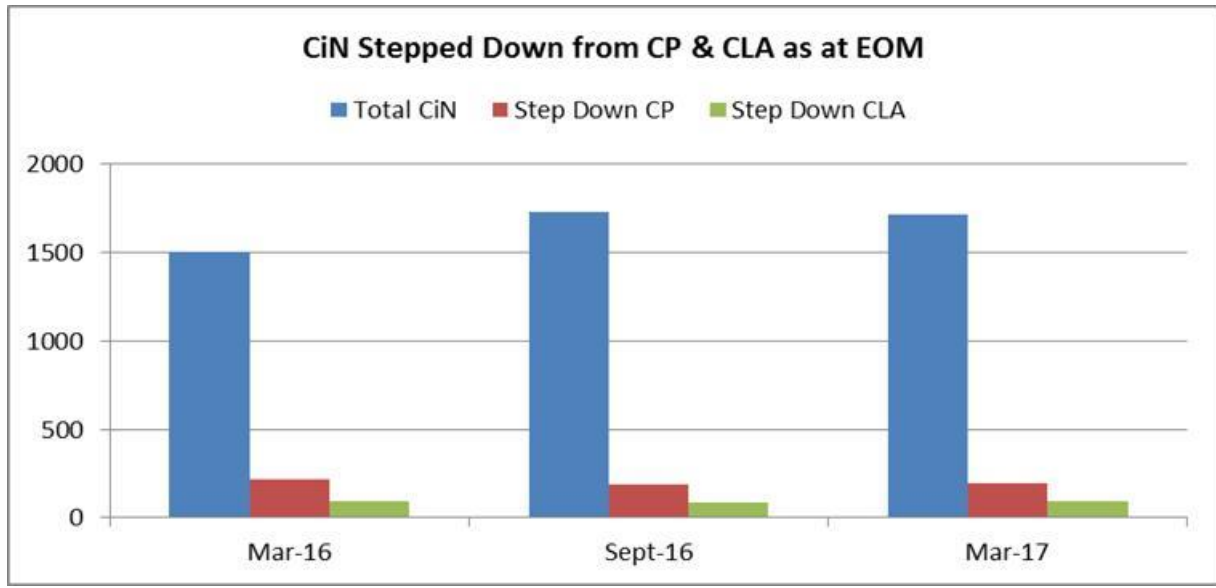


Table 34

Comparing March 2016 to March 2017, the number of CiN that have 'Stepped Down' from both CP and CLA reduced, from 219 to 192 and 96 to 90 respectively.

The reduction in overall CiN numbers has lowered the proportion of CiN that have 'Stepped Down' from CP, falling from 14.6% (219/1503) in March 2016 to 11.2% (192/1716) for March 2017. CiN stepping down from CLA has also reduced by 1.2 %, from 6.4% (96/1503) March 2016 to 5.2% (90/1716).

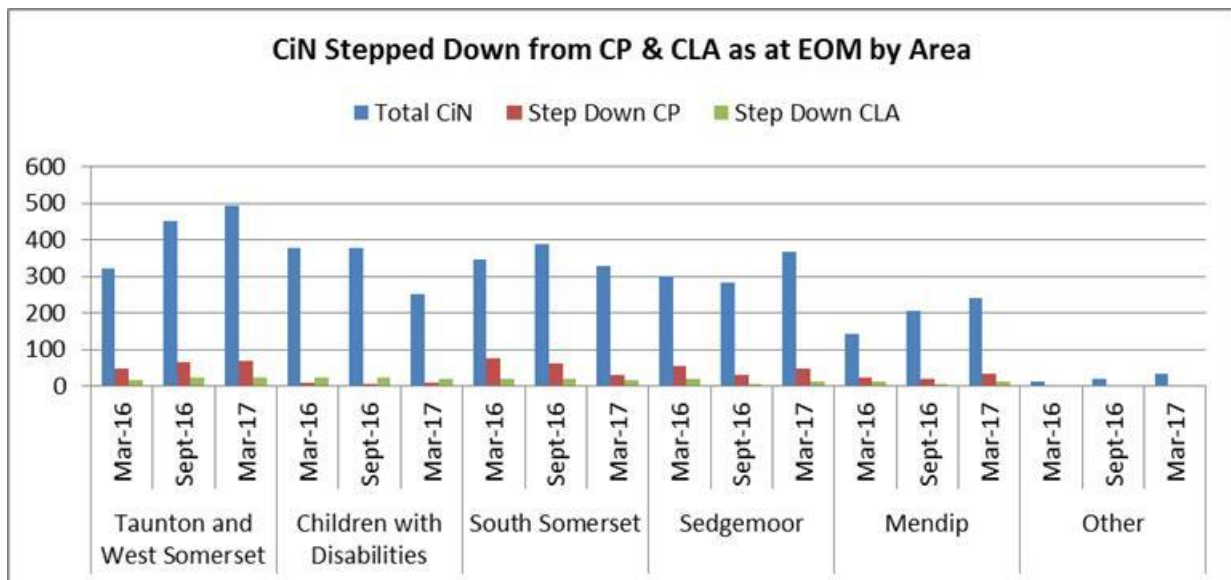


Table 35

All area teams have seen the proportion of CiN stepping down to both CP and CLA reduce, apart from CwD where they have increased; CP by 1.1 % and CLA 1.3 %.

South Somerset has seen the greatest change, with 9.7% (32/330) of children stepping down from CP in March 2017 compared to 22.5% (78/347) in March 2016.

6. Children Looked After

6.1 Indicator Summary

Indicator	Totals 2016/17	Totals 2015/16	%/Ppts Change in Number from 2015/16	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2016/17	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	Stat Neighbor Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	National Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16
No of CLA as at 31st March	474	502	-5.6%	43.4	46.0	53.0	60.3
% of CLA for 2.5 Years + that have been in their current placement for 2 years +	57.2%	56.6%	0.6				
% of children with 3 or more placements as at 31st March	10.5%	15.0%	-4.5				
% of CLA Placed more than 20 Miles from home address	32.1%	28.7%	3.4%			26.1%	18.0%
% CLA Stat Visits on time	93.3%	92.5%	0.8				
% of CLA Stat Reviews on Time	98.0%	96.8%	1.2				
% of CLA > 28 days that have had their IHA	82.7%	79.1%	3.6				
% of CLA > 12 Months that have had their Health Assessments	87.1%	75.1%	12.0			89.2%	90.0%
% of CLA >12 Months that have had their Dental Assessment	72.9%	88.5%	-15.6			82.0%	84.1%
% of Children aged 4+ that have been CLA > 12 months that have had a SDQ recorded	86.3%	68.0%	18.3			71.1%	75.0%

Table 36

6.2 Number of Children Looked After

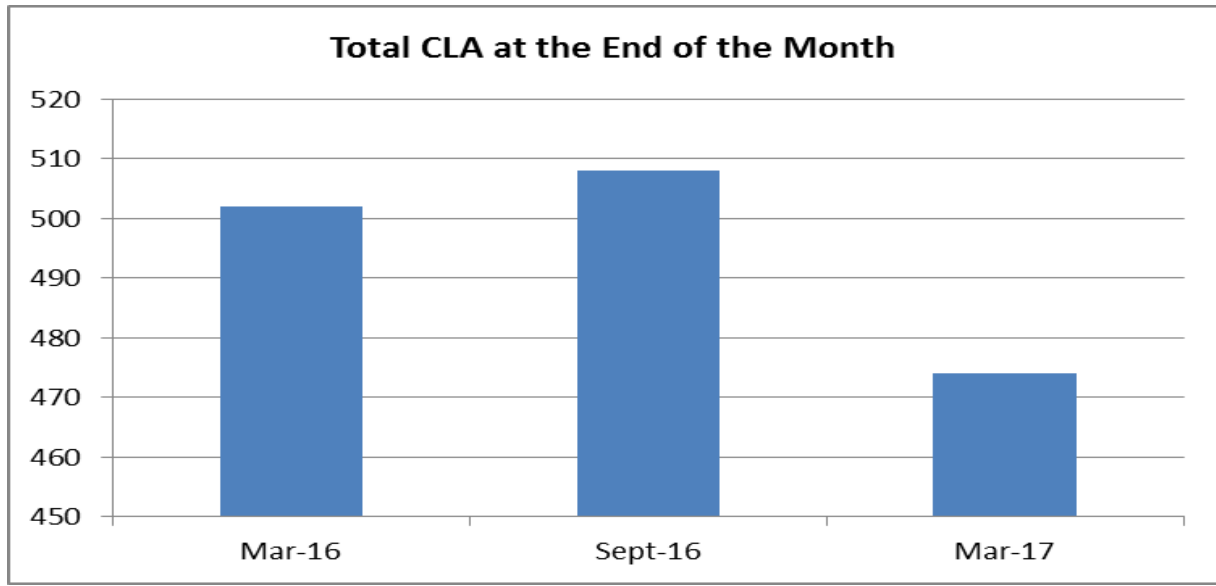


Table 37

The number of children looked after has reduced by 5.6%, from 502 at 31st March 2016 to 474 at 31st March 2017.

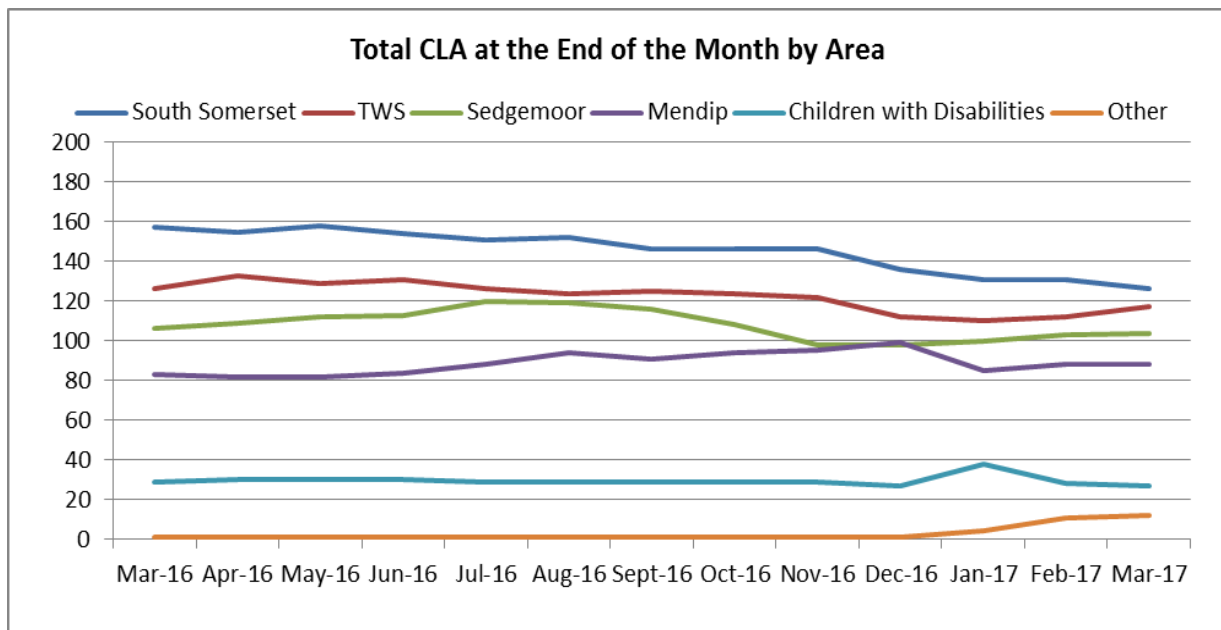


Table 38

South Somerset has seen CLA numbers decline the most, reducing 19.8% from 157 in March 2016 to 126 for March 2017.

Of the area teams, Mendip is the only one to see a rise in CLA numbers comparing March 2016 to March 2017 with 83 and 88 CLA for the respective months.

Specifically, June – December 2016 saw numbers of CLA in Mendip increase whereas other areas saw numbers fall during this period.

6.3 CLA for at Least 2.5 Years that have been in their current placement 2 years or more

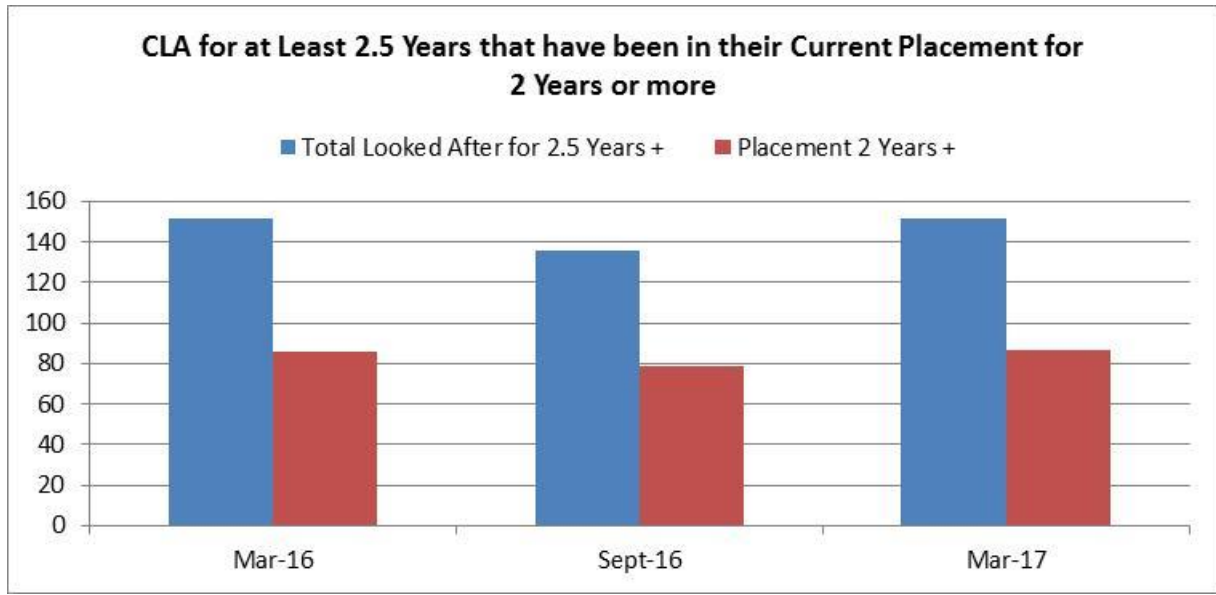


Table 39

The number and proportion of long-term looked after children who have been in their current placement for 2 years or longer has not changed significantly this financial year. Standing at 56.6% (86/152) in March 2016 this rose to 58.1% (79/136) in September and reduced to 57.2% (87/152) for March 2017.

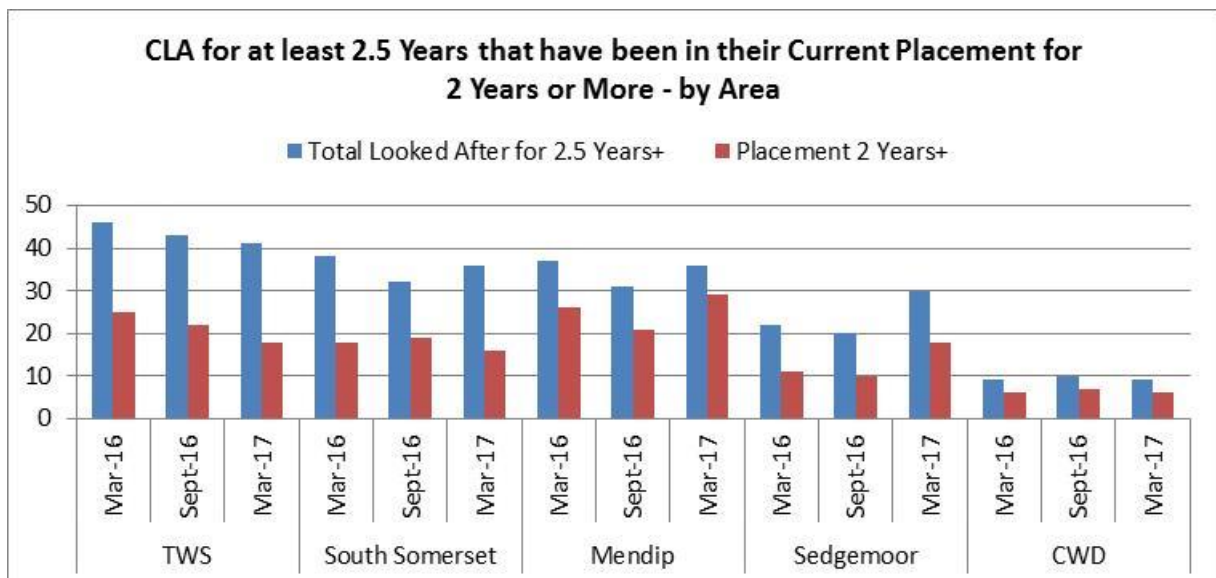


Table 40

Most areas have seen small reductions in the number of long term CLA, apart from Sedgemoor where the number has increased 36.4% from 22 to 30.

Two area teams have seen the proportion of long-term CLA who have been in their current placement for 2 years or longer reduce since last year. Taunton has seen this fall from 54.3% (25/46) to 43.9% (18/41) and South Somerset from 47.4% (18/38) to 44.4% (16/36).

Both Mendip and Sedgemoor have seen the proportion of stable placements rise; Mendip from 70.3% (26/37) to 80.6% (29/36) and Sedgemoor 50.0% (11/22) to 60.0% (18/30).

6.4 CLA with 3 or more Placements in the last 12 Month by Area

Area	3+ Placements 2016/17	Total CLA 2016/17	% 2016/17	3+ Placements 2015/16	Total CLA 2015/16	% 2015/16
Taunton and West Somerset	14	117	12.0%	24	125	19.2%
Sedgemoor	13	104	12.5%	17	107	15.9%
Mendip	4	88	4.5%	7	83	8.4%
South Somerset	17	126	13.5%	26	156	16.7%
Children with Disabilities	1	27	3.7%	1	29	3.4%
Other	1	12	8.3%	0	1	0.0%
Total	50	474	10.5%	75	501	15.0%

Table 41 – figures taken from LCS May 2016

The county figure for the proportion of children looked after who have experienced 3 or more placement moves has reduced comparing 2015/16 to the end of year figure for 2017, falling from 15.0% (75/501) to 10.5% (50/474).

All of the area teams have seen the proportion fall, with Taunton seeing the greatest reduction of 7.2 %. Sedgemoor, Mendip and South Somerset saw moderate reductions of 3.4, 3.9 and 3.2 %s respectively.

Taunton and South Somerset account for 62.0% (31/50) of CLA with 3 or more placements in the county – this is 10.7 % above the overall proportion of CLA in each area.

(It is worth bearing in mind that when this report was compiled these figures had not been cleansed to meet the requirements of the DfE Annual Return).

6.5 CLA Placed more than 20 Miles from home address

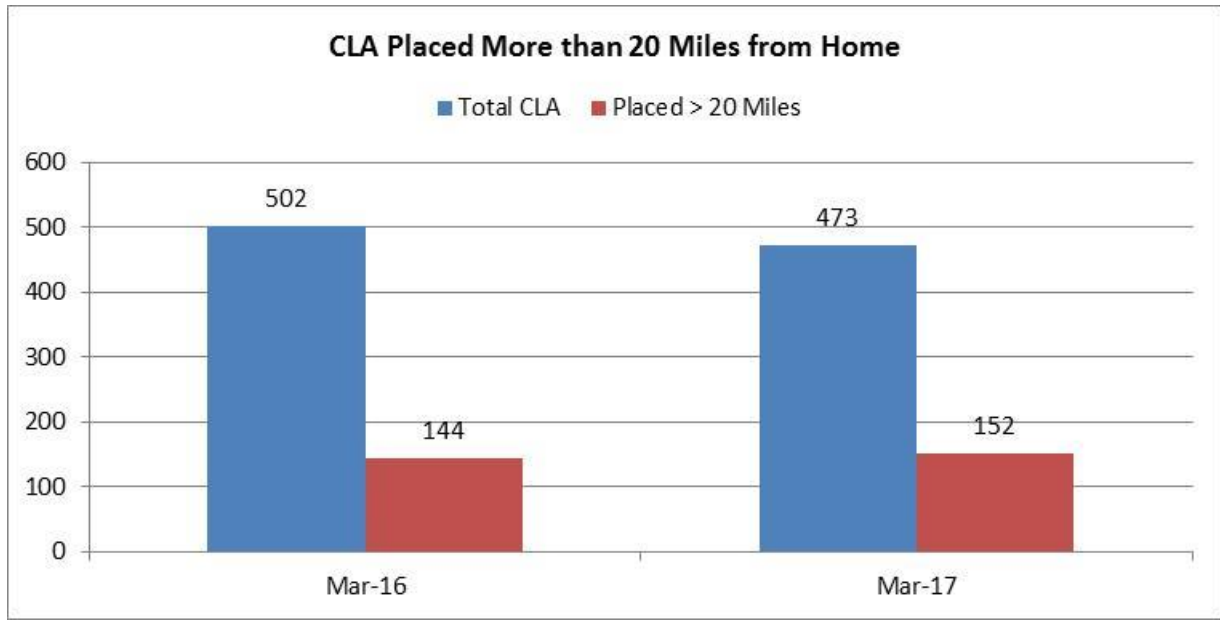


Table 42

The percentage of children placed more than 20 miles from their home address at the commencement of their care episode has increased for 2016/17, rising from 28.7% (144/502) to 32.1% (152/473).

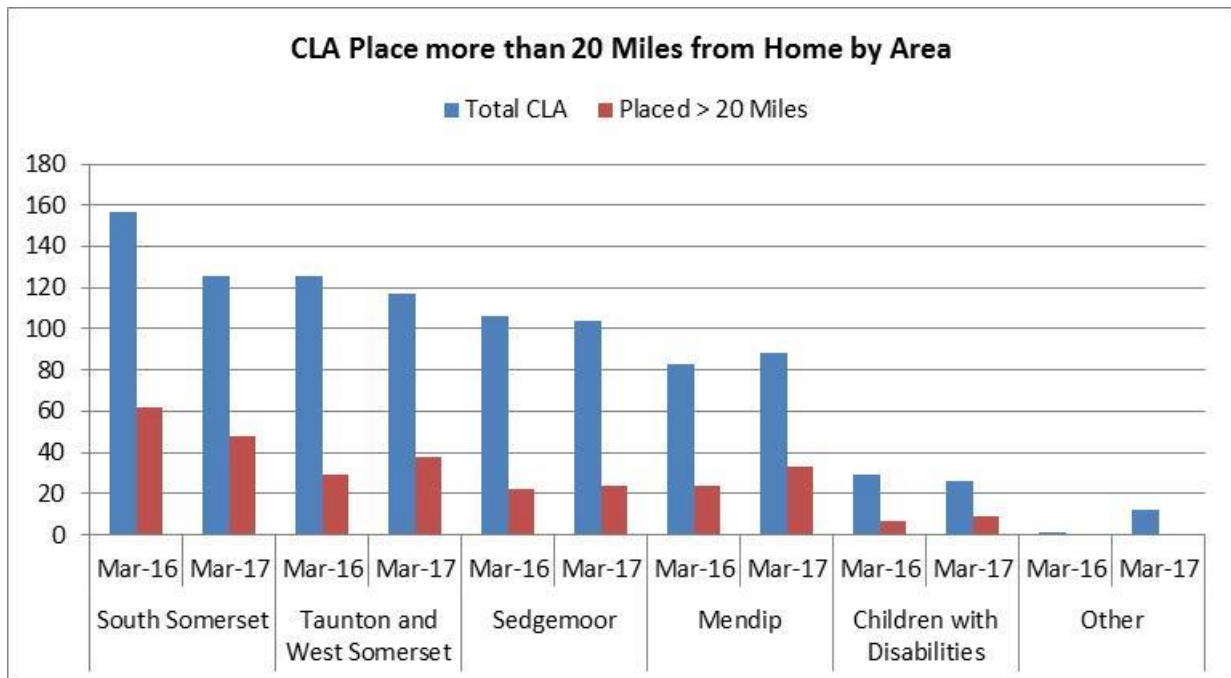


Table 43

At 31st March 2017, South Somerset is the only area team to see a small reduction in both the number and proportion of CLA placed more than 20 miles from home, with a 2017 figure of 38.1% (48/126) compared to 39.5% (62/157) the previous year. South

Somerset have also seen their proportion of the county total of children placed more than 20 miles reduce, from 43.1% (62/144) to 31.6% (48/152).

Taunton has seen the number of CLA in the area reduce, but the proportion placed more than 20 miles from home increase, from 23.0% (29/126) March 2016 to 32.5% (38/117). Their share of the county total has also increased, by 4.9 %.

CWD has seen the proportion placed more than 20 miles from home increase by 10.5 %, rising from 24.1% (7/29) to 34.6% (9/26). It should be noted that this relates to 2 children.

Mendip has also seen an increase in proportion of children placed more than 20 miles from the home address, of 8.6 %, rising from 28.9% (24/83) to 37.5% (33/88). Their share of the county total has also risen by 5 %.

Of the county total of CLA placed more than 20 miles from home, 31.6% (48/152) are in South Somerset.

6.6 CLA Statutory Visits on Time

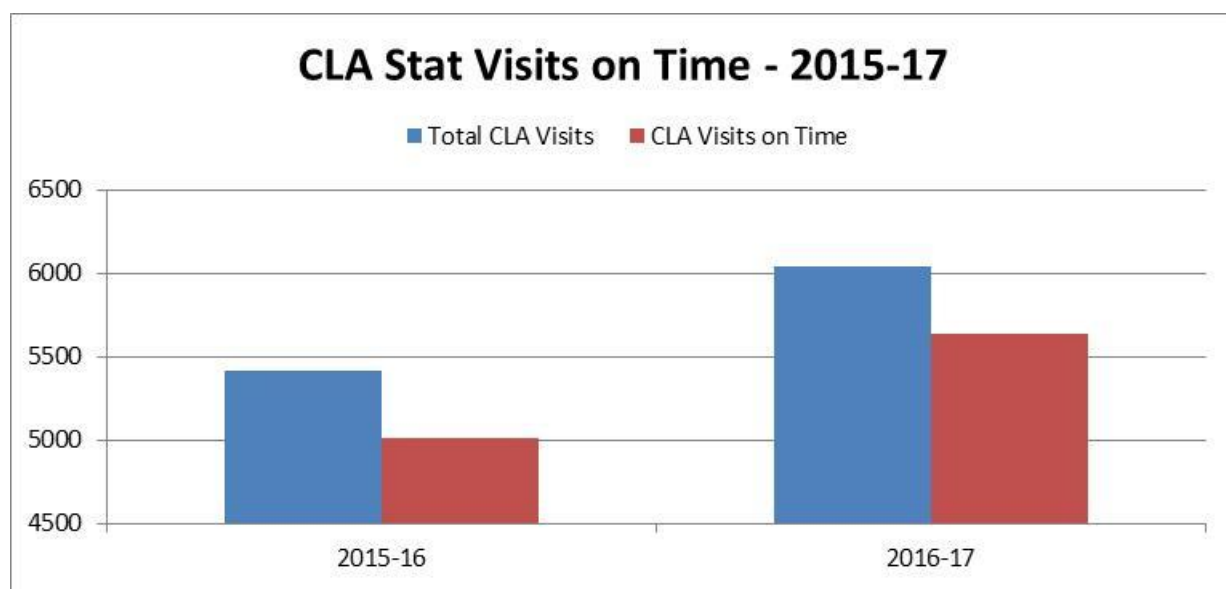


Table 44

The number of CLA Stat Visits taking place on time in 2016/17 has increased by 11.5% on the previous year, from 5420 to 6041.

93.3% (5636/6041) have been completed on time, an increase on 2015/16 where 92.5% (5015/5420) of visits took place on time.

CLA who have had ALL of their Stat Visits on time						
Area	2016/17 No of CLA with Stat Visits completed	2016/17 No of CLA with Stat Visits on Time	2016/17 % with ALL visits on time	2015/16 No of CLA with Stat Visits completed	2015/16 No of CLA with Stat Visits on Time	2015/16 % with ALL visits on time
South Somerset	1904	1780	93.5%	1733	1567	90.4%
Sedgemoor	1255	1120	89.2%	1201	1108	92.3%
Taunton and West Somerset	1419	1335	94.1%	1347	1274	94.6%
Mendip	1076	1042	96.8%	838	804	95.9%
Children with Disabilities	312	285	91.3%	281	245	87.2%
Other	75	74	98.7%	20	17	85.0%
Total	6041	5636	93.3%	5420	5015	92.5%

Table 45

Of the 4 area teams, Mendip have seen the greatest increase in number of stat visits completed, rising 28.4%, from 838 to 1076. Mendip also has the highest proportion completed on time in the county, with 96.8% (1042/1076).

Sedgemoor have the lowest percentage completed on time in the county, with 89.2% (1120/1255), down from the 92.3% (1108/1201) seen during 2015/16.

6.7 CLA Reviews on Time

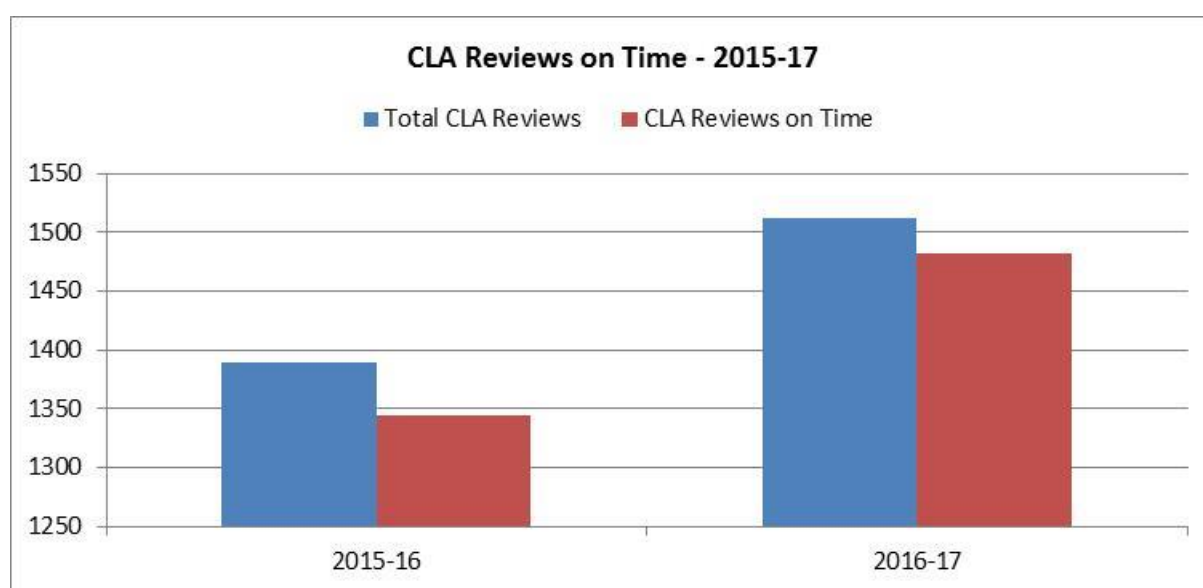


Table 46

The number of CLA reviews completed in 2015/16 has increased by 8.9% on the previous year, from 1389 to 1512.

98.0% (1482/1512) have been completed on time in 2016/17 compared to 96.8% (1345/1389) the previous year.

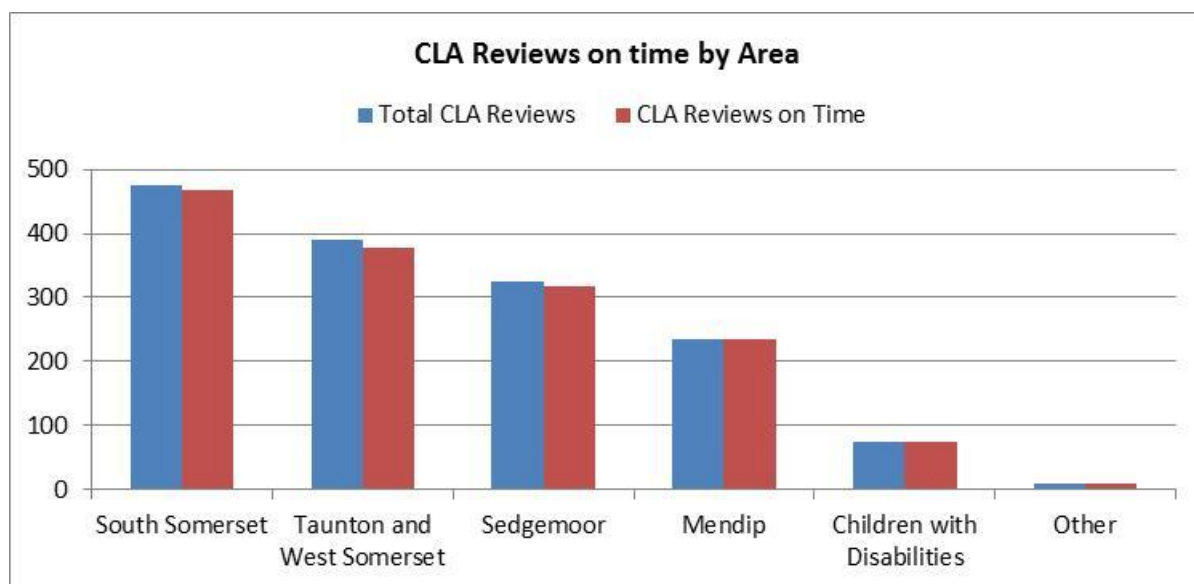


Table 47

6.8 CLA Initial Health Assessments

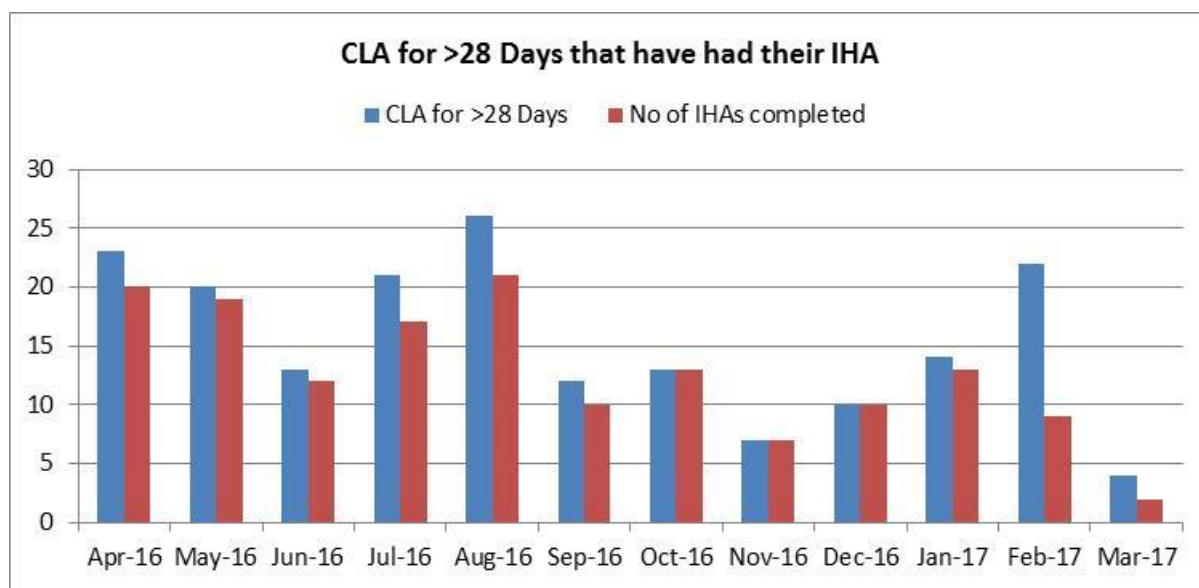


Table 48

82.7% (153/185) of children looked after for more than 28 days have had their initial health assessments across the 12 month period, slightly higher than the 2015/16 figure of 79.1% (148/187).

February saw the figure reduce to just 40.9% (9/22).

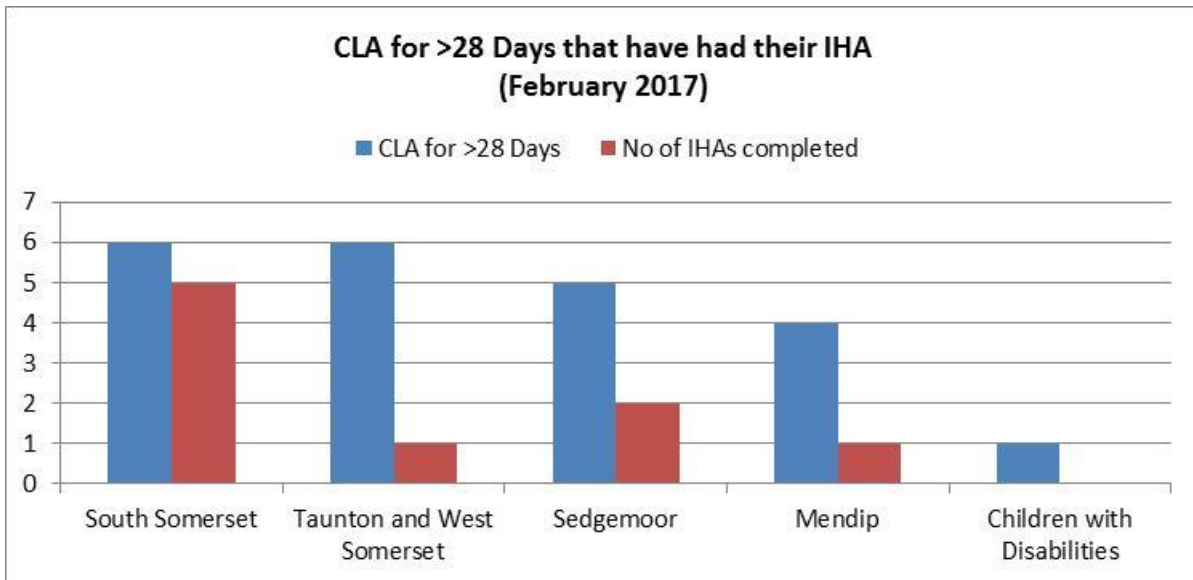


Table 49

Sedgemoor and Mendip were particularly affected with 40.0% (2/5) and 25.0% (1/4) completed respectively.

6.9 CLA Health & Dental Assessments

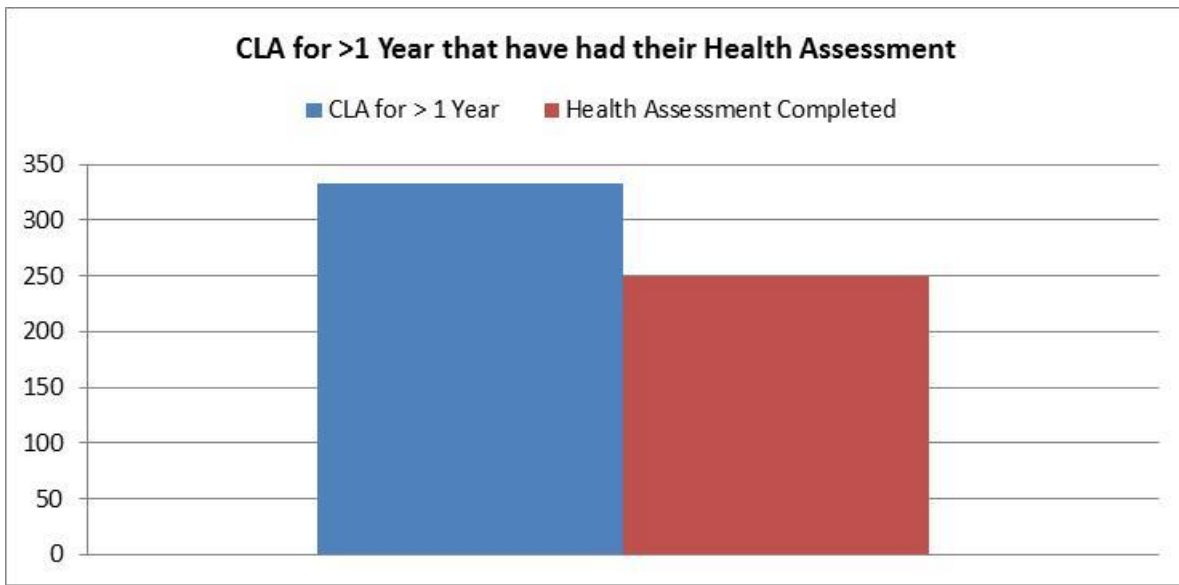


Table 50

87.1% (296/340) of children that have been looked after for longer than a year have had their Health Assessments during 2016/17. This is higher than the figure for 2015/16, where 77.6% (260/335) was achieved.

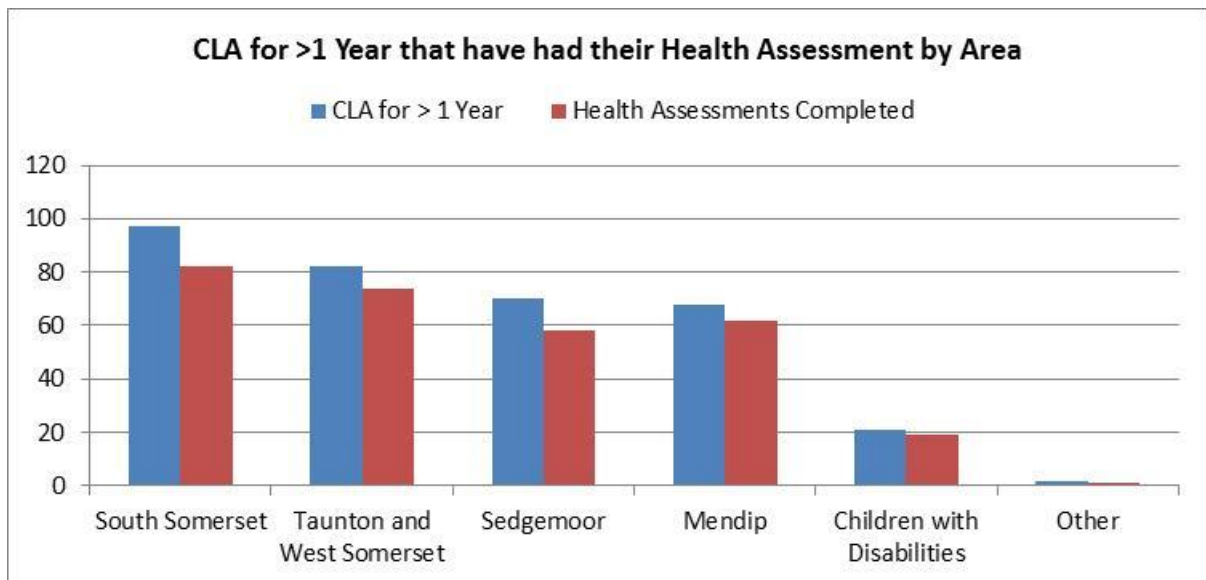


Table 51

Mendip and Taunton have achieved the highest proportion of health assessments, with 91.2% (62/68) and 90.2% (74/82) respectively. South Somerset achieved 84.5% (82/97) and Sedgemoor 82.9% (58/70). 90.5% (19/21) of CWD that have been looked after for longer than a year had their health assessment during 2016/17.

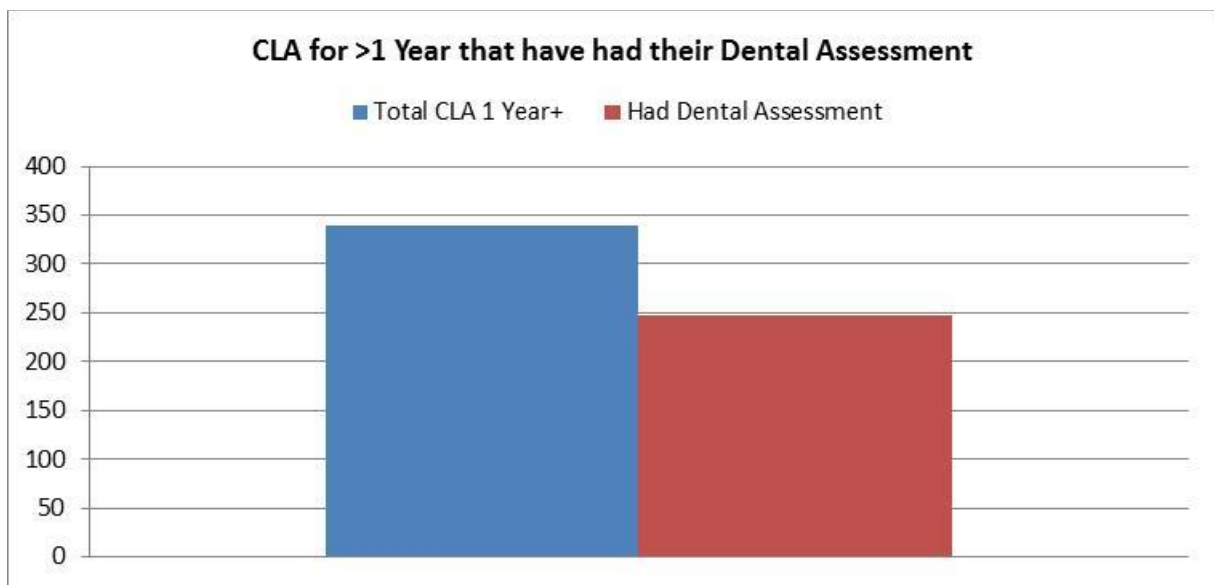


Table 52

72.9% (248/340) of children looked after for longer than a year have their Dental Assessments during 2016/17. This is lower than the previous year, where 77.6% (260/335) was achieved.

Manual intervention for the annual return will improve this figure.

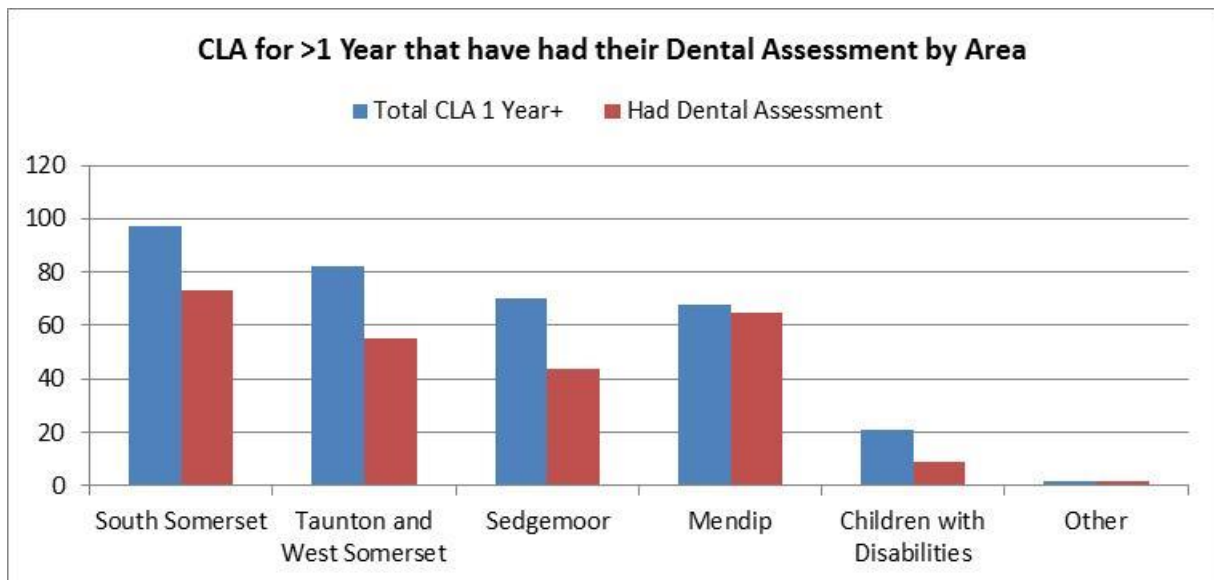


Table 53

Mendip achieved the highest proportion of dental assessments completed in the county, with 95.6% (65/68) of children. South Somerset completed the 2nd highest, with 75.3% (73/97), TWS achieved 67.1% (55/82) and Sedgemoor 62.9% (44/70). Finally, 42.9% (9/21) of CWD looked after for longer than a year had their dental assessment.

6.10 CLA Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaires

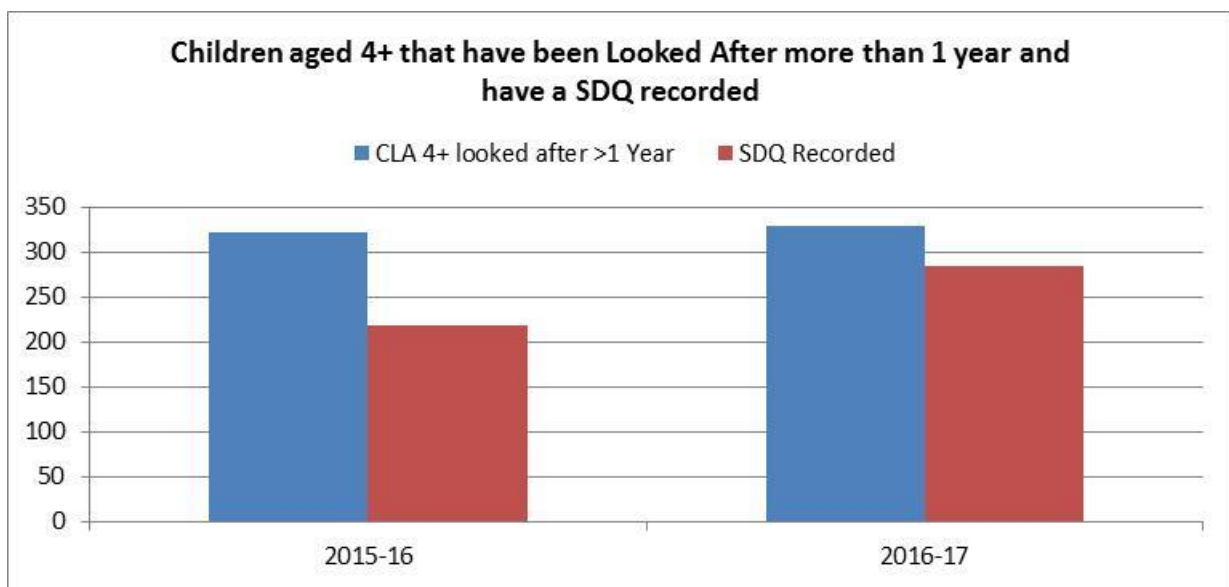


Table 54

86.3% (284/329) of children aged over 4 years who have been looked after for longer than 1 year have a “Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire” recorded, higher than the 2015/16 figure of 68.0% (219/322).

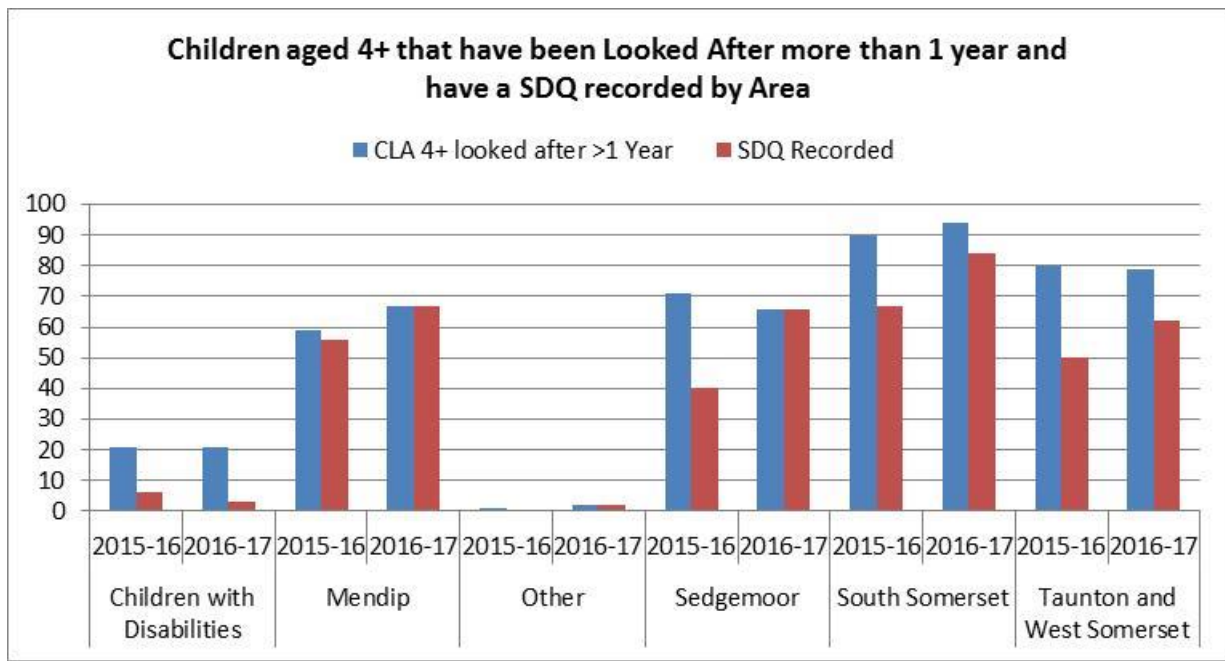


Table 55

All of the four main area teams increased the number of SDQs completed for 2016/17, with Sedgemoor making the most dramatic improvement, rising from 56.3% (40/71) completed during 2015-16, to 100% (66/66) for 2016/17.

7. Care Leavers

7.1 Indicator Summary

Indicator	Totals 2016/17	Totals 2015/16	%/Ppts Change in Number from 2015/16	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2016/17	Somerset Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	Stat Neighbour Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16	National Rate per 10 000 or % 2015/16
No of Care Leavers	205	315	-34.9%				
% of Care Leavers In Touch	98.5%	96.2%	2.3				
% of ALL Care Leavers NEET	42.4%	50.5%	-8.1				
% of All Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation	95.6%	91.1%	4.5				

Table 56

7.2 Care Leaver Numbers

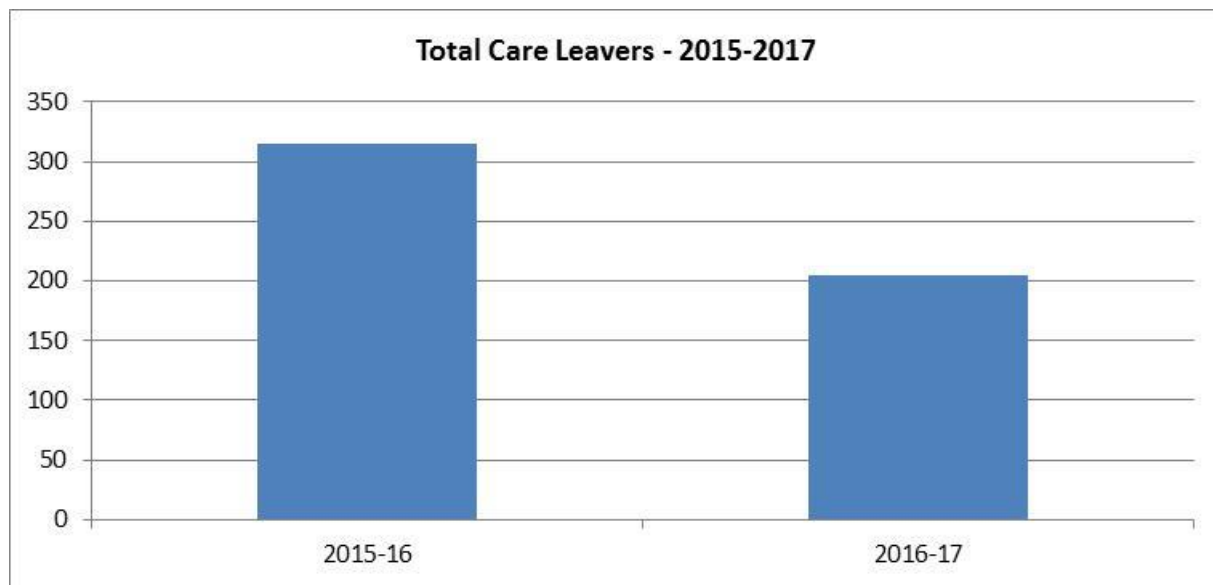


Table 57

The number of care leavers has reduced 34.9%, falling from 315 as at the end of March 2016, to 205 at the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

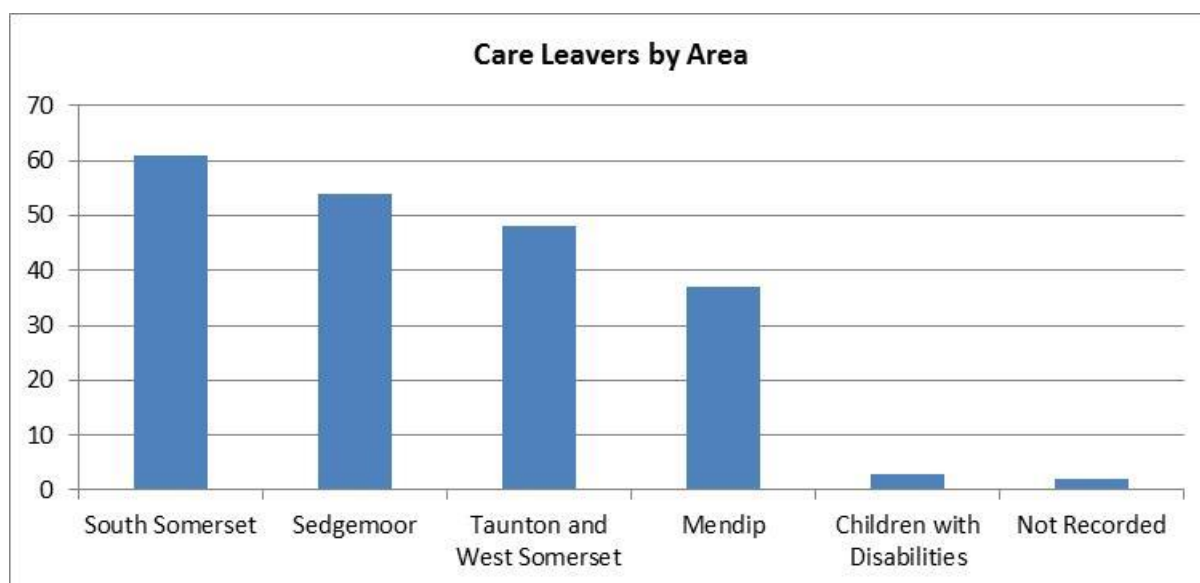


Table 58

29.8% (61/205) of care leavers are allocated to the South Somerset team, 26.3% (54/205) Sedgemoor, 23.4% (48/205) Taunton, Mendip 18.0% (37/205) and 1.5% (3/205) sit with the CWD Team.

7.3 Care Leavers In Touch

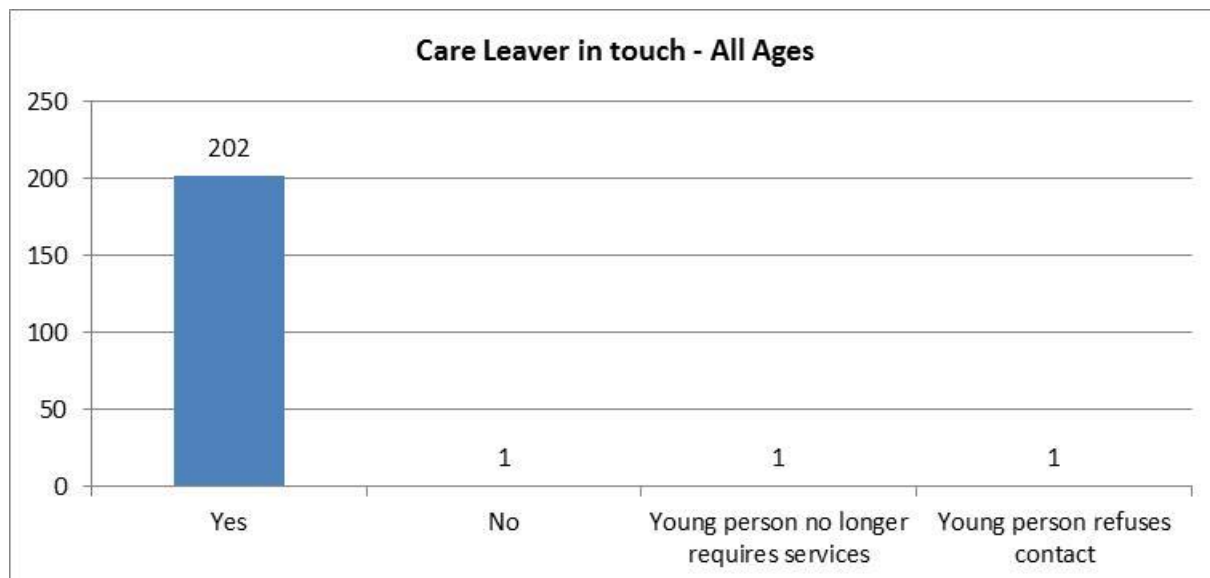


Table 59

Of the 205 care leavers at 31st March 2017, 98.5% (202/205) were in touch at a date three months prior to and one month after their birthday.

7.4 Care Leavers that are NEET

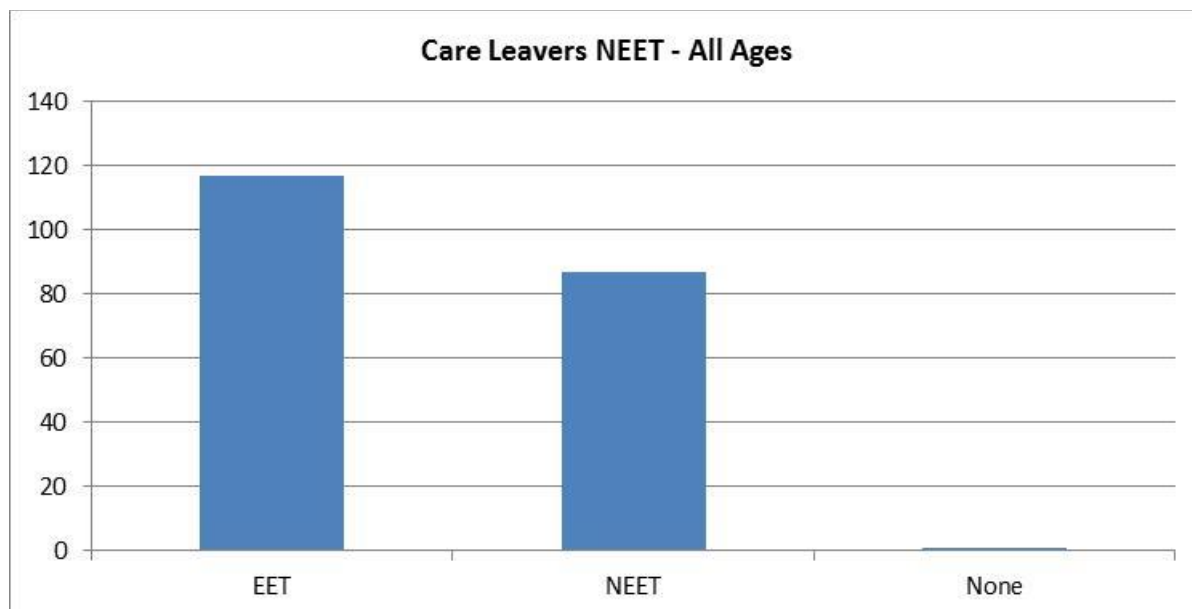


Table 60

At the end of March 2017, 42.4% (87/205) of Care Leavers were not in employment, education or training, lower than the 2016 figure of 50.5% (159/315).

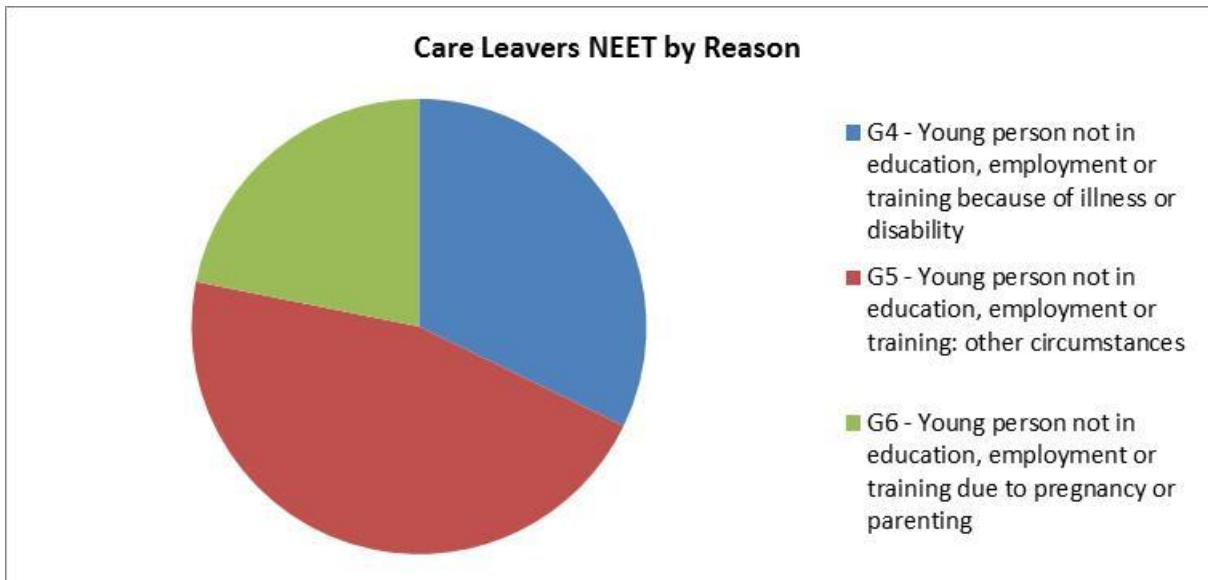


Table 61

Of those care leavers who are NEET, 46.0% (40/87) are due to 'Other Circumstances', 32.2% (28/87) due to illness of disability and 21.8% (19/87) due to 'pregnancy or parenting'. Illness or disability has seen a 2 % increase on the previous year and pregnancy or parenting a 0.2 % reduction.

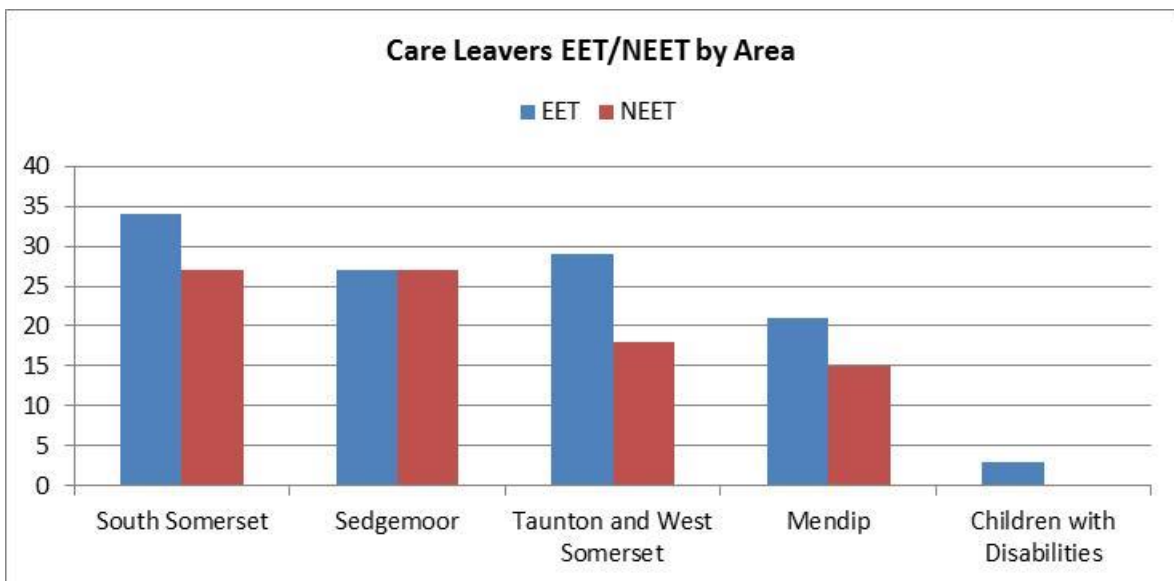


Table 62

50% (27/54) of Sedgemoor Care Leavers are NEET, 44.3% (27/61) for South Somerset, 41.7% (15/36) for Mendip and Taunton has the lowest at 38.3% (18/47).

Mendip is the only area not to see a reduction in the proportion of care leavers that are NEET, and this in fact rose, from 37.7% (20/53) last year, to 41.7% (15/36) in 2016/17.

Taunton has seen the proportion of care leavers NEET reduce by 14.7 %, South Somerset by 8.1 % and Sedgemoor by 4.6 %.

7.5 Care Leavers who are in Suitable Accommodation

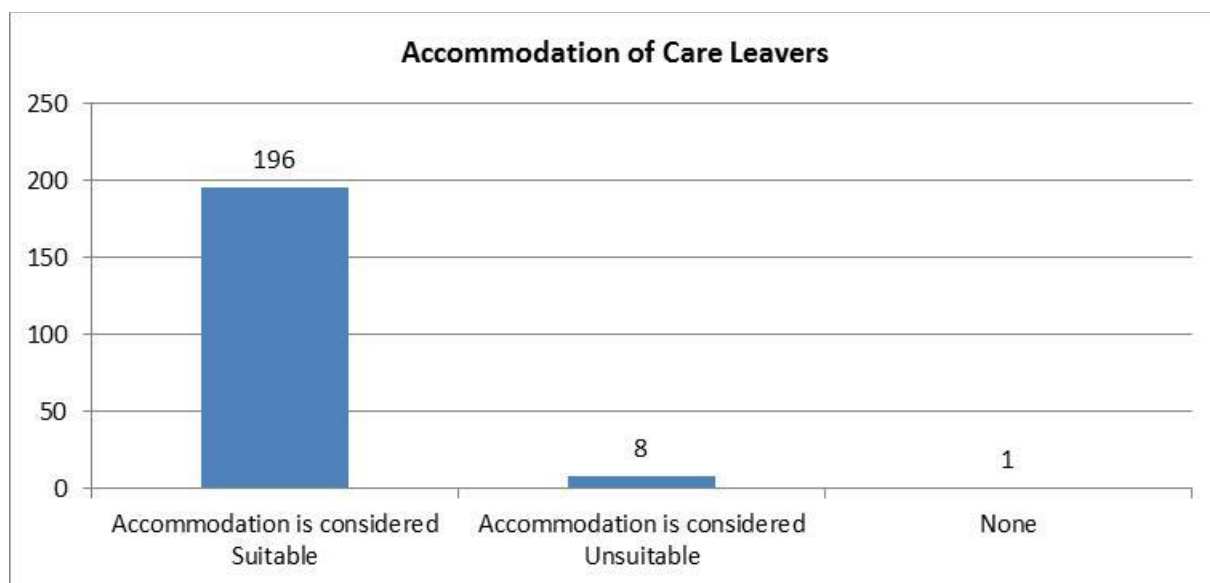


Table 63

95.6% (196/205) of care leavers were suitably accommodated at a date three months prior to and one month after their birthday as at 31st March 2017. This is an improvement on the 2016 figure, where 91.1% (287/315) was reported.

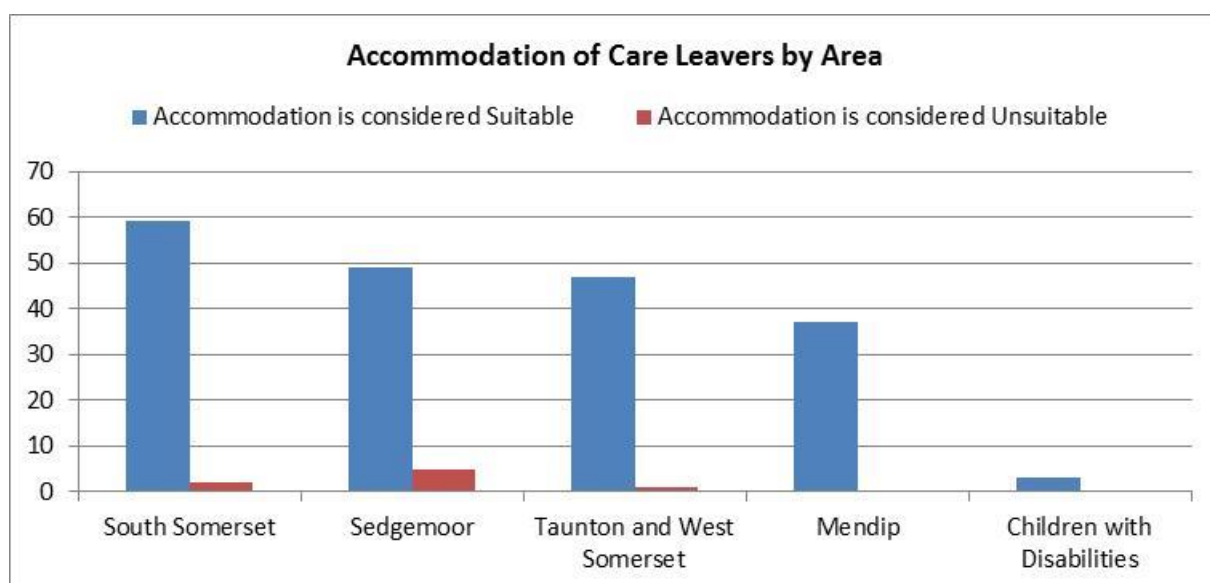


Table 64

8 care leavers are considered to be unsuitably accommodated, 5 of whom are in Sedgemoor, 2 in South Somerset and 1 in Taunton.