

# Agenda

## Corporate Parenting Board

**Thursday, 8 February 2018, 2.00 pm**  
**County Hall, Worcester**

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**Membership:** Mr A C Roberts (Chairman), Cllr Joe Baker, Mr M Bayliss, Ms N Gale, Ms P A Hill, Mrs L C Hodgson, Dr C Hotham, Mrs F M Oborski, Cllr. Gerry O'Donnell, Mrs J A Potter, Cllr Margaret Sherrey and Mr David Watkins

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## Corporate Parenting Board

Thursday, 30 November 2017, County Hall, Worcester - 2.00 pm

### Minutes

#### Present:

Mr A C Roberts (Chairman), Mrs L C Hodgson, Dr C Hotham, Cllr. Gerry O'Donnell, Jeremy Newell, Mrs J A Potter and Mr David Watkins

#### Also attended:

Sally Branchflower, Andrea Brew-Smith, Alison Brill, Rhys Davies, Gwen Fennell, Kate Griffiths, Ryan Hepworth, James MacDonald, Tina Russell, Jake Shaw, Nina Warrington, Thomas Welsby

#### 106 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Baylis, Ellen Footman and Fran Oborski.  
Jeremy Newell attended for Ellen Footman.

The Chairman mentioned that attendance had not always been consistent from some of the District Councils. He requested that if Members were finding it difficult to attend that the representation move to someone who had more availability.

Nina Warrington explained that attendance by representatives from the district housing authorities would cycle round the different authorities at each meeting. Feedback would then be given at their monthly meetings.

Lucy Hodgson gave a declaration of interest because she was on the Corporation of the Heart of Worcester College.

#### 107 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

#### 108 Review of previous Action Points

Action points from the last agenda had either been dealt with or would be during the course of the meeting.

#### 109 Quarterly Data Set

Headline data was provided and then more detail provided for each district. It was proposed that the headline figures would be brought to each meeting and the detailed information would be presented quarterly.

In the discussion the following points were clarified:

- The different terms were explained as; Looked after children were in the care of the Local Authority; Care Leavers had previously been in the care of the Local Authority; Child Protection referred to children at risk and who were in need of a Social Work intervention and Children in Need were all the categories together, but the local definition was those children open for a Child in Need assessment and who have a Child in Need Plan
- 25% of Looked after Children were in placements outside Worcestershire and a number of children were placed in Worcestershire by other Authorities. Worcestershire only had a statutory duty for children from other authorities in an emergency. Some Local Authorities had more children from other authorities than Worcestershire. Work would be done to verify the figures of children placed in Worcestershire from other local authorities and this would be brought back to the Board
- It was agreed that the information was very useful and Board Members asked if the relevant information could be sent to other County Council and District Councillors
- The numbers for children missing showed the number of incidents, however short term. The only children missing long term were unaccompanied asylum seekers. There were plans for 3 full time Child Missing Officers to be appointed who would ensure children were supported to have return interviews and to find out why the child may have gone missing. A report would be brought to a future meeting
- The number of up to date health assessments was at 60% due to staff vacancies but new Health and Well-being nurses were now in post and the numbers of up to date health assessments was increasing. An update on health assessments would be brought to a future meeting.

## **ACTIONS**

- 1. The format and content of the data was agreed to be useful with the headline information available for each meeting and the in depth data for each district brought quarterly;**
- 2. The data would be made available to other County and District Councillors**

- with all enquiries brought to the Board by the representatives; and
3. Reports on children missing and an update on health assessments would be brought to future meetings.

## 110 Virtual School

Gwen Fennell introduced the Virtual School's Annual Report which gave details of the Governing Body. The Governing Board would continue to monitor the implementation and impact of the Virtual School Improvement Plan and Self-Evaluation, holding both the Virtual School and Babcock Prime to account and being a critical friend, in order to deliver the best outcomes for our young people.

Brief details were given of the Attachment Aware Schools programme, a yearlong partnership with 10 schools across Worcestershire. Participants would develop an understanding of the impact of unmet attachment needs and trauma on education throughout childhood. The programme consisted of one full day and three half days training for 2 staff members. The schools agreed to lead a supported action research project in their school and share the findings with the Virtual School and the whole Worcestershire learning community.

Every school in Worcestershire had received funding to organise their own Attachment training by a qualified and suitable trainer for all staff. The training was mandatory and would be overseen by the Virtual School.

The West Midlands Virtual Heads group worked collaboratively on projects to allow all children residing in each county to have the opportunity to participate in any programmes organised by Virtual Schools.

Data had yet to be validated so there may be some changes;

- **KS1** -There has been a significant increase in our pupils achieving expected standard in **RWM** at Key Stage 1 from 16.7% in 2016 (60% of this cohort are SEN) to 44% in 2017 (32% of this cohort are SEN)
- **KS2** - There has been an increase in our pupils achieving expected standard in R, W & M at KS2 from 15% in 2016 to 20% in 2017 in comparison to their peers of 57%.
- The gap is beginning to slightly narrow.
- **KS4** - The percentage of Looked After Children achieving Grade C+/4+ in English and Maths has increased from 10% in 2016 (52% of this cohort was

SEN) to 29% in 2017 (61% of this cohort was SEN).

- **NEET** - The proportion of CiC that are NEET has decreased from 28.6% (2016) to 13.9% (2017)
- **University** - 19 of our Care Leavers are attending University

During the discussion a number of points were made:

- The schools taking part in the Attachment Awareness training were pre-selected. All other schools were funded to organise Attachment Training to all their staff. Virtual Head is overseeing this and funding will be clawed back if not used
- Most schools were now using HLTAs to cover teachers who required training/professional development so cost was minimised for schools
- When children move placement, ideally the education should be organised and a school place finalised before the move happens, to limit disruption
- The good Key Stage 4 results could be due to actions taken by the school making good use of the pupil premium or alongside a stronger cohort. Ofsted were now beginning to focus on Broader progress (Resilience, confidence, self-esteem of our young people) alongside academic outcomes
- Each school should provide details of the progress and attainment of our Looked After Children and the impact of PP+ spend to their Governing Board on a termly basis
- Social Workers had been offered Education Awareness training but there had so far been a low uptake so different ways of providing the training would be considered
- The Chairman recommended Board Members look at the Health and Well-being Board's Agenda for 5 December, at the report on Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) which was relevant to the work of the Corporate Parenting Board
- The withdrawal of National Curriculum (NC) Levels had prompted schools to rethink how they assess and monitor their pupil's progress. A negative progress score did not mean that the cohort had gone backwards it meant that they had made less progress than the national average. A positive progress score meant that the cohort had made above average progress. A score which was close to zero meant that the cohort's progress



was roughly in line with the national average (the larger the cohort the closer to zero the progress score needs to be for it to be in line with average).

## **ACTIONS**

- 1. The Annual Report was noted,**
- 2. Further updates would be brought back to the Board from the Virtual School Head Teacher, and**
- 3. The Chairman referred Board Members to the Health and Well-being Board's report on Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) on the agenda for 5 December 2017.**

### **111 Draft Joint Housing Protocol**

Rhys Davies and James McDonald brought the Joint Social Care and Housing Protocol for Care Leavers to the Board and explained that it was the responsibility of District Councils to sign off the protocol. Staff were already working towards the aims of the draft protocol and it was hoped that the Corporate Parenting Board would endorse the protocol and support its aims.

Various points were considered by members:

- Members discussed whether the term 'homeless' should be applied to Care Leavers. Individuals may find it a shock to be referred to as homeless as they would not necessarily see themselves in those terms; they would feel that they were progressing to suitable accommodation rather than homeless
- The grant given for transition to suitable accommodation could be given at various times dependent on the situation of the young person as some may be encouraged to stay with foster parents
- Housing providers were not statutory bodies so were not required to sign up to the protocol but the District Councils worked closely with them
- The evidence showed that young people did better with phased moves so training flats were a good idea. If a young person was successful in the training flat they would be able to stay there and a new training flat would be made available for use in the future
- Pre tenancy training was made available for young people before they moved to their own property.

**112 Care Leaver  
Wish List**

**ACTIONS**

- 1. The Corporate Parenting Board was happy to endorse the Joint Social Care and Housing Protocol for Care Leavers;**
- 2. The Board supported the key aims of the protocol**
  - To develop jointly commissioned training flats**
  - To jointly commission emergency temporary accommodation for care leavers aged over 18 as a direct alternative to the use of B&Bs**
  - To agree a robust 'Prevention of Eviction' process for Care Leavers, which would apply across Strategic Housing, Housing Providers and Children, Families and Communities; and**
- 3. Would welcome a further update on housing and transitions at a future meeting.**

James McDonald, the new Care Leavers Team Manager asked the Corporate Parenting Board to adopt the 'wish list' which was presented to the Board by Care Leavers at the previous meeting.

The list consisted of the following points:

- To progress the work around subsidising Council Tax for care leavers: This required buy in from all the District Councils. The Chairman agreed to ask the Chief Executive and Leader to discuss this at their Leaders meeting**
- To extend training flats county wide: There was already a training flat in Redditch as they had their own housing stock. Other districts were looking at how this scheme could be introduced in their areas. It had already been agreed that an update on housing would be considered at a future meeting**
- To jointly commission with housing services for those young people with the most complex needs**
- Having the will and commitment to have a joined up Prevention of Eviction policy: The Homeless Prevention Act would be coming into force next year so some actions would become statutory**
- To consider the Pathway Plan as the core**

document in a young person's Looked After Review: This should help different agencies to work together to identify red flags and address problems to prevent crisis. If a Looked After Child on a Care Order was under 18 they legally needed a Care Plan but they needed their Pathway plan completed by 16

- That IROs ensure completion and quality of pathway plans within the Review process: Plans were put in place but further work would be done to assure the quality.

## **ACTIONS**

1. **The Board agreed to adopt the Care Leaver's wish list where possible;**
2. **Ensure that items on the wish list were progressed if full adoption was not possible;**
3. **Receive regular updates from the Care Leavers Service; and**
4. **Send a letter to the Young People who presented the Wish List to let them know that the Board has discussed and considered the list.**

**113 Vice Chairman's events for Looked after Children and Care Leavers**

These events were organised by the Chairman's cross party group. Events were organised across all districts and were led by County Councillors in their role as Corporate Parents.

**ACTIONS – This report was noted.**

**114 Draft Work Plan**

It was explained that the in touch visits would be individual events rather than a meeting, when Board Members would be able to visit various settings and speak to young people. Young People would only take part if they had given their agreement first.

**ACTIONS - The work plan was noted and would be updated following the meeting with the reports requested by Board Members.**

**115 Future Meeting Dates**

Future Meeting Dates for 2018 were:

8 February 2018  
22 March 2018  
7 June 2018  
12 July 2018  
11 October 2018

29 November 2018

At 2pm at County Hall unless otherwise specified

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm

Chairman .....

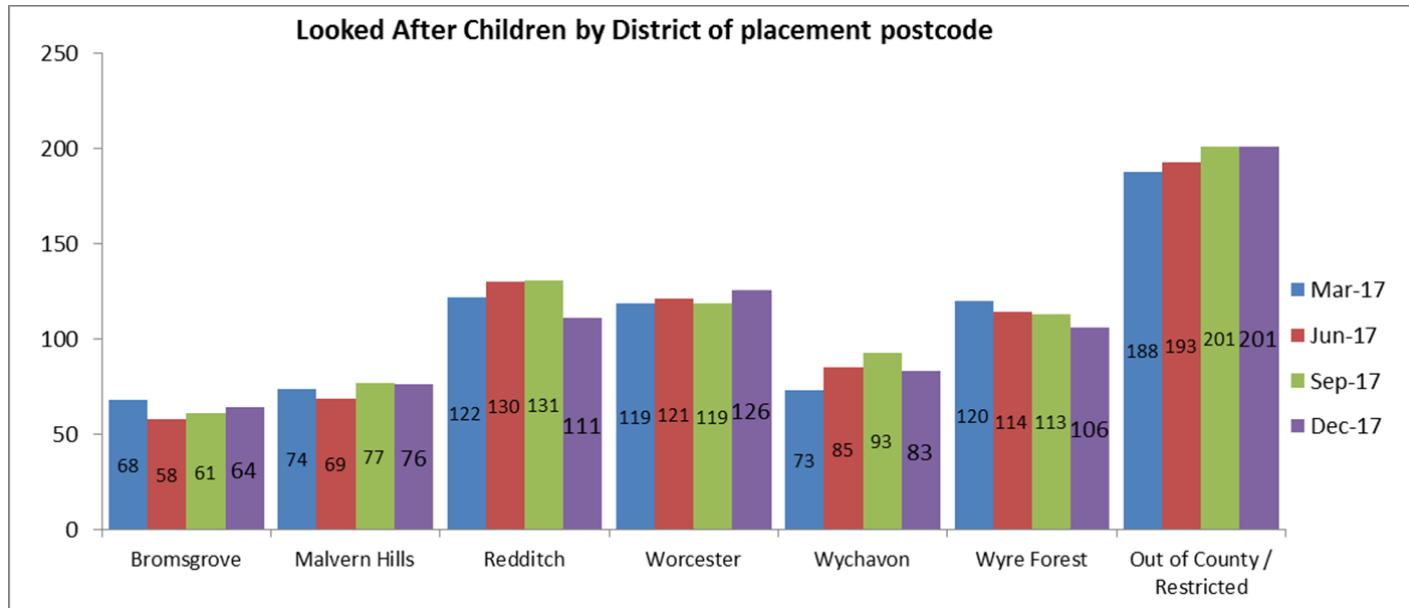
Corporate Parenting Board Dataset

Measure	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Target	Ntl 16/17	Stat Nbrs
1 Number of Looked After Children	765	771	770	777	788	795	781	778	767					[715]	[553]
2 Number of Looked After Children who are Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers	29	29	31	30	30	30	32	28	29						
3 Number of Looked After Children open to Children with Disability teams	33	35	34	34	31	32	30	31	31						
4 Number of Looked After Children placed outside the County	152	152	158	164	163	163	164	166	170 (22%)					39% (2016)	
5 Number of Looked After Children placed more than 20 miles from home, outside the County			84			87			87 (13%)				12%	14% (2016)	
6 Percentage of Looked After Children with 3 or more placements in previous 12 months	13.2%	13.4%	12.4%	13.3%	12.7%	11.8%	11.4%	10.9%	10.3%				10%	10% (2016)	12.3%(2016)
7 Number of Looked After Children placed in Foster Care	455	450	447	439	441	448	433	439	431 (56%)				75%	74% (2016)	
8 Number of Looked After Children placed with a Relative or Friend	114	126	123	129	134	137	138	140	140 (18%)						
9 Number of Looked After Children placed for Adoption	30	34	34	40	38	35	33	29	26 (3%)					4% (2016)	
10 Number of Looked After Children placed with parents	40	41	39	38	39	40	41	41	43 (6%)					5% (2016)	
11 Number of Looked After Children in Independent/ Supported Living	45	37	42	43	45	45	45	37	36 (5%)						
12 Number of Looked After Children in Residential Care	72	75	79	81	82	82	86	88	87 (11%)				10%	12% (2016)	
13 Number of Looked After Children in Secure Accommodation	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1						
14 Number of Looked After Children in Other	6	6	4	5	8	6	4	3	3					4% (2016)	
15 Number of repeat Looked After Children within 12 months	0	0	1	2	0	5	2	1	0				1%		
16 Percentage of Looked After Children with an up to date health assessment	41%	53%	54%	57%	58%	60%	62%	63%	64%				90%	90% (2016)	
17 Percentage of Looked After Children aged 16 /17 with an up to date Pathway Plan	34%	48%	54%	55%	59%	54%	53%	45%	50%				100%		
18 Percentage of looked after children of school age with an up to date Personal Education Plan		[41%]	[62%]	[71%]	[70%]	75%	78%	78%	85%				95%		
19 Number of Worcestershire's Looked after Children aged 16/17 that are Not in Education/Employment/Training	15	16	15	19	23	16	25	26	26						
20 Number of Looked After Children who went missing	17	22	22	23	26	29	22	22	19						
21 Number of "missing" incidents involving Looked After Children	27	42	36	50	61	45	42	30	32						
22 Number of Looked after Children recorded as vulnerable to Child Sexual Exploitation	New measures introduced								43	44					
23 Number of Looked after Children recorded as experiencing Child Sexual Exploitation	New measures introduced								5	5					
24 Number of council foster carers - households			161			164			160						
25 Number of care leavers open for services - all ages	New measures introduced								373	384	355				
26 Number of care leavers open for services - age 16-20	New measures introduced								294	299	301				
27 Number of care leavers open for services - age 21- 25	New measures introduced								79	85	54				
28 Percentage of care leavers open for services "in touch" - all ages	New measures introduced								86%	86%	86%	95%	[92%]	[88%]	
29 Percentage of care Leavers open for services in suitable accommodation - all ages	New measures introduced								90%	90%	89%	95%	[84%]	[82%]	
30 Percentage of care leavers open for services that are in Education/Employment/Training - all ages	New measures introduced								59%	59%	61%	85%	[50%]	[48.5%]	
31 Percentage of care leavers open for services with an up-to-date Pathway Plan - all ages	New measures introduced								69%	65%	62%	95%			

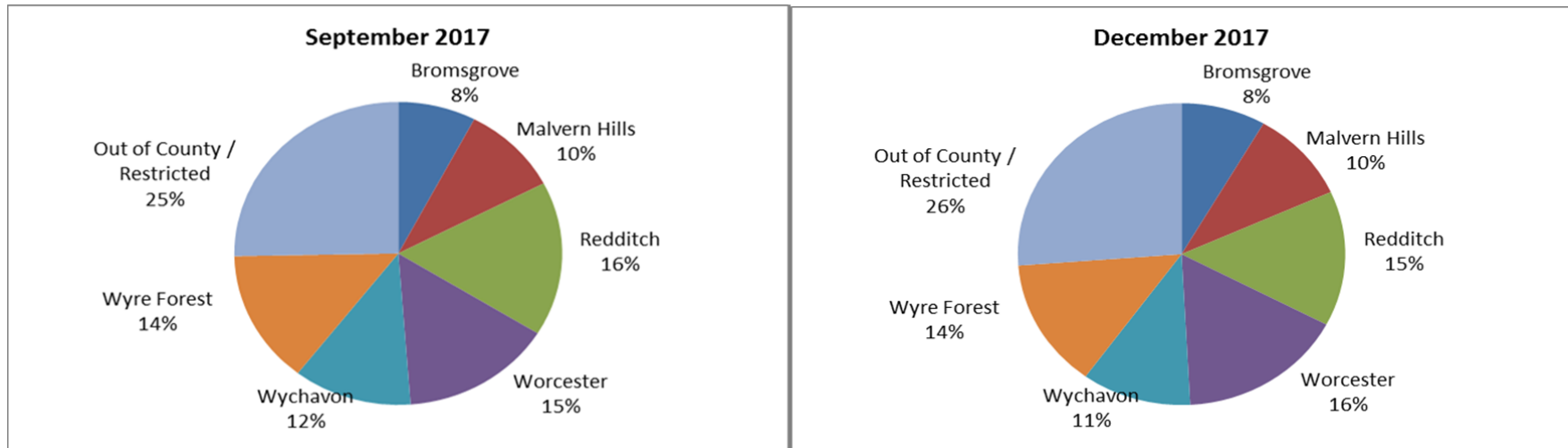
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# District Profiles

## Looked After Children - Overview of distribution

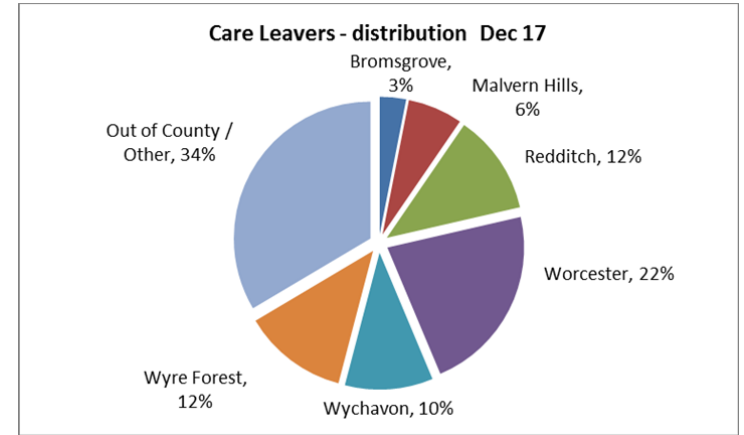
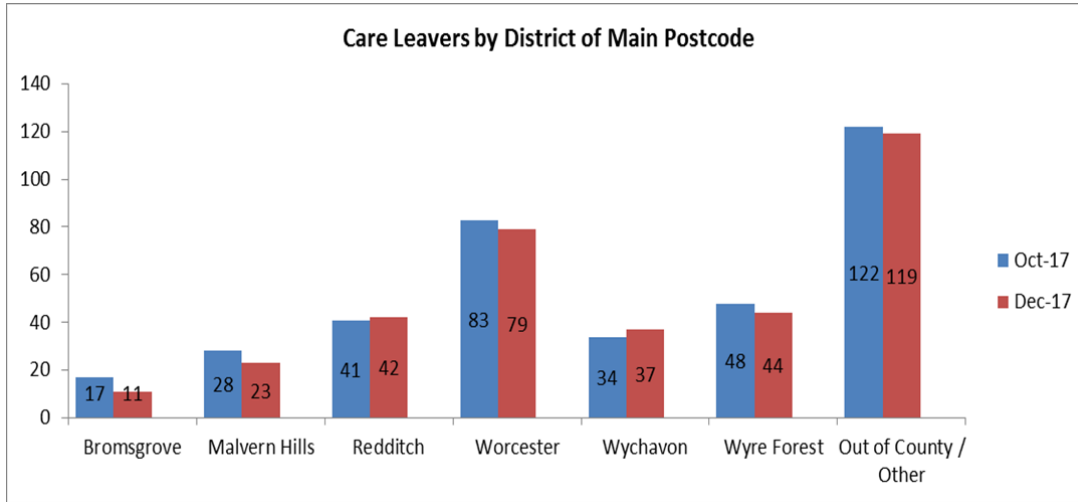


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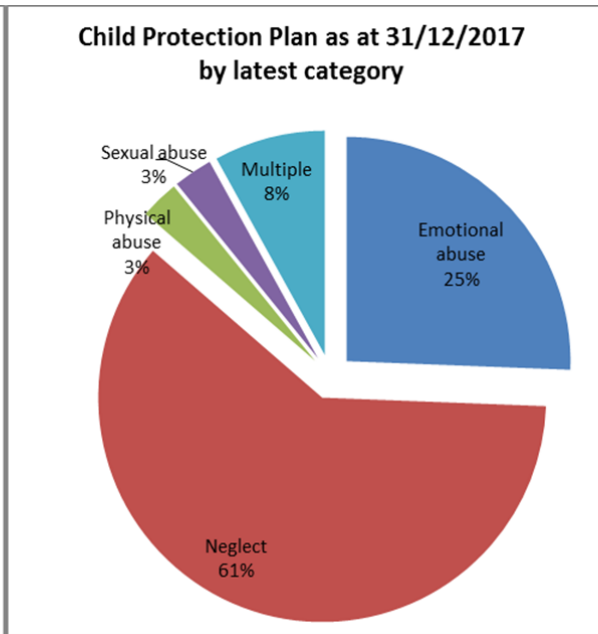
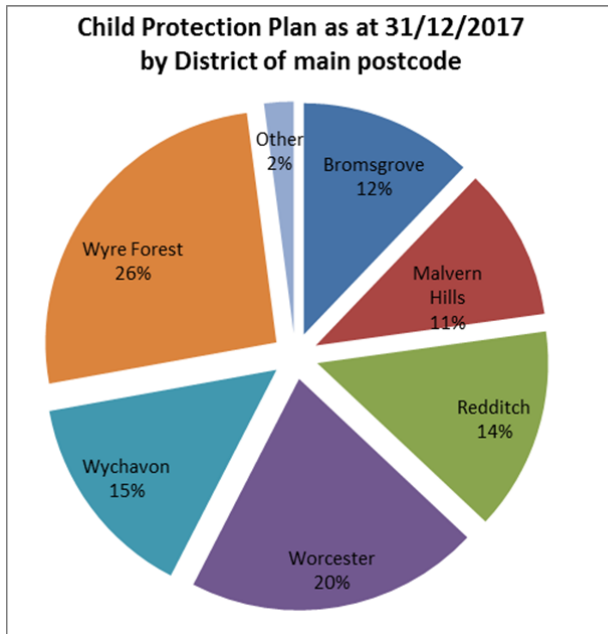


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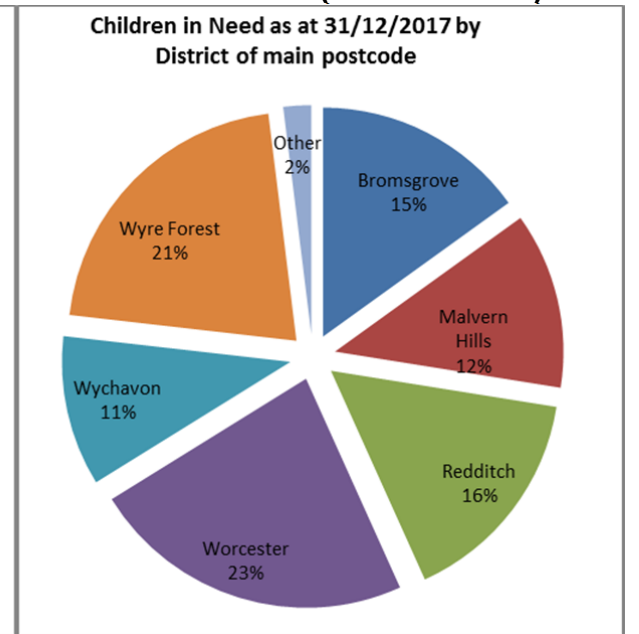
## Care Leavers



## Child Protection Plans



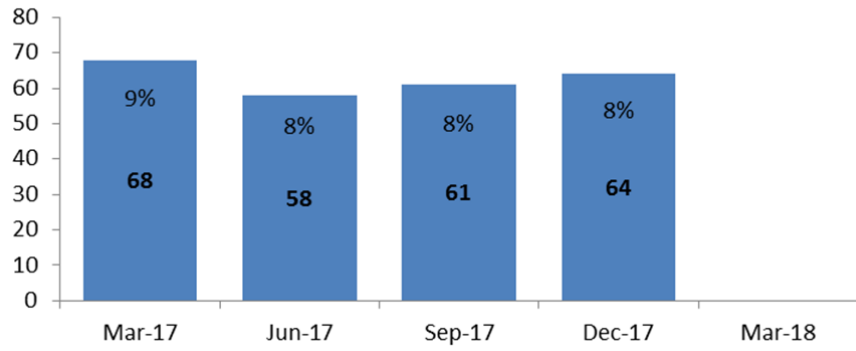
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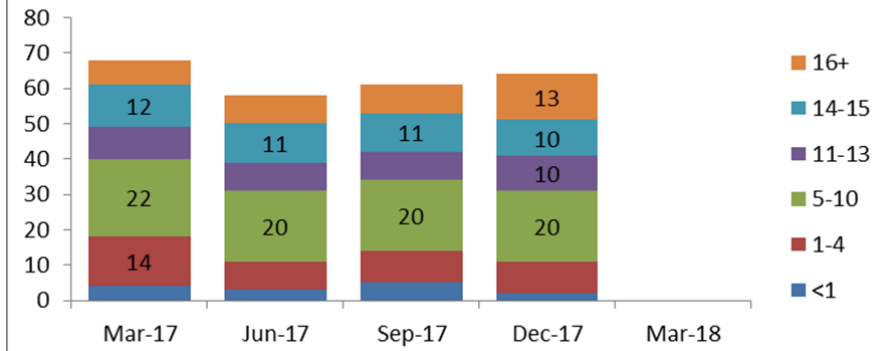


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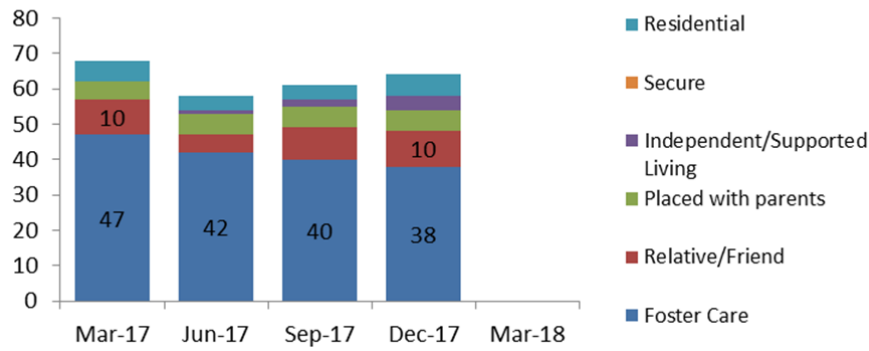
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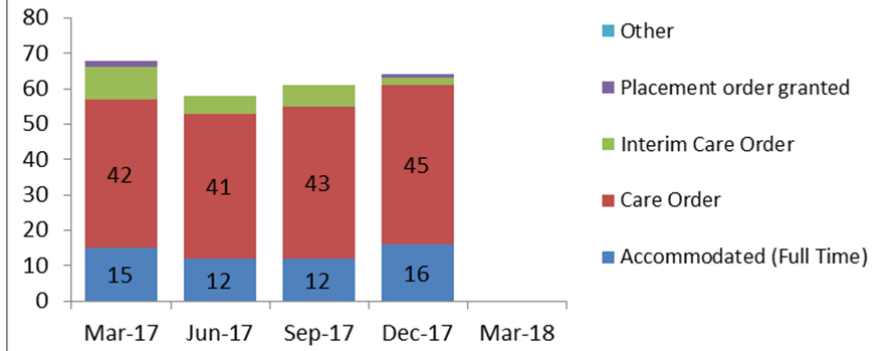
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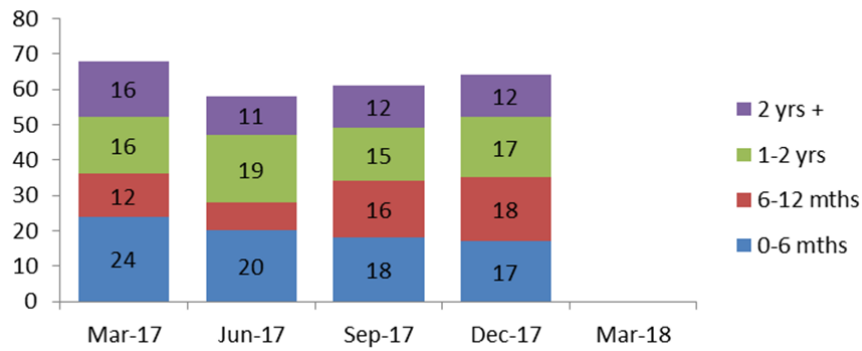
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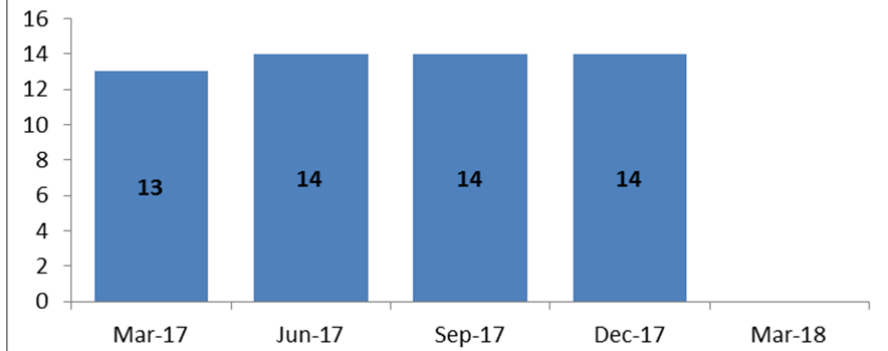
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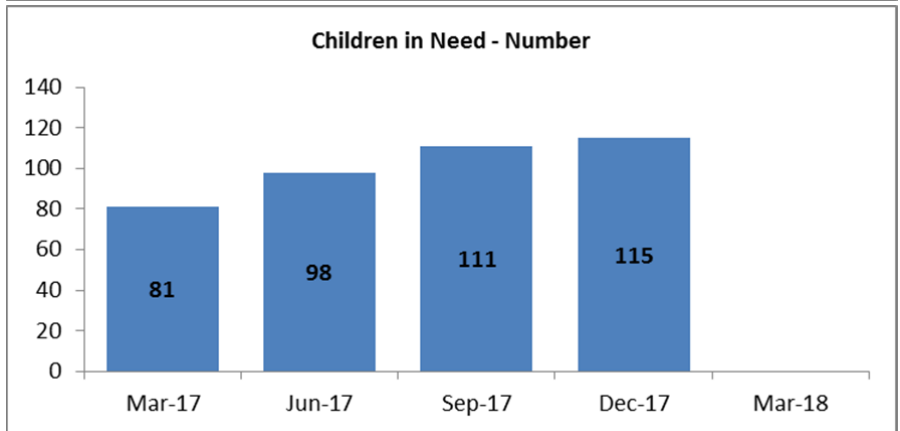
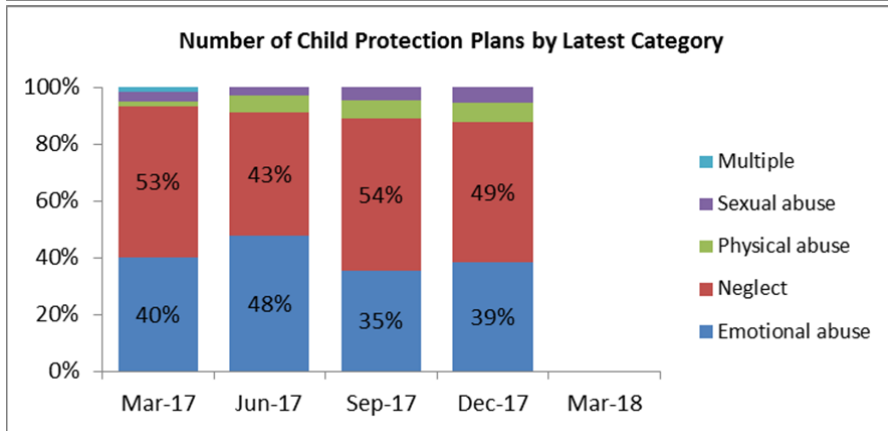
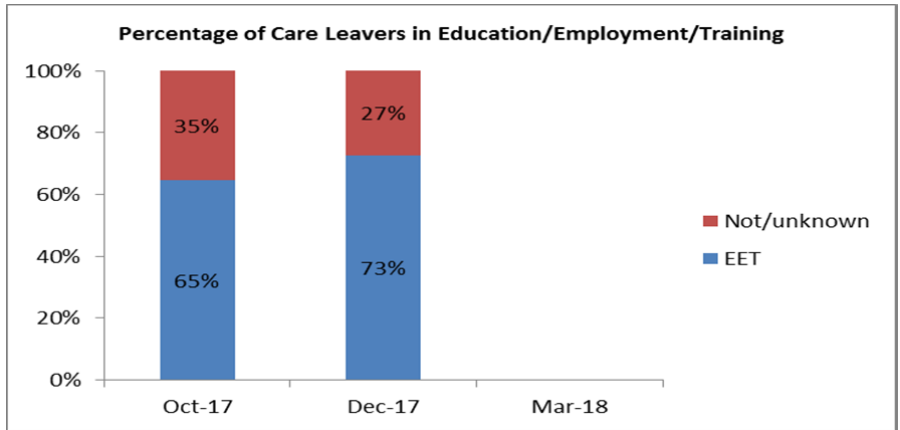
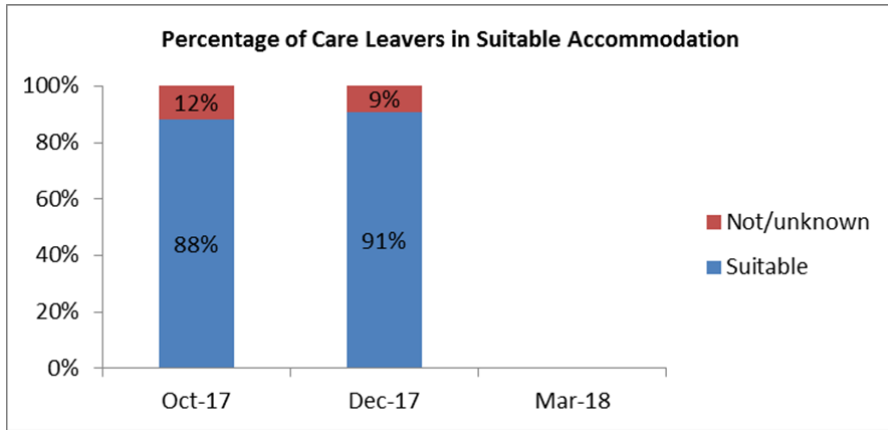
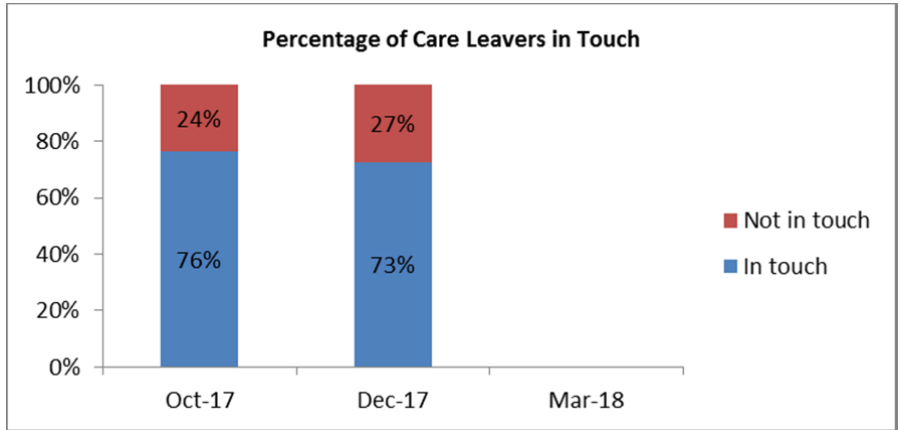
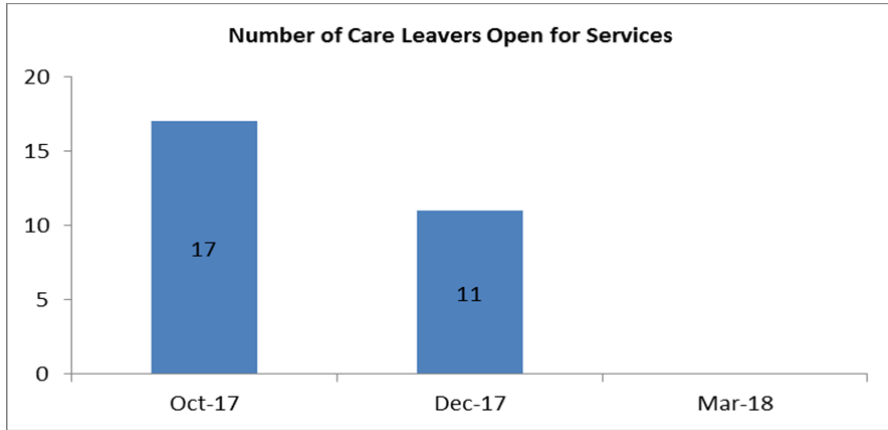


### Looked After Children - Length in Placement

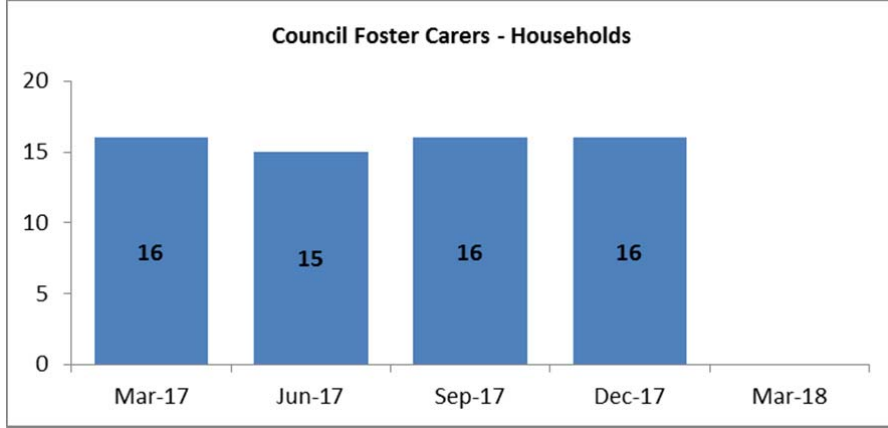
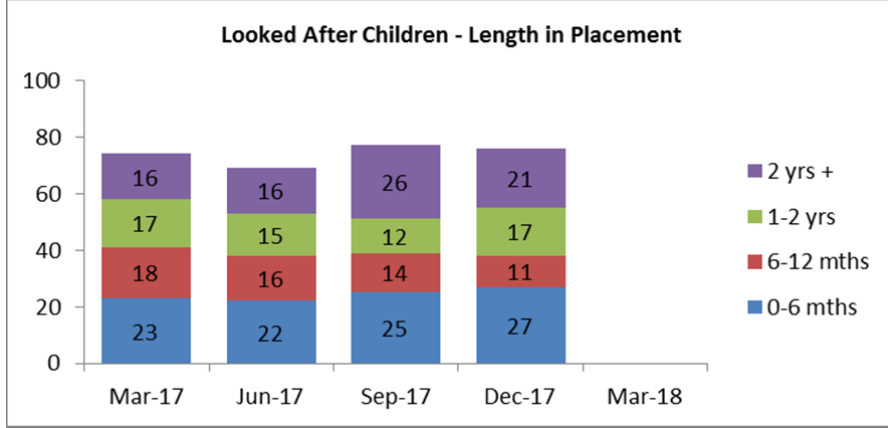
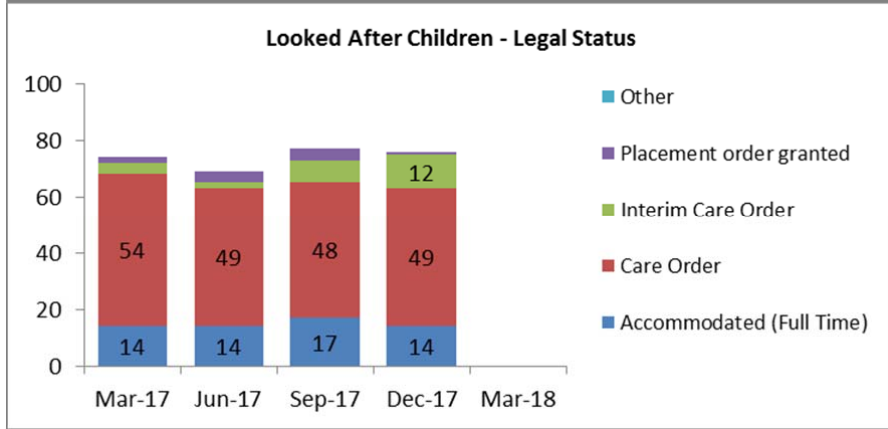
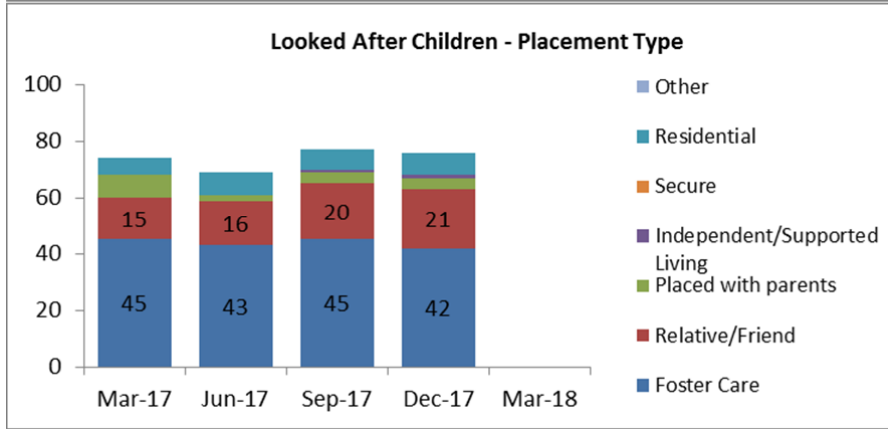
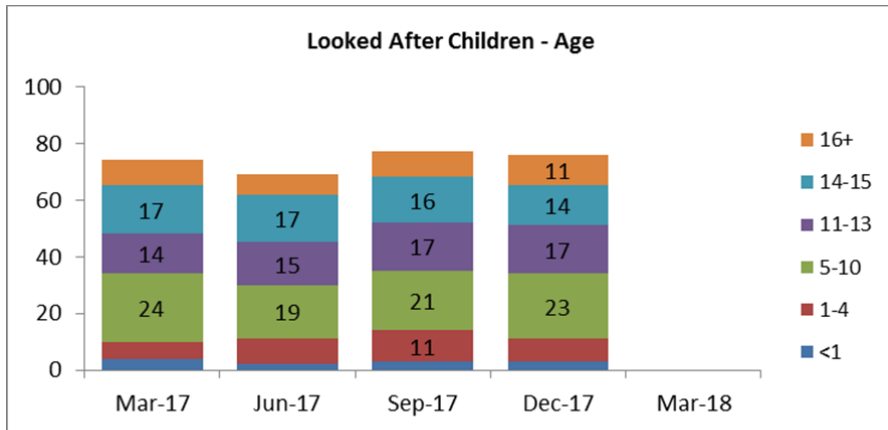
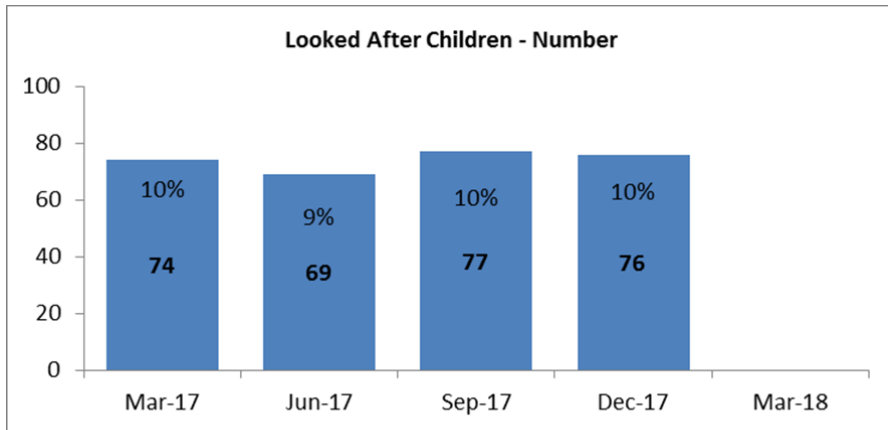


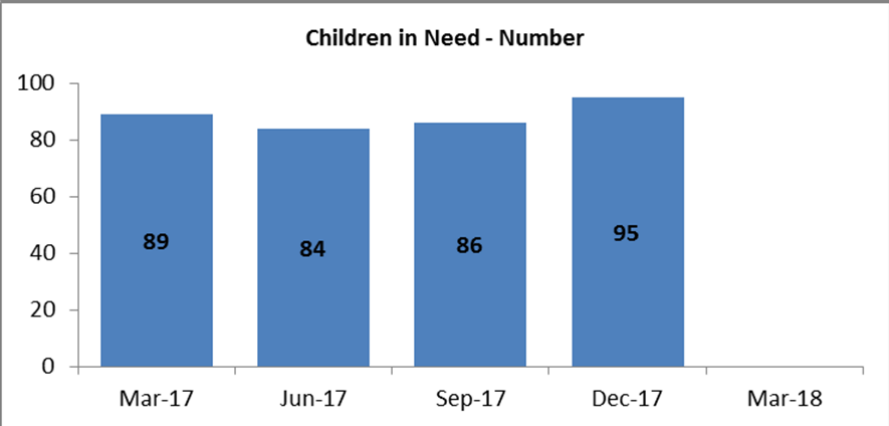
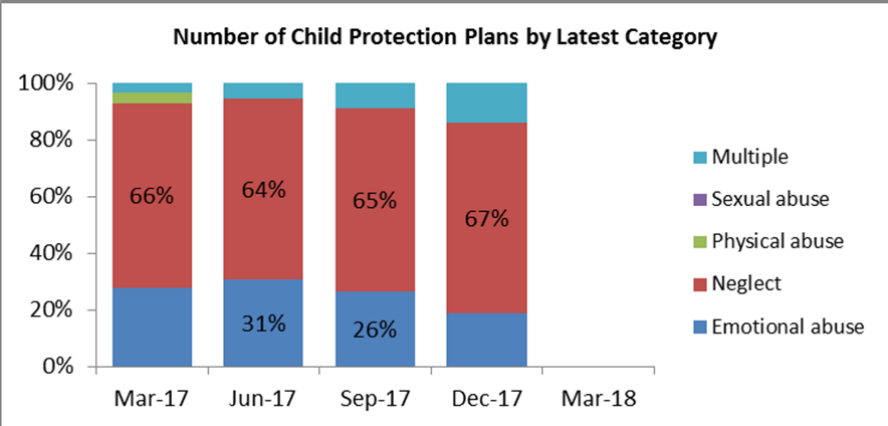
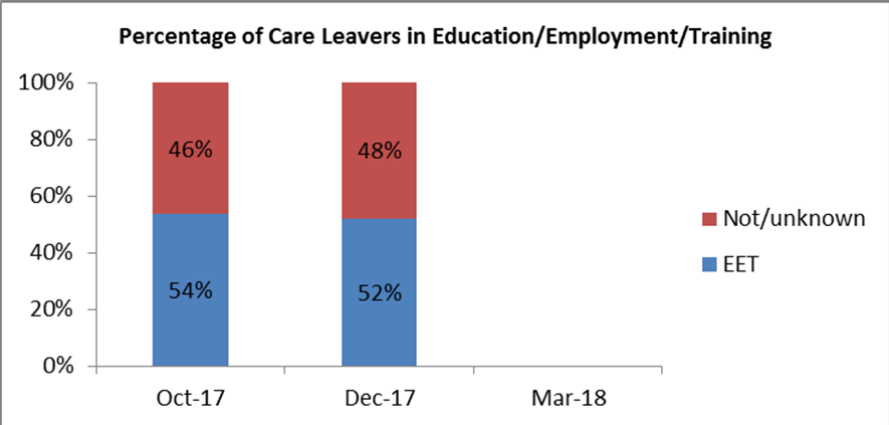
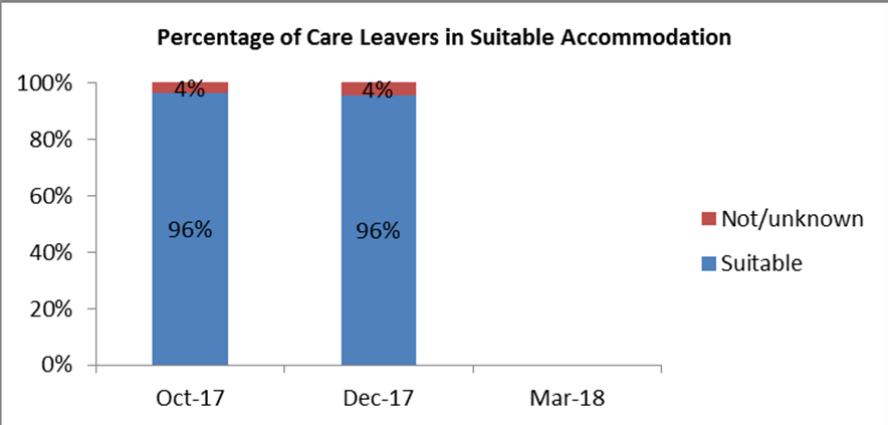
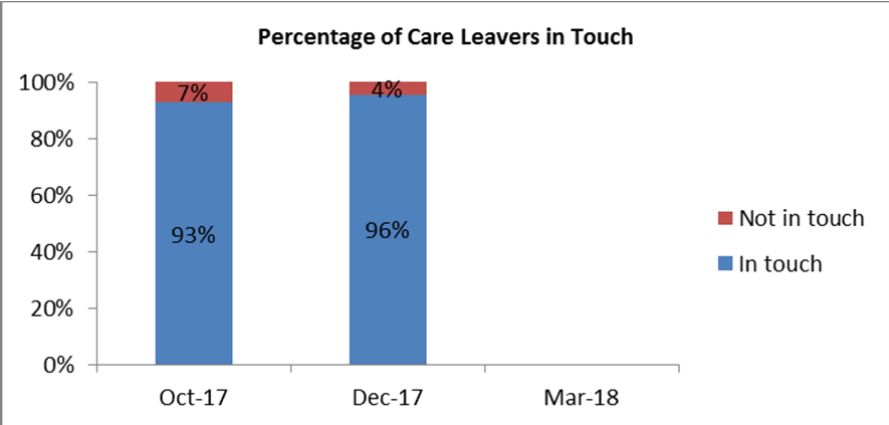
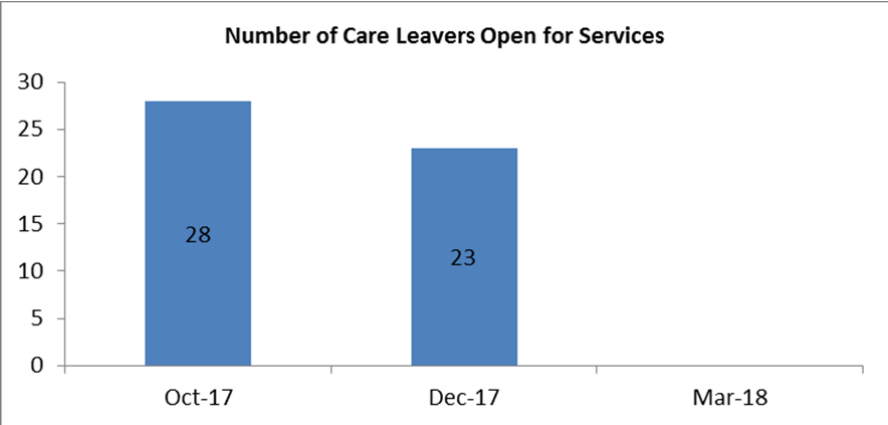
### Council Foster Carers - Households



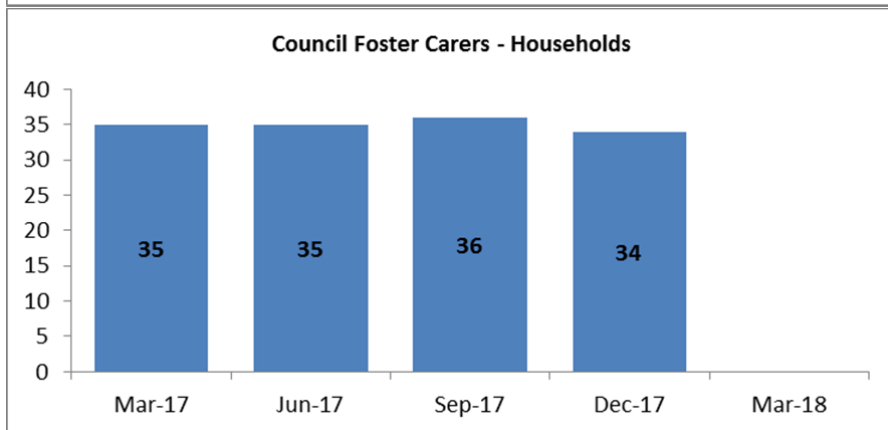
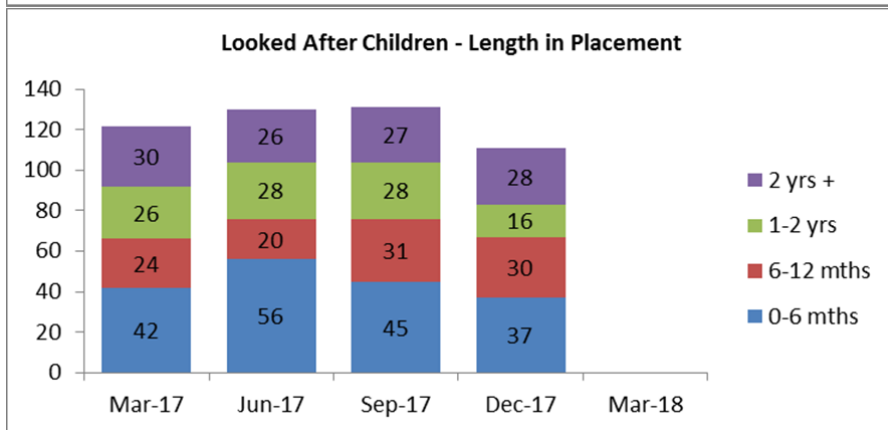
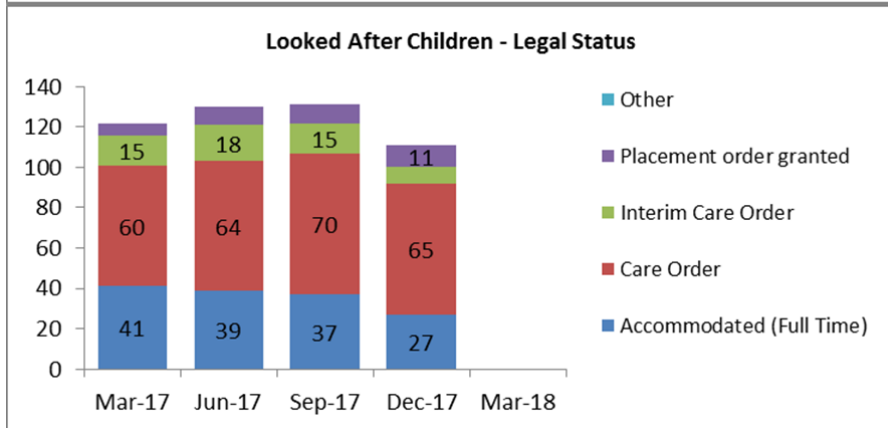
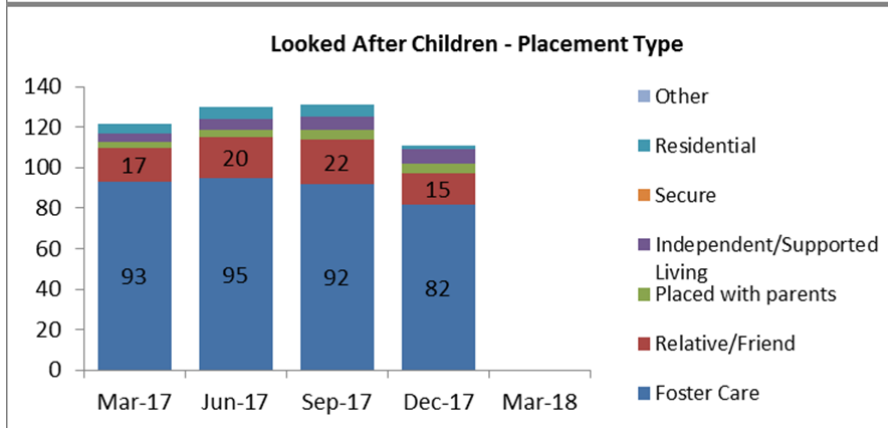
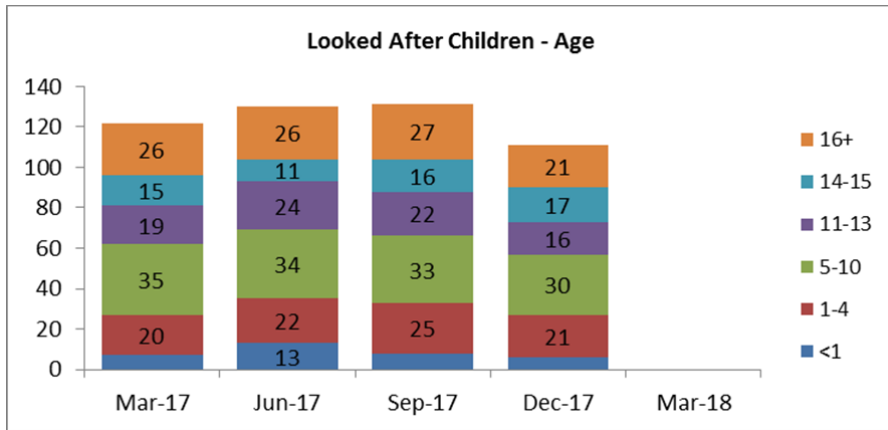
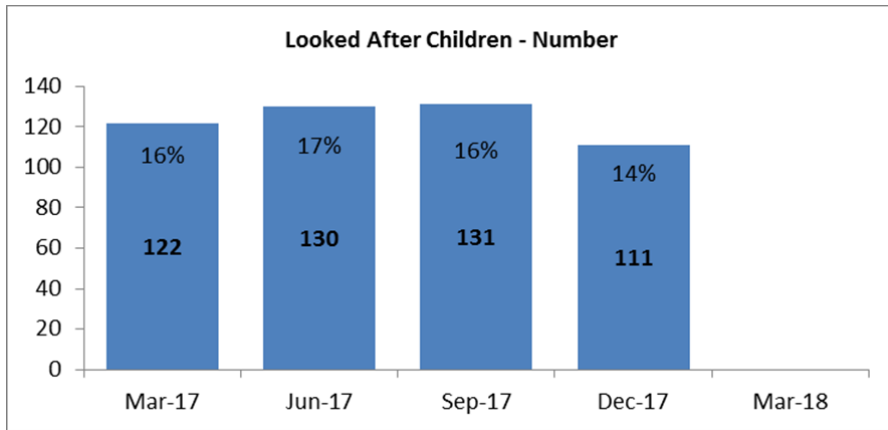


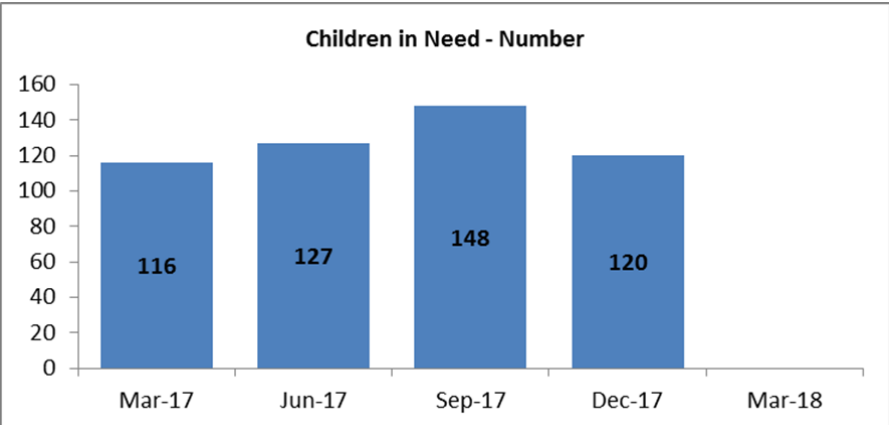
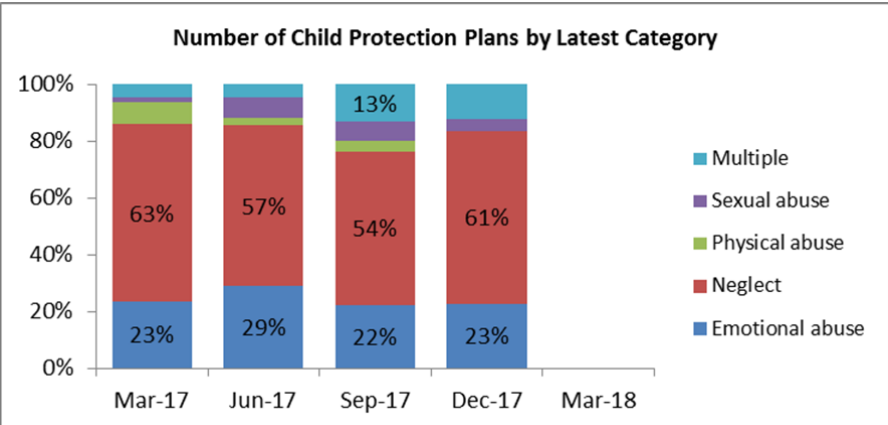
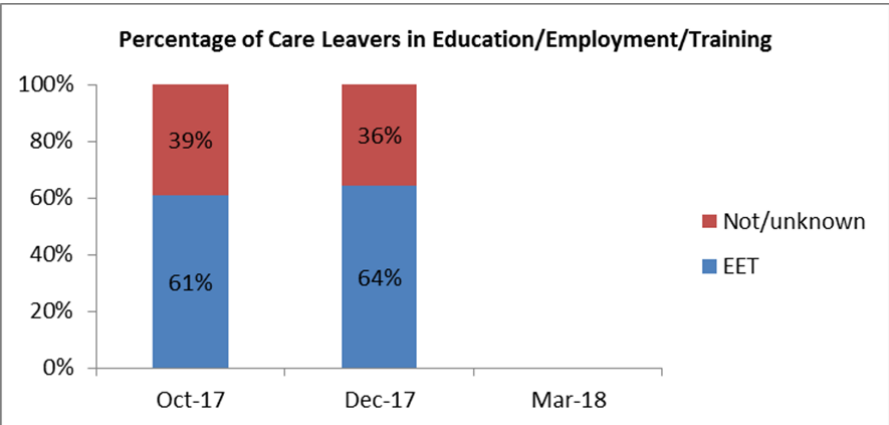
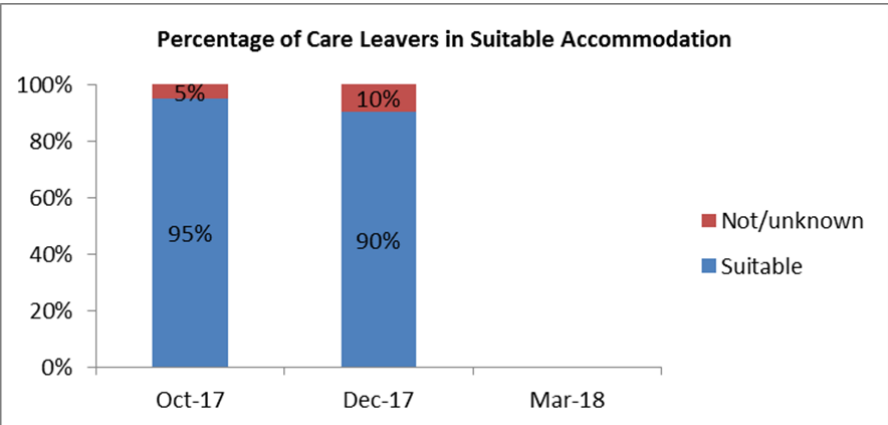
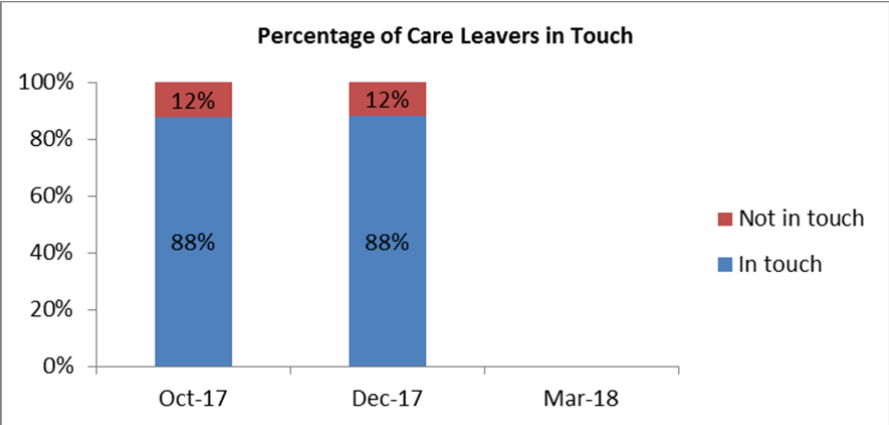
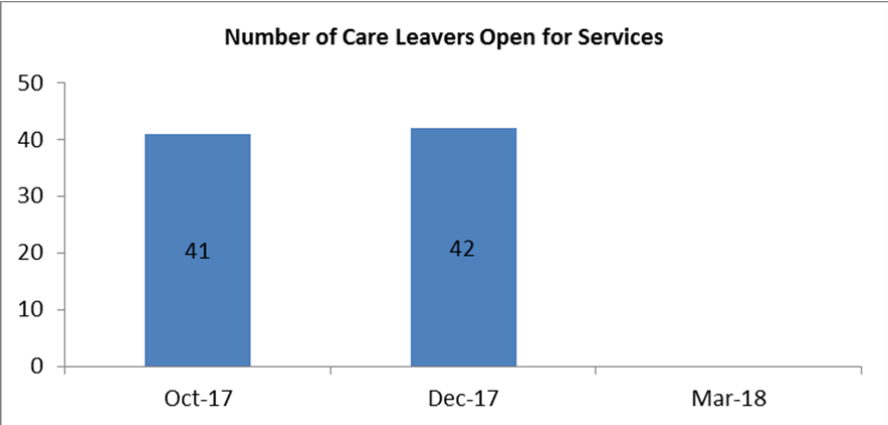
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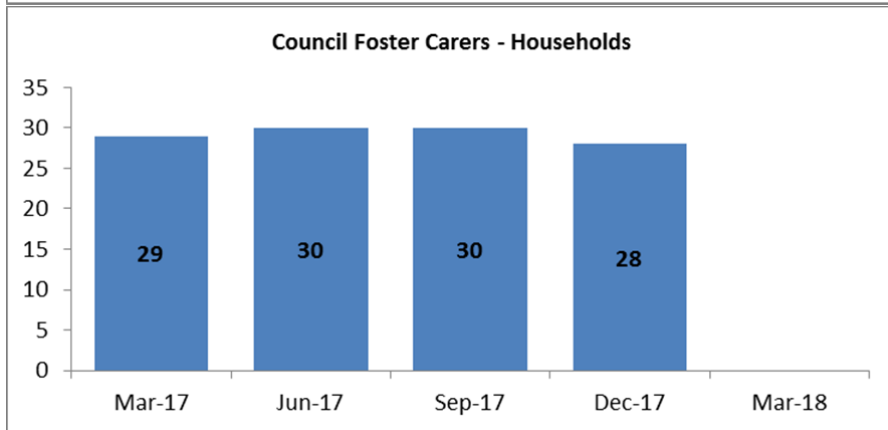
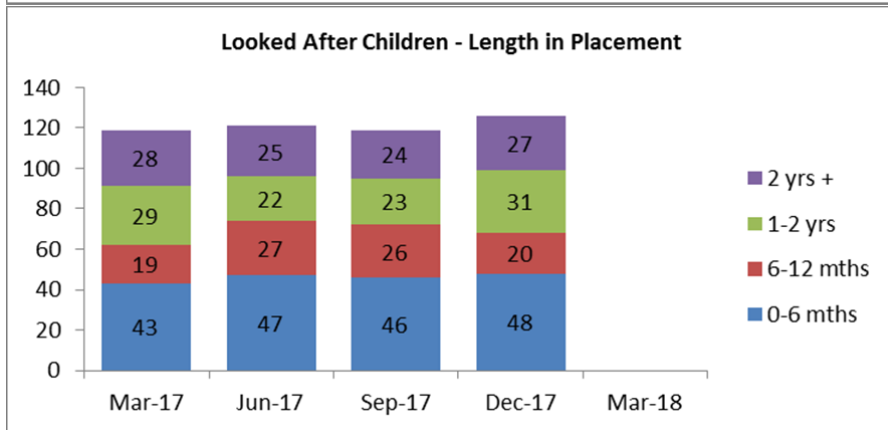
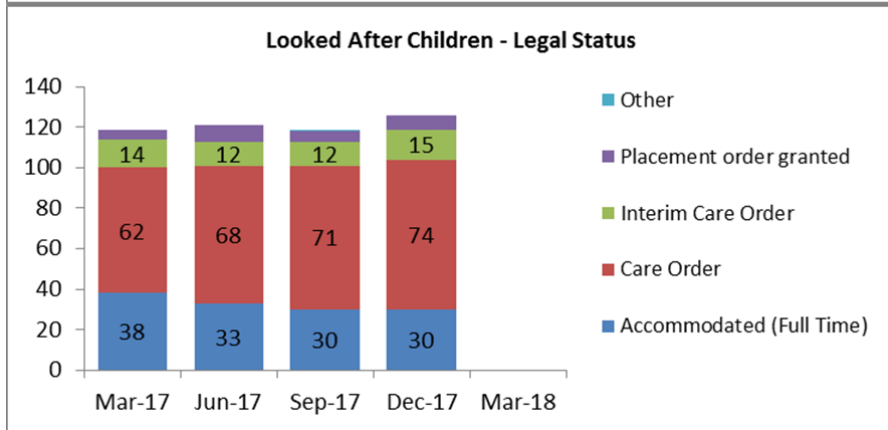
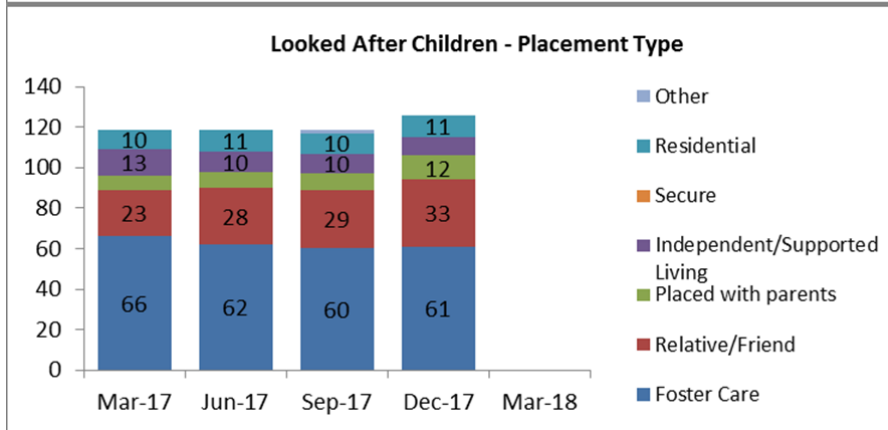
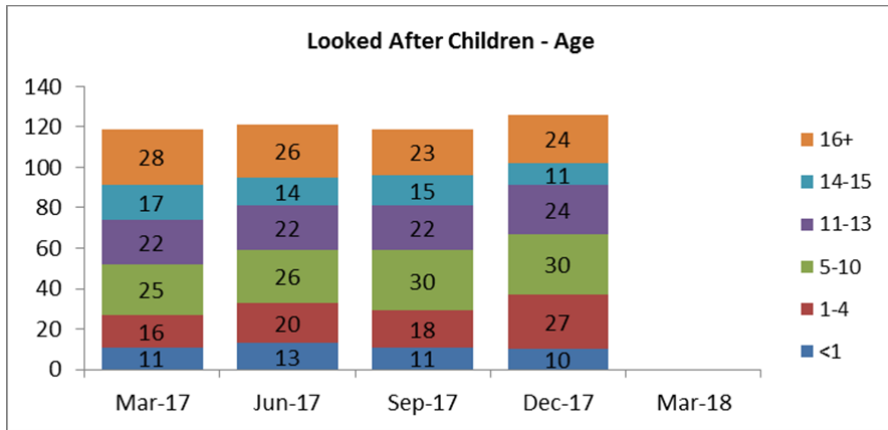
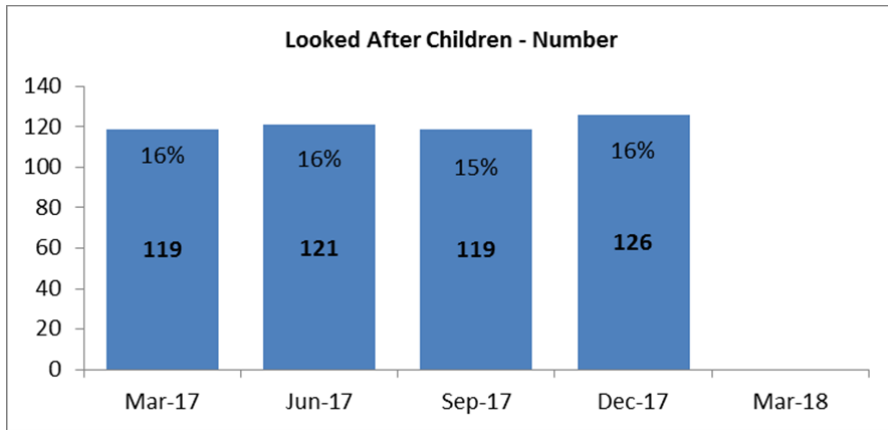


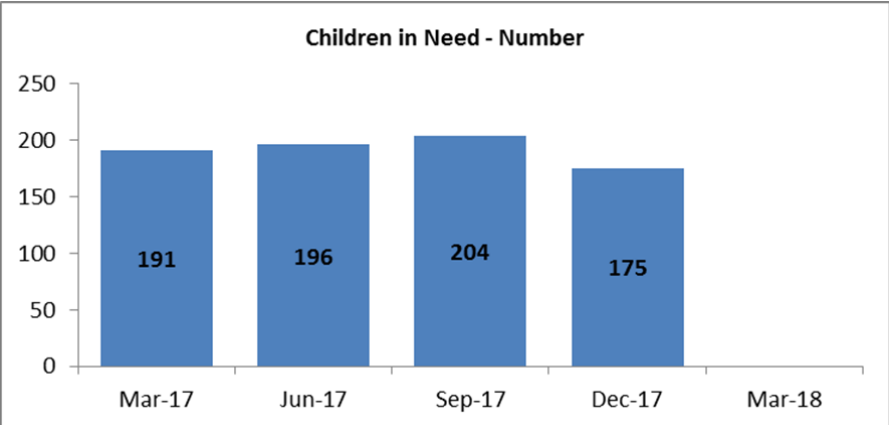
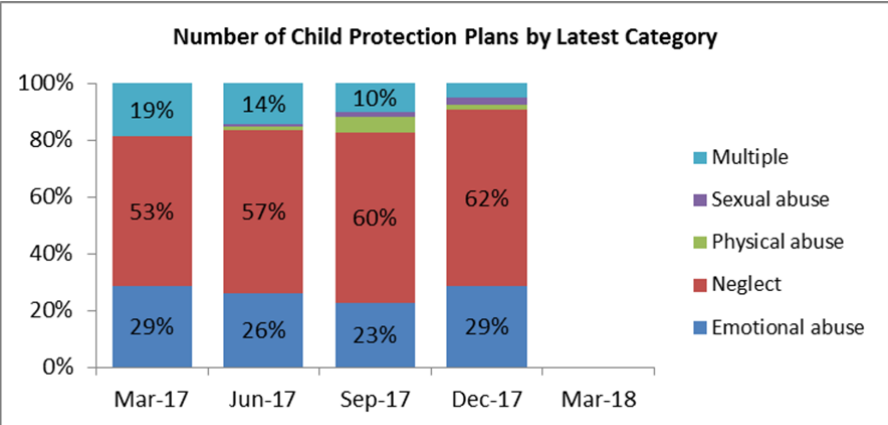
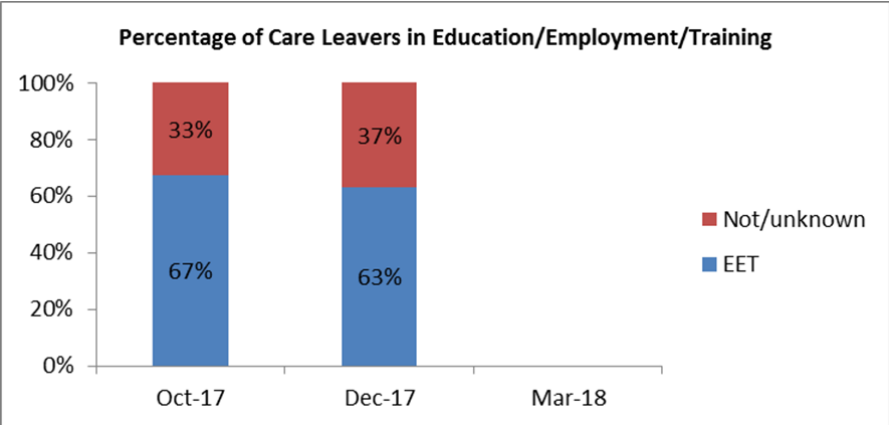
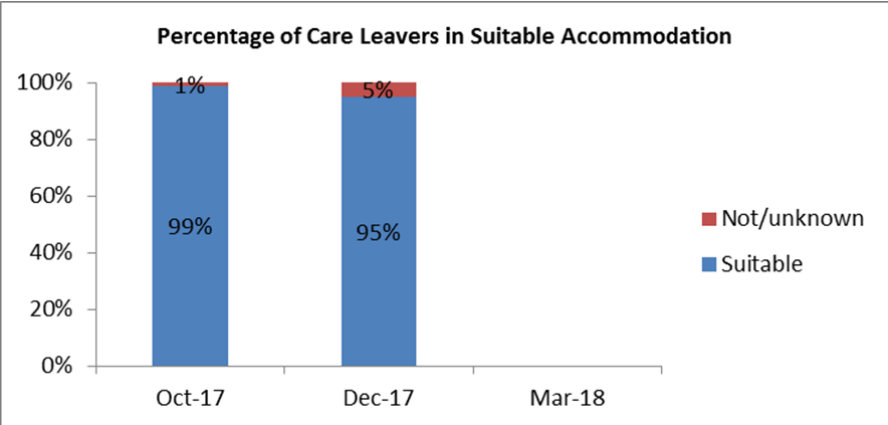
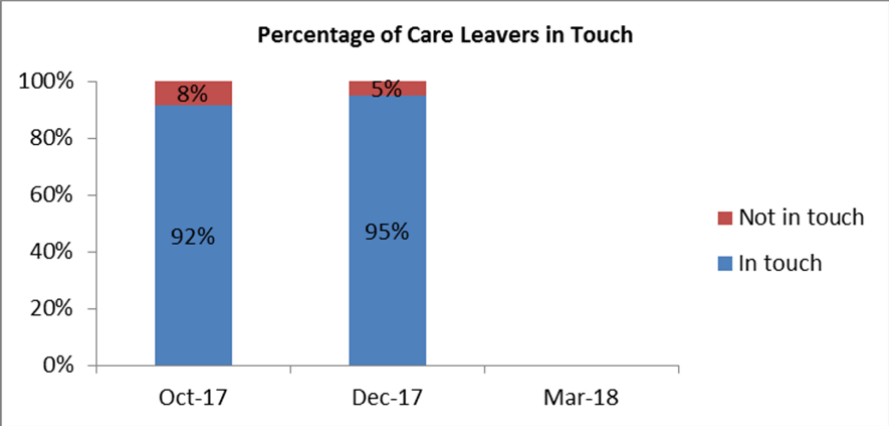
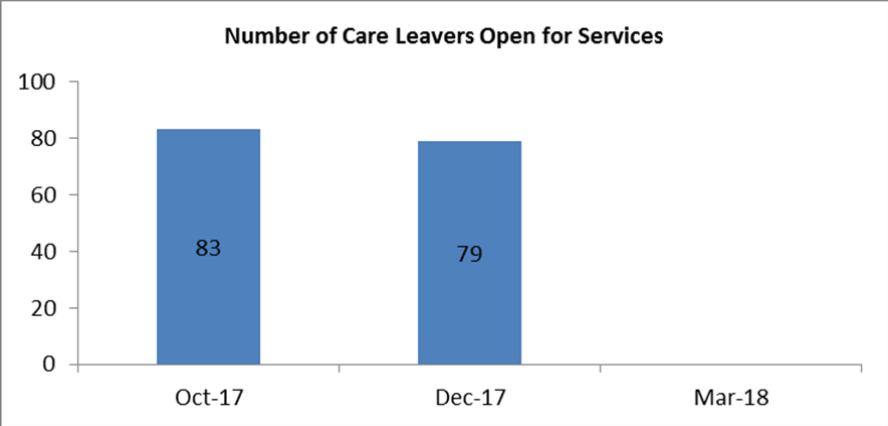
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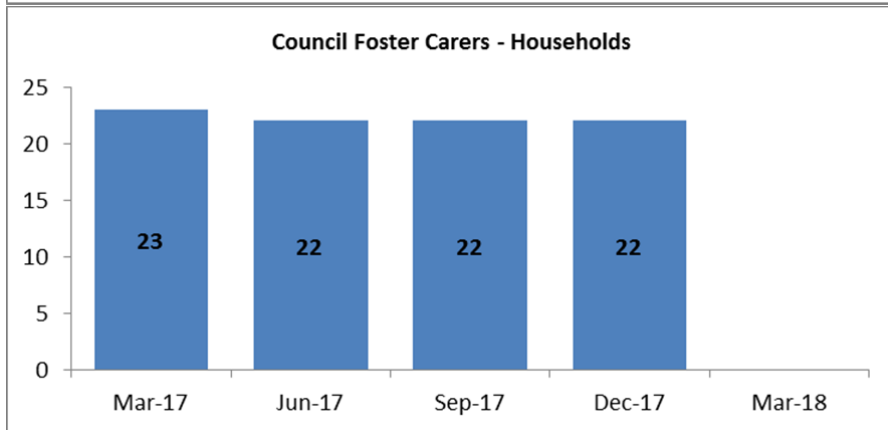
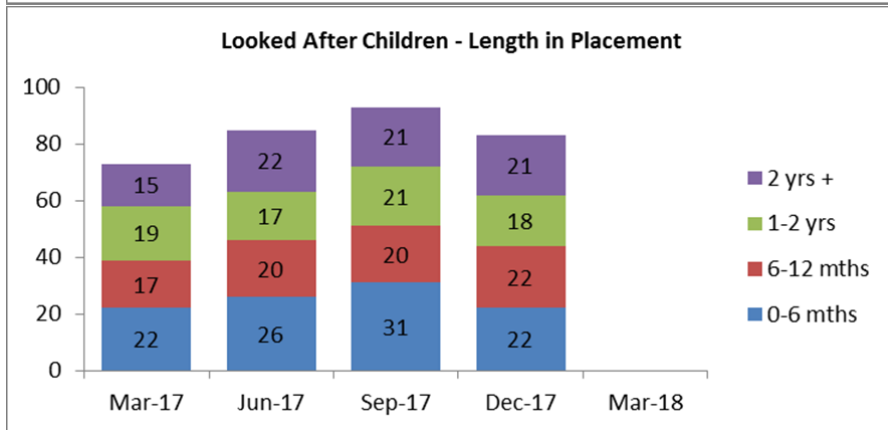
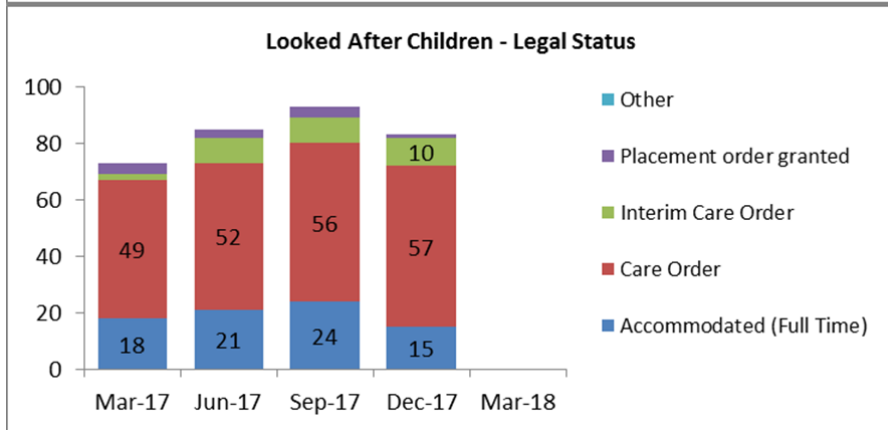
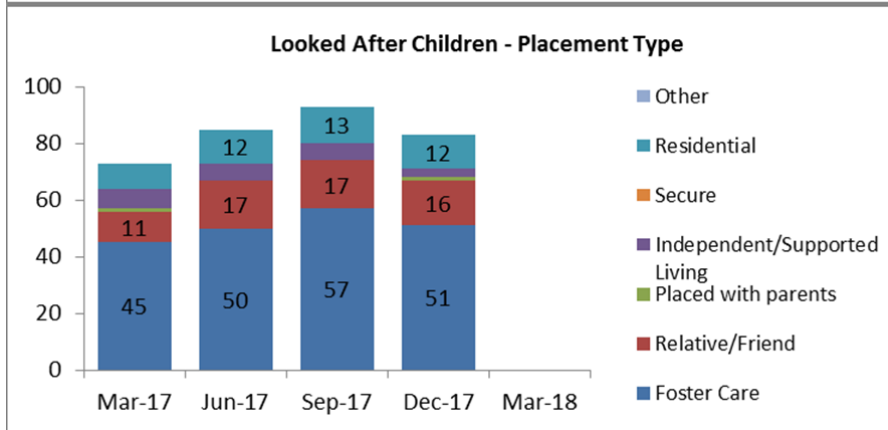
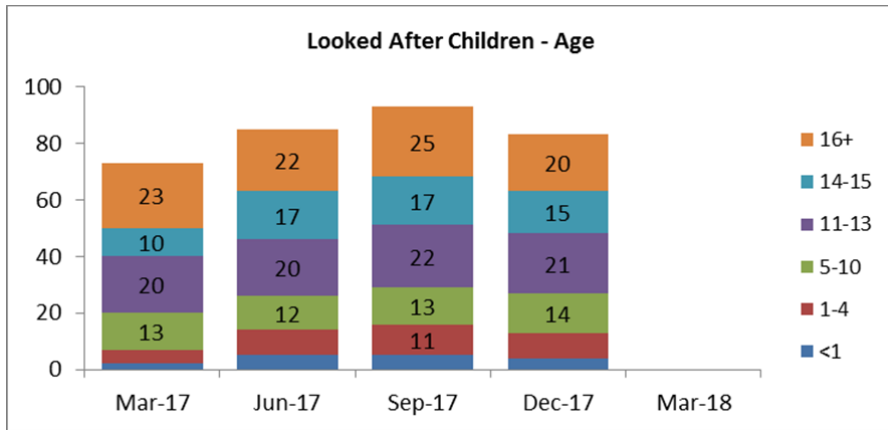
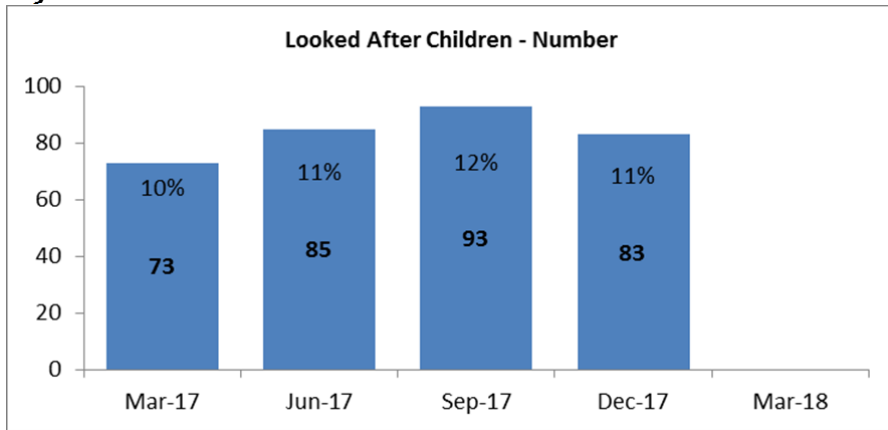
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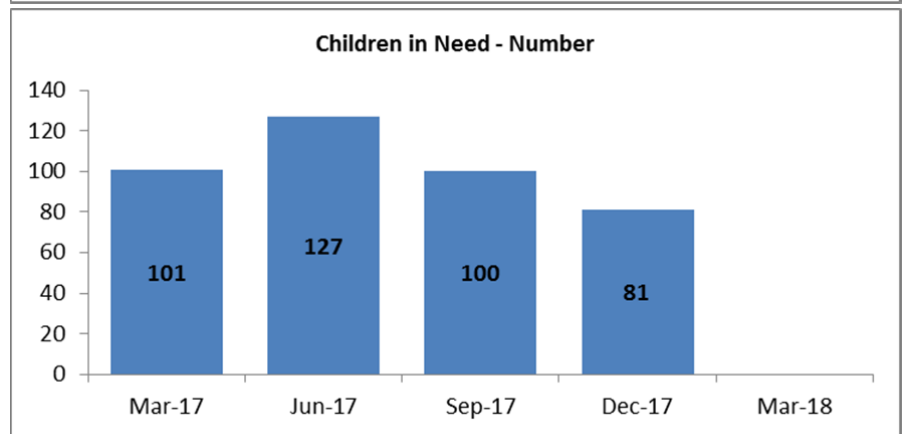
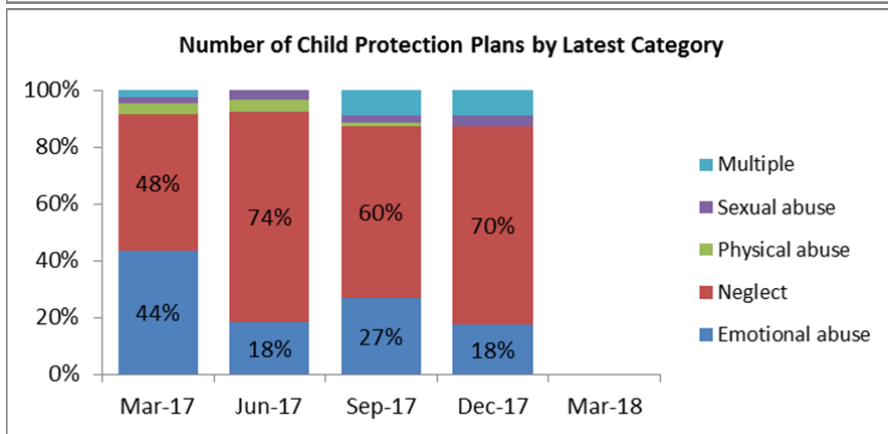
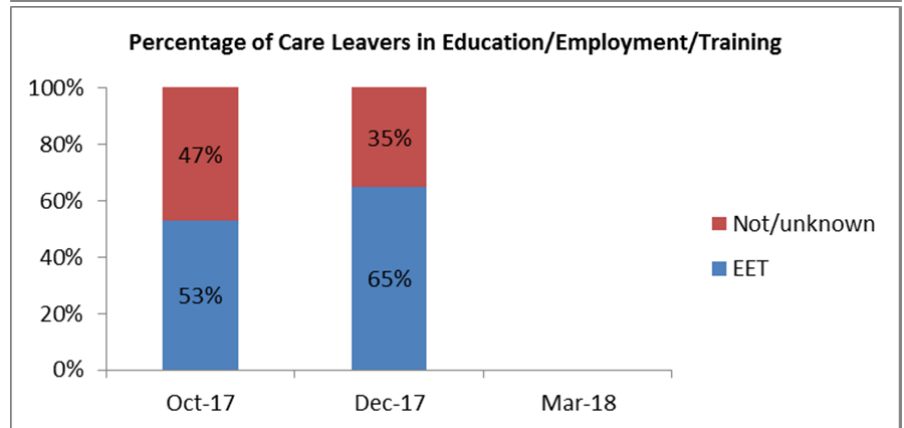
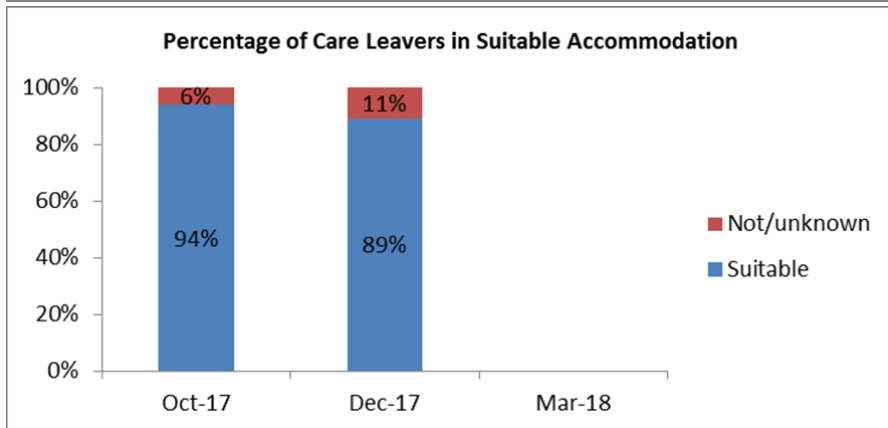
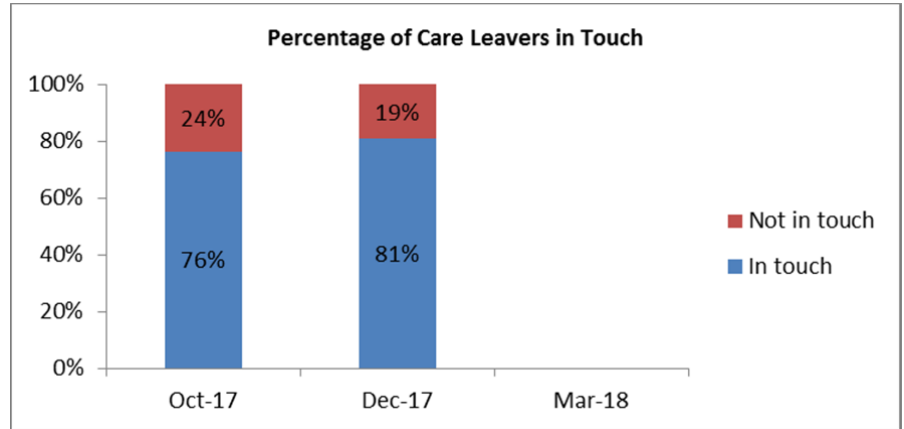
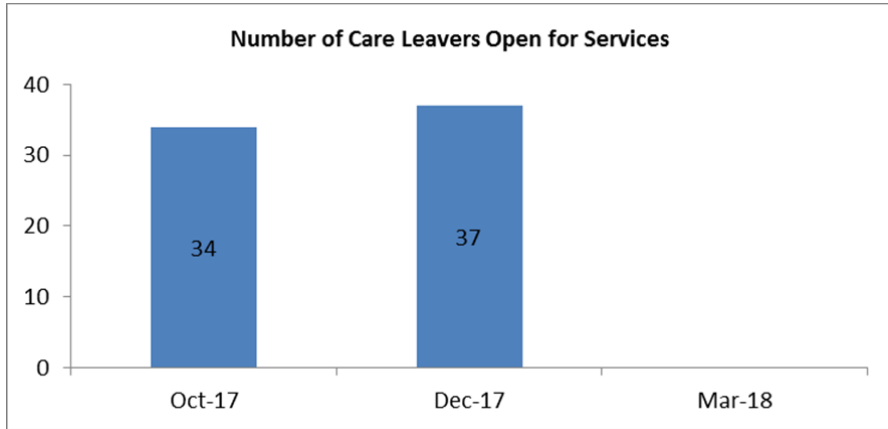






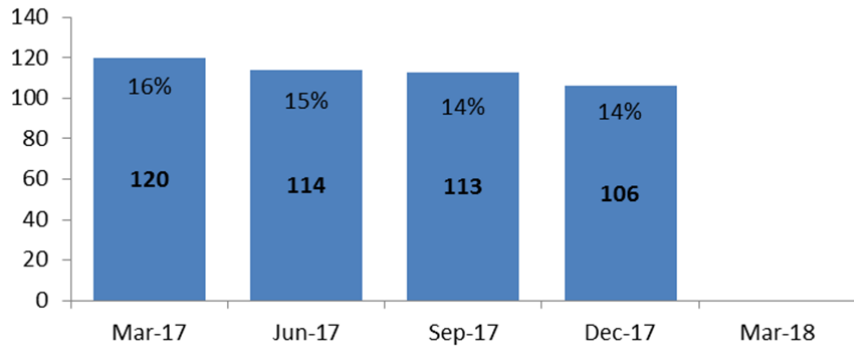
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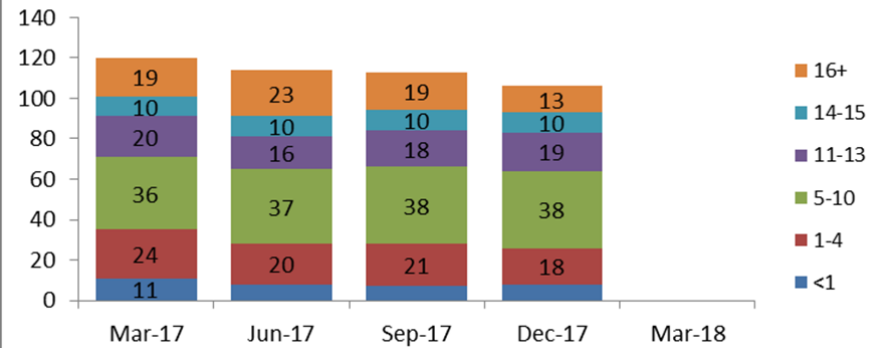


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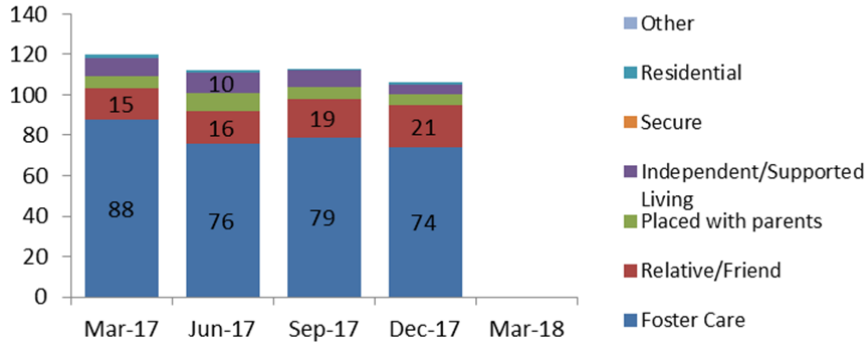
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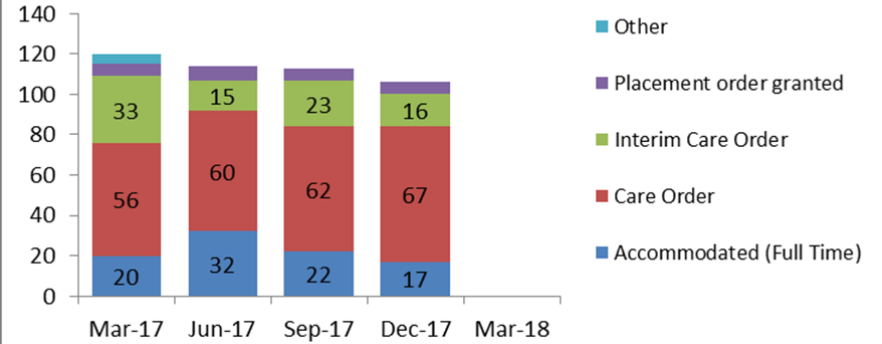
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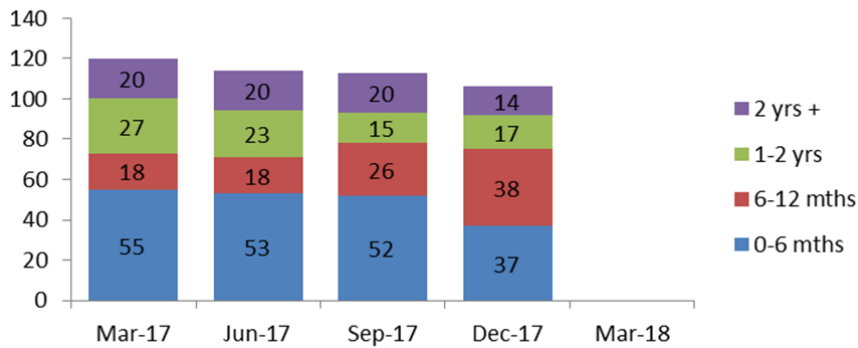
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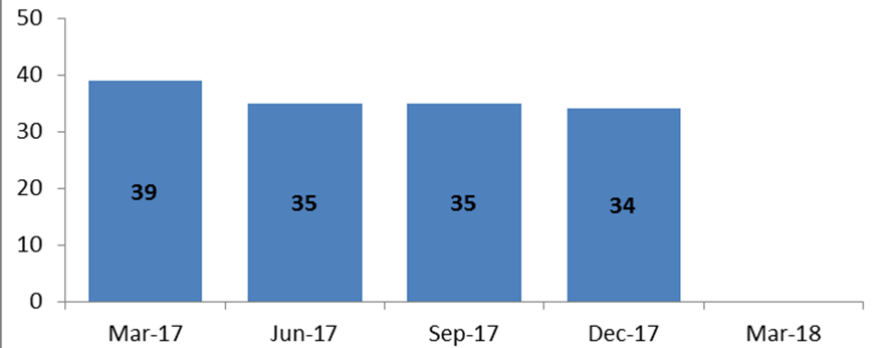
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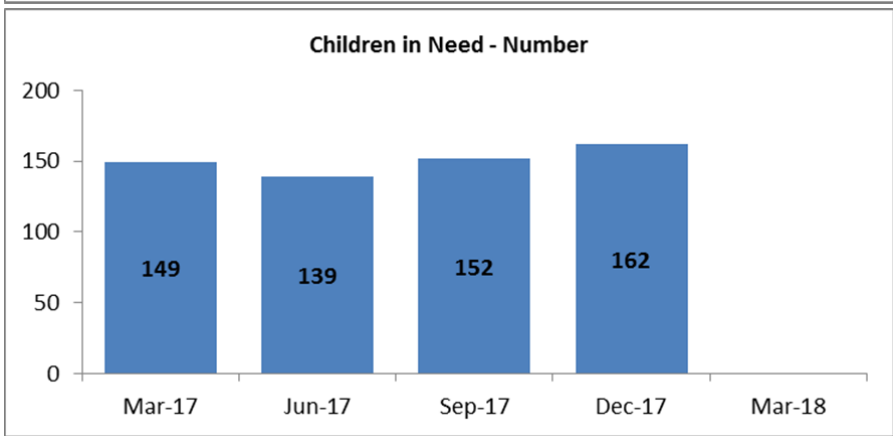
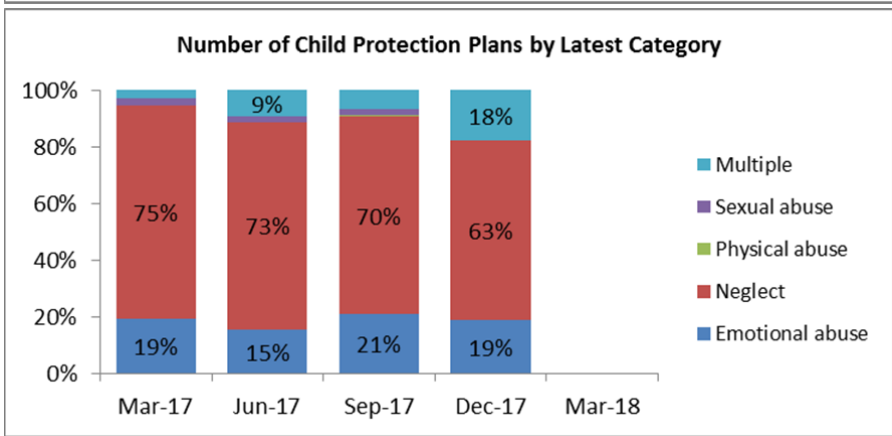
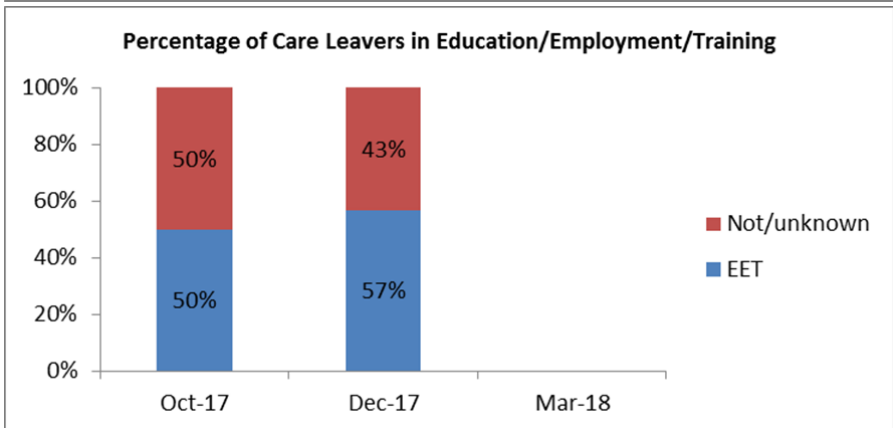
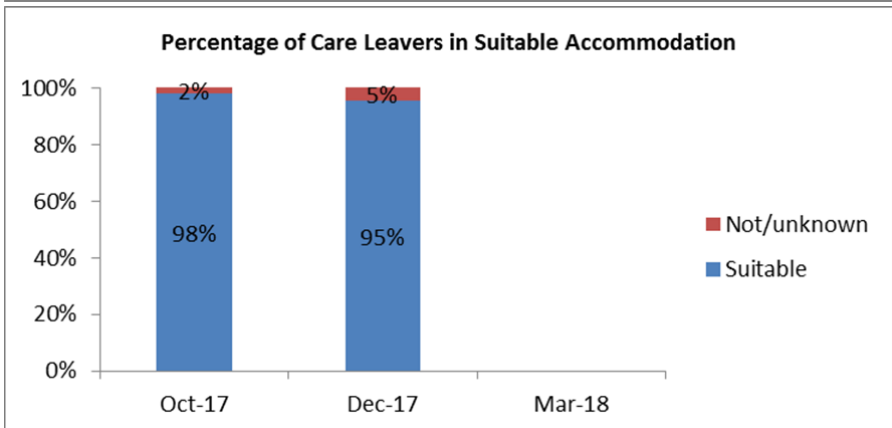
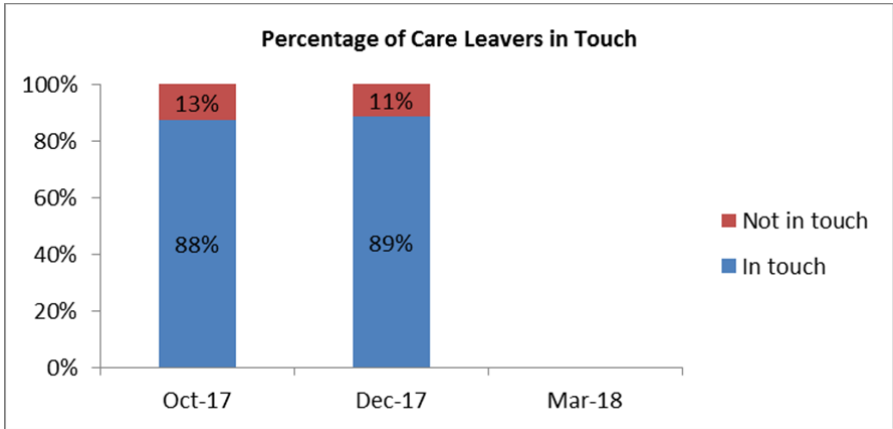
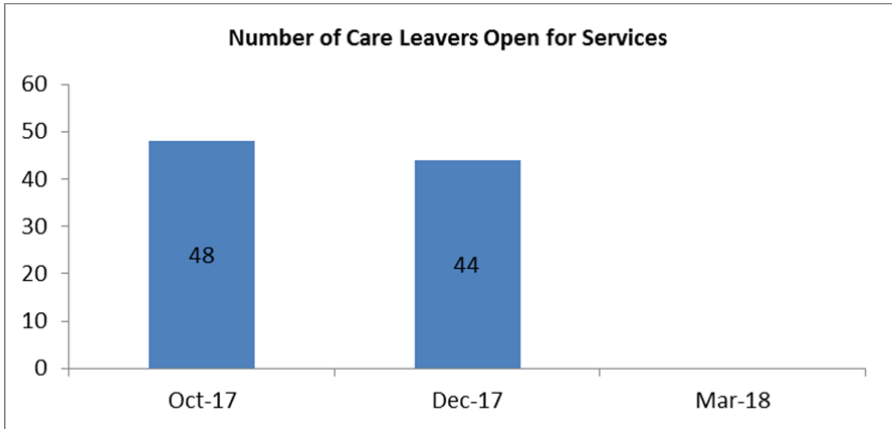


Looked After Children - Length in Placement



Council Foster Carers - Households





**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD  
8 FEBRUARY 2018**

**CARE LEAVERS AND HOUSING UPDATE**

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**Recommendation**

- 1. The Corporate Parenting Board receives regular updates on the progress of housing for care leavers from both the Care Leavers Service and District Housing.**

**Background**

- 2. A presentation was made to the October Corporate Parenting Board by four care leavers, their Personal Advisers and managers from the Care Leavers Service. During this presentation a 'wish list' was read out that it was believed would greatly assist care leavers to make the transition into adult life.**
- 3. The following is a joint update from the Care Leavers Service and Strategic Housing on key areas of development work in respect of both wish list aims and other areas of joint development work including:**

Training flats

- 4. The pilot with Redditch Housing is now active with accommodation provided by Housing and support via Outreach Team. Discussions are ongoing with Bromsgrove Housing (BDHT) regarding options for a similar pilot which would allow a successful care leaver to remain in the property as a starter tenancy (as opposed to have to move on to another property). Discussions are also underway with Wyre Forest and Worcester via the Homeless Intervention Team / Care Leavers & Housing meetings with pilot options for alternative models being reviewed. Content and delivery of independence training is also being discussed with the aim of gaining agreement from all districts around the assessment process for young people in training flats. A further meeting is set up in February to discuss the provision of properties for both Training Flats and Crash Pad Plus with Strategic Housing leads and Registered Providers.**

Crash Pad Plus

- 5. Proposal for jointly commissioned pilot of two units of emergency access accommodation for 18+ care leavers with complex / high support needs provided by Housing with support supplied by the Outreach Team (one in the north of the county, one in the south). Key aim is to avoid B&B use for our most vulnerable young people.**
- 6. Initial discussions have progressed with Deb Roe (Commercial Contract Officer) supporting the development of a Memorandum of Understanding to clarify definitions and requirements. Tasks are ongoing via the Homeless Intervention**

Team / Care Leavers & Housing meeting with support from Debbie Herbert (Lead Commissioner, Families Communities). Next steps include discussion around resourcing the Outreach Team support element of the pilot. Initial consensus is that accommodation units be provided by Housing but this resource will initially require up to three visits daily in order to effectively support a high or complex needs 18+ young person in crisis. Some potential to explore how existing support contracts may be applied e.g. Basement Project floating support.

#### Prevention of Eviction protocol

7. Discussions to date have centred around sharing of information and possible constraints associated with data protection. Following a meeting with Strategic Housing and Fortis on 22 January a pilot prevention of eviction process has been suggested, initially working with Supported Housing Providers in respect of Looked After Children, Children in Need and Care Leavers. An agreed list of indicators of risk of accommodation breakdown is being developed between the Homeless Intervention Team and Care Leavers Service, before being shared with Supported Housing Providers and Strategic Housing for consultation. The express aim is the development of a set of agreed 'red flags' which workers will use to identify risk and instigate a universally applied, assertive, joined up and timely preventative approach.

#### Locality Hubs

8. A pilot has been run and completed with Axis Youth Hub in Wyre Forest, with a PA based one day a week within Axis alongside the Housing Young Persons Pathway Worker (as well as an array of other professionals and services). Initial take up by care leavers has been slow but has increased latterly. Following discussion with the team and partner agencies location of PA drop-ins is being expanded county wide via our duty PAs.
9. Location of Duty PAs within the community increases face to face access for care leavers, supports the development of good working relationships and communication with partner agencies (who often already support or accommodate our young people) and allows PAs to increase their awareness of resources which can broaden their young people's networks.
10. To progress this aim the Care Leavers Service will increase the Duty PA number from one to two from the 1 February 2018 supporting routine location of PAs with partners such as Axis, YouTurn (Evesham), and subsequently revisiting offers of co-location from Basement Project (Bromsgrove) Malvern Foyer, Worcester YMCA and supported accommodation providers in the North of the County.

#### Joint Protocol

11. The Worcestershire Joint protocol for Care Leavers is now signed by all districts and Children's Services. Signatures are being updated to include titles before redistribution. Revision of language and content for both Care Leavers and Homeless 16/17 year Olds to be considered once the Housing Reduction Act is implemented.

## Housing Panel

- 12.** The revised Housing Panel is now in operation, running bi-monthly and bringing together representatives from each of the Housing Districts and the Care Leavers Service enabling joint decision making in respect of accommodation plans for Care Leavers aged 17 and over.

## Care Leaver participation

- 13.** The Care Leavers Service has now appointed four young people who have accessed the service as peer mentors. This exciting development will provide each young person with;

- A full induction programme to Worcester County Council.
- Level 2 Peer Mentoring qualification through a training provider.
- Participation work with Housing Pathways Workers to develop housing colleagues understanding of the needs of Care Leavers.
- Developing knowledge of key partners and agencies involved with the Care Leavers Team.
- The completion of a 7 week confidence building programme.
- Developing roles within internal Children's Houses to become mentors for currently Looked After Children.
- Participation in Team Development Meetings and Training for Care Leavers Service.
- Supporting the Care Leavers Team through consultation work to improve processes, team understanding and culture within the service.
- Involvement in setting up a social media page for the Care Leavers Team.
- 6 month Peer Mentor placement with a view to moving into an apprenticeship, supported by a training provider.

- 14.** Jake Shaw, Head of Corporate Parenting and James MacDonald, Team Manager from the Care Leavers service both attended a meeting at the Speak Out Project on the 7 December. The views of young people were eloquently put to both during this meeting and there was discussion around the continued involvement of the Care Leavers within this forum.

- 15.** Kate Bailey, Wyre Forest District Housing will also attend the Speak Out project and intends to canvas the views of young people with regards to changes within Housing process and policy.

## General Housing update

- 16.** Strategic Housing managers continue to fund crash pad rooms in various locations across the county and work with accommodation and support providers and Children's Services commissioners. Housing are also developing the advice offer to Care Leavers as an identified group within the HRA and other related works as part of the Housing Partnership Plan including developing a pre-tenancy training package, the pre-eviction protocol mentioned above and a Housing First model.

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**Supporting Information**

None

**Background Papers**

None



**CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD  
8 FEBRUARY 2018**

**LEISURE PASSES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

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**Recommendation**

- 1. The Corporate Parenting Board is asked to support and lobby District Councils to continue to provide free leisure activities for Looked After Children and to support discussion around the addition of Care Leavers up to their 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

**Background**

2. Worcestershire Looked After Children, Worcestershire County Council foster carers and foster carers' own children are entitled to a concessionary Leisure Pass that provides free or discounted rates on certain sports and leisure activities, and facilities within Worcestershire. The benefits vary from area to area, and are dependent on what the district councils are willing to offer.
3. There have been few changes to the leisure passes since the scheme started. Any changes have been to improve the free or discounted benefits e.g. change in Malvern being run by Freedom Leisure.
4. From January 2018 there are going to be changes to the leisure passes in both the Redditch and Bromsgrove districts. Looked After Children have been asked their views around this and feel that they wish the scheme to continue in Redditch and Bromsgrove to ensure a fair approach throughout the county.

## Supporting Information

### 5. Changes to Leisure Passes

Area	Previous Benefits	2018 Benefits	Date of Changes
Bromsgrove	Free swimming, under 5's recreation, badminton, table tennis and squash  50% discount on the gym on a casual basis, Activzone, Fit Kids exercise classes, swimming lessons, art club, sports coaching throughout district	Free swimming only  No longer 50% of gym, swimming lessons and free badminton etc.	Jan 2018 for free activities and 50% apart from swimming lessons which changes April 2018
Redditch	50% discount on all council run leisure and cultural activities *Free swimming for any under 16's who live in Redditch.	None unless in receipt of certain benefits.  Free swimming remains for Redditch based children aged 5 – 16 years of age	New Active Card starts on the 8/01/2018

### Redditch

6. As it stands in Redditch now young people or carers would need to be in receipt of benefits as the new scheme is geared towards supporting financially disadvantaged Redditch residents. This would mean nearly all of our young people living with foster carers and in children's homes, and foster carers will no longer be entitled to a concessionary leisure cards as they would not meet this criteria unless they are in receipt of PIP. Our care leavers may still be able to obtain a card depending on their circumstances if they are in receipt of any of the benefits e.g. housing benefit.

7. The only people entitled to concessions have to live in Redditch, be in receipt of the benefits listed and will then receive the discounts shown in the 2 boxes below.

The following are to receive a **25% discount**. These are people who are working, but still receive some form of benefit listed below.

People receiving any of the following:

- Universal Credit (In Work)
- Housing Benefit

### Bromsgrove

The following are to receive **50% discount**. These are people who are out of work and receive some form of benefit listed below.

- Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based)
- Income Support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit (Out of Work)
- Incapacity Benefit
- PIP

8. In Bromsgrove the free swimming would remain but the removal of the 50% discount on the gym and swimming lessons will mean the costs will increase significantly for young people using these facilities. Swimming lessons are important to our young people as it is a life skill and they may have missed out on swimming lessons at school with potential school changes.

## Quick See Guide

9. Quick see guide for leisure passes in 2017 showing all districts before the changes take place.

Area	Name of Leisure Pass	Where the Passes can be used	Benefits	How to obtain a Leisure Pass
Bromsgrove	Link To Leisure Card	Dolphin Centre / Sports Development Sessions (Booked and paid for at the Dolphin Centre)	Free – swimming, under 5's recreation, badminton, table tennis, squash 50% discount – gym on casual basis, Activzone , Fit Kids, exercise classes, swimming programme, art club, sports coaching throughout district	Carers must go to the Dolphin Centre, take along their foster carer's ID card or form of identification and complete an application form.
Malvern	Malvern Connected Card	Malvern Splash Leisure Centre / Tenbury Swimming Pool / Sports Dyson Perrins / Sport Martley	Free – swimming (public sessions), gym 50% exercise classes, swimming lessons, racket sports, climbing, holiday activity camps.	Carers must go to one of the Leisure Centres named opposite, take along their foster carer's ID card or form of identification and complete an application form.
Redditch	Concessionary Reddicard	Action Sport / Abbey Stadium / Arrow Vale / Kingsley / Countryside Centre / Forge Mill / Palace Theatre / Pitcheroak Golf Course	50% discount on all council run leisure and cultural activities *Free swimming for any under 16's who live in Redditch (This is subject to review and may be changed at any time).	Reddicard application form needs to be completed and returned to ISL. The C&LDW will process the application and send the Reddicard in the post or it can be picked up from Abbey Stadium Sports Centre. All renewals must come through ISL.
Worcester	Advance50 Card	Nunnery Wood Sports Complex / St John's / Perdiswell Leisure Centre	50% discount on the majority of activities including, gym sessions on a casual basis, fitness classes, on activity prices, including badminton, 5-a-side football, squash etc.	Carers must go to one of the Leisure Centres named opposite, take along their foster carer's ID card or form of identification and complete an application form.
Wychavon	Concessionary Leisure Card	Droitwich / Evesham / Pershore Leisure Centre / Sport Martley / Sport Dyson Perrins	Up to 50% discount on swimming, badminton, squash, table tennis, gym induction , on use of fitness room, health suite	Carers must go to one of the Leisure Centres named opposite, take along their foster carer's ID card or form of identification and complete an application form.
Wyre Forest	Passport To Leisure Card	Wyre Forest Leisure Centre	50% discount on swimming prices, aerobics / fitness classes, Gym sessions on casual basis, activity prices, including badminton, football, squash, cricket, basketball	Carers must go to the Leisure Centre named opposite, take along their foster carer's ID card or form of identification and complete an application form.

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**Corporate Patenting Board - Work Programme 2017-19**

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Lead</b>
	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>	
1	Quarterly Data Set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looked After Children, Care Leavers and Placements</li> <li>- District Data – Looked After Children and Care Leavers</li> </ul>	Jake Shaw and Tina Russell
2	Virtual School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self –improvement plan 2017/18</li> <li>• Self-evaluation 2016/17</li> <li>• Autumn Term Head Teacher Report</li> </ul>	Gwen Fennell
3	Draft Joint Housing Protocol	Rhys Davies and James MacDonald
4	Care Leaver Wish List	Rhys Davies and James MacDonald
5	Draft Work Plan	Jake Shaw and Tina Russell
	<b>February 2018</b>	
1	Quarter 3 Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looked After Children, Care Leavers and Placements</li> <li>- District Data – Looked After Children and Care Leavers</li> </ul>	Jake Shaw and Tina Russell
2	Care Leavers Housing and Accommodation Update	Strategic Housing Officers and Care Leavers Service
	<b>March 2018</b>	
3	Update on NEET, work experience and apprenticeships	Judy Chadwick and Babcock
	<b>April 2018</b>	
1	In Touch Visit– CPB member will each have an arranged observation/experience of front line. E.g. Attending a Looked After Childrens Review, Carer Leaver Pathway meeting, home visit to a Looked After Child or Care Leaver, visit to a residential Children's, or supported living placement. These activities we help will provide all members with an opportunity to "keep in touch" with what is happening in service for our Looked After Children and Care Leavers	
	<b>June 2018</b>	
1	Quarter 4 Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looked After Children, Care Leavers and Placements</li> <li>- District Data – Looked After Children and Care Leavers</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Jake Shaw and Tina Russell

	Meeting takeover by Youth Voice Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey</li> <li>- Work of Youth Voice Groups</li> <li>- Future work and support required</li> </ul>	Sally Clewes, Alison Brill and Youth Voice Groups
2	Corporate Parenting Board 16/17 Annual report	Andy Roberts and Jake Shaw
3	Update on NEET, work experience and apprenticeships	Judy Chadwick and Babcock
<b>July 2018</b>		
1.	Quarter 1 Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looked After Children, Care Leavers and Placements</li> <li>- District Data – Looked After Children and Care Leavers</li> </ul>	Jake Shaw and Tina Russell
<b>September 2018</b>		
1.	Independent Reviewing Officers (IRO) Annual Report 16/17	Andrew Tombs
October 2018		
1	Quarter 2 Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looked After Children, Care Leavers and Placements</li> <li>- District Data – Looked After Children and Care Leavers</li> </ul>	Jake Shaw and Tina Russell
December 2018		
1.	Virtual School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self –improvement plan 2018/19</li> <li>• Self-evaluation 2017/18</li> <li>• Autumn Term Head Teacher Report</li> </ul>	Gwen Fennell
January 2019		
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