

ADCS SAFEGUARDING PRESSURES RESEARCH PHASE 7

Since 2010, ADCS has been undertaking research with its members about changes in social care demand and provision. We know from ADCS members and other local/national bodies how valuable the research has been. The full reports of the previous six phases can be found at:

<http://adcs.org.uk/safeguarding/article/safeguarding-pressures>

In this next phase in 2020, the ADCS will be updating the research to understand:

1. Safeguarding pressures: What changes are local authorities experiencing in terms of early help and safeguarding activity and do we know what the reasons for these are? This will include changes between April and September 2020 and how the Covid19 pandemic has/will impact upon safeguarding pressures in the immediate and longer term.
2. Context pressures: What impact do a range of factors and wider determinants outside of the direct influence of Children's Services such as demographic, socio-economic, or other parental factors, or that policy and legislation have on provision of children's services. What changes might there be in the future, and how are local authorities managing change.
3. Resource pressures: Tracking the changes in funding and workforce for children's services, it's effect and medium/long term financial plans of authorities to manage demand and spend.

There are three parts (worksheets) in this single excel workbook for LAs to complete. There is little change from previous phases:

- 1 **Your Details** - Name of LA/Trust, contact details. This sheet also includes statements re: data protection.
- 2 **Data** - Early help and children's social care data. Contacts, referrals, children in need, child protection, looked after children data from the 903 and CIN Census, finance information. UASC data as Phase 5.
- 3 **Questionnaire** - for the Assistant Director or DCS within your LA to answer, providing your experiences and views.

Brief guidance notes for completion where appropriate have been provided in this workbook, but if there is anything you are unsure of, or you would like to discuss the project in more detail, please do contact Carole Brooks (Lead Researcher) on the email below.

Thank you,

Please return your responses by 25th October 2020 at the latest to:

carole.brooks@adcs.org.uk

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IF YOU WISH TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IN STAGES (E.G. QUESTIONNAIRE FIRST, THEN DATA), PLEASE DO.

If you have any queries about the data collection, please send Carole an email with your contact telephone number and she or a member of the team will respond to you promptly.

Submission by secure email (Switch) is available if required. Please send Carole an email if this is the case and she will provide further information.

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1 - YOUR DETAILS

Please complete all yellow boxes

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY/TRUST:

CONTACT NAME:

JOB TITLE:

TELEPHONE:

EMAIL:

Data Protection Statements

1. General Data Protection Regulations apply to 'personal data' meaning any information relating to an identifiable person who can be directly or indirectly identified in particular by reference to an identifier, including name, identification number, location data or online identifier. Our request is for for statistical data which does not include personal data apart from your named LA contact and their job title, telephone and email address.

2. Suppression rules will be applied on low numbers in any published figures, in accordance with DfE guidelines. However, as it is important that we have robust aggregated data, and as the questions we are asking do not ask for any personal information from which individuals can be identified, please can you provide exact numbers.

3. All returns are kept securely and information for individual LAs is not shared outside of ADCS and Carole Brooks Associates Ltd (the research organisation) unless permission is obtained. A data sharing agreement which includes information about processing, retention and security is in place between ADCS and the research organisation, Carole Brooks Associates Limited. A copy of this is available on request to carole.brooks@adcs.org.uk.

4. We have included funding this year to provide some analysis at regional level via Regional and National Performance and Information Management Groups. Please let us know if you consent to do so.

5. I give permission for regional analysis to be shared within my region, naming my LA. (State Yes/No)

yes / no

ADCS SAFEGUARDING PRESSURES RESEARCH PHASE 7 2 - DATA SECTION

We would like to make it as easy as possible for you to provide the information required and have provided guidance notes and links to national definitions where available. Data input cells are shaded:

- yellow are local data and not part of statutory returns.

- green follow definitions in statutory returns and you should be able to use figures already supplied to the DfE here.

- black, data not required as we are only collecting current year or we will use nationally published data (note: we deeply regret that for some data items this is not possible due to DfE rounding and suppression of national data).

[Link to Guidance Notes Page](#)

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EARLY HELP

1 Early Help Assessments (EHAs) and Open 'Early Help' Cases. <i>Number of children if possible, but your local definition would be helpful if you can provide it.</i>		2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
a	Number of EHAs/CAFs completed in the year (1 April to 31 March)			
b	Number of EHAs/CAFs open at the 31 March			
c	Number of cases open to early help services at 31 March			
2 EHAs completed in the year - number by outcome <i>Please use your own categories if easier, here or on separate worksheet.</i>		2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Referral to social care (step up)			
	Referral to universal service(s) (step down)			
	Advice and Information provided only			
	Support / Intervention provided			
	NFA - No support/intervention provided			
	NFA - End of support/intervention provided			
	TOTAL (to equal 1a above)		0	
3 EHAs completed in the year - number by reason for involvement <i>Please use your own categories if easier, here or on separate worksheet.</i>		2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Parental Alcohol or Drug Misuse			
	Child's Alcohol or Drug Misuse			
	Parental Mental Health			
	Child's Mental Health			
	Parental Learning, or Physical Disability or Illness			
	Child's Learning, or Physical Disability or Illness			
	Domestic Violence / Abuse			
	Young Carer			
	Asylum Seeker or Refugee			
	Missing, CSE, Trafficking or Gangs			
	Behaviour			
	Self Harm			
	Neglect			
	Parenting			
	Other			
	TOTAL (to equal 1a above)		0	

CONTACTS AND REFERRALS

4 Initial contacts received in the period (1 Apr to 31 Mar) - number by source <i>(please use your own categories if easier, here or on separate worksheet)</i>		2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Education			<i>Your local definition would be helpful</i>
	Police			
	Health			
	Parent/carer/family member/child or young person			
	All Other			
	OVERALL TOTAL	0	0	

5	Initial contacts received in the period (1 April to 31 March) - outcome <i>(please use your own categories if easier, here or on separate worksheet)</i>	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Referral to social care			
	Pass to Early Help services			
	Advice and Information or signpost to other services			
	No Further Action			
	Other (please state in notes)			
6	Referrals received in the period (1 April to 31 March) - number by source <i>(CIN census guidance sections 4.2 + 4.4, Pg 33-35)</i>	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	INDIVIDUAL – Family member/relative/carer (1A)			
	INDIVIDUAL – Acquaintance (including neighbours and child minders) (1B)			
	INDIVIDUAL – Self (1C)			
	INDIVIDUAL – Other (including strangers, MPs) (1D)			
	SCHOOLS (2A)			
	EDUCATION SERVICES (2B)			
	HEALTH SERVICES – GP (3A)			
	HEALTH SERVICES – Health Visitor (3B)			
	HEALTH SERVICES – School Nurse (3C)			
	HEALTH SERVICES – Other primary health services (3D)			
	HEALTH SERVICES – A&E (Emergency Department) (3E)			
	HEALTH SERVICES – Other (eg hospice) (3F)			
	HOUSING - (local authority housing or housing association) (4)			
	LA SERVICES – Social care eg adults social care (5A)			
	LA SERVICES – Other internal (e.g. YOS (exc housing)) (5B)			
	LA SERVICES – External eg from another LAs adults social care (5C)			
	POLICE (6)			
	OTHER LEGAL AGENCY (court, probation, immigration, CAFCASS, prison) (7)			
	OTHER (inc children's centres, independent agency providers or vol orgs). (8)			
	ANONYMOUS (9)			
	UNKNOWN (10)			
	OVERALL TOTAL	0	0	
7	Referrals received in the period - number by Primary Need Code <i>(CIN census guidance section 4.5, Pg 35-37)</i>	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Abuse or neglect (N1)			
	Child's disability (N2)			
	Parental disability or illness (N3)			
	Family in acute stress (N4)			
	Family dysfunction (N5)			
	Socially unacceptable behaviour (N6)			
	Low income (N7)			
	Absent parenting (N8)			
	Cases other than Children in Need (N9)			
	Not stated (N0)			
8	Referrals received in the period - number by outcome <i>(Use your own categories if easier)</i>	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Strategy discussion and/or Section 47 enquiry			
	Assessment required			
	Pass to Early Help services			
	Advice and Information or signpost to other services			
	No Further Action			
	Other (please state in notes)			
8b	Please tell us if there is any particular referrer where there are more referrals where the outcome is NFA than other referrers?			
9	Re-referrals <i>(CIN Census)</i>	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	% referrals to children's social care within 12 months of a previous referral			

SINGLE (CONTINUOUS) ASSESSMENTS

10	Number of single assessments completed and authorised in the period (CIN Census)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Number within 10 working days			
	Number between 11 and 45 working days			
	Number over 45 working days			
	Total Number of assessments		0	
11	Number of referrals closed after assessment in the period which were 'No Further Action'. (CIN census guidance 4.7, pg 38-37 - Closure reason RC8: Closed after assessment, NFA).	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Number			
12	For all assessments completed and authorised in the period, number of assessments by factors identified at the end of assessment (CIN Census)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Alcohol misuse: Concerns about alcohol misuse by the child (1A)			
	Alcohol misuse: Concerns about alcohol misuse by the parent/carer (1B)			
	Alcohol misuse: Concerns about alcohol misuse by other person in the household (1C)			
	Drug misuse: Concerns about drug misuse by the child (2A)			
	Drug misuse: Concerns about drug misuse by the parent/carer (2B)			
	Drug misuse: Concerns about drug misuse by another person living in the household (2C)			
	Domestic violence: Concerns about the child being the subject of domestic violence (3A)			
	Domestic violence: Concerns about child's parent/carer subject of domestic violence (3B)			
	Domestic violence: Concerns about other in the household subject of DV (3C)			
	Mental health: Concerns about the mental health of the child (4A)			
	Mental health: Concerns about the mental health of the parent/carer (4B)			
	Mental health: Concerns about mental health of other person in the family/household (4C)			
	Learning disability: Concerns about the child's learning disability (5A)			
	Learning disability: Concerns about the parent/carer's learning disability (5B)			
	Learning disability: Concerns about other in the family/household learning disability (5C)			
	Physical disability or illness: Concerns about a physical disability or illness of the child (6A)			
	Physical disability/illness: Concerns about a physical disability or illness of parent/carer (6B)			
	Physical disability/illness: Concerns about physical disability/illness of other in family (6C)			
	Young carer: Concerns that services may be required/child's health may be impaired due to caring responsibilities (7A)			
	Privately fostered: concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk as a privately fostered child - Overseas children who intend to return (8B)			
	Privately fostered: concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk as a privately fostered child - Overseas children who intend to stay (8C)			
	Privately fostered: concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk as a privately fostered child - UK children in educational placements (8D)			
	Privately fostered: concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk as a privately fostered child - UK children making alternative family arrangements (8E)			
	Privately fostered: concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk as a privately fostered child - Other (8F)			
	UASC: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk of harm as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (9A)			
	Missing: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk of harm due to going/being missing (10A)			
	Child Sexual Exploitation: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk of harm due to child sexual exploitation (11A)			
	Trafficking: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk of harm due to trafficking (12A)			
	Gangs: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk of harm because of involvement in/with gangs (13A)			
	Socially unacceptable behaviour: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk due to their socially unacceptable behaviour (14A)			

	Self-harm: Concerns that services may be required or due to suspected/actual self-harming child may be at risk of harm (15A)			
	Abuse or neglect - NEGLECT: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm due to abuse or neglect (16A)			
	Abuse or neglect – EMOTIONAL ABUSE: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm due to abuse or neglect (17A)			
	Abuse or neglect – PHYSICAL ABUSE: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm due to abuse or neglect (18A)			
	Abuse or neglect – SEXUAL ABUSE: Concerns that services may be required or the child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm due to abuse or neglect (19A)			
	Other (20)			
	No factors identified- only use this if there is no evidence of any of the factors above and no further action is being taken (21)			
	Female genital mutilation (FGM) - concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk due to female genital mutilation. (22A)			
	Abuse linked to faith or belief - concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk due to abuse linked to faith or belief. (23A)			
CHILDREN IN NEED				
13	Number of Children In Need at 31 March (Definition as per CIN Census - See Guidance notes for more information)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
a	Number of children in need <i>INCLUDING</i> CP, LAC and Care Leavers at 31 March (CIN Census Cohort)			
b	Number of children in need <i>EXCLUDING</i> CP, LAC and Care Leavers at 31 March			
MISSING CHILDREN & CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION				
14	Looked after children missing (SSDA903 guidance section 2.8)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
a	Number of looked after children missing from care at any time during the year (M)			
b	Number of episodes that any looked after child was missing from care during the year (M)			
c	Number of looked after children away from placement without authorisation at any time during the year (A)			
d	Number of episodes that any looked after child was away from placement without authorisation during the year (A)			
15	Missing from home (please state source and scope in the notes, this is likely to be your Police data.)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
a	Number of children missing from home during the year			
b	Number of episodes of children missing from home at any time during the year			
16	Children identified as being at risk of exploitation (Previous phases have collected data about child sexual exploitation. Please state which children you are including in your local definitions)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Number of children and young people identified as being at risk of exploitation during the year (1 April to 31 March)			
CHILD PROTECTION PLANS				
17	Number of children subject of a Section 47 Enquiry starting and ICPC during the year	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
a	Number of Section 47s starting in the year			
b	Number of ICPCs in the year			
c	% of ICPCs within 15 working days of S47 (national definition)			
18	Number of children subject of a child protection plan at 31 March, by category of abuse. (CIN Census)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Neglect			
	Physical Abuse			
	Sexual Abuse			
	Emotional Abuse			
	Multiple/Not Recommended			
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SUBJECT OF CPP AT 31 MARCH	0	0	

19	Number of children subject of a child protection plan at <u>31 March</u>, by age (CIN Census)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Under 1			
	1 to 4			
	5 to 9			
	10 to 15			
	16 and over			
20	Number of child protection plans <u>starting</u> during the year, by category of abuse (CIN Census). (CIN Census data module 4, pg 34)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Neglect			
	Physical Abuse			
	Sexual Abuse			
	Emotional Abuse			
	Multiple/Not Recommended			
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILD PROTECTION PLANS STARTING	0	0	
21	Number of child protection plans <u>starting during the year</u> by age band	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Under 1			
	1 to 4			
	5 to 9			
	10 to 15			
	16 and over			
22	Number of child protection plans <u>starting</u> during the year which were a second or subsequent plan	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
a	% second or subsequent plans in last two years			
b	% second or subsequent plans ever			
CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER (SSDA903 return data)				
Question 23 below asks for numbers of children looked after by legal status including respite codes (V3 and V4) . This is the only question where you should include these children and all other questions exclude those receiving respite (legal status codes V3 and V4).				
Children looked after at 31st March				
23	Number of children looked after at <u>31 March</u> by legal status (including respite) (SSDA903 return)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Interim care order (C1)			
	Full care order (C2)			
	Placement order granted (E1)			
	Single period of accommodation under section 20 (V2)			
	Under police protection and in local authority accommodation (L1)			
	Emergency protection order (L2)			
	Under child assessment order and in local authority accommodation (L3)			
	Remanded to LA accommodation or to youth detention accommodation (J1)			
	Detained in LA accommodation under PACE inc secure accommodation (J2)			
	Sentenced to Youth Rehabilitation Order (J3)			
	Accommodated under an agreed series of short-term breaks, when individual episodes of care are recorded (V3)			
	Accommodated under an agreed series of short-term breaks, when agreements are recorded (i.e. NOT individual episodes of care) (V4)			
ALL NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IN THE QUESTIONS BELOW SHOULD EXCLUDE RESPITE (LEGAL STATUS V3 AND V4)				
24	Number of children looked after at <u>31 March</u> by placement type (SSDA903 return)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Placed for adoption with parental/guardian consent with current foster carer or with a freeing order where parental/guardian consent has been given (A3)			
	Placed for adoption with parental/guardian consent not with current foster carer or with freeing order where parental/guardian consent given (A4)			
	Placed for adoption with placement order with current foster carer or with a freeing order where parental/guardian consent was dispensed with (A5)			
	Placed for adoption with placement order not with current foster carer or with a freeing order where parental/guardian consent was dispensed with (A6)			
	Semi-independent living accom not subject to Children's Homes regulations (H5)			
	Secure Children's Homes (K1)			
	Children's Homes subject to Children's Homes regulations (K2)			
	Placed with own parents or other person with parental responsibility (P1)			
	Independent living with or without formal support (P2)			
	Residential employment (P3)			

	Residential care home (R1)			
	NHS/Health Trust or other establishment providing medical/nursing care (R2)			
	Family centre or mother and baby unit (R3)			
	Young Offender Institution or Secure Training Centre (R5)			
	Residential schools except dual-registered as school & children's home (S1)			
	All types of temporary move (T0)			
	Temporary periods in hospital (T1)			
	Temporary absences of the child on holiday (T2)			
	Temporary accommodation whilst normal foster carer is on holiday (T3)			
	Temporary accommodation of 7 days or less not covered by codes T1-T3 (T4)			
	Foster placement with relative or friend- long term fostering (U1)			
	Fostering placement with relative or friend who is also an approved adopter – FFA/concurrent planning (U2)			
	Fostering placement with relative or friend who is not long-term or FFA/concurrent planning (U3)			
	Foster placement with other foster carer- long term fostering (U4)			
	Foster placement with other foster carer who is also an approved adopter – FFA/concurrent planning (U5)			
	Foster placement with other foster carer- not long term or FFA/concurrent planning (U6)			
	Other placements (Z1)			
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AT 31 MARCH	0	0	
25	Number of children looked after at <u>31 March</u> by placement provider (SSDA903 return section 2.2.9 - see also guidance notes)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Parents or other person with parental responsibility (PR0)			
	Own provision by the LA (PR1)			
	Other LA provision (PR2)			
	Other public provision (PR3)			
	Private provision (PR4)			
	Voluntary/third sector provision (PR5)			
	Of above, total number of children placed in an IFA			
26	Number of children looked after at <u>31 March</u> by age band (SSDA903 return)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Under 1			
	1 to 4			
	5 to 9			
	10 to 15			
	16 and over			
27	Number of children looked after at <u>31 March</u> by primary need code (SSDA903 return)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Abuse or neglect (N1)			
	Child's disability (N2)			
	Parental illness or disability (N3)			
	Family in acute stress (N4)			
	Family dysfunction (N5)			
	Socially unacceptable behaviour (N6)			
	Low income (N7)			
	Absent parenting (N8)			
	Not expected in SSDA903: Cases other than Children in Need (N9)			
	Not expected in SSDA903: Not stated (N0)			

28	Number of children looked after at 31 March by type of plan <i>(please use your own categories if easier, here or on separate worksheet)</i>	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Remain with family through provision of support (for LAC placed with parents)			
	Return to birth family			
	Long term foster care			
	Adoption			
	Live with relatives/friends			
	Independent living/supported living in the community			
	Residential			
	Unknown			
	Other			
29	Stability of placements (Children looked after at 31 March)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Short term placement stability measure (3 or more moves in the year) (%)			
	Long term placement stability measure (LAC 2.5yrs and in same placement) (%)			
30	Number of children looked after at 31 March aged 16 and 17 only who presented as homeless at the point of becoming looked after	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Total Number			
Children starting to be looked after in the period				
31	Number of children <u>starting</u> to be looked after by age band (SSDA903)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Under 1			
	1 to 4			
	5 to 9			
	10 to 15			
	16 and over			
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN STARTING TO BE LOOKED AFTER			
32	Number of children <u>starting</u> to be looked after in the year by primary need code (SSDA903)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Abuse or neglect (N1)			
	Child's disability (N2)			
	Parental illness or disability (N3)			
	Family in acute stress (N4)			
	Family dysfunction (N5)			
	Socially unacceptable behaviour (N6)			
	Low income (N7)			
	Absent parenting (N8)			
	Not expected in SSDA903: Cases other than Children in Need (N9)			
	Not expected in SSDA903: Not stated (N0)			
33	Number of children <u>starting</u> to be looked after for a second or subsequent time (ever, age at start of latest period)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Under 1			
	1 to 4			
	5 to 9			
	10 to 15			
	16 and over			
	Total Number	0	0	
34	Number of children who return to care after or during previous permanent arrangement (SSDA903 guidance section 2.7)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data <i>(extend if needed)</i>
	Adoption (P1)			
	Special Guardianship Order (P2)			
	Residence Order or Child Arrangements Order which sets out with whom the child is to live (P3)			
	Unknown (P4)			
	Child has not previously had a permanence option (Z1)			

Children ceasing to be looked after in the period				
35	Number of children <u>ceasing</u> to be looked after by age band (SSDA903)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Under 1			
	1 to 4			
	5 to 9			
	10 to 15			
	16 and over			
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN CEASING TO BE LOOKED AFTER	0	0	
36	Number of children <u>ceasing</u> to be looked after by reason (SSDA903 "REC", guidance section 2.2.11, pg 79-81)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Died (E2)			
	Care taken over by another LA in the UK (E3)			
	Return home to live with parents, relatives, or other person with parental responsibility as part of care planning process (not SGO, RO or CAO) (E4A)			
	Return home to live with parents, relatives, or other person with parental responsibility NOT as part of care planning process (not SGO RO or CAO) (E4B)			
	Moved into independent living and no longer looked after: supportive accommodation providing formalised advice/support arrangements (E5)			
	Moved into independent living arrangement - no longer looked after: accommodation providing no formalised advice/support arrangements (E6)			
	Transferred to residential care funded by adult social services (E7)			
	Period of being looked after ceased for any other reason (E8)			
	Sentenced to custody (E9)			
	Adopted - Application for an adoption order unopposed (E11)			
	Adopted – consent dispensed with by court (E12)			
	Left care to live with parents/relatives/other with no parental responsibility (E13)			
	Accommodation on remand ended (E14)			
	Age assessment determined child is aged 18+, E5, E6 E7 do not apply (E15)			
	Child moved abroad (E16)			
	Residence order or Child Arrangement Order granted (E41)			
	Special guardianship made to former foster carers who are a relative/friend (E45)			
	Special guardianship made to former foster carers other than a relative/friend			
	Special guardianship made to carers other than former foster carer who are a relative/friend (E47)			
	Special guardianship made to carers other than former foster carer other than a relative/friend (E48)			
Adoption and Permanency				
37	Number of children by reason for reversal of decision to adopt <i>in the year</i> (SSDA903 guidance section 2.6.3)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	The child's needs changed subsequent to the decision (RD1)			
	The Court did not make a placement order (RD2)			
	Prospective adopters could not be found (RD3)			
	Any other reason (RD4)			
	TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN	0	0	
Care Leavers				
38	Number of care leavers supported by the LA at 31 March (SSDA903 guidance section 2.10)	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Age 18			
	Age 19			
	Age 20			
	Age 21			
	Aged 22 to 25			
	Total		0	

UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN

The first question is the same as all phases, and the subsequent questions in this section about UASC were included in Phase 5 as voluntary additional data for the supplementary report. Please note that we are asking for different timeframes to the previous questions: last year (2019/20) and the first six months of this year (Apr-Sep 2020/21).

39 Number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children looked after (SSDA903 return)		2019/20	2020/21 Apr to Sep	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
a	Number of UASC starting to be looked after in the period			
b	Number of UASC Looked After at any time in the period			
c	Number of UASC leaving care in the period (planned or unplanned)			
d	Number of UASC Looked After at period end (March and Sept)			
e	Number of care leavers at period end who were UASC			
40 Breakdown of countries of origin for all UASC at period end. (You may wish to provide your own list on a separate worksheet if easier)		2019/20	2020/21 Apr to Sep	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Afghanistan			
	Albania			
	Eritrea			
	Ethiopia			
	Iran			
	Iraq			
	Lebanon			
	Sudan			
	Syria			
	Vietnam			
	N/A or not known			
	Other (please state)			
	Other (please state)			
	Other (please state)			
	OVERALL TOTAL	0	0	
41 Breakdown of age - UASC at period end		2019/20	2020/21 Apr to Sep	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Under 10			
	Age 10			
	Age 11			
	Age 12			
	Age 13			
	Age 14			
	Age 15			
	Age 16			
	Age 17			
42 Breakdown of gender - UASC at period end		2019/20	2020/21 Apr to Sept	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Male			
	Female			
	Not known			
43 Placement provision for UASC at period end		2019/20	2020/21 Apr to Sept	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Placed for Adoption (A3-6)			
	Foster Care (U1-U6)			
	Residential Care (H5, K1, K2, P3, R1-5, S1)			
	Independent Living (P2)			
	Other accommodation (Z1)			
	Not known			

FINANCIAL DATA				
44	Families (with children) who receive 'no recourse to public funds' support from your LA	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Number of NRPF supported families during the year			
	Spend during the year			
45	Number of Orders funded by the LA at 31 March	2018/19	2019/20	Any notes re data (extend if needed)
	Special Guardianship Orders			
	Residence Orders / Child Arrangement Orders			
46	Total Expenditure <i>(Section 251 - please do not round up to £'000)</i>	2019/20 Outturn	2020/21 Planned Expenditure (DfE return)	2020/21 Current Forecast Expenditure
	High Needs Expenditure (total 1.1.2 to 1.2.13)			
	Total Sure Start Children's Centres and other spend on children under 5 (3.0.5)			
	Total Children Looked After (3.1.11)			
	Other children and families services (3.2.1)			
	Social work (including LA functions in relation to child protection) (3.3.1)			
	Total Safeguarding Children and Young People's Services (3.3.4)			
	Total Family Support Services (3.4.6)			
	Total Services for young people (3.5.3)			
	Total Children's Services (5.0.2)			

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE ALL THE DATA IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO
- PART RETURNS ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WILL BE USED.**

ADCS SAFEGUARDING PRESSURES RESEARCH PHASE 7

3 - QUESTIONNAIRE: YOUR EXPERIENCES AND VIEWS

Throughout, safeguarding activity means referrals to children's social care, assessments, S47s, children subject of child protection plans and children looked after. Where we have referred to 'safeguarding issues', these are presenting issues such as neglect, sexual abuse, forced marriages, domestic violence, use of emergency short term periods of care, etc.
Whilst the boxes for your responses can be extended, please do provide any supporting or more detailed information in other formats, e.g. in Word document, if you would find it easier.

		Please click on the cell and select drop down option that best applies.	Your response in words (there is no word limit, the cell will expand)
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IMPACT OF COVID19 TO DATE ON SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

(This relates to the impact on safeguarding from government policy, 'lockdown', services and lived experiences of children and families).

1	What has been the impact of Covid-19 on your LA in safeguarding children?		
2	Has there been any change in the number or characteristics of families seeking, and receiving S17 funds since 1st March compared to those already open to social care before that date? For example, how is your LA funding food parcels? Are they being recorded through your front door either as a contact or referral?		
3	What has the impact of 'lockdown' been on placements and services for children and young people and their families? For example children remaining in Tier 4 placements; returned home from closing residential special schools; changes to contact arrangements. It would be helpful to understand any change in costs of delivering services as a result of 'lockdown'.		
4	Has your LA experienced any change in the number, or reasons, for safeguarding reviews (e.g. Rapid Reviews, Child Safeguarding Reviews, Domestic Homicide Reviews), and if so, what do you think the reasons for this are?		
	a) in the last two years		
	b) in the last six months (i.e. during Covid-19 pandemic)		
	c) What do you predict any change and the impact of this may be in the next two years?		

CHANGES IN SAFEGUARDING AND EARLY HELP ACTIVITY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS (FROM APRIL 2018)

5	To what extent has your LA seen an increase in a particular aspect of safeguarding activity in the past two years. Why do you think this is? Please include references to any evidence you have.		
6	To what extent has your LA seen a decrease in a particular aspect of safeguarding activity in the past two years? Why do you think this is? Please include references to any evidence you have.		

		Please click on the cell and select drop down option that best applies.	Your response in words (there is no word limit, the cell will expand)
7	To what extent has your LA seen an increase in early help activity in the past two years. Why do you think this is? Please include references to any evidence you have.		
8	To what extent has your LA seen a decrease in early help activity in the past two years? Why do you think this is? Please include references to any evidence you have.		
CONTRIBUTING FACTORS			
9	Are any of the factors below making a difference to safeguarding and/or early help activity?: a) Changes in population and demographics (e.g. more/less children; housing; movement of homeless families).		
	b) Radicalisation and PREVENT agenda, gangs, youth crime.		
	c) Parental factors (e.g. parental substance misuse, mental health or domestic abuse).		
	d) Threshold changes in your authority? If "yes", how, and what has been the impact?		
	e) Other (please state).		
10	Which services provide support for children and families who do not meet the threshold for social care services (i.e. contacts and referrals which do not result in assessment, provision of services, or which are 'step down')? What part have they played so far in your LA in affecting safeguarding activity?		
11	What has the impact of national legislation, policy or initiatives been on safeguarding work in your LA in the last 2 years? Please be clear what they are, and what the impact has been.		
12	What changes, if any, have you experienced in Court decisions and what has the impact been? (For example, orders made by judges own motion, timeliness.)		

		Please click on the cell and select drop down option that best applies.	Your response in words (there is no word limit, the cell will expand)
13	For young people aged 15-25 , have you experienced any changes in their needs or demands on service provision, (for example, homelessness, risky behaviours, sexual exploitation or use of welfare secure accommodation)? If yes, please describe what the changes and the impact on your LA, including transitional safeguarding when some statutory social care services cease at age 17: a) Prevalence and need b) Services provided, and any ways you are meeting the needs of these young people differently?" (note revised age group from original form which was 15-17 only)		
14	We want to know about 'the revolving door'. Is your experience that there is any change (increase or decrease), and if so why? a) Social Care referrals (re-referrals). b) Children subject of a second or subsequent Child Protection Plan or CIN plan. c) Children and young people who have been looked after and returned home coming back into care.		
RESOURCES			
15	Have there been any significant changes to social work staffing in your authority over the past two years? For example, changes in number or ratio of qualified/newly qualified/ASYE social workers; recruitment; use of agency staff/ agency teams; or if SW teams are being organised differently (e.g. in order to address the early help/children's social care boundary issues, SWs in schools (paid for wholly or in part from school funding), or SWs in inter-borough teams)? Are there any specific teams or roles that you find difficult to recruit to?		
16	What budget changes have you experienced in the last two years? Please provide information about these and what the impact has been on your authority in the following: a) Children's social care services		
	b) Services for vulnerable children and their families (including early help)		
	c) Other (please state)		

		<i>Please click on the cell and select drop down option that best applies.</i>	Your response in words <i>(there is no word limit, the cell will expand)</i>
17	What has the impact of Troubled Families Wave 2 funding been to date and the decision to extend to 2021? What, if any, do you envisage the impact would be if the funding ceased in 2021?		
18	Are you in receipt of any grant or other funding for children's services? If so, where from and what has the impact been on delivery of services and also outcomes for CYP and families.		
19	How much money would you need to close any budget gap in children's services in your LA, and what percentage of your budget would that represent?		
20	What budget changes have you experienced, or are you anticipating in the next two years? Please provide information about these and what the impact has been on your authority.		
HORIZON SCANNING			
21	Direction of travel: In your opinion, what is the trajectory for safeguarding and looked after children (i.e. do you anticipate rising or falling numbers?).		
22	What do you think are some of the key changes we will see in the next two to three years that will influence provision of services to vulnerable children, safeguarding activity and services provided by social care?		
23	What are the other current and potential challenges and enablers for children's services? a) Challenges		
	b) Enablers		
24	Are there any other comments or evidence that you wish to provide relating to our research questions?		

		<i>Please click on the cell and select drop down option that best applies.</i>	Your response in words <i>(there is no word limit, the cell will expand)</i>
UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM SEEKING CHILDREN (UASC) - SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS			
25	What changes, if any, have there been over the last two years in the number and needs of UASC? If so, please tell us how.		
26	Where are UASC arriving in your LA coming from? eg collected direct from Dover, national transfer scheme, direct presentation locally through other routes such as an airport, port, or motorway service station?		
27	Is Home Office funding to LAs sufficient to meet costs? If not, how are you meeting these?		
28	Direction of travel: In your opinion, what is the trajectory for numbers of asylum seeking children and what do you think are some of the key changes we will see in the next two to three years that will influence activity and services provided by social care for asylum seeking children.		

ADCS SAFEGUARDING PRESSURES RESEARCH PHASE 7 GUIDANCE NOTES AND FAQ

Please remember that you do not have to answer all the questions, but it would be helpful for you to provide whatever data you can. If you have any queries that are not answered within these guidance notes, please don't hesitate to contact us and we will get back to you quickly:

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Links to Statutory Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2019-to-2020-guide>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-looked-after-return-2019-to-2020-guide>

Data

The source of data is a mixture of DfE CIN Census and the SSDA903 returns which LAs will already have available. There some questions from locally available data. If you do not have this data available, or have any queries about definitions, please do ask.

Question

No:

Your Details: We only require one submission from each local area (for example, either the local authority OR the Trust where Trust arrangements re in place.

- 1 to 3 **EHAs:** We know that LAs use these differently and measuring will not give us a like for like measure. It will however, give us a rough national picture of this activity which is a critical element of safeguarding pressures and not collected elsewhere. Please do use the additional notes column to add any data definitons for EHA in your LA. We are also asking about the number of open early help cases you had (1c). If you would prefer to provide an excerpt of your current early help data in another way, please do.
- 4&5 An **initial contact** is defined as an enquiry to the CSSR for any number of reasons including advice and information, housing benefit, applications for social services support etc. Not all of these will result in a referral. There are decisions to be made at this stage that distinguish between enquiries that are in effect requests for services from the CSSR, those that require redirection to appropriate services other than the CSSR and those that can be provided with advice/information at the point of initial contact. Some authorities may collect initial contacts and contacts on open cases together and therefore not be able to differentiate between the two without additional analysis locally. If this is the case, please include in the notes column your local definition used. Some LAs may not have this information at all, in which case, please leave blank.
- 5&8 **Initial contacts & Referrals - outcome.** Collecting outcome data is very important information for us to answer our research questions. If you have alternative outcome codes to those provided, please do either replace the rows or provide on a new worksheet within the workbook.
- 8b Does your local analysis of **referrals which are 'NFA' by source of referral show that there are more referrals from a particular source that are NFA?** We want to understand which referrers are more frequently making referrals which do not go on to assessment.
- 9 **Re-referrals** as per CIN Census SFR definition.
- 10 **Assessments:** We note the change in Working Together 2018 guidance around assessments to the principle of continuous assessment, which will impact on our analysis of assessment data over time. We will reflect this in our analysis and in the report.
- 12 Please include total of assessments for the year as per CIN guidance. Note re code 8A: This factor code should not be used for assessments ending after 1 April 2016, instead one of the codes 8B-8F should be recorded.
- 13 We are asking for two figures: a) number of CIN that you would have submitted in your return to DfE as per CIN Census guidance page 11. "*This includes children looked after (CLA), those supported in their families or independently (CSF/I), and children who are the subject of a child protection plan*". b) the above figure EXCLUDING the total number of children who are subject of a child protection plan at 31 March (last Q18 row) the total number of children you have reported below who are looked after at 31 March (last Q24 row) and also care leavers. We know from other data collections this is an area which sometimes lacks sufficiently clear definitions, hence asking you for both figures here. Please email us if any further clarification required.

- 14-15 Missing. Please use SSDA903 submission and definitions for missing from care. There are no national definitions for missing from home, and we are asking for what is commonly collected within your LA. If you use different definitions, or are not sure, please provide the definition that you are working to. Question 15 relates to all children (i.e. not just children looked after) at any point throughout the year. 14 - Count each child once only, no matter how many times they go missing. 15 - count all episodes.
- 16 CSE: As with missing, we are asking for what is commonly collected. If you are not sure, please provide the definition you are working to. Count each child once only.
- 18 For children subject of a CP plan at 31 March, this will be 'latest category of abuse' (i.e. the category as at 31st March).
- 20 The 'initial category of abuse' please. We are aiming to identify the prevalence of reason why children become subject to CP Plans and do some correlation with referrals and children starting to be looked after.

From 23 For the sections on children starting and ceasing, a number of children who may have been admitted or discharged more than once during the year. For those ceasing their reason could be different on each episode. Please provide detail for each period of care please - so if one child has started to be looked after or ceased to be looked after more than once in the year, they will be counted more than once. This means that one child can be counted twice.

- 25 We have added a request for information from the SSDA903 return about placement provider, but also included how many children you have in total placed in Independent Fostering Agencies (IFAs).
- 28 **CLA by type of plan** : We know that many LAs will not be able to answer this question on plans for looked after children without a considerable amount of work, depending on your current children's social care system. We would be grateful for those LAs who can easily provide it to do so, as it will provide part of the evidence base, but please do feel free to leave this question blank if you don't readily have this data. If you do have some information but not using these plan categories, such as simply a plan to reunite with the child's birth family or not, please do provide what you are able to. We would be happy to receive information for current year only if this is possible.
- 30 We know some LAs may not be able to answer this question, which is how many 16 & 17 year olds have presented as homeless (i.e. not living with parents, and have no fixed abode).
- 33 It is important to understand how many children come back into care to determine the 'revolving door' in children's social care. If you are not able to break down by age, please just put a total.
- 38 We are asking for the total number of care leavers which your LA is supporting (these are defined as the total of eligible, former eligible and relevant). All children who were looked after for a total of at least 13 weeks after their 14th birthday including some time after their 16th birthday), which CIN Census describes as 'young people who are still receiving care and accommodation or post-care support (leaving care services) from children's services'.
- 46 All figures should be total gross, and not net.
- 46 Amendment: The dates in the second two columns on the original form are not correct and should be 2020/21 and not 2021/22. The revised column headings therefore look as follows:

2019/20 Outturn	2020/21 Planned Expenditure (DfE return)	2020/21 Current Forecast Expenditure
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The purpose of this question is to understand how original planned expenditure (budget) for this year is different from what you are now forecasting as full year spend, so that we can calculate how it has changed (if at all) due to Covid and other factors.

General Notes

Suppression rules will be applied on low numbers in accordance with DfE guidelines, prior to sharing with others for your own internal use only after analysis if you give your consent to share, but please can you provide exact numbers for this research, or it is difficult for us to gather a robust aggregated national figure.

FAQ - ADCS Safeguarding Pressures Phase 7 Data Collection

14-Sep-20

The Q&A below reflect some of the queries raised by LAs as they embark on the data collection . Please pass to the relevant people who are completing the return in your LA.

Q: Question 29 - can you clarify the definition for long term placement stability measure (LAC 2.5yrs and in same placement) (%), is this the same as the old national indicator?

A: Yes, this is the same definition as the old National Indicator NI 63 which many local authorities are still using: "The percentage of looked after children aged under 16 at who have been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years, or are placed for adoption and their adoptive placement together with their previous placement together last for at least 2 years."

Q: Question 46 Financial data - Can you clarify whether we should include gross or net figures?

A: Total Gross Expenditure figures required please.

Q: Question 46 Financial data - Are the dates correct in the second and third columns and should it be 2020/21 (this year) and not 2021/22 (next year) ?

A: The dates in the second two columns are not correct and should be 2020/21 and not 2021/22, our apologies. The revised column headings will therefore look as follows:

2019/20 Outturn	2020/21 Planned Expenditure (DfE return)	2020/21 Current Forecast Expenditure
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The purpose of this question is to understand how original planned expenditure (budget) for this year is different from what you are now forecasting as full year spend, so that we can calculate how it has changed (if at all).

Q: On the Questionnaire page, Q13 asked for 15-17 year olds. Can we extend this to capture 15-25 year olds and transitional safeguarding please?

A: This is a very good point and we had talked about this but were remiss in not including it. The wording for question 13 in the questionnaire now reads (changes in red below):

"For young people aged **15-25**, have you experienced any changes in their needs or demands on service provision, (for example, homelessness, risky behaviours, sexual exploitation or use of welfare secure accommodation)? If yes, please describe what the changes and the impact on your LA, **including transitional safeguarding when some statutory social care services cease at age 17**:

- Prevalence and need
- Services provided, and any ways you are meeting the needs of these young people differently?"

If you have any further queries when completing, please do not hesitate to contact Carole on 01908 488600 or carole.brooks@adcs.org.uk.

Thank you,

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