

Safeguarding Performance Report

Social Services

1st April 2018 to
31st March 19

Education

3rd September 2018 to
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Purpose of the report

The purpose of this report is to provide safeguarding information that is recorded by Social Services and Education.

Monitoring and reporting systems are well-developed to ensure the department is able to track information and evidences that the safeguarding agenda remains a priority for the local authority.

Performance information is collated from Social Services and Education information systems which identifies activity, demands and trends of data. This includes a number of items that are statutory requirements as part of the Welsh Government Performance Framework.

The report includes information on the following:

- Referrals received and their outcomes
- Children who are being safeguarded and analysis
- Quality assurance arrangements with education settings
- Broader issues within education that impact upon safeguarding

This report will be shared with Senior Management Teams within Social Services and Education and presented to the Joint Social Services & Education and Learning (Safeguarding) Scrutiny Committee.

Community Profile



- 47% of Blaenau Gwent's local areas are amongst the top 20% deprived areas in Wales. (Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014)
- The proportion of benefit claimants amongst people of working age was higher in Blaenau Gwent than the proportion across the comparable authorities (working-age client group – key benefit claimants August 2014 - 23.2% in Blaenau Gwent compared to all Wales level of 16.4%)

- The total rate of Blaenau Gwent's recorded offence levels was higher than comparative areas. For the year ending December 2014 Police recorded crimes - 76.89 crimes per thousand population in Blaenau Gwent compared to its most similar group of areas average (as defined by the Home Office) of 69.03 per thousand population.
- Total Population: 69,628 Number of 0 – 17 year olds: **13,713** (2016 Population Estimates)
- Number of Open cases to Children's Social Services as at 31st March 2019: **982**
- Number of pupils attending primary schools: **5,849**
- Number of pupils attending secondary schools: **2,962**

01 Referrals to Social Services

Fig: 1.1 Number of referrals received by Social Services

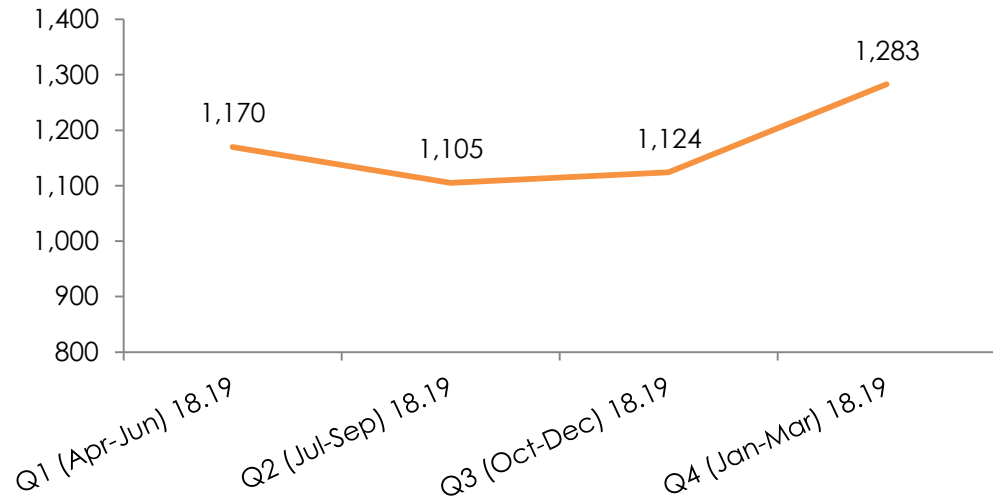
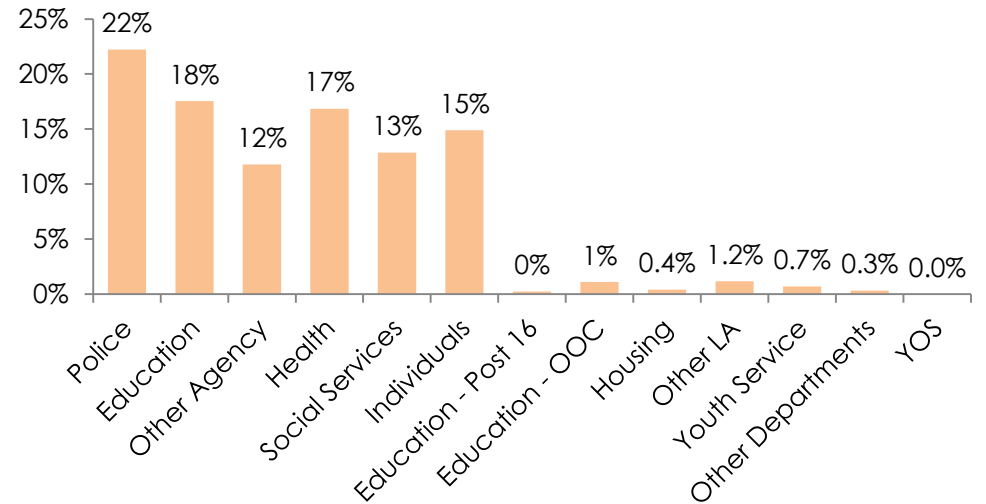


Fig: 1.2 Number and Percentage of Referrals by Source (Q4)

	No.	Percentage
Police	285	22%
Education	225	18%
Other Agency	151	12%
Health	216	17%
Social Services	165	13%
Individuals	191	15%
Education - Post 16	3	0%
Education - OOC	14	1%
Housing	5	0.4%
Other LA	15	1.2%
Youth Service	9	0.7%
Other Departments	4	0.3%
YOS	0	-
Total	1,283	100%

Graph showing the source of referrals and the percentage



01 Referrals to Social Services

Fig: 1.3 Multi-agency referral forms (MARF's) received on open cases

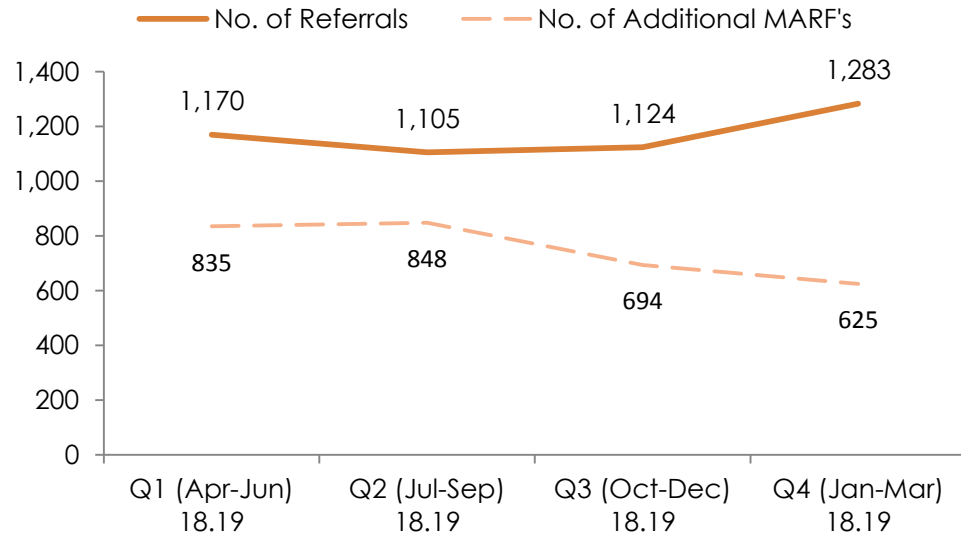


Fig: 1.4 Referrals received from Youth Services

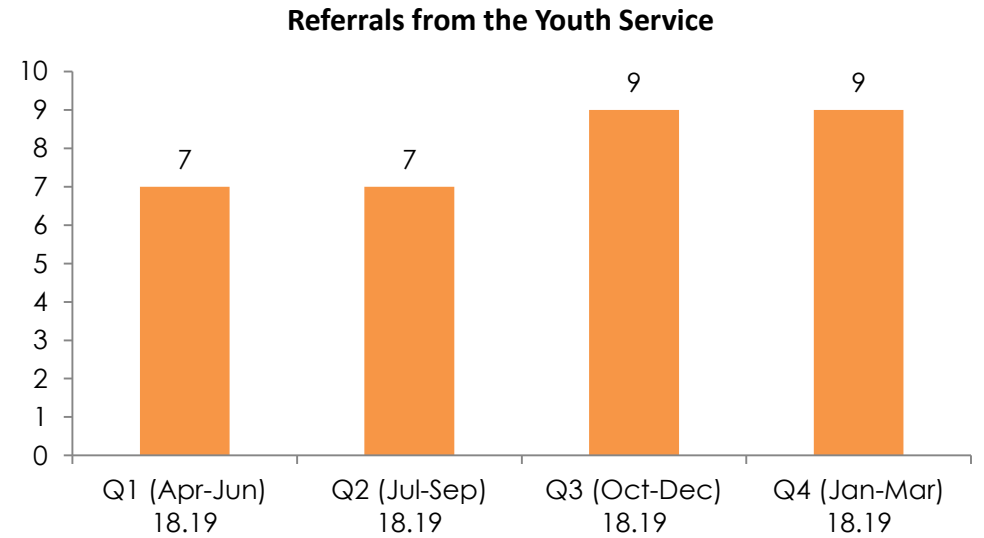


Fig 2.1 Children on the Child Protection Register

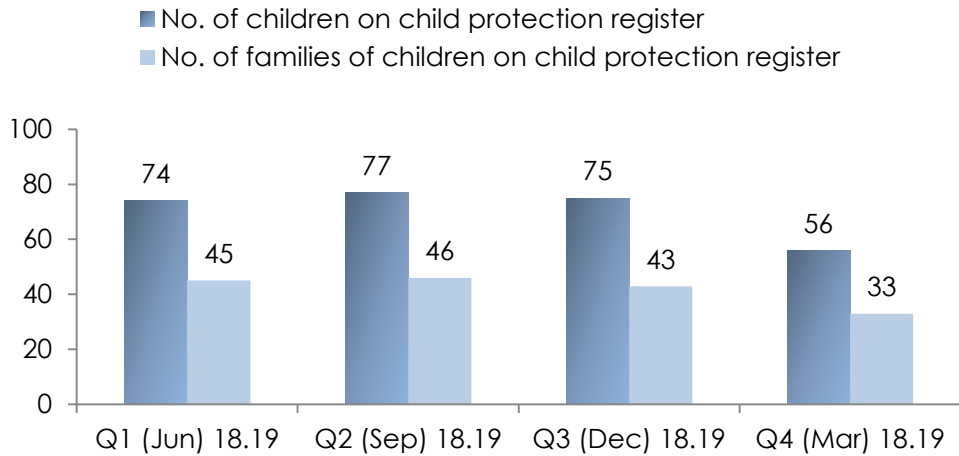


Fig 2.3 Categories of abuse

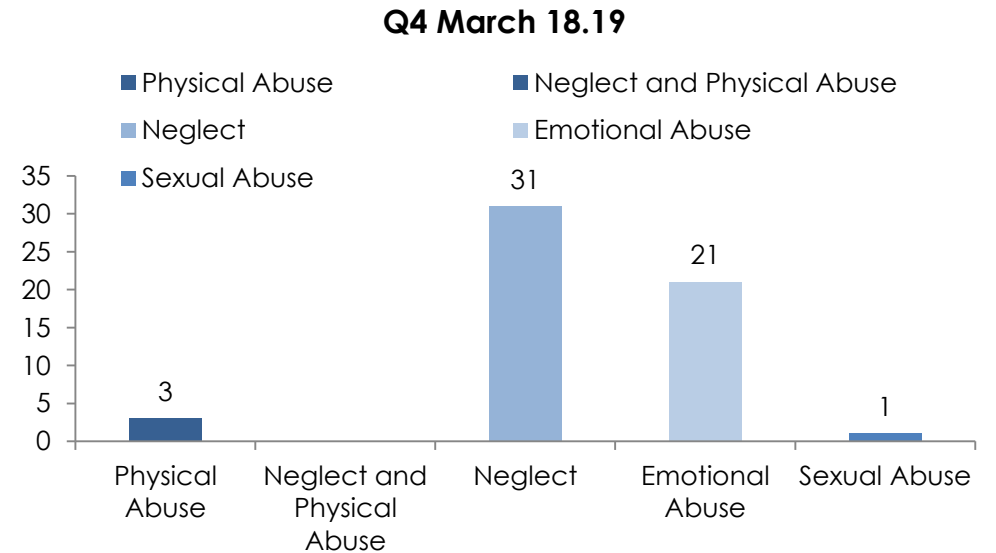


Fig 2.2 Child Protection Register Summary

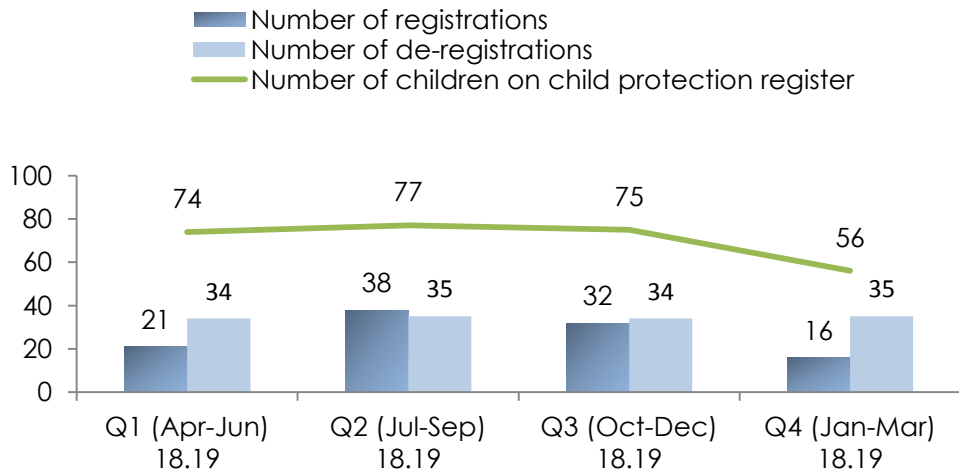


Fig 2.4 Age Breakdown of children on child protection register

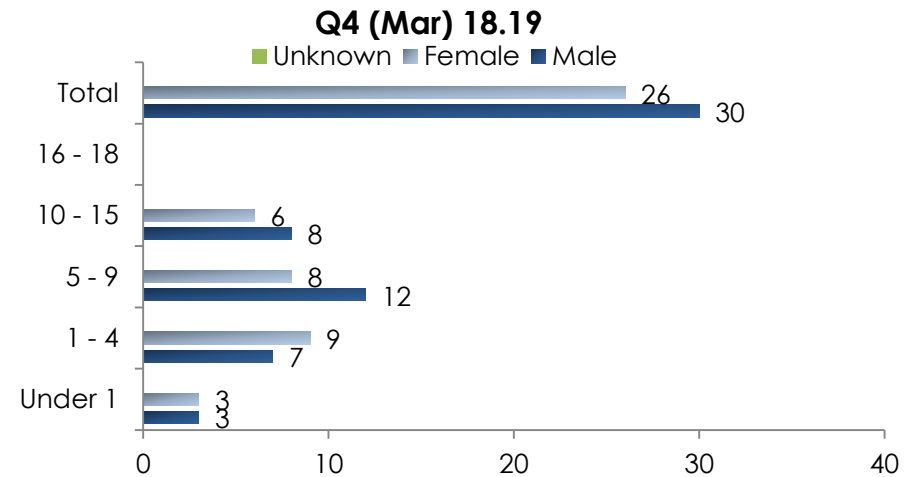


Fig 2.5 Average length of time on register

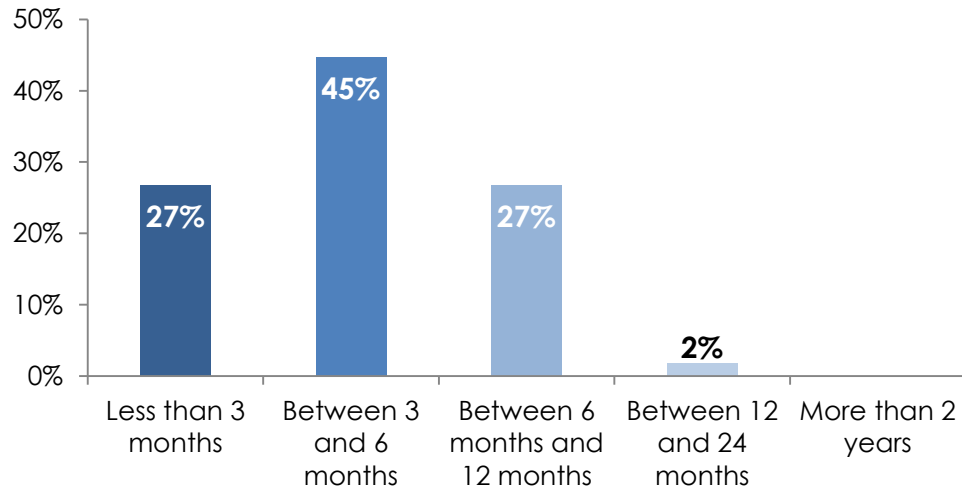


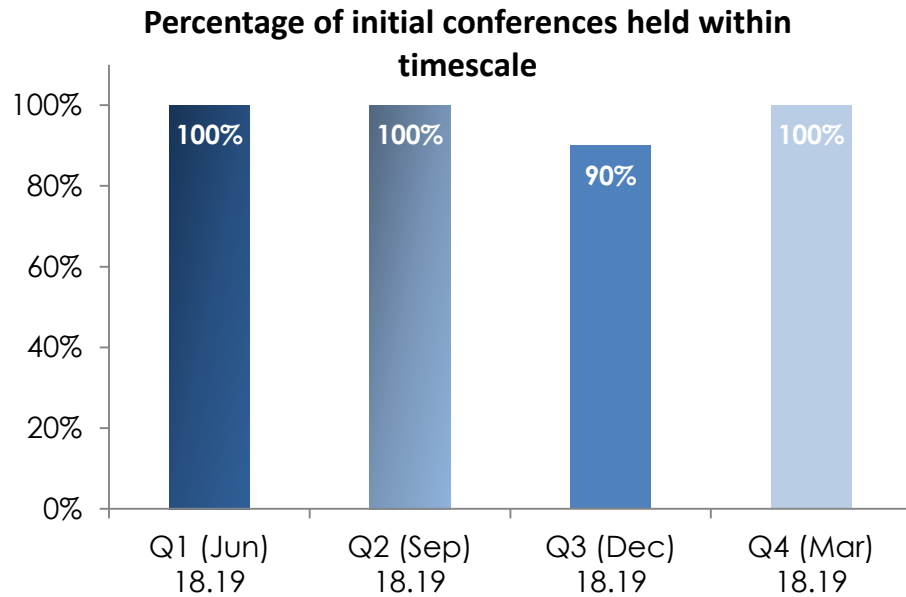
Table showing the breakdown of children on the child protection register over the last 12 months

	Q1 (Jun) 18.19	Q2 (Sep) 18.19	Q3 (Dec) 18.19	Q4 (Mar) 18.19
Less than 3 months	18	36	31	15
Between 3 and 6 months	31	13	24	25
Between 6 months and 12 months	18	22	18	15
Between 12 and 24 months	7	6	2	1
More than 2 years	0	0	0	0
	74	77	75	56

Fig 2.6: Child Protection Conferences

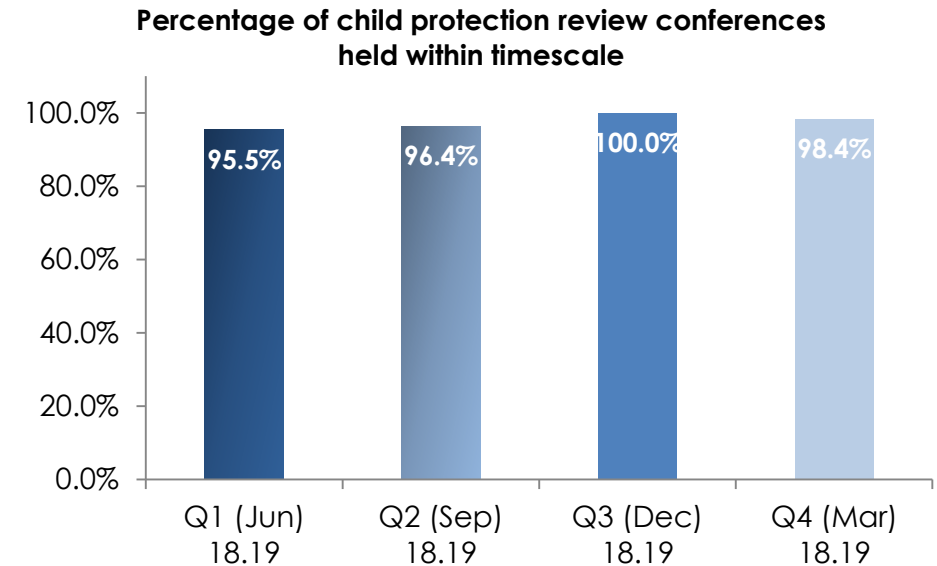
	Q1 (Jun) 18.19		Q2 (Sep) 18.19		Q3 (Dec) 18.19		Q4 (Mar) 18.19	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Conferences Held	88		92		104		83	
Initial Conferences	22	25%	36	39%	40	38%	20	24%
No. of Families	17		21		22		14	
Review Conferences	66	75%	56	61%	64	62%	63	76%
No. of Families	40		21		41		38	
Initial Child Protection Conferences	22		36		40		20	
<i>Outcome:</i>								
Registered	15	68%	30	83%	26	65%	14	70%
Registered at birth	7	32%	3	8%	6	15%	3	15%
Not registered	0	0%	3	8%	8	20%	3	15%
Review Child Protection Conferences	66		56		64		63	
<i>Outcome:</i>								
Continue with registration	34	52%	25	45%	32	50%	30	48%
Cease registration	32	48%	31	55%	32	50%	33	52%

Fig 2.7 Initial Child Protection Conferences



	Q1 (Jun) 18.19	Q2 (Sep) 18.19	Q3 (Dec) 18.19	Q4 (Mar) 18.19
Number of initial conferences held	22	36	40	20
Number of initial conferences held within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	22	36	36	20
Percentage of initial conferences held within timescale	100.0%	100.0%	90.0%	100.0%

Fig: 2.8 Child Protection Review Conferences



	Q1 (Jun) 18.19	Q2 (Sep) 18.19	Q3 (Dec) 18.19	Q4 (Mar) 18.19
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held	66	56	64	63
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	63	54	64	62
Percentage of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	95.5%	96.4%	100.0%	98.4%

03 Referrals to Education

Fig 3.1 Contacts by Source – Primary School

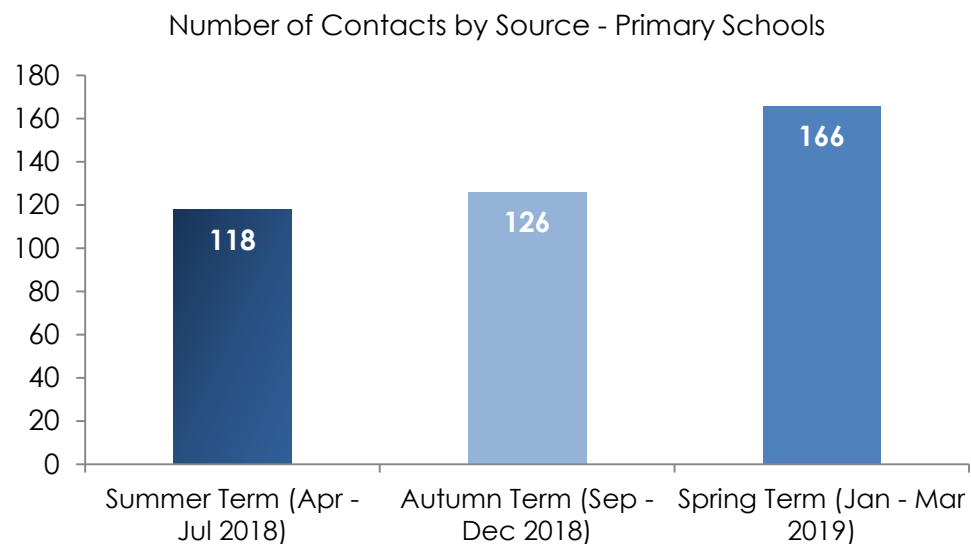


Fig 3.2 Contacts by Source – Secondary School

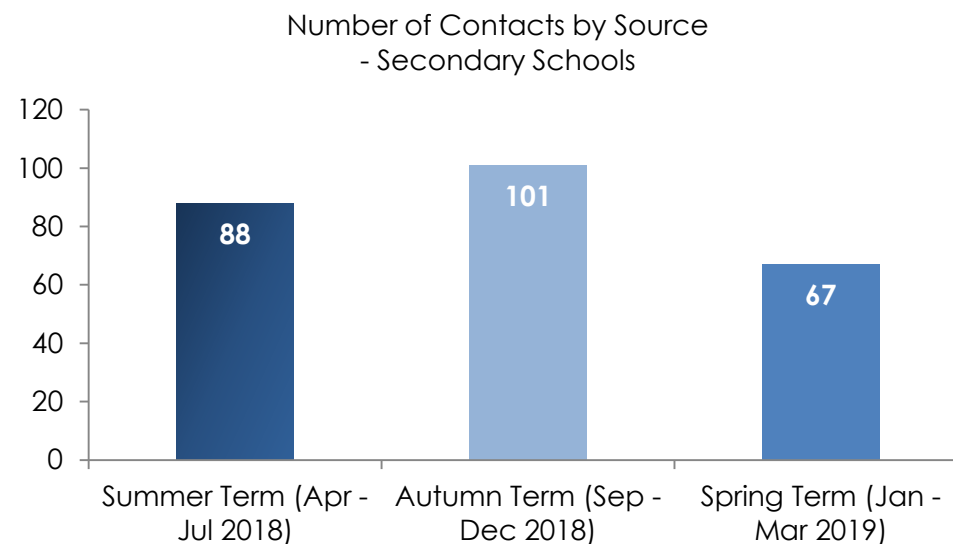


Fig: 4.1 RPI Incidents

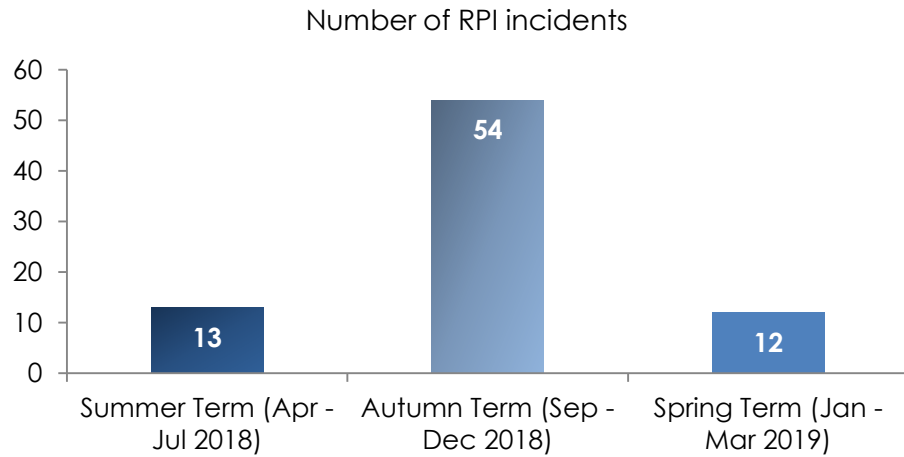


Fig: 4.2 Bullying incidents leading to exclusion

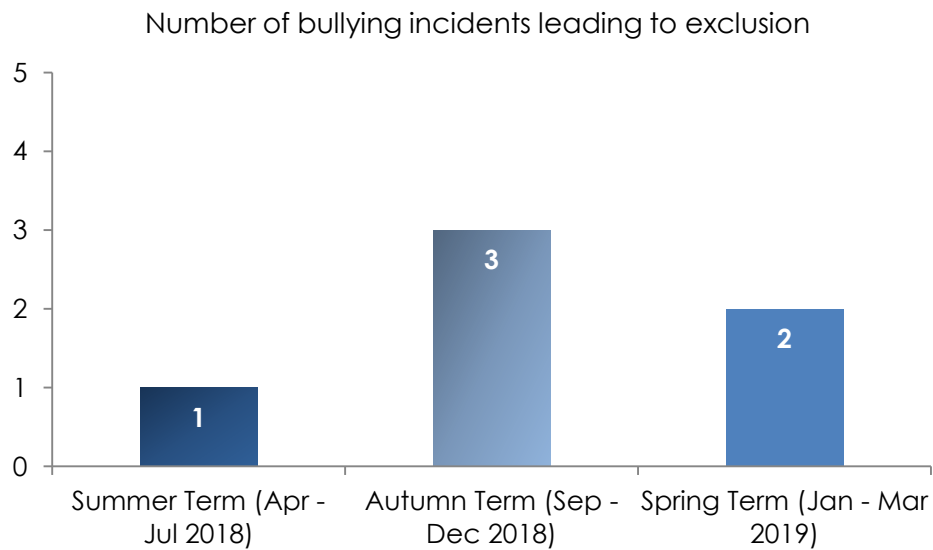
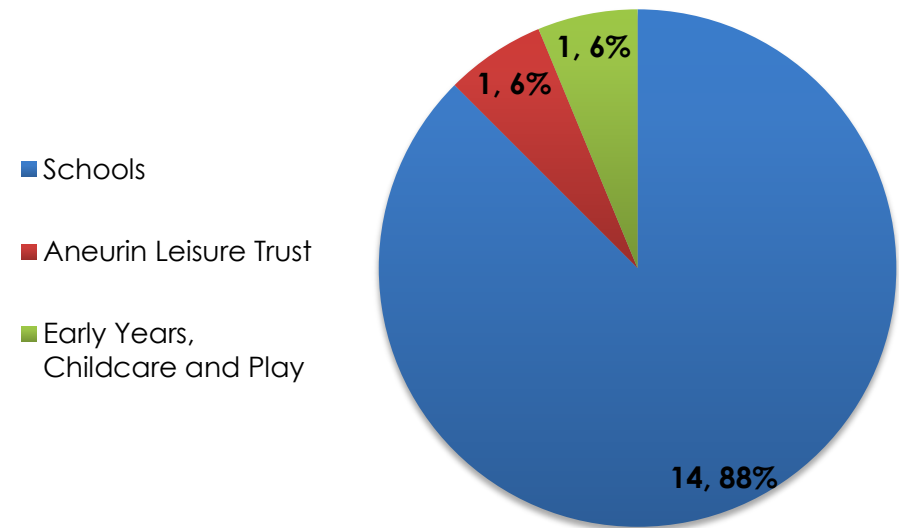


Fig 4.3 Quality Assurance Visits

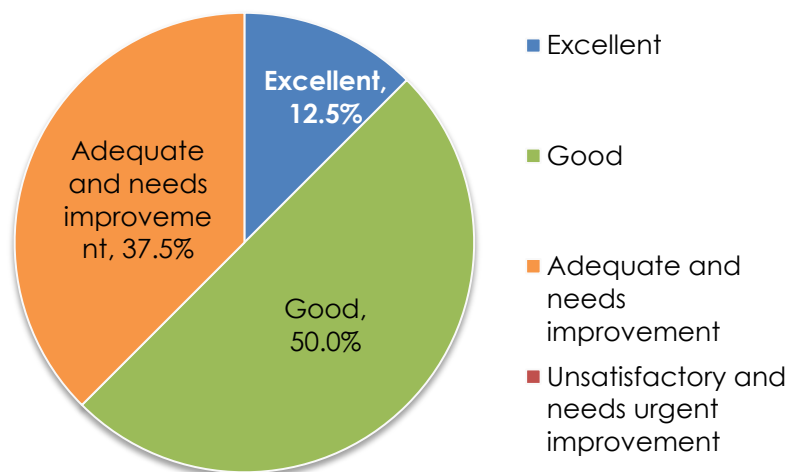


4.4 Estyn Judgements

The table below provides an overview of the Estyn judgements for schools inspected under the new arrangements from September 2017 up until March 2019.

Estyn Inspection Framework September 2017						Inspection Areas					
LA	Phase	School #	School	Date report Published	Follow-up Activity	Standards	Wellbeing and attitudes to learning	Teaching and learning experiences	Care, Support and guidance	Leadership and management	Out of Follow-up activity
	Primary		St Marys CIW Primary School	Mar-19	-	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
BG	Primary	6772310	Rhos y Fedwen Primary **	Feb-17	Estyn Review	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Jul-18
BG	Primary	6772306	Blaenycwm Primary	May-18	-	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Good	
BG	Secondary	6774074	Abertillery Learning Community	Feb-18	SI	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	
BG	Primary	6773316	St. Joseph's R.C. Primary	Jan-18	-	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
BG	Primary	6772312	St. Illtyd's Primary	Oct-17	Estyn Review	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Mar-19
BG	Primary	6772309	Glyncoed Primary*	Nov-17	-	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
BG	Primary	6772070	Glanhowy Primary*	Feb-18	-	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	

Care and Support Guidance Inspection Ratings



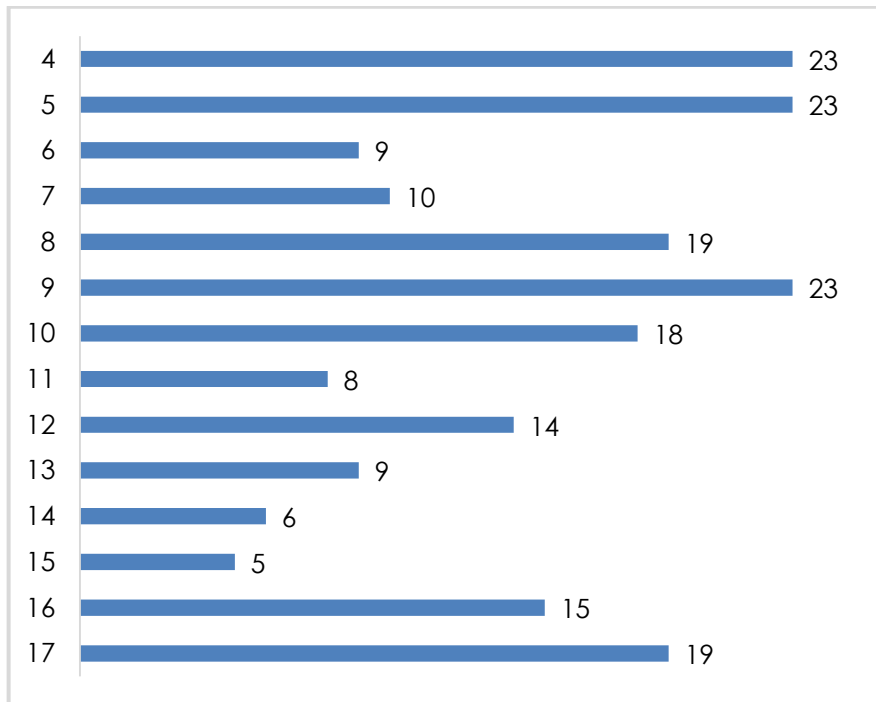
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4.5 Operation Encompass

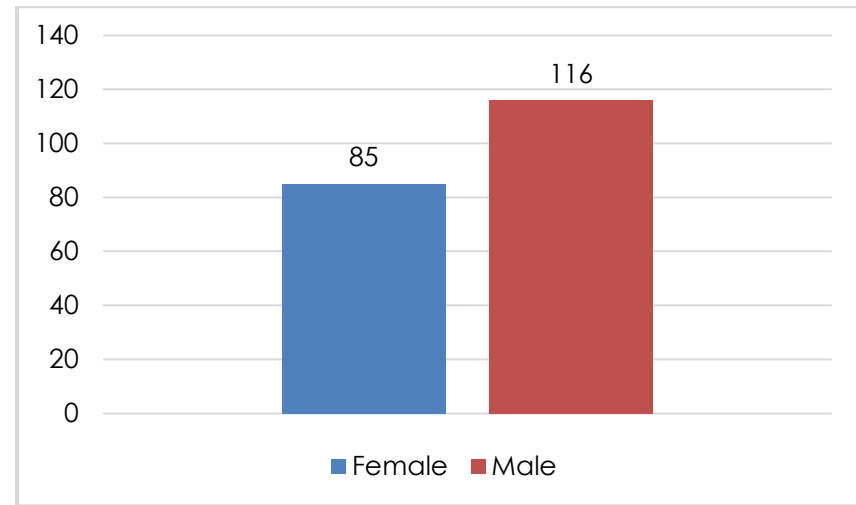
For the period 4th March to 14th May 2019

Number of domestic abuse incidences reported where children are present	Number of children involved in the reported incidences
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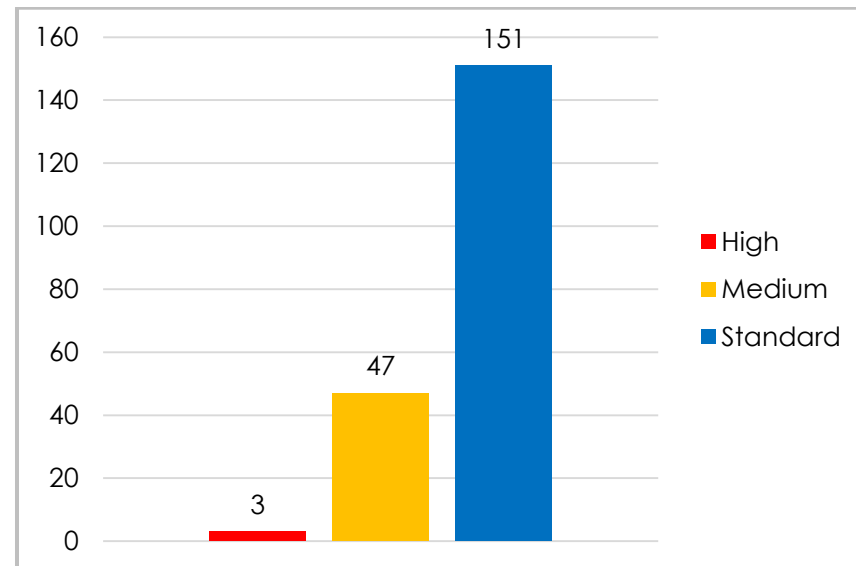
Breakdown of C/YP involved



Gender of C/YP



Initial Risk Category



4.6 Elected Home Education (EHE)

	March 2019	March 2018
Total number of children electively home educated	73	67

4.7 The table below sets out the number of secondary age pupils who have become EHE or who have returned to school from being EHE during the Autumn and Spring term.

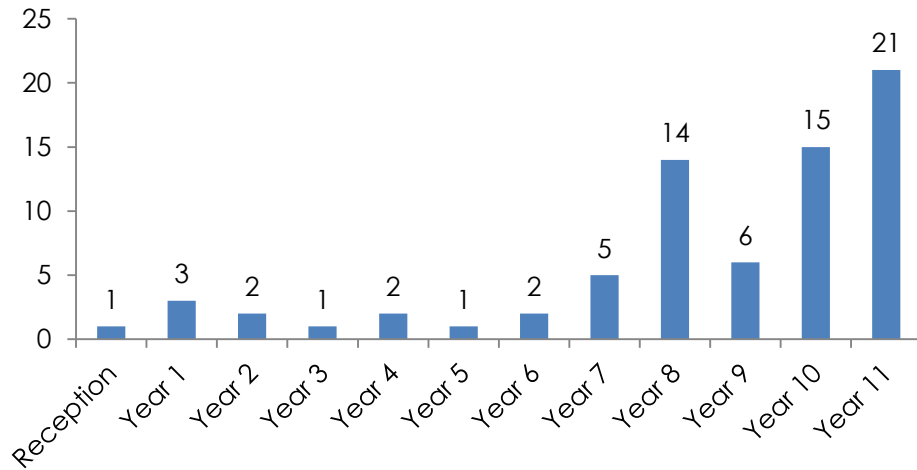
Month	School 1		School 2		School 3		School 4	
	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In
Sept – Dec 2018	4	3	4	0	3	0	2	1
Jan – Mar 2019	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0
Total	5	3	6	0	4	0	4	1

4.8 The table below sets out the number of additional pupils who have become EHE or who have returned to school from being EHE during the Autumn and Spring term.

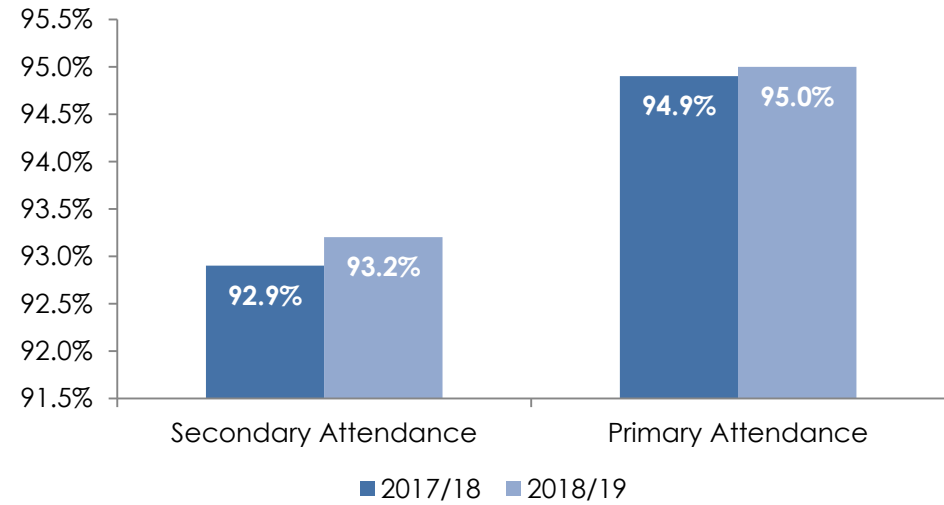
Month	Primary		Did not transition		Moved into/out of Borough (including BG pupils that were in OOC schools)		School place unavailable	
	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In
Sept – Dec 2018	1	0	2	0	2	2	1	0
Jan – Mar 2019	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total	3	0	2	0	2	3	1	0

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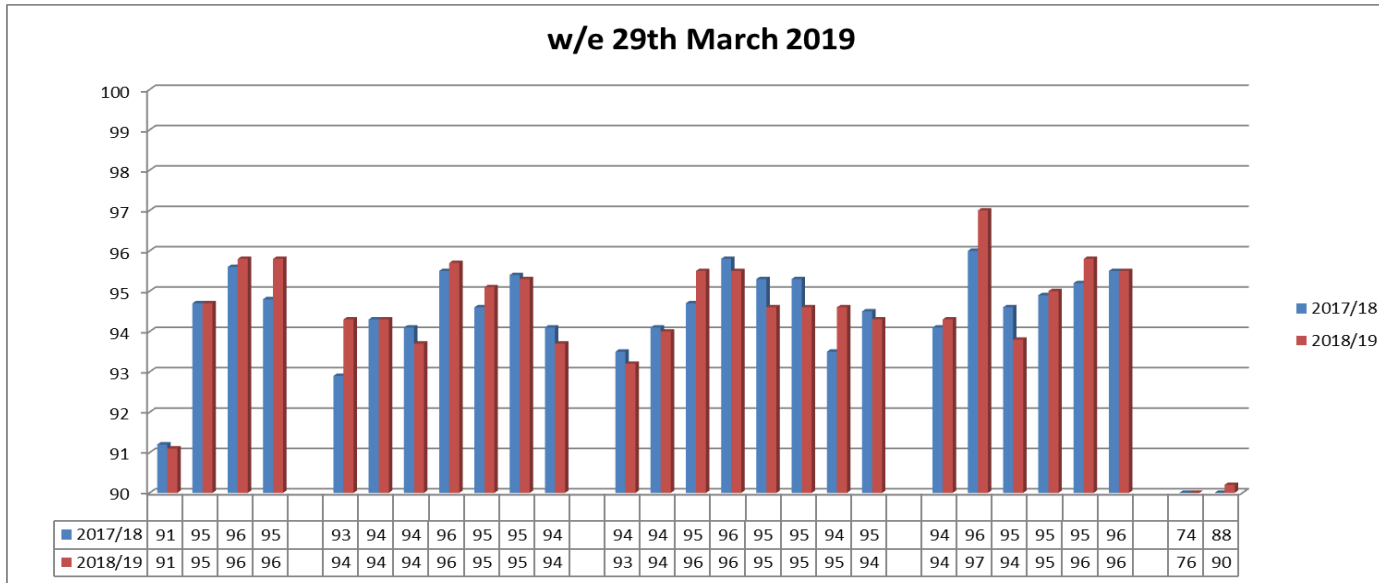
4.9 Breakdown per year group EHE



4.10 School Attendance



4.11 School Attendance – breakdown



4.12 Persistently Absenteeism

	Mar 2018	Mar 2019
Early years (nursery and reception)	200 pupils	161 pupils
Primary (years 1-6)	105 pupils	112 pupils
Secondary	212 pupils	230 pupils
Average attendance for those identified as a PA in July 2018(early years)	55.4% (July 2018)	83.0%
Average attendance for those identified as a PA in July 2018 (primary)	70.9% (July 2018)	82.2%
Average attendance for those identified as a PA in July 2018 (secondary)	65.3% (May 2018)	72.1%

4.13 School Exclusions

	Number of Exclusions		Days of Exclusion		Permanent Exclusions	
	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19
Secondary Schools	308	320	544	560	9	1
Primary Schools	37	79	61	135	0	0
Total	345	399	605	695	9	1

4.14 School Exclusion - Secondary

	Number of Exclusions		Days of Exclusion		Permanent Exclusions	
	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19
School 1	30	50	87.5	159.5	2	0
School 2	60	60	61	65.5	0	0
School 3	84	15	168	35.5	2	1
School 4	134	195	227.5	299.5	5	0
Total	308	320	544	560	9	1

4.15 School Exclusion – Primary

	Number of Exclusions		Days of Exclusion		Permanent Exclusions	
	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19	17/18	18/19
School 1	19	27	32.5	38.5	0	0
School 2	0	1	0	3	0	0
School 3	1	2	2	5	0	0
School 4	5	13	10	35	0	0
School 5	2	1	3	1.5	0	0
School 6	3	5	4.5	6	0	0
School 7	0	6	0	6	0	0
School 8	2	1	1.5	1	0	0
School 9	0	2	0	5.5	0	0
School 10	1	0	1.5	0	0	0
School 11	0	16	0	25	0	0
School 12	3	3	3	2.5	0	0
School 13	1	2	3	6	0	0
Total	37	79	61	135	0	0