

# Safeguarding Report

*(Appendix 1)*



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**Blaenau Gwent**

County Borough Council

*Period:-*

*April 2017 to March 2018*

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Social  
Services  
Directorate

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## Foreword

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

This report will be shared with Senior Management Teams within Social Services and Education and presented to the Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee for Social Services, Education and Active Living.

## 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%)

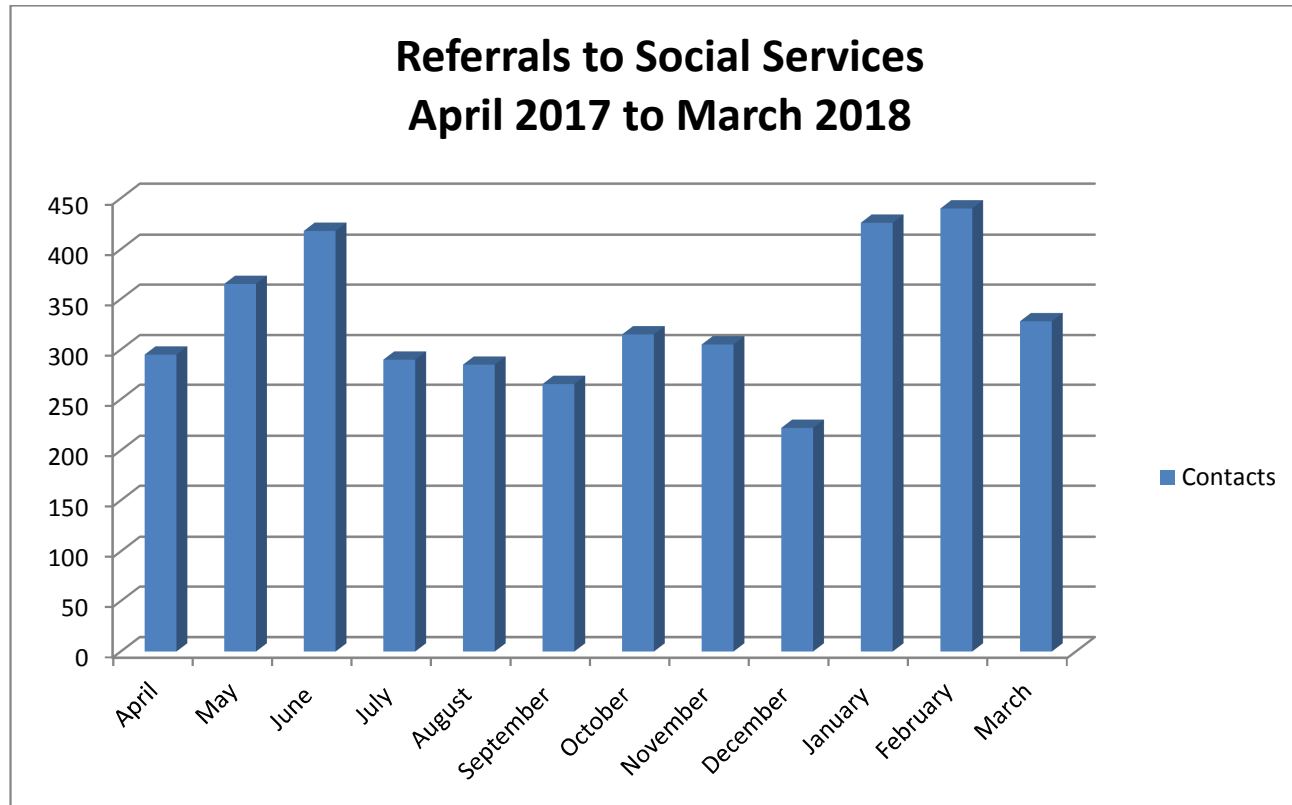
- The total rate of Blaenau Gwent's recorded offence levels was higher than comparative areas. For the year ending December 2014 Police recorded crimes -76.89 crimes per thousand population in Blaenau Gwent compared to its most similar group of areas average (as defined by the Home Office) of 69.03 per 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 **898**
- Number of pupils attending primary schools **5,849**
- Number of pupils attending secondary schools: **2,962**

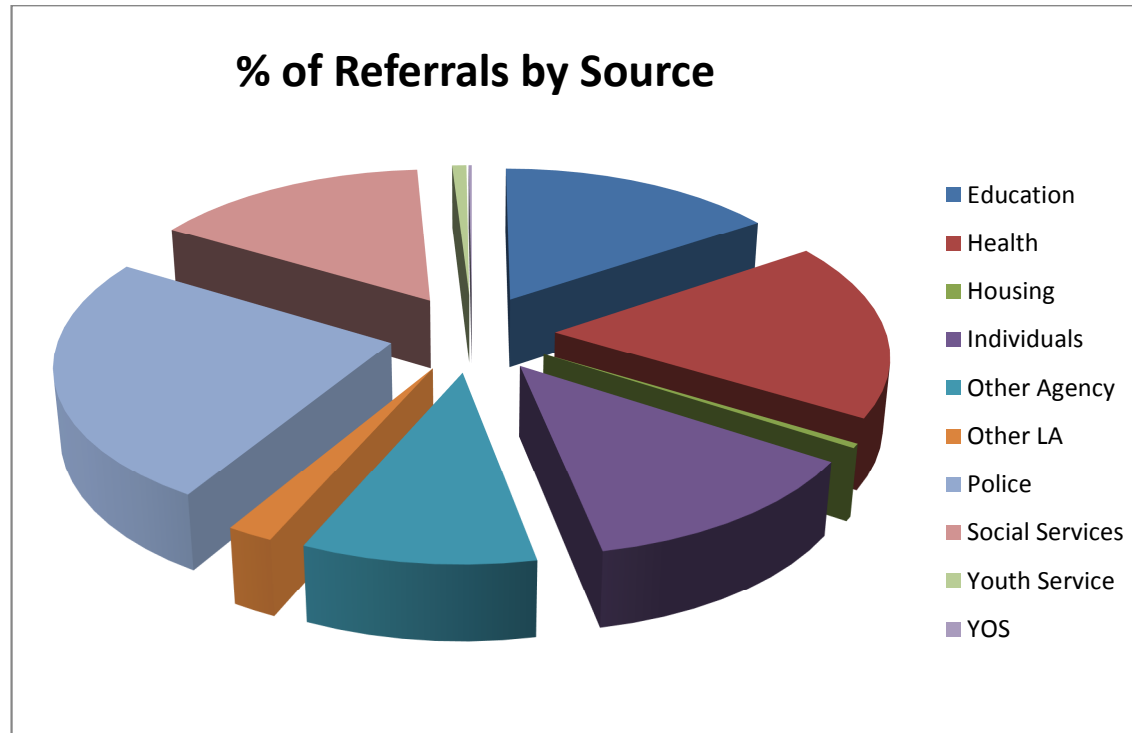
## Section 1: Referrals to Social Services

Fig: 1.1 Number of referrals received by Social Services (on new and closed cases):



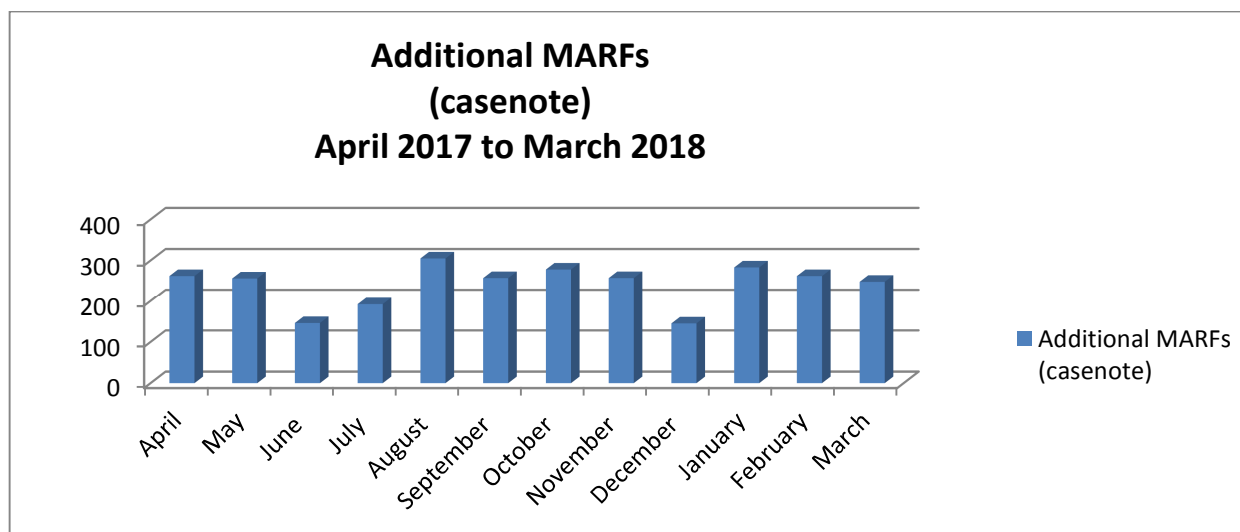
April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
295	365	418	290	285	265	315	305	222	426	440	328	3954

Fig: 1.2 Number of referrals by Source:



Education	Health	Housing	Individuals	Other Agency	Other LA	Police	Social Services	Youth Service	YOS
15.6%	18.1%	0.4%	12.8%	9.8%	2.0%	25.0%	15.5%	0.8%	0.2%

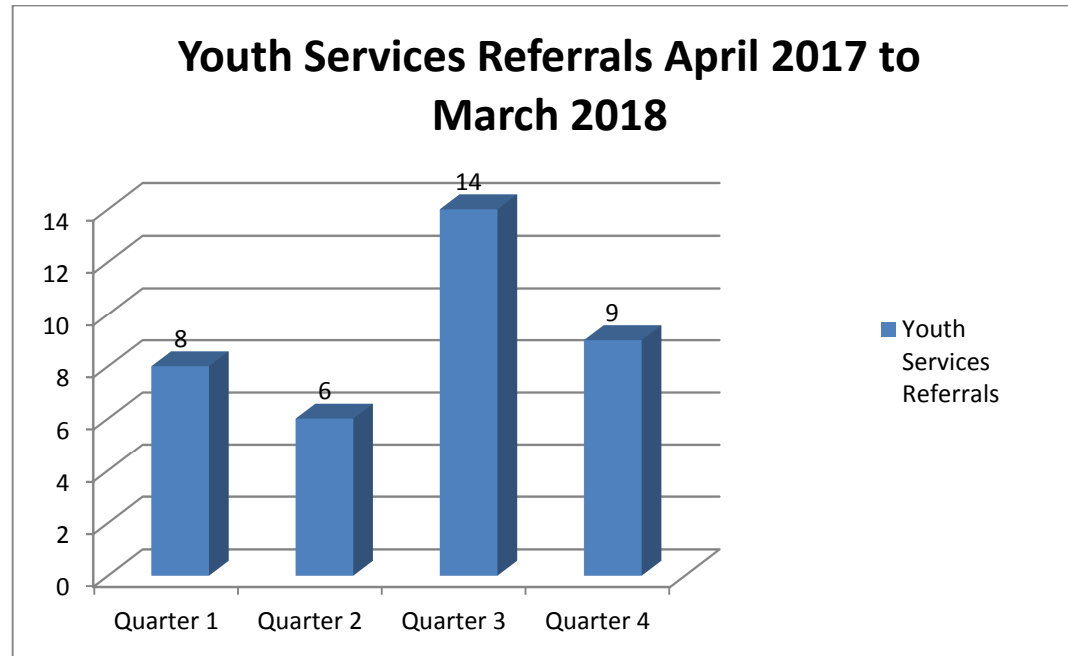
Fig 1.3 Multi Agency Referral Forms (MARFs) received on open cases:



April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
262	256	146	192	305	257	278	257	145	283	262	248

All referral Activity	Number												
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Referrals (new and closed cases)	295	365	418	290	285	265	315	305	222	426	440	328	2954
Additional MARFs (open cases)	262	256	146	192	305	257	278	257	145	283	262	248	2891

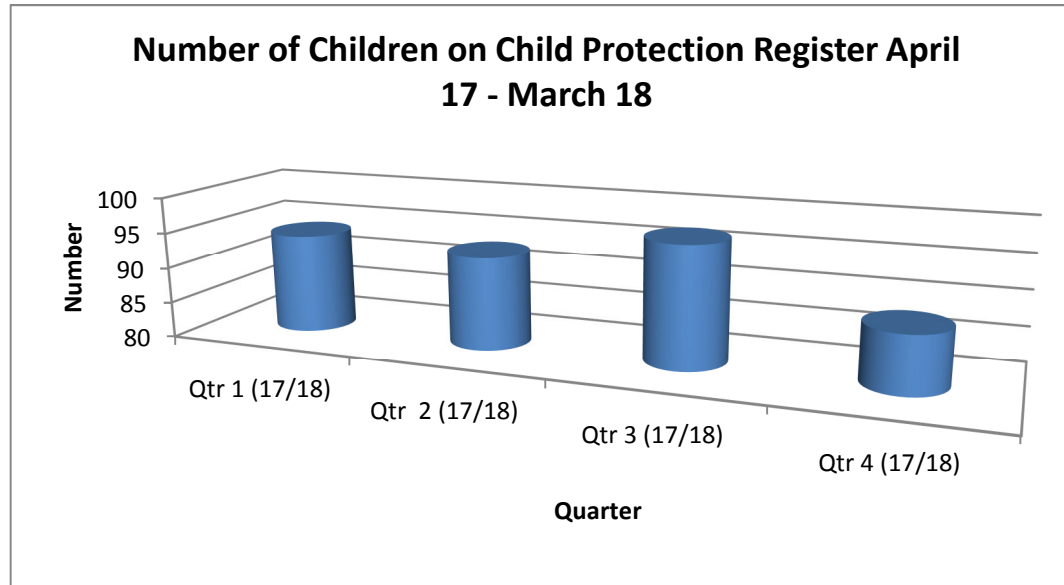
Fig: 1.4 Referrals from Youth Services:



	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Youth Services referrals	8	6	14	9

## Section 2: Child Protection

Fig 2.1: Children on the Child Protection Register:

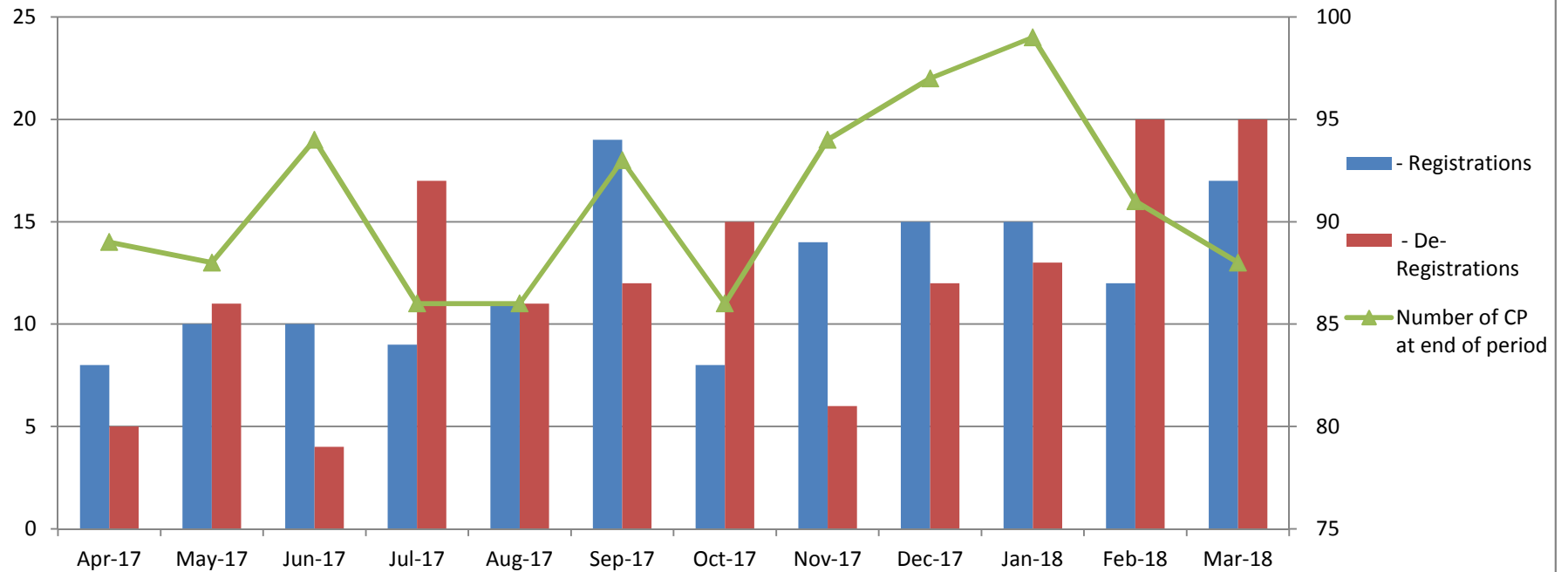


Outcome	Qtr 1 (16/17)	Qtr 2 (16/17)	Qtr 3 (16/17)	Qtr 4 (16/17)	Qtr 1 (17/18)	Qtr 2 (17/18)	Qtr 3 (17/18)	Qtr 4 (17/18)
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Number of children on child protection register	105	106	98	86	94	93	97	88
Number of families of children on child protection register	50	46	46	45	53	53	59	51



Fig. 2.2 Child Protection Register Summary:

### Child Protection Summary April 17 - March 18



	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18
<b>- Registrations</b>	8	10	10	9	11	19	8	14	15	15	12	17
<b>- De-Registrations</b>	5	11	4	17	11	12	15	6	12	13	20	20
<b>Number of CP at end of period</b>	89	88	94	86	86	93	86	94	97	99	91	88

Fig: 2.3 Categories of abuse:

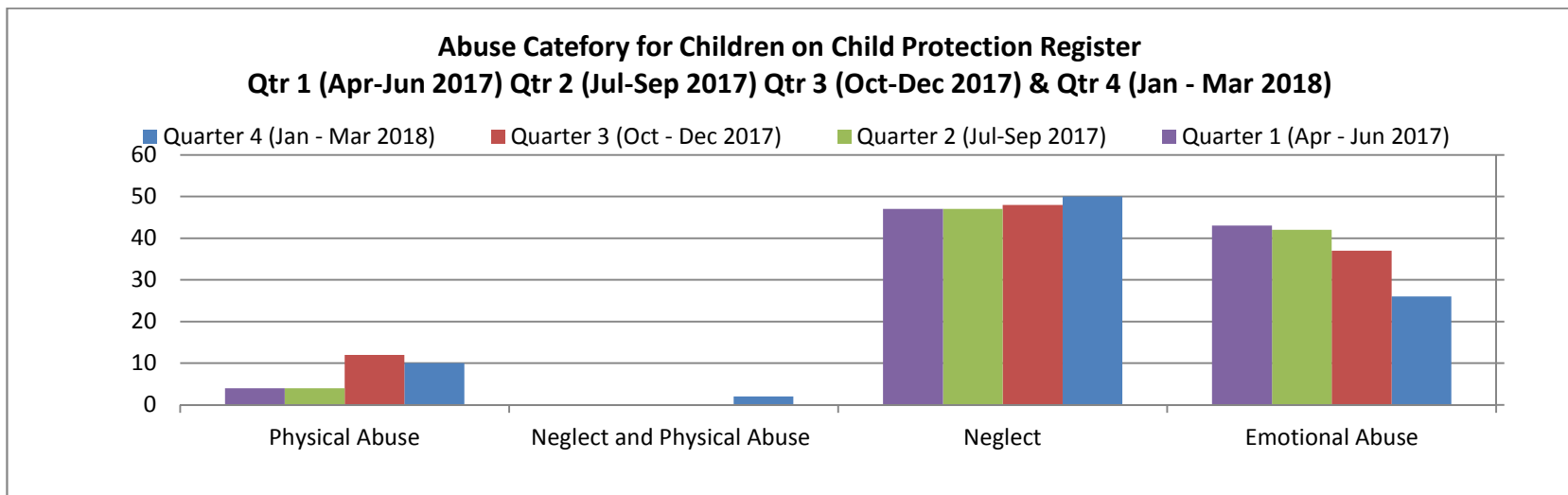
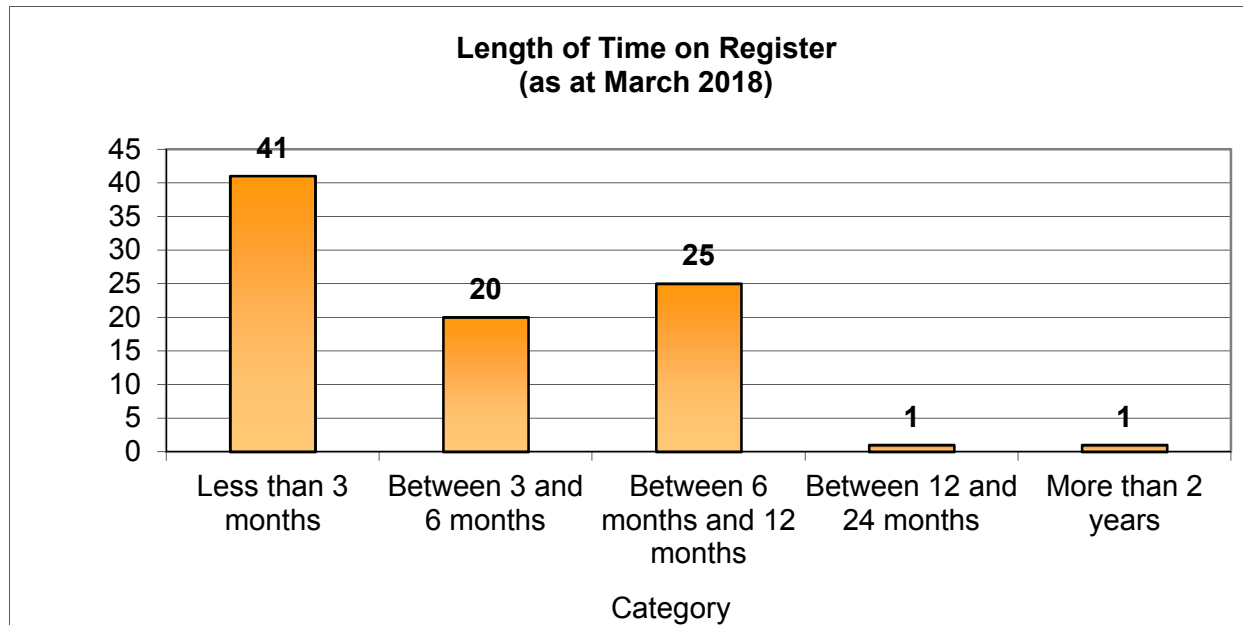


Fig: 2.4 Age breakdown of children on the Child Protection Register:

Age	Quarter 3 (16/17)		Quarter 4 (16/17)		Quarter 1 (17/18)		Quarter 2 (17/18)		Quarter 3 (17/18)		Quarter 4 (17/18)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1	4	7	5	5	6	7	5	7	9	5	3	7
1-4	11	15	13	14	15	12	17	14	15	12	15	13
5-9	15	17	8	14	12	14	14	12	15	16	11	16
10-15	11	13	8	14	9	14	18	12	11	11	9	11
16-18	4	1	4	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48</b>

Fig 2.5: Average length of time on Register

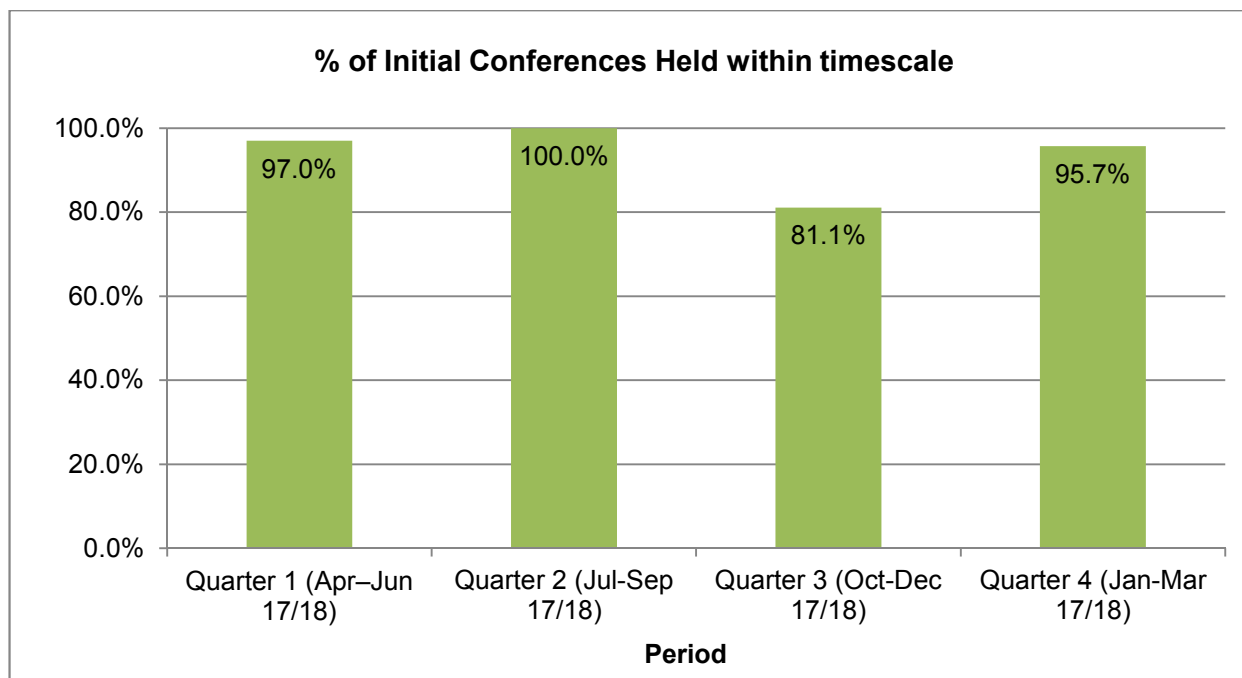


	Quarter 1 As at end of June 2017	Quarter 2 As at end of September 2017	Quarter 3 As at end of December 2017	Quarter 4 As at end of March 2018
Less than 3 months	27	38	36	41
Between 3 and 6 months	26	21	30	20
Between 6 months and 12 months	24	20	26	25
Between 12 and 24 months	17	14	4	1
More than 2 years	0	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>88</b>

Fig: 2.6 Child Protection Conferences:

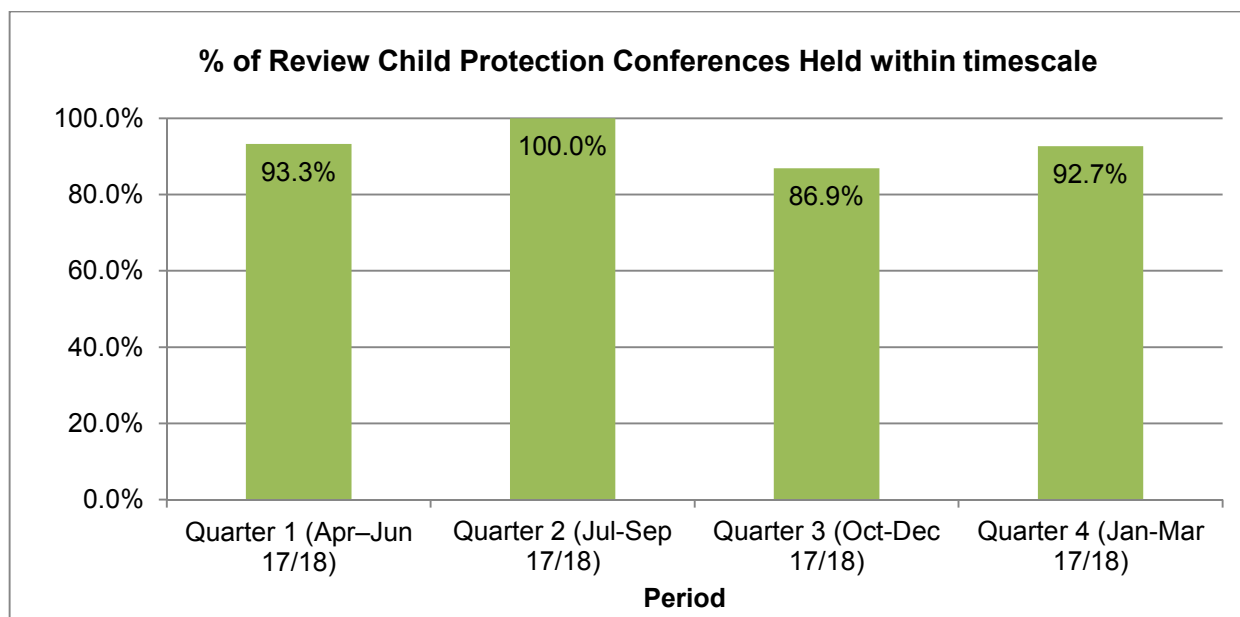
	Quarter 4 (16/17)		Quarter 1 (17/18)		Quarter 2 (17/18)		Quarter 3 (17/18)		Quarter 4 (17/18)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No	%	No0	%
<b>Conferences Held</b>	113		93		102		114		128	
Initial Conferences	34	30%	33	35%	43	42%	37	31%	46	36%
No. of families	21		20		23		22		28	
Review Conferences	79	70%	60	65%	59	58%	84	69%	82	64%
No. of families	41		31		35		38		53	
<b>Initial Child Protection Conferences</b>	34		33		43		37		46	
<i>Outcome:-</i>										
Registered	24	71%	23	70%	38	88%	32	86%	39	85%
Registered at Birth	5	14.7%	3	9%	2	5%	4	11%	7	15%
Not Registered	5	14.7%	7	21%	3	7%	1	3%	0	0%
<b>Review Child Protection Conferences</b>	79		60		59		77		82	
<i>Outcome:-</i>										
Continue with registration	44	56%	40	67%	24	41%	44	57%	35	43%
Cease registration	35	44%	20	33%	35	59%	33	43%	47	57%

Fig: 2.7 Child Protection Initial Conferences:



	Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun 16/17)	Quarter 2 (Jul – Sept 16/17)	Quarter 3 (Oct – Dec 16/17)	Quarter 4 (Jan – Mar 16/17)	Quarter 1 (Apr-Jun 17/18)	Quarter 2 (Jul-Sep 17/18)	Quarter 3 (Oct-Dec 17/18)	Quarter 4 (Jan-Mar 17/18)
Number of Initial Conferences Held	57	35	28	34	33	43	37	46
Number of Initial Conferences Held Within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	56	32	27	29	32	43	30	44
% of Initial Conferences Held within timescale	<b>98.20%</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>96.4%</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>81.1%</b>	<b>95.7%</b>

Fig: 2.8 Child Protection Review Conferences:



	Quarter 1 (16/17)	Quarter 2 (16/17)	Quarter 3 (16/17)	Quarter 4 (16/17)	Quarter 1 (17/18)	Quarter 2 (17/18)	Quarter 3 (17/18)	Quarter 4 (17/18)
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences due	63	73	69	79	60	59	84	82
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	63	66	69	77	56	59	73	76
% of Review Child Protection Conferences Held within timescale	100%	90.4%	100%	97.5%	93.3%	100%	86.9%	92.7%

Fig: 3.1 RPI incidents:

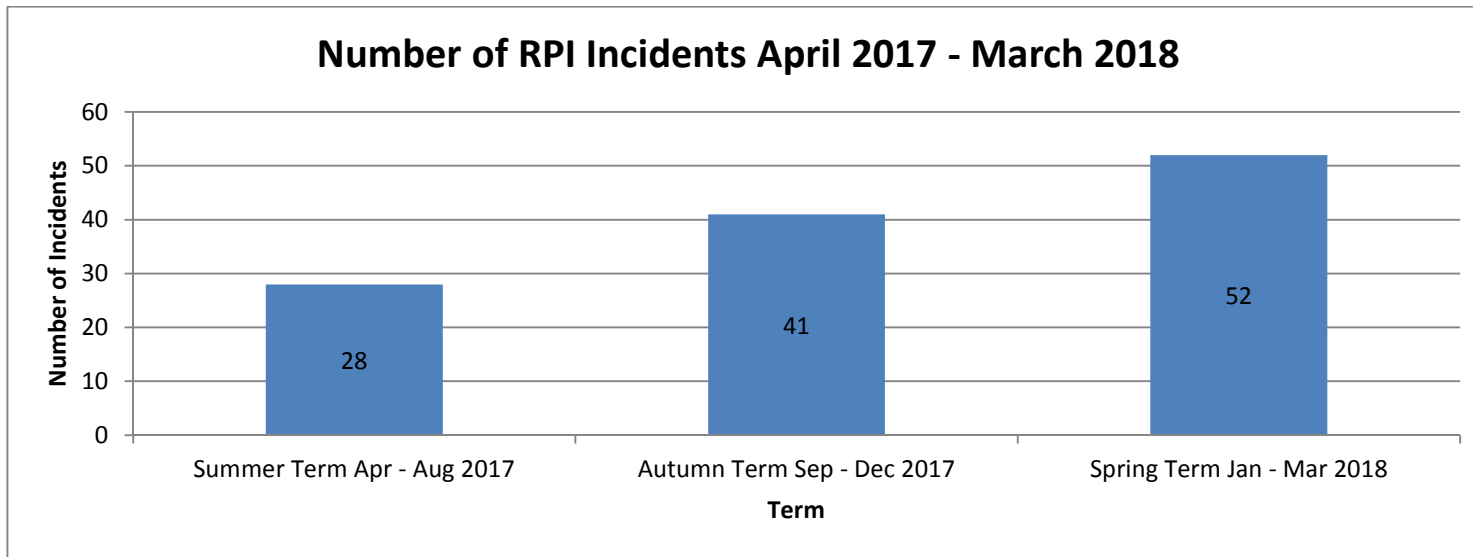


Fig: 3.2 Bullying incidents leading to exclusion:

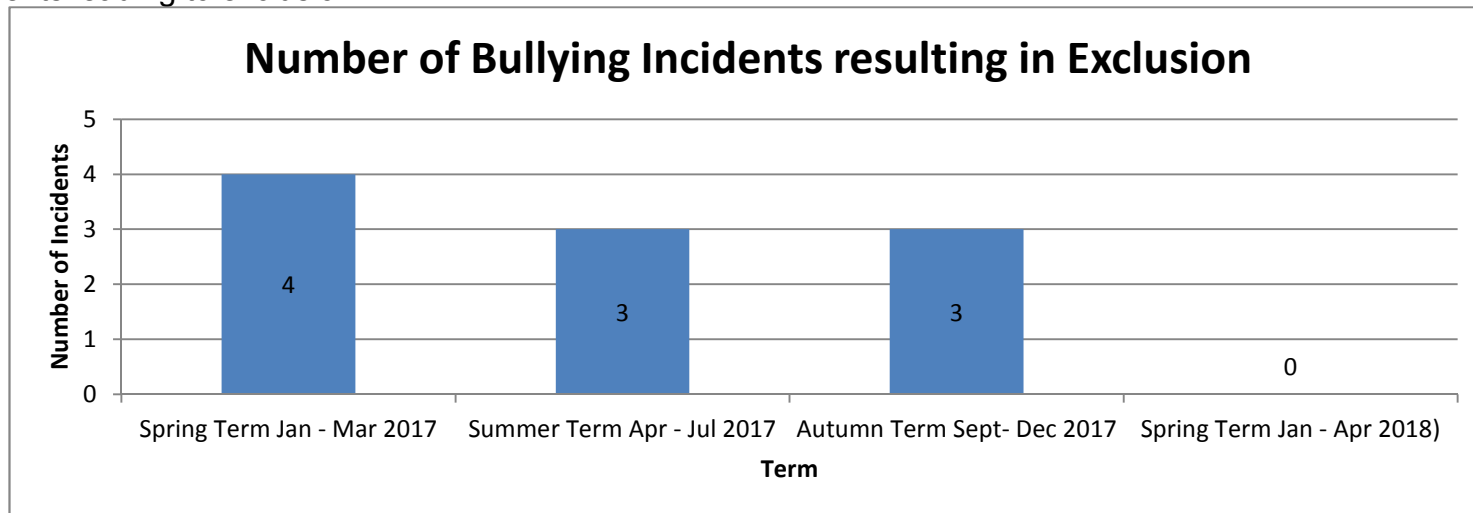
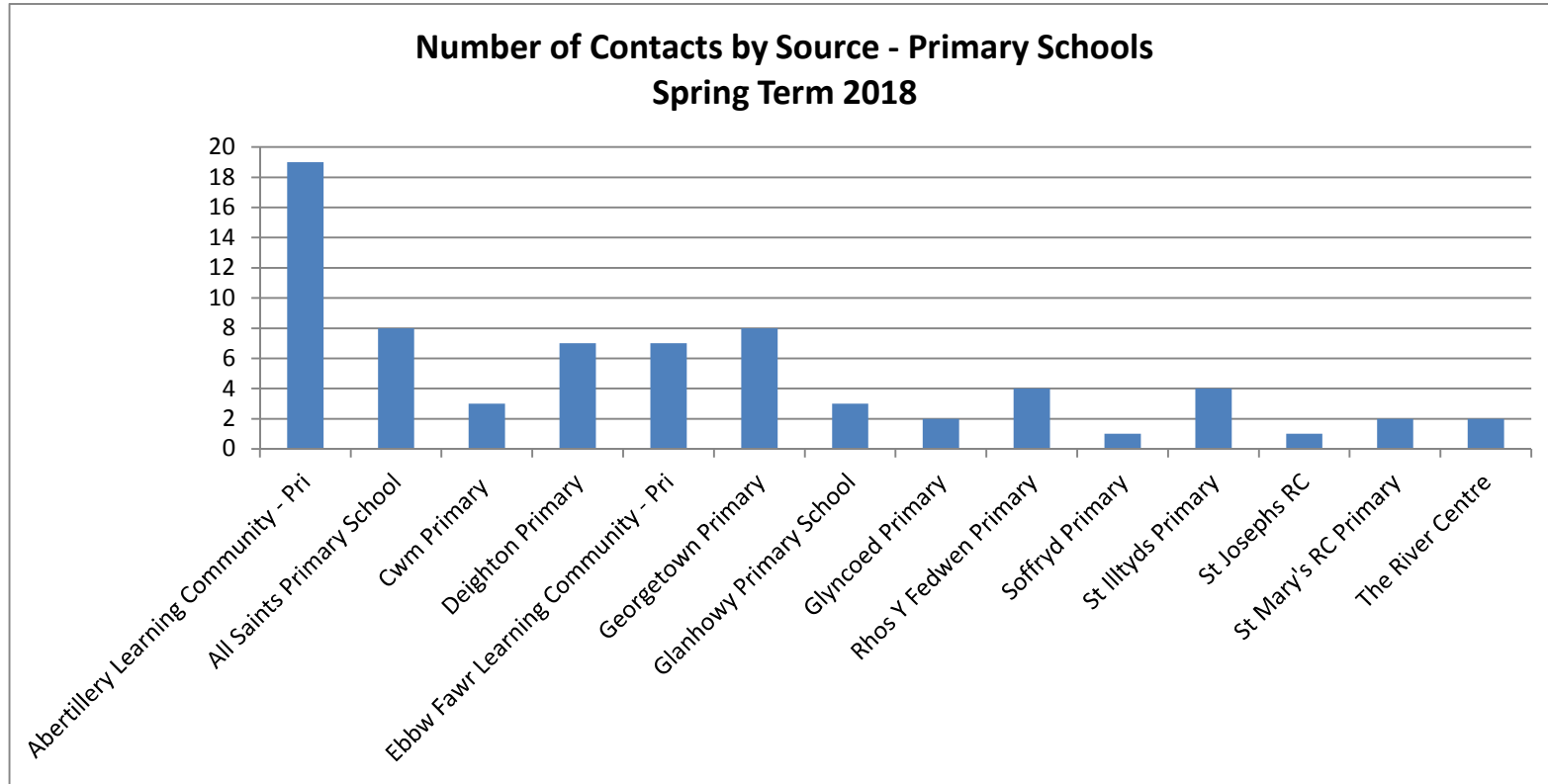


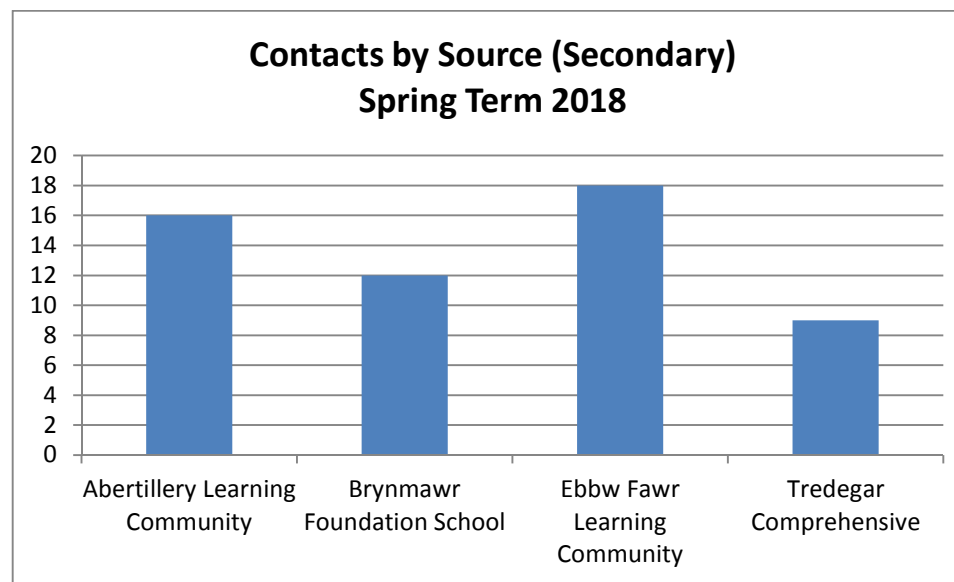
Fig. 3.3 Contacts by Source (Primary)



	Abertillery Learning Community - Pri	All Saints Primary School	Cwm Primary	Deighton Primary	Ebbw Fawr Learning Community - Pri	Georgetown Primary	Glanhowy Primary School	Glyncoed Primary	Rhos Y Fedwen Primary	Soffryd Primary	St Illtyds Primary	St Josephs RC	St Mary's RC Primary	The River Centre
No.	19	8	3	7	7	8	3	2	4	1	4	1	2	2
%	27%	11%	4%	10%	10%	11%	4%	3%	6%	1%	6%	1%	3%	3%

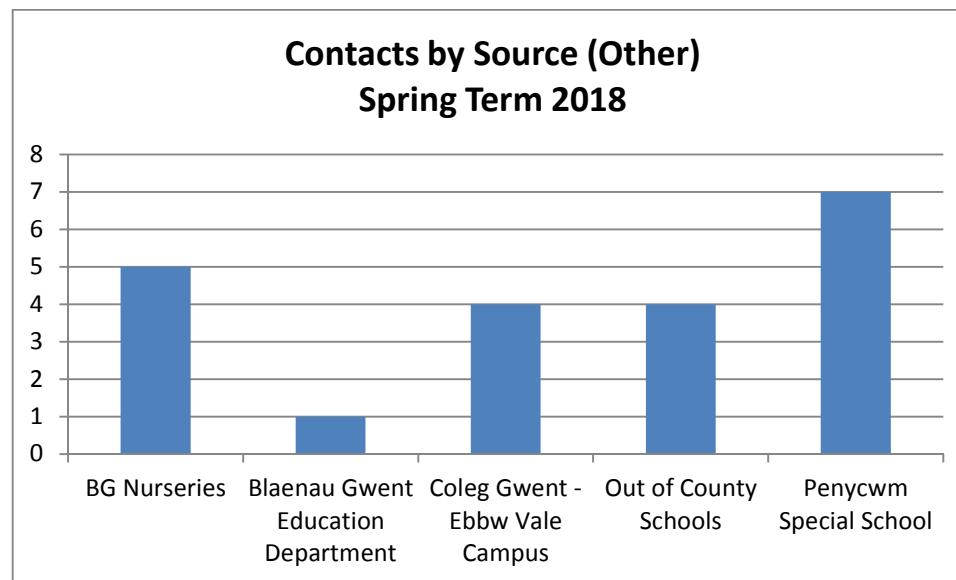


Fig: 3.4 Contacts by Source (Secondary)



	<b>Abertillery Learning Community</b>	<b>Brynmawr Foundation School</b>	<b>Ebbw Fawr Learning Community</b>	<b>Tredegar Comprehensive</b>
No.	16	12	18	9
%	29%	22%	33%	16%

Fig: 3.5 Contacts by Source (Other)



	<b>BG Nurseries</b>	<b>Blaenau Gwent Education Department</b>	<b>Coleg Gwent - Ebbw Vale Campus</b>	<b>Out of County Schools</b>	<b>Penycwm Special School</b>
No.	5	1	4	4	7
%	24%	5%	19%	19%	33%