

# Safeguarding Performance Report

## **Social Services**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## ***Education***

29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2019



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# Blaenau Gwent

County Borough Council

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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 and Education and Learning (Safeguarding) Scrutiny Committee.

## Community Profile

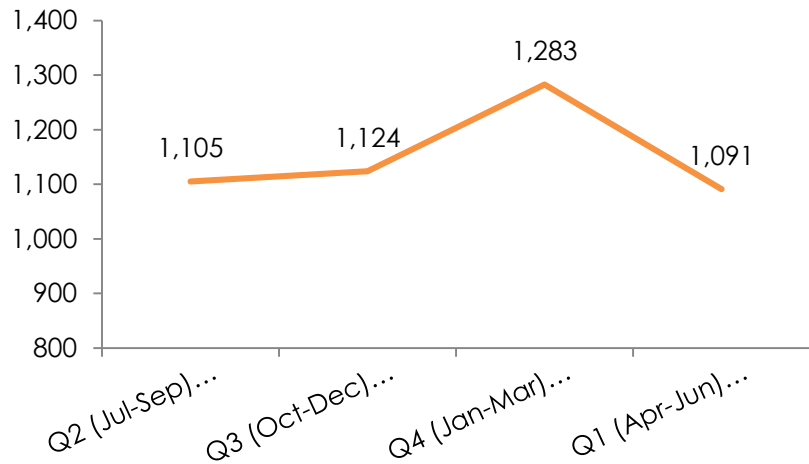


- 47% of Blaenau Gwent's local areas are amongst the top 20% deprived areas in Wales. (Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014)
- The proportion of benefit claimants amongst people of working age was higher in Blaenau Gwent than the proportion across the comparable authorities (working-age client group – 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: 69,713 Number of 0 – 17 year olds: **13,607** (2018 Population Estimates)
- Number of Open cases to Children's Social Services as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019: **971**
- Number of pupils attending primary schools: **5,849**
- Number of pupils attending secondary schools: **2,962**

# 01 Referrals to Social Services

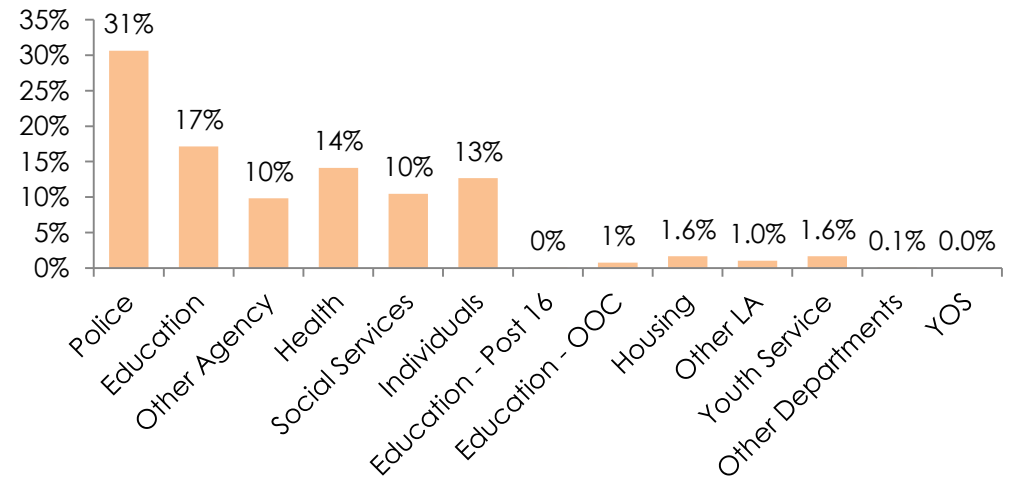
**Fig: 1.1 Number of referrals received by Social Services**



**Fig: 1.2 Number and Percentage of Referrals by Source (Q1)**

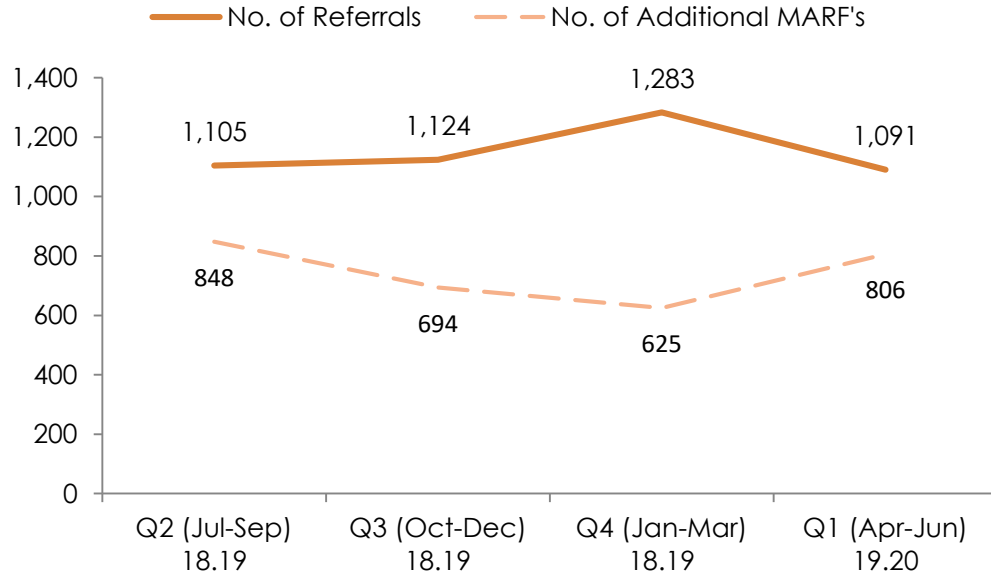
Source	No.	%
Education	187	17%
Education - Post 16	1	0%
Education OOC	8	1%
Health	154	14%
Housing	18	2%
Individuals	138	13%
Other Agency	107	10%
Other Departments	1	0%
Other LA	11	1%
Police	334	31%
Social Services	114	10%
Youth Service	18	2%
YOS	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>100%</b>

Graph showing the source of referrals and the percentage

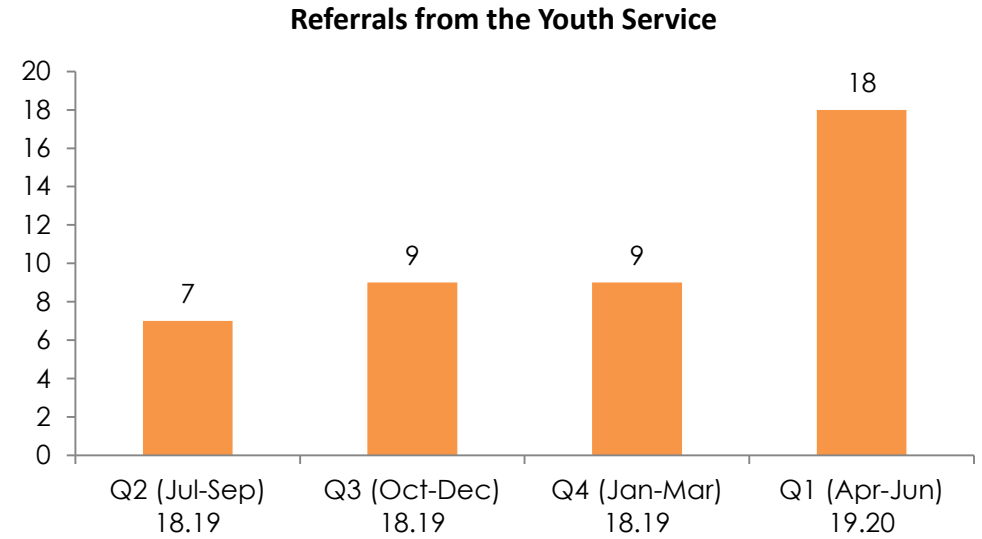


# 01 Referrals to Social Services

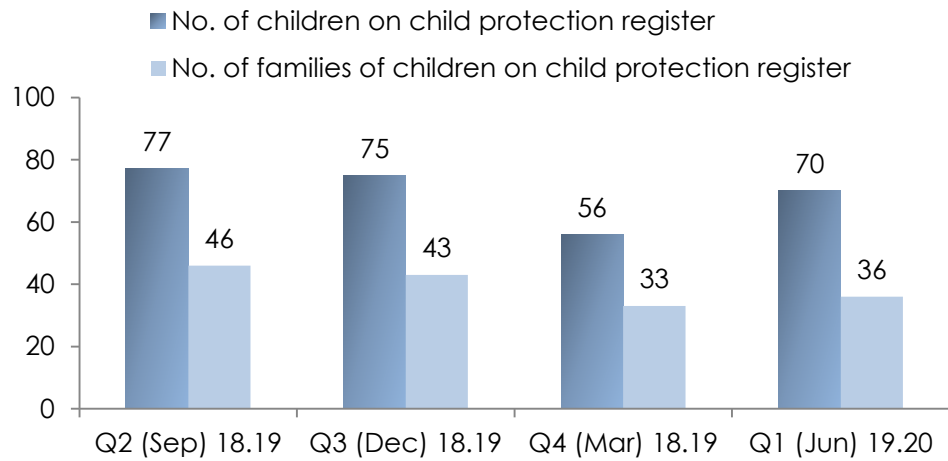
**Fig: 1.3 Multi-agency referral forms (MARF's) received on open cases**



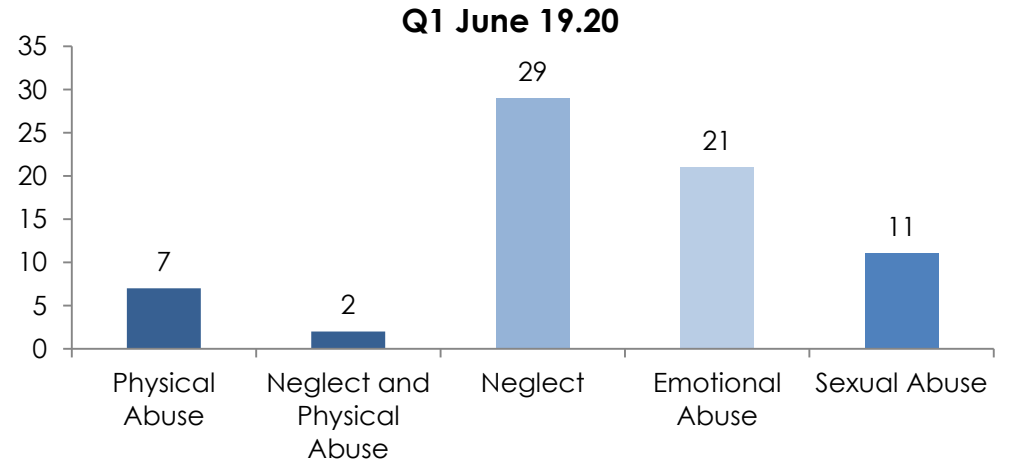
**Fig: 1.4 Referrals received from Youth Services**



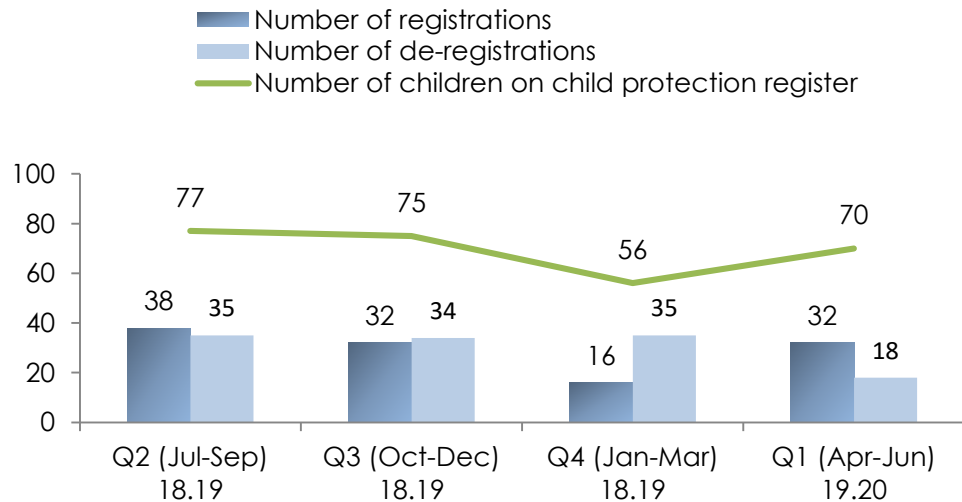
**Fig 2.1 Children on the Child Protection Register**



**Fig 2.3 Categories of abuse**



**Fig 2.2 Child Protection Register Summary**



**Fig 2.4 Age Breakdown of children on child protection register**

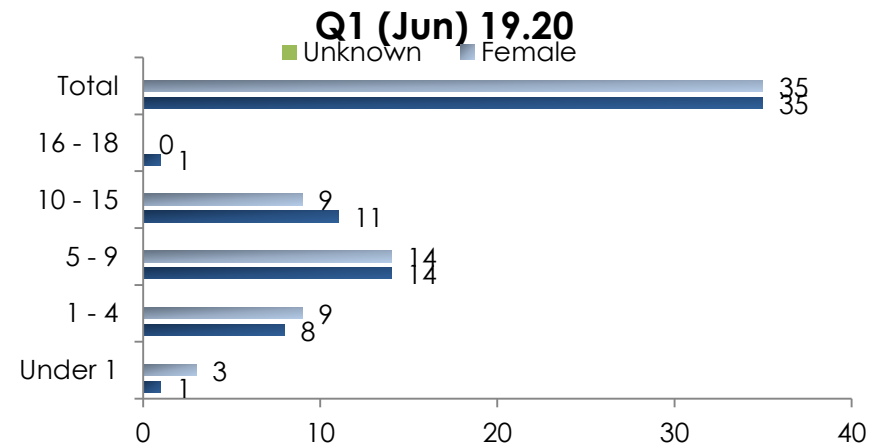


Fig 2.5 Average length of time on register

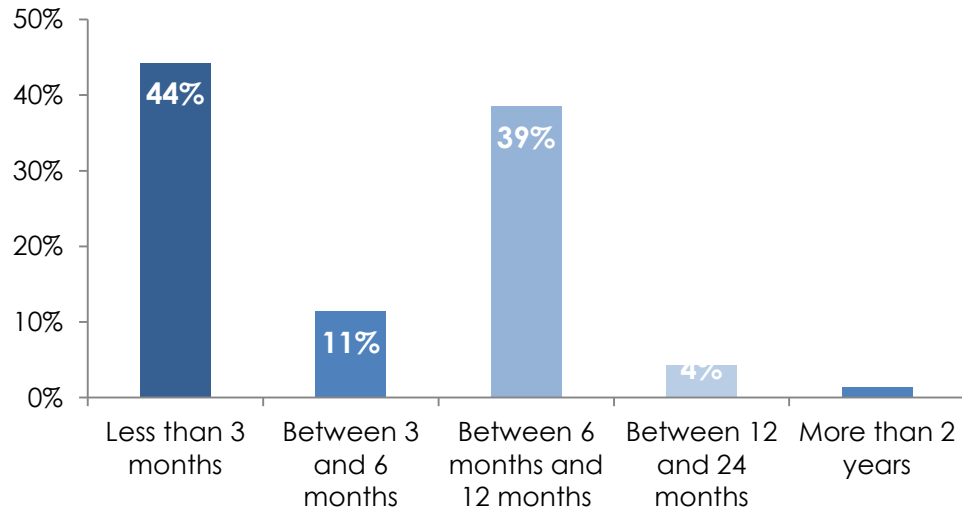


Table showing the breakdown of children on the child protection register over the last 12 months

	Q2 (Sep) 18.19	Q3 (Dec) 18.19	Q4 (Mar) 18.19	Q1 (Jun) 19.20
Less than 3 months	36	31	15	31
Between 3 and 6 months	13	24	25	8
Between 6 months and 12 months	22	18	15	27
Between 12 and 24 months	6	2	1	3
More than 2 years	0	0	0	1
	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>



Fig 2.6: Child Protection Conferences

	Q2 (Sep) 18.19		Q3 (Dec) 18.19		Q4 (Mar) 18.19		Q1 (Jun) 19.20	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Conferences Held</b>	<b>92</b>		<b>104</b>		<b>83</b>		<b>66</b>	
Initial Conferences	36	39%	40	38%	20	24%	30	45%
No. of Families	21		22		14		16	
Review Conferences	56	61%	64	62%	63	76%	36	55%
No. of Families	21		41		38		23	
<b>Initial Child Protection Conferences</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>40</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>30</b>	
<i>Outcome:</i>								
Registered	30	83%	26	65%	14	70%	26	87%
Registered at birth	3	8%	6	15%	3	15%	1	3%
Not registered	3	8%	8	20%	3	15%	3	10%
<b>Review Child Protection Conferences</b>	<b>56</b>		<b>64</b>		<b>63</b>		<b>36</b>	
<i>Outcome:</i>								
Continue with registration	25	45%	32	50%	30	48%	19	53%
Cease registration	31	55%	32	50%	33	52%	17	47%

Fig 2.7 Initial Child Protection Conferences

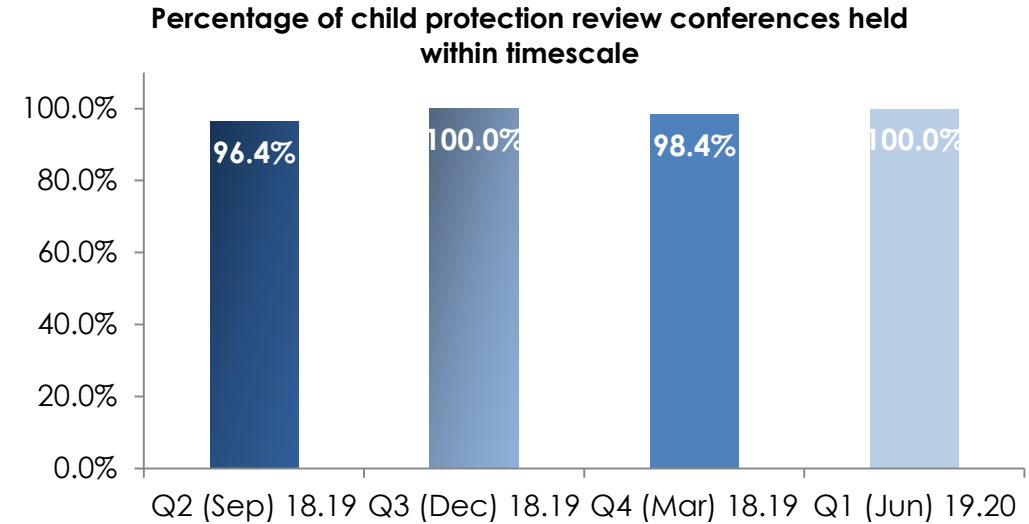
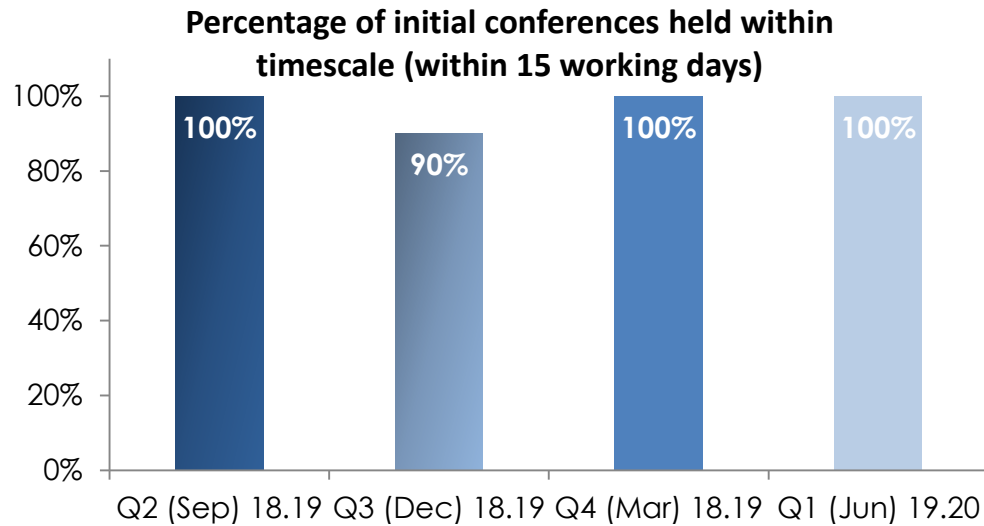


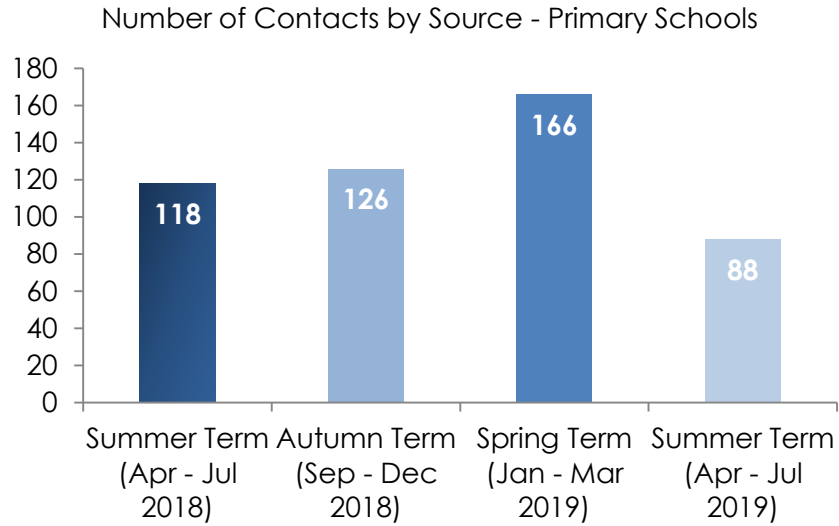
Fig: 2.8 Child Protection Review Conferences

	Q2 (Sep) 18.19	Q3 (Dec) 18.19	Q4 (Mar) 18.19	Q1 (Jun) 19.20
Number of initial conferences held	36	40	20	30
Number of initial conferences held within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	36	36	20	30
Percentage of initial conferences held within timescale	100%	90%	100%	100%

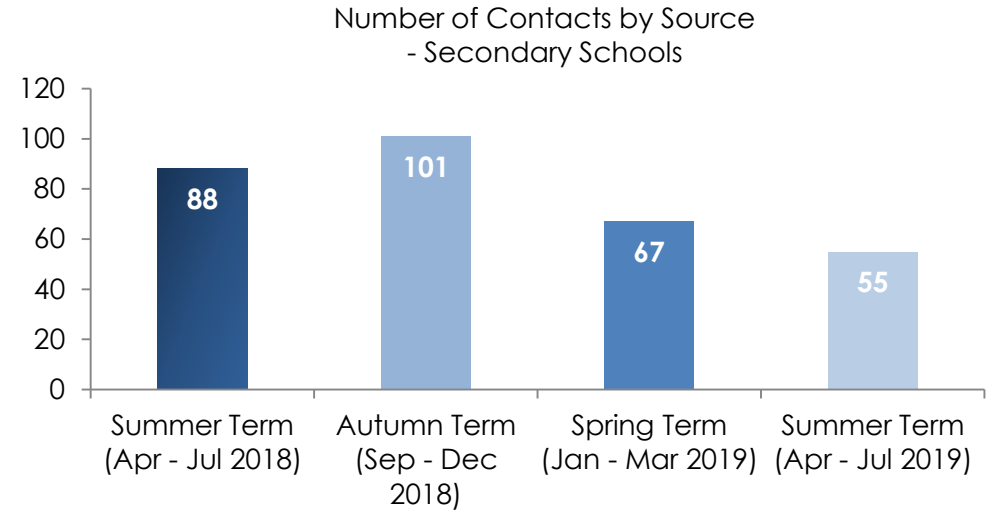
	Q2 (Sep) 18.19	Q3 (Dec) 18.19	Q4 (Mar) 18.19	Q1 (Jun) 19.20
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held	56	64	63	36
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	54	64	62	36
Percentage of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	96.4%	100.0%	98.4%	100.0%

# 03 Referrals to Education

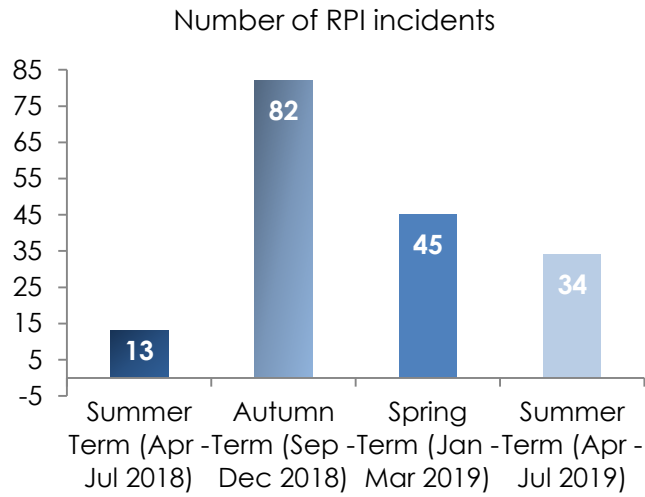
**Fig 3.1 Contacts by Source – Primary School**



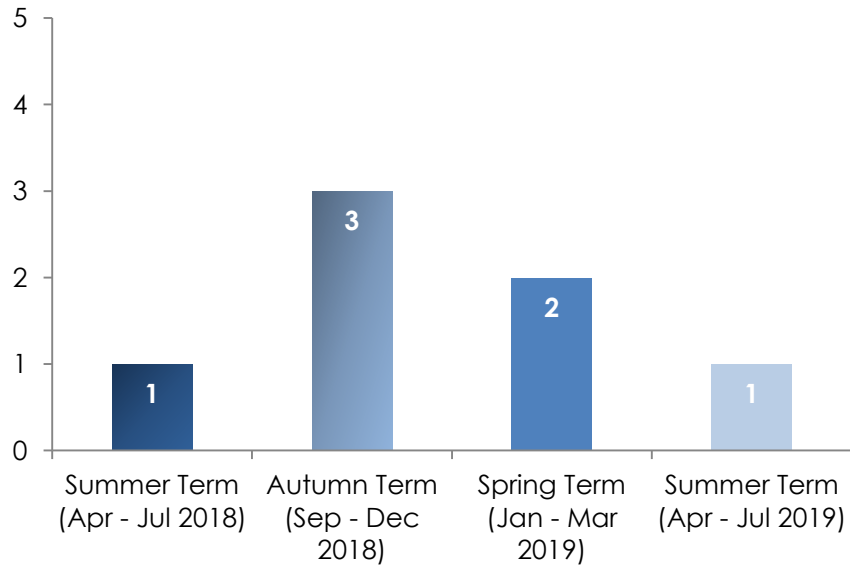
**Fig 3.2 Contacts by Source – Secondary School**



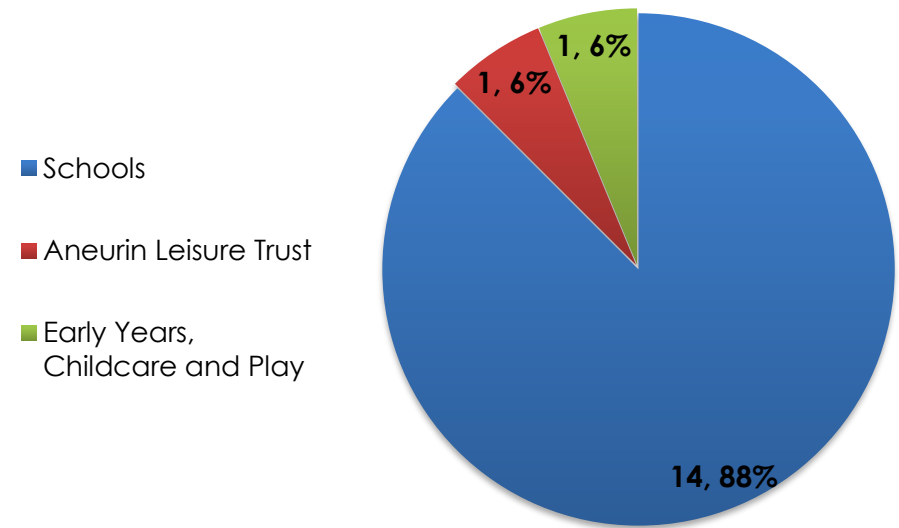
**Fig: 4.1 RPI Incidents**



**Fig: 4.2 Bullying incidents leading to exclusion**



**Fig 4.3 Quality Assurance Visits**

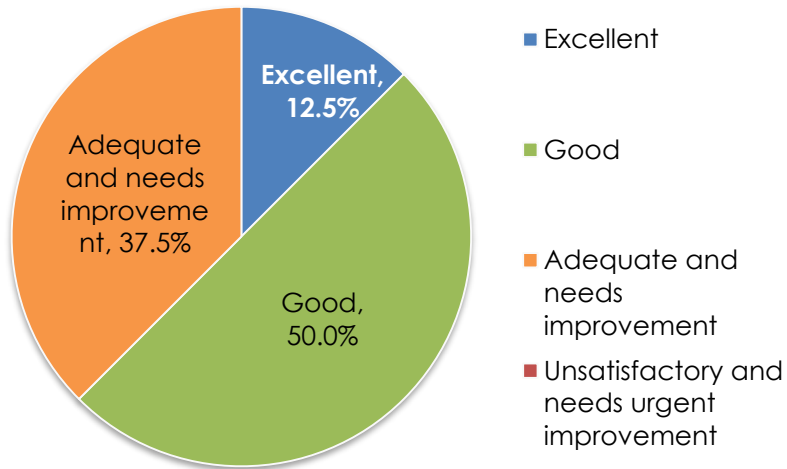


## 4.4 Estyn Judgements

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



### Care and Support Guidance Inspection Ratings



## 4.5 Operation Encompass

*For the period 29<sup>th</sup> April to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019*



## 4.6 Elected Home Education (EHE)

	July 2019	July 2018
Total number of children electively home educated	88	80

**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
Apr – Jul 2019	0	0	2	0	2	3	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>

**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
Apr – Jul 2019	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

# 04 Education

## 4.9 Breakdown per year group EHE

