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Education
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Safeguarding Performance Report

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
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 Safeguarding Scrutiny Committee for Social Services and Education and Learning.

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 30th June 2019: **971**

- Number of pupils attending primary schools: **5,849**

- Number of pupils attending secondary schools: **2,962**

Fig: 1.1 Number of referrals received by Social Services
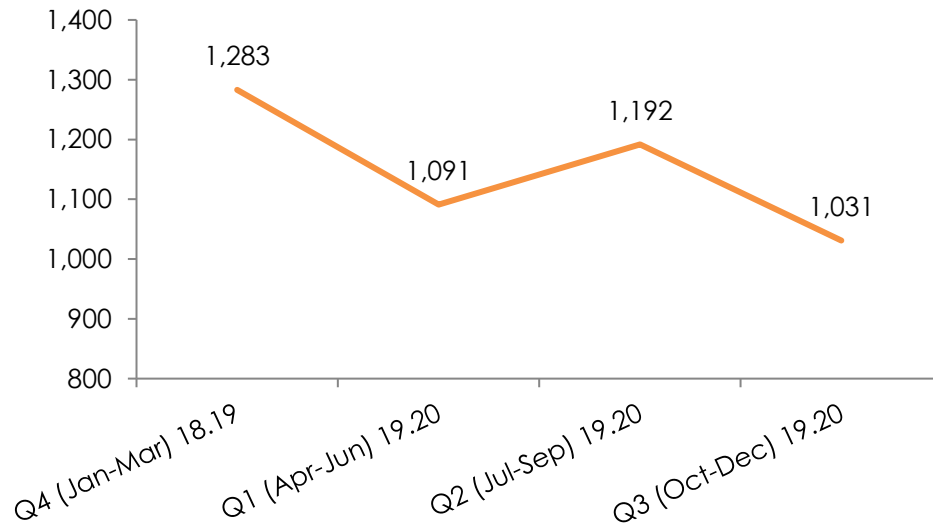
Fig: 1.2 Number and Percentage of Referrals by Source (Q2 & Q3)

	Quarter 2		Quarter 3	
	No.	Percentage	No.	Percentage
Police	399	33%	308	33%
Education	141	12%	181	12%
Other Agency	141	12%	103	12%
Health	170	14%	177	14%
Social Services	146	12%	108	12%
Individuals	125	10%	75	10%
Education - Post 16	2	0%	2	0%
Education - OOC	11	1%	11	1%
Housing	8	0.7%	3	0.7%
Other LA	36	3.0%	29	3.0%
Youth Service	10	0.8%	18	0.8%
Other Departments	2	0.2%	13	0.2%
YOS	1	0.1%	3	0.1%
Total	**1,192**	**100%**	**1,031**	**100%**

Graph showing the source of referrals and the percentage

Bar chart showing source of referrals (Q2, Q3):
- Police: 33%
- Education: 12%
- Other Agency: 12%
- Health: 14%
- Social Services: 12%
- Individuals: 10%
- Education - Post 16: 0%
- Education - OOC: 1%
- Housing: 0.7%
- Other LA: 3.0%
- Youth Service: 0.8%
- Other Departments: 0.2%
- YOS: 0.1%
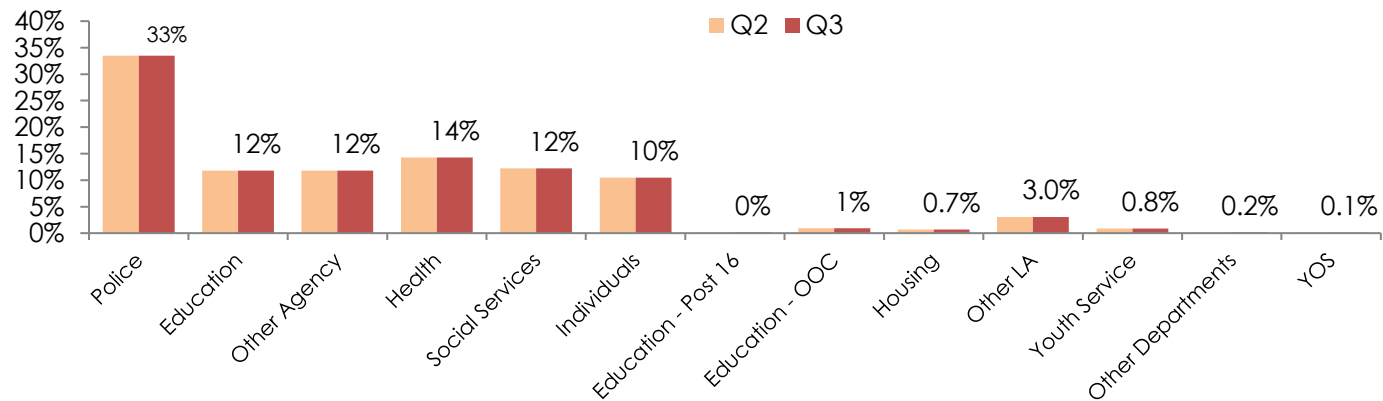
Fig: 1.3 Multi-agency referral forms (MARF's) received on open cases

Line chart — No. of Referrals vs No. of Additional MARF's:
- Q4 (Jan-Mar) 18.19: Referrals 1,283; Additional MARF's 625
- Q1 (Apr-Jun) 19.20: Referrals 1,091; Additional MARF's 806
- Q2 (Jul-Sep) 19.20: Referrals 1,192; Additional MARF's 1,029
- Q3 (Oct-Dec) 19.20: Referrals 1,031; Additional MARF's 1,036

Fig: 1.4 Referrals received from Youth Services

Bar chart — Referrals received from Youth Services:
- Q4 (Jan-Mar) 18.19: 9
- Q1 (Apr-Jun) 19.20: 9
- Q2 (Jul-Sep) 19.20: 17
- Q3 (Oct-Dec) 19.20: 18

Child Protection Register

Fig 2.1 Children on the Child Protection Register

Legend:
- No. of children on child protection register
- No. of families of children on child protection register

Quarter	No. of children	No. of families
Q4 (Mar) 18.19	56	33
Q1 (Jun) 19.20	70	36
Q2 (Sep) 19.20	61	32
Q3 (Dec) 19.20	71	35

Fig 2.3 Categories of abuse

Legend: Q4 (Mar) 18.19, Q1 (Jun) 19.20, Q2 (Sep) 19.20, Q3 (Dec) 19.20

Category	Q4 (Mar) 18.19	Q1 (Jun) 19.20	Q2 (Sep) 19.20	Q3 (Dec) 19.20
Physical Abuse	3	7	7	4
Neglect and Physical Abuse	2	2	2	
Neglect	31	29	26	28
Emotional Abuse	21	21	17	28
Sexual Abuse	1	11	9	7
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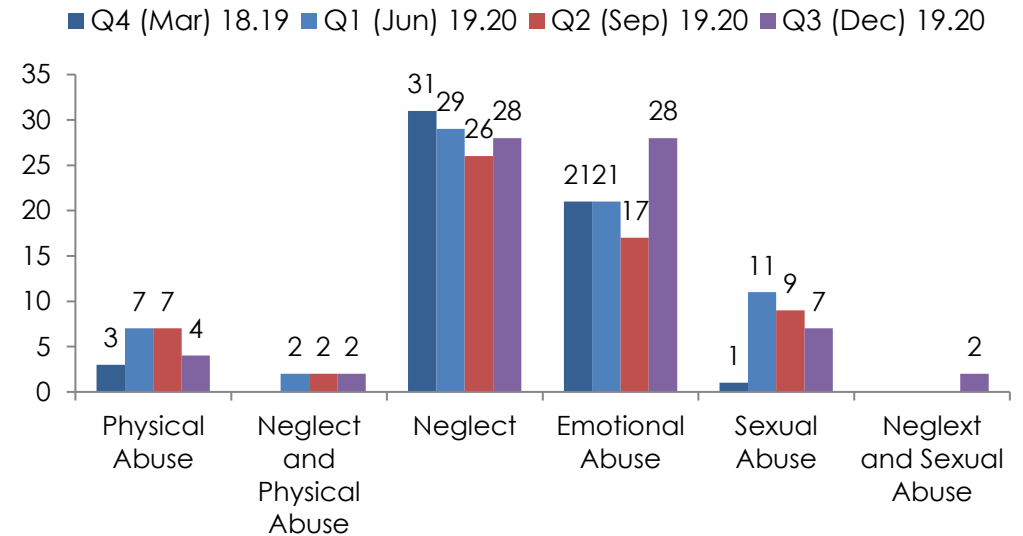
Fig 2.2 Child Protection Register Summary

Legend:
- Number of registrations
- Number of de-registrations
- Number of children on child protection register

Quarter	Registrations	De-registrations	Children on register
Q4 (Jan-Mar) 18.19	16	35	56
Q1 (Apr-Jun) 19.20	32	18	70
Q2 (Jul-Sep) 19.20	17	26	61
Q3 (Oct-Dec) 19.20	34	24	71
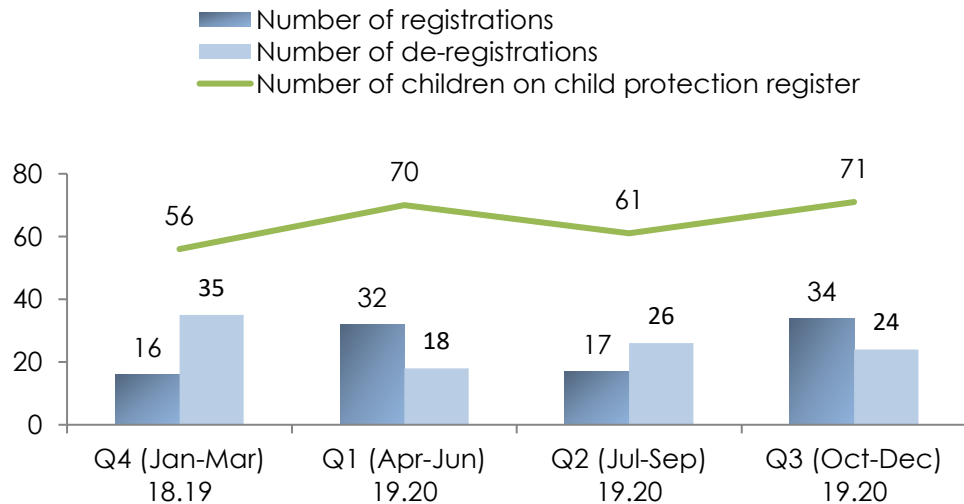
Fig 2.4 Age Breakdown of children on child protection register

Q3 (Dec) 19.20

Legend: Unknown, Female, Male

Age	Female	Male
Total	35	35
16 - 18	0	1
10 - 15	9	11
5 - 9	14	14
1 - 4	9	8
Under 1	3	1
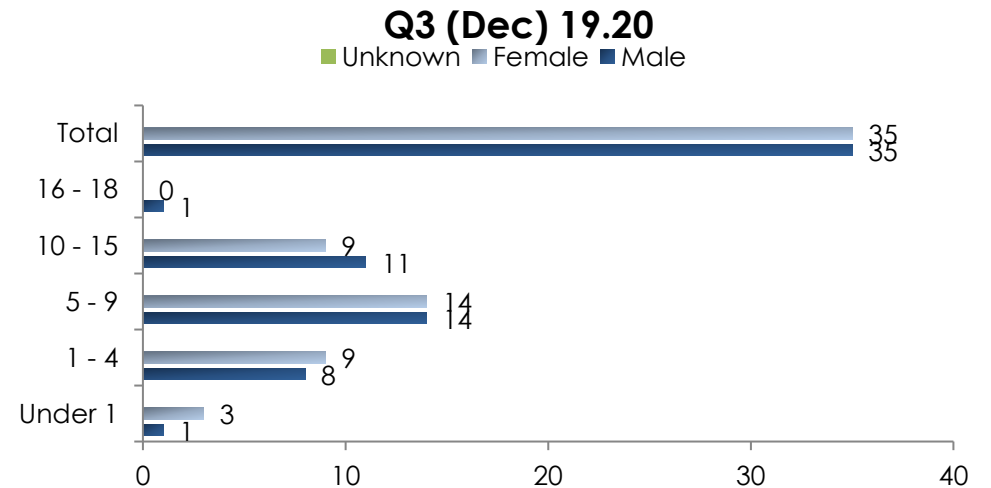
Fig 2.5 Average length of time on register

Qtr 3 (Dec) 19-20

Table showing the breakdown of children on the child protection register over the last 12 months
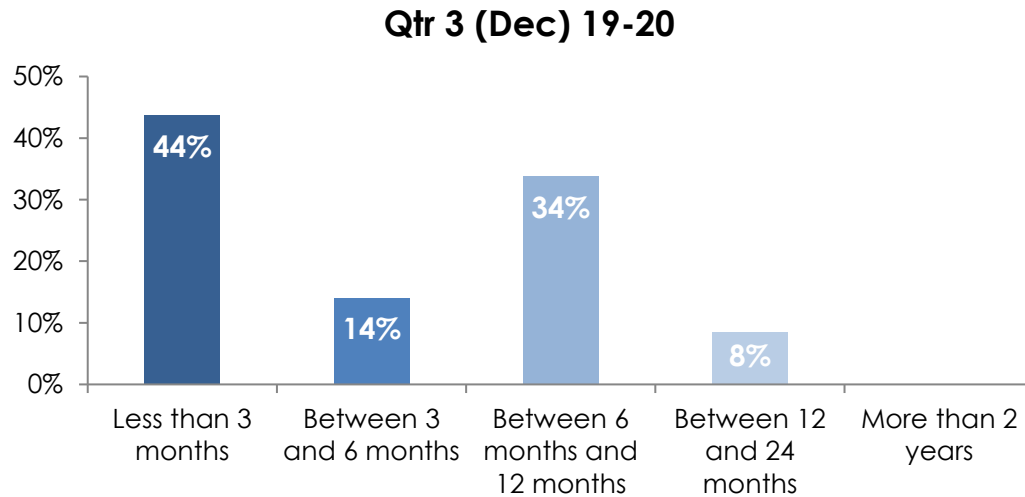
	Q2 (Sep) 18.19	Q3 (Dec) 18.19	Q4 (Mar) 18.19	Q1 (Jun) 19.20
Less than 3 months	15	31	13	31
Between 3 and 6 months	25	8	26	10
Between 6 months and 12 months	15	27	15	24
Between 12 and 24 months	1	3	6	6
More than 2 years	0	1	1	0
	56	**70**	**61**	**71**

Fig 2.6: Child Protection Conferences

	Q4 (Mar) 18.19		Q1 (Jun) 19.20		Q2 (Sep) 19.20		Q3 (Dec) 19.20	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Conferences Held	**83**		**66**		**70**		**82**	
Initial Conferences	20	24%	30	45%	14	20%	39	48%
No. of Families	14		16		8		17	
Review Conferences	63	76%	36	55%	56	80%	43	52%
No. of Families	38		23		28		24	

Initial Child Protection Conferences	**20**		**30**		**14**		**39**	
Outcome:								
Registered	14	70%	26	87%	14	100%	32	82%
Registered at birth	3	15%	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%
Not registered	3	15%	3	10%	0	0%	7	18%

Review Child Protection Conferences	**63**		**36**		**56**		**43**	
Outcome:								
Continue with registration	30	48%	19	53%	32	57%	19	44%
Cease registration	33	52%	17	47%	24	43%	24	56%

Fig 2.7 Initial Child Protection Conferences

Percentage of initial conferences held within timescale

Fig: 2.8 Child Protection Review Conferences

Percentage of initial conferences held within timescale
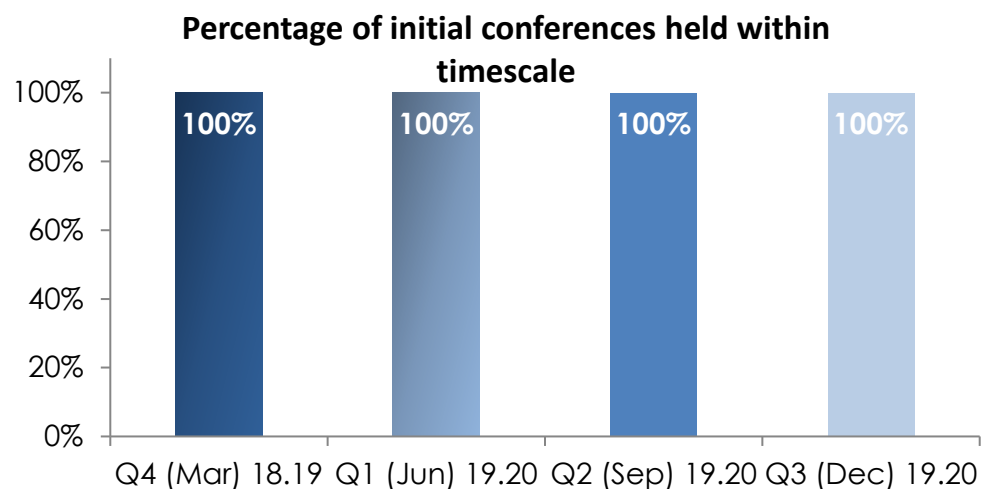
	Q4 (Mar) 18.19	Q1 (Jun) 19.20	Q2 (Sep) 19.20	Q3 (Dec) 19.20
Number of initial conferences held	20	30	14	39
Number of initial conferences held within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	20	30	14	39
Percentage of initial conferences held within timescale	100%	100%	100%	100%
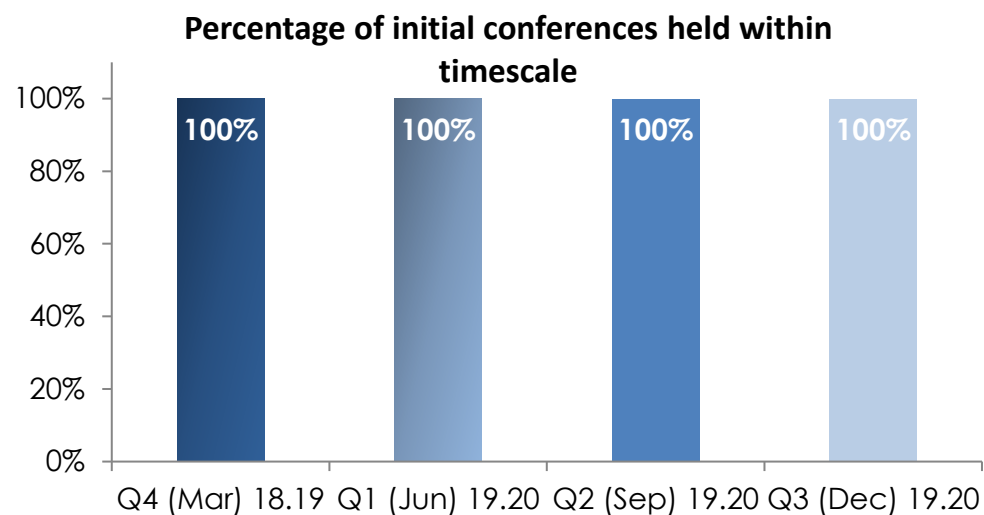
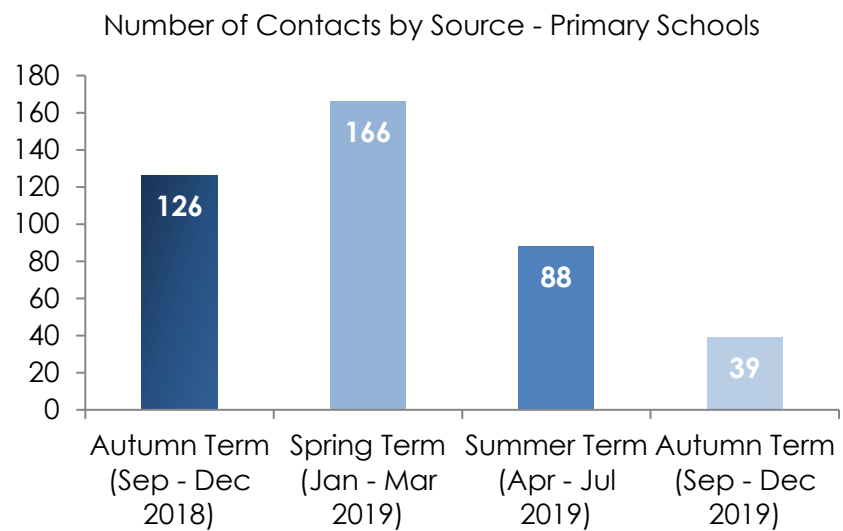|	Q4 (Mar) 18.19	Q1 (Jun) 19.20	Q2 (Sep) 19.20	Q3 (Dec) 19.20
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held	63	36	56	43
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	62	36	51	43
Percentage of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	98.4%	100.0%	91.1%	100.0%

Fig 3.1 Contacts by Source – Primary School

Number of Contacts by Source - Primary Schools

Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2018)	126
Spring Term (Jan - Mar 2019)	166
Summer Term (Apr - Jul 2019)	88
Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2019)	39

Fig 3.2 Contacts by Source – Secondary School

Number of Contacts by Source - Secondary Schools

Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2018)	101
Spring Term (Jan - Mar 2019)	67
Summer Term (Apr - Jul 2019)	55
Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2019)	203

Fig: 4.1 RPI Incidents

Number of RPi incidents

- Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2018): 82
- Spring Term (Jan - Mar 2019): 45
- Summer Term (Apr - Jul 2019): 34
- Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2019): 55
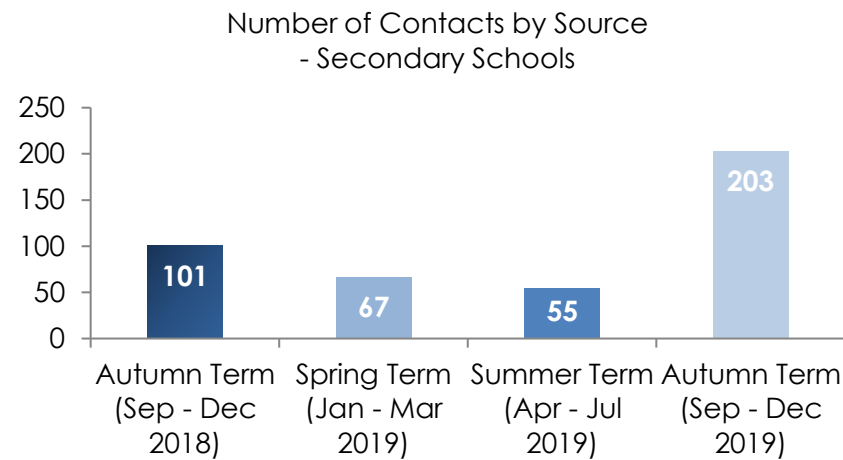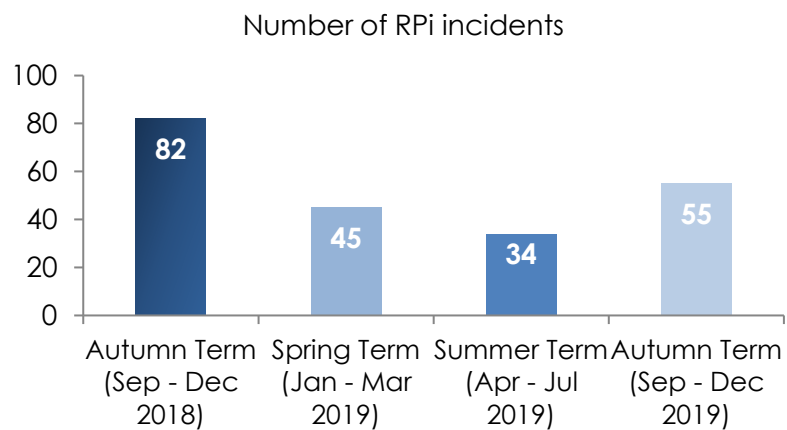
Fig 4.3 Quality Assurance Visits

- Schools: 14, 88%
- Aneurin Leisure Trust: 1, 6%
- Early Years, Childcare and Play: 1, 6%

Fig: 4.2 Bullying incidents leading to exclusion

Number of bullying incidents leading to exclusion

- Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2018): 3
- Spring Term (Jan - Mar 2019): 2
- Summer Term (Apr - Jul 2019): 1
- Autumn Term (Sep - Dec 2019): 0

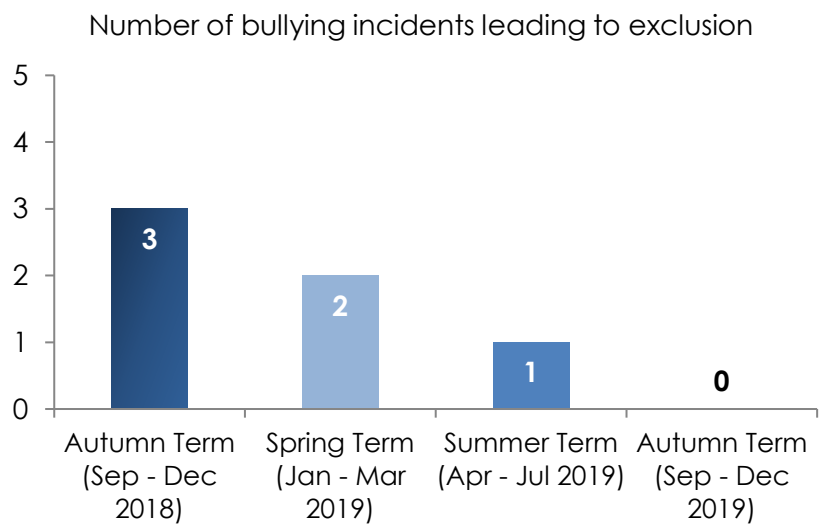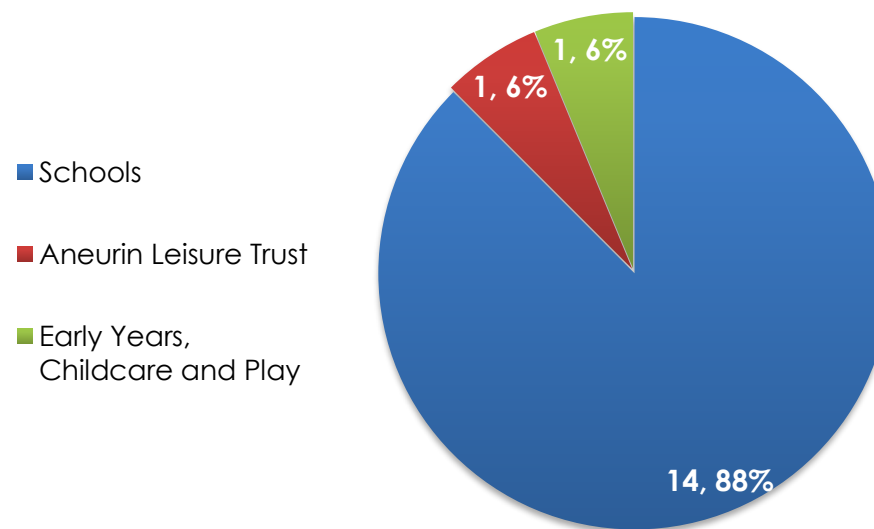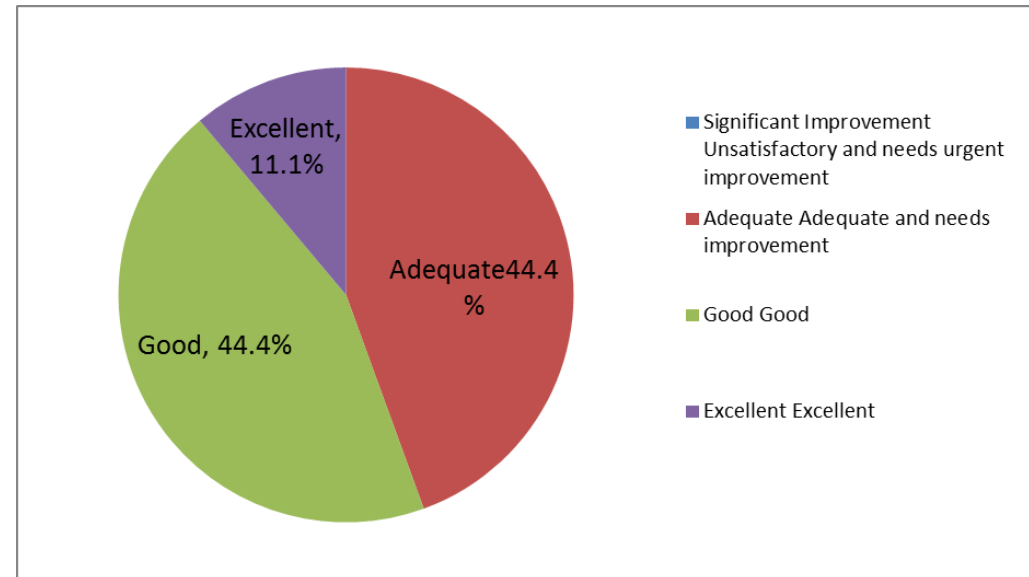## 4.4 Estyn Judgements

The table below provides an overview of the Estyn judgements for schools inspected under the new arrangements from September 2017 up until December 2020.

		Estyn Inspection Framework September 2017				Monitoring Visit 1	Inspection Areas					
LA	Phase	School #	School	Date report Published	Follow-up Activity		Standards	Wellbring and attitudes to learning	Teaching and learning experiences	Care, Support and guidance	Leadership and management	Out of Follow-up activity
BG	Secondary	6775401	Brynmawr Foundation School	Dec-19	SM		Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	
BG	Primary	6773309	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	6772310	Blaenycwm Primary	May-18	-		Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Good	
BG	Secondary	6772306	Abertillery Learning Community	01/02/2018 (revist June 19)	SI	SI	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	
BG	Primary	6774074	St. Joseph's R.C. Primary	Jan-18	-		Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
BG	Primary	6773316	St. Illtyd's Primary	01/10/2017 (revisit Mar 19)	Estyn Review	-	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Adequate	Mar-19
BG	Primary	6772312	Glyncoed Primary*	Nov-17	-		Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
BG	Primary	6772309	Glanhowy Primary*	Feb-18	-		Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	

Care and Support Guidance Inspection Ratings

- Significant Improvement Unsatisfactory and needs urgent improvement
- Adequate Adequate and needs improvement
- Good Good
- Excellent Excellent

Excellent, 11.1%
Adequate 44.4%
Good, 44.4%
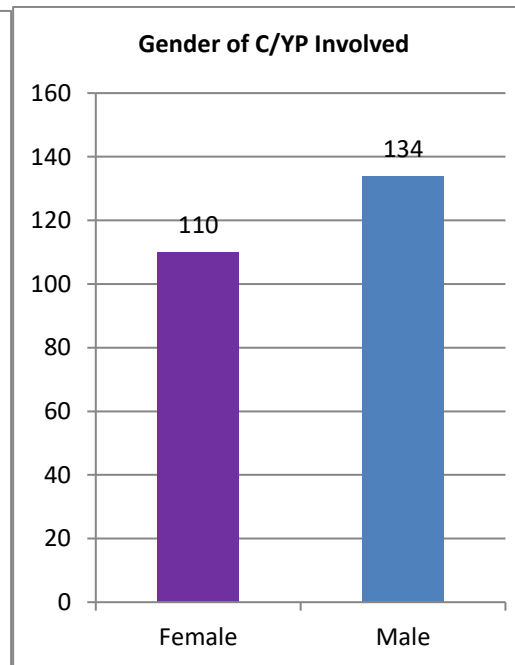
4.5 Operation Encompass

For the period Quarter 3 – October to December

Occurences	CYP
156	247

Compliance Rate GWP school name

GWP: 64.8

Age of C/YP Involved

Age	Value
4	25
5	13
6	19
7	20
8	17
9	24
10	18
11	16
12	12
13	10
14	13
15	10
16	13
17	37

Initial Risk Category

High, Medium, Standard

Gender of C/YP Involved

Female: 110
Male: 134
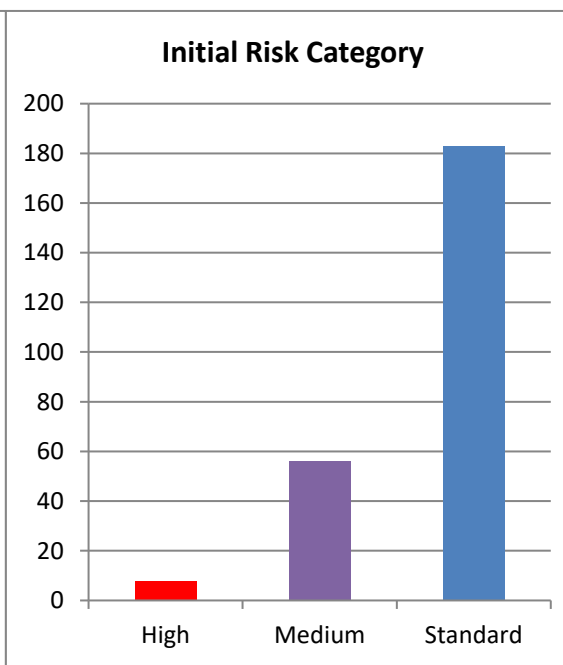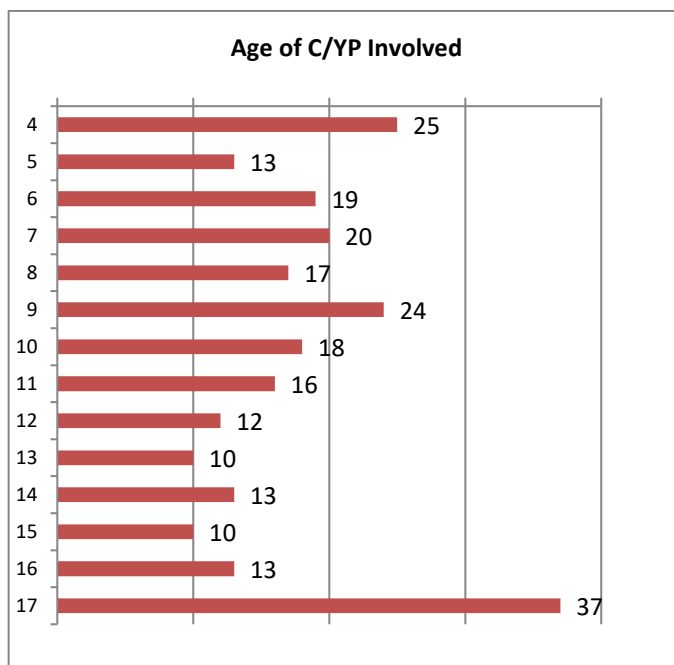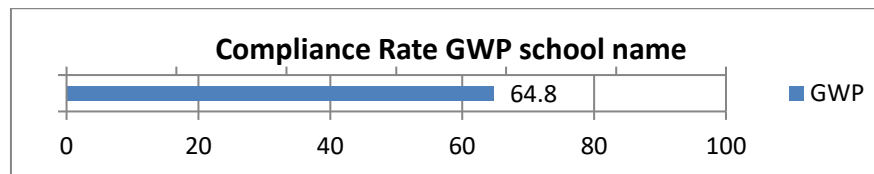
4.6 Elected Home Education (EHE)

	December 2019	December 2018
Total number of children electively home educated	77	76

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
Jan – Mar 2019	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0
Apr – Jul 2019	0	0	2	0	2	3	6	0
Sept – Dec 2019	3	1	0	1	2	5	1	0
Total	**4**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**5**	**8**	**3**	**0**

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 Spring, Summer and Autumn term.

Month	Primary		College		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	Out	In
Jan – Mar 2019	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Apr – Jul 2019	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sept – Dec 2019	0	2	0	2	2	0	3	3	0	0
Total	**4**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**0**

4.9 Breakdown per year group EHE