Social Services
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Safeguarding Performance Report

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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, 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: 69,713 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**

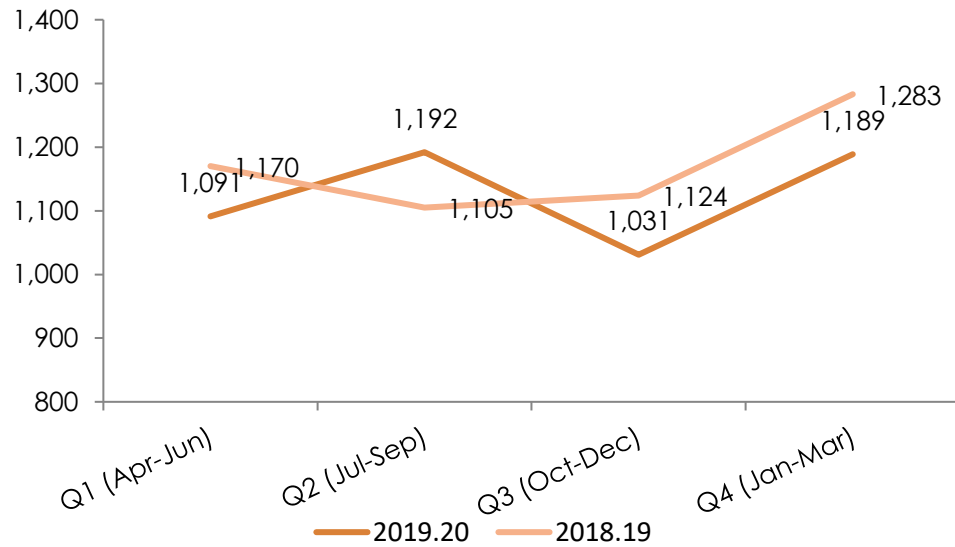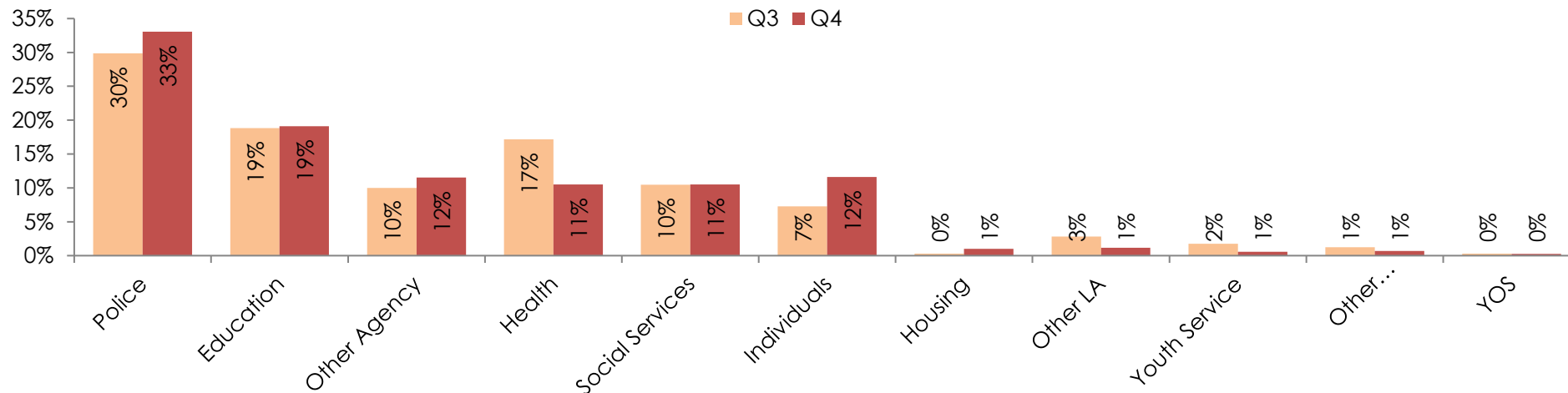**Fig: 1.1 Number of referrals received by Social Services**

Fig: 1.2 Number and Percentage of Referrals by Source (19.20)

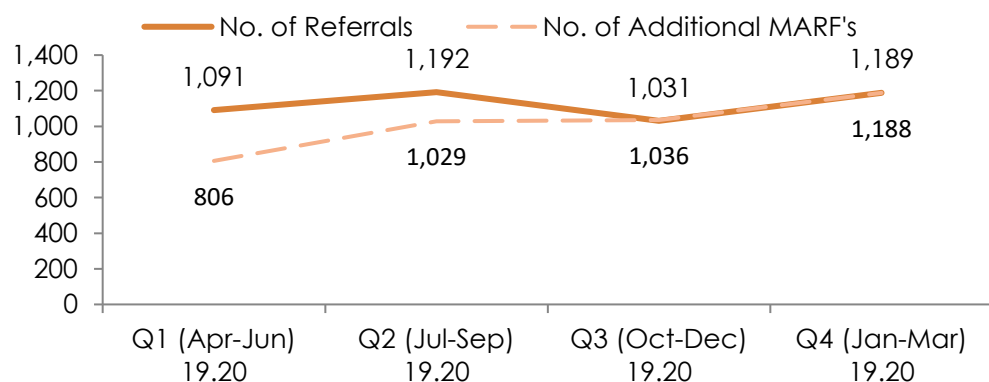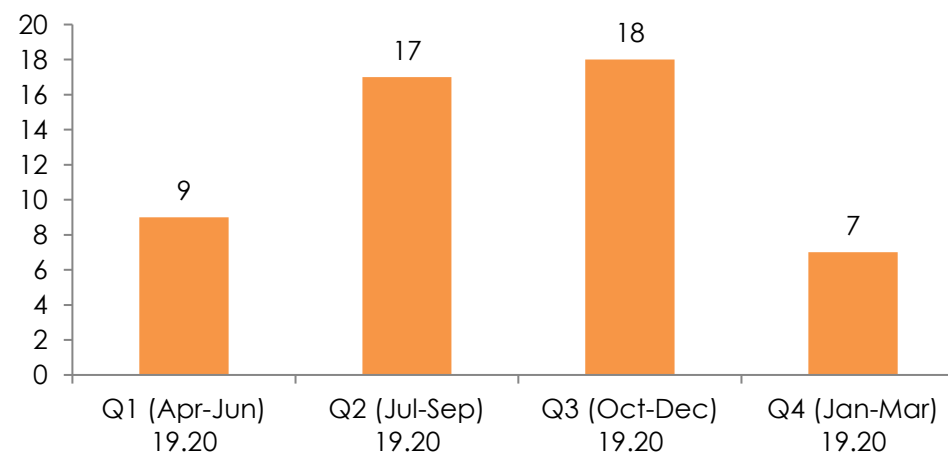|	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	%
Police	334	399	308	393	1,434	32%
Education	196	154	194	227	771	17%
Other Agency	107	141	103	137	488	11%
Health	154	170	177	125	626	14%
Social Services	114	146	108	125	493	11%
Individuals	138	125	75	138	476	11%
Housing	18	8	3	12	41	1%
Other LA	11	36	29	14	90	2%
Youth Service	18	10	18	7	53	1%
Other Departments	1	2	13	8	24	1%
YOS	0	1	3	3	7	0%
Total	1,091	1,192	1,031	1,189	4,503	100%

Graph showing the source of referrals and the percentage

Fig 1.2 bar chart with legend Q3, Q4:
- Police: 30%, 33%
- Education: 19%, 19%
- Other Agency: 10%, 12%
- Health: 17%, 11%
- Social Services: 10%, 11%
- Individuals: 7%, 12%
- Housing: 0%, 1%
- Other LA: 3%, 1%
- Youth Service: 2%, 1%
- Other…: 1%, 1%
- YOs: 0%, 0%

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

No. of Referrals: 1,091 / 1,192 / 1,031 / 1,189
No. of Additional MARF's: 806 / 1,029 / 1,036 / 1,188
Q1 (Apr-Jun) 19.20, Q2 (Jul-Sep) 19.20, Q3 (Oct-Dec) 19.20, Q4 (Jan-Mar) 19.20

Fig: 1.4 Referrals received from Youth Services

- Q1 (Apr-Jun) 19.20: 9
- Q2 (Jul-Sep) 19.20: 17
- Q3 (Oct-Dec) 19.20: 18
- Q4 (Jan-Mar) 19.20: 7

Fig 2.1 Children on the Child Protection Register

■ No. of children on child protection register
■ No. of families of children on child protection register

Q1 (Jun) 19.20: 70, 36
Q2 (Sep) 19.20: 61, 32
Q3 (Dec) 19.20: 72, 35
Q4 (Mar) 19.20: 61, 31
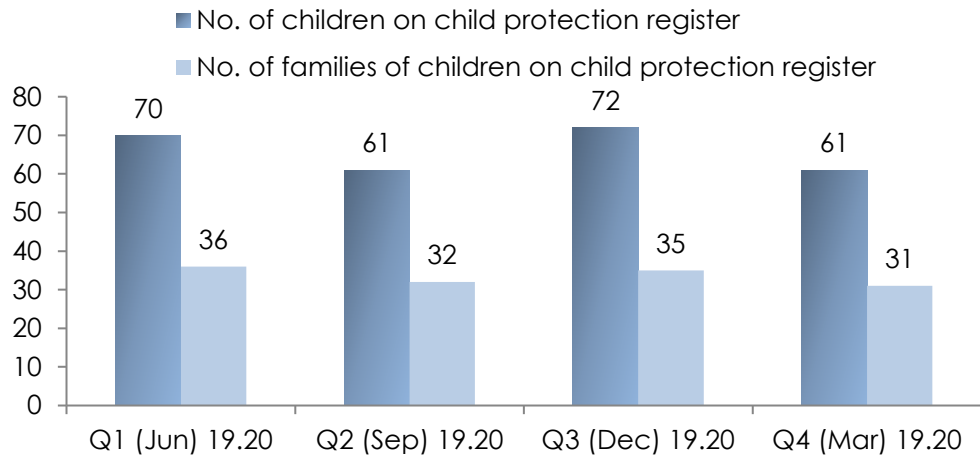
Fig 2.3 Categories of abuse

■ Q1 (Jun) 19.20   ■ Q2 (Sep) 19.20
■ Q3 (Dec) 19.20   ■ Q4 (Mar) 19.20

Physical Abuse: 7, 7, 4, 3
Neglect and Physical Abuse: 2, 2, 2, 0
Neglect: 29, 26, 28, 33
Emotional Abuse: 21, 17, 28, 23
Sexual Abuse: 11, 9, 7, 0
Neglext and Sexual Abuse: 2, 2
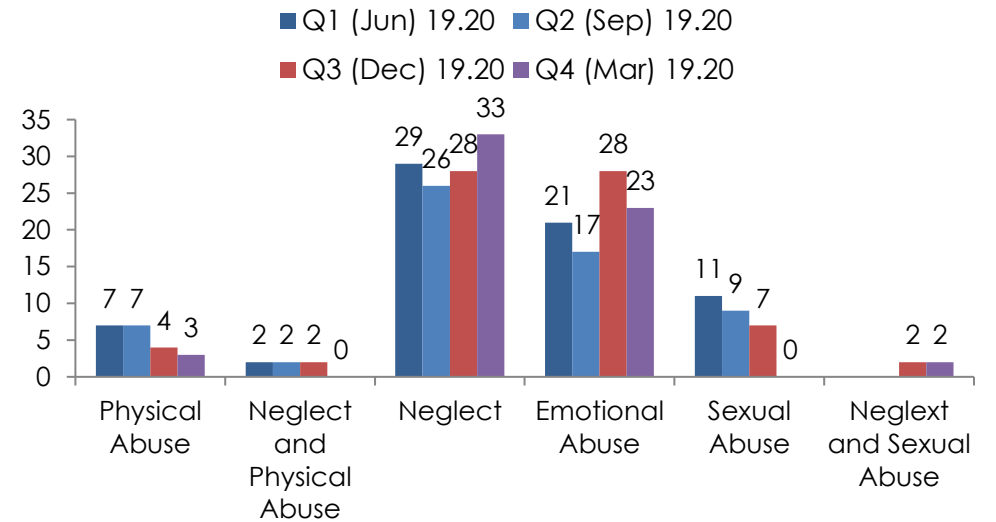
Fig 2.2 Child Protection Register Summary

■ Number of registrations
■ Number of de-registrations
— Number of children on child protection register

Q1 (Apr-Jun) 19.20: registrations 32, de-registrations 18, children 70
Q2 (Jul-Sep) 19.20: registrations 17, de-registrations 26, children 61
Q3 (Oct-Dec) 19.20: registrations 35, de-registrations 24, children 72
Q4 (Jan-Mar) 19.20: registrations 31, de-registrations 42, children 61

Fig 2.4 Age Breakdown of children on child protection register

Q4 (Mar) 19.20

■ Unknown   ■ Female   ■ Male

Total: Female 37, Male 24
16 - 18: Female 1, Male 0
10 - 15: Female 15, Male 6
5 - 9: Female 7, Male 9
1 - 4: Female 8, Male 8
Under 1: Female 6, Male 1
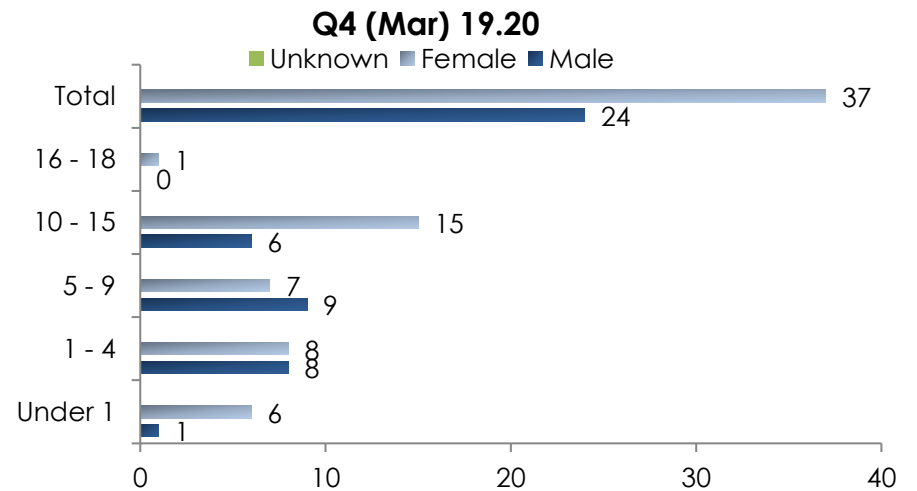
Fig 2.5 Average length of time on register
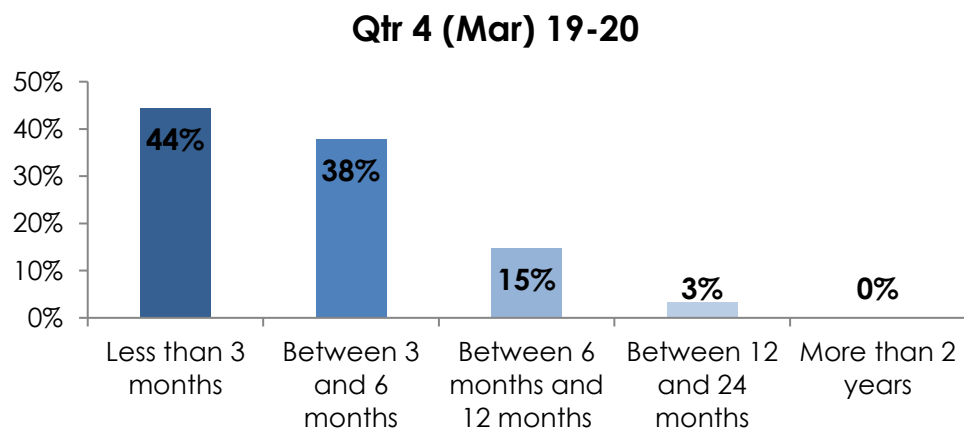
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Table showing the breakdown of children on the child protection register over the last 12 months

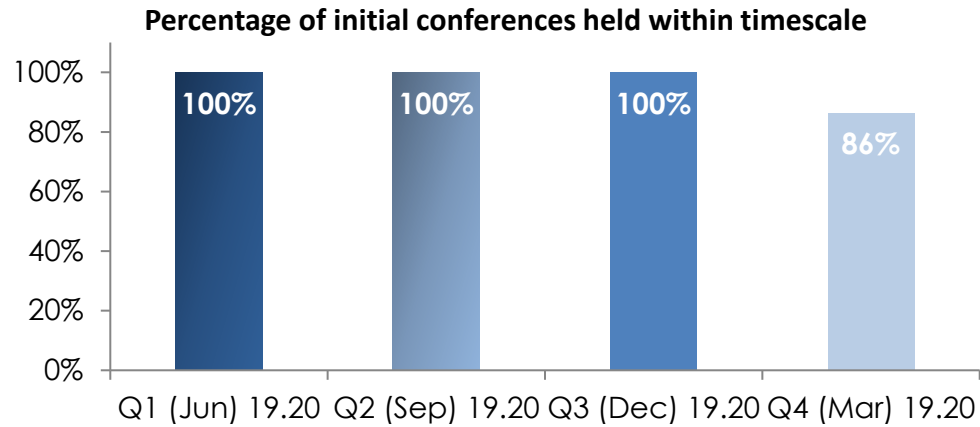|	Q1 (Jun) 19.20	Q2 (Sep) 19.20	Q3 (Dec) 19.20	Q4 (Mar) 19.20
Less than 3 months	31	13	31	27
Between 3 and 6 months	8	26	10	23
Between 6 months and 12 months	27	15	24	9
Between 12 and 24 months	3	6	6	2
More than 2 years	1	1	0	0
	70	**61**	**71**	**61**

Fig 2.6: Child Protection Conferences

	Q1 (Jun) 19.20		Q2 (Sep) 19.20		Q3 (Dec) 19.20		Q4 (Mar) 19.20	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Conferences Held								
Initial Conferences	30	45%	14	20%	39	48%	25	27%
No. of Families	16		8		17		15	
Review Conferences	36	55%	56	80%	43	52%	66	73%
No. of Families	23		28		24		33	

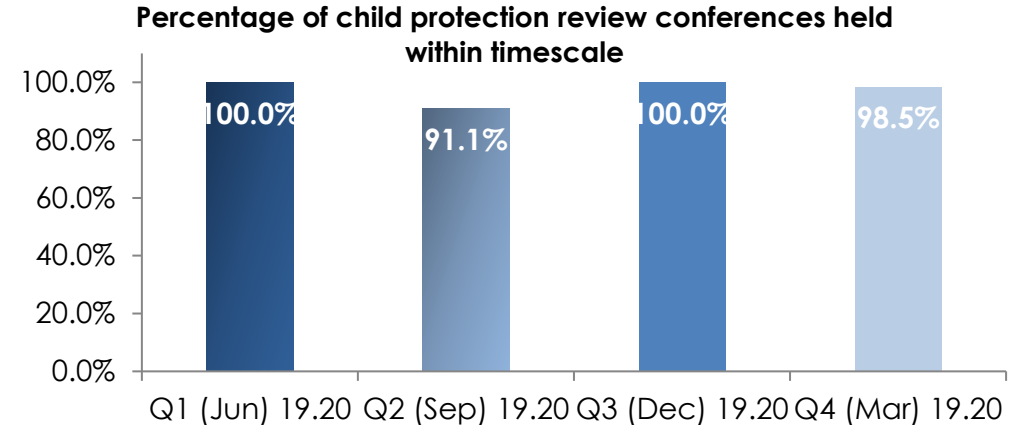| **Initial Child Protection Conferences** *Outcome:*	30		14		39		25	
Registered	26	87%	14	100%	32	82%	22	88%
Registered at birth	1	3%	0	0%	0	0%	2	8%
Not registered	3	10%	0	0%	7	18%	1	4%

Review Child Protection Conferences *Outcome:*	36		56		43		66	
Continue with registration	19	53%	32	57%	19	44%	26	39%
Cease registration	17	47%	24	43%	24	56%	40	61%

Fig 2.7 Initial Child Protection Conferences

Percentage of initial conferences held within timescale

Fig: 2.8 Child Protection Review Conferences

Percentage of child protection review conferences held within timescale

	Q1 (Jun) 19.20	Q2 (Sep) 19.20	Q3 (Dec) 19.20	Q4 (Mar) 19.20	Annual 19.20
Number of initial conferences held	28	14	39	22	103
Number of initial conferences held within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	28	14	39	19	100
Percentage of initial conferences held within timescale	100%	100%	100%	86%	97%

	Q1 (Jun) 19.20	Q2 (Sep) 19.20	Q3 (Dec) 19.20	Q4 (Mar) 19.20	Annual 19.20
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held	36	56	43	66	201
Number of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	36	51	43	65	195
Percentage of Review Child Protection Conferences held within timescale	100.0%	91.1%	100.0%	98.5%	97%