

# Safeguarding Performance Report

**Social Services**

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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.

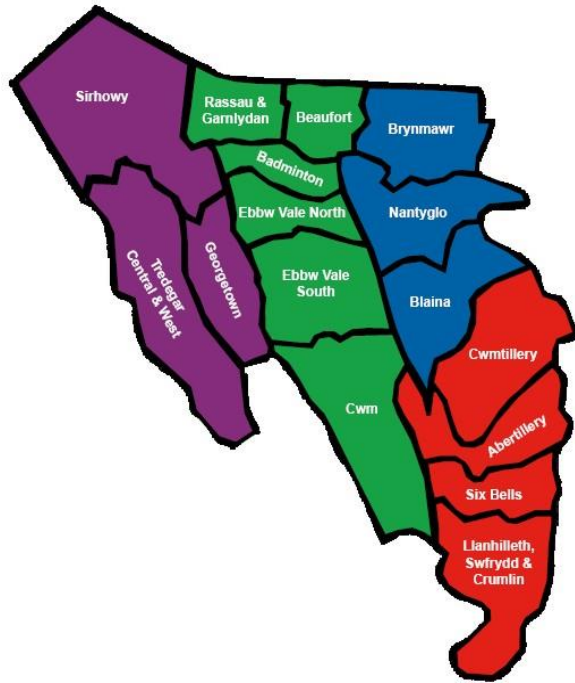
The report includes information on the following:

- 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.

# 00 | Community Profile - Demographics

## 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**

Fig: 1.1 Number of referrals received by Social Services

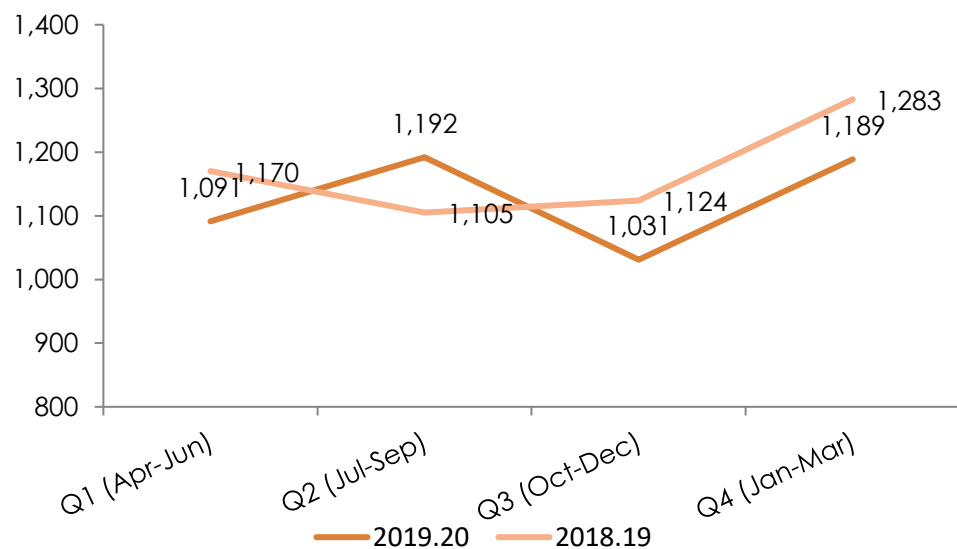
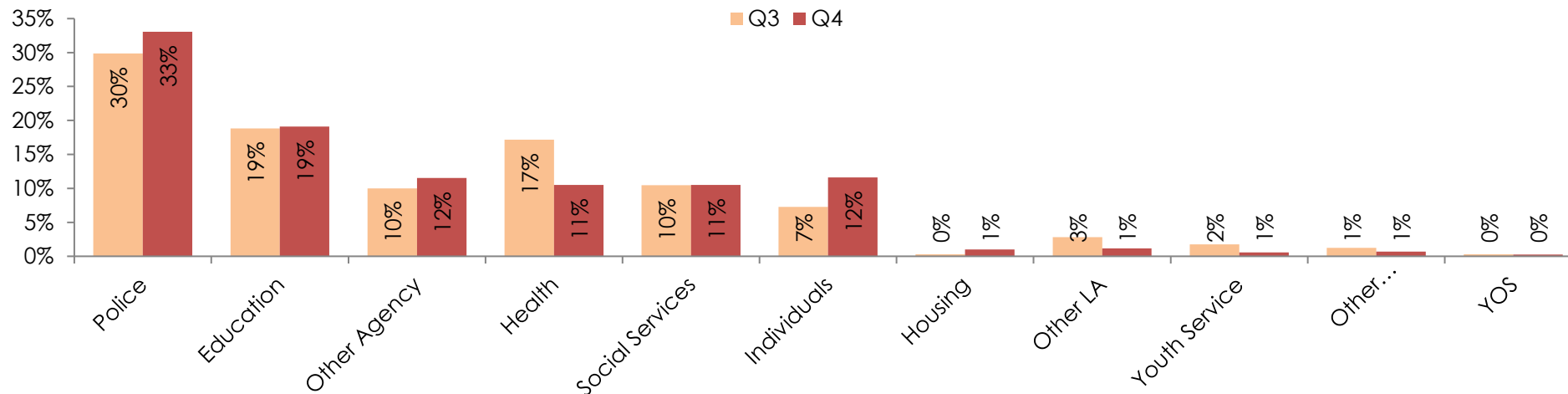


Fig: 1.2 Number and Percentage of Referrals by Source (19.20)

|                   | 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%          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1,091</b> | <b>1,192</b> | <b>1,031</b> | <b>1,189</b> | <b>4,503</b> | <b>100%</b> |

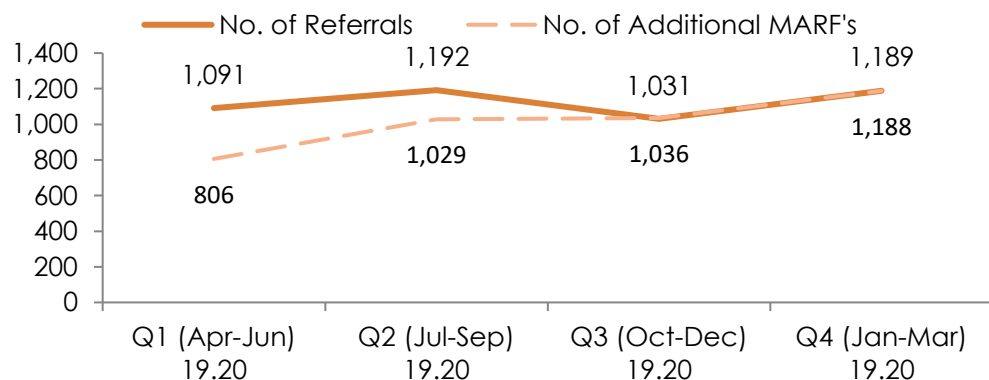
# 01 | Referrals to Social Services

Graph showing the source of referrals and the percentage

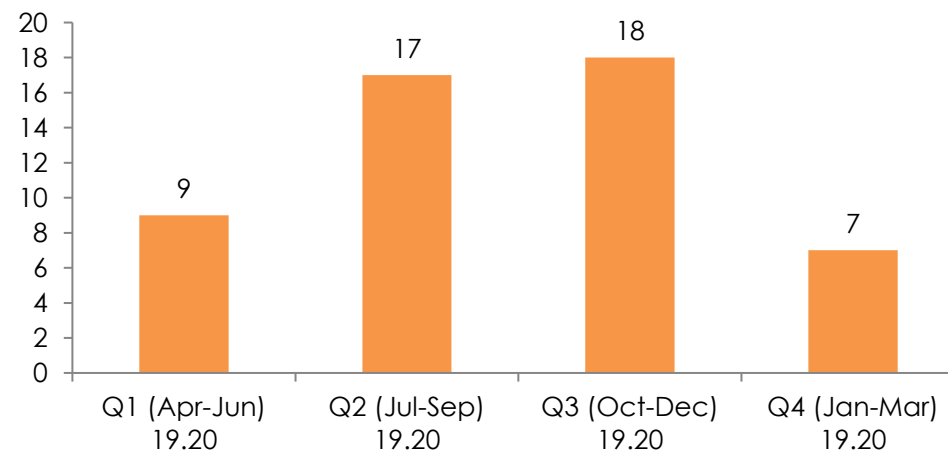


**Fig: 1.3 Multi-agency referral forms (MARF's) received on open**

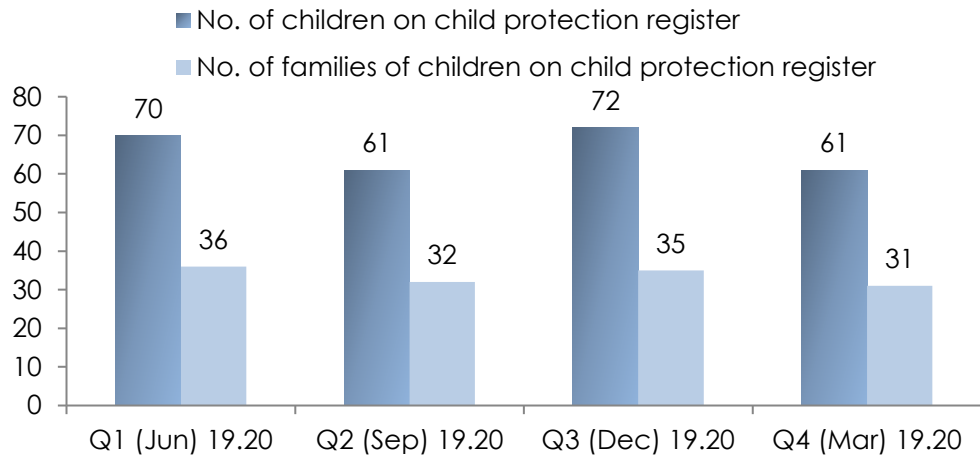
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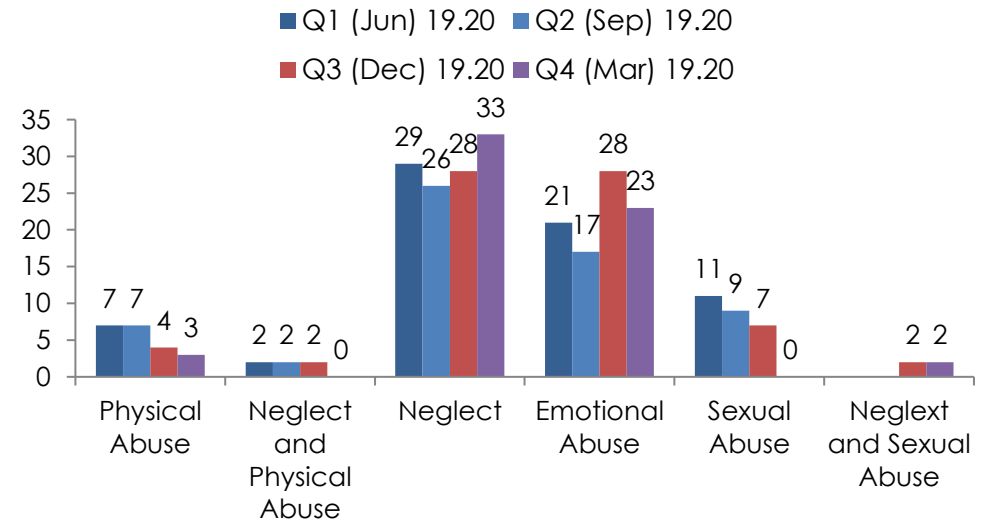
**Fig: 1.4 Referrals received from Youth Services**



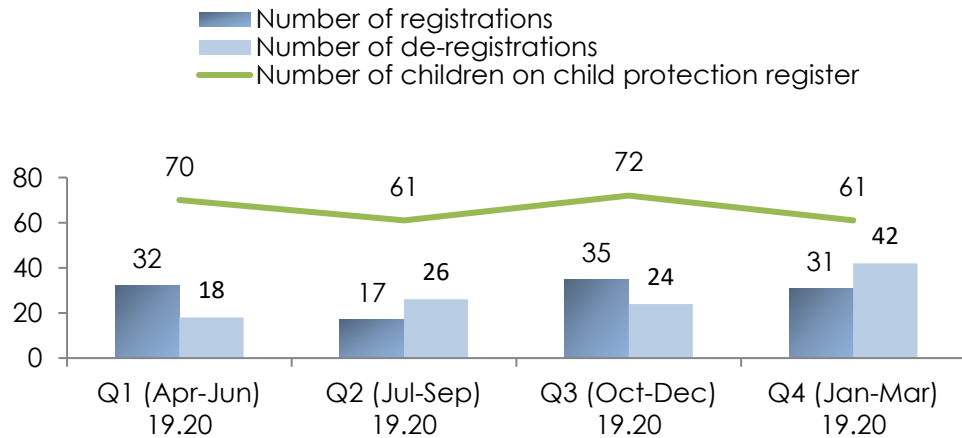
**Fig 2.1 Children on the Child Protection Register**



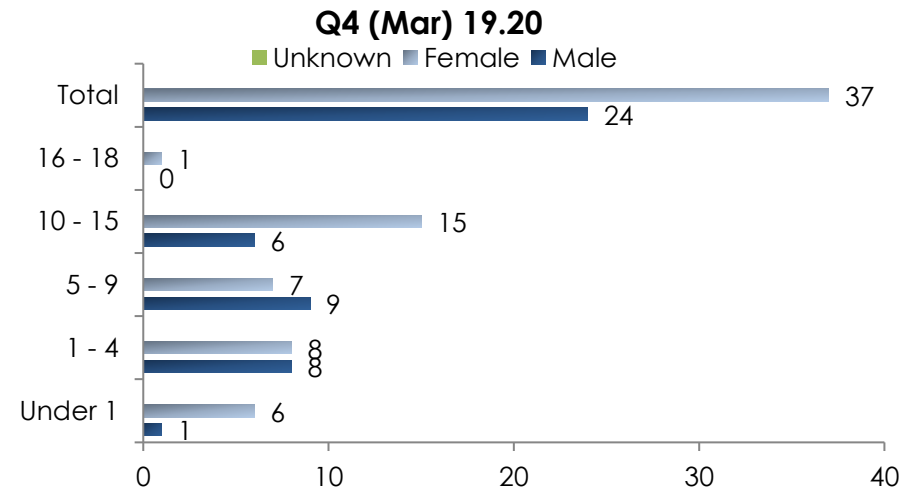
**Fig 2.3 Categories of abuse**



**Fig 2.2 Child Protection Register Summary**

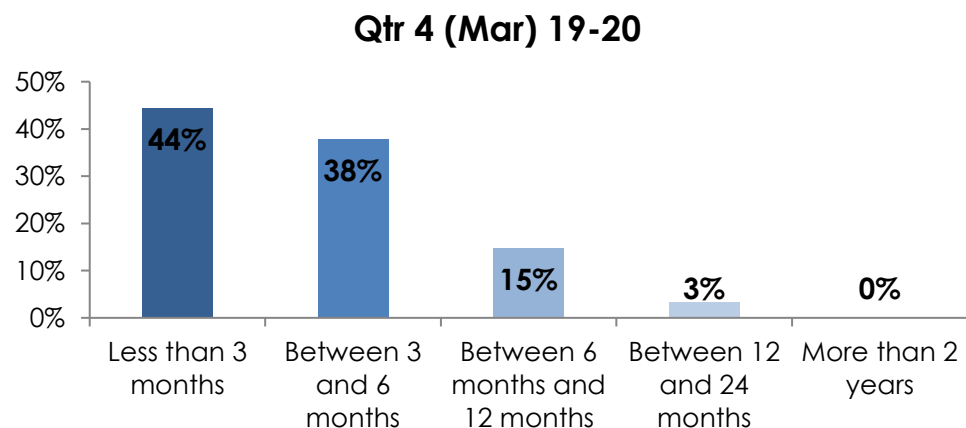


**Fig 2.4 Age Breakdown of children on child protection register**



# 02 | 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*

|                                | <b>Q1 (Jun)<br/>19.20</b> | <b>Q2 (Sep)<br/>19.20</b> | <b>Q3 (Dec)<br/>19.20</b> | <b>Q4 (Mar)<br/>19.20</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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                         |
|                                | <b>70</b>                 | <b>61</b>                 | <b>71</b>                 | <b>61</b>                 |



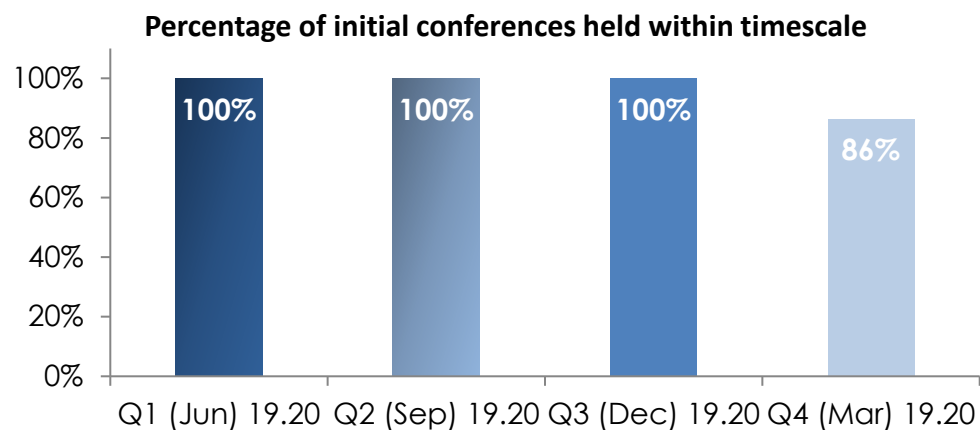
Fig 2.6: Child Protection Conferences

|                         | Q1 (Jun) 19.20 |     | Q2 (Sep) 19.20 |     | Q3 (Dec) 19.20 |     | Q4 (Mar) 19.20 |     |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|
|                         | No.            | %   | No.            | %   | No.            | %   | No.            | %   |
| <b>Conferences Held</b> |                |     |                |     |                |     |                |     |
| 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             |     |

| <b>Initial Child Protection Conferences</b> | <b>30</b> |     | <b>14</b> |      | <b>39</b> |     | <b>25</b> |     |
|---|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| <i>Outcome:</i>                             |           |     |           |      |           |     |           |     |
| 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%  |

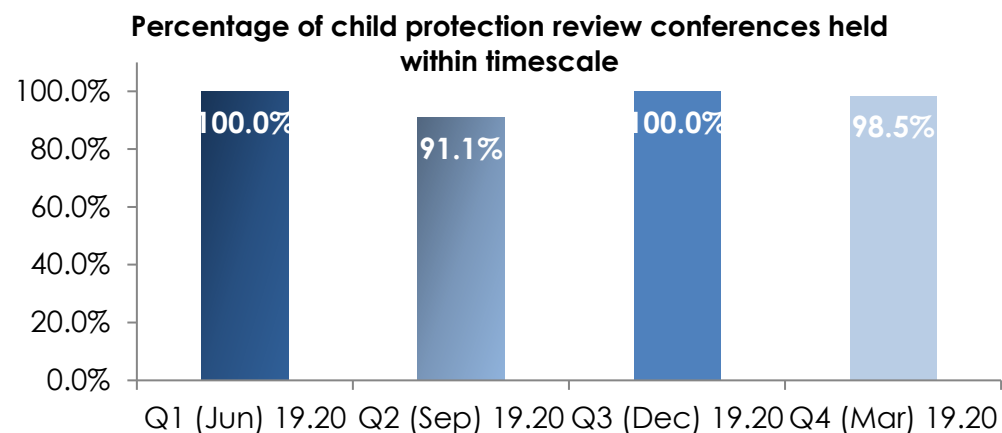
| <b>Review Child Protection Conferences</b> | <b>36</b> |     | <b>56</b> |     | <b>43</b> |     | <b>66</b> |     |
|--|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|
| <i>Outcome:</i>                            |           |     |           |     |           |     |           |     |
| 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



|  | Q1<br>(Jun)<br>19.20 | Q2<br>(Sep)<br>19.20 | Q3<br>(Dec)<br>19.20 | Q4 (Mar)<br>19.20 | Annual<br>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%             |

Fig: 2.8 Child Protection Review Conferences



|   | Q1<br>(Jun)<br>19.20 | Q2<br>(Sep)<br>19.20 | Q3<br>(Dec)<br>19.20 | Q4<br>(Mar)<br>19.20 | Annual<br>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%             |