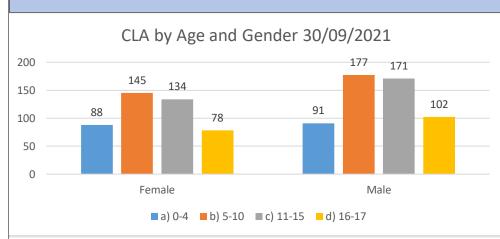
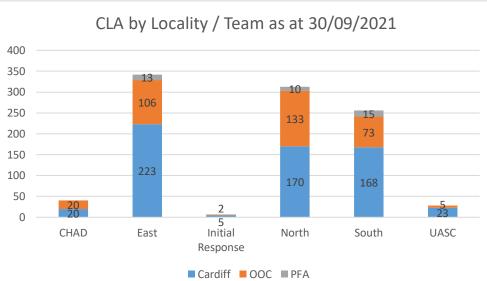
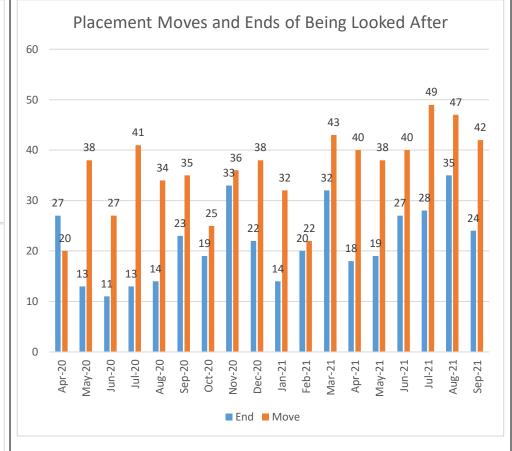
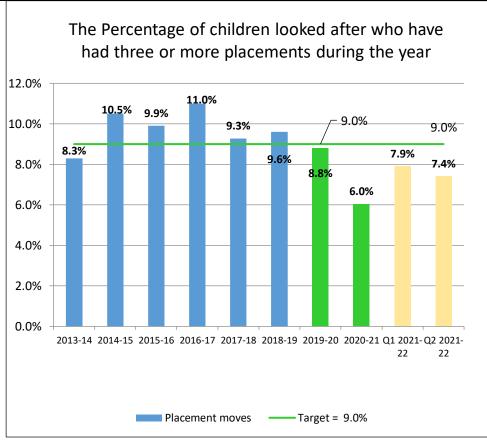
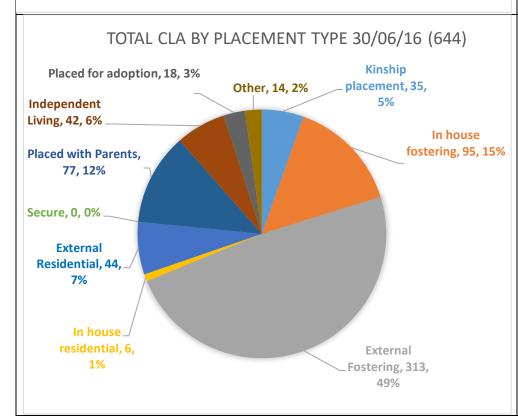
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

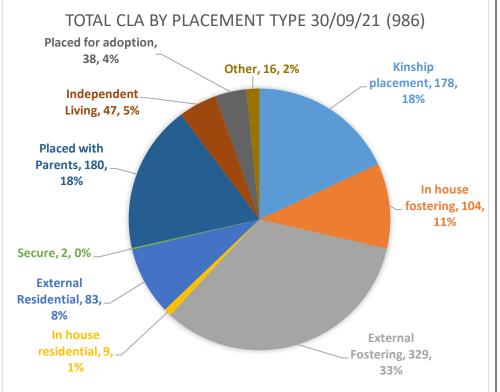










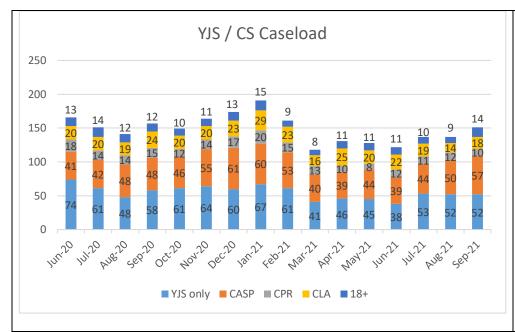


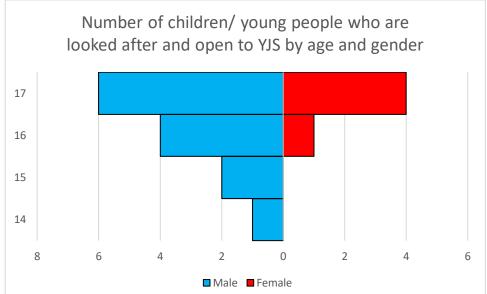
After a decrease in the number of children looked after in the early days of lockdown, a subsequent increase in new admissions led to a gradual increase from 939 at 27th April 2020 to 1,000 at 30th June 2021, falling since to 986 as at 30th September 2021. The number of children looked after has been relatively stable since October 2020, and is being closely monitored. 19 of the 73 children (26%) who started being looked after during Quarter 2 2021/22 were placed with parents on a Care Order, with family / friends or in parent and baby placements.

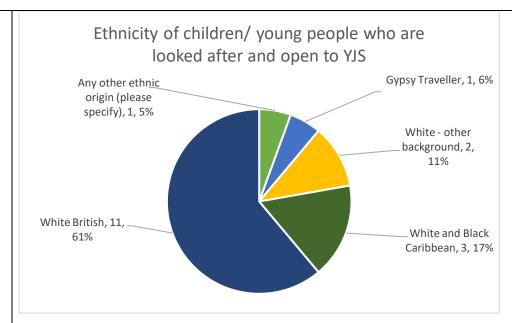
The graph above shows the percentage of looked after children who have had 3 or more placements during the year = 7.4% (73 / 986.) This is a rolling result for quarter 2, based on the children who were looked after as at 30th September 2021 and the number of placements they had during the preceding year. 73 of our children looked after as at the 30th September had 3 or more placements during the year. This is in comparison to 6% (60 / 992) for the 2020/21 result as at 31st March 2021.

The pie charts show the shift in the balance of care we have achieved in recent years. The percentage of children being looked after and placed with parents on a Care Order or in kinship arrangements with family members has increased from 17% (112 / 644) to 36.3% (358 / 986), while the percentage of children looked after in regulated placements minus kinship placements has reduced from 71% (458 / 644) to 54.1% (533 / 986.)

CPAC Dashboard Quarter 2 2021-22



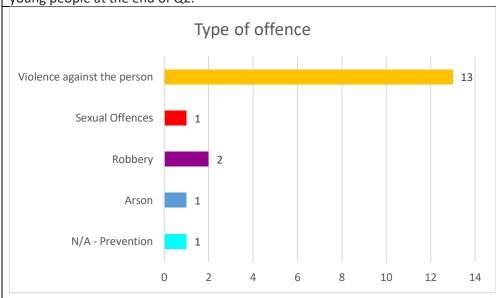


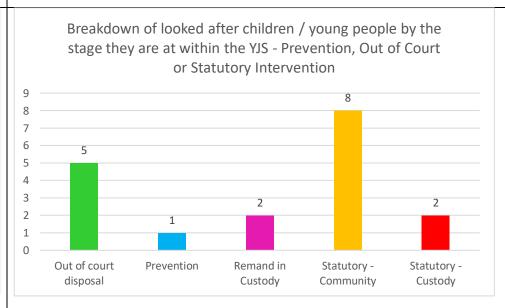


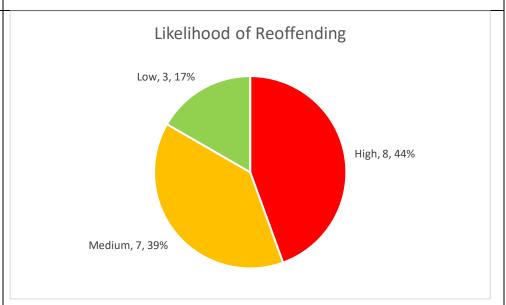
The chart above shows the open YJS caseload as at the end of each month, which identifies all young people open to Children's Services. Following a decrease in caseload numbers over Q1, the number on the caseload is again rising, but not in terms of the CLA population which has decreased from 22 at the end of Q1 to 18 young people at the end of Q2.

5 of the eighteen young people are female which is nearly a third, that is a high percentage in relation to the wider YJS cohort. The vast majority are over statutory school age.

The latest published information from the Youth Justice Board (mid 2011) shows 80% of the 10-17 year old population were white and 5% were mixed. The chart shows 61% are White British and the remaining 39% are other ethnic minorities.







There are 18 young people currently known to YJS who are also looked after. The majority are on Referral Orders - 1st time court appearances; the most prevalent offences appear to be linked to Serious Youth Violence.

YJS engages young people across a wide range of interventions from Prevention prior to offending to those in Custody and on licence in the community. Those young people remanded into custody automatically have CLA status. The chart shows the highest percentage of CLA were engaged on Referral Orders. This is the lowest level community order available to the courts, where successful completion results in the conviction being 'spent'.

The above shows that 44% of young people looked after were assessed as high risk of reoffending. Of the 8 young people 4 have been known to the Youth Justice Service for a number of years and have been sentenced on 5 or more separate occasions. 2 young people are known to have further outstanding offences and continue to display the same behaviours, 1 young person is not engaging with services offered and 1 young person is being criminally exploited with a conclusive grounds NRM. This is the National Referral Mechanism which is a scheme to identify those people who are being exploited by others.

EDUCATION

		As at 31 st March 2021	
1	The number of looked after children:	687	
	In a Cardiff school or setting	424	
	In an out of county school or setting	223	
	EOTAS (not on roll at a school)	37	
	Not in provision	3	

		As at 31 st March 2021
1	The number and percentage of looked after children with SEN / ALN:	
	School Action	95
	%	14%
	School Action Plus	91
	%	13%
	Statement	132
	%	19%
	With Individual Development Plans (once	N/A

IDPs are statutory for all looked after

children)

		September 2020 - August 2021
2	Schools Exclusions:	
	Cardiff schools only	
	Number of LACE with one or more fixed term exclusion (Sept to date)	27
	%	3%
	Number of LACE permanently excluded this year (Sept to date)	0
	%	0%

Attendance:

Exclusions:

		September 2020 - August 2021
_	Attendance:	
3	Cardiff schools only	
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Attendance cannot be reported as data would be skewed and not an accurate representation because of the isolating of year groups/classes. There wasn't a code for 'not required to attend' before November so all children were marked as absent.

Education figures will be almost the same as figures shared at the last meeting as we have come to the end of the academic year that we are currently reporting on.

There are gaps in data as official figures are not available until later for example, official NEET and academic results. We will have these before March 2022 when this report will be completed by.

This data reports on the last academic year 2020-21 and will be completed by March 2022 by which point we will know the next reporting cohort and can start giving figures on the 2021-22 academic year.

Please note there is no attainment data currently available as Exams were cancelled 2020 & 2021. New measures will be established as part of curriculum reform.

LACE Not in Provision (NIP):

		September 2020 – August 2021
4	Time spent Not in Provision (NIP) academic year to date:	
	Number of LACE NIP this academic year living in Cardiff	2
	Av Weeks NIP (Cardiff)	7.4
	Number of LACE NIP this academic year living in OOC	7
	Av Weeks NIP (OOC)	20.39

Personal Education Plans:

		September 2020 – August 2021
5	Personal Education Plans:	
	Total number of LACE with a PEP this academic year	667
	%	97%
	Total number of LACE with a PEP this academic year (Cardiff Schools)	416
	%	98%
	Total number of LACE with a PEP this academic year (OOC Schools)	217
	%	98%
	Total number of LACE with a PEP this academic year (EOTAS / No School)	34
	%	85%

Successful transition:

		As at 31 st October 2021	
6	Successful Transition to Employment Education or Training:	# Y11	Y11s with intended EET destination*
	Total number of LACE in EET on October 31st	81	67
	%		83%
	Total number of LACE in EET on October 31st (Cardiff)	51	44
	%		86%
	Total number of LACE in EET on October 31st (OOC)	19	17
	%		89%
	Total number of LACE in EET on October 31st (EOTAS)	11	6
	%		55%

As previously noted, weeks 'Not in Provision' is significantly longer for children placed out of Cardiff. This confirms the need to improve joint planning for education when planning placement moves. Some children with additional educational needs / requirements are placed in Local Authorities with insufficient specialist provision and as a result are spending too long not in provision. As a team we are working with Children's Services to improve this joint planning.

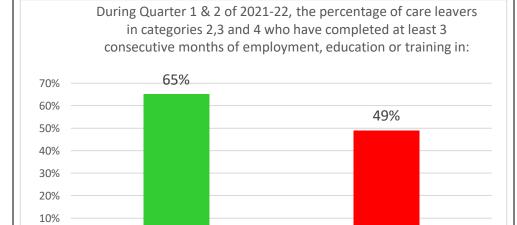
The figure for PEPs is exceptional. Particularly in comparison to historic lows of $20\%\,$

31st October is the date that is used to measure number of young people that are NEET. The figures included gives an indication of those who we expect to be in education, employment and training on this date, based on the information we have about their plans and their current enrolment. We should have the official figures later in the year.

Into Work Service

MONTHLY CASELOAD – (December 2021)	77
TRAINING OUTCOMES (Project Cumulative)	90
WORK EXPERIENCE/ VOLUNTEERING (Project	
Cumulative)	39
FULL TIME EDUCATION (Project Cumulative)	59
JOB OUTCOME (Cumulative)	92
JOB OUTCOME (Sept - Nov)	13
EARLY LEAVER (Sept - Nov)	6

ADOLESCENTS



A) In the 12 months since leaving care

B) In the 13 -24 months since leaving care

= 21 / 43

Source: Children's services – Quarter 1 +2 result for 2021-22

= 32 /49

0%

Housing / Young person Gateway

KPIs for the period 1st July – 30th September 2021:

- **100%** of care leavers prevented from becoming homeless (target is 90%)
- 5 care leavers housed in supported accommodation in the Young Person's Accommodation & Support Gateway
- 7 care leavers housed permanently in social housing through the Training Tenancy scheme
- **111 (99%)** care leavers successfully maintaining their social housing tenancy through the Training Tenancy scheme (target 95%)
- 11 additional units of supported accommodation in the Young Person's Accommodation & Support Gateway (target was 16 units by Autumn 2021; this has been extended to March 2022 due to COVID-19).

Bright Futures mentors have continued to try and engage with new young people and have recently been in discussions with the Youth Service about joint door knocking to try and offer support to more young people. Joint working continues with the pre-16 LACE mentors and Youth Service to ensure we are offering our young people relevant support and avoid duplicating services.

5 Bright Futures young people attended a DIY Taster day in November, hosted by Wates Construction. They learnt a variety of different skills around general property maintenance and enjoyed their time on the construction site. The hope is that the skills learned will help reduce some of the challenges of living independently at such a young age. They will attend a celebration day on December 13th.

Since the Bright Start Traineeship Scheme restarted in July 2021 after Covid restrictions were eased; 8 care experienced young people have completed and are completing placements in various council departments.

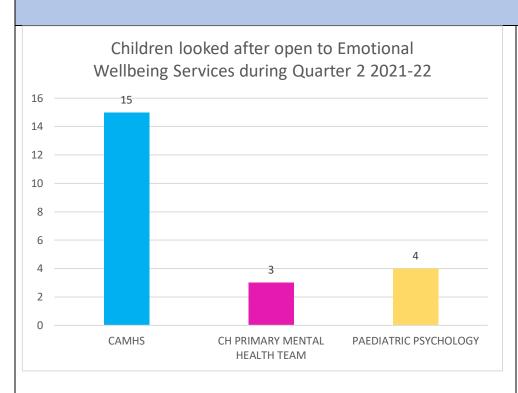
- 2 young people are currently on placement in Central library, helping with meeting and greeting members of the public and supporting Into Work Advice Officers in the Job Club
- 2 young people are coming to the end of 6 months at the White Water Rafting Central, competing various role relevant qualifications and assisting with running activities for members of the public
- 1 young person is currently on a placement with Flying Start, helping run the nursery provision
- 1 young person is completing a placement with Into Work on the Butetown Project, helping youth mentors with designing promotional material and general office tasks

Each young person has made amazing progress on the Scheme, growing in confidence and employability. They have all gained work relevant qualifications, work skills and enhanced their CVs.

Further detail is provided on the attached Bright Start update.

During quarter 1 and 2: The percentage of care leavers in categories 2,3 and 4 who have completed at least 3 consecutive months of employment, education or training in: A) the 12 months since leaving care = 65% which matches the target of 65%.

The percentage of care leavers in categories 2,3 and 4 who have completed at least 3 consecutive months of employment, education or training in: B) the 13-24 months since leaving care = 49% which is below the target of 57%.



HEALTH

21 children and young people who were looked after were open to Emotional Wellbeing Services during Quarter 2. 15 children / young people were open to CAMHS, 5 of these were receiving urgent intervention. 8 were open to the Generic Team whilst two were receiving support from Hafal whilst on the CAMHS waiting list. 1 was receiving support from the Community Intensive Treatment Team, who operate frequent home visits for psychological interventions to provide support and aid recovery by seeing the child in their home/family environment. This is turn reduces/actively prevents hospital admissions and allays further issues that could worsen mental health that could otherwise occur if the child were hospitalised, such as missing out seeing friends and family, disruption to family life and missing school.

3 of those open to Paediatric Psychology were receiving consultations to assess the impact of becoming looked after on their behaviour, outlook and mental health. 1 was open the Psychology assessment/ intervention team. Three were open to the Primary Mental Health Team, where service delivery involves a consultation to complete an assessment before commencing a care and treatment plan which could include referral into CAMHS or the provision of other support services either via the NHS, Local Authority, 3rd Sector or via Digital Platforms.

Please note children and young people can be open to more than one team at once.

OTHER

All Health data is in Development.

Source: Police

Please note data provided is in relation to those identified as looked after on the Cardiff and the Vale Health's database during quarter 1 open to Emotional Wellbeing Services during quarter 2. Health are hoping to have increased development and reporting capacity during Q4 and would be looking to update that report to include children with concurrent referrals to the CLA Nursing team.

Children's Services are working with Cardiff and the Vale Health board to help improve data integrity and capture further data in relation specifically to Children Looked After.

Health are anticipating data for the Paediatric Weight Management service (aka AFAL – Active Families Active Lives) to be available in the Q4 reports.

Source: Health

Mind of my own/ participation data - in development, anticipating that we will have initial data to report for the next quarter.

Reported incidents of abuse / violence involving children in Cardiff who are looked after between 01/07/2021 and 30/09/2021 Child to other family member Sibling to sibling 2 Son/ daughter to parent 0 1 2