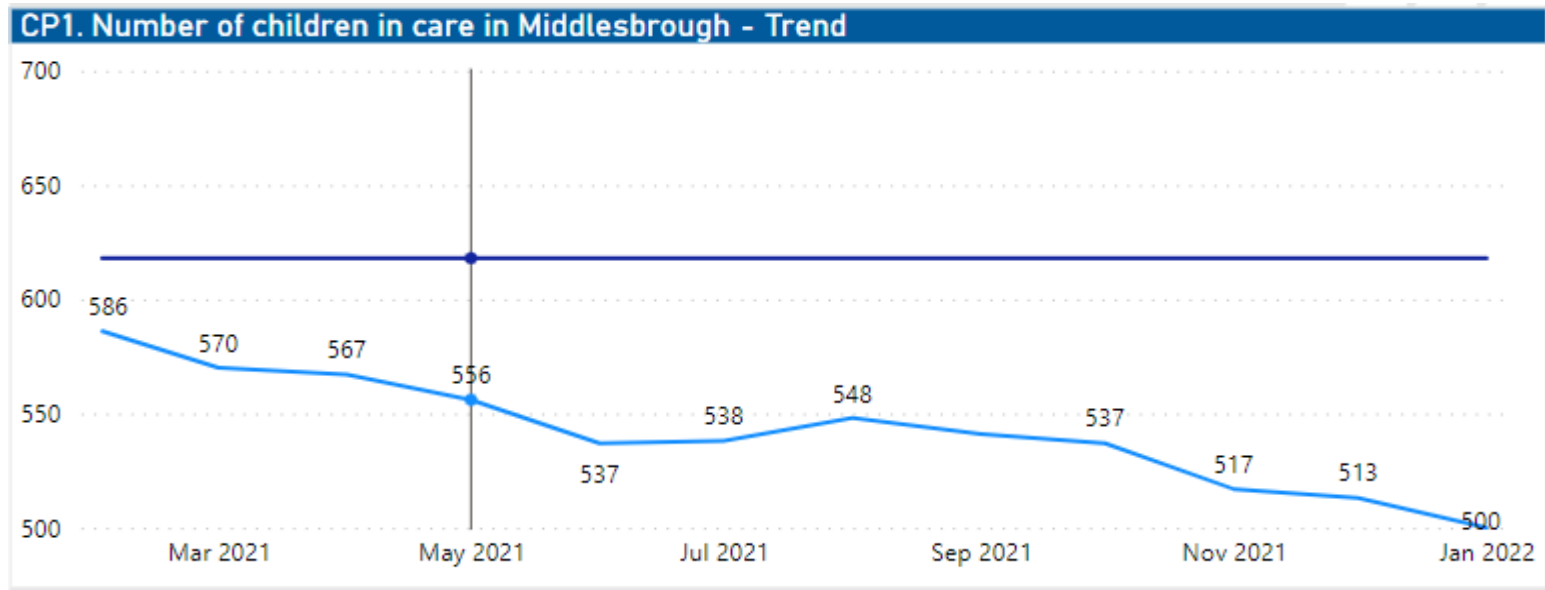


Corporate Parenting Scorecard Highlights

Corporate Parenting Board
14 February 2022

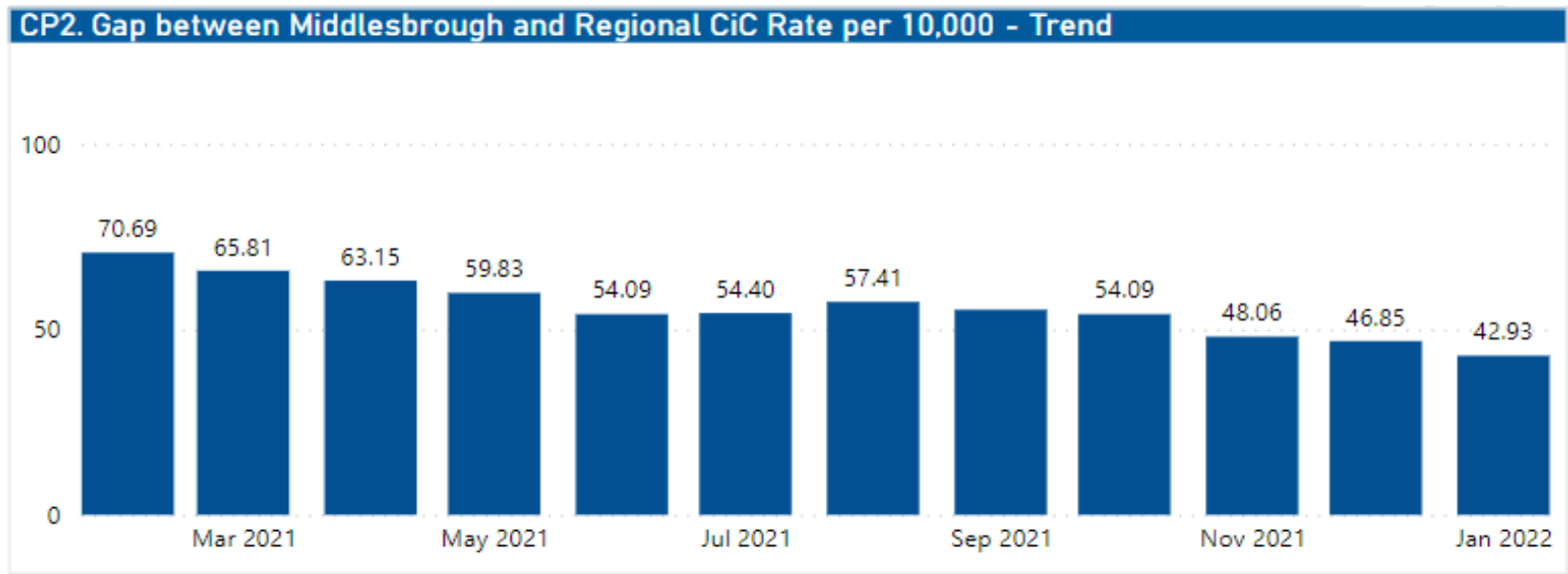
Demand



In February 2021 there were 586 children looked after in the authority. This has reduced to 500 at the end of January 2022.

There has been a rapid reduction over the year demonstrating a decrease of 14.6% over the last 12 months and an overall 28.7% reduction since the height of 702 children in September 2020. For every 0.6 children entering care, one child exits care. This ratio has been maintained for 7 months.

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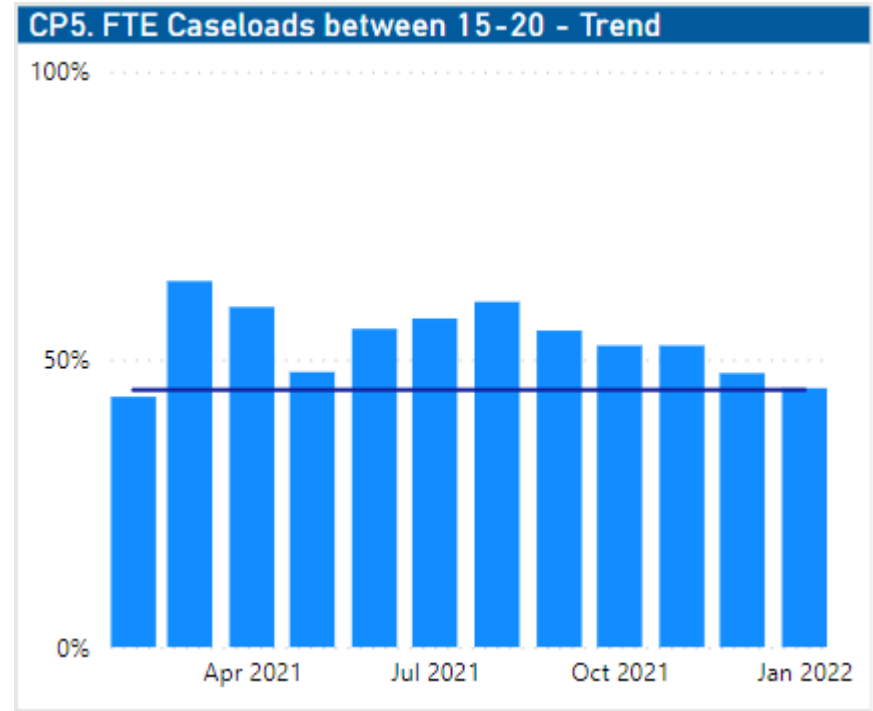
In February 2021 the gap between Middlesbrough's rate of looked after children per 10,000 of the children population and that of the region was 70.69. This has consistently reduced over the last 12 months and is currently 42.93.

As of today Middlesbrough's rate per 10,000 is 149. Our statistical neighbor rate is that of 134.

Demand - Caseloads

Caseloads have consistently reduced since August 2021 and throughout the improvement journey.

Whilst the average per service area varies slightly, the average caseloads across Children's social care is currently 16.7. This will support the service to drive improvements in the quality of practice.



Permanency

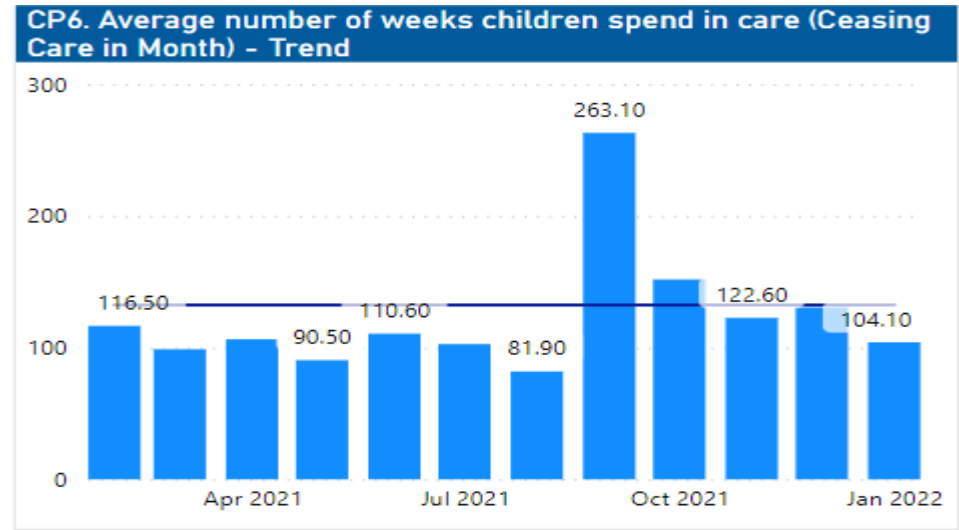
22 children ceased to be looked after in January 2022 (CHAT 07.02.22).

Of the children that ceased to become looked after they had spent an average of 104 weeks in care.

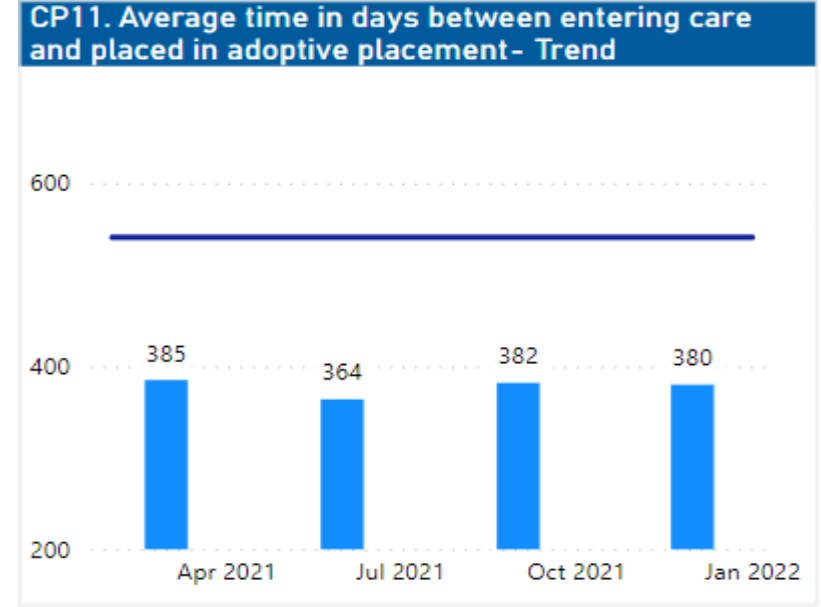
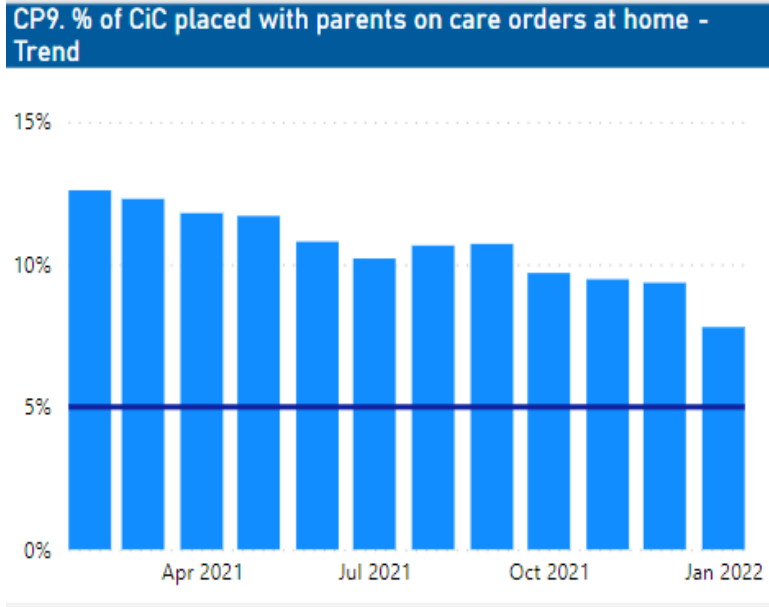
This is a reduction from December 2021 where it took those children who had secured permanence longer.

Of the 22 children that ceased to be looked after:

- 4 were adopted
- 6 SGO/Residence Orders
- 8 turned 18 years of age
- 3 returned to family
- 1 other



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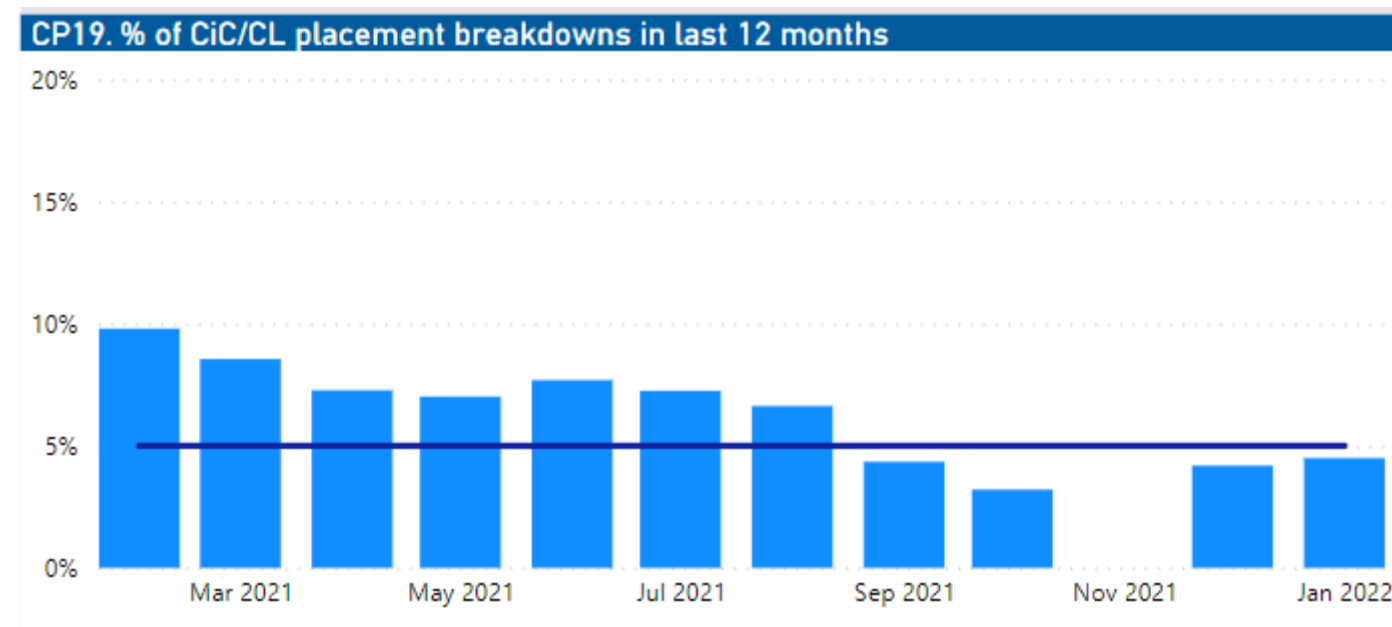


Children Placed with Parents - The number of children placed with a parent and subject to a Care Order has reduced significantly since February 2021. There are currently 39 children placed with a parent. This is a 60% overall reduction since the height on 99 children in September 2020.

Connected Carers – Connected Carers – There are currently 105 children in connected carers placements. The overall numbers have reduced from 108 in December 2021. This has reduced from a height of 212 in 2020 (50.4%).

Adoption - The average number of days from entering care to being placed in an adoptive placement is 380. This has reduced from a height of 558 days in 2019/20 to 382 days in October 2021. (Adoption Score Care data for Q2)

Placement Stability



Less than 5% of the looked after population have experienced a placement breakdown in the last 12 months.

In January 2021, 9.8% of looked after children had experienced a placement break down in the last 12 months.

At the end of January 2022 – 37 children looked after by Middlesbrough had experience 3 or move placement moves in the last 12 months. (7.4% of the cla population). This has been reduced from 127 in January 2021.

Quality and Impact

Visits

What does the performance tell us this month?

94% of children were visited within January 2022 (2% decrease from last month) and 94% of children were seen by their social worker in January 2022 (2% decrease from last month). 83% of looked after children have been seen alone.

Supervision/Management Oversight

What does the performance tell us this month?

94% of looked after children have had a supervision within the month of January 2022.

How does it compare to last month?

This is a 2% decrease from last month. This has been consistently high at over 90% for the last 12 months.

Personal Education Plans

What does the performance tell us this month?

Performance in relation to PEPs remains high at 98.9%. This is a 0.7% increase from last month when 98.2% of children had a recorded PEP within the last 6 months. This performance has remained consistently high for the last 12 months.

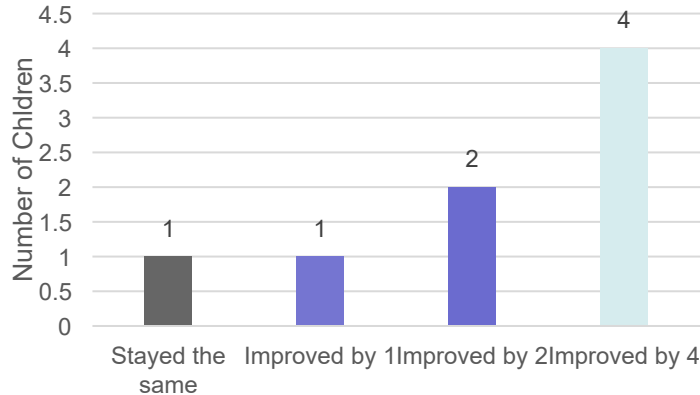
Health Assessments

What does the performance tell us this month?

92.4% of health checks have been conducted and recorded within the last 12 months. This is an increase from 93.1% in December 2021. Performance has been consistently high at over 90% for the last 12 months

Dental checks – 66.8% of children overall have had a dental check in the last 12 months. This has been a 1.5% decrease since last month.

What our Children Tell Us



Since having a Social Worker:

- 50% of children reported that things had improved for them by 4
- 25% of children reported that things had improved for them by 2
- 12.5% of children reported that things had improved for them by 1
- 12.5% of children reported that things had stayed the same

Children said that they felt listened to by their social worker, with one child stating *'They take into account my thoughts and feelings'*.

Children reported having good relationships with their social workers, with one child reporting ***'You do what you say you are going to do. Get things done quickly, I'm not waiting about for things to happen'***. Another child reported ***'There's not been no false promises. So I feel good'***.

When asked what difference their Social Worker had made to their lives, children reported:

'We are getting on better as a family, my social worker has helped me a lot'.

'I have received the help and support I need'

'My Social Worker helped me to move from residential care to a foster home which was my wish'

'Well I now live in care, I am glad that social workers are involved. I feel happier and safer now that I do not live with Mum. I remember when I lived with Mum social workers or support workers had to come to the house every morning to make sure I was dressed for school'.