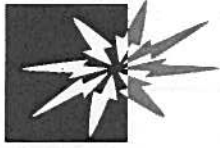


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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 30 March 2011

Report Title: An Update Report on Key Performance Information in Child Protection

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Wards(s) affected: ALL

Report for: Non-Key Decision

**1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)**

This report provides update on some key performance data relating to the Council's work to safeguard and protect vulnerable children.

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)**

2.1.

**3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:**

**4. Recommendations**

4.1. To note contents of this report

<p>5. Reason for recommendation(s) 5.1.</p>
<p>6. Other options considered 6.1. N/A</p>
<p>7. Summary</p> <p>7.1. This report provides update on some key performance data relating to the Council's work to safeguard and protect vulnerable children</p>
<p>8. Financial Comments</p> <p>8.1. <b>There are no specific financial issues arising from this report</b></p>
<p>9. Head of Legal Services Comments 9.1 n/a</p>
<p>10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee] 10.1. n/a</p>
<p>11. Equalities &amp; Community Cohesion Comments</p> <p>11.1. n/a</p>
<p>12. Consultation</p> <p>12.1</p>
<p>13 Use of appendices /Tables and photographs</p> <p>13.1 Attached are graphs containing the National Indicators (NI's) relating to the Children and Families Service. These contain details of annual performance and targets, comparative data and recent monthly data.</p>
<p><b>14 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b></p>

## Commentary to Appendix of NI's

15. **Referrals** – the table below shows the rates of referrals per 10,000 population under 18 compared with the previous years and national averages.

	Haringey 31/3/09 Rate per 10,000	Haringey 31/3/10 Rate per 10,000	Natl Avg 31/03/10 Rate per 10,000		Haringey 31/3/09 Number	Haringey 31/3/10 Number	Haringey 01/04/10 to 28/2/11
No of Referrals Received in Year	575	679	548		2815	3324	2278 (approx year end rate 502)

The rate of referrals has decreased in 2010/11. Significant work has been undertaken within the multi-agency screening team to ensure that thresholds for social work intervention are clear and appropriate. Around 90% of contacts into the service are dealt with at this point either by social workers, police, specialist health visitors, education and CAMHS.

16. NI 68 – this measures the conversion rate of referrals going onto be initial assessments. In the year to date to the end of February 84% of referrals converted to initial assessments. These are higher than previous outturns and comparator averages, an indication that thresholds for social work intervention are clear and appropriate.

17. **Assessments** - The timescale for completion of initial assessments has changed from 2010/11 to allow 10 days for initial assessments to be completed rather than 7 to ensure an early and timely view is taken of children's needs. The year to date percentage of assessments completed in 10 days is 66% against a plan of 70% for the year. The February position for this indicator showed much improvement with 136 out of 184 initial assessments completed in timescale, 74%. Assessment processes and timeliness are subject to on-going monitoring, review and audit.

NI 60 – for more complex cases, a more comprehensive assessment is required. These are known as 'core assessments' and are required to be completed in 35 days. The year to date position for core assessments in timescale is 60.5% against a target of 70%. There has been an increase in cores completed in the month partly due to a focus on completion of older core assessments outstanding, therein affecting overall timeliness. The Head of Service for First Response is in the process of undertaking an audit and review of assessments older than 40 days. The data below breaks down the number of assessment completed against those completed in timescale.

	Statistical Neighbours 2009-10	2010- 11 Plan	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11
Number of Initial Assessments Completed in the Month			148	206	201	175	165	184
Number of initial			98	152	123	121	89	136

	Statistical Neighbours 2009-10	2010-11 Plan	Sep 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	Feb 11
assessments completed within 10 days								
Percentage of Initial Assessments Completed in 10 days			66.2%	73.8%	61.2%	69.1%	53.9%	<b>73.9%</b>
Year to date Percentage of Initial Assessments Completed in 10 days	78%	70%	65.8%	67.2%	66.3%	66.6%	65.4%	66.2%
Number of Core Assessments Completed in the Month			92	85	103	109	106	117
Number of Core Assessments Completed within 35 days of initial assessment			64	45	70	71	68	76
Percentage of Core Assessments Completed within 35 days			69.6%	52.9%	68.0%	65.1%	64.2%	<b>65.0%</b>
NI 60 - Year to date position of Core Assessments Completed	79%	70%	58.0%	57.4%	58.8%	59.5%	60.0%	60.5%

18. Numbers subject to a child protection plan. The table below shows the rates of children subject to child protection plans per 10,000 population under 18 compared with the previous years and national averages. Although the proportion of children appeared to plateau over the last few months, there has been an increase in the number of children becoming subject to a CP plan in February, 39 compared to an average of 26 each month since the beginning of April.

The Borough continues to see a greater number of children and young people subject to CP Plans moving into the Borough than moving out of the Borough. In the 13 months to February 2011, 43 children subject to a CP Plan moved into the Borough and 36 moved out of the Borough. Since January this year, 11 children subject to CP Plans have moved into the Borough and only 3 have moved out.

	Haringey 31/3/09 Rate per 10,000	Haringey 31/3/10 Rate per 10,000	Nat Avg 31/03/10	Haringey 31/3/09 Number	Haringey 31/3/10 Number	Haringey 28/2/11 Number
Children Subject to a CP Plan	36.5	60	35.5	179	294	325 (rate 66)



Data for Children Subject to Child Protection Plans in Haringey Comparator Boroughs is listed in the table below:

Children subject to a CP Plan @ 31/03/2010	
Hackney	N/A
Islington	132
Wandsworth	162
Waltham Forest	170
Lewisham	203
Hammersmith and Fulham	235
Greenwich	278
Haringey	294
Lambeth	304
Southwark	336
Croydon	346

19. NI 67 – children who are subject to child protection plans should be reviewed initially after three months and then every six months thereafter. At the end of February, there were 7 children whose reviews had been held out of timescale in the year (Apr – Feb 11), 97%, an improvement on the previous year, and in line with the national average. Work is underway to review, streamline and improve child protection review processes.

20. NI 65 – this measures children newly becoming subject to a plan who had previously had a plan some time in their earlier life. Numbers are small and monthly variations are not a reliable indicator of performance. In February, 3 out of 39 children who were made subject to a Child Protection Plan had previously been subject to a plan. This is a year to date position of 9.2% against a plan of 10% and in line with comparators.

21. NI 64 – this measures children who, when their child protection plan ceases, had had a plan for two or more years. Again monthly variation is too small to be a reliable indicator of trends. In February, one of the 25 children who ceased to be subject to a Child Protection Plan had been subject to a plan for two or more years. This is a year to date position of 5.4% and in line with comparators.

22. Number of children in care – Following a sharp rise in numbers of children in care in 2009/10, although slightly higher, overall numbers of children in care have stabilised throughout 2010/11. However, there has been an increase in the proportion of care proceedings initiated in this year with 201 care proceedings initiated between April 10 and February 11 compared with 186 between April 09 and March 10, requiring more complex work and allocation of resource.

At the end of February 2011, there were 609 children in care. This remains higher than comparator averages as outlined in the tables below.

The following table shows the rates of children in care per 10,000 population under 18 compared with the previous years and national averages.

	Haringey 31/3/09 Rate per 10,000	Haringey 31/3/10 Rate per 10,000	Nat Avg 31/03/10	Haringey 31/3/09 Number	Haringey 31/3/10 Number	Haringey 28/2/11 Number
Children in Care	100	119	Nat 58 *SN 89	492	591	609 (rate 124)

\*SN is our top 10 statistical neighbours

Data for Children in Care in Haringey Comparator Boroughs is listed in the table below:

<b>Children in Care @ 31/03/2010</b>	
Wandsworth	205
Hammersmith and Fulham	255
Hackney	305
Islington	315
Waltham Forest	340
Lewisham	525
Southwark	555
Lambeth	565
Haringey	590
Greenwich	590
Croydon	1010

23. NI 66 – as with children subject to plans, children in care also have to be regularly reviewed. At the end of February, 89% of children in care had their reviews in timescale in the year. This is 62 out of 609 children in care who had at one or more reviews out of timescale in the year so far. Comparator averages for this indicator are around 90%.

24. NI 63 and 62 – are both measures of the stability of children in care. NI63 measures those who have been in the same placement for at least 2 of the last 2.5 years. In February, 99 out of 142 children who had been in care for 2.5 years or more had been in the same placement for at least 2 years (70% and in line with comparator averages).

NI62 measures how many children have three or more moves in the course of a year – performance is good (and when these PIs were subject to bandings, 0-16% was considered top performance). At the end of February, 81 out of 609 children in care have had three or more placements so far in the year (April 10 – Feb 11 which is 13.9% for this period or 14.9% for the previous 12 months). Performance in this area is higher than comparator averages. A review of all children with 2 or more placements in the year has been undertaken. Much of the initial movement of children relates to sibling groups being separated on initial placement until appropriate placements are found to ensure that where possible these siblings are placed together. There is also a particular pressure in this area due to the high number of children in care and difficulty

in finding appropriate placements as soon as children are coming into care. Long term stability of children in care however remains at a good level and in line with averages. Findings from all analysis in this area will form part of the commissioning strategy for children's placements.

25. Adoptions/Special Guardianship Orders - There has been 16 adoption and 11 special guardianship orders granted to date totalling 27. NI61 – 11 (69%) of the children adopted were placed within 12 months of best interest, this is in line with comparator boroughs.

26. NI 147 – measures the number of care leavers known to be in suitable accommodation. 91% of children who turned 19 in the year to date were in suitable accommodation on or around their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, in line with comparator boroughs.

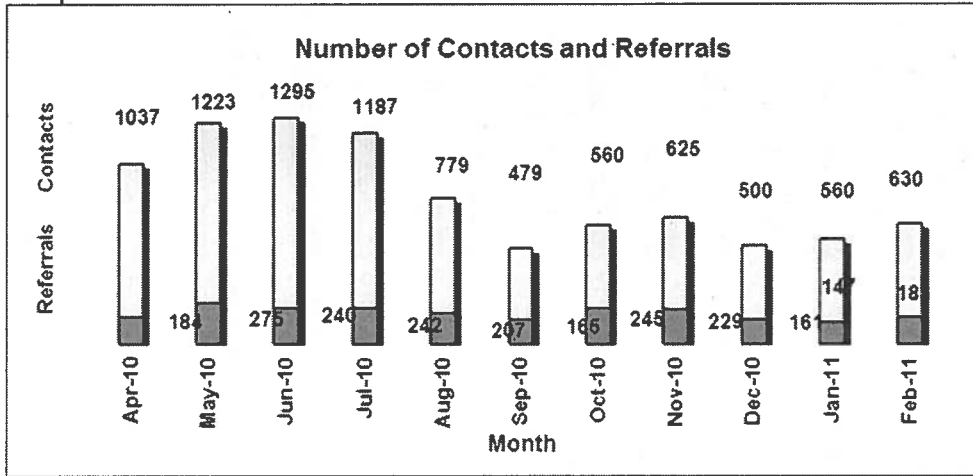
27. NI 148 – is a subset of the Council's NEET figures and looks at 19 year old care leavers who were in Education, Training or Employment on or around their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Care leavers are one of the hard to reach groups. 71% of children who turned 19 in the year to date were in education, training or employment on or around their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, considerably higher than comparator boroughs.



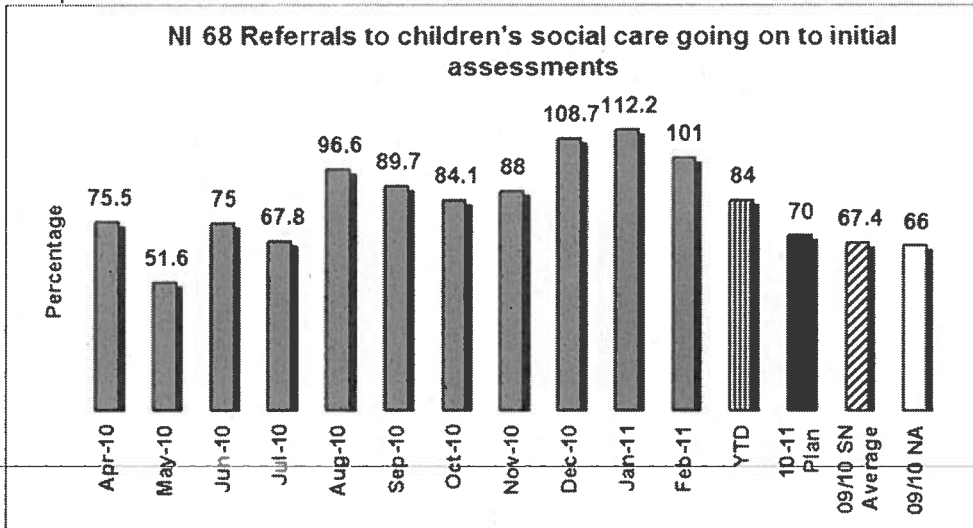
# Appendix 1 – Key Performance Indicators – Graphs

## Referral and Assessment

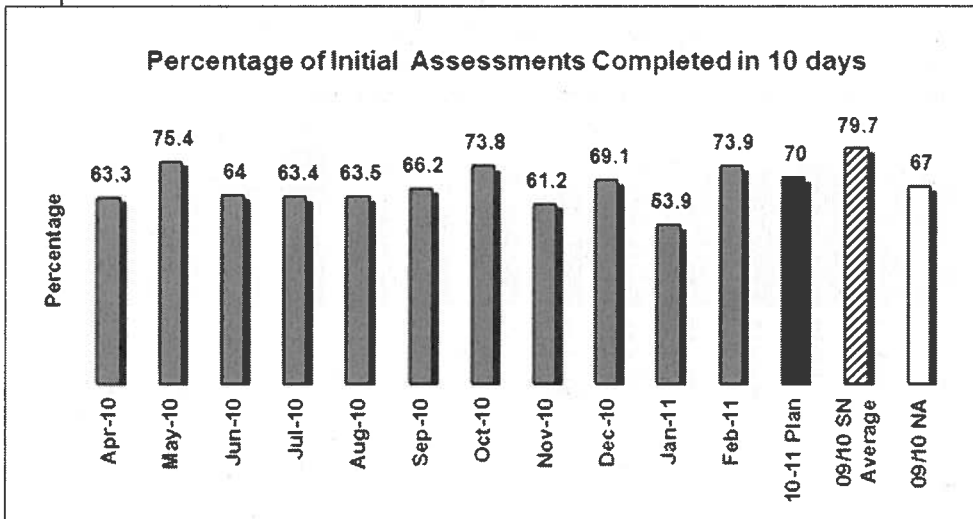
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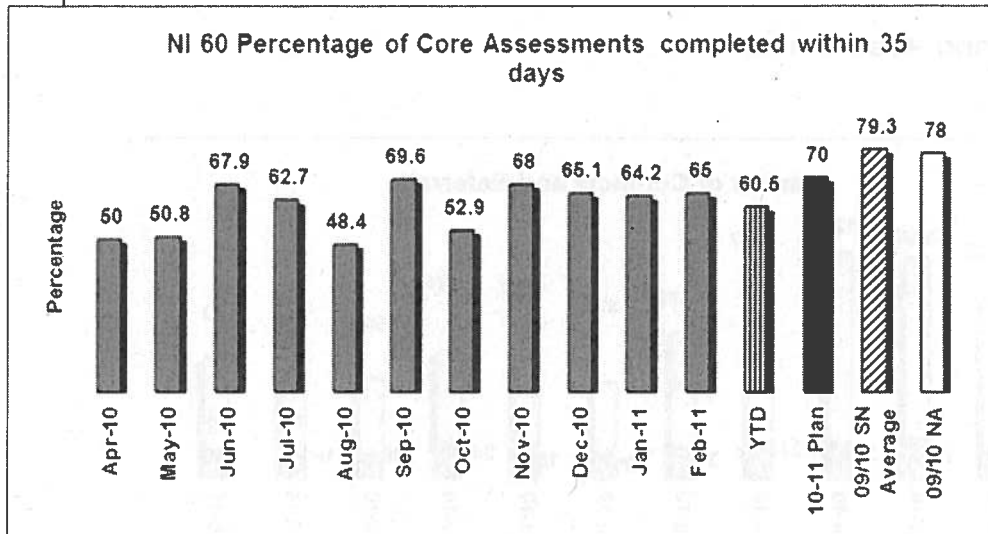
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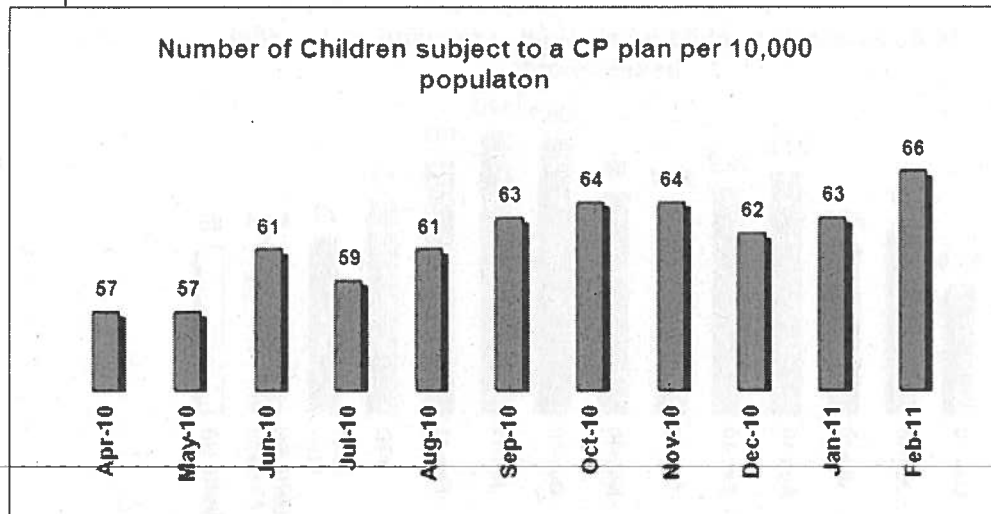


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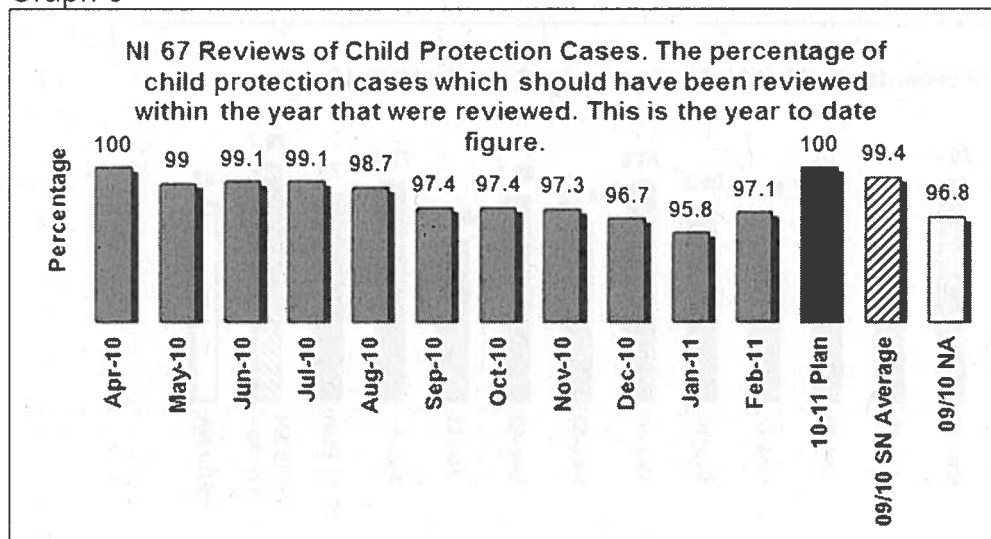


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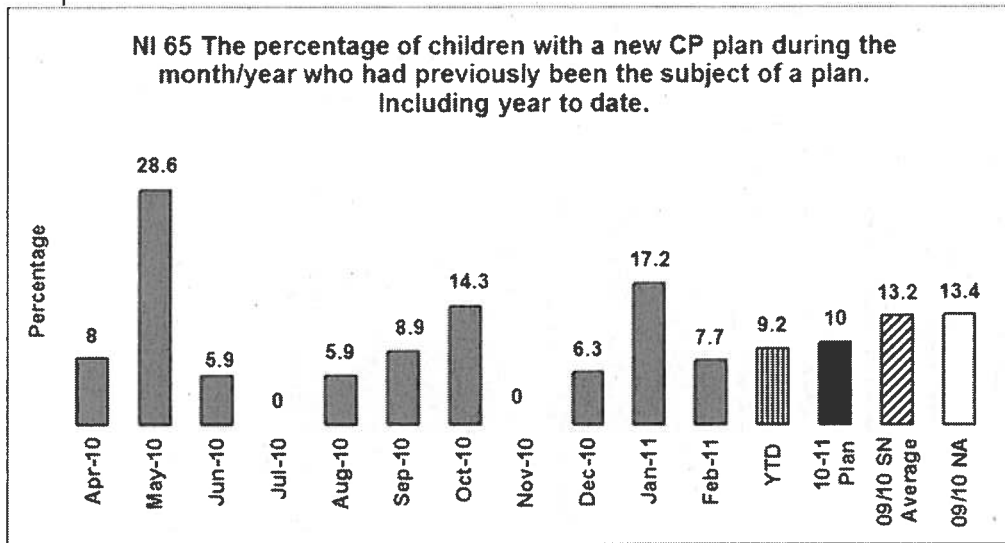
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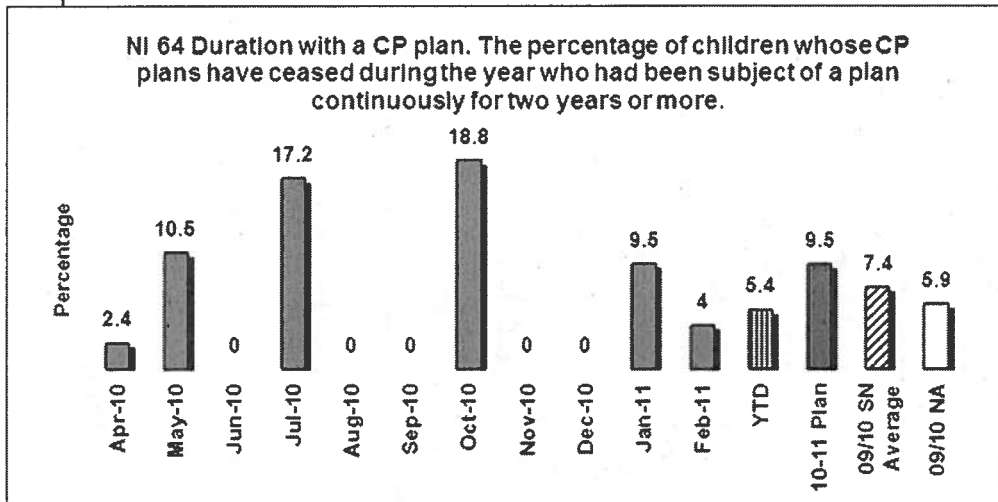
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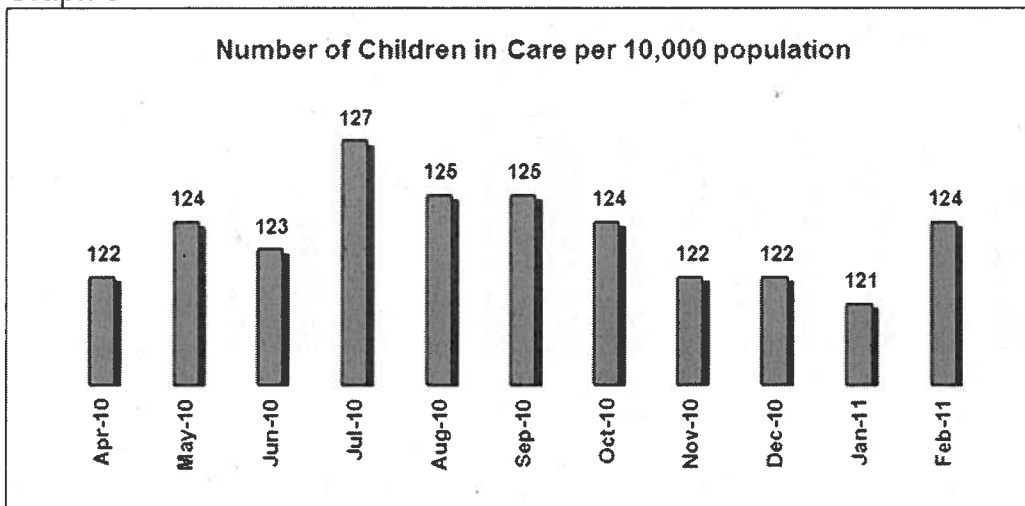


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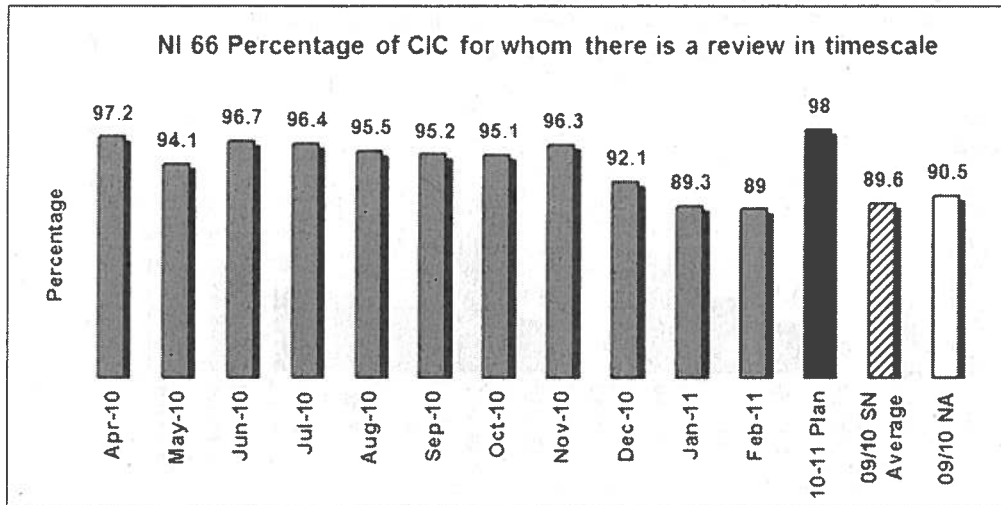


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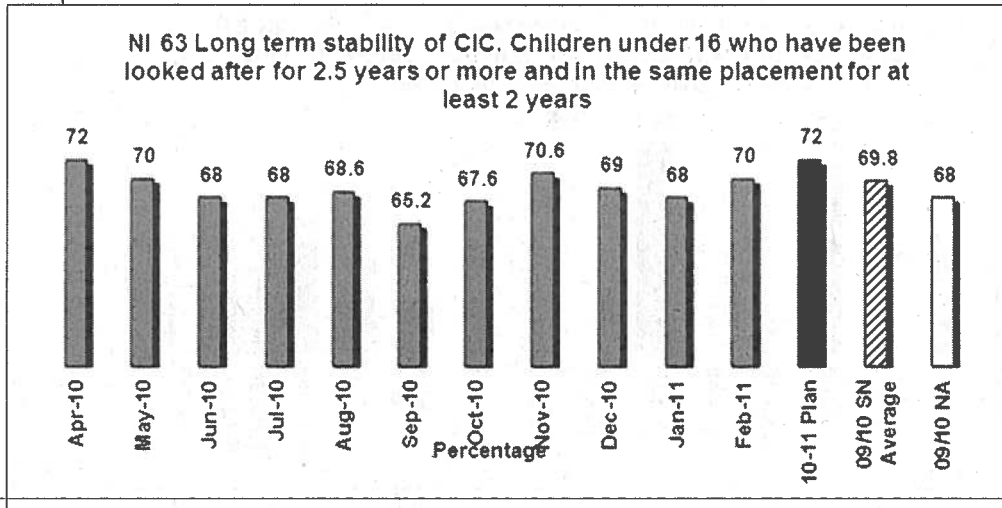
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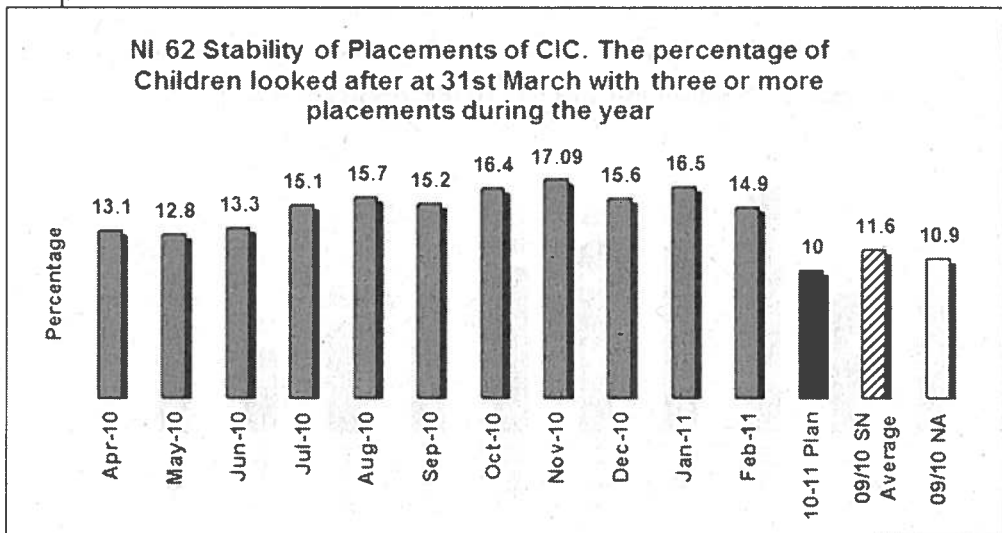
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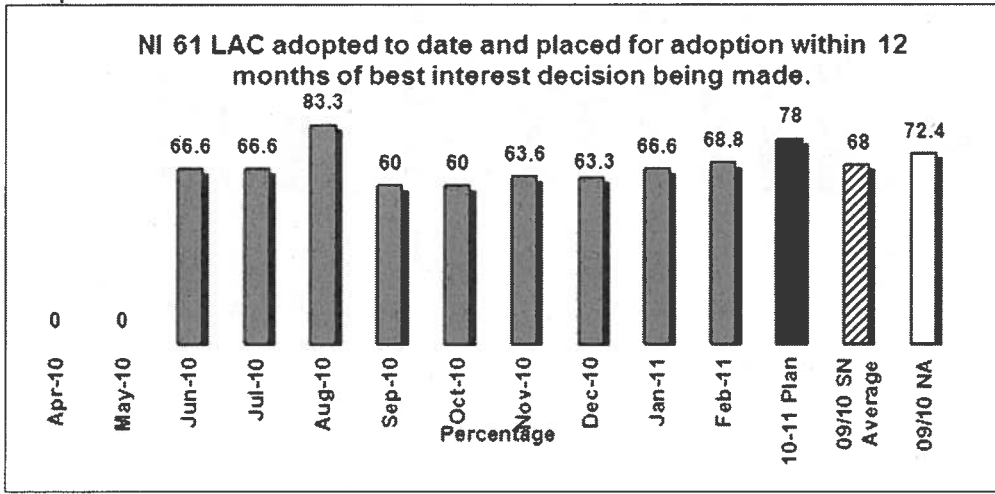
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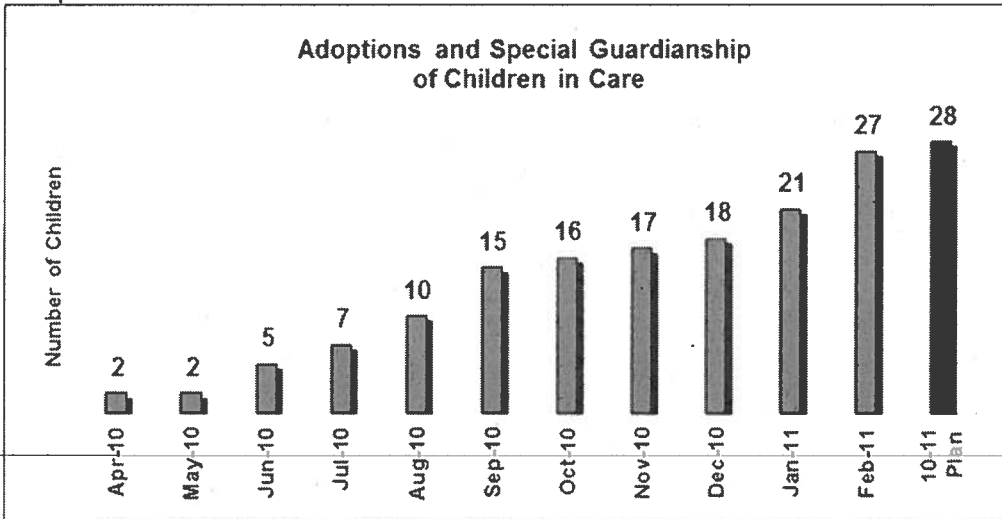
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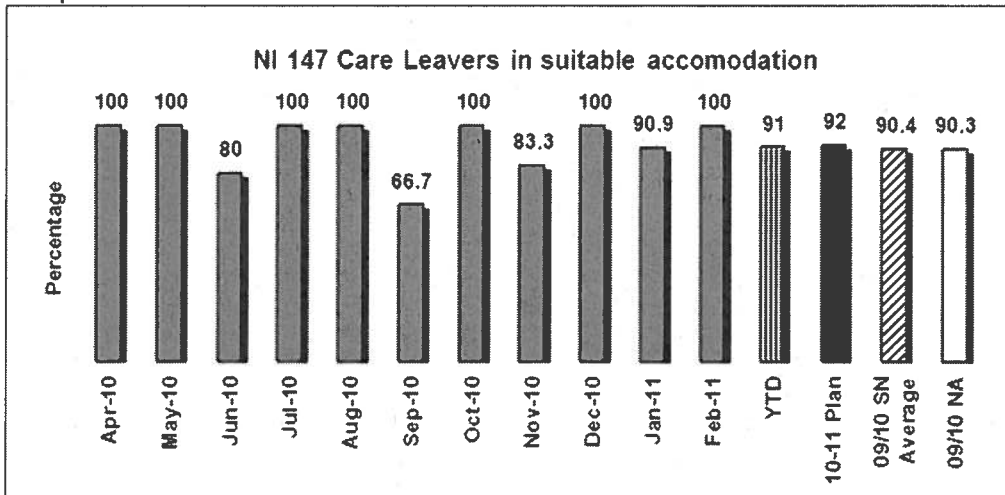
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