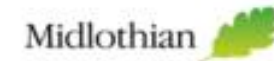


Children's Services, Partnership and Communities Performance Report 2022/23

• Quarter 3



01. Progress in delivery of strategic outcomes



01 Progress in delivery of strategic outcomes

GIRFEC Service Priority: More children and young people are safe, healthy and resilient

Priority Action 1: Develop a Midlothian Whole Family Support Service

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- All staffing in place and due to start 16th January 2023

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- Referrals will be received into service from end January 2023
- Continue to strengthen working relationships with third sector and other partner agencies and ensure there is no duplication of services. Event organised for February with 3rd sector to ensure a collaborative approach in taking this service forward
- Communications strategy with partners and service users to continue to be rolled out
- Strategy paper and plan regards evaluation will also be progressed

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
Funding and resources are in place for 23/24	31/03/23	New Measure	0		12 staff recruited	All staff in place

Priority Action 2: Increase the number of families who benefit from Family Systemic work

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- First annual evaluation report completed
- At the end of Q3 a total of 29 families were engaged in Family Systemic work

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- Continue to evaluate the impact of systemic family work in Midlothian
- Deliver two NVR coaching groups for workers across Children's Services
- Facilitate further awareness raising workshops in 2023

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
17 new families	31/03/23	17	12	4	5	29

Priority Action 3: Promote the use of Self-Directed Support (SDS) amongst families using services

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- 46% increase in the number of families who organise their own support
- Review of resources and how these are accessed by service users with varying levels of need
- Continue to review current assessment processes
- Linked to a wider disability review

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- Guidance continues to be updated and refresher training across the service will follow.
- Section 23/disability practice standards will be developed
- Emphasis on effective transitions
- Identify and progress opportunities to expand holiday provision and respite options locally for children with complex additional needs

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
Increase by 10% the number of families who organise their own support	31/03/23	75	68		46	67

Priority Action 4: Further develop the supports offered to Family Group Decision Making and Kinship supports

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- Continued to expand the number of families engaged with the Family Group Decision Making service
- Link established between Family Wellbeing and statutory service
- Kinship engagement meetings have been re-established

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- Continue to expand on progress made in Q3 in relation to the number of Families engaging with the Family Group Decision Making Service
- Strengthen relationship with Kinship carers in Midlothian
- Increase awareness of supports available to kinship carers

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
Number of families who are referred to Family Group Decision Making	31/03/23	increase 21/22 figs by 15%	79		32	59
Number of families who participate in Family Group Decision Making	31/03/23	Increase 21/22 figs by 10%	32		16	24
The number of assessments by kinship worker	31/03/23	increase 21/22 fig by 15%	14		4	6
Percentage of kinship carers who attend engagement sessions	31/03/23	80% of Kinship carers one event	New Measure		0	0
Reduce the number of CEYP who enter homeless accommodation vs other suitable accommodation	31/03/23	2			Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023
Number of CEYP living with Foster Carers on After Care arrangement post 21 years	31/03/23	3	New Measure		Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023
Increase number of young people in the National Housing Project	31/03/23	10-12	New Measure		Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023
Average age of young people in Continuing Care	31/03/23	Age 18	New Measure		Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023

Priority Action 5: Develop a pathway for children and families to navigate mental health services

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- CYP mental health strategic planning group has continued to meet

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- New chair of CYP mental health strategic planning Group Single to be identified
- Single point of Access to be developed. This is a significant but important piece of work that has been delayed due to staff shortages and capacity issues.

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
1 x Single Point of Access in place (SPOA)	31/03/23	New Measure	0		N/A	N/A

Priority Action 6: Strengthen mechanisms to support families maximise their income

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- 67% Increase in number of Families being offered an income assessment
- CAB have successfully recruited into the Early Intervention Income Maximisation post. Worker due to start January 2023

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- Development sessions will be undertaken across the service to upskill workers on income maximisation support
- Financial assistance worker to be recruited to respond to financial assistance requests coming into Duty service
- Income maximisation worker to be recruited to sit within Family Wellbeing Service

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
Number of families offered an income assessment	31/03/23	90	60		27	45

Priority Action 7: Children, young people and their families experience high quality services

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- An unannounced inspection of our two residential houses took place in December 2022. The service was evaluated as **Very Good** with the inspectors citing the following key strengths:
 - Young People were experiencing positive outcomes.
 - The service had a clear model of relationship based practice.
 - Staff approached care in a trauma informed way.
 - Both houses were homely and welcoming environments.
 - Management have a clear vision for service improvement.

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- Improvement plans in place

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
Local Adoption Service will provide high quality care and support	31/03/23	Care inspection Grading of GOOD	New Measure		Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023
Local Fostering Service will provide high quality care and support	31/03/23	Care inspection Grading of GOOD	New Measure		Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023
Local Continuing Care/Adult services will provide high quality care and support	31/03/23	Care inspection Grading of GOOD	New Measure		Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023
Hawthorn Family Learning Centre will provide high quality care and support	31/03/22	Care inspection Grading of GOOD	New Measure		Data available March 2023	Data available March 2023
Young People's Care Homes will provide high quality care and support	31/03/22	Care inspection Grading of GOOD	New Measure		Data available March 2023	VERY GOOD

Priority Action 8: Children and young people are supported to develop a strong sense of their own identity

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- Life Story Work training took place in October 2022.12 workers from across Children's Services attended
- 3 staff undertaking formal life story training with a view to increasing capacity within the service

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- Further training to be delivered in 2023

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
Staff are trained and understand Life Story work	31/03/23	20	16		N/A at this time	12

Priority Action 9: Children and young people are supported by staff who understand the importance of trauma informed practice

Progress and Achievement in Q3

- Recruitment of trauma Informed Practice worker
- Educational Psychologist also working with staff and carers to increase capacity within LAAC workforce

Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead

- New worker will develop a work plan

Performance Indicator	Due Date	Target	Baseline (previous data)	Q1	Q2	Q3
Staff are trained in using a trauma informed approach	31/03/23	20	15		N/A at this time	N/A at this time

02. Challenges and Risks

National Care Service: The 'Bill' which is currently in Stage 1 of the process is currently being considered with an expectation that the lead committee will provide a report on the Bill at the start of 2023. CELCIS have been commissioned to undertake research around the inclusion of children's services within the NCS. This work should be concluded by August 2023. No further updates have been received for Q3, however this is still very much a challenge for social work going forward.

The Promise

The Promise lead has now commenced in post and will progress Midlothian's Promise Strategy and plan. A challenge in progressing this work will be to engage with all partner agencies to ensure shared responsibilities as corporate parents. A series of Promise engagement/awareness raising will be rolled out across the Council and Partnership and will include Elected members.

Children's Services Referrals

There remains a significant increase in referrals into Children's Services. Over quarter 3, referrals have risen to 6390, an increase of 7% from the same period last year.

Poverty

As families continue to be impacted by the cost of living crisis this is expected to lead to an increase in the number of families experiencing poverty. This also applies to workers on low incomes.

Workforce:

Midlothian continues to experience the same staffing issues encountered by other Councils. There is a general lack of experienced and skilled staff across the sector and we are having to increasingly rely on locum workers.

Whilst not the only factor, the issue is exacerbated by our salaries not being as competitive as neighbouring local authorities. Furthermore, there is a view that many workers are leaving the profession due to increasing demands being placed on the social work role. We recognise that this is something that professional bodies are tackling nationally

Arrival of Ukrainian Families and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

We continue to welcome Ukrainian families into Midlothian adopting a holistic approach to the support on offer. We are confident that our steady and thorough approach to this work has ensured that we are robust in the work we are undertaking.

We also continue to ensure that we meet the agreed quota of unaccompanied children seeking asylum in Midlothian, arriving from other parts of the world as well as planning and welcoming families fleeing from Afghanistan.

To date we have 123 Ukrainian people (27 families with children) living in Midlothian. We have 21 Afghanistan people which equates to 3 families with children.

Until recently we had 3 young people under the age of 18 who are unaccompanied asylum seeking and 10 young people over the age of 18, most of whom have been here for several years. We recently accommodated a young Afghanistan child who, worker believe is our youngest child yet – he is being looked after by carers.

Children with and Enduring Complex Needs

We continue to work with partners to explore how best to meet the current demands and pressure whilst making sure we future proof our services to deliver sustainable options locally for children and young people with ASN and Complex and Enduring Needs. This includes consideration of residential care home provision.

Foster Care

We continue to seek and explore options to expand our foster carer population recognising the need to future proof this area of service. We are looking at new campaigns to promote recruitment of foster carers for both local children and young people but also to consider caring for unaccompanied asylum seeking children and young people.

Kinship Care

Our desire in Midlothian is to increase our current kinship service. We have a dedicated kinship worker at this time.

Instrumental Music Service

Providing free tuition to all pupils whilst having to meet a significant savings agreed within the Medium Term Financial Strategy will be challenging. We are undertaking an option appraisal which shall consider how we best deliver and design a service that is modern, implementing the learning during the pandemic, whilst also delivering a service that is equitable and sustainable given the current budget position.

Financial Pressures

- There is a financial challenge to deliver statutory services given the current budget gap.
- Due to the current financial climate there may be an impact on services as a result of the cost of living and increase in poverty.

Children's Services, Partnership and Communities PI summary

01. Manage budget effectively

Priorities	Indicator	2021/22	Q3 2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/23	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
01. Manage budget effectively	Performance against revenue budget	£21.870m	£21.231m	£21.703m	£22.199m	£23.950m		Q3 22/23: On Target (360,000) underspend		£22.440m		

02. Manage stress and absence

Priorities	Indicator	2021/22	Q3 2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/23	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
02. Manage stress and absence	Average number of working days lost due to sickness absence (cumulative)	9.10	7.95	2.32	3.77	8.27		Q3 22/23: On Target		9.00	Number of days lost	1,377.46
											Number of FTE in service	166.47



03. Process invoices efficiently

Priorities	Indicator	2021/22	Q3 2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/23	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
03. Process invoices efficiently	% of invoices paid within 30 days of invoice receipt (cumulative)	97%	97%	98%	98%	97%		Q3 22/23: On Target		95%	Number received (cumulative)	12,246
											Number paid within 30 days (cumulative)	11,922



04. Improve PI performance

Priorities	Indicator	2021/22	Q3 2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/23	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
04. Improve PI performance	% of Service PIs that are on target/ have reached their target. (does not include Corporate PIs)	91.84%	87.88%	85.71%	87.88%	94.74%		Q3 22/23: On Target		90%	Number on tgt/complete or Data Only	36
											Total number of PI's	38

05. Control Risk

Priorities	Indicator	2021/ 22	Q3 2021/ 22	Q1 2022/ 23	Q2 2022/ 23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/ 23	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
05. Control Risk	% of high risks that have been reviewed in the last quarter	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		Q3 22/23: On Target		100%	Number of high risks reviewed in the last quarter	2
												Number of high risks

06. Implement Improvement Plans

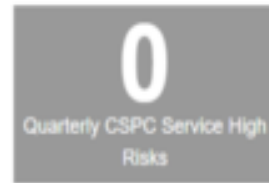
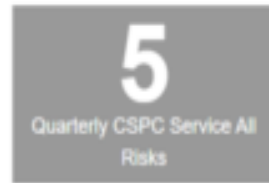
Priorities	Indicator	2021/ 22	Q3 2021/ 22	Q1 2022/ 23	Q2 2022/ 23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/ 23	Feeder Data	Value
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend			
06. Implement Improvement Plans	% of internal/external audit actions progressing on target or complete this quarter.	100%	10%	100%	100%	60%		Q3 22/23: Off Target, Service working with Internal Audit to review internal audit actions.			Number of internal/external audit actions on target or complete	6

Children's Services, Partnerships and Communities Complaints Indicator Summary

Commitment to valuing Complaints 4. Outcomes and Customer Feedback

Indicator	2021/22	Q3 2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/23
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Note	Short Trend	
Number of complaints received (quarterly)	24	5	12	18	12		Q3 22/23: Data only		
Number of complaints closed in the year	24	5	11	11	7		Q3 22/23: Data only		
Number of complaints upheld (quarterly)	2	0	0	0	0		Q3 22/23: Data only		
Number of complaints partially upheld (quarterly)	9	2	6	0	1		Q3 22/23: Data only		
Number of complaints not upheld (quarterly)	9	1	1	1	1		Q3 22/23: Data only		
Number of complaints Resolved (quarterly)	4	2	3		1		Q3 22/23: Data only		
Average time in working days to respond to complaints at stage 1	4.86	4	4.6	8.67	3		Q3 22/23: On Target		5
Average time in working days to respond to complaints at stage 2	20	15	22.67	20	0		Q3 22/23: On Target		20
Average time in working days for a full response for escalated complaints	18.1	15.5	22.67	14.71	36		Q3 22/23: Off Target		20
Percentage of complaints at stage 1 complete within 5 working days	71.43%	100%	80%	33.33%	100%		Q3 22/23: On Target		95%
Percentage of complaints at stage 2 complete within 20 working days	71.43%	100%	66.67%	100%	100%		Q3 22/23: On Target		95%
Percentage of complaints escalated and complete within 20 working days	90%	100%	66.67%	85.71%	0%		Q3 22/23: Off Target		95%
Number of complaints where an extension to the 5 or 20 day target has been authorised (quarterly)	6		0	1	0		Q3 22/23: Data only		
Number of Compliments	1	0	0	1	1		Q3 22/23: Data only		

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Quarterly Reporting Pis - Off Target

Code & Title	Gauge	Value	Target	Next Update Due	Last Update	History
22/23.CSPC.4c The number of assessments by kinship worker		10	12	01 Apr 2023	Q3 2022/23	
BS.CSPC.LPI.05 Child Protection: % of Core Group meetings held within 15 days fo...		82%	100%	01 Apr 2023	Q3 2022/23	
CS.SPSO.04.3 Average time in working days for a full response for escalated compl...		36	20	01 Apr 2023	Q3 2022/23	
CS.SPSO.05.3 Percentage of complaints escalated and complete within 20 working ...		0%	95%	01 Apr 2023	Q3 2022/23	















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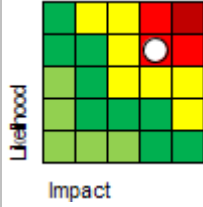

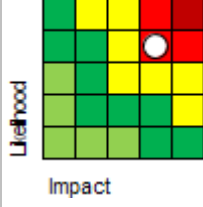



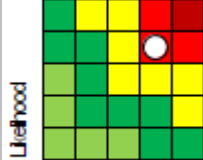
PI Code	PI	Q3 2021/22	2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23			Annual Target 2022/23	Benchmark	
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend			Note
22/23.CSPC.1 a	Funding and resources are in place for 23/24 for a whole family support service				12	12			Q3 22/23: Data Only All staff in place	12	
22/23.CSPC.2	Number of families who benefit from Family Systemic Work	12	15		17	29			Q3 22/23: Data Only Progress and Achievement in Q3 • First annual evaluation report completed • At the end of Q3 a total of 29 families were engaged in Family Systemic work Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead • Continue to evaluate the impact of systemic family work in Midlothian • Deliver two NVR coaching groups for workers across Children's Services • Facilitate further awareness raising workshops in 2023	17	
22/23.CSPC.4 a	Number of families who a referred to Family Group Decision Making				32	59			Q3 22/23: On Target A further 27 families were referred to Family Group Decision Making in Q3.	87	
22/23.CSPC.4 b	Number of families who participate in Family Group Decision Making				16	24			Q3 22/23: On Target	35	
22/23.CSPC.4 c	The number of assessments by kinship worker				4	10			Q3 22/23: Off Target 6 in Q3, 10 so far this year. Kinship worker has been seconded into team	16	

PI Code	PI	Q3 2021/22	2021/22	Q1 2022/23	Q2 2022/23	Q3 2022/23				Annual Target 2022/23	Benchmark
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend	Note		
22/23.CSPC.4d	Percentage of kinship carers who attend engagement sessions				0	0			Q3 22/23: On Target Kinship carer engagement event had been planned with a focus on trauma. Unfortunately this had to be cancelled due to low numbers	80	
22/23.CSPC.4e	Number of CEYP living with Foster Carers on After Care arrangement				N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: Data not available This information will be available later in the year.		
22/23.CSPC.4f	Increase number of young people in the National Housing Project				N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: Data not available This information will be available later in the year.		
22/23.CSPC.4g	Average age of young people in Continuing Care				N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: Data not available This information will be available later in the year.		
22/23.CSPC.4h	Number of CEYP who enter homeless accommodation vs other suitable accommodation	1	1		N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: Data not available This information will be available later in the year.		
22/23.CSPC.5	1 x Single Point of Access in place (SPOA)				N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: Data not available Progress and Achievement in Q3 • CYP mental health strategic planning group has continued to meet Plans for improvement next Quarter and year ahead • New chair of CYP mental health strategic planning Group Single to be identified • Single point of Access to be developed. This is a significant but important piece of work that has been delayed due to staff shortages and capacity issues.		

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		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Status	Short Trend			Note
22/23.CSPC.6 a	Increase number of families offered an income assessment	54	68		27	45			Q3 22/23: On Target 67% Increase in number of Families being offered an income assessment		
22/23.CSPC.7 a	Care inspection Grading of GOOD - Local residential care homes	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: N/A No Inspections have been completed post COVID. Improvement plans are in place for all services. Data available March 2023		
22/23.CSPC.7 b	Hawthorn Family Learning Centre will provide high quality care and support				N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: N/A No Inspections have been completed post COVID. Improvement plans are in place for all services. Data available March 2023		
22/23.CSPC.7 c	Care inspection Grading of GOOD - Adoption services	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: N/A No Inspections have been completed post COVID. Improvement plans are in place for all services. Data available March 2023		
22/23.CSPC.7 d	Care inspection Grading of GOOD - Fostering services	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: N/A No Inspections have been completed post COVID. Improvement plans are in place for all services. Data available March 2023		
22/23.CSPC.7 e	Care inspection Grading of GOOD - Local Continuing Care/Adult services	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A			Q3 22/23: N/A No Inspections have been completed post COVID. Improvement plans are in place for all services. Data available March 2023		
22/23.CSPC.8 a	Number of staff trained to understand Life Story work	16	12	0	N/A	12			Q3 22/23: On Target Life Story Work training took place in October 2022.12 workers from across Children's Services attended	20	

Children's Services, Partnership and Communities Risks

Code & Title	Risk Control Measure	Risk Identification	Risk Evaluation	Related Action	Related action latest note	Current Risk Matrix	Risk Score	Service
LEP5.6 Ensure staff levels for the operational delivery of employability programmes is sufficient including funded programmes							16	Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities
MC43-08 Workforce capacity		Availability of people that can be recruited to fill posts required by the legislation, both during training regarding the legislation and in the longer term as a result of the additional duties, e.g. additional health visitors, teaching and administrative staff, early learning and childcare. There is a lead-in time between recruiting staff and them fulfilling their duties, while they are learning their role and/or studying for qualifications. Failure to recruit new employees or cover training could disrupt preparations and delay implementation/compliance. Potential impacts include					16	Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities

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		additional pressures on existing staff, corners being cut, reduction in quality of care, warning signs being missed. Delay in implementing could result in judicial review.						
SRP.RR.14.1 Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry	<p>The Council have set up an Abuse Inquiry Project Team to support the Council to prepare for information requests to support the Inquiry.</p> <p>In addition we have a Claims Project Team who have mapped out how we shall manage any future claims reported against the Local Authority.</p> <p>The Inquiry Team have established a Project Plan covering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residential establishments, List D Schools and Foster Carers: identifying Children's homes, Foster Carers and any List D Schools in Midlothian over the last 100 years and researching historic records. 2. Record Audit: reviewing the Council's existing paper and electronic recordkeeping systems to identify relevant records and map them to residential 	<p>Risk Cause: Midlothian Council and its legacy organisations, predating the creation of Midlothian Council in 1996, have been involved in the provision of care of children going back to living memory. During this time there is the likelihood that the care children received fell below standards of care now in place. There is the further potential the some people in the care of Midlothian Council and its legacy organisations were subject to abuse by those who were employed to care for them.</p> <p>Risk Event: The Scottish Government began an Inquiry into cases of Child Abuse occurring prior to 17 December 2014, the intention of this enquiry is to identify historic case of abuse which have to date gone unreported. The most recent Section 21 notice around the Foster Care Case Study is a significant</p>		Foster Care and Residential Care File Review	Q3 22/23: Inquiry has heard all the evidence for the Sct 21 submissions around foster care. Many CSWO's were called to give evidence around abuse within their local authority. Midlothian CSWO was not called to give evidence. This part of the inquiry is now concluded with learning from this due to be written up by around March 2023. The learning will result in an action plan being developed which we shall consider and ensure that our policies and practice are updated accordingly.	 <p>Likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p>	16	Childrens Services, Partnership and Communities

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	<p>establishments. This also includes, where possible, noting the Council's historic recordkeeping policies, such as retention schedules.</p> <p>3. Cataloguing/Indexing: checking and updating existing recordkeeping systems for accuracy and consistency, enabling effective information retrieval when requested by the Inquiry.</p> <p>The Project Team have established a Project Plan covering:</p> <p>4. Ascertaining the succession and insurance position in relation to potential historic child abuse claims.</p> <p>5. Ascertaining and agreeing Midlothian Council's legal position/ approach in dealing with the potential historic child abuse claims.</p> <p>6. Identifying the need for guidance, protocol, templates etc. should/if any claims be made against the council.</p> <p>7. Consideration to identifying if additional staffing will be required as expected deluge of FOI's SAR's in 2018 from</p>	<p>piece of work. The request for information from 1930 to date is very challenging given the volume of files that require to be read and analysed.</p> <p>Risk Effect: If the inquiry finds historic cases of abuse in Midlothian this could damage the reputation of the Council and could place doubt in the eyes of the public as to the safety of these currently in care. There is significant scope for a substantial financial impact arising from claims of historic abuse. Some existing employees may be affected by the inquiry and subsequent claims of abuse. We have request an extension for Parts B, C & D of the last Section 21 to April 2020, which has been granted.</p> <p>To date there has been no evidence from the extensive file read to suggest there has been systemic abuse within our foster care system.</p>						

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	<p>solicitors of potential claimants.</p> <p>8. Project team is in place with project plan with a range of identified actions which are being progressed. Monthly meetings to progress project plan.</p> <p>9. The SCAI Social Worker is very competent and experienced in this area of work and provides quarterly updates on their findings from the file read. This is a real strength within this area of work. The CSWO and Principal Solicitor meet regularly with the social worker to discuss findings from the file read.</p>							

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Code	Title	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	External Comparison
		Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	
CHN8a	Corporate Indicator - The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in Residential Based Services per Child per Week (LGBF)	£3,043.27	£4,105.31	£3,877.29	£4,268.22	£6,890.53	20/21 Rank 31 (Bottom Quartile) 19/20 Rank 19 (Third Quartile) 18/19 Rank 11 (Second Quartile) 17/18 Rank 22 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 8 (Top Quartile)
CHN8b	Corporate Indicator - The Gross Cost of "Children Looked After" in a Community Setting per Child per Week (LGBF)	£365.72	£373.37	£354.16	£362.23	£498.43	20/21 Rank 26 (Bottom Quartile) 19/20 Rank 19 (Third Quartile) 18/19 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 17/18 Rank 21 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 19 (Third Quartile)
CHN9	Balance of Care for looked after children: % of children being looked after in the Community (LGBF)	89.19%	90.99%	90.37%	91.12%	92.44%	20/21 Rank 9 (Second Quartile) 19/20 Rank 10 (Second Quartile) 18/19 Rank 13 (Second Quartile) 17/18 Rank 11 (Second Quartile) 16/17 Rank 15 (Second Quartile)
CHN22	Percentage of child protection re-registrations within 18 months (LGBF)	7.75%	7%	8.93%	3.19%	2.41%	20/21 Rank 13 (Second Quartile) 19/20 Rank 8 (Top Quartile) 18/19 Rank 23 (Third Quartile) 17/18 Rank 23 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 24 (Third Quartile)
CHN23	Percentage LAC with more than 1 placement in the last year (Aug-July) (LGBF)	26.25%	26.18%	15.6%	16.82%	23.84%	20/21 Rank 29 (Bottom Quartile) 19/20 Rank 9 (Second Quartile) 18/19 Rank 6 (Top Quartile) 17/18 Rank 23 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 25 (Bottom Quartile)
CHN24	Percentage of children living in poverty (After Housing Costs) (LGBF)	23.4%	23.8%	22.5%	23.9%	19.99%	20/21 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 19/20 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 18/19 Rank 15 (Second Quartile) 17/18 Rank 17 (Third Quartile) 16/17 Rank 19 (Third Quartile).