

Children's Social Care Financial Position

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Questions raised by Overview and Scrutiny

No of children we
are safeguarding ?

How many CSC
Social Workers ?

Impact of the
Family Safeguarding
Model ?

Cost of In Borough
and Out of Borough
Placements ?

Early Help – Impact
and how long on
average they work
with a family ?





Children's Social Care and Finance

Childrens Social Care's (CSC) budget is £18.337m which is circa 20% of the council's £89.824m net budget.

On average we have around 1,000 children open to CSC at any one time

32 Social Workers and 12 family workers

We have transformed our traditional Childrens Social Care service to a co-located multi agency model

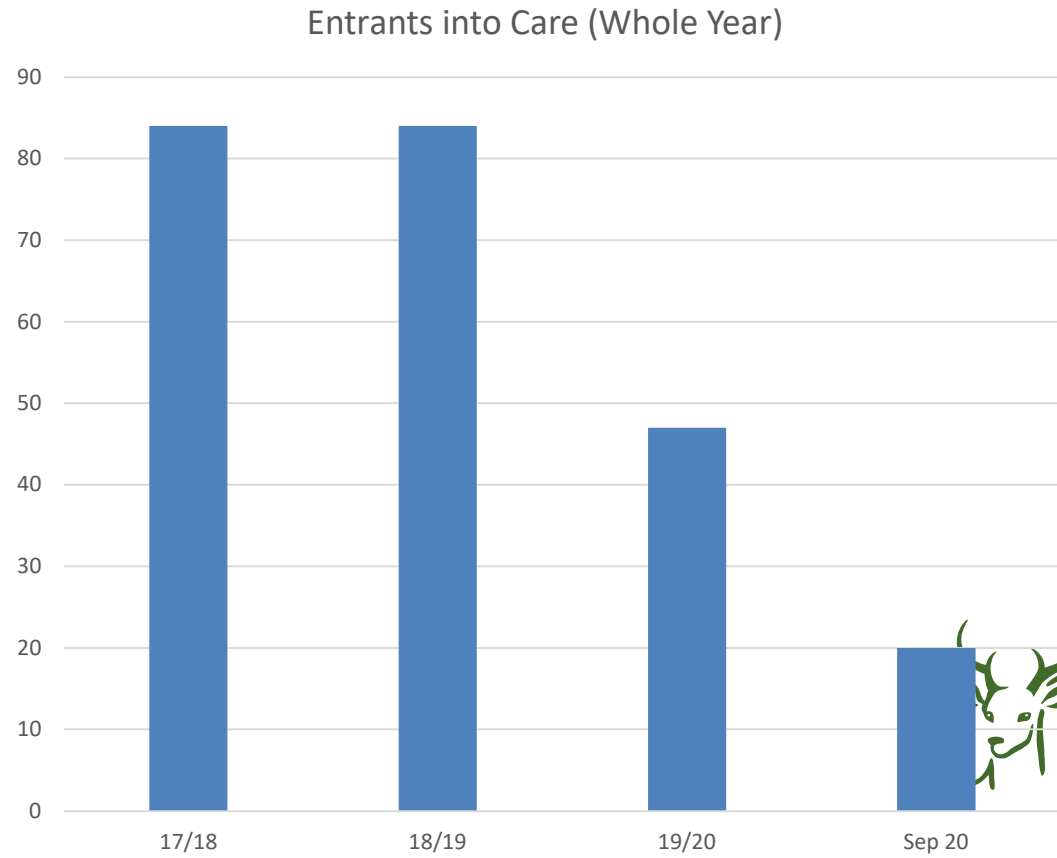
BFC MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) deals with a monthly average of 624 new referrals a month. The cost to the BFC in staffing this element of the work is around £16.58 per referral.

Within our Family Safeguarding Teams we also have workers funded via the CCG, Public Health and Thames Valley Police



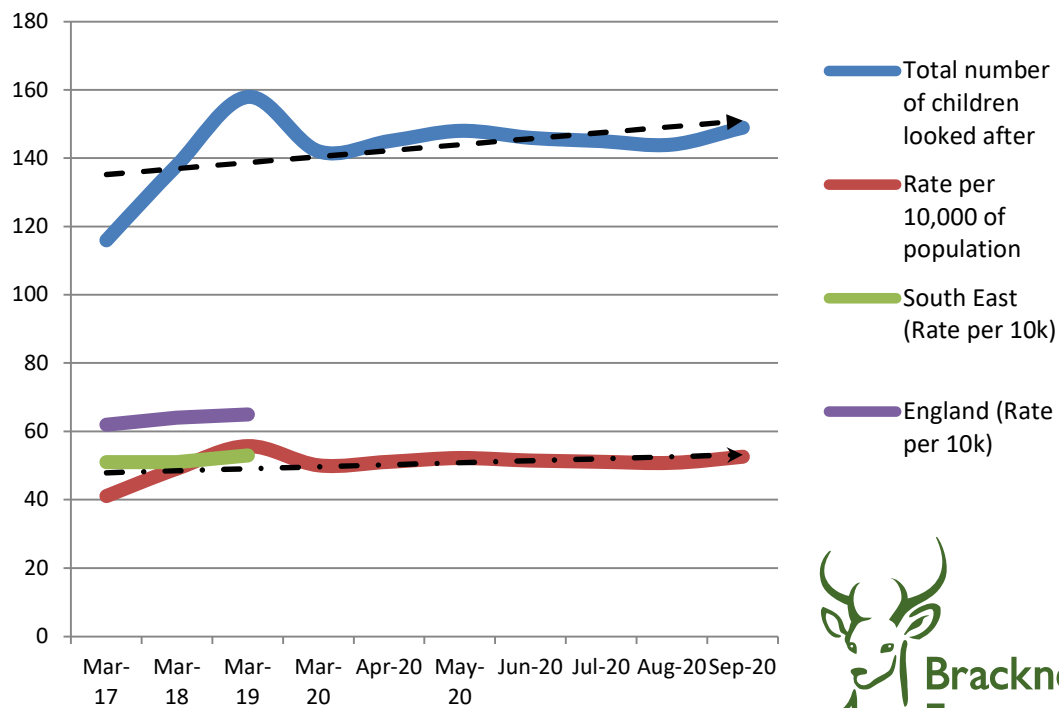
Reduction in children becoming Looked After

Impact of Family Safeguarding



Children Looked After

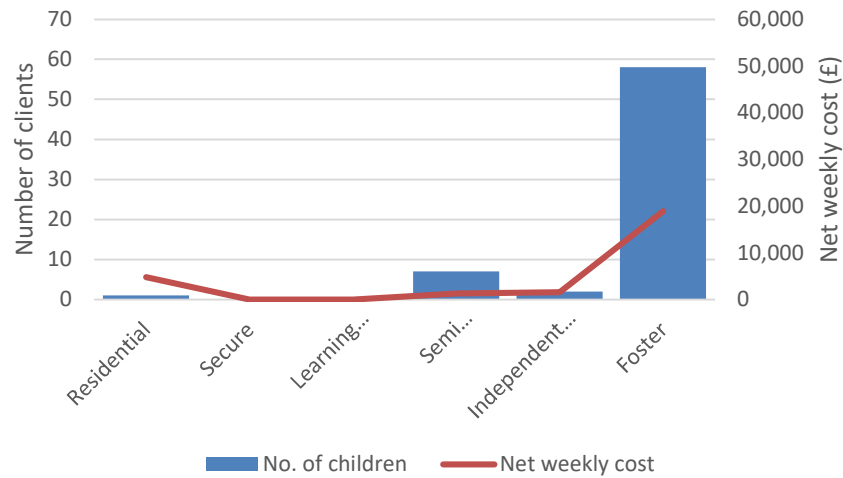
Children Looked After (number and rate per 10k)



Children's Social Care placement profile and weekly cost

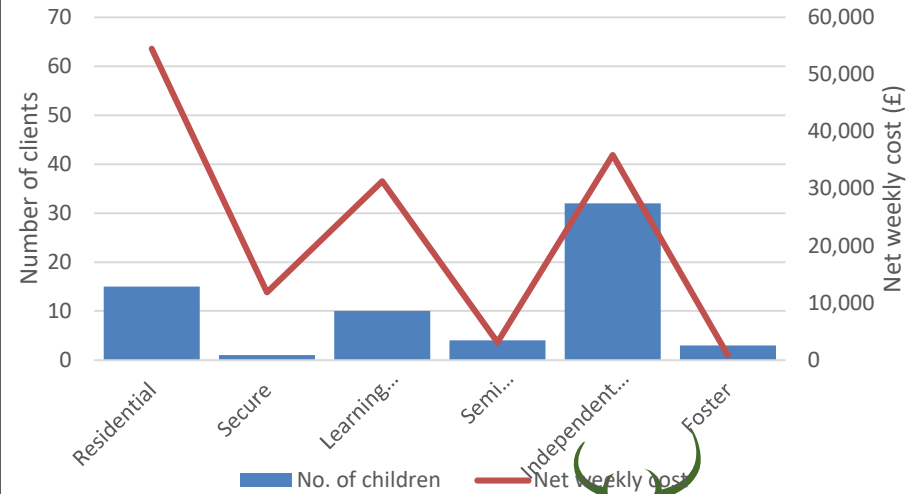
Total placements 146 of which 133 are at cost

In Borough Children's Placement Numbers and Costs - October 2020



Total number of placements = 68; weekly cost = £26,600

Out of Borough Children's Placement Numbers and Costs - October 2020



Total number of placements = 65; weekly cost = £137,400



Early Help

- The duration of an early intervention varies according to need, a primary focus of the work is to prevent escalation to statutory services, notably children's social care.
- Family hub work averages between 135 and 195 working days
- 72 and 96 day for targeted youth service.
- Impact Phase 2 of the Troubled Families programme covered the period of April 2015 – March 2020, during which BFC successfully made 391 of 400 claims for which we had to measure sustained progress against each of the initial criteria identified in the original early help service. To note this generated £312,800 income to the local authority.

