

Summary of Activity - Children and Families Social Care

Children in Need Activity

Common Assessment Framework's

Between Jan 2011 and March 2011 (Qtr 4) 67 Common Assessment Framework's were initiated by Children's Social Care Staff. In addition to this, 10 cases were stepped down to Common Assessment Framework. Another 39 cases were diverted from Social Care District offices through the Common Assessment Framework process where the current issues do not require social care specific intervention.

Social Worker Activity Trends

	1st April to 31st March					
	Contacts*	Referrals	Initial	Cores	% Contacts converting to Referrals	% Referrals converting to Initial Assess
2007/08	8313	2998	1457	499	36%	49%
2008/09	10474	4256	2276	738	41%	53%
2009/10	10790	5564	2342	842	52%	42%
2010/11	10774	3676	2290	868	34%	62%

*Number of contacts provided excludes 392 notifications from Police

Contacts*

The number of contacts made to Children's Specialist Services social work teams in 2010/11 is consistent with the numbers made in the previous year, with 10,774 and 10,790 respectively. The majority of contacts* (48%) come from other agencies with 15% in 2010-11 coming from the police, 12% from Health and 13% from Education. A further 8% of contacts come from a variety of other agencies such as courts and the Youth Offending Team.

Referrals

In 2010-11 there were 3676 referrals, a significantly lower number than the previous year where referrals had peaked at 5564. Despite a lower number of referrals, the number of open Children In Need cases has remained fairly constant at 2592 as at 31st March 2010 and 2581 as at 31st March 2011.

Initial Assessments and Core Assessments

The number of Initial Assessments has altered little since 2008/09 at around 2300 per year. Core Assessments have been following an increasing trend as can be seen in the table above, rising from 499 in 2007/08 to 868 in 2010/11.