

Performance Challenge and Support

Children and Supporting Families Department

Period : April 2025 – March 2026

Exceptions

Purpose: Report on any data or exception in performance that causes concern or is something to be proud of.

Number of Looked After Children

293 (31/03/26)

Number of children who have entered care

68

Initial Conferences within the statutory timetable

55%

Initial Strategy Discussions held

23/24 – 548
24/25 – 580
25/26 - 759

Strategy Discussions moving on to S47

23/24 – 369
24/25 – 423
25/26 - 628

Number of looked after children reviews

23/24 – 226
24/25 – 237
25/26 – 382

Number of children on the register during the year

23/24 – 206
24/25 – 226
25/26 - 288

Completed assessments

914

Department Overview - Looked After Children

Purpose: I want you to ensure me that I am kept safe, safeguarded from harm, have a stable life and have every opportunity and help to reach my potential.

Number of Looked After Children

293 (31/03/26)

Number of Court cases

31 (31/03/26)

Percentage of Looked After Children who have had three or more placements during the year (cumulative)

5%

Percentage of looked-after children who have returned home (out of care) during the year (cumulative)

7%

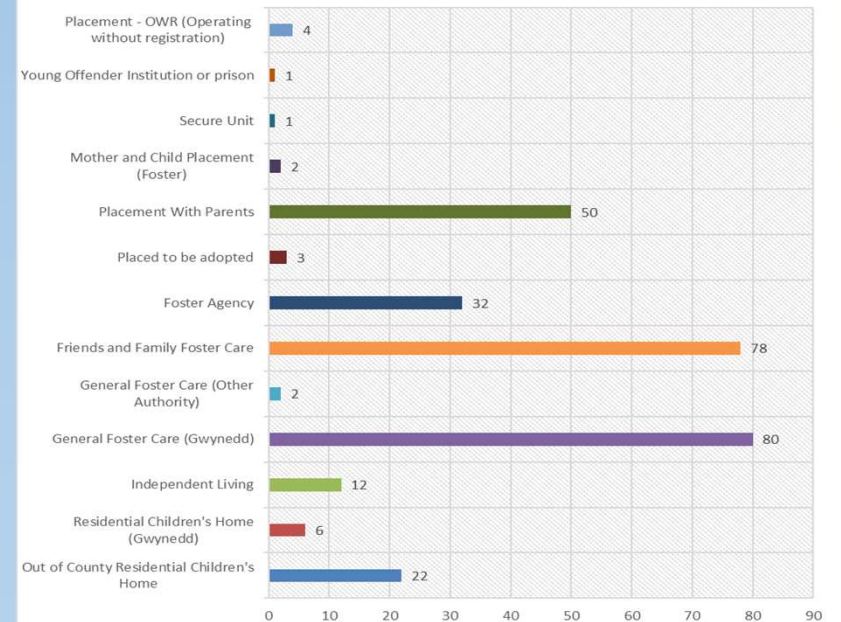
Average Workload

18

Number of children who have entered care

68

Children's Placements in Care 31/03/2026



Department Overview - Child Protection

Percentage of registered children discussed at initial child protection conference (Cumulative)

93%

Percentage of case conferences where the voice/views of the child (5+ years old) were heard

96%

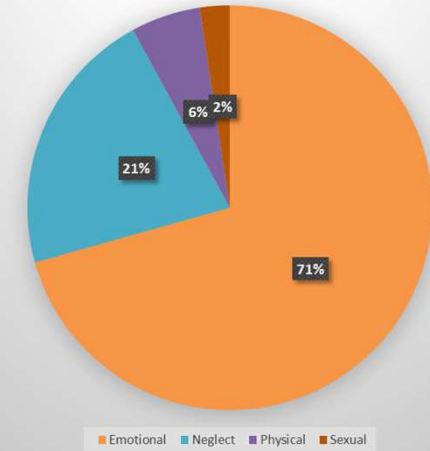
Number of children on the Child Protection Register

126
(31/03/26)

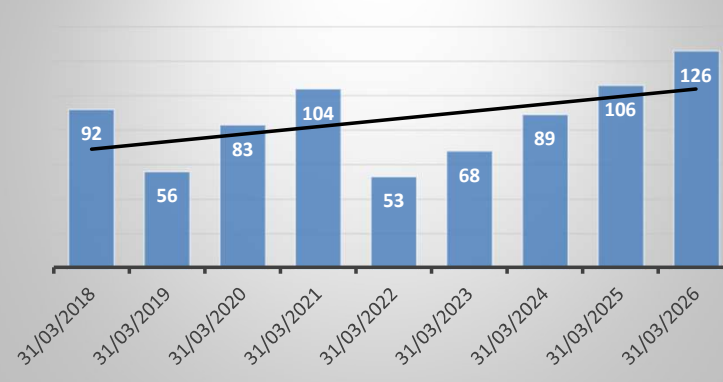
Average number of days the children had been on the child protection register

228

Main Categories of Children on the Register 31/03/26



Children on the Child Protection Register



Number of registered children
184

Leader – Elliw Hughes

Keeping Families Together: Referrals Team

Number of referrals
(Information, Advice and
Assistance (IAA))

8069

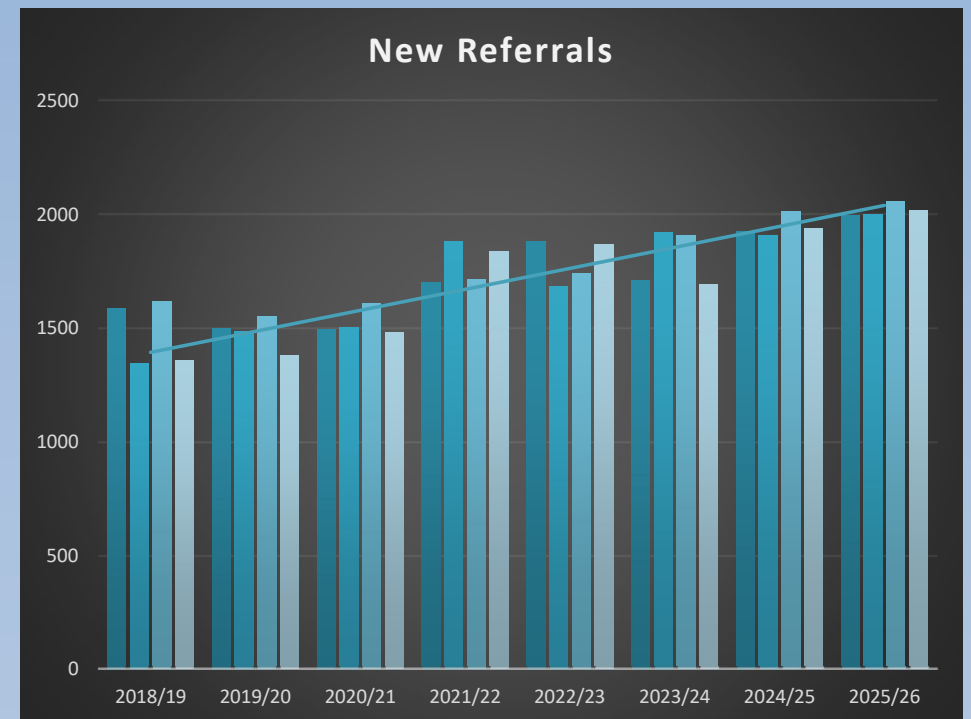
Referrals Source

Police - 3694
Education - 673
Health - 543

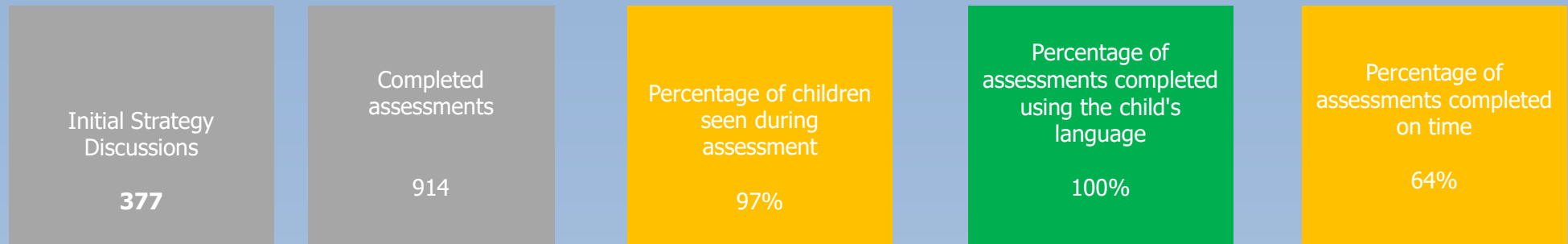
Performance Overview:

- Staffing situation placing additional pressure
- Complex cases on-going
- Recent change in manager

Leader: Steph Dabernig



Keeping Families Together: Referrals Team (Assessments)



Performance Overview:

Assessment within 42 days has fallen as there are vacant jobs within the team, assessments are often complex and often an incident/new information comes in that means that it is necessary to revisit and discuss; those completed beyond the 42 days do not raise safeguarding concerns.

Children not seen during an assessment = 3

2 were Team Around the Family assessments

Child not wanting to leave their bedroom/not wanting to be a part of the assessment

Parent refusing a visit, telephone assessment only. Health Visitors having access to the house/baby regularly

As there has been no permission to see the child, a strategy discussion was held and escalated to s47 for access without parental consent.

Leader: Steph Dabernig

Gwynedd Families First Grants Programme 2025/26

Purpose - That Gwynedd children and families are happy and are thriving.

The purpose of the programme is to provide early support to families, with the aim of preventing issues from getting worse and to prevent them being in a situation where costly rehabilitative care is required via statutory services in the future.

An overview of some of the needs of families referred for early intervention support :

- Challenging behaviour of children and young people at home and/or school and parents and carers asking for help to address the underlying problem.
- Families of children and young people who are on a waiting list for an ASD/ADHD assessment requesting help while waiting to be seen.
- Families of children and young people diagnosed with ASD/ADHD who don't know what help is available next.
- Concern about children and young people's low attendance or children refusing to attend school.
- Concern about the mental health of children and young people who do not meet the threshold for CAMHS support.
- Concern about the mental health of parents and carers and the impact this has on the children.



Gwynedd Families First Grants Programme 2025/26

National performance measures have been established to inform people how well the programme is performing within local authorities.

Performance Overview: Overview of Performance - number of referrals has raised to 150 since 2023-24 (+37.5%)

Gwynedd Families First RAG Status designated by the Government - Green

**Number of new referrals
April 2025 – March 2026:
553**

**Number of Family Assessments and Plans April
2025 - March 2026:
Total number of Assessments: 117 230
Total Number of Family Plans: 25**



Leader - Caren Brown

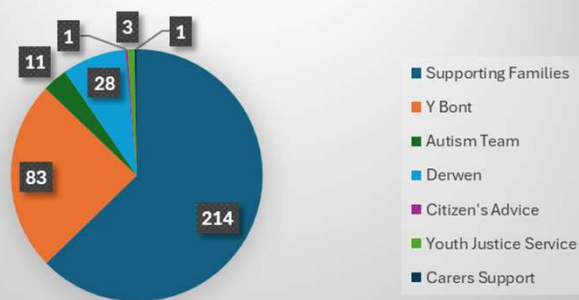
Training

Every Coordinator attending Neuro-developmental Profiling Tool training, which will help support the families of children who are on a waiting list for an assessment

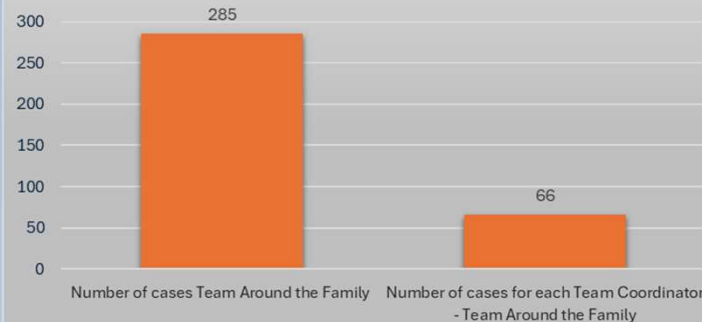
Quotes/Family Feedback:

"Using this service has been life changing for me and my family - because as a family we had so many issuesand that's when I reached out to the service and met such a wonderful person... she has changed our lives for the better and we owe her so much" (25.03.26)

Number of families that have been referred to services April 25 - March 26



Team Around the Family Cases April 25 - March 26



Keeping Families Together: Trobwynt

Purpose: I want you to ensure me that I am kept safe, safeguarded from harm, have a stable life and have every opportunity and help to reach my potential.

Number of children
open to the team on
31/03/26

73

Percentage of cases where an
increase is seen in
accordance with the
intervention purpose

85%

Performance overview:

- 17 children fully out of care following a court hearing to revoke the care orders.
- 10 Parents receiving support after the children were adopted or permanent care to break the cycle (The post was vacant from January to July 2025).
- 77 children were in child protection processes at the beginning of the intervention, with the purpose of keeping them at home. This was successful with 64 of the children.
- A number of step-down cases (i.e., young person in a secure unit, moving children to Gwynedd small group homes, and returning to the families), continue to receive support.

Leader: Gwenan Hughes

Fostering

Comment from child / foster carer:



I chi beidio meddwl bod chi ar ben eich hun, achos 'da chi byth ar ben eich hun efo Maethu Cymru. Mae 'na bob tro rhywun pen arall y ffôn, pan 'da chi angen nhw.

Steve, Gofalwr Maeth ers 24 mlynedd

April 2025 – March 2026

Enquiries = 60

Initial visits = 13

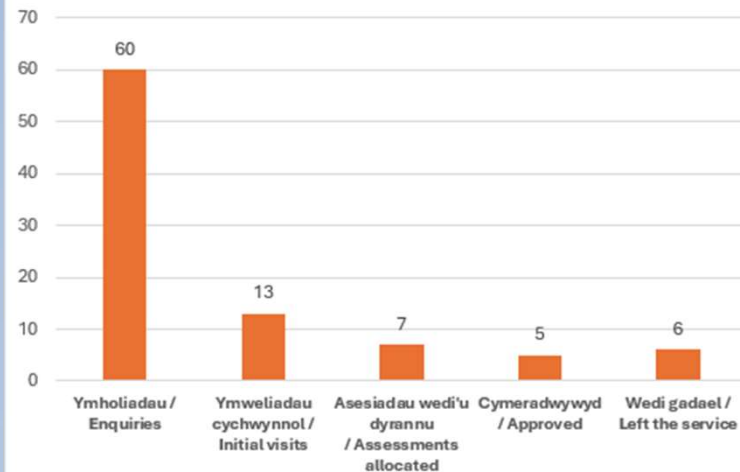
Households approved (target, 9) = 5*

Not approved (returning to Fostering Panel) = 2

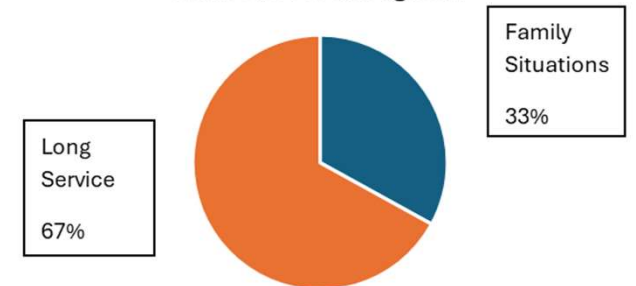
In an assessment = 5

Households who have left = 6

2025/26 - Maethu Cyffredinol / General Fostering



Reasons for unregister



Performance Overview:
Leader: Mel Panther

Council Plan Project :- Autism Plan 25/26

Purpose: Promote autistic individuals and their families to thrive and to live life to their full potential.

Performance Overview: -

- The number of staff across the Council who have completed training in the field of Autism / ND has increased substantially over the past year.
- CARE Conference (Cardiff University) - Neuro-diverse futures event. Guest speakers to discuss good practice and the vision of Gwynedd in the field of Autism/ND
- A Network of workers who are familiar and confident in the ND field is being developed across Social Services' teams. And they are trained and guided to act and work within a new model of developing ND profiles for children who are awaiting an assessment or who have received a diagnosis.
- There was a waiting list for direct support for families with complex needs. The team's work capacity is currently full between cases, training, consultation, groups and IAA.
- The number of applications for direct support for Child Protection cases is increasing; more families being identified as ND or with an official diagnosis. Awareness of ND increasing across the department and workers thinking about cases through a slightly different lens, which is positive.
- Cygnet Programme being transferred to the operational teams such as supporting families, TAF, edge of care with support (long arm) from the autism team. There is a waiting list for the programme.
- Autism team have completed specific Cygnet training for Foster Carers.

Leader: Lucy Hemmings

Numbers accessing the service
496

Number of new cases receiving direct and indirect intervention
56

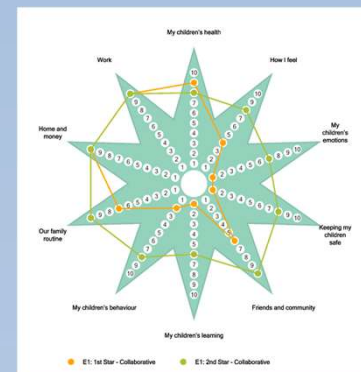
Number completing Autism/ND training
1130



CARE Conference



All foster carers should complete the course, it's been invaluable to my learning and understanding of the children's needs in relation to neurodiversity and trauma. (Foster Parent)



Example of work with a family on the Child Protection register. Following a period of direct work with the parents and the team around them, the case is about to close to services.

Council Plan Project :- Small Group Homes

Purpose: To be developed

Performance Overview: -

MEASURES

to be developed
for 2026-27

- 2 houses already operational, Morfa Bychan and Deiniolen.
- Children have settled well in both placements.
- A house was bought last year in Cricieth, and this house is almost ready too. We are awaiting registration from CIW, but additional information dealing with building control will be required.
- Work on the house in Edern has commenced; has still not been completed to date, but not far from being finished.
- CIW have asked for Deiniolen that building control information is needed to obtain a registration.



Leader: Shelley Williams

Keeping Families Together: After-care Team (16+)

Purpose: "I want to be independent and get help when I need it".

Percentage of after-care
young people who have been
homeless

8%

Team Cases 31/03/26

Care and support - 47

Category 1 (A 16 or 17 year old who is looked after by Children and Family Support under a Statutory or Voluntary arrangement and have been looked after for a period of more than 13 weeks.) - 38

Category 2 (A 16 or 17 year old who has chosen not to be looked after anymore by Children and Family Support under a Statutory or Voluntary arrangement but still want support from Leaving Care) - 2

Category 3 (Any Care Leaver over 18 who still wants support from Leaving Care.)- 164

Number of asylum seekers

3 (aged 16-17)
29 (18+)

Performance overview:

- The Team's staffing situation is now stable and enables us to provide better consistency in the services for young people and families. Historically, there have been difficulties with the changes in the GISDA Personal Adviser posts, but those have also stabilised a little.
- The Team's cases remain a challenge with a few Care and Support (CASP) cases proving very challenging. There is a level of high complexity with a few cases, particularly for those with additional needs and where there is a high risk of relationships breaking down in the home, etc.
- Further discussions taking place with the Housing Department on how we can respond to the needs of individuals presenting as homeless when 16/17 years old. Lack of housing options in an emergency for this age-group and looking at what we could put in place to respond to the need.
- After-care Workers continuing to look at opportunities for young people to come together, to socialise and receive additional support. In May, there will be an opportunity for those who are young parents to come together and an individual from the Care Academy will join to discuss the opportunities available to them in the field.

Leader: David Owen

DERWEN Service

Purpose: - I want to be accepted as I am and have the same opportunities as any other child.

Number of
assessments
completed
55

Children and
Young People
open to the
service
473

New Referrals 132
Internal referrals 152

31/3/26
Looked After Children: 12
Children on the Protection
Register: 0

Performance overview:

- **Overview of the Occupational Therapy Service** - One Occupational Therapist has continued to work through the substantial waiting list, prioritising cases as needed. She is becoming more confident and more skilful with every new case. The second part-time Occupational Therapist has returned to work very recently, and she has already started to visit families and take on new cases, which helps reduce the waiting list.
- The Adults Services Occupational Therapy Leader continues to provide very valuable support and supervision to the two Occupational Therapists in Derwen.
- **Social Work Team Performance and Capacity** - Every member of staff who were offered work in other teams have now left the service. This has left the social work team in a very weak position. Despite many weeks of advertising, it has not been possible to recruit competent social workers. As a result, we have decided to appoint Social Care Workers to the vacant posts on a temporary basis, until it is possible to appoint competent staff. Also, one new Social Care Practitioner has been appointed very recently, and this strengthens the team. We are also in the process of moving on with up to three other temporary appointments. At the same time, work is progressing to develop a programme that will aid staff without qualifications to gain a social work qualification, to build a more stable and stronger workforce in the future. These steps help keep the service going, support work continuity, and respond to the current recruitment challenges.

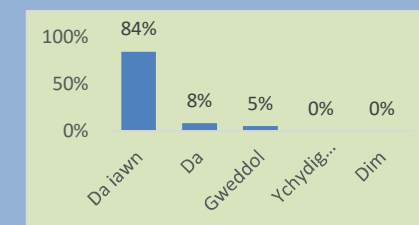
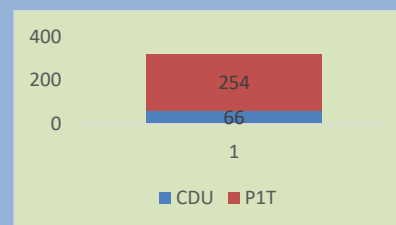
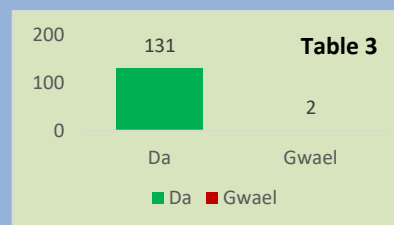
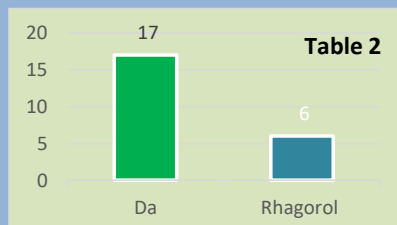
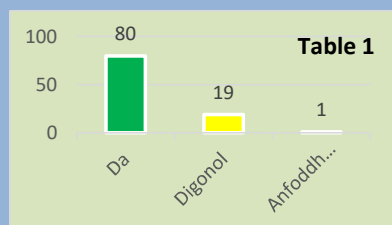
Leader: David Lewis

Gwynedd Family Service

Early Years Advisory Teachers 25-26



PURPOSE: Ensure a quality childcare and nursery education for early years children in Gwynedd



Performance overview:

- High percentage of settings score green on the quality evaluation document **Table 1** (Green = Good, Yellow = Adequate, Red = Unsatisfactory)
- 8 settings have received a good or better CIW/ESTYN inspection - 4 reports published. **Table 2** show the view out of 23 Themes. (6 Excellence Themes (purple) and 17 Good (green))
- High percentage noting that the quality of training is good -- **Table 3**
- High percentage of the children staying on 1PP and no need for further intervention/IDP when following the Measure provision map process - **Table 4**: (out of 320 1 Page Profiles - 66 DCU)
- Teachers' Team Satisfaction Questionnaire - **Table 5**
- **100%** of practitioners passing Level 1 Makaton - training from the Early Years Team.
- Attachment Theory Training, Loose Parts and Friendly Communication, The Three Facilitators, Back to Nature and Makaton Level 1, ACE's and Tatty Bumpkin, Senori as well as training for IDP children's key workers and Forest School training offered to practitioners in Arfon, Dwyfor and Meirionnydd.
- Visit/meeting with settings and schools to discuss extending Nursery Education and extending Childcare for two-year-olds.
- Two members of the team with MAKATON expertise attending MAKATON training in the early years.
- One team member has completed a Trauma Informed Schools Diploma and two members with TIS responsibility attend Community Based Worker training.
- Professional Development from Longworth Education for all team members - Play Pedagogy using P-BLOT (Play Based Learning Observation Tool)

Leader: Sioned Owen and Gwawr Hughes



Teulu Gwynedd Service

Administration and Business 25-26



Purpose: Provide administrative, business support and customer care of a high standard for all stakeholders

Customer Care satisfaction questionnaires
90% of colleagues, parents and childcare providers are very satisfied with the service provided

Number of social media followers
Increase = 72%

Number of engagement sessions with Gwynedd Families
66

Number of queries received by the Family Information Service and responded to:
217

Number of children who receive their Flying Start, Childcare for 2 year-olds or the Children Care Offer claim:
1,781

Performance Overview:

- Excellent feedback has been received from parents, childcare providers and members of the Unit about the administrative and business service provided over the past financial year.
- A significant increase is seen in the number of followers on our social media. Following the re-branding of the Unit to be known as Teulu Gwynedd and re-structuring the team to have more officers acting on the marketing and engagement element of our work programme, the interventions trialled during the year have given us a boost to obtain a better understanding of our digital audience.
- The Family Information Team has worked very diligently to hold several engagement sessions. The above box is amber because the team has been in a transition period of introducing new methods to new members of the team due to the restructuring that affected the engagement element of their work programme. Nevertheless, the target for the number of enquiries that the team have responded to over the past year has been encouraging.
- Very positive administrative and monitoring services were provided by our team to ensure that high numbers of Gwynedd children receive Flying Start services, 2-year-old Childcare or the Childcare Wales Offer claims.
- Many projects were coordinated over the year. An innovative Welsh resource was established, the Mam, Dad a Magu podcast, which discusses many parenting topics with the aim of providing an informal platform for the parents of Gwynedd and beyond. Thus far, the feedback has been positive with good suggestions to be considered when deciding whether the podcast will continue. A Unit Staff Day and a Flying Start Day was arranged to bring staff together to engage and plan. Initial plans are in place for Flying Start's 20-year celebrations this year.
- Collaboration took place with the Council's Systems Development team to establish the Teulu Gwynedd Digital System to facilitate our current data monitoring and storage systems. Power BI training was also attended to develop the current way of data analysis and to support us when making decisions for the benefit of our services.

Leader: Sioned Owen and Elen Foulkes

Teulu Gwynedd Service

Supporting Families 25-26



Purpose: Support and provide the best opportunities for families, children and the young people of Gwynedd.

286 referrals for one-to-one support **Gwynedd Parenting/Behaviour 25-26**

108 new referrals for support **Language, Play and Early Development Officer 25-26**

39 fun sessions held during 25-26
545 children aged 0-3 years
548 children aged 4-10 years
49 children aged 11-16 years

Service satisfaction questionnaire **88%** parents / carers stating that the support is good or excellent

Performance overview:

- Groups for parents were conducted across Gwynedd, including *Parenting Puzzle, Playful Parenting, Nurturing Programme, Talking Teens, ACE's Recovery and Cygnet*.
- 11 new referrals from the Police for Out-of-Court support and Physical Punishment in the 25-26 year. By now, 7 have closed, 100% stating that they have seen a positive impact to the support.
- Cygnet groups run together with the Autism team, 'Riding the Rapids', with Derwen, Groups for Foster parents with the Fostering Team, collaboration with the Right Door Team.
- Digital Skills Sessions have been very successful following a Government grant. 8 Flying Start families who have completed sessions by *AbilityNet* - Digital Gwynedd and have received IT equipment. Parent's feedback "Thank you very much for all your assistance and support. This has given me the support and assistance to help my grandson with everything."
- Have invested in *Solihull/Togetherness Online* for the Universal element of support to families. The Mam, Dad a Magu podcast has promoted parenting elements through the medium of Welsh.
- A Fathers Officer has been appointed during 25-26 and has already supported 21 families since August.
- Challenges/Barriers: Cases are intense and have more needs, therefore, there is a need for more support and they are open to the team for a longer time. 15 cases on the waiting list.
- **Leader: Sioned Owen and Sue Layton**

Teulu Gwynedd Service

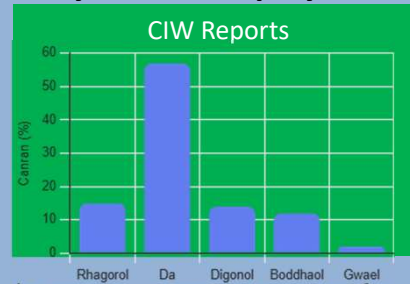
Childcare and Play 25-26



Purpose: Support childcare settings to provide high-quality childcare, play and early education services.

706 children and 323 parents have attended 34 sessions in the Trelar Chwarae during the year.

Plas Pawb Nursery
11 parents' questionnaires have been received
90% of users are very satisfied with the level of care
100% noting that they would recommend the nursery to other families



38 providers have responded to the satisfaction questionnaire, 89.5% gave a score of 4 or 5 out of 5 for the support they receive from the team

- **Play**

6 Providers on an activities' framework have held early years sessions across the county - targeting sessions for Fathers.

Play Capital Grant Funding with an investment of £120,000 has funded 27 pieces of equipment in 23 playing fields, development of 3 forest schools and installation of 30 communication tables in playing fields - collaboration with the Adults Learning Disabilities team. Increase the number of Trelar Chwarae sessions this year, compared with last year, and 27.5% more children attending during the year, compared to last year.

- **Childcare**

Approved List - a target of 75% of providers on the list. Work in the pipeline to ensure that this target increases.

CIW Reports - target of 80% Outstanding/Good. 25 provisions have received an inspection, and a report has been published during the year, with 72% graded Outstanding/Good. Work continuing to support in order to ensure that we meet the target. Further support available to all provisions on a contract by the Childcare and Play Officer. A provision that has received a poor grading does not receive full support from the authority as they are not on contract,

- **Capital Projects**

Continue to work on the Our Lady and Hirael project. A Business Case approved for the Bontnewydd project. A Business Case has been submitted for the Pwllheli project; awaiting confirmation in February. Work in progress for 3 additional business cases for Pentreuchaf, Nefyn and Botwnnog. 61 provisions have received small capital grants.

- **Plas Pawb Nursery**

2 staff members have completed a Level 2 Childcare qualification and have started immediately on the level 3 course. Two new Apprenticeships have been appointed through the Council's Care Academy, to commence their posts in February. 107 children attended the nursery over the past year. These include Flying Start children, the Childcare Offer, care for parents to attend parenting groups and care for children associated with the Social Services.

Parent feedback - *I can only thank you for everything that you do with the children.*

Leader: Sioned Owen and Rachel Jones

Out of hours Team / EDT

Purpose: I want timely help to be available for me in a care emergency

Number of calls received by
the emergency duty team

3485

Number of calls which have
received a decision within a
shift period

3485

Number of calls which have not
received a response based on the
lack of capacity

100%

Performance overview:

- Responding to demand - In the period from April 25 to March 26 all calls have received a response and a decision within that shift and appropriate action within the limitations of this type of emergency service, has taken place. 3485 calls were received, with 1920 calls from Gwynedd, 1384 from Anglesey and the rest from outside the authorities.
- 848 of the calls related to Looked after Children - Gwynedd 587, Anglesey 236 and the rest were other Authorities. This is often regarding regulations of returning home to a setting - and if they are late, they are escalated. High numbers of calls relating to unregulated settings and supportive homes where a young person is over 18 years old, but the setting is reporting that they have not returned because this is that company's policy, despite the individual being an adult with capacity. 'Missing' interviews are conducted by the case worker, and this can be for innocent reasons where there was no risk; to other examples where being missing could cause a risk to the child, e.g., exploitation.
- Homelessness – In this last period, 219 of the calls related to homelessness – including 80 from Gwynedd. As noted previously, Gwynedd Homelessness Service created their own arrangements outside working hours: This arrangement has been operational since 6/2/24 but we are still receiving calls as the new procedure has not been advertised by the homelessness department and also as there are problems with the public being able to contact the worker on call for the homelessness department, e.g., a phone ringing out, or not connecting.
- Mental Health – 388 of the calls related to mental health issues including formal assessments under the Act. Of these, there are 201 from Gwynedd. 134 assessments under the Mental Health Act have been completed by the Emergency Duty Team. Although every call receives attention from the team, there are situations where an assessment is not completed for reasons out of the team's control; this is a problem with intervention under the Mental Health Act, as there is a lack of doctors and beds to promote this work.

Leader - Jane Pearson

Unpaid Carers

PURPOSE : *Identify, acknowledge and support the invaluable work done by unpaid carers across Gwynedd*

Young carers with access to Aidi
133 (total for the year)

Young carers supported by Action for Children
143 (total for the year)

Young carer assessments completed by Action for Children per year
95

Children receive Support Services as respite to carer parents - Derwen
217

The Council is commissioning Action for Children to provide needs assessments for young carers and offer practical support, information, help and advice.

NUMBERS

- Waiting List - 25
- caring for parents up to the end of March 2026 = 57%
- caring for a sibling up to the end of March 2026 = 43%
- caring for more than one person up to the end of March 2026 = 15%
- Caring for parents with a mental illness up to the end of March 2026 = 42%
- Families receiving a crisis grant/referral to a food bank = 6 (Quarter 4)
- Families receiving short breaks TIME = 63

Matters to be highlighted:

- Parents need more emotional support
- Increase in the number of CAMHS referrals
- Increase in the number of children caring for a parent with a mental illness

Internally through the Carers Team, a parent-carer pilot is underway with referrals mainly coming in through the Carers Outreach Parent-Carer officer. Several issues already raised, and the pilot has been extended for another 6 months

IMPACT:

Better emotional well-being / mental health = 53% (sustained / no change = 38%)
Better attendance at school = 63% (sustained/no change = 13%)
Improved social skills (including new friends) 52%
Participation in respite activities = 57% (sustained / no change = 37%)
Feel that they have a support network = 43% (sustained / no change = 50%)

Co-ordinator - Sian Griffiths

Feedback from individuals receiving the service:

"It has given me access to some activities I would not have been able to do without the support of young carers;, this has helped with my wellbeing. "14-year-old Young Carer -

The Young Carers Provide understanding of my role at home, grants me the opportunity to socialise and bond with other young carers". 13-year-old Young Carer

"Thank you very much for your time and incredible support you have given my son over the past weeks." Parent of a 10-year-old Young Carer

"As you know, my son's school attendance has been very low, creating a difficult and very concerning situation for us. But since you started to conduct your well-being sessions with our son, the improvement is incredible. He managed to attend school for 5 days last week and he was much happier in himself.

Thank you so much. Your discussions have also helped him share more about his feelings and emotions at home as well. Thank you so much."

Parent of 10-year-old Young Carer

****Feedback and themes to raise via the Action for Children service**

Datblygu'r Gweithle

PWRPAS : Datblygu'r gweithle

Trosolwg o berfformiad a negeseuon:

Academi Gofal

65 work experiences have been sorted during the period, this for young people 16+ from local Schools, Colleges and University.

6 new Gwynedd Academi Gofal trainees were appointed in February 2026, 51 applications have been received for these opportunities.

Succeeded in offering a joint retainer with Anglesey and Bangor University to two MA Social Work students and offered a retainer to an Occupational Therapy student in Cardiff to start in Meirionnydd in October 2027. This is in addition to the social work trainee schemes through the MA course at Bangor University and the OT qualification at Wrexham University.

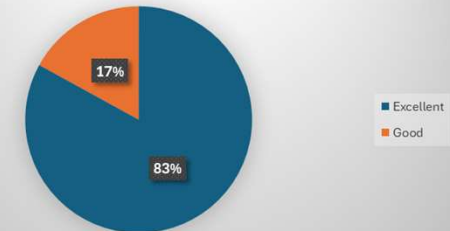
There are now 11 trainees through Academi Gofal. In addition to this, 2 members of the Children's Department staff are doing a first-year course in a social work degree. Additionally, the department has Occupational Therapy trainees and 3 social work trainees.

Mandatory Council Training – Children's Department and Family Support Staff:

VAWDASV – 81%
Safeguarding – 93%

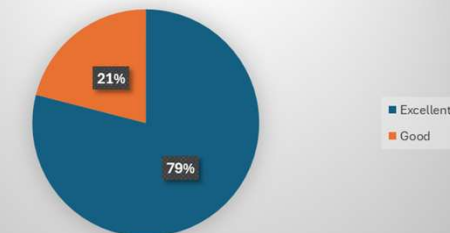
The course achieving its objectives

1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

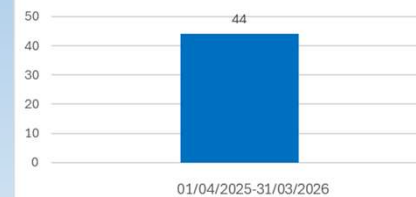


General assessment of the course

1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026



Individuals referred on to Adults and Children's teams through the SOS campaign #CallCaregivers



Youth Justice Service

Purpose: I want to be safe and happy throughout my life without offending

Number of First Time Entrants
20

Re-offending Rate
29.2%

Custody Rate
1

Number of Caseload
102
Females 21 (20%)

Performance overview:

The service has recorded the lowest levels of First Time Entrants since the performance measure was introduced; in the period between January and December 2025, 20 children from the Gwynedd and Ynys Môn area entered the justice system for the first time! Our rate of population (117) is comparative with the lowest figures across England and Wales. Our re-offending rates remain low, however, there was a very small increase since our last report at 29.2%. Of the 65 cases tracked since March 2024, 19 have re-offended, carrying out on average 2.32 offences. We have had our first Custodial sentence for 3 years, and the child is currently detained at the Werrington Young Offenders Institute after being sentenced on 4 October to 2 years and 9 months for wounding with intent, Section 18. The Youth Justice Service continues to support the child through regular visits, contact with parents/family and attending safeguarding and review meetings with the establishment. The caseload continues to be healthy and the engagements within the community is very good. The number and percentage of females in the system has continued to drop (20%). Most cases (84%) are managed based on an Out of Court Settlement; this is 5 percentage points higher than the last reporting period.

Some political announcements were made over the past months that will have significant implications on how youth justice is presented in Wales; the UK and Welsh Governments have agreed to transfer some Youth Justice funding and administrative responsibilities to Wales; in addition, the Ministry of Justice is in the process of introducing a 'White Paper' with the intention of 'Modernising the Youth Justice System'.

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