

Circle to Success (Valuing Care)

Project Details	
Dept	Corporate Parenting
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Project Phase	Delivery

Decisions required

Project Status		Date 21/03/2024	
Overall Current	Green	Previous	Green
Benefits	●	£3,721,985 PYE	
Budget	●		
Resources	●		

Current Reportable Risks and Issues Current Status Amber

Previous RAG	New RAG	Risk/ Issues	Mitigation
		Savings cross over with other project lines	Savings associated with the C2C cohort are captured & attributed to the workstream prior to reporting
		Absence of plan to implement as BAU	Sustainability assessment completed and reviewed, supporting the development of long-term plan to embed
		Lack of placements due to market sufficiency	Continued efforts with foster carer recruitment. Reviewing support offers and focus on utilising and supporting in-house cares to improve matching. In addition, further focus on FGC to support reunification where possible.

MTFP Savings					
MTFP	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	Total
Original	£3.78m				
Revised					

Milestones Current Status Green

Achieved	Planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 320 VCARE assessments received 60 SWs, APs and Managers trained in safeguarding service C2S Forum used to identify opportunities to support 63 children so far 78% of forecasted saving achieved YTD (02/24) Innovate regularly at capacity Shared approach with providers at 27 Feb event and identified opportunities to work together to meet CYP's needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to expand cohort beyond initial 246 into BAU activity, supported by work to embed VCARE into streamlined processes Ensure all CIC SWs trained and continue to increase numbers trained in safeguarding Develop new, collaborative approach to family finding to test and trial with providers Link to placement sufficiency measures

SRO Comment:
 The project has been successful to date with the majority of the initial cohort having their needs understood via a Circle to Success assessment. As a result, a range of opportunities are being explored to promote positive outcomes for children and young people. We have achieved great results, particularly in the areas of re-balancing provision of care to needs, permanence and re-unifying children and young people with parents and families. Savings are being realised ahead of forecast resulting from the positive outcomes we have seen. We have started to expand the cohort and embed the Circle to Success model to achieve more great outcomes for children and families.

Circle to Success



Summary dashboard

Completed assessments

Cohort 1 **218**

Cohort 2 **102**

Overall average need score

— NCT — Other VC areas



Innovate caseload

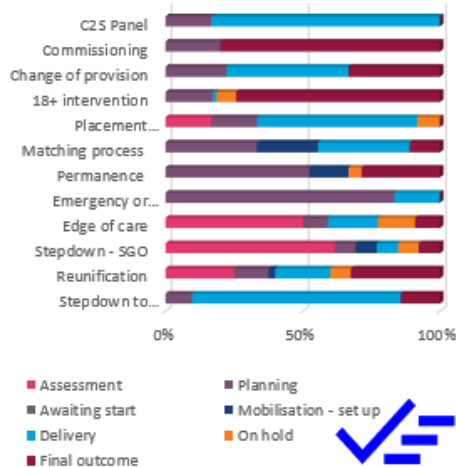


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Opportunities identified

Stepdown to fostering	21
Reunification	42
Stepdown to SGO	17
Edge of care	12
Reducing time in care	4
Permanence	26
Placement stabilisation	13
Commissioning	10

Progress



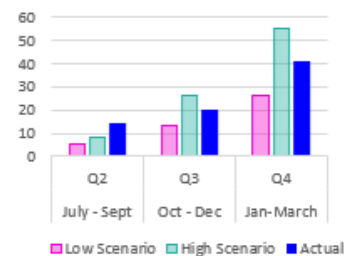
Opportunities realised

Children and young people who have...

Stepdown to fostering	2
Reunification	10
Permanence	6
Edge of care	0
Reducing time in care	0
Other (moved to internal residential)	2
Transitions	8
Placement stabilisation	0
Commissioning	13

Quarterly intervention targets

Ambition scenarios vs actual interventions



Foster carer recruitment

Initial enquiries	Leads	Pre-assessment Phase	Stage 2
232	38	1	2
Panel approval			0

Forecasted savings



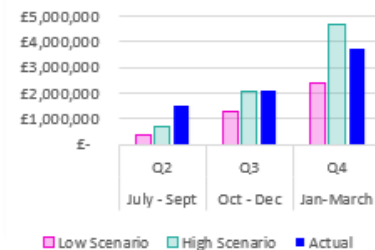
Actual savings 23/24

£3,721,985



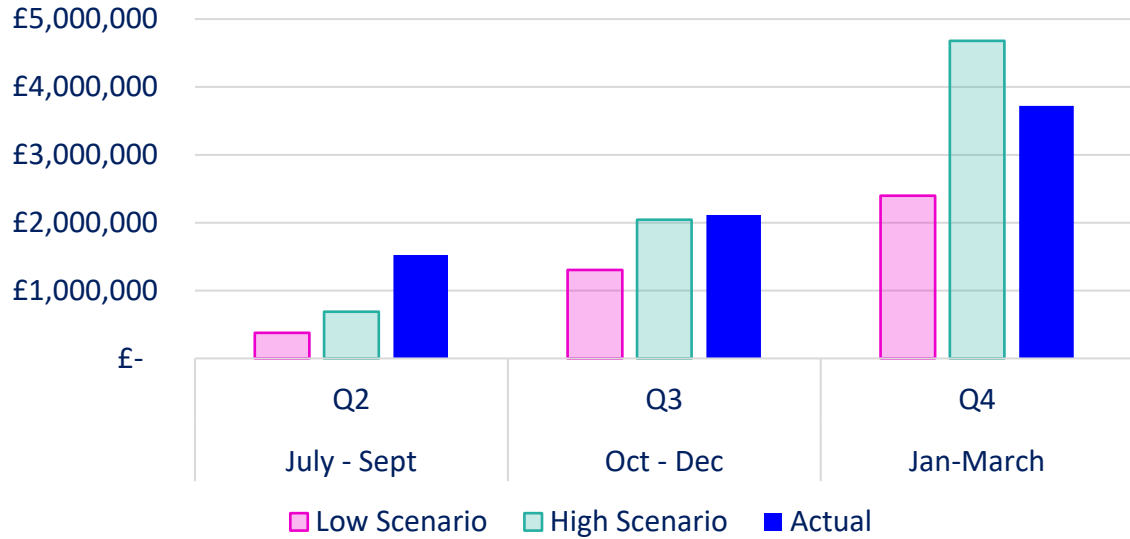
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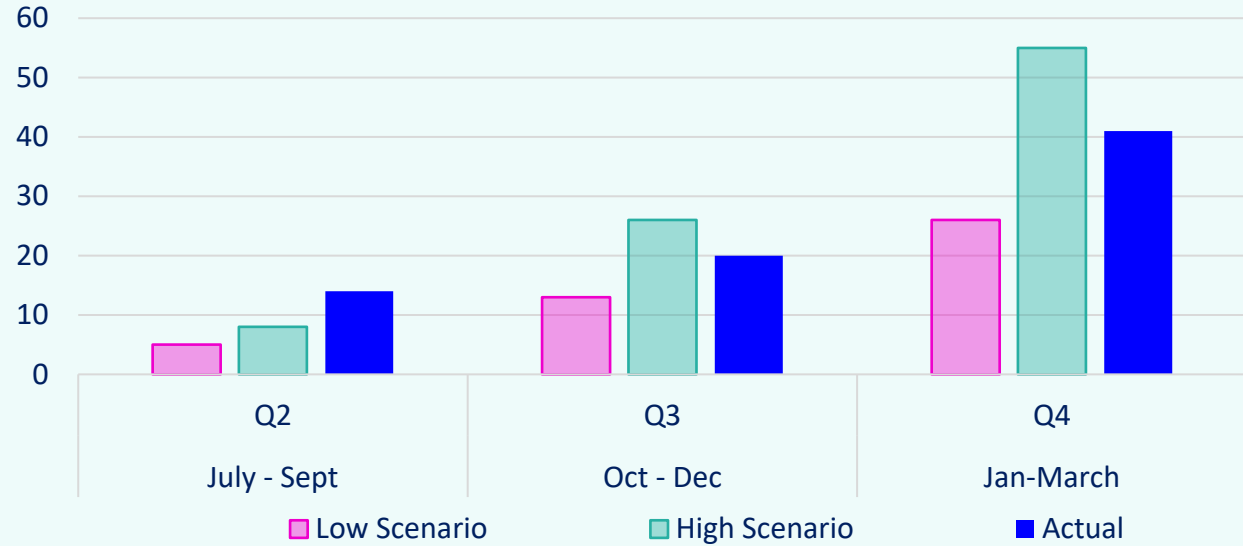


The interventions that have been delivered indicate that we have achieved our low scenario for Q4 savings and on track to achieve our high scenario by the end of March

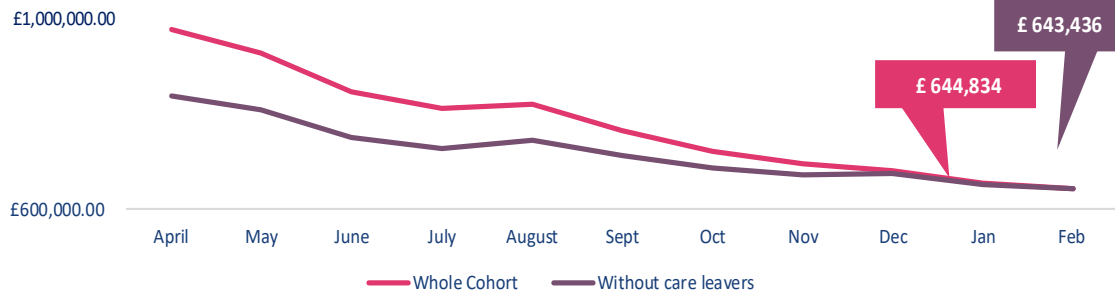
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Ambition scenarios vs actual interventions



Total weekly placement costs for C2S cohort



Average weekly costs for cohort

	April 23	Feb 24
Whole cohort	£4,335	£3,193
Without care leavers	£4,439	£3,782

41 interventions have been delivered, meaning we have achieved our low scenario for Q4 and on track to meet our high scenario by the end of March

Weekly cost of cohort decreasing in total and on average

Tyla is 17 and lives in supported accommodation

Her **Valuing Care** assessment evidenced that she has low needs in all areas, but needs the most support in building family relationships

Tyla's social worker discussed her needs and opportunities to support at our **multi-agency forum**

Multi-agency forum agreed that **reunification** will be explored, but that her current **package of care should be reviewed** to match her needs

Brokerage using valuing care evidence to support **strength-based** conversation with care provider

The package of care reduced to match needs, resulting in **weekly cost reduction of £300**

Continued support using **Family Network Meetings** to progress reunification

Jamie is 16 and has returned home, after living in an out of county residential home.

His **Valuing Care** assessment evidenced that with the right support his needs could be met by his father

Jamie had very low needs in most areas but needed significant support with forming **positive attachments** and being **safe in the community**

In early **October**, Jamie's social worker discussed his needs at our **multi-agency forum and a reunification support plan was put in place**

This included Family Network Meetings and support around exploitation and peer support

Jamie was able to **return home to Dad in December**. Support continued to ensure Jamie's needs are being met