

ADCS SAFEGUARDING PRESSURES RESEARCH – PHASE 8

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Thank you!



1. 125 data collection forms returned from local authorities (83%)



2. Interviews with 21 directors or assistant directors of children's services



3. Regional quarterly common core dataset (to June 2022)



4. Review of a range of relevant literature, policy and nationally available datasets



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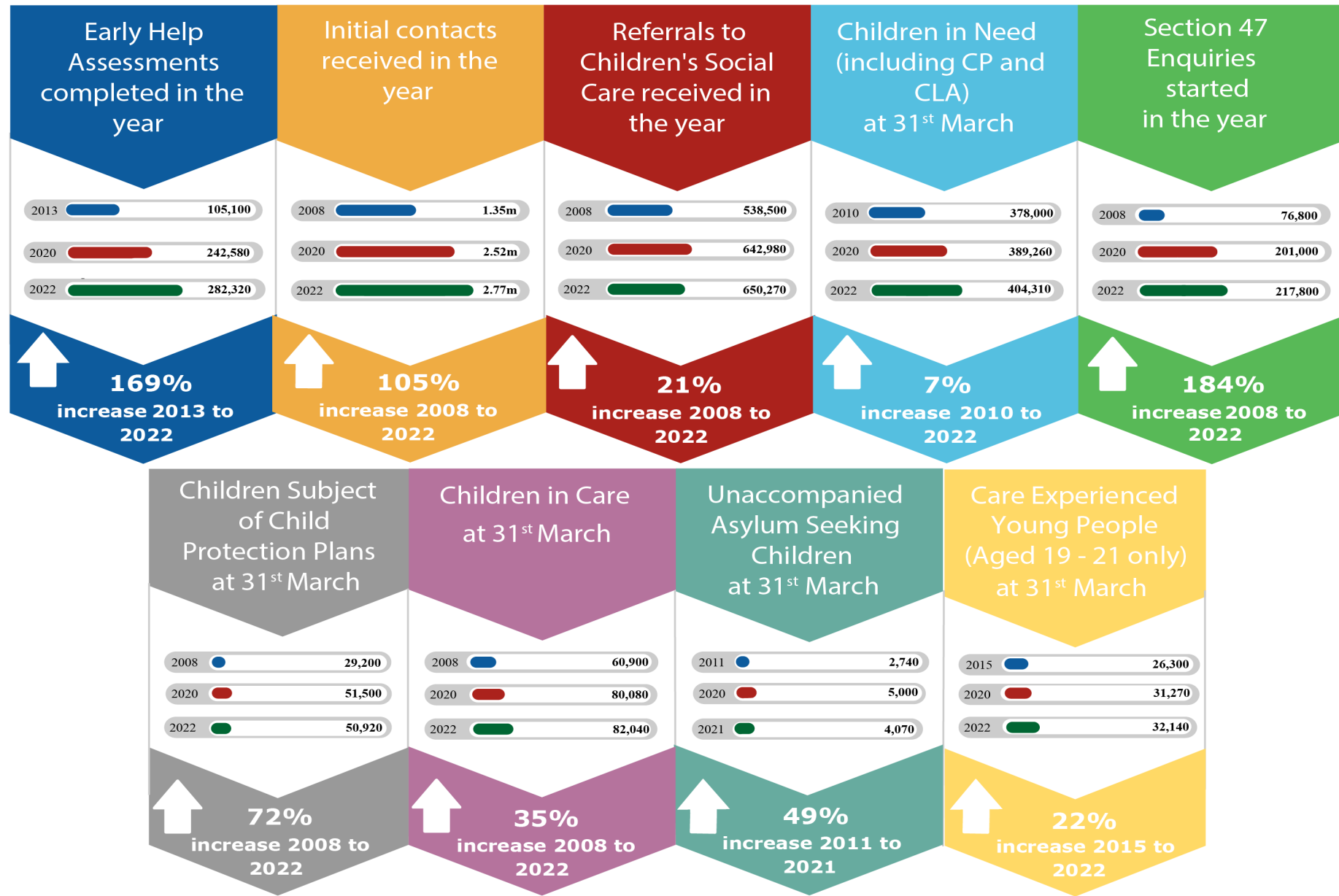
- Interim report
- Special thematic report on children's mental health
- Timeline
- Covid timeline

End November

- Full report
- Executive summary

Safeguarding Pressures:

Change in children's services activity



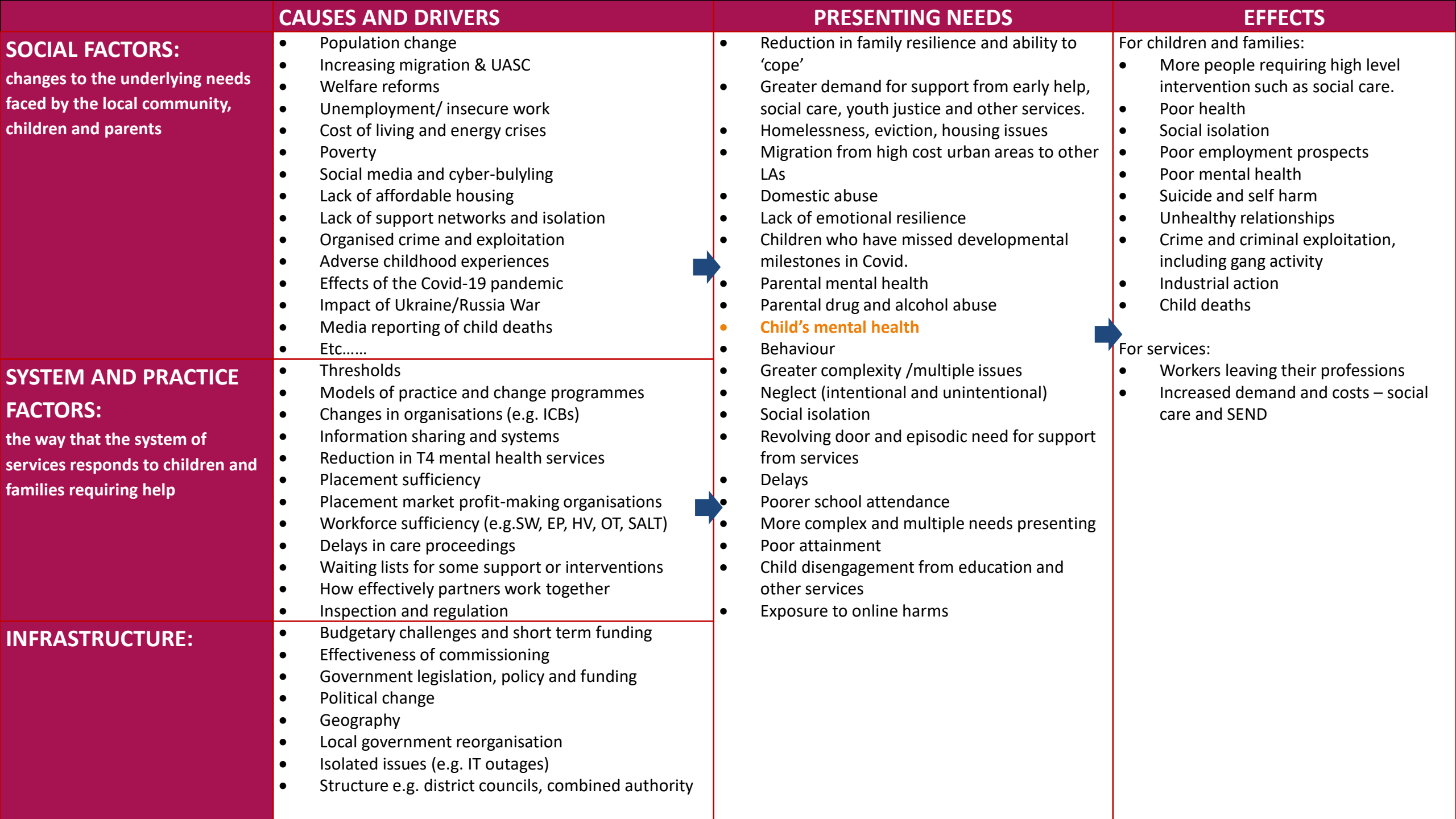
Funding

Top 4 funding pressures:

- Placements
- SEND
- Increase in demand for services and complexity of presenting needs
- Agency social workers

+7.5% to 'stand still' = £778m on 2022/23 budget
(based on 65 respondents)





Children's Mental Health

- National policy aims to promote resilience, protecting and improving children and young people's mental health.
- Whilst patients 'accessing support' of mental health services has increased, significant evidence that *'current plans are not ambitious enough and more than half of young people were without the support they needed'*.
- Limited national evidence about positive outcomes, increase in negative outcomes.

Issues	Examples of solutions and mitigations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in children's mental ill-health• Increase in peri-natal mental ill-health• Confusing pathways to mental health services• Waiting lists• High 'do not attend' numbers• 46% respondents: never/rarely sufficient CAMHS• 79% respondents: never/rarely sufficient Tier 4 beds• Workforce sufficiency issues – lack of professionals• Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementing early help processes and emotional wellbeing services• Redesigning CAMHS offer• Wider roll out of MHSTs• Bespoke packages of care due to lack of Tier 4 beds <div>Build emotional resilience Support good emotional wellbeing Treat mental ill-health</div>



Watch out for full report

- Needs and factors
- Early Help
- Placements
- Sufficiency
- Workforce
- Finance
- UASC
- Whole system view
- Direction of Travel

<http://adcs.org.uk/safeguarding/article/safeguarding-pressure-phase-8>



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ADCS Safeguarding Pressures Research Phase 8

ADCS has collected both qualitative and quantitative data from local authorities to evidence and better understand changes in demand for, and provision of, children's social care.

Safeguarding Pressures phase 8 interim report draws on qualitative and quantitative data from 125 local authorities, covering 83% of England's child population, to evidence and better understand changes in demand for, and provision of, children's social care. It provides an insight into the first two years of the pandemic period, from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022, and shows that the impact of Covid-19 continues to be felt in children's lives, local communities and in public services. This, together with existing data, provides an insight into the safeguarding related pressures currently facing children's services across the country.

- [Safeguarding Pressures Phase 8 Interim Report \(pdf\)](#)

To accompany the latest report, ADCS has updated the timeline which illustrates the events and changes that impact on safeguarding children and young people in England. This update now includes a detailed timeline of Covid-19 related events and changes.

- [Children's Services Policy Timeline 2007 onwards](#)