**South Gloucestershire Council Children’s Services**

**Required timeliness parameters for visits to children**

**Principle**

**Reporting to be based on ALL children in a particular cohort (not just those for whom visits have been carried out in the month).**

| **Cohort** |  **Sub-set** | **Decision** **confirmed 4 April 2023; updated 19 Sept and 4 Dec 2023** |
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| ALL children |  | If the outcome of a strategy meeting is a Section 47 enquiry, a visit must happen on the day of the strategy meeting. A further visit must take place by day 10 of the S47 enquiry. |
| Child in Care  |  Children in Care including reg 24 and reg19 placements and private fostering  |  All CIC (except ICO):A visit must take place within one week of the start of any placement. Subsequent visits should happen every 6 weeks  |
|  | Children in Care - Placement with Parents  | Where child is placed with parent under an ICO:Visits to take place weekly for the first 4 weeks and thereafter at intervals of not more than 4 weeks |
| Child In Need  | Child In Need | A visit should happen every month |
| Child Protection |  | A visit should happen every 10 working days |
| Assessment |  | 1. Every child has one visit by 5 working days
2. Every child should have a second visit by working day 15. Whilst still undergoing assessment (i.e. not moved to a different cohort) next visit then due within a further 20 working days.
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| Early Help |  | A visit should happen every month |
| Care Leavers (18-25 yos) |  | A visit must take place within a week of a YP becoming a care leaver Subsequent visit should happen every 2 months |
| Foster Carers  |  | Short-break, respite carer and share the carer carers:A visit should happen every 3 monthsAll approved foster carers:A visit should happen every month |