**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. |
| 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 months  All approved foster carers:  A visit should happen every month |