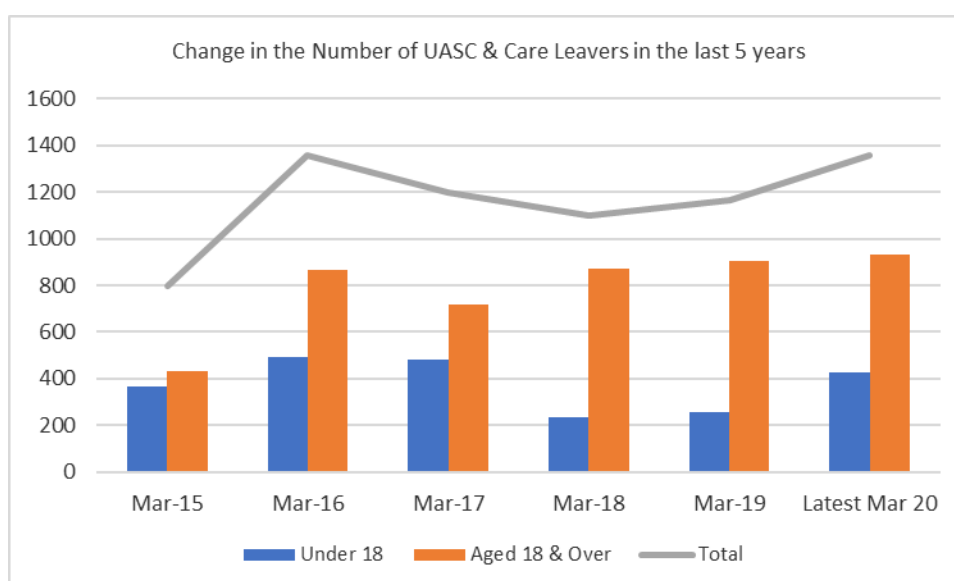


## Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) Key Activity Measures

### 1. Number of UASC & Care Leavers by age category

The number of UASC is well over the minimum threshold of UASC for the authority as a % of population (231), the dispersal scheme has only transferred a minimum number of UASC to other local authorities in the last 9 months. The number of UASC Care Leavers over 18 years old remain relatively steady. The graph below shows the long-term trend in the Asylum children including the impact of the 2015 crisis. It can be seen the numbers are now like those experienced at the height of that crisis.

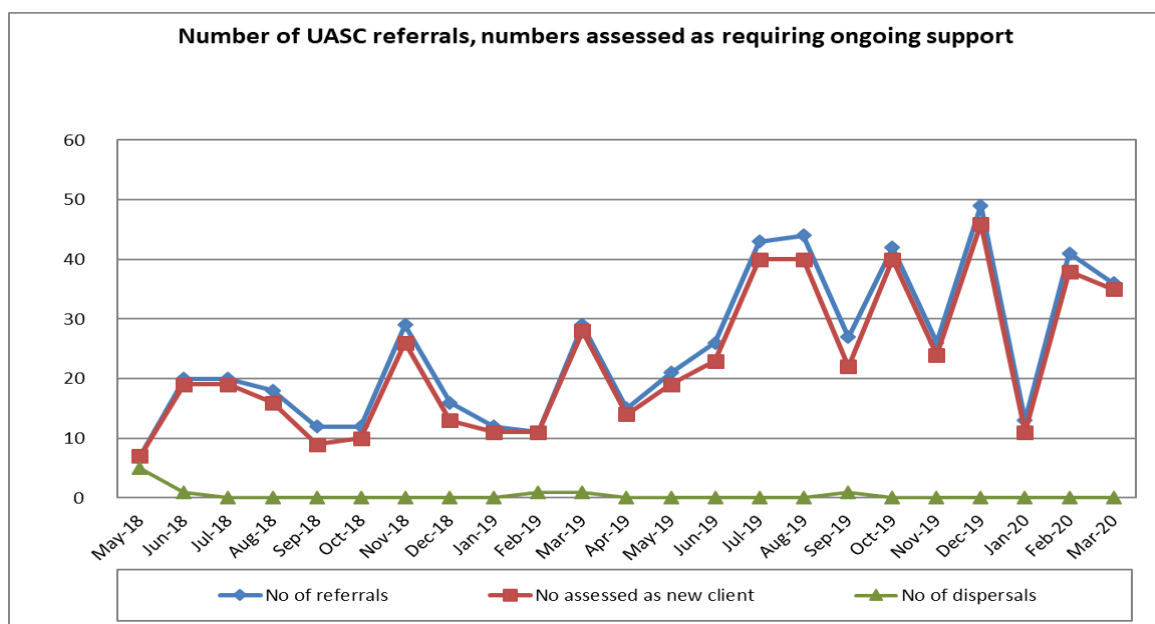
	Aged under 16	Aged 16 & 17	Aged 18 & over	TOTAL
May-18	30	188	879	1,097
Jun-18	34	194	880	1,108
Jul-18	37	199	887	1,123
Aug-18	40	203	888	1,131
Sep-18	44	207	878	1,129
Oct-18	44	210	874	1,128
Nov-18	43	232	877	1,152
Dec-18	41	236	885	1,162
Jan-19	30	220	901	1,151
Feb-19	29	222	902	1,153
Mar-19	33	226	907	1,166
Apr-19	30	232	905	1,167
May-19	34	235	893	1,162
Jun-19	38	251	892	1,181
Jul-19	53	266	893	1,212
Aug-19	62	294	889	1,245
Sep-19	61	312	890	1,263
Oct-19	63	342	889	1,294
Nov-19	60	358	889	1,307
Dec-19	61	384	904	1,349
Jan-20	49	351	938	1,338
Feb-20	48	364	939	1,351
Mar-20	53	374	930	1,357



## 2. Numbers of UASC referrals, assessed as requiring ongoing support

The National Transfer Scheme (NTS) has been in operation since July 2016. NTS is a scheme to encourage other local authorities to volunteer to support UASC so there is a more even distribution of caring responsibilities across the country. In total there have been 362 dispersals from Kent arrivals since the scheme's introduction. During 2018-19, Kent had lower numbers of UASC than the threshold of 231 UASC's set by the Home Office and so new arrivals had not in the main been referred to the dispersal scheme, only 10 young people have been dispersed to another Local Authority since April 2018. However, since this time the number of UASC supported by Kent has since significantly exceeded this target with only a minimum number of dispersals made. Kent currently has 427 UASC and the numbers are projected to continue to rise, resulting in a unsustainable service and associated financial pressures. Children Social Services are having to respond and will need to invest in further staffing across the service both now and in future years to support this growing cohort of young people. The COVID outbreak has also brought further challenges in the placing of UASC whilst maintaining the required social distancing and self-isolation recommendations. The immediate impact has been the need to provide additional reception facilities to support the consistently high numbers of new arrivals. We are in ongoing discussions with the Home office and the Department for Education in relation to both the high number of new arrivals and the impact of COVID 19 including the pressure to relaunch the National Transfer Scheme and ensure enough funding is received. Historically, there has been a shortfall in the grant received from the Home Office to fund the Asylum Service. On the 8<sup>th</sup> June the Home Office announced the enhanced funding rates following the outcome a long awaited review. The impact of this is being worked through.

	No of referrals	No assessed as new client	%	No of dispersals
May-18	7	7	100%	5
Jun-18	20	19	95%	1
Jul-18	20	19	95%	0
Aug-18	18	16	89%	0
Sep-18	12	9	75%	0
Oct-18	12	10	83%	0
Nov-18	29	26	90%	0
Dec-18	16	13	81%	0
Jan-19	12	11	92%	0
Feb-19	11	11	100%	1
Mar-19	29	28	97%	1
Apr-19	15	14	93%	0
May-19	21	19	90%	0
Jun-19	26	23	88%	0
Jul-19	43	40	93%	0
Aug-19	44	40	91%	0
Sep-19	27	22	81%	1
Oct-19	42	40	95%	0
Nov-19	26	24	92%	0
Dec-19	49	46	94%	0
Jan-20	13	11	85%	0
Feb-20	41	38	93%	0
Mar-20	36	35	97%	0



**3. Number of Eligible & Ineligible Clients incl All Rights of appeal Exhausted (ARE) clients at the end of each month**

2019/20	Eligible Clients	of which AREs	Ineligible Clients	of which AREs	Total Clients	Total AREs
Mar-18	900	13	211	41	1,111	54
Mar-19	912	6	254	51	1,166	57
Apr-19	914	3	253	46	1,167	49
May-19	916	2	246	29	1,162	31
Jun-19	928	1	253	28	1,181	29
Jul-19	958	0	254	25	1,212	25
Aug-19	982	1	263	22	1,245	23
Sep-19	975	4	288	14	1,263	18
Oct-19	1002	5	292	13	1,294	18
Nov-19	1011	3	296	9	1,307	12
Dec-19	1019	3	330	9	1,349	12
Jan-20	1007	5	331	10	1,338	15
Feb-20	1014	2	337	11	1,351	13
Mar-20	1019	0	338	14	1,357	14

Eligible Clients are those who do meet the Home Office grant rules criteria. Appeal Rights Exhausted (ARE) clients are eligible for the first 13 weeks providing a human rights assessment is completed.

Ineligible clients are those who do not meet the Home Office grant rules criteria. For young people (under 18), this includes accompanied minors and long-term absences (e.g. hospital or prison). For care leavers, there is an additional level of eligibility as the young person must have leave to remain or “continued in time” appeal applications to be classed as an eligible client.