



The financial spend against this budget since the introduction of 1140hrs has reduced greatly. In 2022/23 it was £61,537 and commitment for the first 3 financial quarters this year is £32,355.

The average length of placement for a child has fallen from 110 days in 2020/21 to 22 days in the current year.

To date this session Positive Start placements have totalled: 80 days in Bute and Cowal 218 days in Helensburgh and Lomond 117 days in Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay 0 days in Oban Lorn and the Isles

Referrals come from situations that arise from Child Protection Issues or concerns about failure to thrive or wellbeing for children birth to 3, the removal of this funding means that these children could not in future be placed with a childminder for a short and fixed period of time and instead would require to be supported by the referring agency- Social work and or Health. There is a risk that

