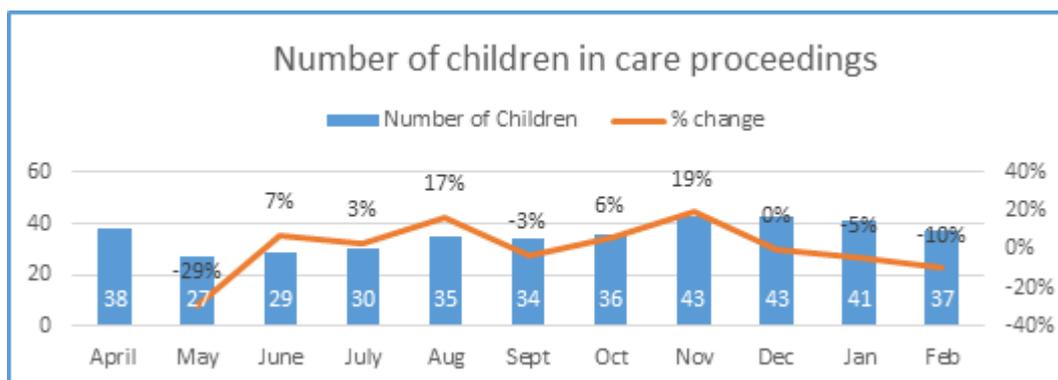


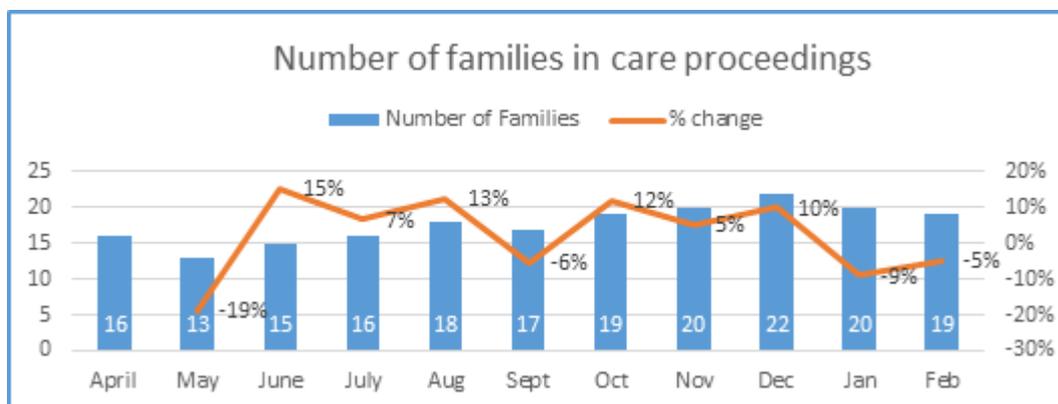
## Care Proceedings Query

Cases in care proceedings have increased slightly over the last few months. The following report shows the breakdown of that increase.

In November there was a step change in the number of Children in care proceedings from 36 children in October to 43 in November (a 19% increase).

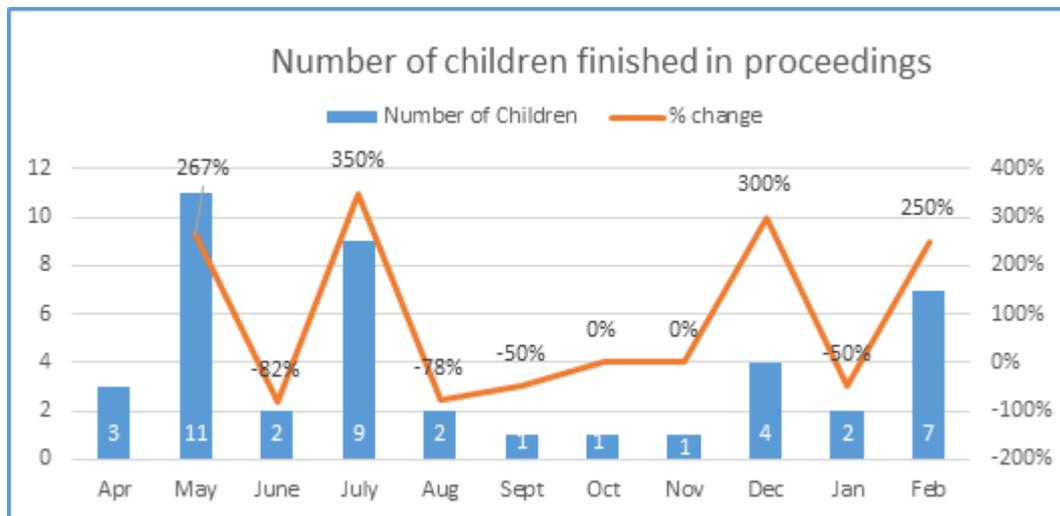


This increase was the result of a change in the size of sibling groups, as the number of families in care proceedings increased by 1 (5%).

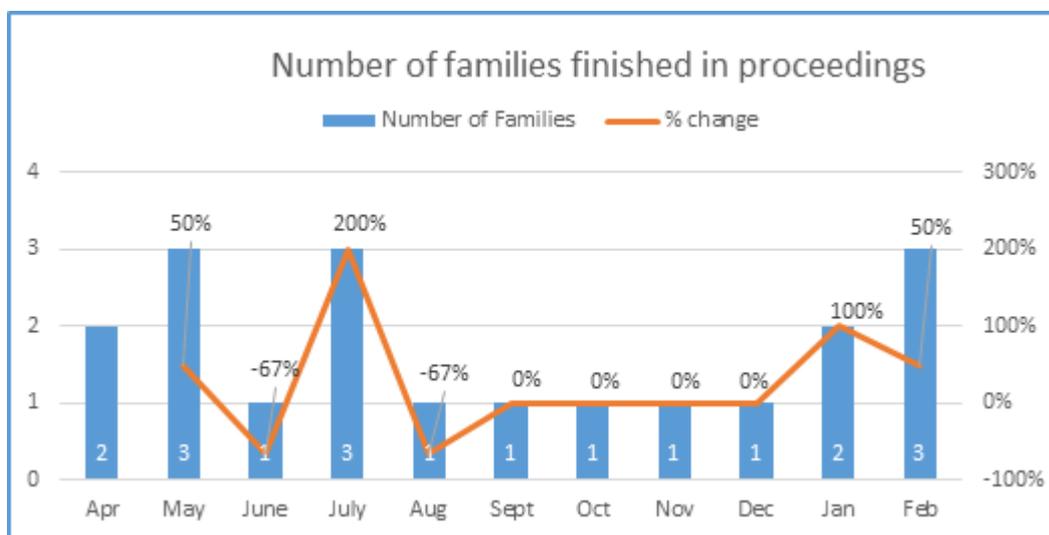


The number of children and families in care proceedings had been increasing gradually since May 2018; however this trend has reversed over the past 2 months, with the number of both families and children, returning to levels seen in October.

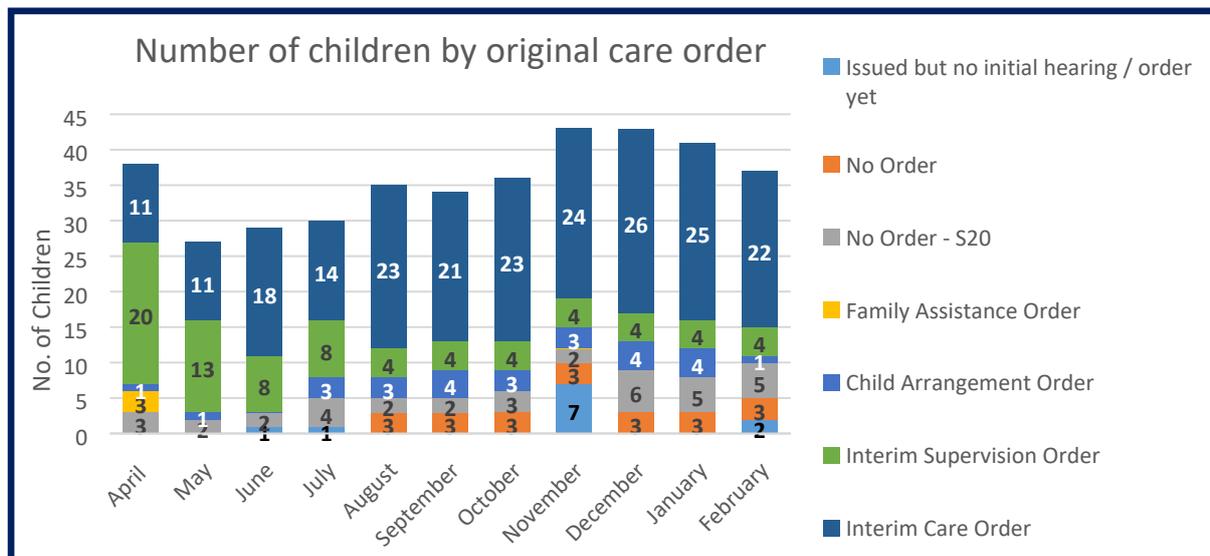
This reduction in the numbers of families in care proceedings over the past 2 months, reflects an increase in the number of children and families completing care proceedings during that time.



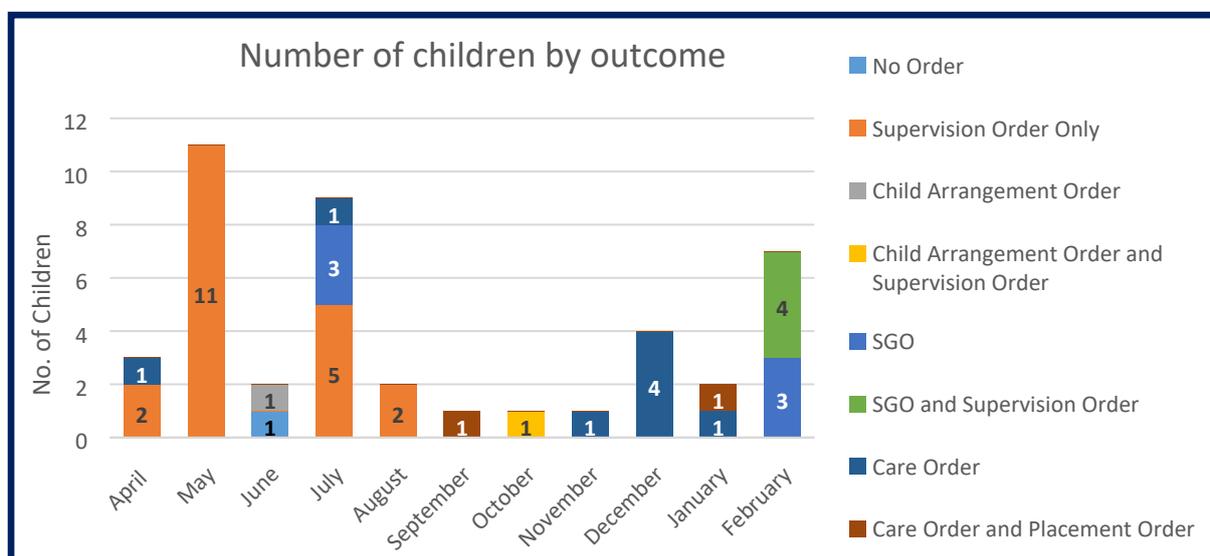
Between September and November 2019, only 3 children’s care proceedings were completed (3 children from 3 families), whilst 13 children’s care proceedings were completed between December 2019 and February 2020 (13 children from 6 families).



In November 2019, 7 children were recorded as 'issued, but no initial hearing/order yet', this number is inconsistent with previous months.



Since November, the majority of cases concluded with Care orders, SGOs and Supervision orders (87%), whilst in first half of the year, the majority of proceedings concluded with supervision orders (71%)



**Data source: service-held spreadsheets**