North Lanarkshire - PACE

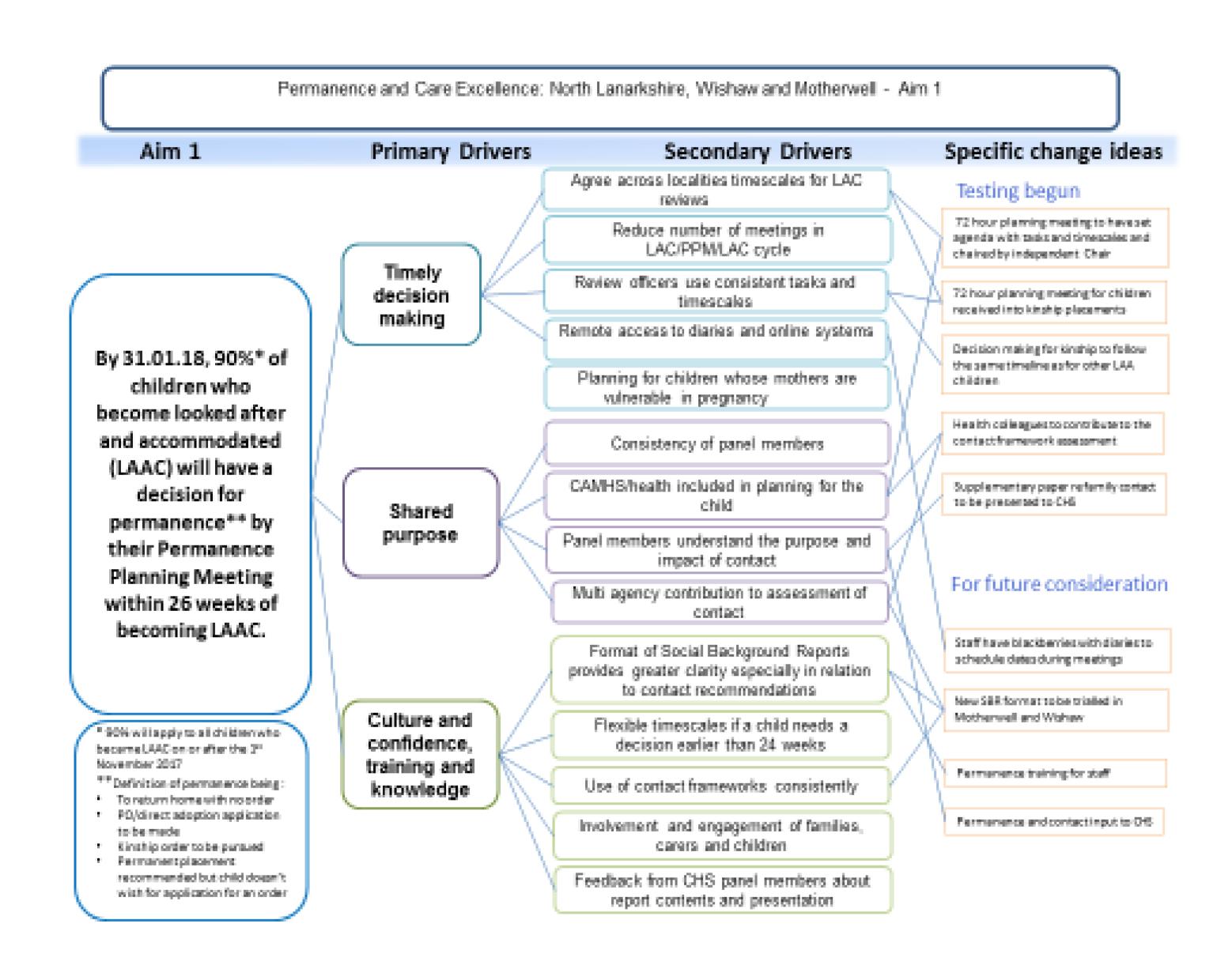
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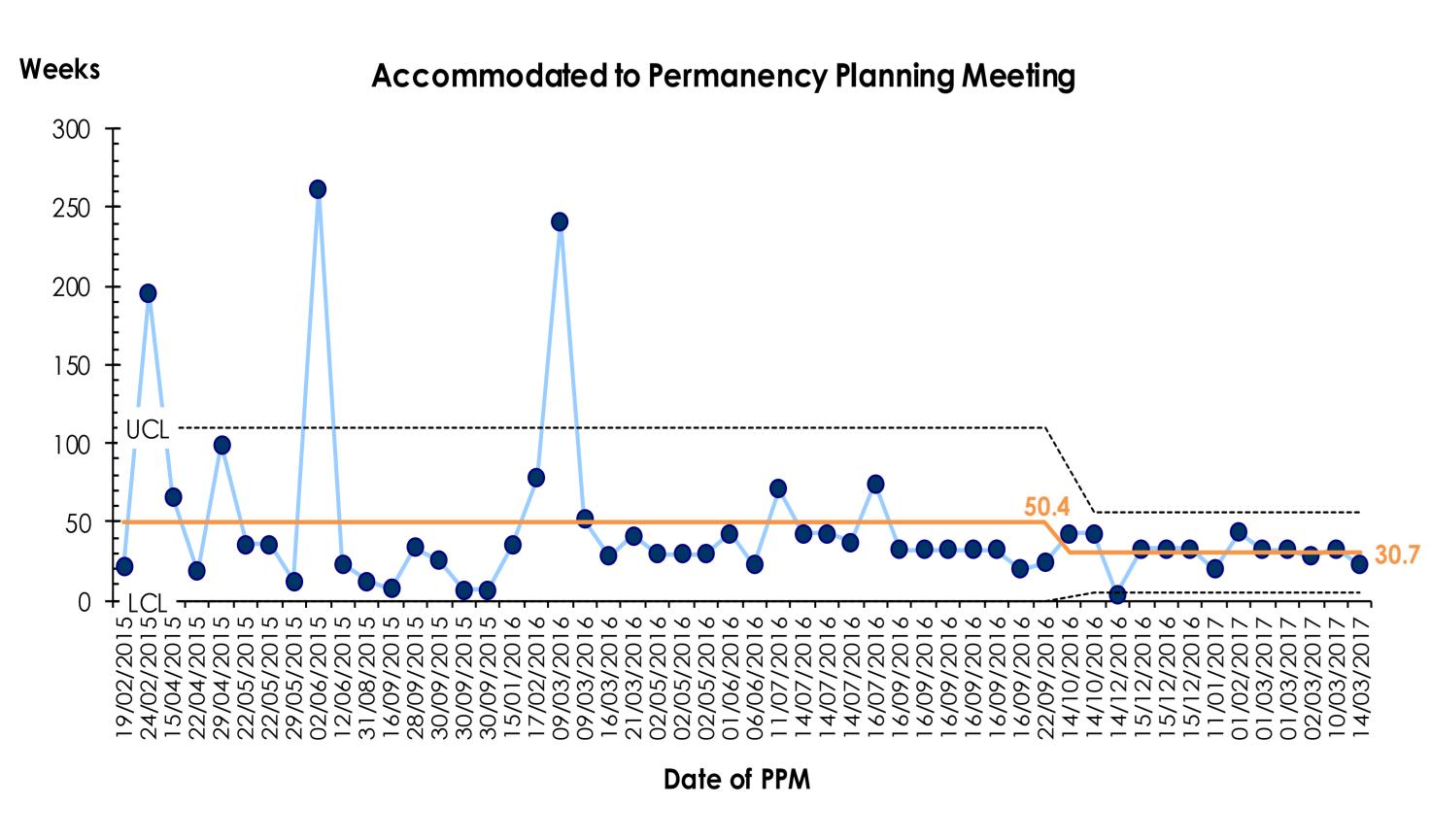
1.By 31 January 2018, 90% of children who become looked after and accommodated (LAAC) will have a decision for permanence made by their Permanence Planning Meeting within 26 weeks of becoming LAAC.

2.By 31 January 2018, 95% of children who have a decision for permanence away from home made by the Permanence Planning Meeting will be presented to the Fostering and Permanence panel within 26 weeks.

What have we done so far?

- Process Mapped our key parts of the permanence process
- Developed 2 aims with 11 tests of change





Aim 1 data (excluding kinship and rehabilitation pathways)

Key Learning Points

- We need to build confidence in Social Workers
- We need a better way of evidencing decision-making for children and young people who are in kinship care or looked after at home
- The importance of cross-agency relationships

Achievements

- An Agenda/Practice Note (with tasks and timescales) has been developed for 72 Hour Planning Meetings to ensure everyone is fully prepared for the Meeting
- Health Visitors are testing a contribution to the Contact
 Assessment Framework by observing a child before and
 after contact to feed in to recommendations to Children's
 Hearings
- Greater understanding of roles and responsibilities across agencies:
 - Health and Education colleagues have a greater understanding of the looked after child process and the work of Social Work
 - Children's Hearing Panel members have a greater understanding of the level of scrutiny that Social Work recommendations have, and the multi-agency nature of recommendations

Next Steps

- Continue testing and building evidence
- Develop a better way of tracking children and young people who are in kinship care or looked after at home
- Prepare to scale up to other localities