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**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**

A meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee will be held on **Friday, 21 July 2017 at 10.00 am in Committee Room One, County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL** for the transaction of the business set out on the attached Agenda.

Yours sincerely



Tony McArdle  
Chief Executive

**Membership of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee**  
**(11 Members of the Council and 4 Added Members)**

Councillors R L Foulkes (Chairman), R J Kendrick (Vice-Chairman), M D Boles, Mrs W Bowkett, S R Dodds, M T Fido, C Matthews, A P Maughan, Mrs C L Perraton-Williams, L Wootten and R Wootten

**Added Members**

Church Representatives: Mr S C Rudman and Reverend Sue Evans

Parent Governor Representatives: Mrs P J Barnett and Dr E van der Zee



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FRIDAY, 21 JULY 2017**

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
9 JUNE 2017**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR R L FOULKES (CHAIRMAN)**

Councillors R J Kendrick (Vice-Chairman), M D Boles, Mrs W Bowkett, S R Dodds, M T Fido, C Matthews, A P Maughan, Mrs C L Perraton-Williams, L Wootten and R Wootten.

**Added Members**

Church Representative: Mr S C Rudman.

Councillors: Mrs J E Killey and Mrs P A Bradwell (Executive Councillor Adult Care, Health and Children's Services) were also in attendance.

Officers in attendance:-

Debbie Barnes (Executive Director, Children's Services), Stuart Carlton (Assistant Director Children's Lead Early Help), Matthew Clayton (Admissions and Education Provision Manager), Katrina Cope (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Tracy Johnson (Senior Scrutiny Officer), John O'Connor (Service Manager Education Support) and Heather Sandy (Chief Commissioning Officer for Learning).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Thompson (Church Representative), Mrs P J Barnett and Dr E van der Zee (Parent Governor Representatives).

An apology for absence was also received from Councillor D Brailsford (Executive Support Councillor for Children's Services).

2 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of members' interest made at this point in the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 MARCH 2017

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 10 March 2017, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN, EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR ADULT CARE, HEALTH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Chairman advised the Committee that Tracy Johnson, Senior Scrutiny Officer had been contacted by the Children's Services Participation Team about inviting a few members of the Committee to attend the Youth Council debate with local schools on Brexit and what matters locally to young people in Lincolnshire.

It was noted that the debate was taking place on Friday 30 June 2017 from 10.00am until 12.30pm. It was noted further that Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell, Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services would be co-chairing the debate and Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services would be in attendance. It was highlighted that 10 schools would be attending and each of them would be bringing along between 8 and 12 pupils each.

Councillors A P Maughan, S R Dodds, R L Foulkes and M T Fido expressed an interest at the meeting in attending the Debate.

The Executive Director of Children's Services advised the Scrutiny Committee that the identity of the Spalding double teenage killers had been made public. The Executive Director read out a prepared press statement on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council.

5 INTRODUCTION TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Committee received a presentation from Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services, which provided an overview of the Children's Services Directorate; which included:-

- Statistical information relating to Lincolnshire, Schools in Lincolnshire, Children's Centres, Children's Social Care and targeted areas;
- Children's Services Vision of 'Putting Children First – working together with families to enhance Children's present and future lives';
- Children's Services five principles of: Early Intervention and Prevention; Safeguarding and Best Start in Life; Aspiration and Wellbeing; Learning and Achievement; and Best Use of Resources;
- Services commissioned and delivered under universal/targeted and specialist areas;
- Key Partnerships - reference was made to partnerships with the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, Joint Commissioning Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and the Lincolnshire Learning Partnership;
- The County Council's achievements – these included recognition as a Good Local Authority with Adoption Outstanding, Strong Early Help through Children's Centres, the Council's Residential Homes being judged as being good or better; and that school performance was just below national level but was improving;

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**9 JUNE 2017**

- The priorities of Children's Services moving forward, these included 0 - 19 Public Health Nursing Transfer; Re-provision of specialist education; Review of supported accommodation for young people with risky and complex needs; and Partners in Practice; and
- Financial information relating to the Children's Services Revenue Budgets, it was noted that this budget totalled £105.070m; and the 2017/18 Dedicated School Grant Allocations through the Schools, Early Years and High Needs Blocks.

During discussion, the Committee raised the following issues:-

- One member felt that the Committee needed to be aware of the Team Around the Child (TAC). The Assistant Director Children's - Lead Early Help, advised the Committee that TAC was an early help service geared to help children earlier, and involved a lot of working in partnership with agencies and schools. It was highlighted that the TAC was working well in Lincolnshire and had been well received by Ofsted;
- Children's Centres – The Committee was advised that Children's Centres were very important; and that evidence suggested that investing in early help was helping in preventing families' needs from escalating. However, at the moment there was no certainty as to what settlement figures would be received;
- The Committee was advised that Stuart Carlton, Assistant Director Children's Services was leaving the authority to take up a Director position in North Yorkshire. The Committee extended their congratulations and expressed their thanks to the Assistant Director and wished him well in his new role. It was highlighted that as a result of a change in the Children's Services Management Team, there would be interviews taking place for Interim cover, which would provide an opportunity for the current service managers. One experienced member commended the adoption service as an excellent service; and offered to personally share experience and knowledge of the process of being an Adoption Panel member, with newly elected members on the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee;
- The Committee was advised that the help Lincolnshire County Council had provided to Rotherham was progressing well; and that the most recent monitoring report from Ofsted had indicated that Rotherham was going in the right direction. It was highlighted that the final decision regarding restoration of powers rested with the Secretary of State;
- The definition of Child Poverty. It was agreed that the definition would be circulated to all members of the Committee after the meeting. Reference was also mentioned to the fact that an all-encompassing policy was adopted when considering potential adopters. The Committee noted that the County Council had an outstanding Adoption Service, and part of that service ensured that comprehensive support was given to prospective parents throughout the whole process. It was noted further that special guardianship orders were used when permanently placing with family members;
- Working with Academies – The Committee was advised that the County Council did not have statutory powers relating to school improvement in

relation to Academies. The Council was able to challenge performance issues through the Regional Schools Commissioner. It was noted that on the whole, most Academies wanted to work with the County Council;

- It was highlighted that the sector led approach adopted by the Lincolnshire Learning Partnership ensured that schools helped each other by contributing support to each other, sharing good practice to improve learning; building up networks to serve children and their communities; and by challenging each other to ensure that no school was left behind;
- The Chairman encouraged members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to visit the Lincolnshire Research Observatory website, as it contained a wealth of facts and figures which would help the Committee in their role.

#### RESOLVED

That a copy of the presentation received relating to Children's Services should be circulated to all members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

#### 6 PROPOSAL TO EXPAND CAPACITY AT MARKET DEEPING COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL (FINAL DECISION)

The Chairman highlighted to the Committee that as the item before them was for pre-decision scrutiny, prior to an Executive Councillor decision on 21 June 2017, the following process would be followed:-

- An overview of the report would be provided by the Admissions and Education Provision Manager;
- Members would then be given the opportunity to ask questions on the report;
- Members to then debate the contents of the report;
- The Committee to vote on whether to support the recommendation to the Executive Councillor. (As this item was an educational item, added members were also entitled to vote); and
- The Committee to then agree any comments it wished to pass on to the Executive Councillor. (The comments to be written up by Tracy Johnson, Senior Scrutiny Officer).

Consideration was given to a report from Matthew Clayton, Admissions and Education Provision Manager, which invited the Scrutiny Committee to consider a proposal to permanently expand capacity at Market Deeping Community Primary School (final decision) with effect from 1 September 2017.

The following documents were appended to the Executive report:-

- Appendix A – A summary of written consultation responses;
- Appendix B – A copy of the Statutory Notice, published on 24 March 2017;
- Appendix C – A copy of the complete proposal to expand Market Deeping Community Primary School; and

- Appendix D – Site Plan.

The Admissions and Education Provision Manager provided the Committee with an overview of the process and the reasons for the request for the proposal. The Committee noted that the rise in national birth rates, combined with inward migration and housing development was resulting in an increased demand for primary schools places, and overall there was expected to be a long term requirement for more school places.

The Committee was advised that Market Deeping would experience a shortage of available places if capacity at one or more of the local schools was not increased, or additional capacity added through alternative means. Reasons for the recommendation were detailed on pages 25/26 of the report presented. It was reported that the Local Authority (LA) considered the proposal to be the most appropriate available solution to the expected shortage of primary school places in Market Deeping. The proposal had received full support of the Governing Body and it was felt that the school could drive forward a successful expansion which would provide the opportunity to improve the learning experience and outcomes for children. It also enabled the LA to fulfil its statutory duty of ensuring that there were sufficient places to accommodate all pupils of statutory school age in Lincolnshire.

The proposal being consulted on was to permanently expand Market Deeping Community Primary School from the existing capacity of 210 places based on a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 30 to an increased capacity of 315 places with a new PAN of 45. This would initially increase the PAN from 30 to 45 for the Reception intake in September 2018 only. The increased intake of up to 45 would then be phased in with each subsequent Reception intake until the PAN of 45 applied to all year groups.

The report highlighted that in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act 2006, a letter incorporating relevant information and reasons for the proposal was sent out to interested parties on 16 January 2017 for a four week period. Written responses received were contained within Appendix A to the report. There had been 66 valid responses in total, of which 7 had been against the proposal, 43 for the proposal and 16 neither for nor against. It was noted that all comments would be taken in to account by the Executive Councillor in the decision making process.

Appendix D provided a layout plan showing the areas of proposed change to accommodate the increase in the number of pupils, which included additional teaching and intervention spaces as well as other areas such as toilets and a significant extension to the school hall.

During consideration of the report the Committee raised the following points:-

- Some concern was raised in relation to the effect of additional traffic and parking in the potential area, and how this would be mitigated. It was also queried as to whether any objections that had been raised during the consultation period had been in relation to traffic. Officers confirmed that only one response to the consultation and one response to the statutory notice had

raised issues concerning traffic. The Committee noted that the former and current county councillor had been consulted and both were in support of the proposals. It was highlighted that access to the school had been improved and Tesco had already provided some car parking for parents to use. The Committee was reminded that as part of the planning application process, there would be a full consultation around traffic and parking and a school travel plan would be produced;

- Concerns were also expressed about future proofing and whether there would be enough capacity in the local primary sector going forward with the new housing development planned. It was highlighted that there was some future proofing as there was the possibility to expand the school further from 315 places to 420 places in the future, subject to additional capital and building works. It was highlighted further that there was a need to avoid over future proofing, as surplus school places could lead to parents questioning their preference which could result in a negative impact on other schools in the area. In addition, the Committee noted that Section 106 money from housing developers would only be available if there was to be insufficient capacity; hence the need to match capacity rather than provide surplus capacity, otherwise the Council would lose the Section 106 money from housing developments;
- One member queried as to what the current financial position of the school was and whether money was already available for the expansion. The Committee was advised that the school was not set to go into financial deficit; and that the school would receive additional funding due to an increase in the number of pupils on roll. The Committee was advised further that the capital from Section 106 funding would become available once the housing development had been completed;
- It was queried as to whether the increase in PAN from 30 to 45 would lead to mixed age or ability classes. It was confirmed that there would be some classes with mixed classes which would either be by age, ability or friendship groups. It was for the school to decide how best to do this and that there was several examples of popular and successful schools in the county that organised their year groups in this way; and
- A query was raised as to whether there would be any impact on the school's playing fields. Officers confirmed that the building work would not impact on the playing fields and that they would remain at their current size.

#### RESOLVED

1. That the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee unanimously supported the recommendation as detailed in the Executive Councillor report presented.
2. That the comments as detailed above be passed on to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services in relation to this item.

Consideration was given to a report from Tracy Johnson, Senior Scrutiny Officer, which enabled the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme for the coming year to ensure that scrutiny activity was focussed where it could be of greatest benefit.

The Committee was encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme as well as any items to be programmed listed on page 61 of the report.

A copy of the Committee's work programme for the coming year was detailed at Appendix A to the report. A list of all forthcoming Forward Plan decisions relating to the Committee was also attached at Appendix B for consideration.

It was highlighted that when identifying topics for scrutiny, it was necessary to select the right topics where scrutiny could add value in order for scrutiny to have a positive influence on the work of the Council. The bottom of page 56/top of page 57 provided the Committee with a series of questions members might want to consider when highlighting potential items for discussion.

A suggestion was made for relevant information to be circulated to all members on the Committee in advance of meetings, to help them gain knowledge to assist them in their role as members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

One item put forward for consideration was to look at Out of County Placements into Lincolnshire.

#### RESOLVED

1. That consideration be given to including Out of County Placements into Lincolnshire on the work programme as a future agenda item.
2. That background information relevant to items on future agendas be circulated to all members of the Committee in advance to help them gain knowledge to assist them in their role as a member of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm

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## Policy and Scrutiny

### Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>21 July 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy – Six Monthly Update</b>

#### Summary:

This report informs the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee on the progress of the Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy.

#### Actions Required:

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is invited

1. to seek reassurance about the progress made against the Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy and provide feedback and challenge as required.
2. to receive an update on the progress of the Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy in six months' time.

## 1. Background

*The Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy* (December 2015) was introduced to address the problem of a rising and unsustainable rate of permanent exclusion from Lincolnshire schools. The scale of the problem, which resulted in our county being consistently the highest excluder of primary aged children nationally and nearly the highest of secondary, has been well documented in previous reports.

The strategy introduced the notion of a 'Ladder of Intervention' and that Ladder was launched in January 2015/16. In September of 2016/17 a step within the Ladder, specialist behaviour support for pupils at risk, went live through the launch of the Behaviour Outreach Support Service (BOSS). In addition, schools were given access to 'intervention places' within what is now Springwell Lincoln City Academy (SPLCA), formerly the Teaching and Learning Centre (TLC), when they could demonstrate that they had followed the Ladder.

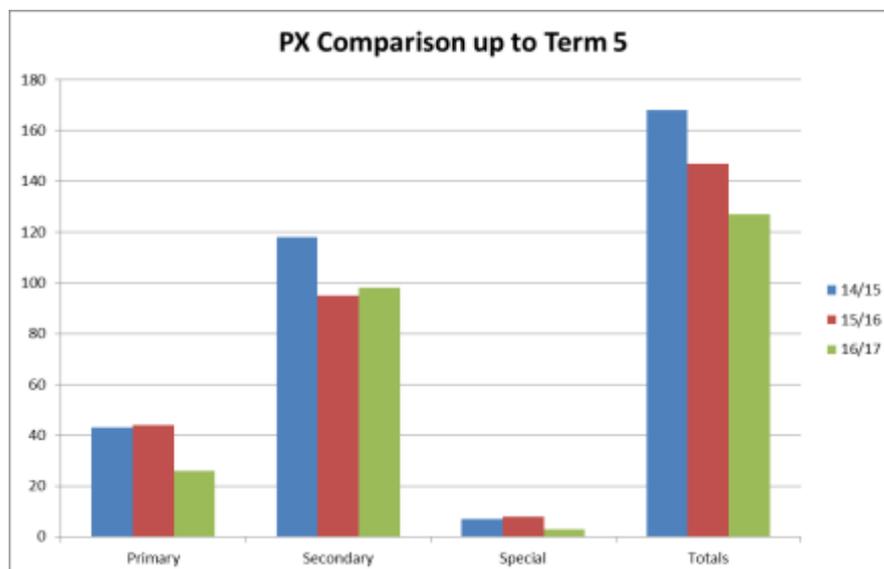
At the end of a full academic year, it is now possible to evaluate the early impact of the Ladder. The key indicators identified within the *Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy* document have been used to structure this review, as follows:

## Key Indicators (*Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy, Dec 2015*)

- a) The reduction in the number of permanent exclusions
- b) Children and Young People reporting positive experiences of Behaviour Support
- c) Schools and services are certain about respective roles and pathways to access support
- d) Early intervention services are co-ordinated and delivered in the most effective way to prevent an escalation in need
- e) School based practitioners have been supported to develop their practice and skill base in relation to supporting vulnerable learners

## 2. Progress Update

### a) The reduction in the number of permanent exclusions



With term 6 not yet complete, this table compares terms 1 to 5 of the last three academic years. If the figures for term 6 remain as they are at the time of writing, with just three weeks of term remaining, then primary exclusions will have fallen by over half from 49 in 2015-16 to 24 in 2016-17.

In relation to the secondary phase, the step change occurred between the years 2014-15 (165 exclusions) and 2015-16 (106 exclusions). That significantly reduced figure remains about the same in 2016-17 with 103 exclusions at this point, very close to the end of the year.

This is encouraging in so far as the 2015-16 progress has been sustained. However, a key priority for 2017-18 must be to build on this position by targeting for support and challenge the small number of vulnerable secondary schools that account for a disproportionate number of secondary exclusions.

## **b) Children and Young People reporting positive experiences of Behaviour Support**

BOSS is striving to ensure that the voice of children and young people underpins the service. Young Inspectors are currently working with pupils open to the service to gather their views about it so that there is a degree of independent scrutiny, led by young people, for young people. The initial stage of this work is due for completion by the end of the academic year. Meetings with Young Inspectors and pupils have been scheduled and their feedback will inform future developments within the service. Feedback from Young Inspectors to date includes:

- *J really enjoyed having an independent person. J said that he had made a conscious decision to turn his behaviour around. He felt BOSS mediated between him and school to rebuild relationships.*
- *D said BOSS intervention had helped him behave better in school. "No behaviour points". He found information about college courses and positive future helpful and was now on track.*
- *"You did not ruin my life"*
- *J received an award in assembly and also received a voucher for his achievements. He now feels very happy at school.*

In addition, BOSS is fully committed to the participation charter.

The step before BOSS involvement is the Pupil Reintegration Team (PRT) and school-led, and the PRT will be introducing an evaluation tool from September 2017 to capture the views of stakeholders, including pupils, about their experience at this level of intervention. Findings will be shared as part of the next report.

## **c) Schools and services are certain about respective roles and pathways to access support**

A key strength of the Ladder is its clarity. Anyone familiar with the document will know where to find the Pastoral Support Plan (PSP) which forms the core of step one, how to refer to BOSS and then onto panel for intervention placement, should that be necessary. Referral forms are straightforward and available online at [www.lincolnshirechildren.net](http://www.lincolnshirechildren.net).

The role of the PRT is pivotal in the referral process and this means that schools are contacted directly should there be any evidence of misinterpretation or insufficient evidence that the Ladder has been followed. Such feedback is always accompanied by an offer of support – for example, a meeting with the school's pastoral team to share examples of effective PSPs and to identify pupils who might benefit from such support (repeat fixed term exclusions being a good indicator of this.)

The only secondary schools that have not been visited by a member of the PRT are those that have not yet needed to access Ladder resources. PRT caseworkers are engaged in school visits daily and carry an average caseload of 65 pupils. Indeed, demand for their input has grown exponentially as the team focuses on

early intervention and engages with pupils and families who would not in the past have become known to the Local Authority (LA). The team has subsequently been expanded by two caseworkers, an additional practice supervisor and enhanced business support.

There have been presentations on the Ladder to a wide range of stakeholders. All Headteacher briefings since Spring 2015/16 have been utilised with the exception of the most recent when it was agreed there was no longer a need for this level of awareness-raising. Other audiences include SENCOs (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinators), through the graduated approach briefings, LSCB (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board) events, governor briefings, LCC (Lincolnshire County Council) staff briefings, SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) team briefings and Independent Review Panel training. In addition, 'Schoolnews' is regularly utilised for updates.

These updates have included adaptations to the Ladder, made in the light of stakeholder feedback. For example, the intervention place was previously referred to as a pre-exclusion place. Schools and indeed a parent noted the negative connotations of that name and it was duly changed in all paperwork. Timescales have also been flexed so that the Ladder is more responsive. For example, concerns were raised about young people in crisis, perhaps in response to a traumatic life-event. Headteachers felt it unreasonable to expect a 16 week PSP to run its course before being able to access BOSS support. The Ladder has been adjusted accordingly. It is clear, therefore, but not rigid and there is no question that it will continue to adapt and evolve in response to user-feedback. The current focus is on the intervention offer and adjustments we might make to this in the light of a full year's experience.

**d) Early intervention services are co-ordinated and delivered in the most effective way to prevent an escalation in need**

Senior BOSS workers liaise with TAC (Team Around the Child) coordinators in each locality to ensure the service delivers an holistic approach, taking into account environmental factors and multi-agency plans. The team has established regular meetings to map need and share practice. Senior BOSS workers now attend TAC forums, making presentations and offering advice and guidance to the wider professional arena.

Both PRT caseworkers and BOSS workers also have regular contact with social workers regarding individual cases and attend TAC, CIN (Child In Need) and CP (Child Protection) meetings as appropriate. There is a strong link with the Working Together Team and through this, packages of support for individual pupils, whole schools or specific teams are jointly planned.

Fundamental to the success of the strategy is the partnership between BOSS and the PRT. Excellent communication ensures that timely support is available for pupils, teaching staff and schools. To date, BOSS has received 329 referrals, via the PRT, and every referral has received a response in two working days (48 hours).

Senior BOSS workers, outreach workers and the PRT communicate about a range of issues on a daily basis.

BOSS aims to deliver services as per the timescales below. However, as already established, there has to be flexibility within any truly responsive structure so these stages, like the Ladder itself, can be flexed.

<b>Week 1</b>	Initial meeting with school/pupil – Booking review date.
<b>Week 2, 3</b>	Information gathering, assessment, planning & BIP (Behaviour Improvement Plan) creation. Boxall profiles. Observations, pupil portraits. Communication screening, risk assessments. Meeting key staff in schools. Restorative assessments and interventions.
<b>Week 4</b>	Share the BIP with school, parents, pupil
<b>Week 5, 6, 7, 8</b>	Implementation
<b>Week 9</b>	Review Meeting <i>or</i> Plan Closure <i>or</i> Continue with updated BIP for another 4 weeks.
<b>Week 10, 11, 12, 13</b>	Implementation
<b>Week 14</b>	Plan Closure

**e) School based practitioners have been supported to develop their practice and skill base in relation to supporting vulnerable learners**

The PSP has been a powerful tool for promoting evidence-based inclusive practice. When PRT caseworkers are supporting PSP intervention, as is frequently the case, they are able to signpost services and to share best practice. In addition, a bank of high quality PSPs continues to grow as a rich resource. These are redacted and published on the Inclusive Lincolnshire microsite.

LCC's *Inclusion Toolkit* also informs PSP planning. This was produced through collaboration with the psychology service. Enthusiastically received by Headteachers and SENCOs, the Toolkit outlines some key evidence-based interventions for individuals, clearly linked to their presenting vulnerabilities, whilst also offering guidance on the creation of inclusive whole school cultures.

There is within BOSS a universal offer as well as targeted support for pupils 'at risk' and this is all about increasing schools' capacity to meet a diverse range of need. Training can be accessed by any school, whether a pupil is open to BOSS or not. This training offer therefore sits outside the Ladder. To date, BOSS has delivered

81 training sessions for schools during the course of the academic year. These have included sessions on attachment awareness, emotions coaching, restorative approaches, social stories, circle of friends and nurture groups. There has also been extensive support for individual teaching and pastoral staff.

The goal of the service is ultimately to make itself redundant through capacity-building of this type and in all targeted work with pupils at risk there is a strong element of CPD (Continuing Professional Development). This stems from the fact that, whilst the worker creates the behaviour support plan (BIP), school practitioners are involved in its delivery. In this regard, BOSS operates similar to the Working Together Team.

Even on those occasions when the direct work is undertaken by BOSS, thought is given to how this might also develop the skill base and knowledge of school staff. A good recent example is a transition programme delivered to 18 vulnerable Year 6 pupils. Four sessions were delivered prior to the secondary school transition visit and two follow up sessions were delivered afterwards. School staff, who observed the entire cycle, were provided with a copy of the resources and will deliver the programme themselves next year.

**2. Conclusion**

Significant progress has been made in relation to all of the key indicators identified within the *Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy*. The priority for 2017-18 will be to work with the sector to ensure that secondary exclusions decrease further. This year has seen a consolidation of the progress made when the Strategy was launched in 2015-16. The challenge ahead is to build on that.

**3. Consultation**

**a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?**

Not Applicable

**b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Not Applicable

**4. Background Papers**

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy (04/03/2016)	<a href="http://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=124&amp;MI=4567&amp;Ver=4">http://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=124&amp;MI=4567&amp;Ver=4</a>
Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy – Six Monthly Update (21/10/2016)	<a href="http://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=124&amp;MI=4572&amp;Ver=4">http://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CI=124&amp;MI=4572&amp;Ver=4</a>

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**Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>21 July 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Corporate Parenting Sub Group Update</b>

**Summary:**

The work of the Corporate Parenting Sub Group (formerly the Corporate Parenting Panel) remains critical in promoting life chances and opportunities for vulnerable children, looked after children and care leavers. Members act as champions on behalf of these groups of children and young people. The Sub Group meets on a quarterly basis and includes representatives from looked after children and foster carers.

Through the presentation of reports, performance information, and Visiting Members responsibilities, the Sub Group scrutinise that the arrangements for the safety and welfare of looked after children and care leavers are in accordance with what every good parent would want for their own child.

It is agreed that the minutes of the Corporate Parenting Sub Group be presented to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, and attached are the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2017.

**Actions Required:**

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is asked to support the work of the Corporate Parenting Sub Group and to consider the matters raised and addressed.

## **1. Background**

The Sub Group meets quarterly and is continually evolving and is very proactive in seeking information to inform Members about the quality of services provided by the Local Authority and partner agencies, as is evidenced in the recording of the minutes.

## 2. Conclusion

The ongoing scrutiny process looking at how well we meet our respective responsibilities and the different aspects of a child and young person's needs is pivotal to the work of the Corporate Parenting Sub Group. The attached minutes provide an account of the work undertaken since the previous meeting held on 15 December 2016.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

### b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Corporate Parenting Panel Minutes 16 March 2017

## 5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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**CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL  
16 MARCH 2017**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR D BRAILSFORD (CHAIRMAN)**

**Lincolnshire County Council:** Councillors J D Hough (Vice-Chairman), A G Hagues and Mrs N J Smith.

**Added Members:** Jean Burbidge (Lincolnshire Community Health Services) and Polly Coombes (Foster Carer).

Officers in attendance:-

Kieran Barnes (Head of Virtual School, Looked After Children), Michaela Berry (Practice Supervisor), Annie Fletcher (Children's Services Manager, Barnardo's), Cheryl Hall (Democratic Services Officer), Jenny Harper (Interim Designate Nurse Safeguarding, South West Lincolnshire CCG), John Herbert (Youth Development Hub Manager), Tracy Johnson (Senior Scrutiny Officer), Tara Jones (Service Manager Regulated South and Adoption), Sarah Lane (Lead Advisor), Andrew Morris (LSCB Business Manager), Julian Saggiorato (Interim Designated Doctor for Safeguarding Children, LAC and Adults) and Janice Spencer (Assistant Director Safeguarding).

39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R A H McAuley, P J O'Connor and L Wootten.

Apologies for absence were also received from Michelle Andrews (Head of Birth to Five Service), John Harris (Service Manager Regulated North and Fostering), Kerry Mitchell (Assistant Director – Barnardo's) and Yvonne Shearwood (Quality and Assurance Manager). It was noted that Sarah Lane was attending the meeting on behalf of Michelle Andrews.

The Corporate Parenting Panel congratulated Tara Jones on her recent appointment as the Partners in Practice Manager. The Panel also wished its thanks be recorded for the work that Karen Bailey (Looked After Children Education Services Manager) had undertaken over the years with this Panel, who had recently left the County Council.

40 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

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## RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2016 be signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

42 BARNARDO'S LINCOLNSHIRE LEAVING CARE SERVICE SIX MONTHLY  
REPORT APRIL 2016 - SEPTEMBER 2016

The Corporate Parenting Panel received the six monthly update from Barnardo's Lincolnshire Leaving Care Service for the period from April 2016 to September 2016.

Members were guided through the report by Annie Fletcher (Children's Services Manager, Barnardo's), and some of the specific points highlighted included the following: -

- Suitable Accommodation – the provision was now very person centred, and having a good relationship between the young person and the accommodation worker was very helpful;
- Education, Employment and Training – the young people could be based anywhere, not necessarily in Lincolnshire, and this was leading to some young people becoming isolated;
- Lead Care Leavers Participation Group Activities – the Alice in Wonderland tea party and other success stories were highlighted to the Panel. It was queried whether any of these care leavers could act as mentors.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report and some of the points raised during discussion included the following: -

- It was clarified that the social care return was a 4 month snapshot which was also reported to government, but the 'All open cases' referred to all children in suitable accommodation;
- It was acknowledged that it was getting harder to house care leavers as there were increasing demands on councils;
- There was a need for care leavers under the age of 25 to have rent guarantors for private sector tenancies. It was noted that it was usual for parents to undertake this role. It was queried whether there was anything other than this which could be done, but members were advised that it would be a massive risk and commitment. It was reported that the authority used to do this many years ago but had to be stopped due to the risk, however, officers offered to look at it again;
- In relation to membership of the Lincolnshire Youth Homelessness Strategy Delivery Group, it was noted that this was about what Lincolnshire could do and provide to nurture young people through supported accommodation;

- An example of 'unsuitable housing' could be when a young person had returned to the family home and this had been deemed unsuitable. It was also noted that this would include those that were in B&B accommodation.

The Chairman commented that it was felt that progress was being made in this area.

#### RESOLVED

That the six monthly report for Barnardo's Lincolnshire Leaving Care Service (April – September 2016) be noted.

#### 43 LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

Consideration was given to a report which presented the Looked After Children (LAC) annual report to the Panel and identified key points contained within the report. Members of the Panel were guided through the report by Jenny Harper (Interim Designate Nurse Safeguarding, South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group).

The Corporate Parenting Panel was provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report, and some of the points raised during discussion included the following: -

- In relation to the initial assessments not being achieved within the statutory timeframe, it was noted that this was countrywide and was not specific to a certain area;
- Despite not having an initial health assessment in 28 days, Looked After Children would still have their health needs addressed by their GP;
- There was a desire to fully develop the voice of the child within the annual report, and for the report to be more child friendly and user friendly for older people;
- It was acknowledged that progress was being made, but there were still some complex issues;
- In terms of mental health assistance for LAC, it was noted that there was provision in the crisis team within A&E departments. However, improvements were being made to this area;
- It was queried whether the age at which a child became Looked After could have an effect on their outcomes. In response, it was noted that this could be difficult to monitor as younger children were usually adopted and therefore this information would not be obtainable;
- A GP who has had the specific training would be able to do the initial assessments. However, it was noted that the training was not the issue, but rather the impact on the GP's time (approximately 2 hours);
- There were approximately 26 doctors who were trained to carry out these assessments, but it was often a challenge to get the GP's to undertake the training. A lot of promotional activity was currently underway to encourage take up. It was queried whether this could be discussed at the Lincolnshire

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Health and Wellbeing Board, which incorporated representatives from the Lincolnshire CCG's;

- It was queried whether there was a pool of young and retired GP's who could take this on, and would they still be eligible if they had retired. It was noted that if they were registered they would be able to carry out this task;
- It was commented that there seemed to be a high number of children who lived in smoking households (p.117 &135 of the report refers). The Panel was assured that foster carers were not permitted to smoke, where children were under the age of five and smoking was discouraged away from children generally of all ages;
- It was also commented that it appeared that placement stability had deteriorated and looked worse than it was. It was noted that this had been looked at in detail at a previous meeting;
- The increase in kinship or 'connected person' carers had, in itself, created the need to provide specific training and support, as many of the issues encountered were peculiar to this situation. Further to this, the Panel was advised that recent changes in legislation had brought in changes so that the relationship of the 'connected person' had to be much more explicit;
- In relation to carers receiving a retainer to continue support for LAC attending university and living away, it was hoped that by the age of 25 those young people would be settled; and
- It was noted that the authority was still short of foster carers and this was still presenting a big challenge.

### RESOLVED

That the findings of the report be supported by the Corporate Parenting Panel.

#### 44 LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN PLACEMENT SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY 2013-2017

The Corporate Parenting Panel received a report which provided an update to the original Action plan of the Placement Sufficiency Strategy, last presented to the Corporate Parenting Panel on 9 June 2016.

The report also asked the Panel to consider nominating representatives to participate in a working group to contribute to the refresh of the Strategy, a draft version of which would be presented to the Panel in June/July 2017.

The Panel was guided through the report and provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report and some of the points raised during discussion included the following: -

- It was reported that the Corporate Parenting Champion post had been advertised and would be for two years;
- Every child's experience would be different to others;
- There was a need to ensure that the wraparound services were as flexible as they should be. Resources would be allocated to deal with this;

- It was commented that the population of LAC was increasing;
- Lincolnshire was a net importer of LAC but the placing local authority would retain responsibility for those children;
- It was noted that another area of growth was young girls requiring secure accommodation;
- It was requested that a report be brought back to the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Sub Group on 6 July 2017 inviting members to form a working group.

## RESOLVED

- (1) That the updates to the LAC Placement Sufficiency Strategy Action Plan be noted.
- (2) That the timescales for presentation of a draft LAC Placement Sufficiency Strategy 2017-2020 be delayed until the September 2017 meeting.

45 VISITING MEMBERS - LOG OF QUARTERLY VISITS

The visiting members' log of quarterly visits to Children's Homes April 2016 – March 2017 was received and comments made during consideration of this log included the following: -

- The Beacon at Grantham was closed during July/August and so the visits could not take place;
- Councillor Mrs A M Newton had undertaken a visit on 11 March 2017;
- The information in relation to visits to Strut House had been chased, and it was important that councillors were able to carry out these visits.

## RESOLVED

That the visiting members log of quarterly visits and comments made be noted.

46 V4C UPDATE THE LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN COUNCIL - FEBRUARY 2017

The Corporate Parenting Panel received an update on the work of the V4C.

Members were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report and some of the points raised during discussion included the following: -

- It was reported that 27 new members had been recruited who were all enthusiastic, and it was hoped that this number would increase further;
- The FAB! Awards would be taking place on 1 July 2017. It had been suggested that the awards ceremony takes place in the morning, with an after show party in the afternoon;

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- One member commented that they were disappointed that there were not any care leavers present at this meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel and it was suggested its membership was reviewed.

**RESOLVED**

That the update presented be noted.

**47 PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 3 EXCEPTIONS REPORT**

Consideration was given to the performance indicators relevant to the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel, and some of the points raised during discussion of the information contained within the report included the following: -

- The percentage of LAC with an up to date health check – this was now on target;
- The percentage of LAC with an up to date dental check – the actual figure was 99%, in February it was 98.5%;
- 16 -18 year old LAC participating in learning – this was still a challenge, and Barnardo's were doing a lot of work on this;
- Overall, officers were pleased with progress.

**RESOLVED**

That the performance information presented be noted.

**48 FOSTERING REPORT QUARTER THREE**

Consideration was given to a report which outlined the activities in the Fostering Services during Quarter Three and was presented in line with regulatory requirements.

Members were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report and some of the points raised during discussion included the following: -

- There were 677 LAC by the end of September. There was a need to continue to embrace the recruitment campaign for foster carers;
- Two dedicated recruitment officer posts had been put in place;
- It was aimed to visit prospective foster carers within five days, and some would be fast tracked if they wanted to work with adolescents. Generally, the whole process would take six months;
- Some of the issues which were highlighted as concerns were the lack of information about the child placed; carers' views not being sought/heard; and lack of communication. It was acknowledged that the authority was not good at sharing information when it was received, however officers were working hard to improve communication;

- The Panel was advised that some of the areas of concern would be tackled by the Corporate Parenting Champion, and one of the workstreams would be the care offer for carers;
- It was requested that an update be brought back to the Panel in six months to outline what progress had been made.
- A query was raised regarding the unaccompanied asylum seeking children, as it was understood that some had run away. Members were advised that none of these children had recently absconded, as the foster care placements they had been placed in, in Lincolnshire, were working well. It was commented that these children were resilient, dedicated and driven.

#### RESOLVED

That the report be approved.

#### 49 INTERIM REPORT - THE VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR LINCOLNSHIRE LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

The Corporate Parenting Panel received the interim report for the Virtual School for Lincolnshire Looked After Children. It was reported that there had been a successful bid for the Caring Schools, Learning Placements project.

Members were provided with the opportunity to ask questions to the officers present in relation to the information contained within the report, and some of the points raised during discussion included the following: -

- It was commented that the aim of the project was very ambitious and it was queried where the resources would come from and what the timescales were. It was reported that it was hoped that it would be up and running in pilot form by September 2017, and the role of project manager would be going out for recruitment shortly;
- It was noted that Partners in Practice was a four year plan, and this was one of the eight workstreams. Other workstreams included practice and systems; governance and accountability; and people and learning;
- It was requested whether the Panel could have an update on the Partners in Practice, and members were advised that this would be considered by the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee in the near future;
- In relation to the post 16 cohort, it was commented that only having three apprentices out of a cohort of 115 seemed very low. It was noted there was a need to increase progress at key stage 4 and tackle attainment.

#### RESOLVED

That the interim report be noted.

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50     CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2017

Consideration was given to a report which invited the Corporate Parenting Panel to discuss and agree its work programme for 2017.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the first meeting date of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Group be moved from 15 June to 6 July 2017.
- (2) That the work programme for 2017 as presented, be approved.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, the Director responsible for Democratic Services**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>21 July 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group – Update</b>

**Summary:**

This report enables the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to have an overview of the activities of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group, in particular the Sub-Group's consideration of child safeguarding matters. The draft minutes of the last meeting of the Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 28 March 2017 are attached.

**Actions Required:**

That the draft minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group, held on 28 March 2017, be endorsed.

## **1. Background**

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group considers both adults' and children's safeguarding matters, in particular focusing on the activities of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

The last meeting of the Sub-Group was held on 28 March 2017 and the draft minutes are attached at Appendix A to this report. As the remit of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee includes children's safeguarding, the Committee is requested to focus on those minutes of the Sub-Group, which are relevant to this remit.

## **2. Conclusion**

The draft minutes appended to this report are for the Committee's information.

## **3. Consultation**

### **a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?**

No

## **b) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Not Applicable

## **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 28 March 2017

## **5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING  
BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP  
28 MARCH 2017**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C R OXBY (CHAIRMAN)**

Councillors S R Dodds (Vice-Chairman), D Brailsford, Mrs S Ransome and M Exton

Added Member: Councillor M Exton (District Council representative)

Safeguarding Boards Chairman: Barry Earnshaw (Adults Safeguarding Board)

Officers in attendance:-

Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Dave Culy (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Manager), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Andrew Morris (LSCB Business Manager) and Jade Sullivan (LSCB Audit and Policy Officer)

**31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R A H McAuley, Dr Emile van der Zee (Parent Governor Representative) and Chris Cook (Children's Safeguarding Board Chairman).

**32 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No interests were declared at this stage of the meeting.

**33 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE  
SAFEGUARDING SCRUTINY SUB- GROUP HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2017**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2017, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the deletion of "Fire Fighter for Humberside Fire and Rescue" and the addition of "Policeman for Humberside Police" (minute 21).

**34 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS**

**34a Key Messages from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board**

The Sub-Group received a report which provided an update of the key issues from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board to be held on 29 March 2017.

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Barry Earnshaw, the Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board, stated that there was a need to ensure that future meetings of the Board were aligned with meetings of the Sub-Group. He tabled a paper which was due to be presented to the Board on the 29 March 2017, including his local, regional and national activities since the last meeting of the Board on 14 December 2016. He reported that he had visited HM Prison, Lincoln and stated that the Prison Service had its own safeguarding procedures which the Board was satisfied and added that health and education in prisons was externally funded.

Since the publication of the report officers gave an update which included the establishment of a Suicide Overview Panel. With the oversight of Public Health all suicides, lessons learnt and prevention measures for the future were being reviewed and reported to the Panel. Details were provided of a case involving four suicides by eastern Europeans in the Boston area. Officers stated that information was now obtained from the Coroner and every unexplained death of a child and adult was reviewed.

Officers responded to comments by the Sub-Group in connection with the quarterly dashboard statistics including providing more detail of the various sources of risk, explaining the reasons for the "31 not recorded enquiries" which was mainly caused by a delay in the recording of data and explained the increase in "neglect and acts of omission" in November 2016, which could not be substantiated and might have been caused by someone failing to administer medication. All increases in types of abuse reported were investigated.

### RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub Group and the responses of officers be noted.

#### 34b Safeguarding Adults Reviews

(Councillor S R Dodds requested that a note should be made in the minutes that her husband was a Policeman for Humberside Police in connection with case "HT").

The Sub-Group received a report which provided an update on the current Safeguarding Adult Reviews (formerly Serious Case Reviews) currently being undertaken.

The following issues were drawn to the Sub-Group's attention:-

#### (a) TH19 (formerly Operation Dungeon)

- The author of the Safeguarding Adult Review report had been impressed with all of the reports by other agencies. The Safeguarding Adult Review was expected to be published in early June 2017 and would be submitted to the Safeguarding Adults Board and then to agencies with publication expected towards the end of June/early July.

(b) Long Leys Court

- A report author had been engaged to write the Safeguarding Adult Review report.

(c) SARDHR2015E (Dunston Fire)

- A meeting was held on 10 February to confirm the terms of reference including the chronology requirements and internal management review template.

(d) HT and GW

- A business meeting would be arranged at the end of April and a chronology would be established for both of these cases.

Officers stated that in the Dunston fire case an investigation was arranged as a result of the report from the emergency services into the fatalities. With regard to the dissemination of information to agencies and the Banks in connection with "TH19" case, officers stated that a one page executive summary would be prepared for front line staff and would include information on the lessons learnt. A lot of work was going on nationally in connection with the banking sector and the Police were working with Banks to identify vulnerable people.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers be noted.

35 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB) BUSINESS

35a Update on the work of the LSCB and its Sub Group

The Sub-Group received a report which provided an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Safeguarding Children Board and its Sub-Groups.

Officers highlighted the following issues:-

- All unexplained deaths had to be reviewed and there was a need for more connectivity with the Safeguarding Adult Board.
- The outcome of one Serious Case Incident Review was awaiting decision by Chris Cook, Chairman of the Safeguarding Children Board.
- The attendance of schools in the Safeguarding Children Board Education Sub-Group was growing and there had been a lot of information sharing with schools on safeguarding issues.
- Future areas for examination by the Safeguarding Children Board included neglect.

Officers stated that various methods were arranged to overcome the problem of those parents who were not prepared to engage in their children's education.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers be noted.

35b Serious Case Reviews

It was noted that Serious Case Reviews had already been considered in minute 38. Officers stated the reason for the use of different headings on this matter between the two Safeguarding Boards was a Government decision. It was noted that there was to be a joint Adults and Children's Safeguarding Board review of domestic abuse.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

35c LSCB Policy and Audit Update

The Sub-Group received a report which provided an overview of policy and audit development of the Safeguarding Children Board.

The following issues were highlighted in connection with those policies developed or reviewed before being uploaded to the policy manual in April 2017:-

- Concealed/Denied Pregnancy guidance – this guidance was now complete and would be issued in April and consideration was being given on how the guidance was to be communicated to agencies.
- Child Protection Conference Complaints Policy – this guidance had now been updated and was now effective.
- Female Genital Mutilation information sharing flow chart – it was proposed to share this information with the NHS.

The following issues were highlighted in connection with those policies which were currently under review or being developed:-

- Working with sexually active young people—practical issues needed to be included, e.g. contraception.
- Consent and competency guidance – the title of the guidance had changed to "schools authorising without parents knowing. This was a difficult area and the guidance was expected to be issued in September 2017 and would be welcomed by schools.
- Criminalisation of children in care – this guidance was nearly complete and it was proposed to use restorative justice instead of the criminal system in the future.

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- Children and young people who display sexually inappropriate or harmful behaviour – this guidance was being examined and would eventually be reviewed by the Child Sexual Exploitation group.
- Children Visiting Psychiatric Wards and Facilities – work was on-going and guidance should be straight forward to produce.

With regard to the Policy Implementation Impact Assessment this would be used by the Safeguarding Children Board to measure the impact of new policies within partner agencies and the information received analysed.

Officers stated that they would report details of the large scale audit of self-harm to the next meeting of the Sub-Group. They stated that ten case of self-harm had been obtained from Accident and Emergency and a questionnaire was being prepared for GPs and schools.

Comments made by the Sub-Group and the response of officers included:-

- Children in Care needed more protection as most came from very difficult backgrounds and criminalising their behaviour was wrong. Officers stated that it was the wish of all agencies to resolve this matter as there was no wish to criminalise these children and there was a need to engage with private care providers about this issue.
- Officers stated that on occasion children might need to visit an adult or parents in a Psychiatric Ward.

#### RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers, be noted.

#### 35d Identification and Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation

The Sub-Group received a report in connection with an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Safeguarding Children Board in relation to the identification and prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation. Officers stated that this area should be broadened to encompass other related areas such as mental health, missing children and drug abuse.

Officers gave details of the multi-agency review which was examining the support provided to one of the young people subject to oversight by Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE). Officers stated that by talking to the individual this would it provide an opportunity to learn lessons.

Officers stated the training provided to taxi drivers on child sexual exploitation had proved to be very useful.

(Note: Councillor Mrs S Ransome requested that a note should be made in the minutes that she was a taxi driver).

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Comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers included the following:-

- A member noted that the reported take-up of training by taxi drivers in the South Kesteven District Council area was low and he would raise this matter with the Council.
- Many taxi drivers who operated in Stamford were from Peterborough area and therefore there was a need to check that these drivers had been trained. Officers agreed to examine the matter.
- Was training compulsory and what happened if a driver was not trained? Officers stated that training was compulsory and no licence was issued to a driver who had not been trained.
- The NHS was a big user of taxis and an enquiry was made about the safeguarding undertaken. Officers stated that the NHS had their own safeguarding vetting procedures for taxi drivers.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers, be noted.

36 JOINT BUSINESS

37 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB GROUP  
WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Group received a report in connection with its Work Programme. The Sub-Group was informed that because a Councillor Safeguarding Children event had been arranged on the morning of 5 July 2017 this coincided with the next meeting of the Sub-Group. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub-Group should be re-arranged for 2pm on 5 July 2017.

The Chairman stated that this was the last meeting of the Sub-Group before the County Council Election in May and he took the opportunity to thank officers and members for their contribution towards the work of the Sub-Group. He also thanked Barry Earnshaw, Chairman of the Lincolnshire Children's Safeguarding Board and his predecessor, Elaine Baylis.

RESOLVED

That the Sub-Group's Work Programme be noted subject to the next meeting of the Sub-Group being re-arranged to 2pm on 5 July 2017.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am

**Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>21 July 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Performance - Quarter 4 2016/17</b>

**Summary:**

The accompanying appendices to this report provide key performance information for Quarter 4 2016/17 that is relevant to the work of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

**Actions Required:**

The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the performance information contained in the appendices of this report and recommend any actions or changes to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services.

## **1. Background**

### **Performance Indicators**

Appendix A provides a full and detailed report that covers only the Council Business Plan indicators used by Children's Services.

### **Complaints and compliments**

Appendix B covers complaints and compliments received in relation to Children's Services.

### **Status of schools**

Appendix C gives an overview of the Ofsted status of schools in Lincolnshire, including specific details of schools judged to be inadequate.

### **Performance Monitoring of Contracts**

Appendix D (exempt) gives an overview of the performance management of contracts.

## 2. Conclusion

This report summarises the Quarter 4 performance for Children and Young People, and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is asked to raise any questions on the content of the report.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

### b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Council Business Plan Measures
Appendix B	Complaint and compliments report
Appendix C	Ofsted school status report
Appendix D	Performance Monitoring of Contracts - Exempt

## 5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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## Communities are safe and protected

### Reduce the number of young people committing a crime

#### Juvenile first time offenders

The First Time Entrant (FTE) measure is a rate per 100,000 of 10-17 population in Lincolnshire. However, for this purpose we are reporting the actual number of young people, rather than the rate. Data is reported with a 6 month lag and a rolling 12 month period, for example July 2015 - June 2016 data is reported in Q3 2016/2017.

The number of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time is mostly controlled by external influences such as Police policies.

A lower number is a sign of good performance.



Not achieved

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First time offenders

October 2015 to September 2016

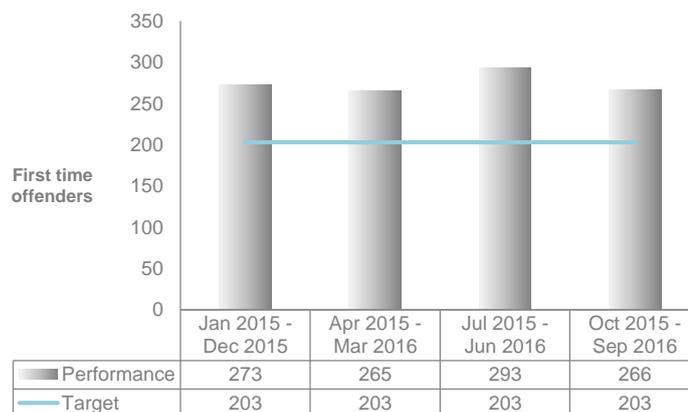


203

First time offenders

Target for September 2016

Juvenile first time offenders

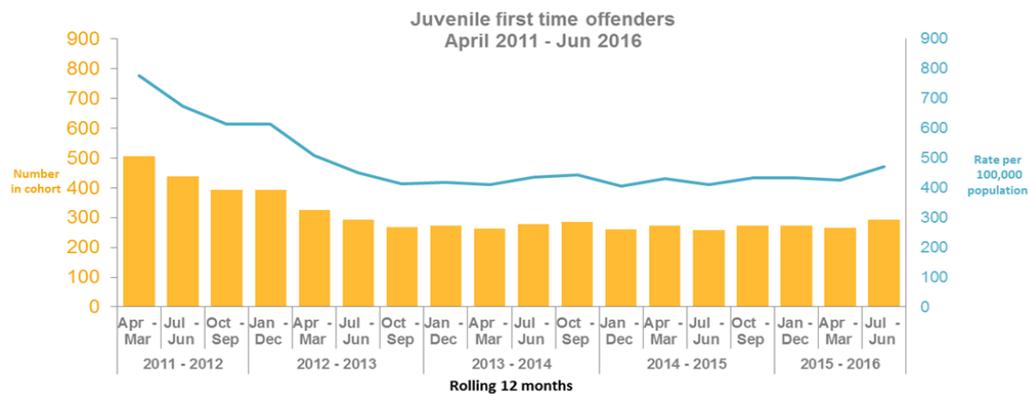


#### About the latest performance

The most recent published FTE (first time entrants) figure for Lincolnshire is 266 actual young people for the period of October 2015-September 2016. This is higher than the target figure of 203, but a reduction on previous numbers. The number of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time is mostly controlled by external influences, e.g. Police policies, and therefore it is difficult to predict future performance. However, there are no expectations that this figure is likely to rise sharply in the near future. The figure of 266, when expressed as a rate per 100,000, 10 to 17 year old population is 427, is higher than the local Midlands region of 358, however the National average is 334.

We are currently preparing to launch a new diversionary project in Lincolnshire in conjunction with Lincolnshire Police. This, through joint co-operation between both Services, will divert young people that offend at a low level, through local panels that will try to prevent those young people from getting a criminal record. What will be put in place will be effective restorative justice instead of a criminal record that will unfairly affect their future life chances. This should therefore help reduce the numbers of first time entrants.

## Further details



Year	First Time Entrants	Actual	Rate per 100,000
2011 - 2012	Apr 11 - Mar 12	505	778
	Jul 11 - Jun 12	438	674
	Oct 11 - Sep 12	393	614
2012 - 2013	Jan 12 - Dec 12	393	614
	Apr 12 - Mar 13	326	509
	Jul 12 - Jun 13	293	451
2013 - 2014	Oct 12 - Sep 13	268	413
	Jan 13 - Dec 13	272	419
	Apr 13 - Mar 14	263	410
2014 - 2015	Jul 13 - Jun 14	279	435
	Oct 13 - Sep 14	284	444
	Jan 14 - Dec 14	260	406
2015 - 2016	Apr 14 - Mar 15	272	431
	Jul 14 - Jun 15	259	410
	Oct 14 - Sep 15	273	433
2015 - 2016	Jan 15 - Dec 15	273	433
	Apr 15 - Mar 16	265	426
	Jul 15 - Jun 16	293	471

### About the target

Our target is based on the average performance of Youth Offending Services within the Midlands Youth Justice Board region. The target is set by Lincolnshire County Council, the Youth Justice Board monitor and challenge progress.

### About the target range

Target ranges are difficult to define as external factors can have a major influence on the numbers of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time, for example arrests made by the Police and decisions whether to prosecute or not.

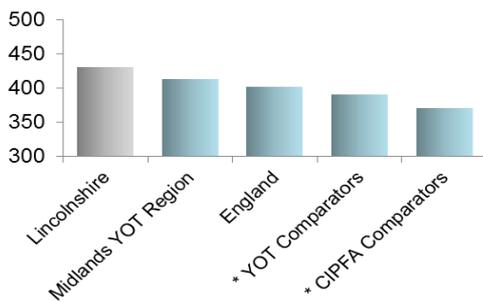
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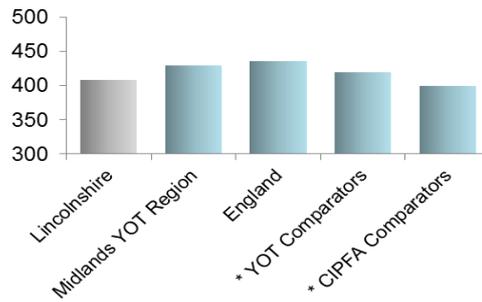
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**First Time Entrants (FTEs) to the Criminal Justice System - FTE PNC rate per 100,000 of 10-17 population - Apr 14 to Mar 15**



**First Time Entrants (FTEs) to the Criminal Justice System - FTE PNC rate per 100,000 of 10-17 population - Apr 13 to Mar 14**



Juvenile first time offenders	Apr 13 - Mar 14		Apr 14 - Mar 15	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Lincolnshire	262	408	271	430
Midlands YOT Region	4122	429	3946	413
England	21372	436	19660	402
* YOT Comparators	2013	420	1801	390
* CIPFA Comparators	2204	400	2004	370

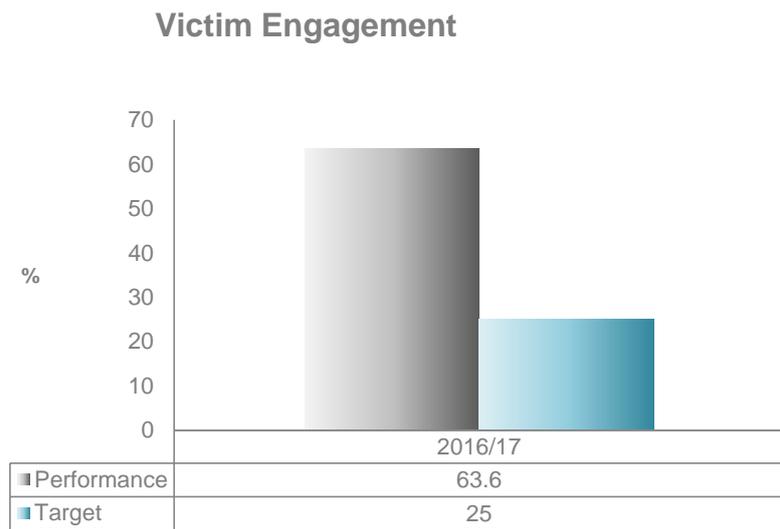
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**Victim Engagement**

Of the victims that were asked to participate in an initial Referral Order Panel, how many actually attended. This is reported as a quarterly percentage. The young person is ordered to appear before a Referral Order Panel accompanied by their parent/carer. Referral Order Panel Meetings involve specially trained volunteer panel members, the young person and their parent/carer, a Youth Offending Team (YOT) Officer and in many cases the victim of the offence.

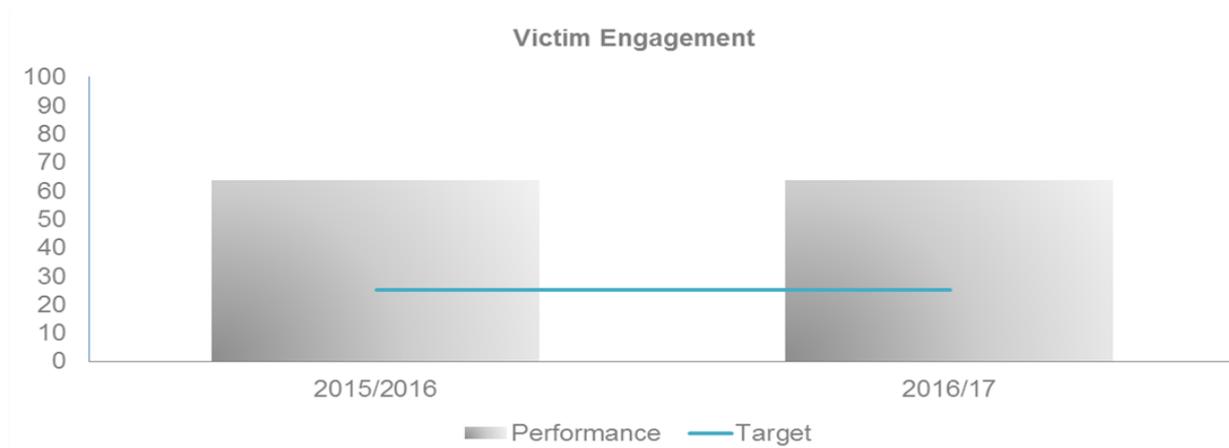
 **Achieved**



**About the latest performance**

Of the 11 victims that were offered the opportunity to attend a Referral Order Panel, 5 actually attended, whilst 2 asked for their views to be read out in the form of an impact statement. Again, this measure significantly exceeds the target of 25%.

## Further details



	2015/2016	2016/17
<b>Performance</b>	63.6	<b>63.6</b>
<b>Target</b>	25.0	25.0
<b>Number</b>	7	7

### About the target

This is the second year we have produced data for the measure, and as it is an internal measure, we have set the target based on local knowledge and discussions with Management Board members.

### About the target range

The target range reflects the difficulties in obtaining a sufficient number of responses from victims as well as getting their agreement to engage in restorative processes.

### About benchmarking

This measure is local to Lincolnshire and therefore is not benchmarked against any other area.



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### Victim satisfaction with Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service

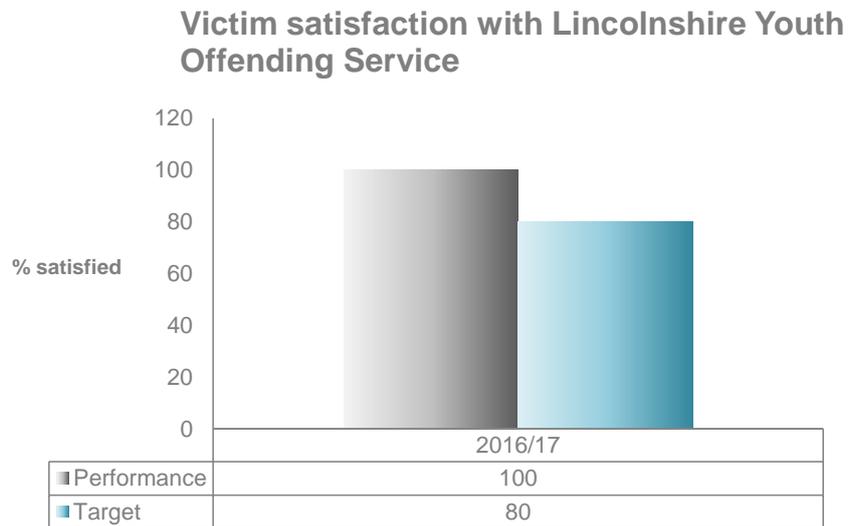
Of the victims that were asked for an opinion regarding the service they received from Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service, how many were satisfied.

 **Achieved**

**100**  
% satisfied  
March 2017



**80**  
% satisfied  
Target for March 2017

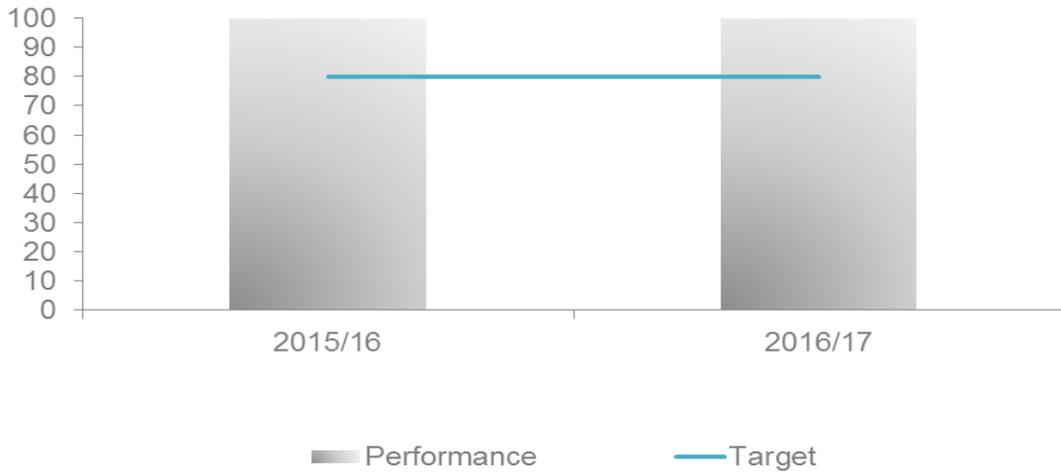


#### About the latest performance

26 victims expressed their views as to the service they received from the Youth Offending Service. As with the previous year all stated that they were satisfied, exceeding the target of 80%.

Further details

Victim satisfaction with Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service



	2015/16	2016/17
<b>Number</b>	8	26
<b>Performance</b>	100	100
<b>Target</b>	80	80

About the target

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About the target range

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Juvenile re-offending

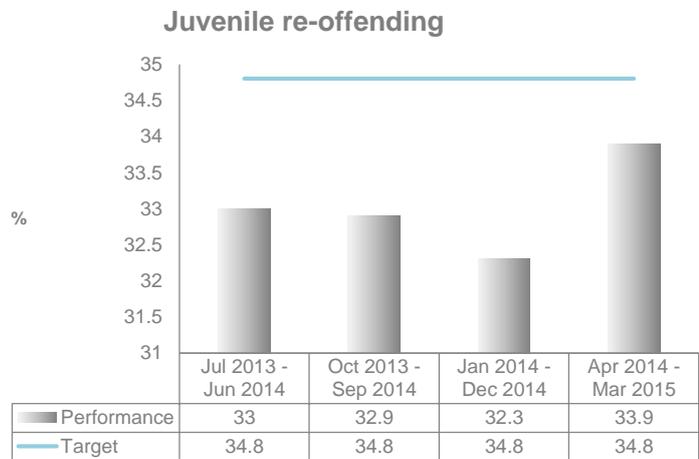
The number of young people aged 10 to 17 who commit a proven offence in a rolling 12 month period following previous involvement with Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service and data is reported with a 2 year lag, so for example January 2014 - December 2014 is reported in Q3 2016/2017. Also reported is the cohort size of all offenders in the period.

 **Achieved**

**33.9**  
%  
April 2014 to March 2015



**35**  
%  
Target for March 2015

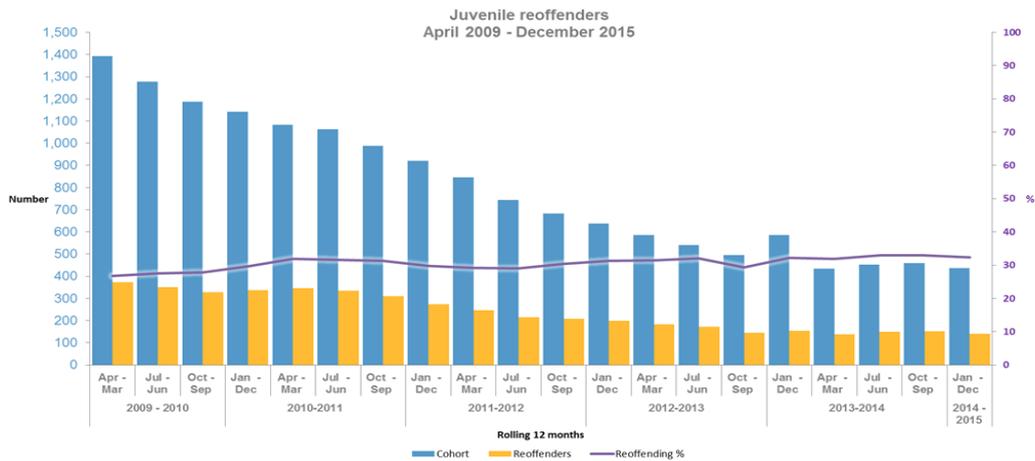


About the latest performance

The currently reported rate of 33.9% re-offending by young people within the period of April 2014-March 2015 has put Lincolnshire in the top 25 Youth Offending Services across the country. The Midlands rate of 34.9% and the National rate of 37.7% are considerably higher. Whilst the figure has fallen over the last few quarters, the recent trend has recently been seen to rise. This is primarily due to the reduction in actual young people re-offending, which leaves the Service with a small group of hard to engage offenders. The actual numbers of offenders shows that out of 436 young people offending during 2014/15, only 148 re-offended, compared to 199 out of 637 in 2012. This is a significant reduction in the amount of re-offenders in recent years.

	Jul 2013 - Jun 2014	Oct 2013 - Sep 2014	Jan 2014 - Dec 2014	Apr 2014 - Mar 2015
Number in cohort	452	459	437	436
Number reoffended	149	151	141	148
% Reoffending	33	32.9	32.3	33.9

## Further details



Year	Reoffending	Cohort	Reoffenders	Reoffending %
2009 - 2010	Apr - Mar	1394	374	26.83
	Jul - Jun	1278	351	27.46
	Oct - Sep	1186	329	27.74
2010-2011	Jan - Dec	1141	337	29.54
	Apr - Mar	1083	345	31.86
	Jul - Jun	1063	335	31.51
2011-2012	Oct - Sep	989	309	31.24
	Jan - Dec	920	273	29.67
	Apr - Mar	846	247	29.20
2012-2013	Jul - Jun	743	215	28.94
	Oct - Sep	684	207	30.26
	Jan - Dec	637	199	31.24
2013-2014	Apr - Mar	585	184	31.45
	Jul - Jun	540	173	32.04
	Oct - Sep	495	145	29.29
2014 - 2015	Jan - Dec	585	153	32.21
	Apr - Mar	434	138	31.80
	Jul - Jun	452	149	32.96
	Oct - Sep	459	151	32.90
	Jan - Dec	437	141	32.27

### About the target

Our target is based on the average performance of Youth Offending Services within the Midlands Youth Justice Board region.

### About the target range

The target range reflects the fall in number of the young people the service works with who remain difficult to engage with.

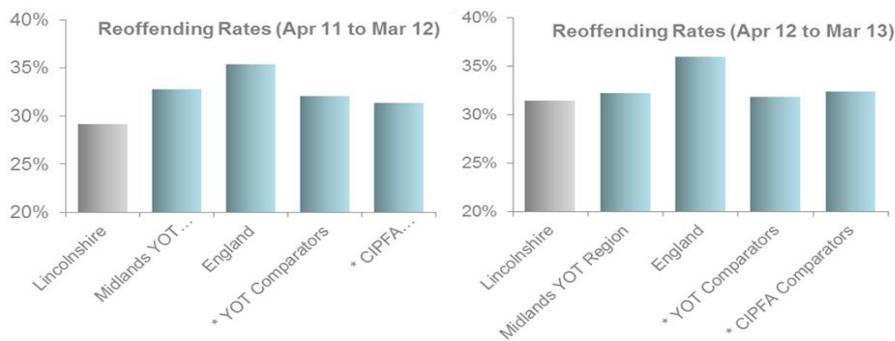
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Juvenile re-offending rate after 12 months	Apr 11 - Mar 12				Apr 12 - Mar 13			
	Number in cohort	No. of Reoffenders	No. of Reoffences	Percentage Reoffending	Number in cohort	No. of Reoffenders	No. of Reoffences	Percentage Reoffending
Lincolnshire	846	247	677	29.20%	585	184	532	31.45%
Midlands YOT Region	12,164	3,984	10,859	32.75%	9,206	2,968	8,627	32.24%
England	66,414	23,501	67,719	35.39%	49,378	17,771	53,107	35.99%
* YOT Comparators	7,089	2,303	6,480	32.10%	5,564	1,774	4,973	31.80%
* CIPFA Comparators	7,237	2,295	6,202	31.40%	5,114	1,664	4,597	32.40%

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**Looked after children**

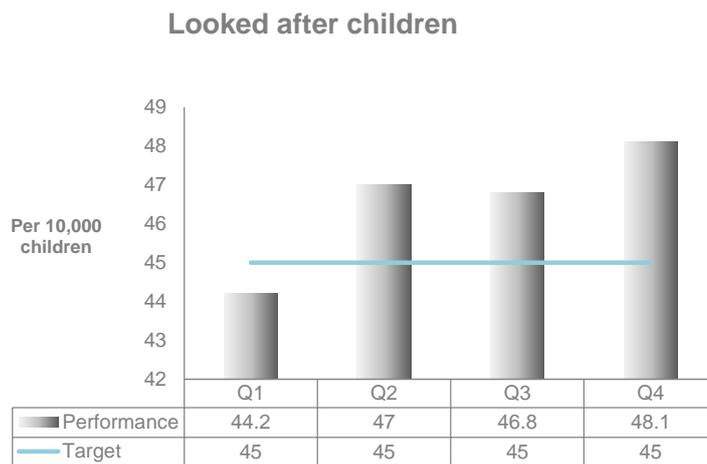
Looked after children per 10,000 population aged under 18. There are a number of reasons why a child may be 'looked after' by the local authority. Most often it is because the child's parents or the people who have parental responsibilities and rights to look after the child are unable to care for the child, have been neglecting the child or the child has committed an offence. The local authority has specific responsibilities and duties towards a child who is being looked after or who has been looked after. This measure is reported taking a snapshot in time. So for example Q2 is performance as at 30th September.

**✗ Not achieved**

**48.1**  
Per 10,000 children  
Quarter 4 March 2017

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**45**  
Per 10,000 children  
Target for March 2017

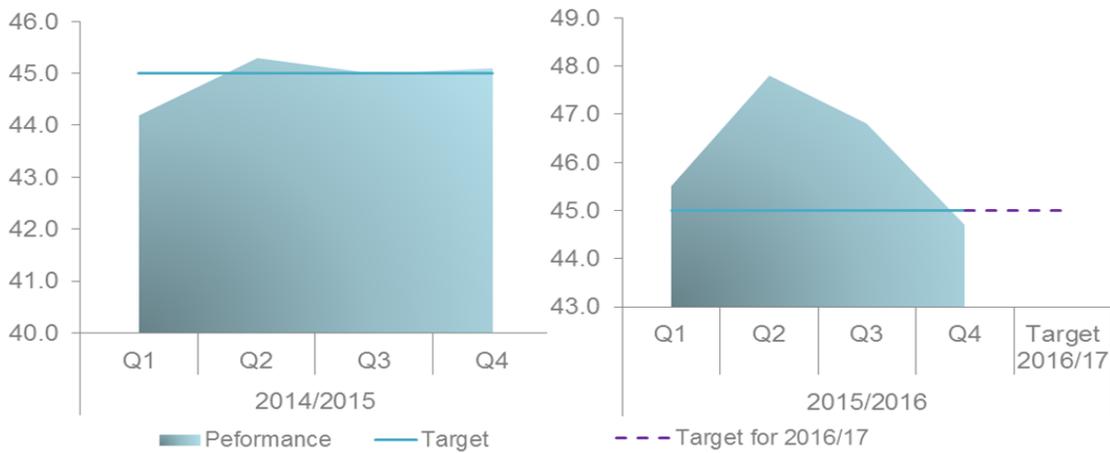


**About the latest performance**

There were 684 children looked after in Lincolnshire at the end of March 2017, which was an increase on the previous quarter. Further work needs to be completed to understand the causation of the increase, however it should be noted that it is still lower than the rate per 10,000 of similar authorities and England average.

**Further details**

**Number of children in local authority care (per 100,000 population aged under 18)**



	2014/2015				2015/2016				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target 2016/17
<b>Performance</b>	44.2	45.3	45.0	45.1	45.5	47.8	46.8	44.7	
<b>Target</b>	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
<b>Target for 2016/17</b>	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0

**About the target**

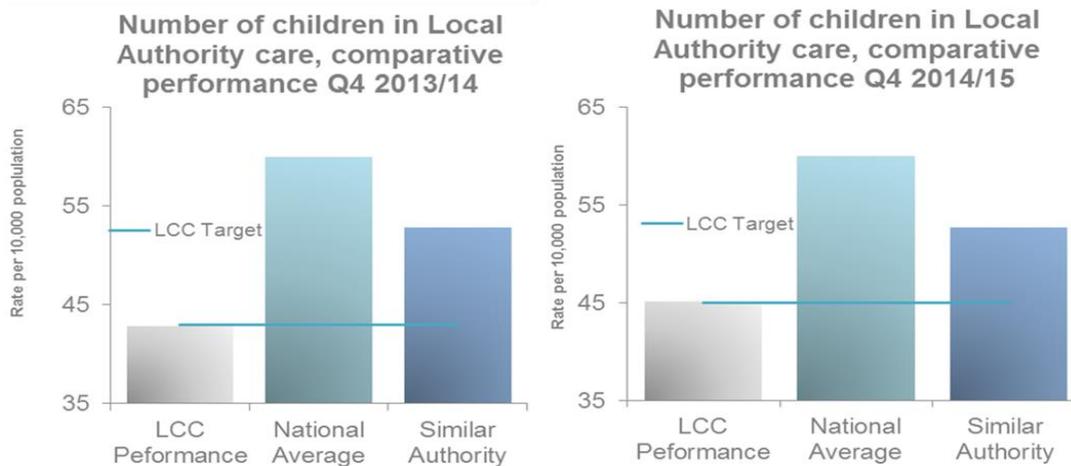
The target remains the same as the previous year. Lincolnshire is still below the national and similar authority average.

**About the target range**

The target range allows for the rate of Looked After Children to vary between 47 and 43 (approximately 600 and 660 children).

**About benchmarking**

We benchmark nationally and with similar Local Authorities. Benchmarking data is sourced from the national LAIT (Local Authority Interactive Tool).



	LCC Performance	National Average	Similar Authority	LCC Target
2013/14 Q4	42.87	60	52.8	43
2014/15 Q4	45.1	60	52.7	45

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**Children who are subject to a child protection plan**

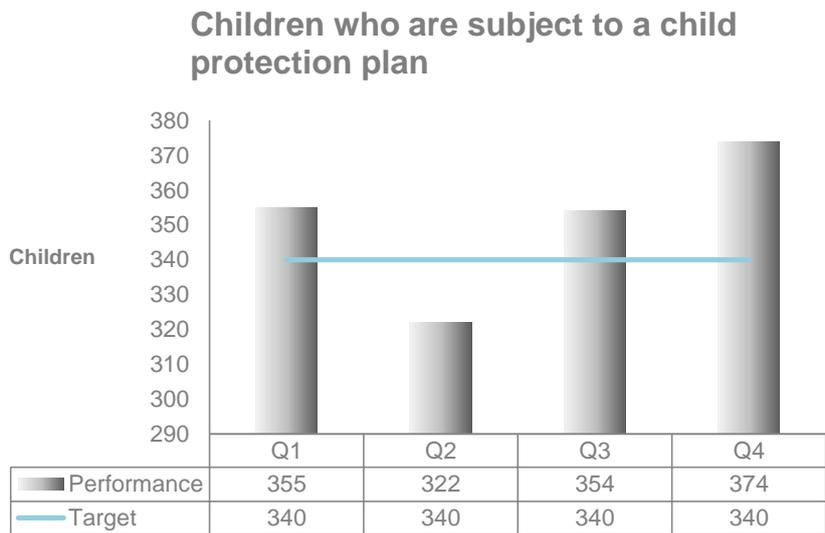
A child protection plan is a plan drawn up by the local authority. It sets out how the child can be kept safe, how things can be made better for the family and what support they will need. This measure is reported taking a snapshot in time. So for example Q2 is performance as at 30th September.

**✘ Not achieved**

**374**  
Children  
Quarter 4 March 2017

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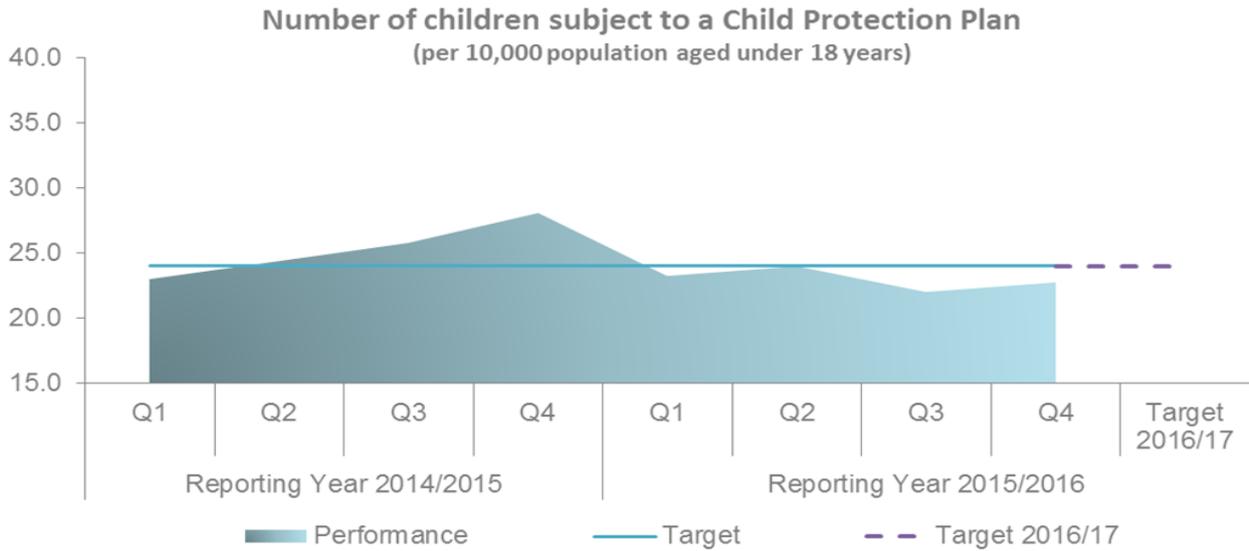
**340**  
Children  
Target for March 2017



**About the latest performance**

This quarter has resulted in an increase in the number of children subject to a child protection plan. Further work is being conducted into the causation of the increase through audit. It should be noted that the rate of 26.3 per 10,000 is still lower than statistical neighbouring authorities and the England rate.

Further details



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				Target 2016/17
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<b>Performance</b>	23.0	24.4	25.8	28.1	23.3	24.0	22.0	22.8	
<b>Target</b>	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0

About the target

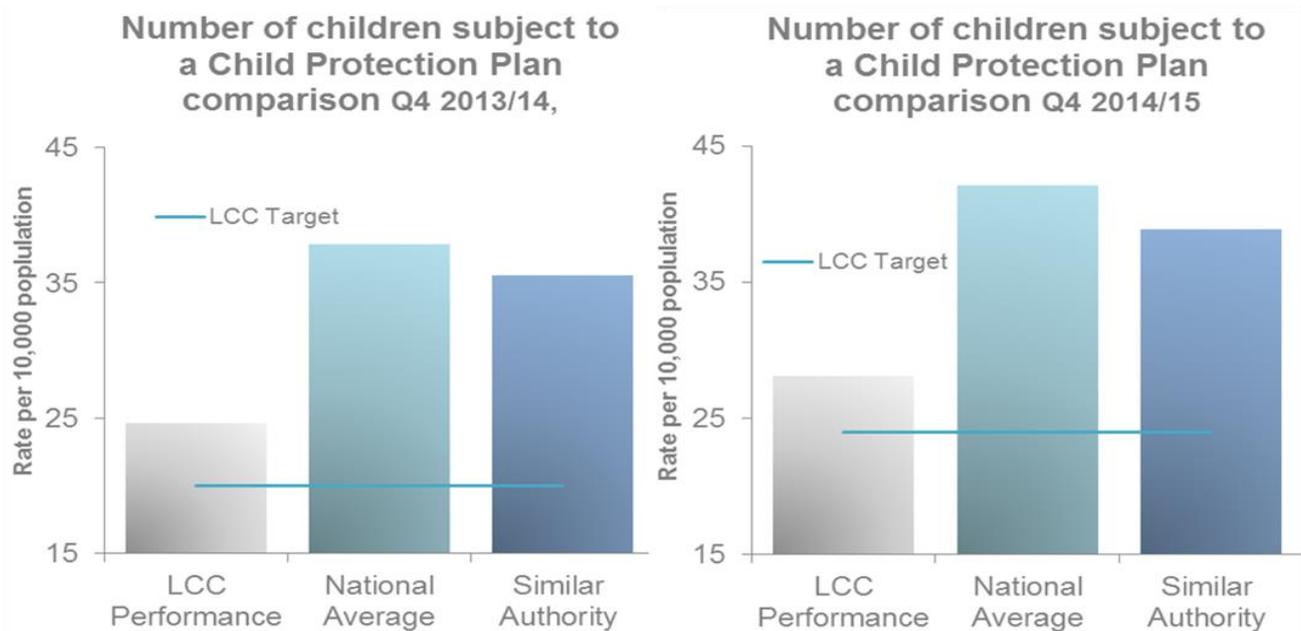
The target remains the same as the previous year reflecting work around early help, which is the intervention and support put in place to help children and their family before a child enters local authority care.

About the target range

The target range is set to vary between 21 and 25. This equates to a range of 320 to 380 children.

## About benchmarking

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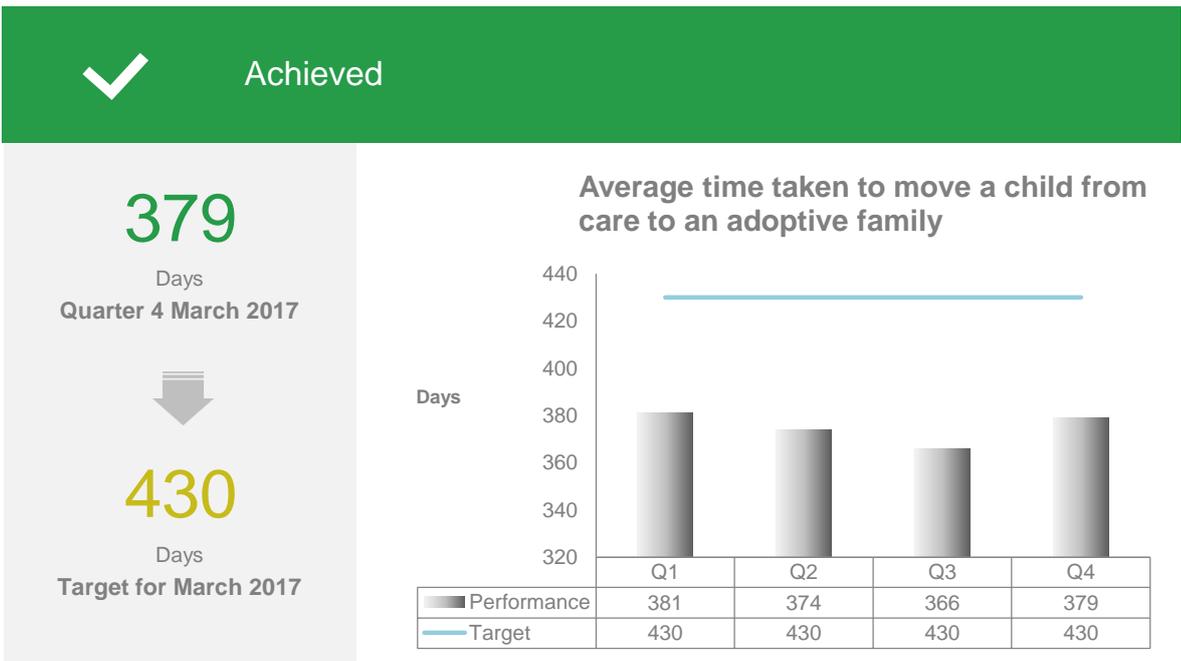
	LCC Performance	National Average	Similar Authority	LCC Target
2013/14 Q4	24.62	37.9	35.6	20
2014/15 Q4	28.1	42.1	38.84	24

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**Average time taken to move a child from care to an adoptive family**

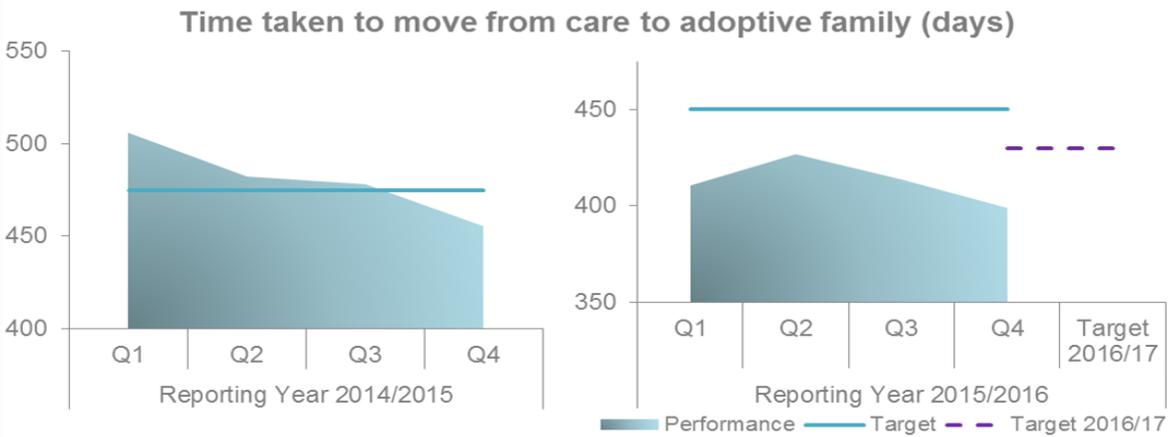
Average number of days between the child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family.



**About the latest performance**

The final quarter for the year demonstrates a slight increase in the timeliness of adoption. This increase can be attributed to the circumstances of two children who were subject to extremely complex court proceedings. An international element and the launch of an appeal resulted in the children having to wait longer for their adoptive family than might otherwise have been the case and this has served to impact negatively on the data. It is a point of note that in spite of this, Lincolnshire continue to perform well when compared to the national performance and that of statistical neighbours. The adoption team continues to work hard to reduce the amount of time a child waits until he/she is placed with his/her adoptive family. International elements will continue to have an impact on the adoption figures, however the authority employs strategies to mitigate against these risks including early twin tracking of matters.

Further details



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				Target 2016/17
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<b>Performance</b>	506	482	478	455	411	427	414	399	
<b>Target</b>	475	475	475	475	450	450	450	450	430

About the target

The target has been set to 430 days, this is a reduction of 20 days from the previous year's target. If we aspire to this, we should be in the top quartile.

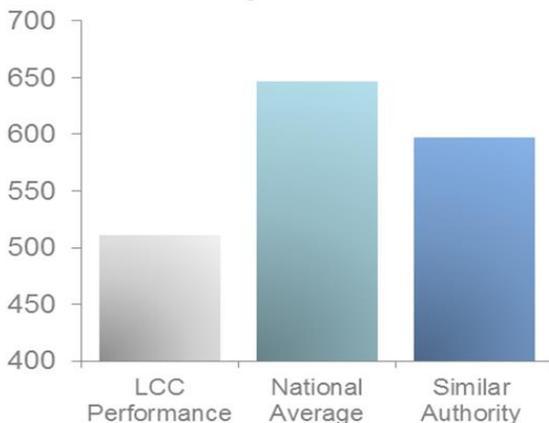
About the target range

The value has been set to an upper level of 520 days and a lower level of 430 days which should still retain our position in the top quartile.

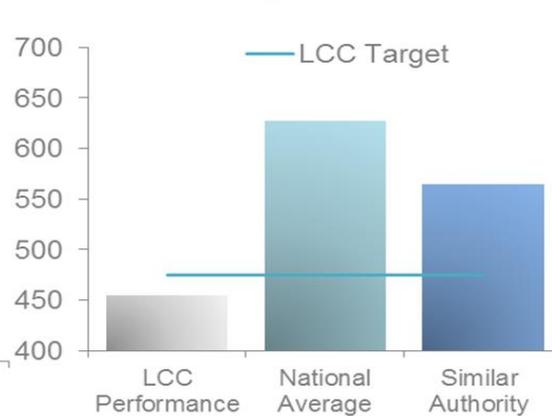
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**Time taken to move from care to adoptive families (days), Q4 2013/14 comparison**



**Time taken to move from care to adoptive families (days), Q4 2014/15 comparison**



	LCC Performance	National Average	Similar Authority	LCC Target
<b>2013/14 Q4</b>	511	647	597	
<b>2014/15 Q4</b>	455	628	565	475

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Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family

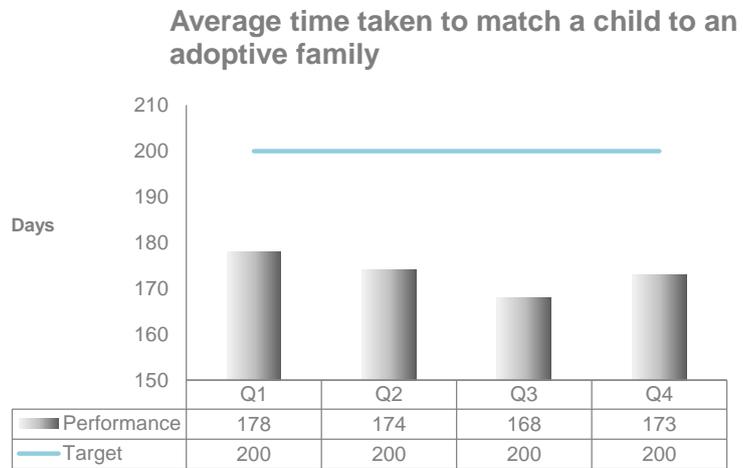
Average number of days between the local authority receiving the court order to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family

 Achieved

**173**  
Days  
Quarter 4 March 2017



**200**  
Days  
Target for March 2017

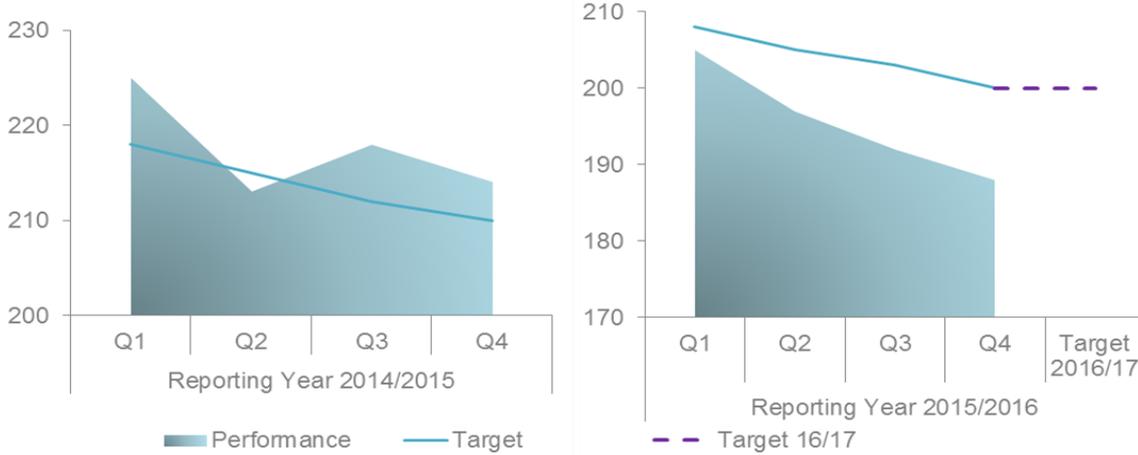


About the latest performance

The final quarter for the year shows a slight increase in the amount of time between receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive placement. Whilst this figure is still highly favourable when compared to the national figures and statistical neighbours, the experiences of a sibling group of two has adversely impacted on the figures. The proceedings in respect of these children were highly complex with an international element which included working with a foreign embassy. In addition there was an appeal which further added to the delay. In spite of this, the data continues to demonstrate a robust family finding process with early matching within the adoption service.

Further details

Time taken to match a child to adoptive family following court order (days)



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				Target 2016/17
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<b>Performance</b>	225	213	218	214	205	197	192	188	
<b>Target</b>	218	215	212	210	208	205	203	200	200

About the target

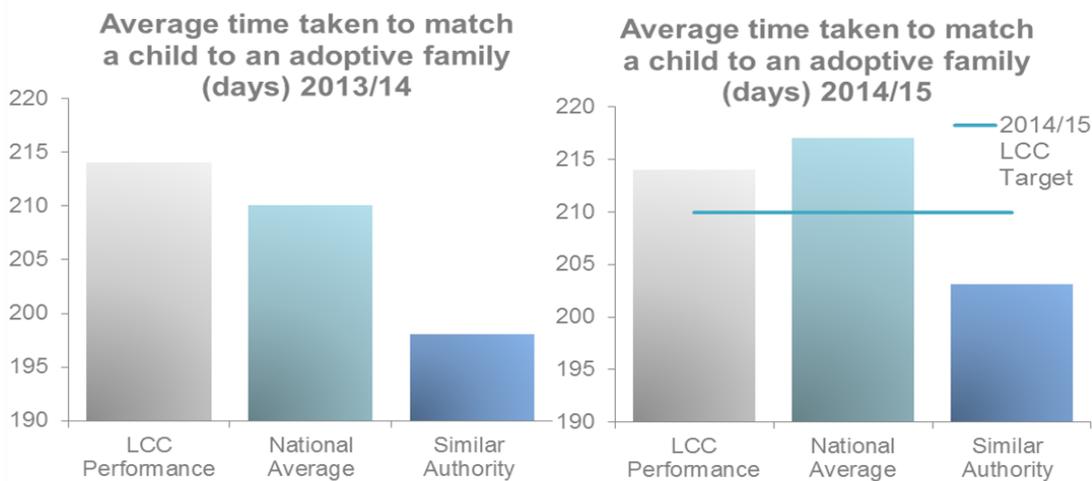
The target remains the same as the previous year, there are potential cases coming through with notably higher timescales.

About the target range

Both upper and lower target ranges have been set to 10 days. Achievement of the upper target range would almost match the position the Council achieved for 2012-2014 and maintain the performance, stopping a downward trend indicated by the national data. Achievement of the lower target range would be a significant improvement and change in direction and should be enough to move us up into the second quartile.

About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves to our statistical neighbours through the Adoption Leadership Board Return which is available on a quarterly basis.



	LCC Performance	National Average	Similar Authority	LCC Target
<b>2013/2014</b>	214	210	198	
<b>2014/2015</b>	214	217	203.1	210



## Health and Wellbeing is improved

Young people are supported to reach their potential

### Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training

Young people no longer in the education system, who are not working or being trained for work.

Numerator: Number of young people no longer in the education system and not working or being trained for work.

Denominator: Number of young people in the education system, working or being trained for work.

The percentage is calculated as follows: Numerator divided by the denominator multiplied by 100.



Achieved

3.57

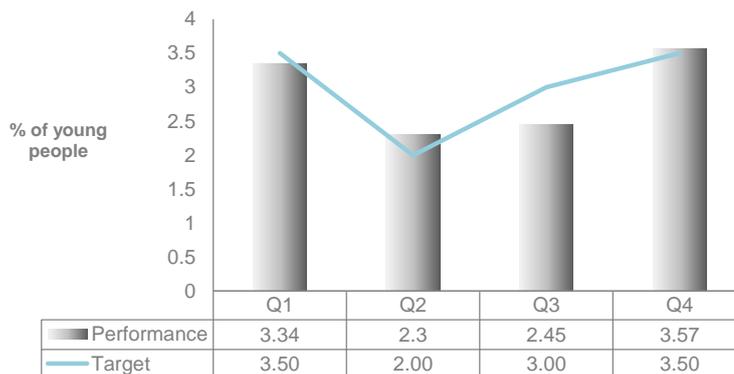
% of young people  
Quarter 4 March 2017



3.50

% of young people  
Target for March 2017

#### Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training

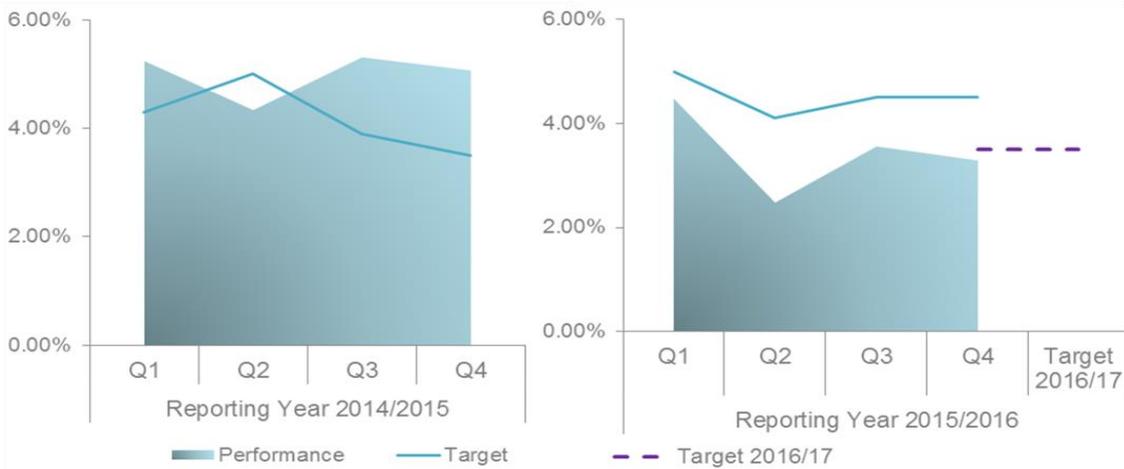


#### About the latest performance

As expected the number of young people not in education, employment or training has increased from quarter 3, but encouragingly the end of year figure is as predicted. The new tracking service that replaced the decommissioned careers guidance service has worked hard to achieve this level of performance and the model of tracking has proved to be effective.

Further details

Percentage of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				Target 2016/17
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<b>Performance</b>	5.23%	4.33%	5.30%	5.06%	4.47%	2.47%	3.54%	3.28%	
<b>Target</b>	4.30%	5.00%	3.90%	3.50%	5.00%	4.10%	4.50%	4.50%	3.50%

About the target

Following a significant reduction of young people not in Education, Employment or Training an aspirational target has been set to maintain this improvement and for it not to slip back in to the 4% margin.

Our current NEET figure is better than all our comparators and we should aim to keep it this way.

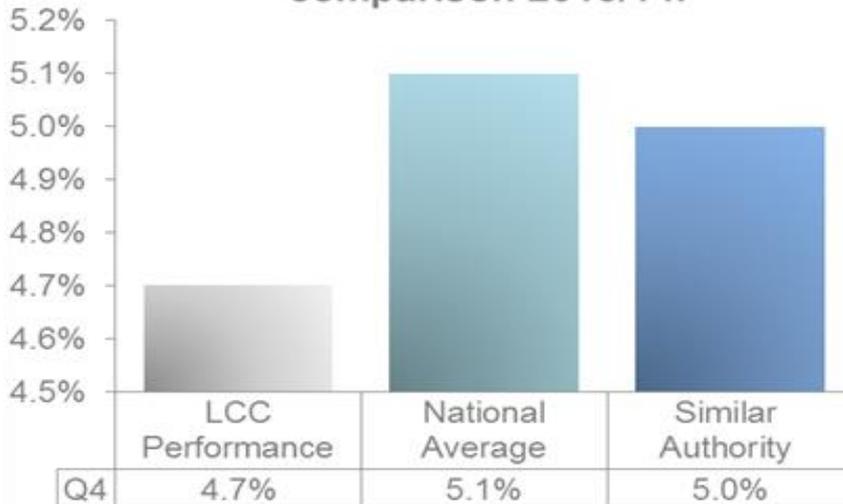
About the target range

The target range is greater than previous years due to the low number in the cohort last year. The target range is set to keep an aspirational target, with an expectation that we will be no worse than the previous year.

About benchmarking

We benchmark nationally and with similar local authorities. Benchmarking data is sourced from the national LAIT (Local Authority Interactive Tool).

Percentage of young people not in education, employment or training comparison 2013/14.





## Health and Wellbeing is improved

Young people are supported to reach their potential

### Achievement gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers at key Stage 4

Disadvantaged pupils that achieve at least 5+ A\*- C GCSEs including English and Maths compared to all the other pupils.

Disadvantaged pupils are defined as Looked After Children and children eligible for free school meals. The achievement gap is calculated as follows:

Number of disadvantaged children achieving at least 5+ A\*- C GCSEs including English and Maths divided by the number of disadvantaged children who were assessed at Key Stage 4, multiplied by 100.  
 Number of all the other children achieving at least 5+ A\*- C GCSEs including English and Maths divided by the number of all the other children who were assessed at Key Stage 4, multiplied by 100.

The achievement gap is the difference between the two percentages.



Improving but not achieved

32

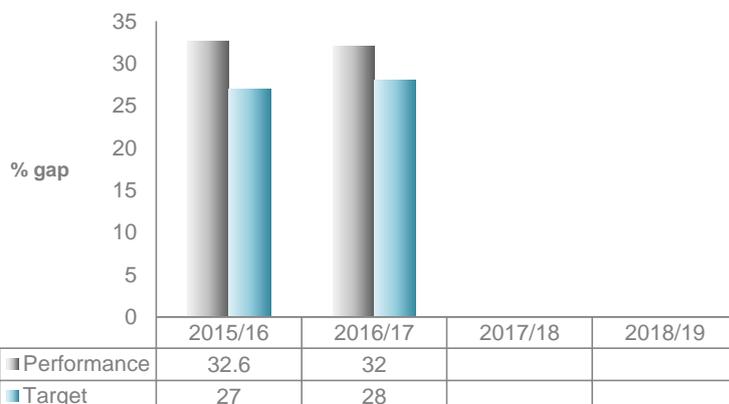
% gap  
March 2017



28

% gap  
Target for March 2017

Achievement gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers at key Stage 4

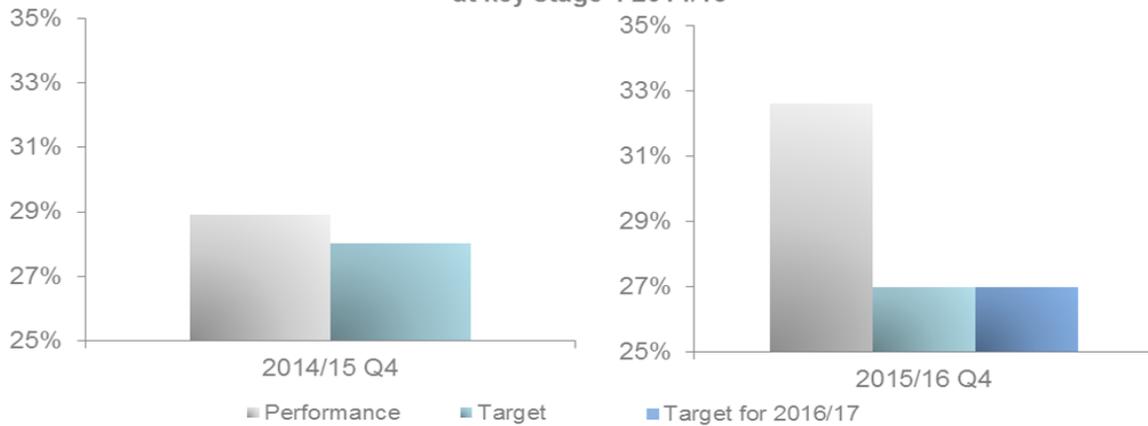


#### About the latest performance

Although we have not met the target, we are performing better than this time last year and have reduced the gap between our disadvantaged pupils and their peers at Key Stage 4.

Further details

Achievement gap between disadvantaged pupils and their peers at key stage 4 2014/15



	Performance	Target	Target for 2016/17
2014/15 Q4	28.90%	28.00%	
2015/16 Q4	32.60%	27.00%	27.00%

About the target

Nationally the achievement gap for 2014 was 27.6% and our aspiration is to move towards this benchmark. Our best performing statistical neighbour is currently at 24.9% and therefore it is possible to move towards this position. The cohorts in the Fischer Family Trust show that it is possible to achieve a closing of the gap by making a 2 percentage point improvement year on year.

About the target range

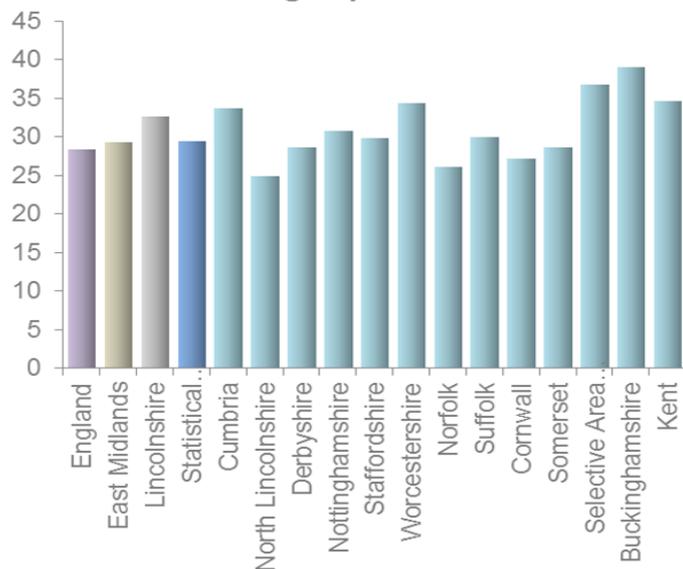
The upper target range would maintain our performance.  
The lower target range would be in line with our current best performing Statistical Neighbour.

About benchmarking

We benchmark nationally and with similar Local Authorities. Benchmarking data is sourced from the national LAIT (Local Authority Interactive Tool).

GCSE and equivalent entries and achievements of pupils at the end of key stage 4 by disadvantage	Percentage point gap between Disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers
England	28
East Midlands	29
Lincolnshire	33
Statistical Neighbour Ave	29
Cumbria	34
North Lincolnshire	25
Derbyshire	29
Nottinghamshire	31
Staffordshire	30
Worcestershire	34
Norfolk	26
Suffolk	30
Cornwall	27
Somerset	29
Selective Area Average	37
Buckinghamshire	39
Kent	35

Percentage point gap between Disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers - 2014/15





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### Pupils aged 16 – 18 participating in learning

This measures young people aged 16, 17 and 18 who are in:-

Full time education or training;

Apprenticeship;

Employment combined with training.

Numerator: Number of young people aged 16, 17 and 18 who are participating in learning.

Denominator: Number of young people aged 16, 17 and 18.

The percentage is calculated as follows: Numerator divided by the denominator multiplied by 100.



Improving but  
not achieved

77.94

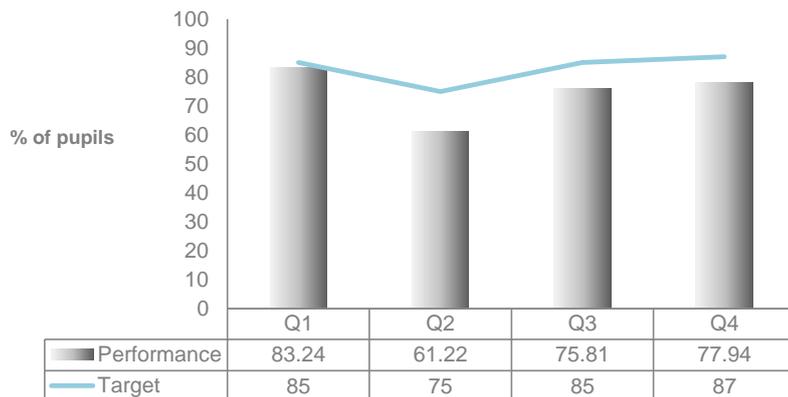
% of pupils  
Quarter 4 March 2017



87

% of pupils  
Target for March 2017

#### Pupils aged 16 – 18 participating in learning

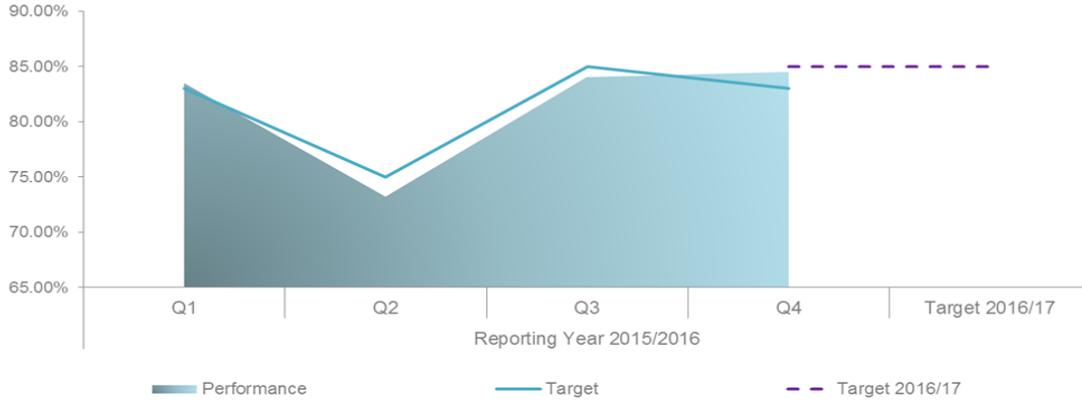


#### About the latest performance

We continue to recognise this as a challenging target and as expected the performance has improved from quarter 3. Difficulties are being experienced in obtaining the data from independent learning providers who, unlike schools and colleges, struggle to meet the demands of data provision. We know that approximately 9% of young people are in this type of provision which is impacting on our performance. As reported at quarter 3 we have not met our target and this was expected. Previously, the careers service would have supported the independent learning providers in supplying information but as this service has been decommissioned there is no remedial action that can be taken.

Further details

Pupils aged 16 – 18 participating in learning



Reporting Year 2015/2016					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target 2016/17
<b>Performance</b>	83.48%	73.18%	84.02%	84.48%	
<b>Target</b>	83.00%	75.00%	85.00%	83.00%	87.00%

About the target

The target is ambitious as the Council has already made significant increases in performance. We continue to improve our "in learning" figures, however we are still below the East Midlands figures. We aim by the end of the year to have met and exceeded the East Midlands figures. With the increase of data of the take up of Unknown leavers, we should be able to achieve this as the 18 year olds have a lower % in learning than those at 16 and 17.

About the target range

The target range does not allow us to slip under current performance.

About benchmarking

Benchmarking for this measure is not currently available.



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### Participation in learning age 16

This measures young people who go into:-  
Full time education or training;  
Apprenticeship;  
Employment combined with training;  
Working towards participation age 16.

Numerator: Number of young people age 16 in full time education, education or training, apprenticeship, employment combined with training; working towards participation.

Denominator: Number of young people age 16

The percentage is calculated as follows: Numerator divided by the denominator multiplied by 100.



Improving but  
not achieved

94.34

% of 16 year olds

Quarter 4 March 2017

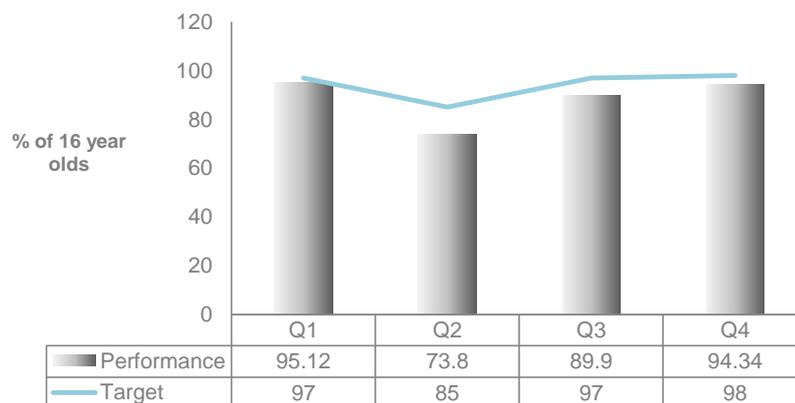


98

% of 16 year olds

Target for March 2017

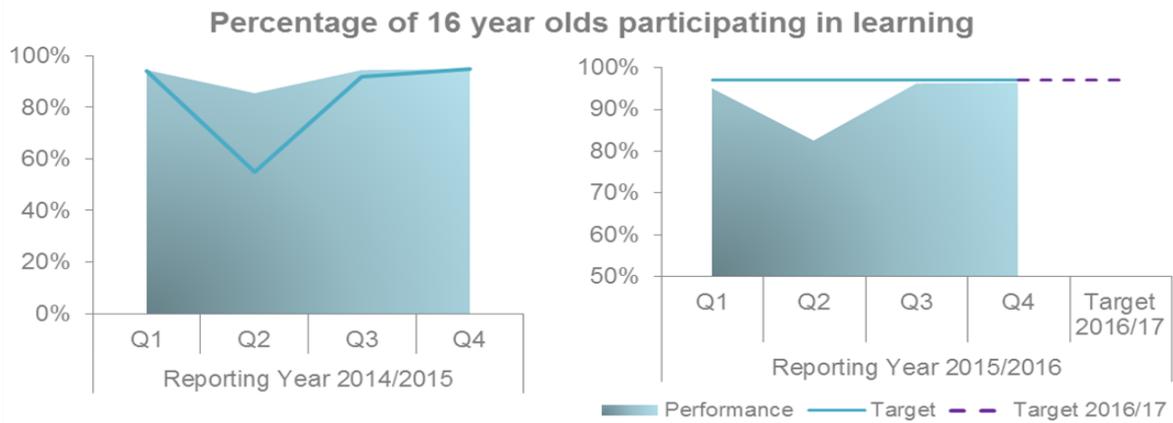
#### Participation in learning age 16



#### About the latest performance

We continue to recognise this as a challenging target and as expected the performance has improved from quarter 3. Difficulties are being experienced in obtaining the data from independent learning providers who, unlike schools and colleges, struggle to meet the demands of data provision. We know that approximately 9% of young people are in this type of provision which is impacting on our performance. As reported at quarter 3 we have not met our target and this was expected. Previously, the careers service would have supported the independent learning providers in supplying information but as this service has been decommissioned there is no remedial action that can be taken.

Further details



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				Target 2016/17
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<b>Performance</b>	94.50%	85.70%	94.70%	94.90%	95.05%	82.60%	96.08%	96.32%	
<b>Target</b>	94.00%	55.00%	92.00%	95.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%

About the target

The target is ambitious as the Council has already made significant increases in performance. We continue to improve our "in learning" figures, however we are still below the East Midlands figures. We aim by the end of the year to have met and exceeded the East Midlands figures. With the increase of data of the take up of Unknown leavers, we should be able to achieve this as the 18 year olds have a lower % in learning than those at 16 and 17.

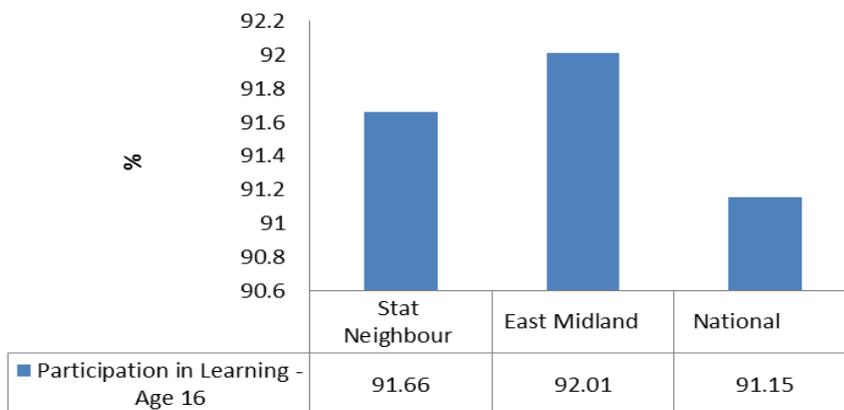
About the target range

The target range does not allow us to slip under current performance.

About benchmarking

We benchmark nationally and at similar authority level. Benchmarking data is sourced from the national LAIT (Local Authority Interactive Tool).

### Participation in Learning (2015/16) - Age 16





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### 16-18 year old Looked After Children participating in learning

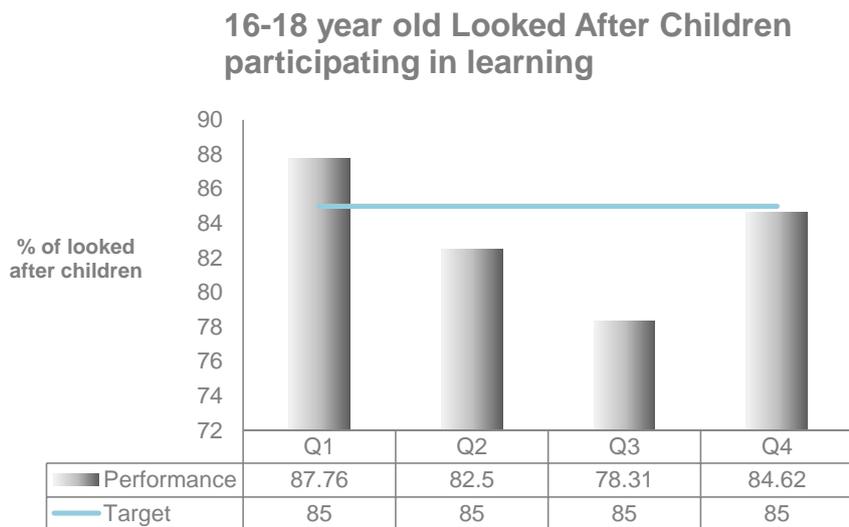
This measures young people recorded as being Looked After Children at the end of the reporting period and will not take into consideration the length of time that they have been in local authority care.  
 Numerator: Number of Looked After Children participating in learning at the end of the reporting period.  
 Denominator: Number of Looked After Children at the end of the reporting period.  
 The percentage is calculated as follows: Numerator divided by the denominator multiplied by 100.

 **Achieved**

**84.62**  
 % of looked after children  
**Quarter 4 March 2017**



**85**  
 % of looked after children  
**Target for March 2017**

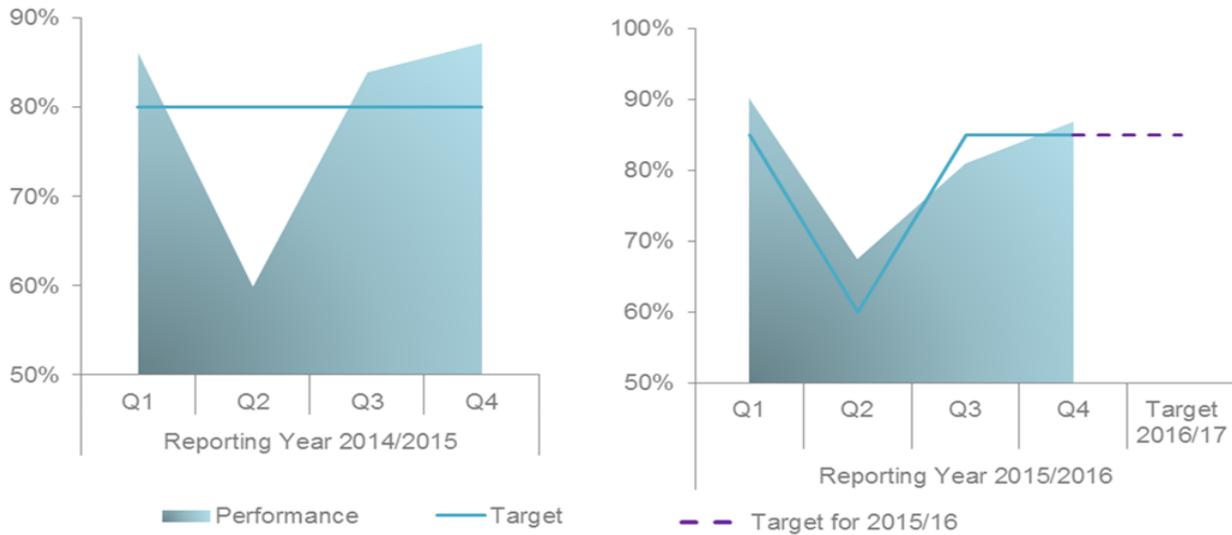


#### About the latest performance

Performance for quarter 4 2016/17 has decreased marginally compared with the same period from 2015/16. Performance is on target and has increased from the previous quarter.

Further details

Percentage of 16-18 year olds in Local Authority care participating in learning



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target 2016/17
<b>Performance</b>	86%	60%	84%	87%	90%	67%	81%	87%	
<b>Target</b>	80%	80%	80%	80%	85%	60%	85%	85%	85%

About the target

The target has been set to maintain the same performance as the previous year.

About the target range

Due to the small numbers, each person represents 1.25%. The target range is set at a level to allow for 2 young people above the target and 5 young people below the target.

About benchmarking

Benchmarking for this measure is not currently available.



## Health and Wellbeing is improved

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### Care Leavers in suitable accommodation

A care leaver is a young person who reaches the age of 18 who had been in local authority care.  
Numerator: Number of care leavers turning 19 years of age in the year who are living in accommodation deemed as "suitable".

Denominator: Number of care leavers turning 19 years of age in the year.

The percentage is calculated as follows: Numerator divided by the denominator multiplied by 100.



Achieved

93.3

%

Quarter 4 March 2017

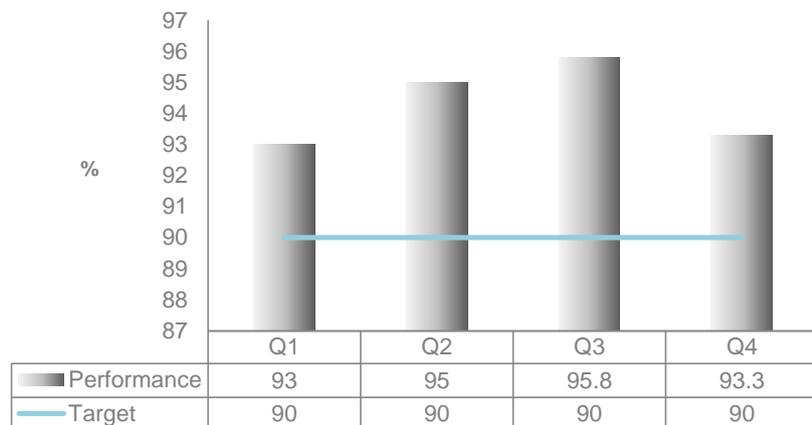


90

%

Target for March 2017

#### Care Leavers in suitable accommodation



#### About the latest performance

The number of care leavers in suitable accommodation remains on target. This endorses the range of accommodation options available to these young people and the commitment to ensure that all live somewhere that is safe and appropriate. Some of those designated as being in unsuitable accommodation have returned home or are in custody. The leaving care service engages with each of these to ensure that they understand the full range of housing options available to them and make more positive choices about their housing options

Further details

Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				Target 2016/17
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
<b>Performance</b>	89.70%	91.60%	91.30%	92.70%	91.40%	93.10%	93.80%	92.60%	
<b>Target</b>	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%

About the target

Target remains the same as the previous year, we are above both national and similar authority averages.

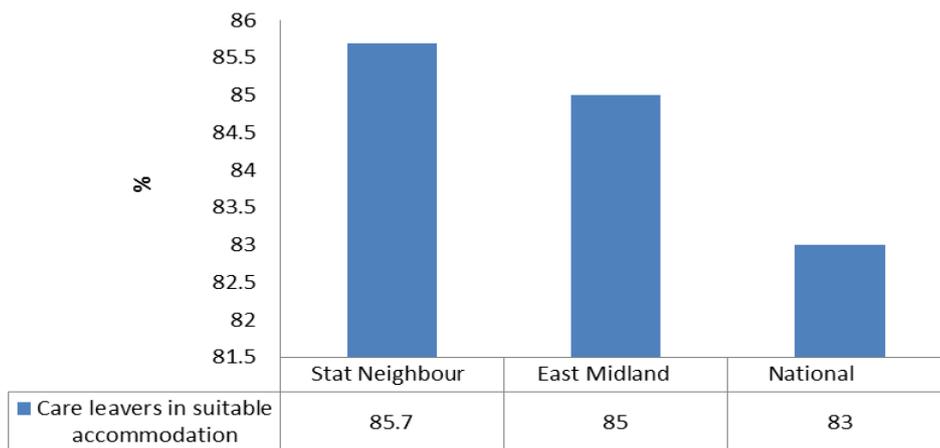
About the target range

The upper target range is set to the level achieved in 2014. Lower target range is set to accommodate an improvement on 2015 performance but keeps us above the average for similar authorities.

About benchmarking

We benchmark nationally and at similar authority level. Benchmarking data is sourced from the national LAIT (Local Authority Interactive Tool). Benchmarking data for this measure will not be available until December 2016.

Care leavers in suitable accommodation





## Health and Wellbeing is improved

There is a secure foundation for all children to progress through school and life

### Achievement at a good level of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Numerator: Number of children achieving a good level of development in Early Years Foundation Stage.

Denominator: Number of pupils in Early Years Foundation Stage.

The percentage is calculated as follows: Numerator divided by the denominator multiplied by 100.



Achieved

71

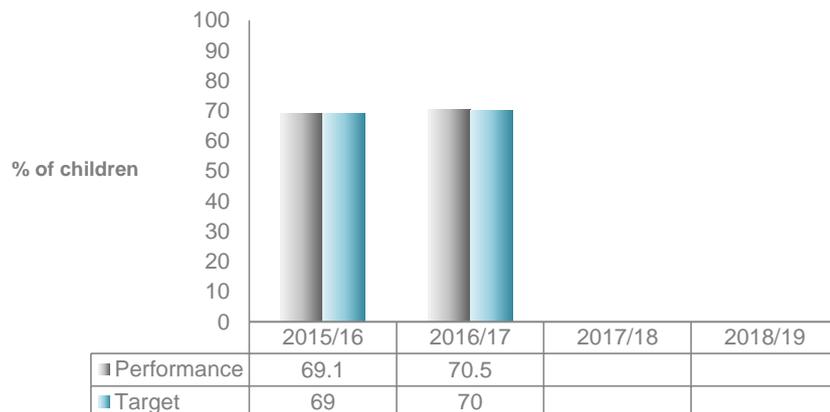
% of children  
March 2017



70

% of children  
Target for March 2017

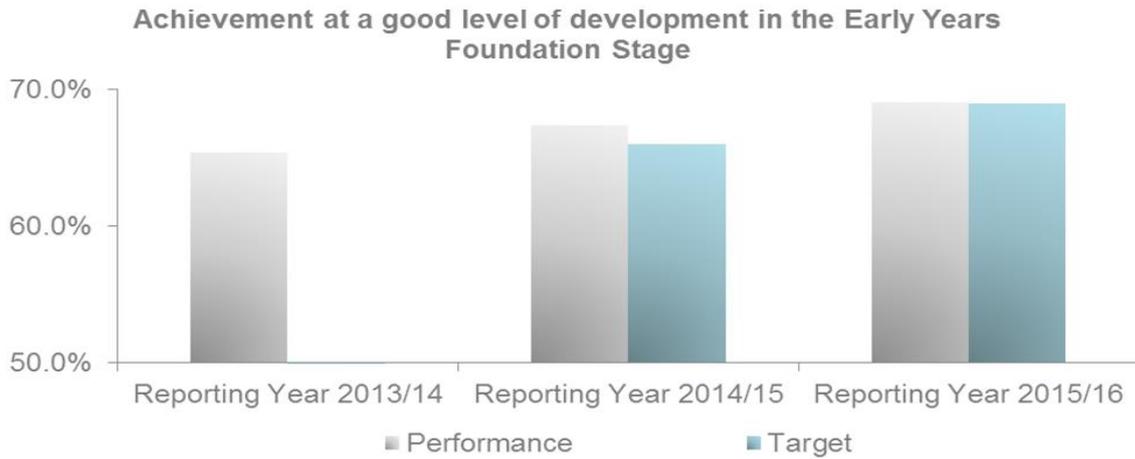
#### Achievement at a good level of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage



#### About the latest performance

Lincolnshire Early Year Foundation Stage outcomes continue to remain above the national figure and, although the difference between national and Local Authority data is reducing, this remains higher than the East Midlands and Statistical Neighbour average. In response to this, Early Years and Childcare support are raising engagement and awareness levels of the impact the early years educational entitlement has on Children Outcomes at the end of the foundation stage. Early Communication training is being delivered to Early Years In Schools, with a focus on children with 'English as Another Language' and 'disadvantaged children', and effective use of Early years pupil premium funding, deprivation funding and how this can be utilised to improved outcomes for this group of children. This will promote the use of effective tracking to be in place.

Further details



	Reporting Year 2013/14	Reporting Year 2014/15	Reporting Year 2015/16	Target for 2016/17
<b>Performance</b>	65.4%	67.4%	69.1%	
<b>Target</b>		66.0%	69.0%	69.0%

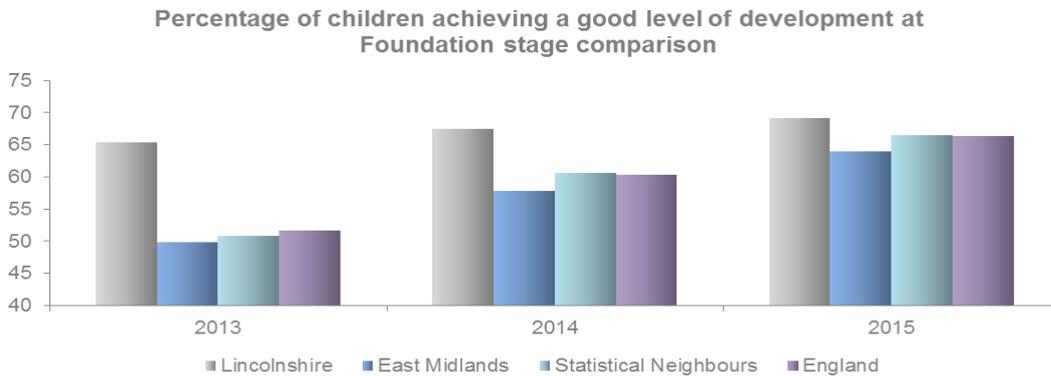
About the target

As a high performing council we have aspirational aims to be the highest performing in our statistical neighbour grouping. The targets reflect this.

About the target range

The target range is in line with performance against the previous method of measuring performance and takes account of any levelling or dip in performance.

About benchmarking



Measure Name	Achievement at a good level of development in the Early Years Foundation Stage			
	2013	2014	2015	Change from
Lincolshire	65.4	67.4	69.1	1.7
East Midlands	49.8	57.8	64.0	6.2
Statistical Neighbours	50.9	60.6	66.5	6.0
England	51.7	60.4	66.3	5.9



## Health and Wellbeing is improved

There is a secure foundation for all children to progress through school and life

### Achievement gap between the lowest 20% of pupils and their peers at Foundation stage

The percentage gap in achievement between:-

The lowest 20 per cent of achieving children in a local authority compared to the average score across the local authority.

The gap is calculated from unrounded percentages.



Achieved

29

% of pupils  
March 2017



25

% of pupils  
Target for March 2017

### Achievement gap between the lowest 20% of pupils and their peers at Foundation stage



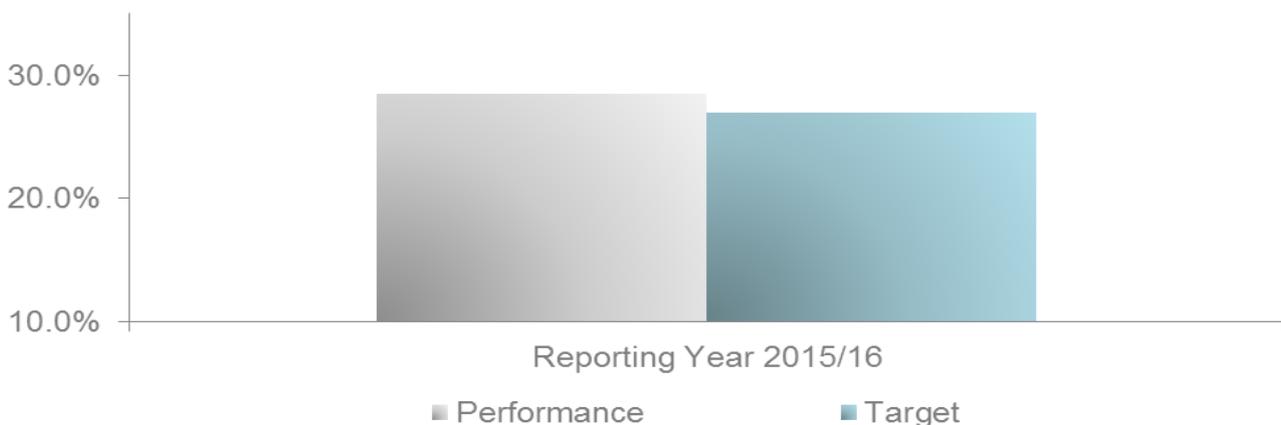
### About the latest performance

This performance indicator has seen an increase of 0.5%, during 2015/16 academic year. In response to this a number of work streams have been put in place to mitigate this trajectory including promoting good practice case studies in the effective use of the Early Years Pupil Premium within the early years sector. Providing access to training, advice and support via early years and childcare support to Early Years Practitioners across the sector to highlight the impact Early Years entitlement has on this group of children. All Private, Voluntary Independent and Maintained Training delivered by Early Years Child Care Support Improvement Advisers are to include a focus on children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium with specific analysis of schools where Gap for Free School Meal children has been or remains narrower than National and Local Gap.

2015/16 figures have been revised as confirmed figures have been provided by Statistical First Release.

### Further details

**Achievement gap between lowest 20% of pupils and their peers at Foundation Stage**



	Reporting Year 2015/16
Performance	28.5%
Target	27.0%

### About the target

We have shown consistent improvement against all comparators and will probably plateau going forward, however the best improvement in our statistical neighbours show that an upward trajectory is still possible.

### About the target range

The target range is based on 2014/15 performance and a significant, aspirational improvement.

### About benchmarking

Benchmarking for this measure is not currently available.



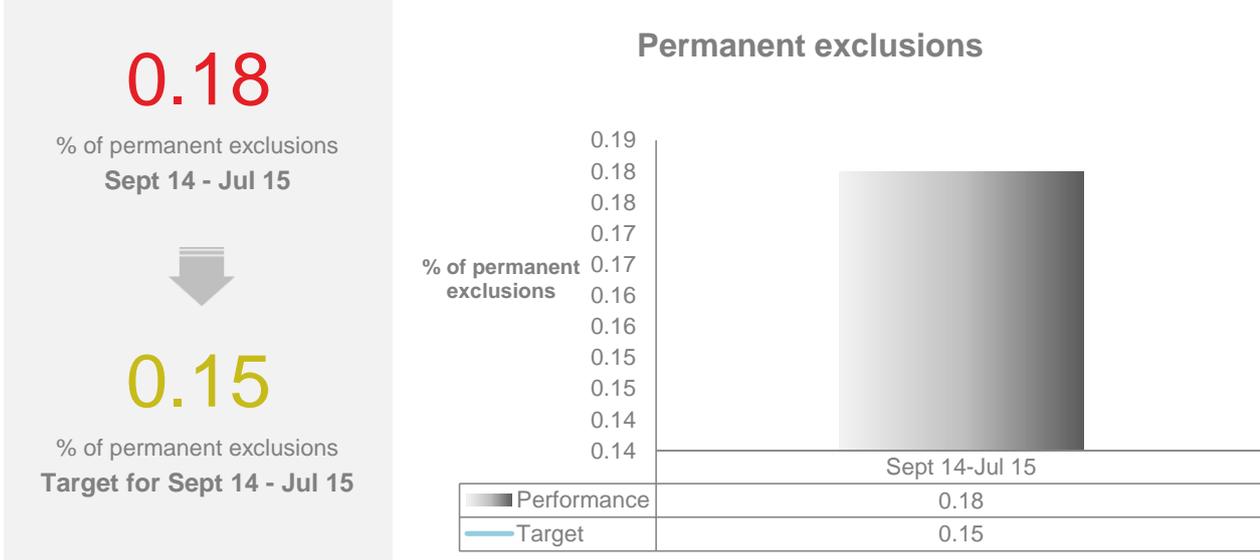
## Businesses are supported to grow

### Improve educational attainment for all pupils

#### Permanent exclusions

Number of permanent exclusions in all schools divided by the School population. This measure is reported with a 2 year lag due to the information and statistical first release of data publication. This means that data for the academic year 2014/2015 (September 2014 to July 2015) is reported in 2016/2017.

**✘ Not achieved**



#### About the latest performance

The target for percentage of permanent exclusions of total pupil population has not been achieved for the 2014/15 academic year (September 2014 to July 2015), with an actual number of 180 permanent exclusions.

The Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy only became available to schools in September 2016 in its complete form – before then, there was no Behaviour Outreach Support Service (BOSS) and no pre-exclusion places available in the Pupil Referral Unit. Going forward, the exclusions in academic year September 2015/July 2016, to be reported in March 2018, will not be impacted by the work of BOSS, however it is reasonable to expect progress to be made in academic year September 2016-July 2017 which will be reported in March 2019. Secondary schools represent the ongoing challenge going forward.

### Further details

This is a new measure to the 2016/17 Council Business Plan therefore historical data is not available.

### About the target

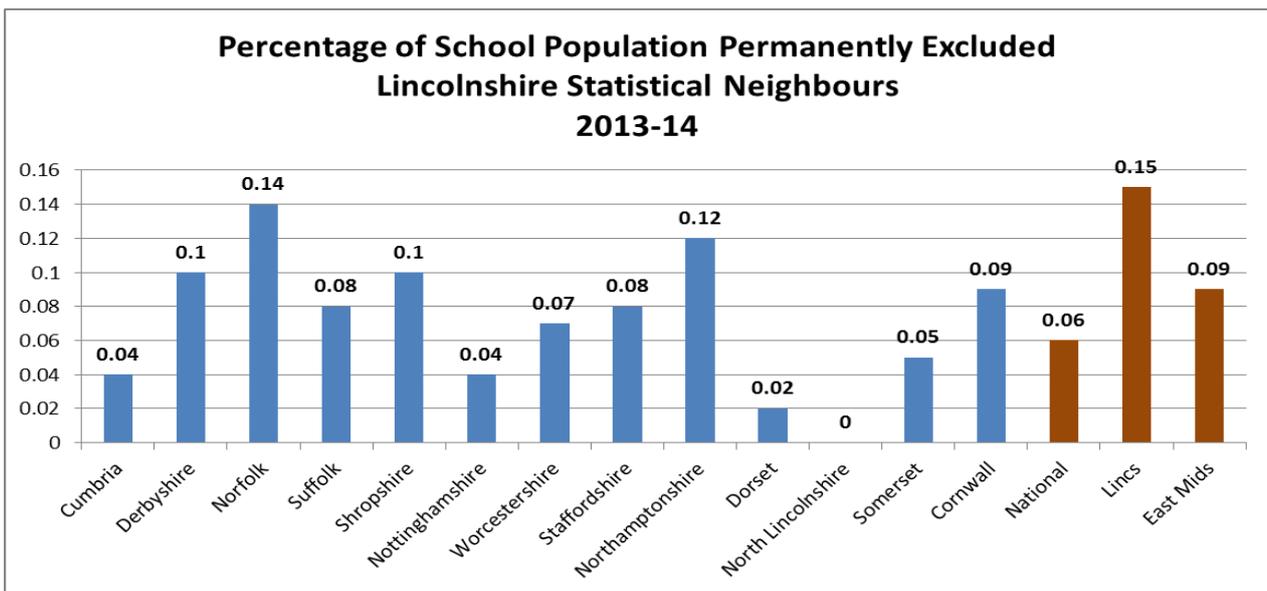
The target for this measure has been set at 0.15%. To meet the proposals of the Exclusion Strategy which states that permanent exclusions will be reduced by 0.25% over the next 2 years, this equates to a year on year reduction of 0.02% which equates to approximately 20 exclusions a year.

### About the target range

There is no upper tolerance applied to this measure as performance worse than this would indicate an increasing rate of permanent exclusions.

### About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves both nationally and with similar authorities on an annual basis. Comparison data from the Statistical First Release Data is available in July the following year .



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**Customer Satisfaction Information**  
**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Q4**  
**Date range for report 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**LCC Overview of compliments**

**Overall Compliments**

The overall compliments received for Childrens and Young People shows a decrease of 61% this Quarter, with 5 compliments being received compared to 13 received last Quarter.

<b>Total number of compliments relating to <u>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</u></b>	<b>Current Q4</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q4</b>
	5	13	7	9	4

**Children and Young People Compliments**

Children and Young People received 5 compliments this Quarter. The compliments were:

- Staff praise – Praise from a colleague for assisting with interviews at short notice.
- Social Worker praise – Praise for SW from Mother.
- SEND staff praise – Email of praise for SEND staff member from a parent.
- SEND staff praise – Email of thanks for attendance at a EHCP review meeting.
- Early Help Worker praise – feedback from family for Early Help Worker involved with case.

**LCC Overview of complaints**

The total number of LCC complaints received this Quarter (Q4) shows a 22% decrease on the previous quarter (Q3). When comparing this Quarter with Q4 of 2015/16, there is a 46% decrease when 318 complaints were received. This can be explained by specific complaints relating to schools no longer being collated and included.

<b>Total number of complaints received across all LCC service area.</b>	<b>Current Q4 16/17</b>	<b>Q3 16/17</b>	<b>Q2 16/17</b>	<b>Q1 16/17</b>	<b>Q4 15/16</b>
	169*	218	210	259	318
<b>Total number of complaints relating to <u>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</u></b>	37*	112	125	140	184
<b>Total Service Area Complaints broken down</b>					
<b>Statutory - Children's Care Complaint areas</b>	36	33	26	30	44
<b>Corporate – Education &amp; Schools</b>	1	4	6	3	3
<b>Number of complaint escalations</b>	1	<b>Data not previously reported upon</b>			
<b>How many LCC Corporate complaints have not been resolved within service standard</b>	1	6	8	4	2
<b>Number of complaints referred to Ombudsman</b>	7	8	17	5	10

### **Education and School (Corporate) Complaints**

\*Specific complaints relating to schools are no longer collated. The vast majority of complaints are handled by schools/academies themselves, and/or through appeal to the Secretary of State for Education (the appeal body for complaints about maintained schools) and the Education Funding Agency (the appeal body for academy complaints). Parental complaints directed to the Local Authority (LA) are effectively 'misdirected' complaints. In the majority of 'misdirected' parental complaints, only the complainant's view is recorded and the data collated is partial and unrepresentative. In addition, the LA has a limited role in guiding parents to and through the complaint process, and has no remit to adjudicate or to resolve the complaint.

Education and School corporate complaints received 1 complaint this Quarter. This was in relation to a school application and transport issues. The complaint was found to be unsubstantiated.

### **Children's Care (Statutory) Complaints**

Complaint receipts in Quarter 4 for Children's Social Care have decreased by 3 complaints compared to last Quarter. From the 36 complaints received this quarter, 1 complaint was substantiated, 11 were partly substantiated and 16 were not substantiated. Feedback forms have not been completed for the remaining 8 complaints, although requested.

<b>Nature of Substantiated complaints</b>	<b>Improvements or changes implemented as a result of customers complaint</b>
Complaint in relation to a letter received and only having 6 minutes to get to contact	None recorded
<b>Nature of Partly Substantiated complaints</b>	<b>Improvements or changes implemented as a result of customers complaint</b>
Failure to support family & Daughter	None recorded
Half-sister disagrees with decision to allow Brother to return to Mum	None
Complaint in relation to general actions of SW - request change	Info shared with SW and whole team meeting
Letter addressed to CXO letter in relation to SW & team	N/A
Concerns regarding procedure followed regarding concerns about son	Briefing taking place at team meeting. PS top discuss with SW in supervision. New SCA started with different SW.
Complaint regarding recently being informed of a new social worker for the 4th time	None recorded
Incorrect information recorded on assessment and no consent form completed prior to contact being made with the school.	Briefing taking place at team meeting. SW has left LCC – further investigation and reassessment being done. Pending outcome of further investigation then discussed with Service Manager.
Complaint that paperwork not submitted by SW in to CIN / panel meeting	None recorded
Complaint regarding lack of support for young person currently being privately fostered	None
Foster carers concerns / comments regarding decision to reduce numbers - costs per unit	CWD STB contracts sent out but the changes to the scheme remain. The complainant wishes to continue with the old agreement which the Council have changed wef 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2016
Complaint regarding intervention from Children Services regarding domestic abuse and incorrect recording	Discussion with IT to amend the record – Discussion with team about case recordings.

**Complaint escalations**

In Quarter 4 of 2016/17 there were a total of 11 complaint escalations for LCC  
1 of which was taken forward as a Statutory Childrens Stage 2 complaint with an agreed Terms  
of Reference.

**Ombudsman Complaints**

In Quarter 4 of 2016/17, 7 LCC complaints were registered with the Ombudsman. 3 of these  
complaints were recorded against Children's Services.

In summary these complaints were regarding the Council's failure to reimburse travel expenses.  
This cannot be investigated due to court proceedings. One school appeal complaint, of which  
no fault found. The other being about school transport, where fault was found and an apology  
issued.

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Summary of most recent Mainstream Ofsted Inspections- breakdown of 'Overall Effectiveness' judgement by school type as at 31/03/2017

Table 1a/1b: Schools/Pupils in Schools rated Outstanding or Good

Schools Outstanding or Good	CS51	Pupils in Outstanding or Good	CS50
315	90.5%	92,315	89.4%

Table 2a/2b: Count and percentage of schools by Phase and Overall Effectiveness Category

Phase	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Total
All-through	-	1	-	-	1
Free School	-	1	-	-	1
Nursery	3	2	-	-	5
Primary	42	207	19	-	268
PRU	-	1	-	1	2
Secondary	13	26	8	4	51
Special	8	11	1	-	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>348</b>

Phase	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
All-through	-	100%	-	-
Free School	-	100%	-	-
Nursery	60%	40%	-	-
Primary	16%	77%	7%	-
PRU	-	50%	-	50%
Secondary	25%	51%	16%	8%
Special	40%	55%	5%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>

Table 3a/3b: Count and percentage of pupils by Phase and Overall Effectiveness Category

Phase	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate	Total
All-through	-	991	-	-	991
Free School	-	235	-	-	235
Nursery	337	174	-	-	511
Primary	11549	40005	3850	-	55404
PRU	-	-	-	195	195
Secondary	14802	22501	4442	2375	44120
Special	713	1008	56	-	1777
<b>Total</b>	<b>27401</b>	<b>64914</b>	<b>8348</b>	<b>2570</b>	<b>103233</b>

Phase	Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
All-through	-	100%	-	-
Free School	-	100%	-	-
Nursery	66%	34%	-	-
Primary	21%	72%	7%	-
PRU	-	-	-	100%
Secondary	34%	51%	10%	5%
Special	40%	57%	3%	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2%</b>

Table 4: Percentage of schools by Phase and Overall Effectiveness Category for Lincolnshire, Statistical Neighbours and Nationally

Phase	Outstanding			Good			Requires Improvement			Inadequate			Lincs	SN	National
	Lincs	SN	National	Lincs	SN	National	Lincs	SN	National	Lincs	SN	National			
Nursery	60%	65%	60%	40%	35%	39%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Primary	16%	14%	18%	77%	72%	69%	7%	8%	8%	-	1%	1%	-	5%	4%
PRU	-	11%	16%	50%	74%	63%	-	4%	8%	50%	6%	3%	-	4%	10%
Secondary	25%	12%	21%	52%	60%	52%	15%	17%	15%	8%	3%	4%	-	8%	8%
Special	40%	29%	37%	55%	61%	53%	5%	1%	4%	-	1%	2%	-	7%	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>		<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>

Table 5: Schools currently judged to be Inadequate and/or under an Interim Executive Board

DfE Number	School Name	Academy Sponsor	Status	Time in Special Measures	Number on Roll
9255416	Spalding Academy	CfBT Schools Trust	Inadequate	-	899
9256908	The Gainsborough Academy	The Lincoln College Academy Trust	Inadequate	-	722
9251105	The Lincolnshire Teaching and Learning Centre	-	Inadequate	799 days	195
9254062	Cherry Willingham Community School	-	Inadequate	660 days	192
9255417	Louth Monks Dyke Tennyson College	-	Inadequate	-	562
				<b>Total</b>	<b>2570</b>

Table 6: Schools not yet inspected

DfE Number	School Name	Number on Roll
9252016	Bourne Elsea Park CofE Primary Academy	151
9252018	Castle Wood Academy	85
9252021	Wygate Park Academy	120
9252023	Weston St Mary CE Primary School	47
9252024	Grantham The Isaac Newton Primary School	395
9252027	St Giles Academy	446
9252035	Ingoldsby Academy	49
9252036	Hykeham Manor Farm Academy	28
9252040	Theddlethorpe Primary School	72
9252042	South Witham Community Primary School	99
9254011	Tattershall The Barnes Wallis Academy	299
9254013	Thomas Middlecott Academy	479
9254018	Somercotes Academy	303
9256000	St George's Preparatory School & Little Dragons Preschool	-
9256004	Burton Hathow Preparatory School	-
9256005	Bridge House Independent School	-
9256006	Doulton House School	-
9256012	Lincoln Minster School	-
9256015	Witham Hall School	-
9256016	Dudley House School	-
9256017	Kirkstone House School	-
9256020	Ayscoughfee Hall School	-
9256022	St Hugh's School	-
9256023	Handel House Preparatory School	-
9256027	Stamford School	-
9256028	Stamford High School	-
9256031	Grantham Preparatory School	-
9256033	The Viking School	-
9256034	Kisimul School	-
9256035	Copthill Independent Day School & Nursery	-
9256038	Greenwich House School	-
9256039	Regents Academy	-
9256041	Bicker Preparatory and Early Years School	-
9256045	Stamford Junior School	-
<b>Total:</b>		<b>2573</b>

**Table 7: Ofsted Statistical Neighbour Comparison**

Region	Percentage of Schools Good or Outstanding
Lincolnshire	87.5%
Statistical Neighbours	84.3%
National	85.3%

Source Data: Monthly Management Information: Ofsted School Inspections Outcomes

NB: May be slight deviation in figures between LA calculated data and Ofsted data, due to differences in reporting methodologies.

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**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills,  
Director responsible for Democratic Services**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>21 July 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme</b>

**Summary:**

This item enables the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme for the coming year to ensure that scrutiny activity is focused where it can be of greatest benefit. Members are encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee to ensure that its contents are still relevant and will add value to the work of the Council and partners.

**Actions Required:**

Members of the Committee are invited to:

- 1) Review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A to this report.
- 2) Highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

### 1. Background

Overview and Scrutiny should be positive, constructive, independent, fair and open. The scrutiny process should be challenging, as its aim is to identify areas for improvement. Scrutiny activity should be targeted, focused and timely and include issues of corporate and local importance, where scrutiny activity can influence and add value.

Overview and scrutiny committees should not, as a general rule, involve themselves in relatively minor matters or individual cases, particularly where there are other processes, which can handle these issues more effectively.

All members of overview and scrutiny committees are encouraged to bring forward important items of community interest to the Committee whilst recognising that not all items will be taken up depending on available resource.

## **Purpose of Scrutiny Activity**

Set out below are the definitions used to describe the types of scrutiny, relating to the items on the Committee Work Programme:

Policy Development - The Committee is involved in the development of policy, usually at an early stage, where a range of options are being considered.

Pre-Decision Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising a proposal, prior to a decision on the proposal by the Executive, the Executive Councillor or a senior officer.

Policy Review - The Committee is reviewing the implementation of policy, to consider the success, impact, outcomes and performance.

Performance Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising periodic performance, issue specific performance or external inspection reports.

Consultation - The Committee is responding to (or making arrangements to) respond to a consultation, either formally or informally. This includes pre-consultation engagement.

Budget Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising the previous year's budget, or the current year's budget or proposals for the future year's budget.

Member Report – The Committee is reviewing the work of the Sub-Groups or Working Groups.

Requests for specific items for information should be dealt with by other means, for instance briefing papers to members.

## **Identifying Topics**

Selecting the right topics where scrutiny can add value is essential in order for scrutiny to be a positive influence on the work of the Council. Members may wish to consider the following questions when highlighting potential topics for discussion to the Committee:-

- Will Scrutiny input add value?  
*Is there a clear objective for scrutinising the topic, what are the identifiable benefits and what is the likelihood of achieving a desired outcome?*
- Is the topic a concern to local residents?  
*Does the topic have a potential impact for one or more section(s) of the local population?*
- Is the topic a Council or partner priority area?  
*Does the topic relate to council corporate priority areas and is there a high level of budgetary commitment to the service/policy area?*

- Are there relevant external factors relating to the issue?  
*Is the topic a central government priority area or is it a result of new government guidance or legislation?*

## Scrutiny Review Activity

Where a topic requires more in-depth consideration, the Committee may commission a Scrutiny Panel to undertake a Scrutiny Review, subject to the availability of resources and approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The Committee may also establish a maximum of two working groups at any one time, comprising a group of members from the Committee.

Work Programme items on scrutiny review activity can include discussion on possible scrutiny review items; finalising the scoping for the review; consideration and approval of the final report; the response to the report; and monitoring outcomes of previous reviews.

## 2. Conclusion

The Committee's work programme for the coming year is attached at Appendix A to this report. A list of all upcoming Forward Plan decisions relating to the Committee is also attached at Appendix B.

Members of the Committee are invited to review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A and highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

Consideration should be given to the items included in the work programme as well as any 'items to be programmed' listed.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Not Applicable

### b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

## 4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme
Appendix B	Forward Plan of Decisions relating to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

## **5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Councillor Robert Foulkes

Vice Chairman: Councillor Robert Kendrick

<b>21 July 2017</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Inclusive Lincolnshire Strategy – Progress Report	Mary Meredith Children's Service Manager – Inclusion	Performance Scrutiny
Theme Performance: Quarter 4	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (16 March 2017 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (28 March 2017 minutes)	Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

<b>8 September 2017</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Children and Young People Commissioning Plan 2017- 2020	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Policy Development
Theme Performance: Quarter 1	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (6 July 2017 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

<b>20 October 2017</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
A Proposed Future Model of SEN Provision from Lincolnshire Special Schools	Sheridan Dodsworth Children's Service Manager – SEND	Pre-Decision Scrutiny
Corporate Parenting Sub-Group Update (21 September 2017 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group Update (26 September 2017 minutes)	Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

<b>1 December 2017</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
0-19 Public Health Nursing	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny
Theme Performance: Quarter 2	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny

<b>19 January 2018</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Budget Proposals 2018/19	Debbie Barnes Executive Director of Children's Services	Budget Scrutiny
Corporate Parenting Sub- Group Update (7 December 2017 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

<b>9 March 2018</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Lincolnshire Local Authority School Performance 2016-17	Martin Smith Children's Service Manager - School Standards	Performance Scrutiny
Theme Performance: Quarter 3	Sally Savage Chief Commissioning Officer – Children's	Performance Scrutiny
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub- Group Update (January 2018 minutes)	Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report

<b>20 April 2018</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Corporate Parenting Sub- Group Update (March 2018 minutes)	Cllr David Brailsford Chairman of the Sub Group	Member Report
Prevent and the Implications for Children and Young People	Nicole Hilton Community Assets and Resilience Commissioning Manager	Policy Development

## **To be programmed**

- Partners in Practice Update
- School funding and the impact of the National Funding Formula implementations
- Lincolnshire Learning Partnership (LLP) Strategic Plan and Impact Evaluation
- Home to School Transport Policy including post 16 transport and grammar school transport (The outcome of the scrutiny review in 2016 on Grammar School Transport was to reconsider the current policy in two years' time.)
- Education including educational policy updates and the impact in Lincolnshire's schools; monitoring the changing position and how the Local Authority is fulfilling its responsibilities; relationship with academies; school improvement; overview of academies and maintained schools; and small rural schools
- Significant place planning and school reorganisation
- Safeguarding children and social care work
- Supported accommodation
- Educational progress of Looked After Children (LAC), including electronic Personal Education Plans (ePEPs)
- Post Adoption Support
- Support for foster carers

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**FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS RELATING TO CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM 1 AUGUST 2017**

DEC REF	MATTERS FOR DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PEOPLE/GROUPS CONSULTED PRIOR TO DECISION	DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR DECISION	HOW TO COMMENT ON THE DECISION BEFORE IT IS MADE AND THE DATE BY WHICH COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED	RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND CHIEF OFFICER	KEY DECISION YES/NO	DIVISIONS AFFECTED
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