

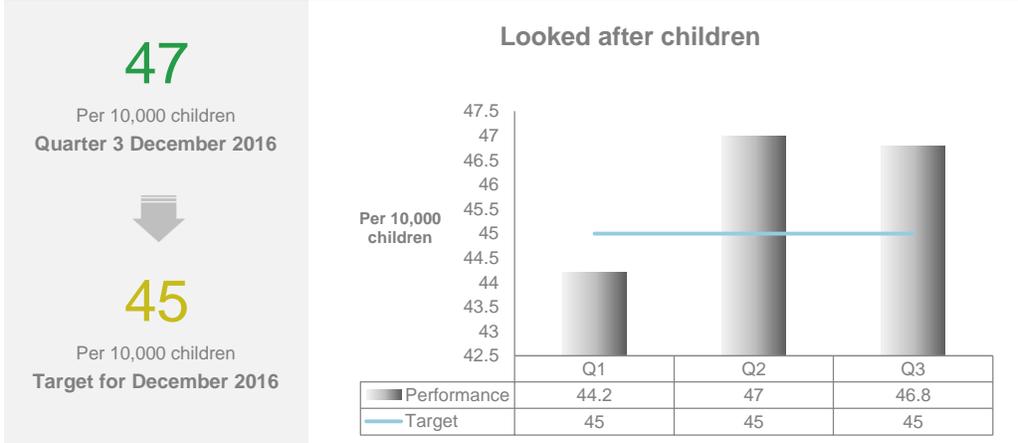
 **Communities are safe and protected**

Children are safe and healthy

**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.

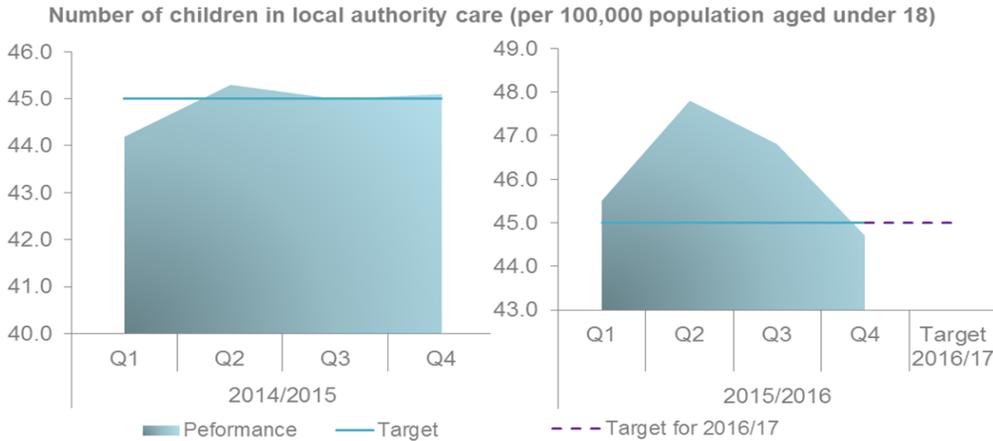
 **Achieved**



**About the latest performance**

The number of children who are Looked After Children (LAC) per 10,000 has remained relatively stable for the last two years at around 45. This year has been a slight increase with the current figure per 10,000 at 46.8 which equates to 666 children, a small increase of 2 from the previous quarter. Our figure remains well below both national and similar authority averages which evidences the positive impact of integrated working across early help and social care intervention.

Further details



	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

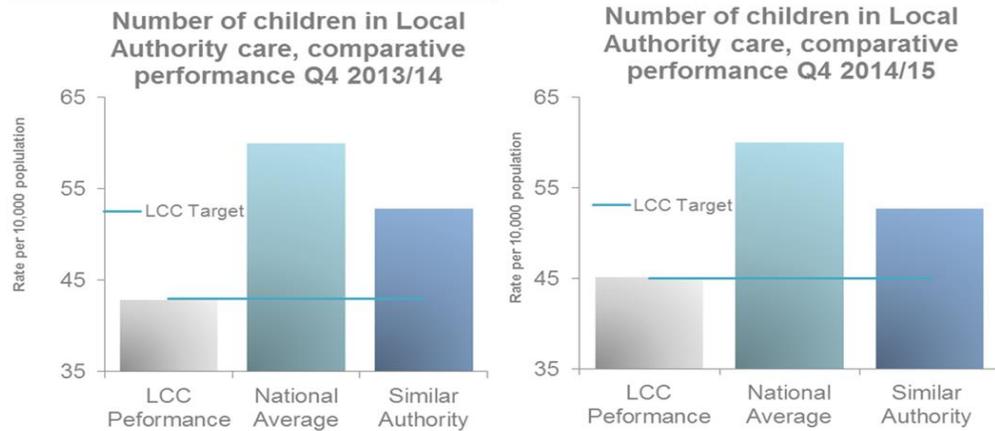
The target remains the same as the previous year. Lincolnshire is still below the national and similar authority average.

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.



Achieved

354

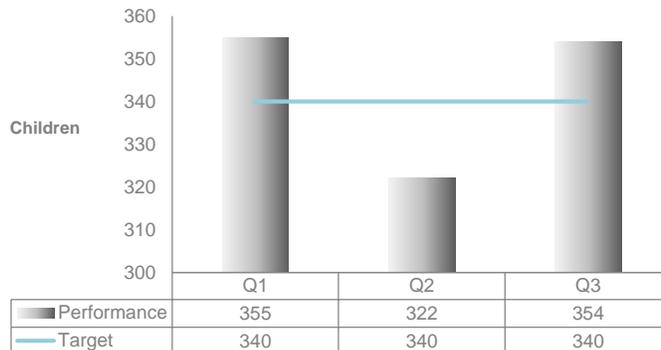
Children  
Quarter 3 December 2016



340

Children  
Target for December 2016

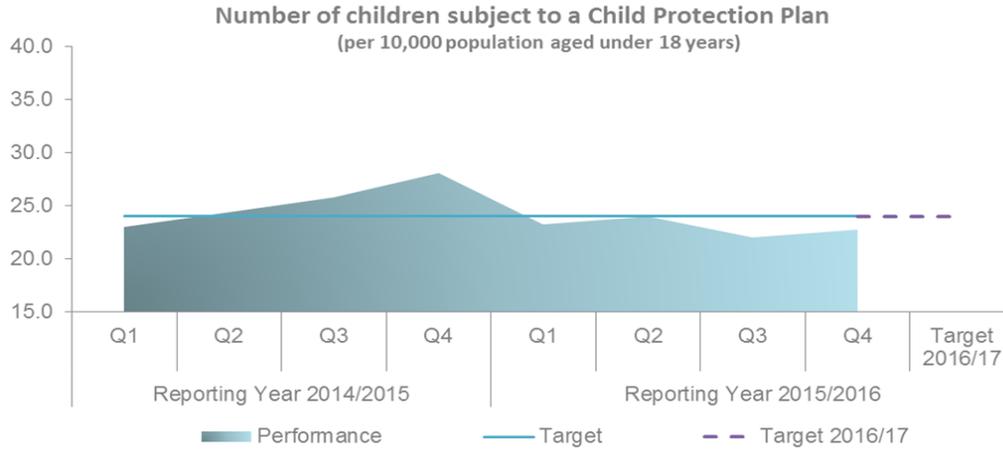
#### Children who are subject to a child protection plan



#### About the latest performance

The number of children on a child protection plan has seen a very small increase from the previous quarter but remains at the lower end of the target at 24.9 per 10,000, which equates to 354 children, an increase of 31 children from the previous quarter. This remains significantly lower than statistical neighbours and the national average. This evidences the positive impact of early help and social care intervention.

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

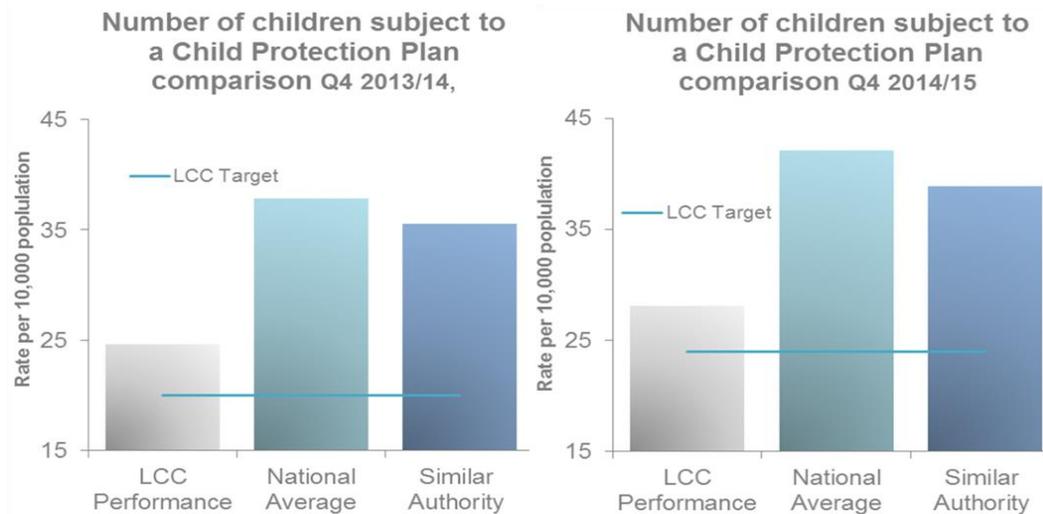
The target remains the same as the previous year reflecting work around early help, which is the intervention and support put in place to help children and their family before a child enters local authority care.

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

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
<b>2013/14 Q4</b>	24.62	37.9	35.6	20
<b>2014/15 Q4</b>	28.1	42.1	38.84	24



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

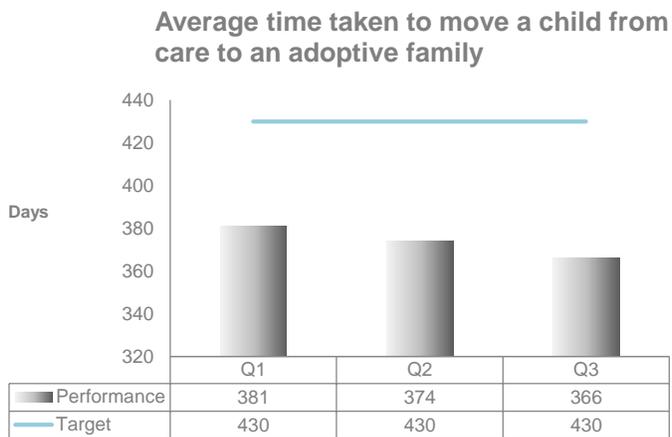
Average number of days between the child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family.

 **Achieved**

**366**  
Days  
Quarter 3 December 2016



**430**  
Days  
Target for December 2016

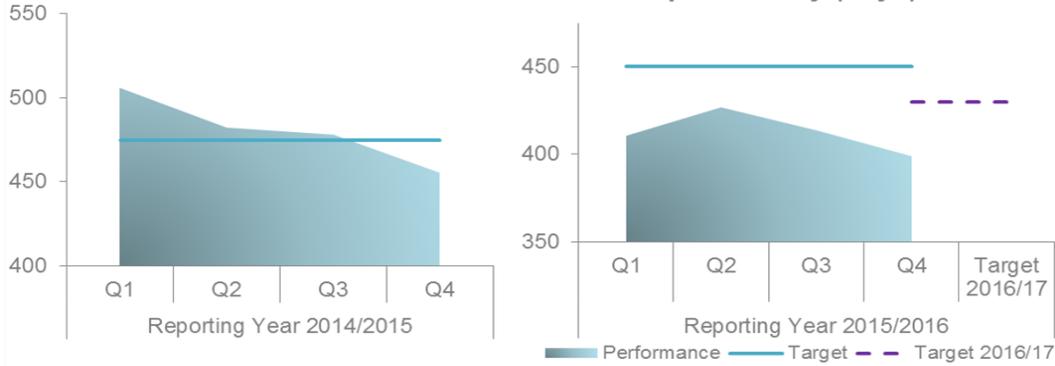


### About the latest performance

The third quarter demonstrates even further improvement in relation to the timeliness of adoption and continues to be in line with the Adoption Reform Agenda. Lincolnshire's twin tracking and rigorous family finding processes ensures that children are placed with their adoptive families at the earliest opportunity. These figures continue to compare strongly to both statistical neighbours and national performance. This measure will continue to reduce and will therefore present a greater challenge for Lincolnshire, particularly where we are seeking to maintain adoption plans for harder to place children. The performance of the adoption service has been recognised nationally this year, having won the Excellence in Adoption Award 2016.

Further details

Time taken to move from care to adoptive family (days)



	Reporting Year 2014/2015				Reporting Year 2015/2016				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target 2016/17
<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.

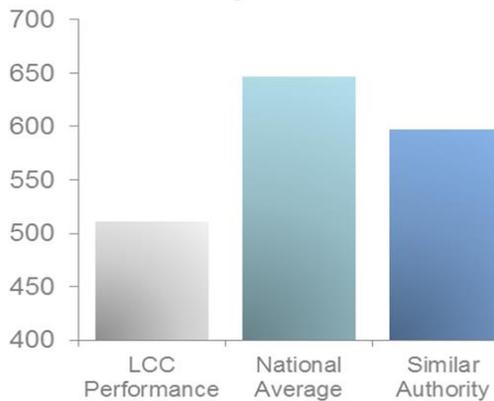
About the target range

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.

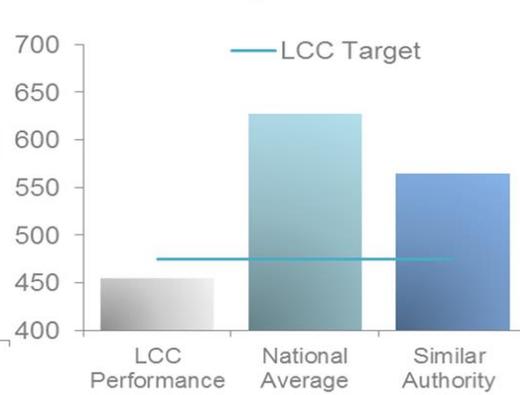
About benchmarking

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

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**

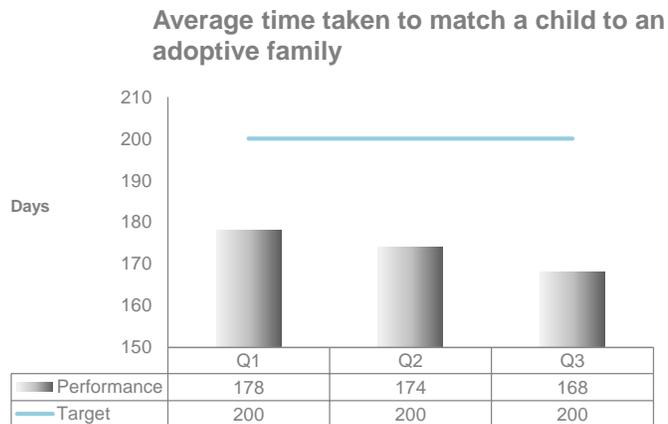
Average number of days between the local authority receiving the court order to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family

 **Achieved**

**168**  
Days  
Quarter 3 December 2016



**200**  
Days  
Target for December 2016

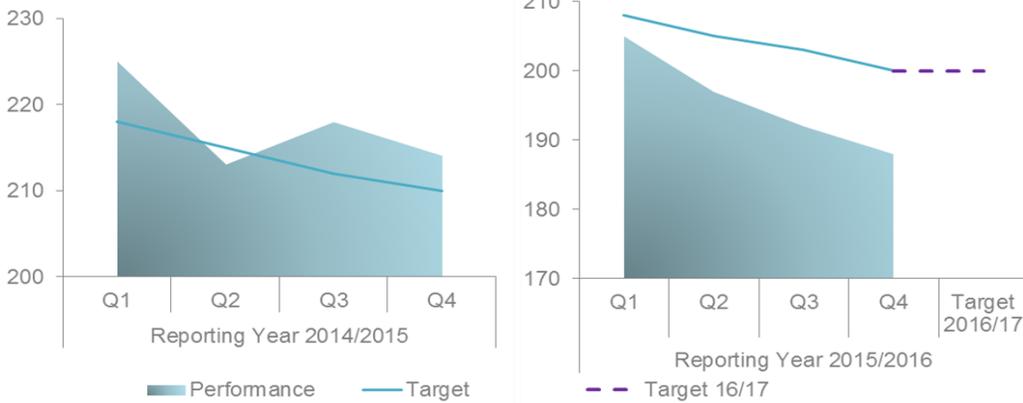


**About the latest performance**

This third quarter shows a further decrease in the days between receiving court authority to place and the Local Authority deciding on a match to an adoptive placement. As in the other adoption measure, this is due to the robust family finding processes, creative children's profiles and early matching within the adoption service. It is to be noted, however, that performance in this measure may not be sustainable this year due to a number of cases whereby parents have appealed against the courts decision and therefore the Local Authority cannot make a placement until the court has resolved these matters. As the cohort of children with a Placement Order is also reducing, court appeals will affect performance against this target.

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

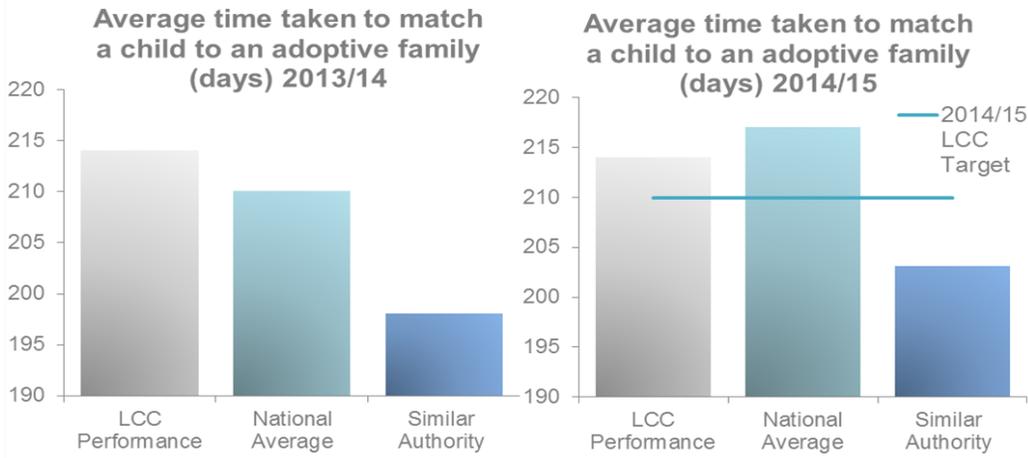
The target remains the same as the previous year, there are potential cases coming through with notably higher timescales.

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



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### 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

**2.45**

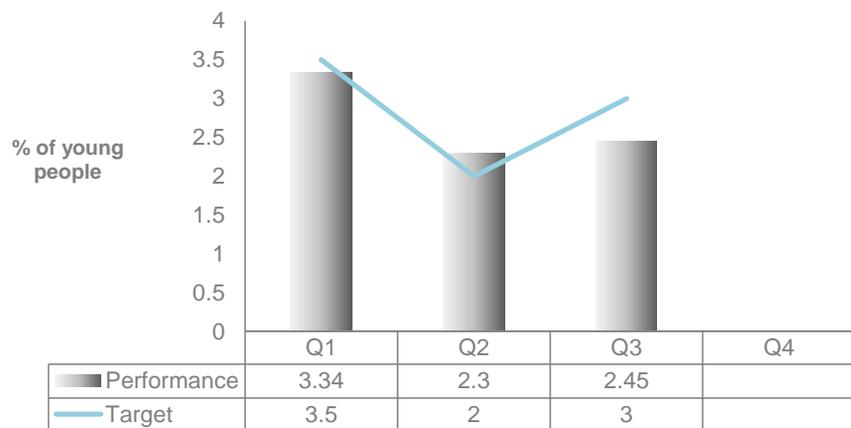
% of young people  
Quarter 3 December 2016



**3**

% of young people  
Target for December 2016

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

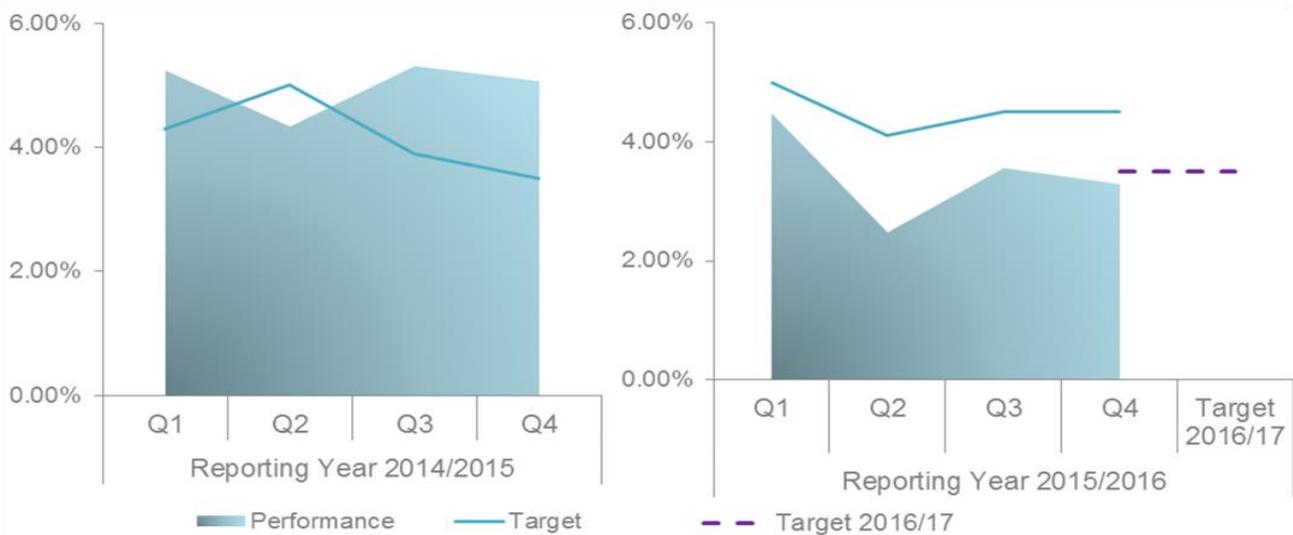


#### About the latest performance

Whilst this may look like good performance it must be kept in mind that the level of unknowns in the dataset is higher than last year. As a proportion of these unknowns will be found to be NEET this performance is a false positive and is expected to show performance in-line with the end of year target (3.5%).

## 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 be 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

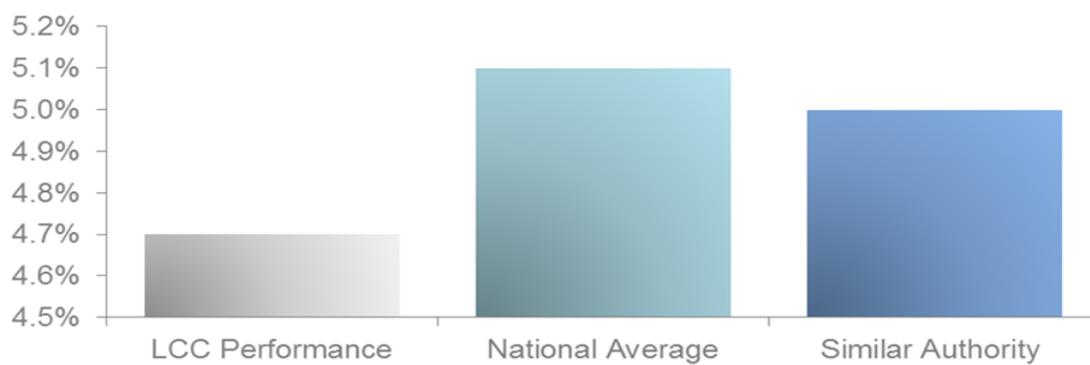
## About the target range

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 that 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.**



	LCC Performance	National Average	Similar Authority	LCC Target
2013/14 Q4	4.7%	5.1%	5.0%	
2014/15 Q4				



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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

76

% of pupils

Quarter 3 December 2016

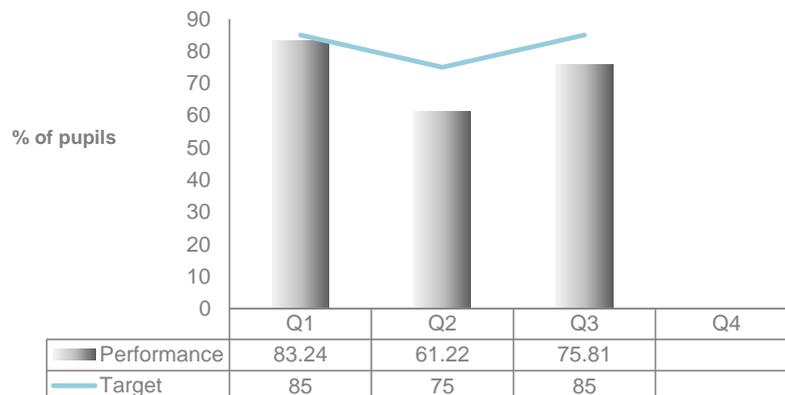


85

% of pupils

Target for December 2016

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

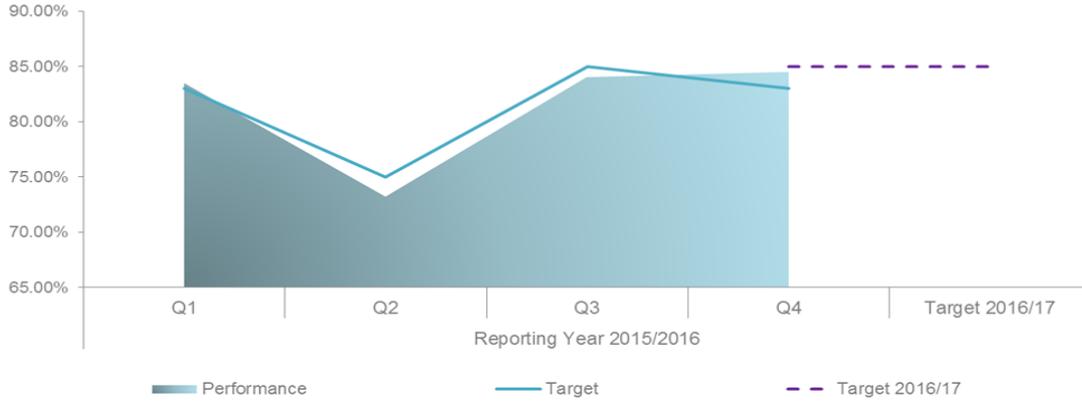


#### About the latest performance

This performance reflects the migration of the service from the decommissioned careers service to the tracking service, but as expected the increase in performance from quarter 2 to now was significant. The majority of the data collection has concentrated on receiving and processing the bulk data loads from schools, colleges and the national apprenticeship service. There is much work to do with the independent learning providers who represent about 9% of placements. The methodology used to track young people has been modified to try alternative times of the day and different channels. This target represents a challenge as it was set at the time when 18 year olds were required to be tracked and as this is no longer the case, the inclusion of their performance represents a distortion of the actual 16 and 17 year old cohorts. This performance is not expected to be within the target range by the end of the year.

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

90

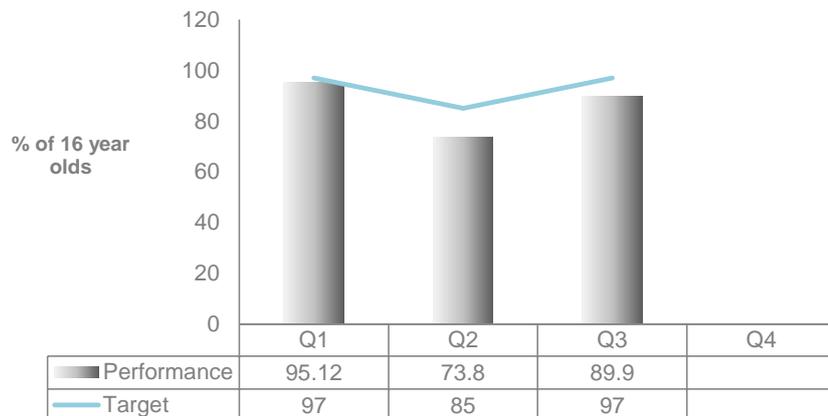
% of 16 year olds  
Quarter 3 December 2016



97

% of 16 year olds  
Target for December 2016

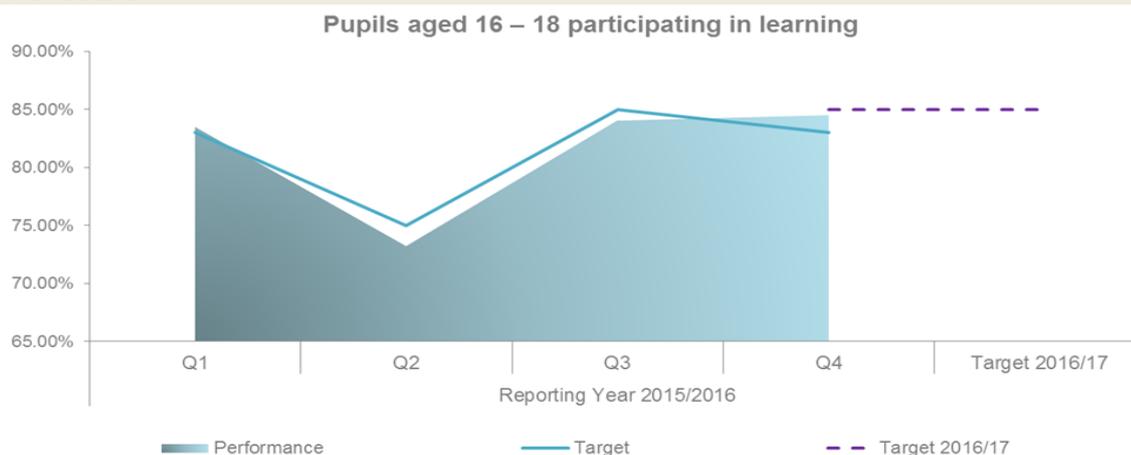
#### Participation in learning age 16



#### About the latest performance

We continue to recognise this as a challenging target but as expected there has been a significant increase in performance since quarter 2. Difficulties are being experienced in gathering the data from the independent learning providers who, unlike the schools and colleges, struggle to meet the demands of data provision. We know that there are approximately 9% of young people in this type of provision which is impacting on our performance. Having said that, given that the careers service has been abolished and just tracking remains it is clear that this challenging target is unlikely to be met.

## Further details



### Reporting Year 2015/2016

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target 2016/17
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## About the target range

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## About benchmarking

Benchmarking for this measure is not currently available.



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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.



Not achieved

**78.31**

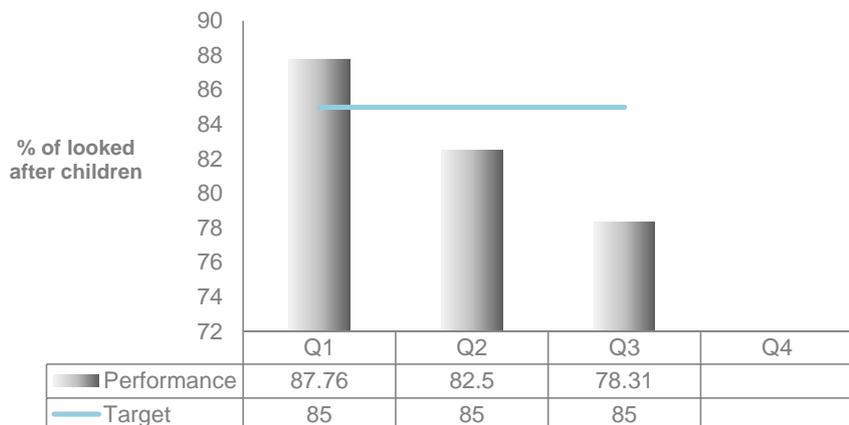
% of looked after children  
Quarter 3 December 2016



**85**

% of looked after children  
Target for December 2016

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

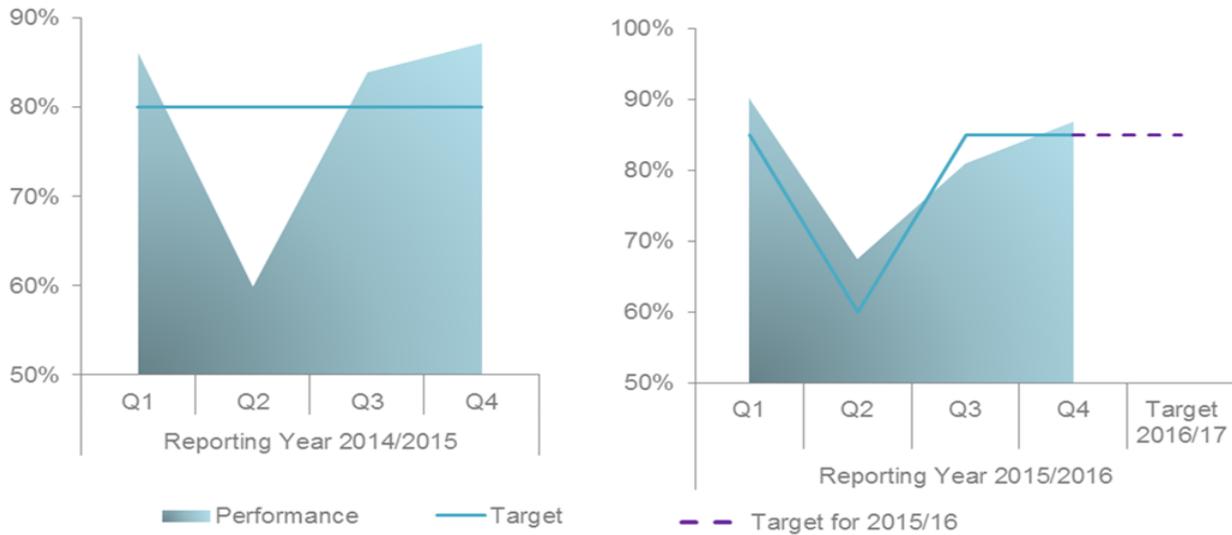


#### About the latest performance

The performance for Quarter 3 2016/2017 is just below the lower tolerance level for this performance target. This is the first time since Quarter 2 (2014/2015) that performance has dipped below this lower tolerance level. The Virtual School Team continues to support our 16-18 year olds through electronic Personal Education Plan (ePEP) surgeries for those students attending colleges and sixth forms and will continue to monitor participation levels to ensure improvement from here.

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

We can compare ourselves both nationally and with similar authorities on an annual basis and so benchmarking data for this measure is not available.



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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

95.8

%

Quarter 3 December 2016

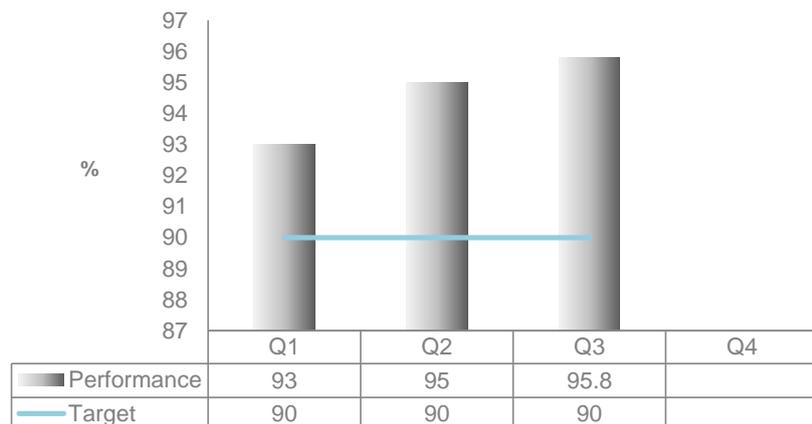


90

%

Target for December 2016

#### 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 groups to ensure that they understand the full range of housing options available to them.

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).

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