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16-17 year old Looked After Children participating in learning

This measures young people recorded as being Looked After Children participating in learning 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.

The parameters of this measure were previously defined as recording 16-18 year old Looked After Children participating in learning. As of Q1 2017/18 onwards, the Department for Education no longer require monitoring of children aged 18, and so the measure has been amended accordingly, restricting data provision to 16-17 year old Looked After Children only. A higher percentage of Looked After Children participating in learning indicates a better performance.



Achieved

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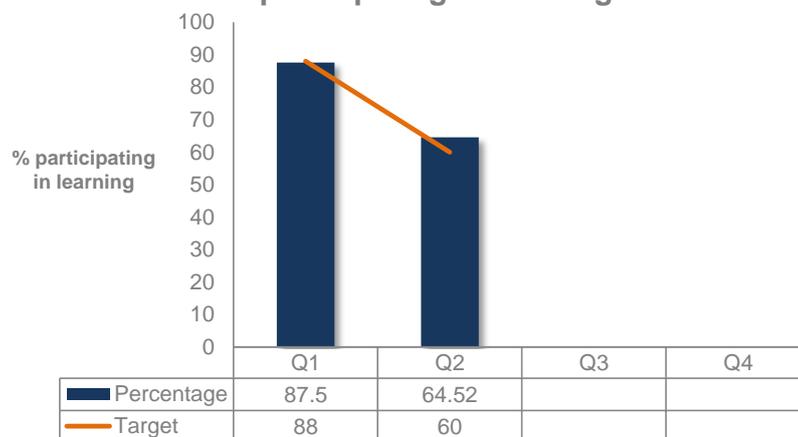
% participating in learning
Quarter 2 September 2018



60

% participating in learning
Target for September 2018

16-17 year old Looked After Children participating in learning

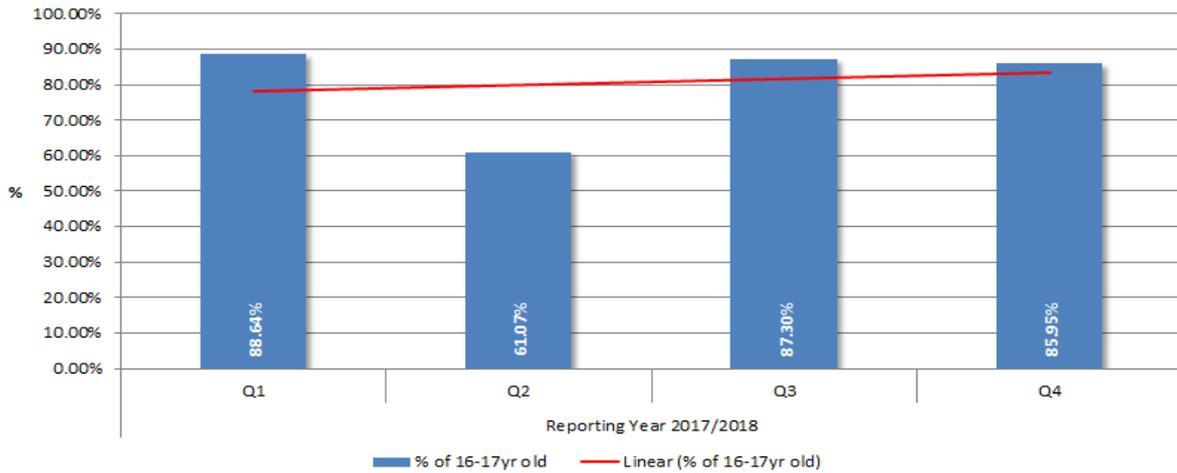


About the latest performance

The Virtual School team works effectively with our social workers, carers students and education providers to ensure that transitions from Year 11 into Year 12 are successful and that all students have an appropriate educational placement that meets their needs Post 16. Once they have accessed a place in Sixth Form or College we regularly monitor and review their progress to ensure they are appropriately supported to become confident learners.

Further details

Percentage of 16-17 year olds LAC who are participating in learning



About the target

Lincolnshire County Council does not always have capacity to track and validate all new learners placements in the first month of their new setting, to coincide with Q2 reporting. Targets have been profiled from Q1 2017/18 to account for possible fluctuations in performance.

About the target range

The target range is set at a level to allow for 2 percentage points above the target and 5 percentage points below the target.

About benchmarking

Benchmarking for this measure is not currently available.

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Care Leavers in suitable accommodation

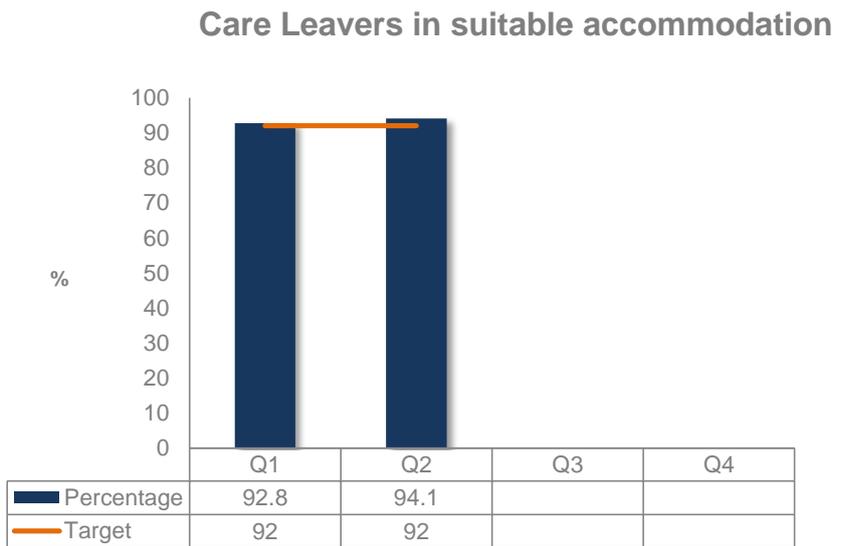
A care leaver is a young person who reaches the age of 18 who had been in local authority care.
 Numerator: Number of care leavers turning 19 years of age in the year who are living in accommodation deemed as "suitable".
 Denominator: Number of care leavers turning 19 years of age in the year.
 The percentage is calculated as follows: Numerator divided by the denominator multiplied by 100.
 A higher percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation indicates a better performance.

 **Achieved**

94.1
%
Quarter 2 September 2018



92
%
Target for September 2018

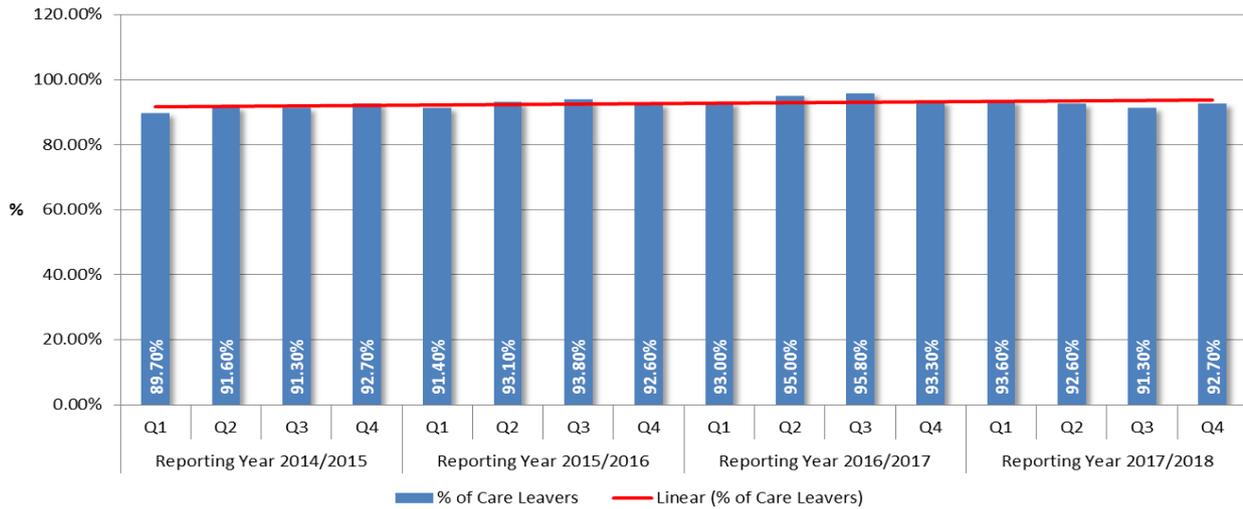


About the latest performance

The number of care leavers in suitable accommodation has remained on target for the past 4 years. There is a range of accommodation options available or being developed which confirm the Authorities commitment to ensure that all care leavers have 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.

Further details

Percentage of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation



About the target

In 2017/18 the target has increased to 92% from 90% in the 2016/17 reporting year. Performance has been in line with the revised target since Q2 of 2015/16.

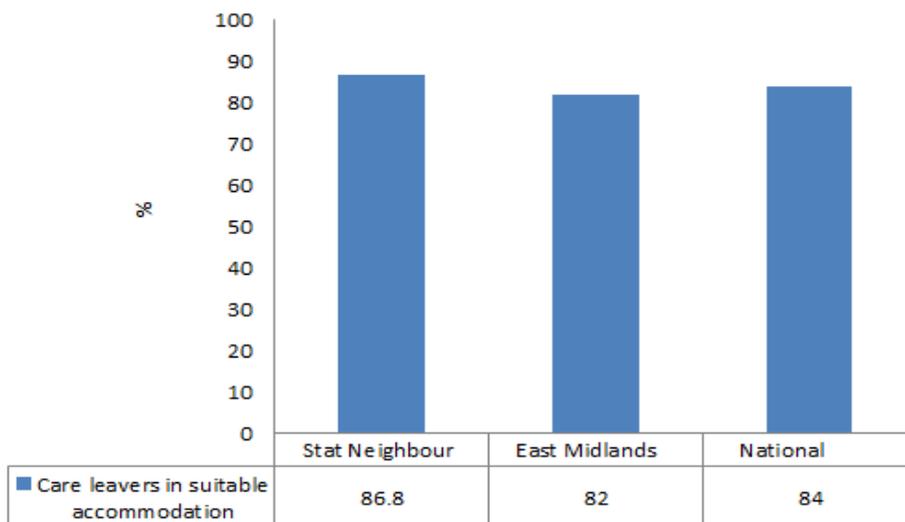
About the target range

The target range for this measure allows for a -4 or +8 percentage point fluctuation against the target.

About benchmarking

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

Care leavers in suitable accommodation 2016/2017





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 2016 - June 2017 data is reported in Q3 2017/2018.

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 of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time indicates a better performance.



Achieved

144

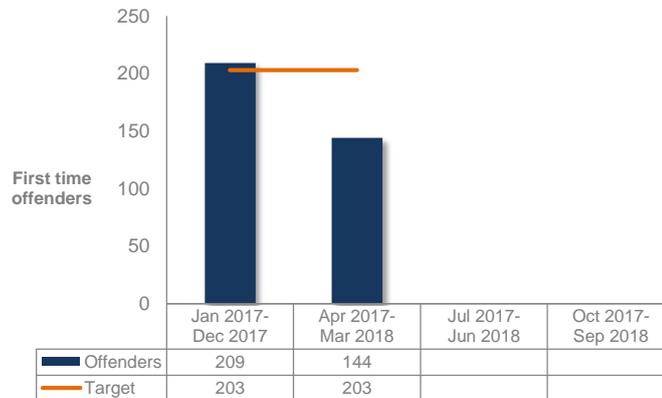
First time offenders
April 2017 to March 2018



203

First time offenders
Target for March 2018

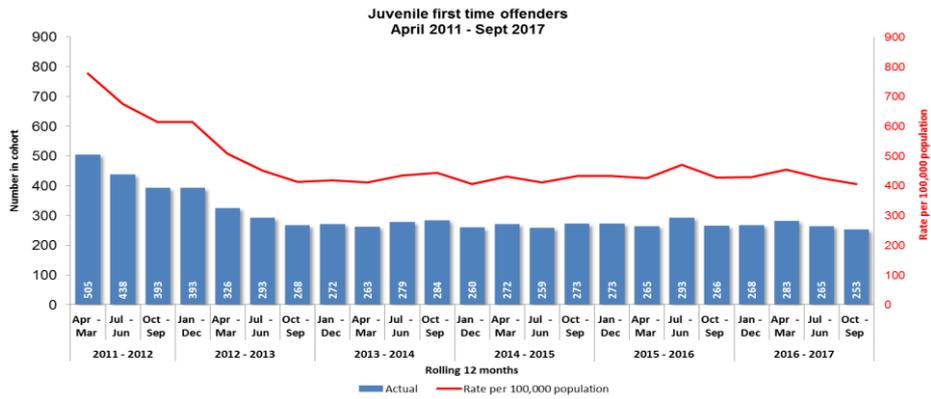
Juvenile first time offenders



About the latest performance

The most recent published FTE (first time entrants) figure for Lincolnshire is 144 actual young people for the period of April 2017 to March 2018 (a rate of 231 per 100,000 10 to 17 year olds) against a target of 203 young people; a lower number indicates a better performance therefore this measure has exceeded the target. In June 2017 we launched a new diversionary project in Lincolnshire in conjunction with Lincolnshire Police. This new project has shown clear effects for this reporting period, resulting in a significant reduction in those young people coming into the criminal justice system for the first time. The forecasted figure for the forthcoming year is expected to show further reductions.

Further details



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.

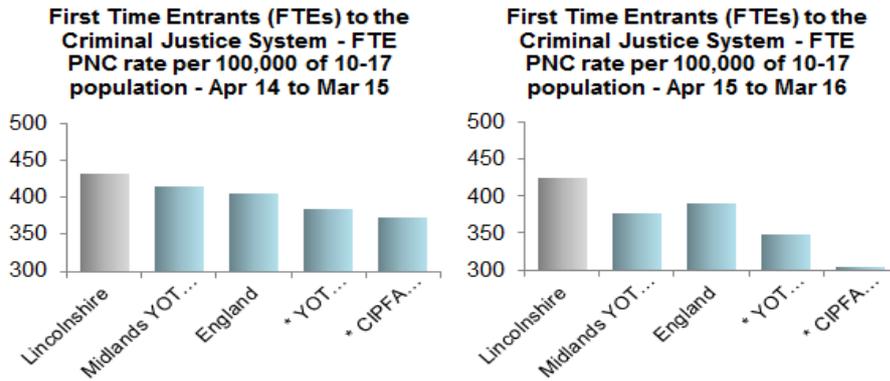
About the target range

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. It has been agreed that +/-20 First Time Entrants is a reasonable target range.

About benchmarking

Data from the Ministry of Justice is used to benchmark First Time Entrant per 100,000 population. The Youth Offending Team (YOT) comparators in this instance are Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Norfolk, North Yorkshire, Somerset, and West Mercia. NOTE: The original analysis used in calculating the YOT families (based on socio-economic factors) is now around 10 years old. In that time, the demographics and socio-economic factors of the local areas will have changed. Therefore, it is advised caution be used when using these YOTs families.

Lincolnshire County Council provides performance reports to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) which facilitates benchmarking services to enable performance to be monitored against other local authorities. We benchmark against other Local Authorities within our CIPFA Group of 16 authorities. The CIPFA comparators in this instance are Cumbria, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Norfolk, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Suffolk, and Warwickshire. NOTE: The comparators are taken from the CIPFA website and use the default options for selecting Councils similar to Lincolnshire.



Juvenile First Time Offenders	Apr 14 - Mar 15		Apr 15 - Mar 16	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Lincolnshire	272	431	265	426
Midlands YOT Region	3961	415	3583	377
England	19815	405	19154	392
* YOT Comparators	2266	384	2062	349
* CIPFA Comparators	2027	373	1644	306



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Reduce the number of young people committing a crime

Juvenile Re-offending

The number of young people aged 10 to 17 who commit a proven offence in a 12 month period following previous involvement with Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service. This measure now takes cases from a 3 month period having previously measured a 12 month cohort. As from Q3 2017/18, this measure will only review a 3 month cohort due to methodology changes from the Ministry of Justice. However, offenders will still be monitored for 12 months after the follow-up offence has been committed. Data will be reported with a 2 year lag.

A lower percentage of juvenile re-offending indicates a better performance.



Not achieved

42.4

%

July 2016 to September 2016

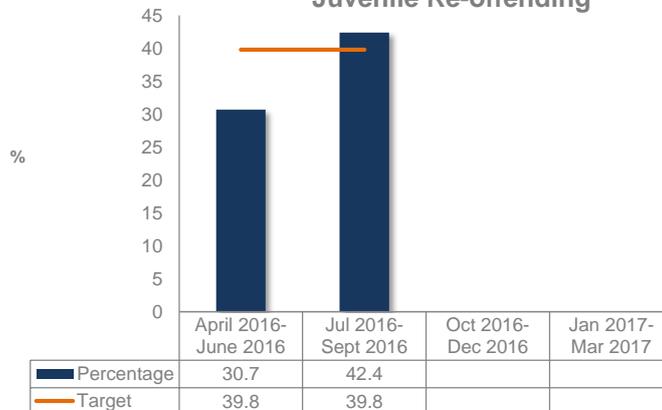


39.8

%

Target for September 2016

Juvenile Re-offending



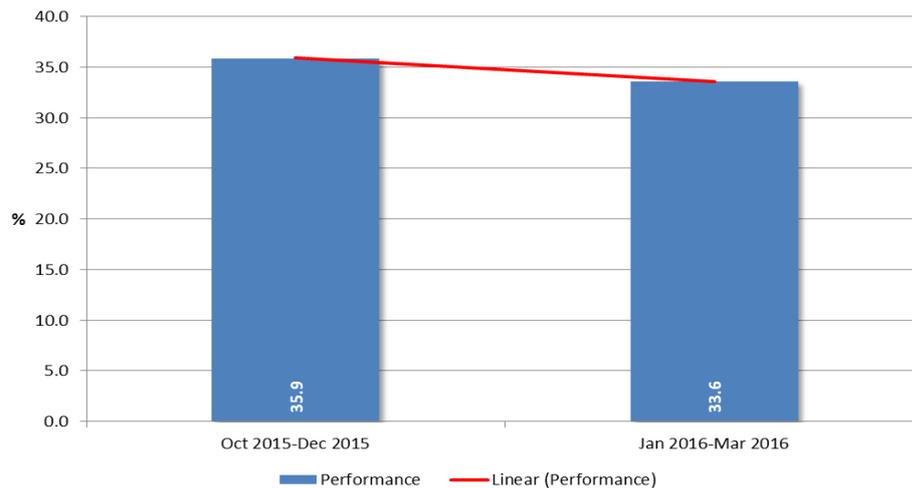
About the latest performance

The Ministry of Justice has changed the methodology for measuring reoffending. There has been a move to a three month cohort rather than a 12 month cohort. The cohort will still be tracked over 12 months. Changing from 12 month cohorts to the 3 month cohorts results in a greater proportion of prolific offenders and hence higher reoffending rates, though both measures show similar trends over time at a national level.

Currently Lincolnshire is performing at a higher rate than both the Regional rate of 40.5% and the National rate of 41.3%. However, the actual numbers of re-offenders has continued to fall, with just 42 out of 99 young people re-offending in the reported quarter. As the cohort will be measured over a 3 month period, instead of a 12 month period, it is unclear as to how this will affect future performance figures. For example, seasons can affect re-offending rates; historically re-offending rates have increased during summer months, therefore it remains to be seen how the change in methodology to a 3 month cohort will affect performance and trends moving forward.

Further details

Percentage of Juveniles Re-offending



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 of +/-2 percentage points reflects the fall in number of the young people the service works with who remain difficult to engage with.

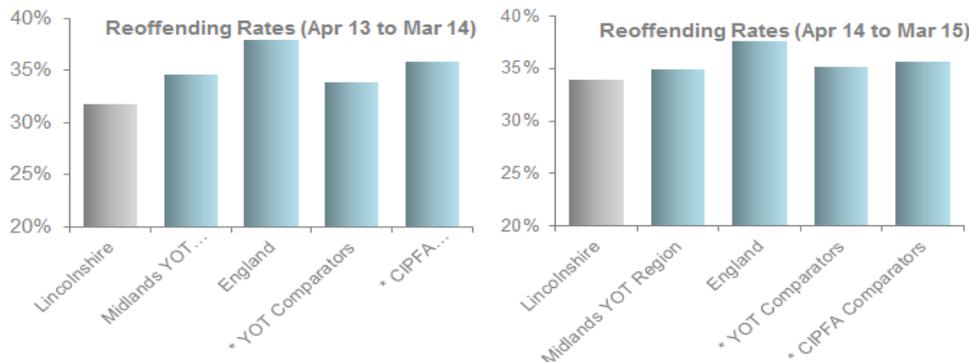
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Juvenile Reoffending Rate after 12 months	Apr 13 - Mar 14				Apr 14 - Mar 15			
	Number in cohort	No. of Reoffenders	No. of Reoffences	Percentage Reoffending	Number in cohort	No. of Reoffenders	No. of Reoffences	Percentage Reoffending
Lincolnshire	434	138	452	31.80%	436	148	514	33.94%
Midlands YOT Region	7148	2470	7695	34.56%	6532	2282	7018	34.94%
England	39677	15035	47020	37.89%	34416	12963	42423	37.67%
* YOT Comparators	3581	1211	3583	33.82%	3138	1103	3717	35.15%
* CIPFA Comparators	3988	1430	4188	35.86%	3454	1230	3921	35.61%



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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.

A lower rate of children looked after by the Local Authority indicates a better performance.



Achieved

42.1

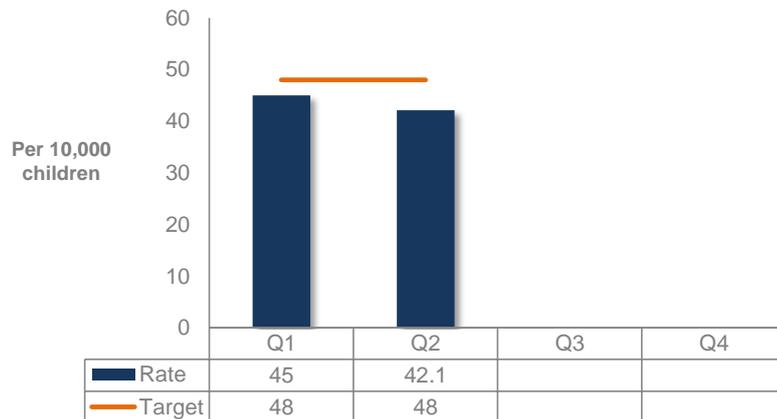
Per 10,000 children
Quarter 2 September 2018



48

Per 10,000 children
Target for September 2018

Looked after children

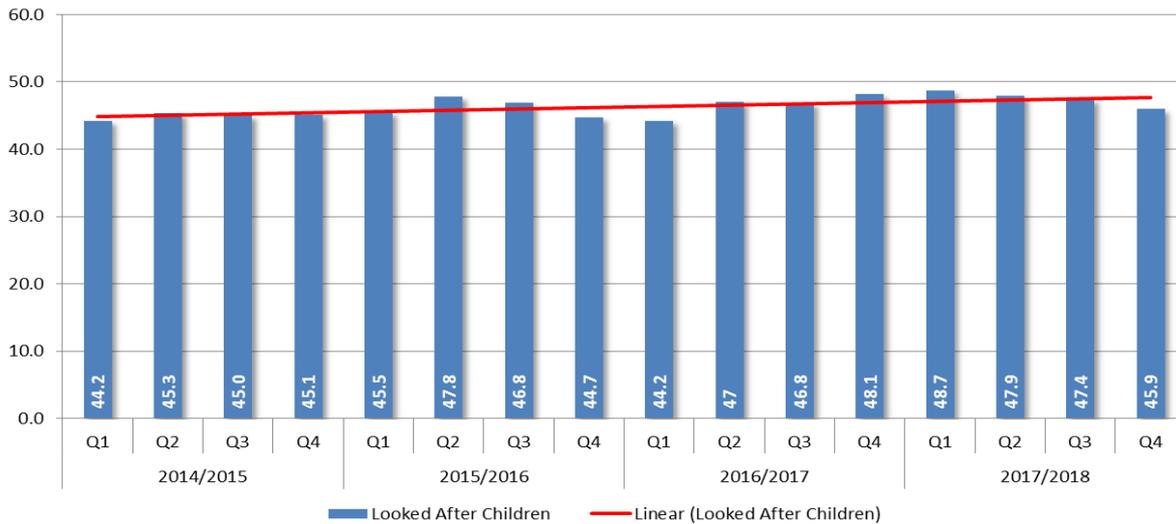


About the latest performance

There has been a reduction in the number of children looked after over the last year (605 children looked after at the end of September 2017) and particularly since April 2018. However, children are still being accommodated if they cannot remain at home and this is robustly monitored through Support panel (which is an internal decision making forum chaired by a service manager) and the courts.

Further details

Looked After Children per 10,000 of the Lincolnshire population



About the target

The target has been revised in Quarter 1 of 2017/18. This is to reflect national increases in rates of Looked After Children, but Lincolnshire remain below the rate of national and statistical neighbours.

About the target range

The target range allows for the rate of Looked After Children to vary between 46 and 50 per 10,000 population. This equates to a range of 654 to 711 children.

About benchmarking

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

Number of children in Local Authority care, comparative performance Q4 2015/2016



Number of children in Local Authority care, comparative performance Q4 2016/2017



	2015/2016	2016/2017
LCC Performance	45	48
East Midlands	53	54
National Average	60	60
LCC Target	45	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.

A lower number of children who are subject to a child protection plan indicates a better performance.



Achieved

279

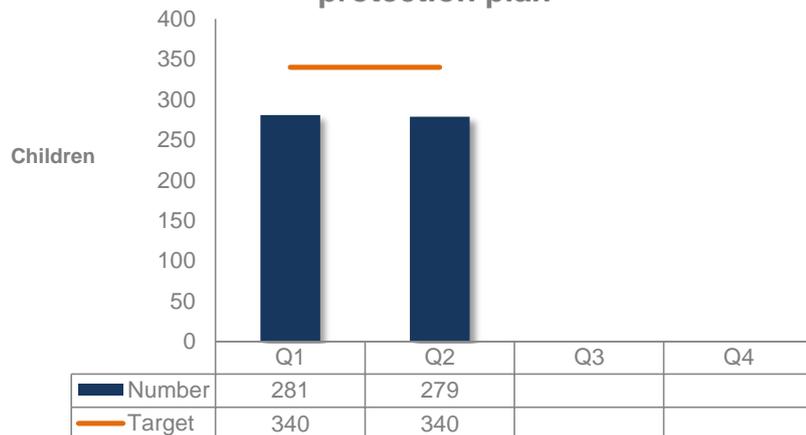
Children
Quarter 2 September 2018



340

Children
Target for September 2018

Children who are subject to a child protection plan

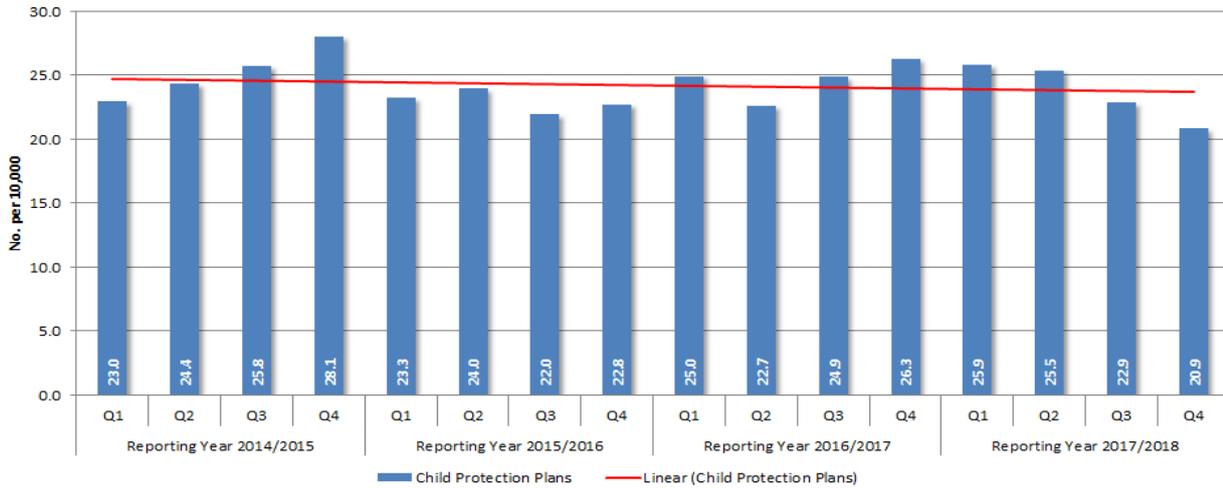


About the latest performance

The number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan has reduced slightly to 279 children, from 281 in Quarter 1. This is well below the target set at 340 children and equates to a rate of 19.4 children against a target of 24 per 10,000. The embedding of Signs of Safety practise and early help intervention both internally and externally has resulted in early intervention with families.

Further details

**No. of Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan
(per 10,000 of the population under 18)**



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).

**Number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan comparison
Q4 2015/2016**



**Number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan comparison
Q4 2016/2017**



	2015/2016	2016/2017
LCC Performance	22.8	26.3
East Midlands	45.6	45.5
National Average	42.9	43.1
LCC Target	24	24



Communities are safe and protected

Children are safe and healthy

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. A lower number of days taken to move a child from care into an adoptive family indicates a better performance.



Achieved

328

Days

Quarter 2 September 2018



400

Days

Target for September 2018

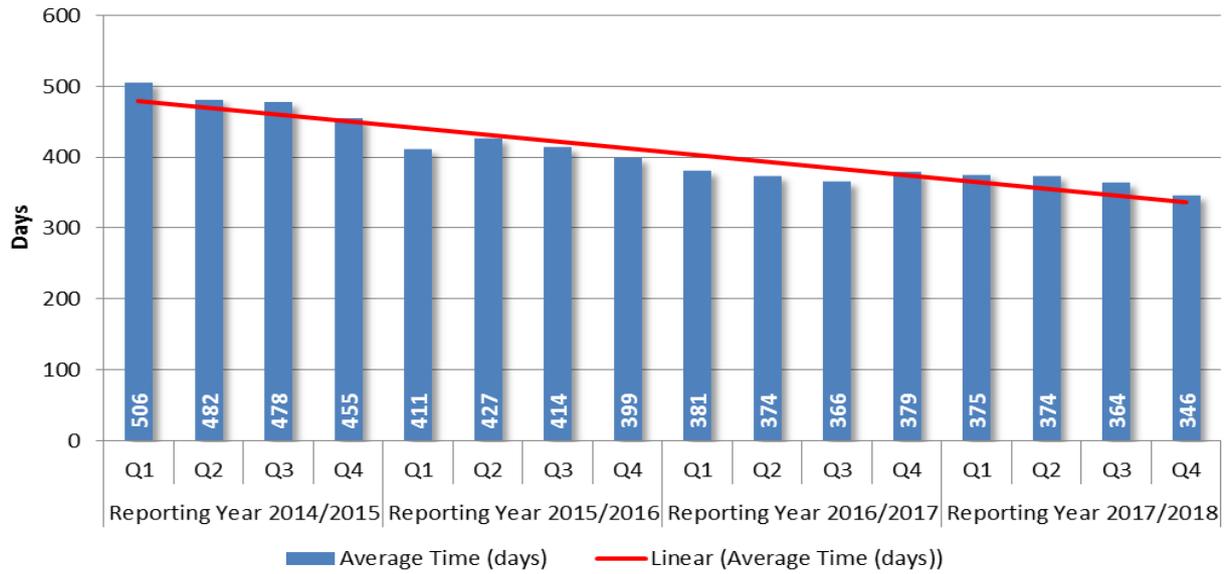
Average time taken to move a child from care to an adoptive family



About the latest performance

As an authority we continue to compare favourably with other authorities and the national average in terms of the time it takes from a child entering care to them moving in with their adoptive family. Our high performance in this area is achieved through being aware of the journey of each child and ensuring that the adoption team is able to engage in twin tracking (the method in which two plans, one of which being adoption, will run simultaneously for the child) at the earliest opportunity.

Average Time (Days) Taken to Move a Child From Care to an Adoptive Family



About the target

The target has been set to 400 days. At our last inspection we achieved an outstanding rating for the adoption service and this improved target is a indication of Service that is striving to keep those outstanding standards.

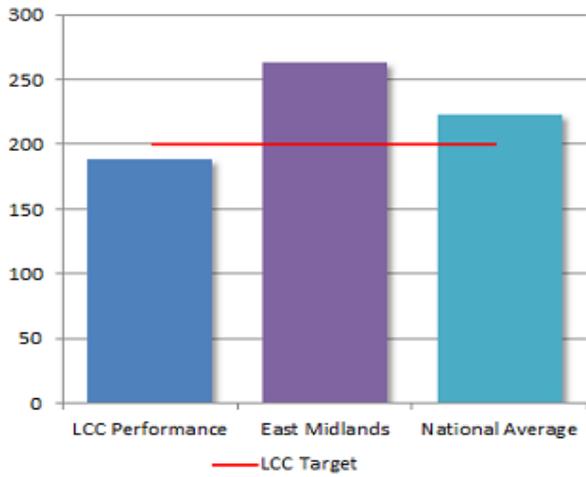
About the target range

No tolerances has been set for this measure as anything above target would indicate a deteriorating performance.

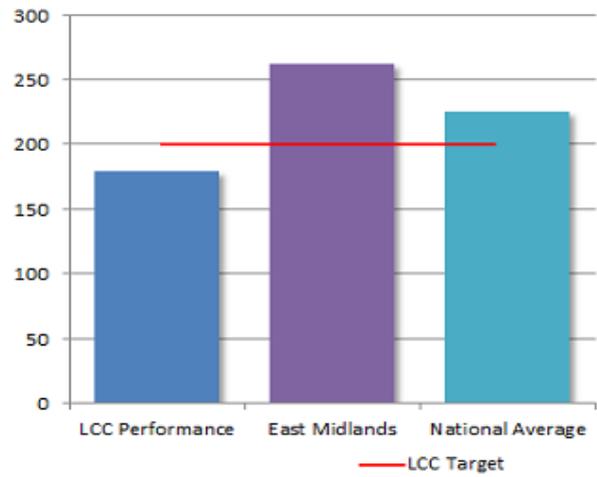
About benchmarking

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**Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family (days)
Q4 2015/2016**



**Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family (days)
Q4 2016/2017**



	2015/2016	2016/2017
LCC Performance	188	179
East Midlands	263	263
National Average	223	226
LCC Target	200	200



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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.
A lower number of days taken to match a child to an adoptive family indicates a better performance.



Achieved

139

Days

Quarter 2 September 2018

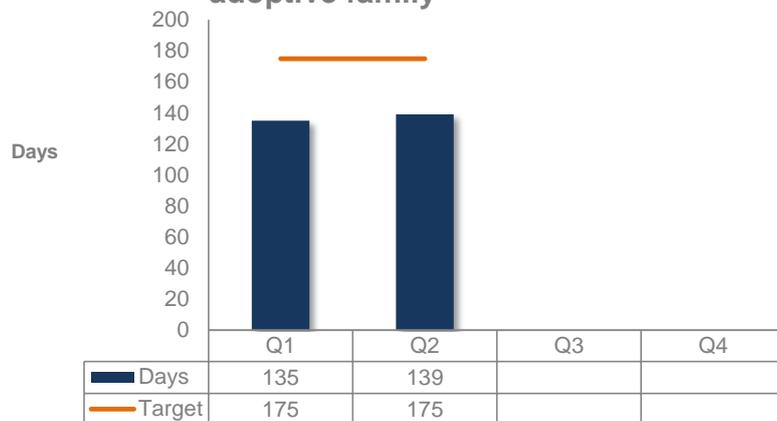


175

Days

Target for September 2018

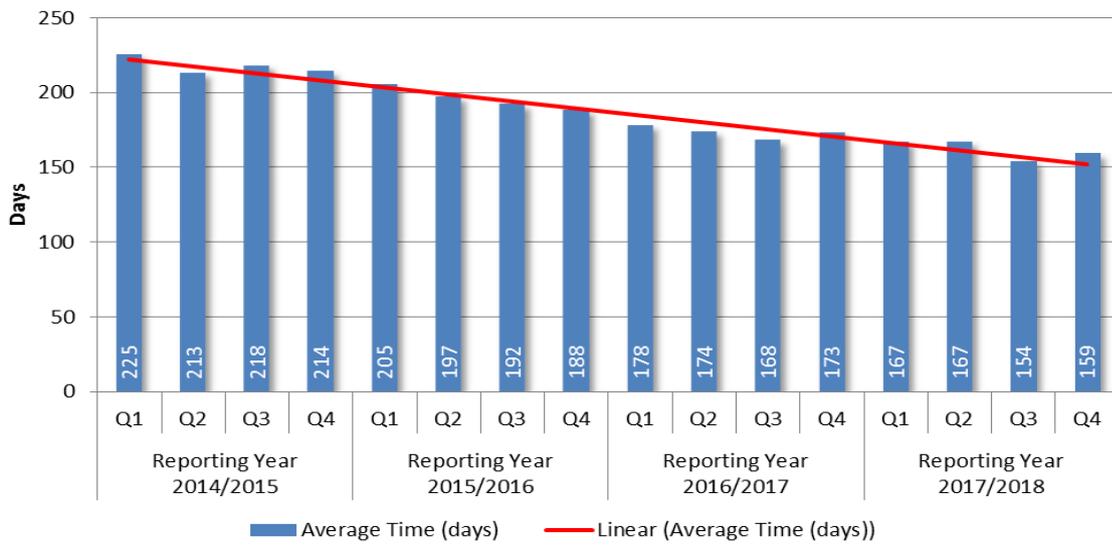
Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family



About the latest performance

We continue to perform highly in this area as a result of ensuring that we are mindful of the needs of children and that this informs our recruitment strategy for potential adoptive families. Recruiting the right families for children reduces the need to identify independent adoptive placement (those not recruited by Lincolnshire County Council, such as other authorities or agencies), which in turn minimises potential delays.

Average Time (Days) Taken to Match a Child to an Adoptive Family



About the target

The target has been decreased by 25 days from the previous year (200 in 2017/18 to 175 in 2018/19). This is based on the fact that our performance has improved every year since 2011, and with the service always looking to improve, we don't predict 2018/19 will be any different. This figure is based on the average from the past 3 years.

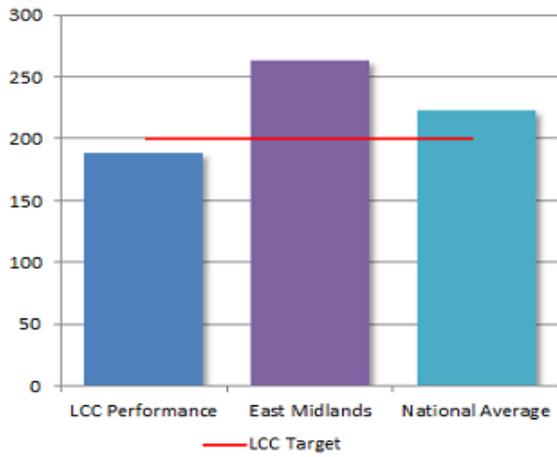
About the target range

Both upper and lower target ranges have been set to 10 days.

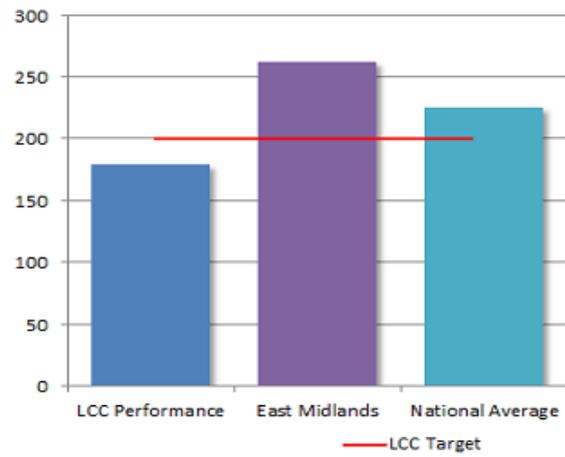
About benchmarking

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

**Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family (days)
Q4 2015/2016**



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Q4 2016/2017**



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