

Corporate Parenting Sub Group

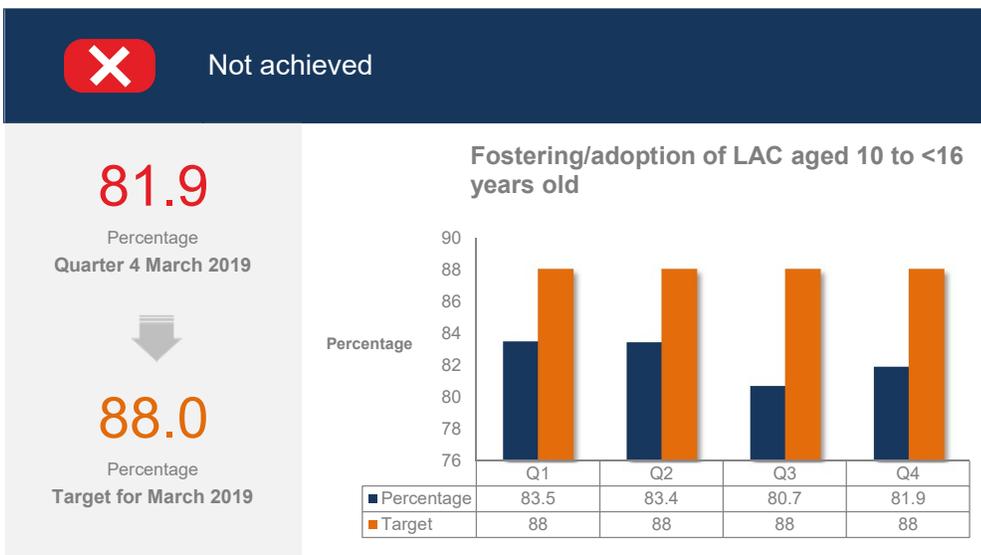


Healthy and Safe

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Fostering/adoption of LAC aged 10 to <16 years old

Percentage of Looked after Children aged 10 to under 16 who have been fostered or placed for adoption



About the latest performance

This performance has improved slightly at year end but remains under target. The vast majority of children looked after within this age group are placed in foster care settings. However, there has been an increase in the numbers of younger children in residential placements in the past year. These are often children who have experienced a number of foster placement moves who struggle to adhere to the expectations of living in a family. Residential care has provided a nurturing environment for this group and have enabled them to settle. There has also been a concentrated focus on reunifying children with their birth families this year and some of this group are awaiting revocation of their care orders.

About the target

Target to remain the same as the previous year, this is to take into account the increase of the number of LAC in the past year.

About the target range

A 2% variance is set for the upper value and 3% for the lower value.

Meeting the upper tolerance level would achieve a performance level not reached in recent years and show a change in the overall trend.

About benchmarking

No benchmarking data no longer available



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Number of Looked after Children per 10,000 under 18s

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

42.7

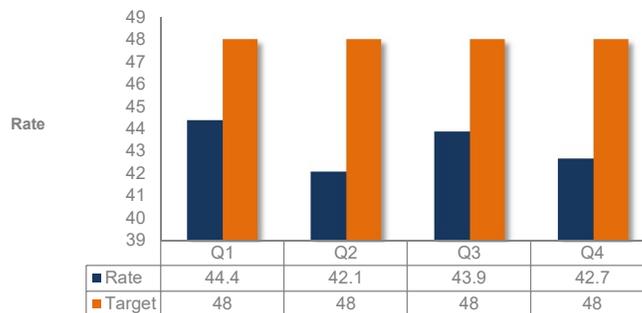
Rate
Quarter 4 March 2019



48.0

Rate
Target for March 2019

Number of Looked after Children per 10,000 under 18s



About the latest performance

At the end of March 2019 there were 614 (42.7 rate per 10,000) children who were looked after, which is a reduction from 659 (45 rate per 10,000) at the end of March 2018 and below the target. Children are being accommodated if they cannot remain at home and this is robustly monitored through Support panel (an internal decision making forum chaired by a service manager) and the courts.

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).

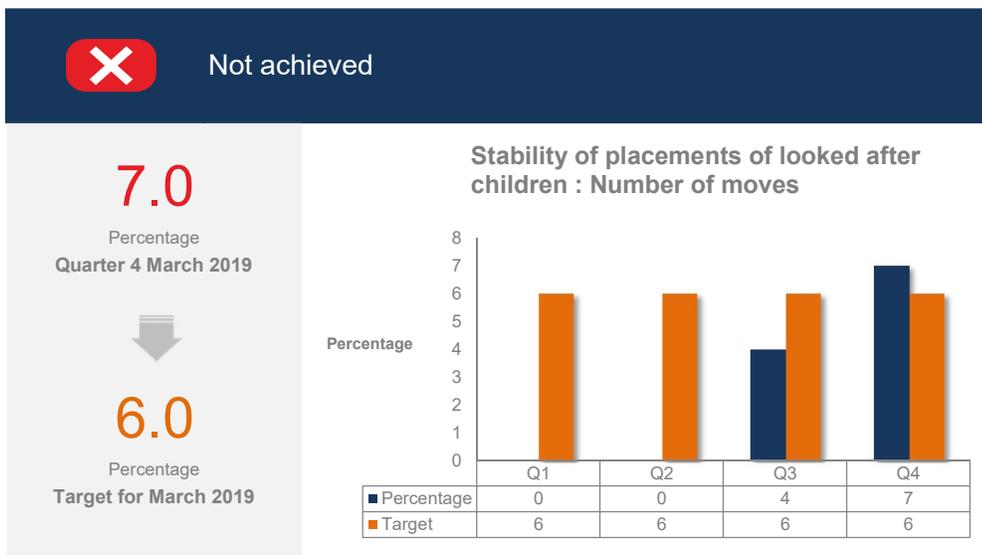


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Stability of placements of looked after children : Number of moves

Percentage of Looked after Children with three or more placements



About the latest performance

This is a cumulative indicator identifying those children who experience 3 placement moves. The target was revised at the end of 2017/18 and performance has slipped under that new target. In 2018 the Children's Commissioner produced a report on placement stability and identified that 10% of looked after children experienced 3 placement moves in a year. In Lincolnshire despite the reduction in performance, this was 7% at year end. The reduction in performance is indicative of children with more complex needs becoming looked after and a reduction in the number of foster placements available to match effectively at the point of the initial placement.

About the target

The target has been reduced to 6%, although performance is well below this target the service manager feels with the increase in LAC numbers and the difficulty in recruiting new carers will have an impact on the performance

About the target range

Achieving the upper tolerance level should maintain LCC's position within the top quartile nationally and still maintain LCC as one of the best performing of our statistical neighbours. Anything below the lower level should be shown as a significant improvement over last year.

About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves both nationally and with similar authorities on an annual basis



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Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement

Percentage of Looked after Children in the same placement for at least two years



Not achieved

67.8

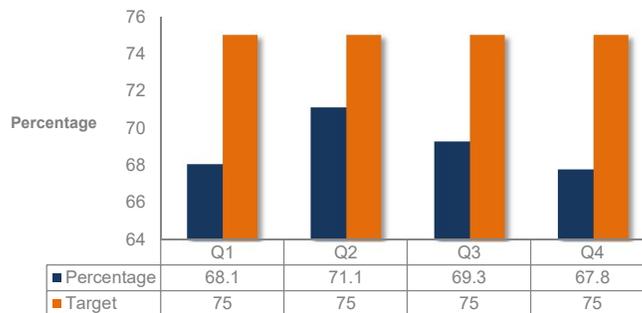
Percentage
Quarter 4 March 2019



75.0

Percentage
Target for March 2019

Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement



About the latest performance

Performance is at 67.8% at year end and has fluctuated over the year. Considerable work has been undertaken to ensure that foster carers are well supported and that potential problems are identified early. Nevertheless we have continued to see that some stable placements disrupt unexpectedly and this can have a significant impact upon this indicator. We have also seen an increase in the number of children with care plans for long term fostering and this will present challenges in achieving placement stability for some children due to the local and national shortage of foster carers who want to care on a long term basis. The fostering service has implemented a recruitment strategy to attract permanent foster carers with the ambition of offering improved placement opportunities for this group of children.

About the target

Target is set 5% higher than the previous year, tolerances for this measure takes into account the current performance

About the target range

Lower tolerances have been set to account for the downward trend currently occurring.

The upper tolerance is set at 1% which should push LCC up into Quartile Band A and more importantly stop the downward trend.

About benchmarking

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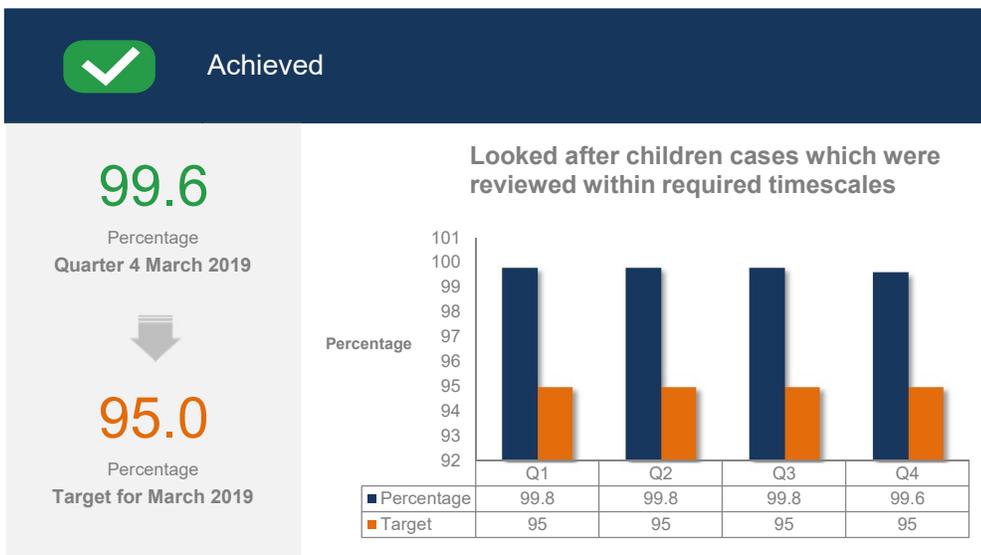


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Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales

Percentage of Looked after Children cases that have been reviewed within timescales



About the latest performance

Current performance has met the targets set

About the target

Target has reduced to 95% to take into account current performance.

About the target range

As the target is 95%, an upper value of 5% has been set.

A lower value of 95% has been set to highlight any performance lower than 95%

About benchmarking

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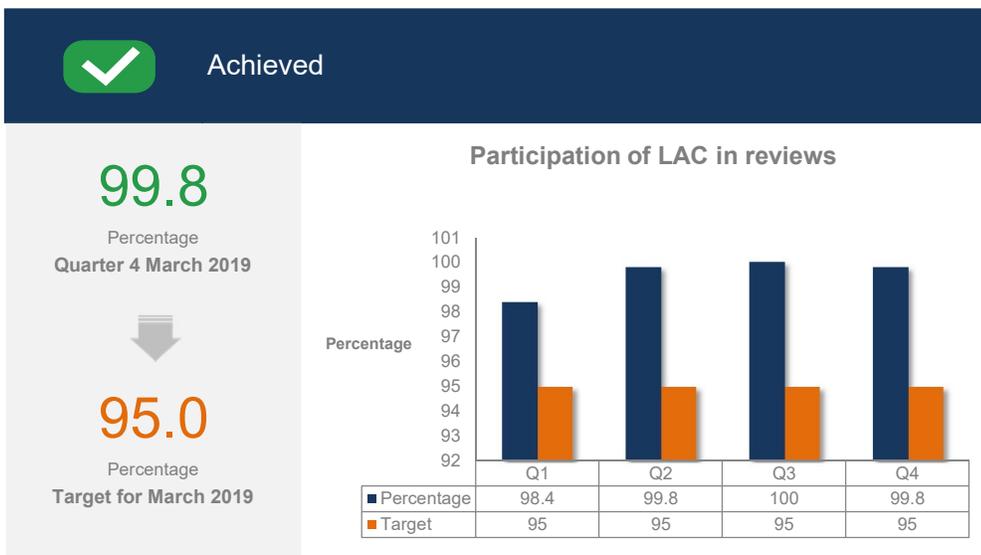


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Participation of LAC in reviews

Percentage of Looked after children who participated in their reviews



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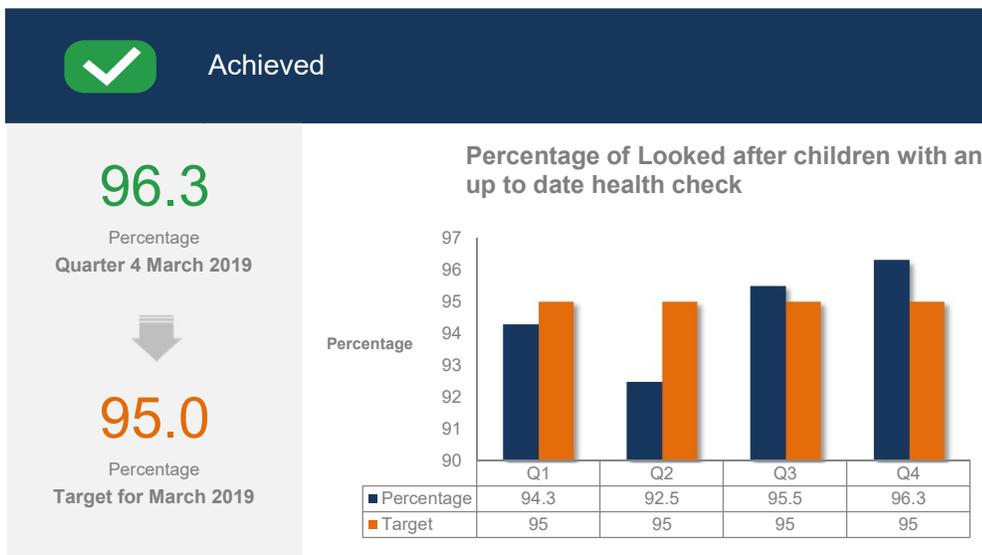


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Percentage of Looked after children with an up to date health check

Percentage of Looked after children with an up to date health check record



About the latest performance

Current performance has met the targets set

About the target

Remain as previous year, tolerance allows performance to be in line with this year's performance.

About the target range

An upper tolerance of 4.5% has been set. This would mean that if all checks were done within timescale we would have achieved an excellent outcome, which would be shown as better than target.

A lower tolerance of 2% has been set to allow for under performance. Data from the last two years shows achieving 93% is very achievable and performance has not often fallen below this marker.

About benchmarking

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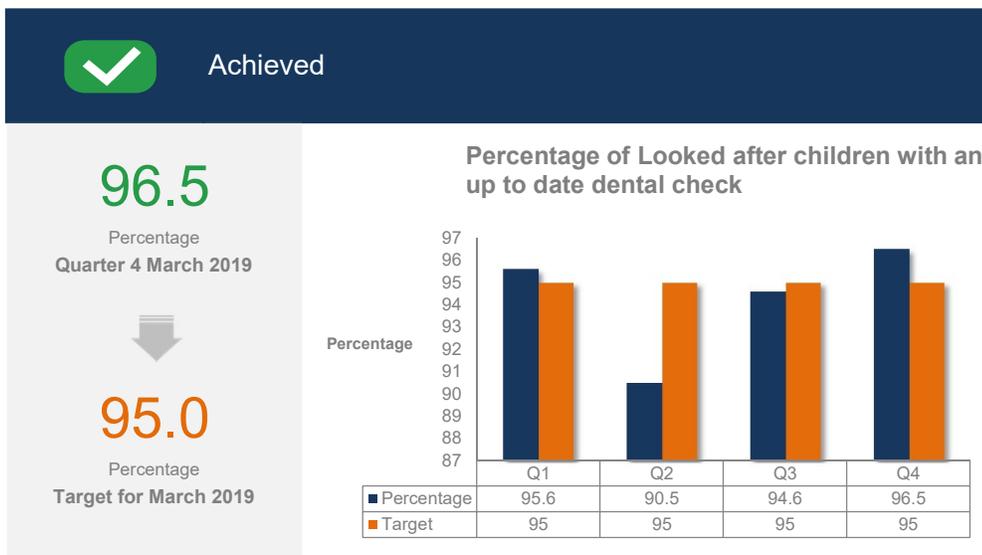


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Percentage of Looked after children with an up to date dental check

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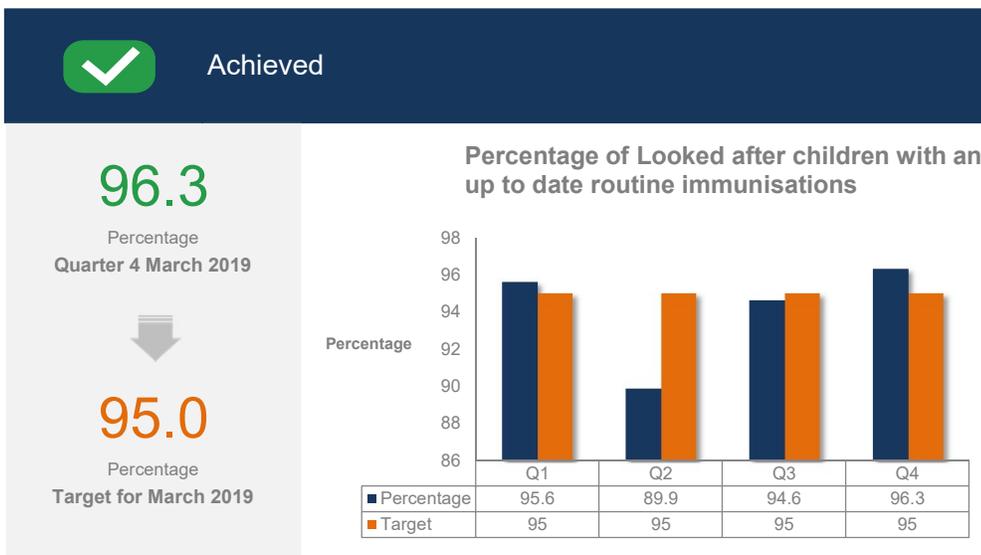


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Percentage of Looked after children with an up to date routine immunisations

Percentage of looked after children with an up to date routine immunisations recorded



About the latest performance

Current performance has met the targets set

About the target

Remain as previous year, tolerance allows performance to be in line with this year's performance.

About the target range

An upper tolerance of 4.5% has been set. Achievement of this would indicate that all LAC received all their health checks within timescale – achievement of 100%.

A lower tolerance of 1% has been set to allow for under performance. Data from the last two years shows achieving 94% is very achievable and performance has not often fallen below this marker.

About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves both nationally and with similar authorities on an annual basis



Learn and Achieve

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Looked After Children persistent absence rate

Persistent absence rate for looked after children



About the latest performance

Current performance has met the targets set

About the target

We have lowered the target to reflect the change in DfE methodology to calculate PA. We achieved 10% in this measure in 2017 and this was in line with all comparators. Setting a target for a modest improvement in this measure despite a generally increasing trajectory seen locally, regionally and nationally.

About the target range

A tolerance of +/-2% is set. The upper limit gives some flexibility against a generally increasing trend seen locally, regionally and nationally. The lower limit would see our performance need to improve back towards previously achieved levels.

About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves nationally, regionally and with similar authorities on an annual basis.

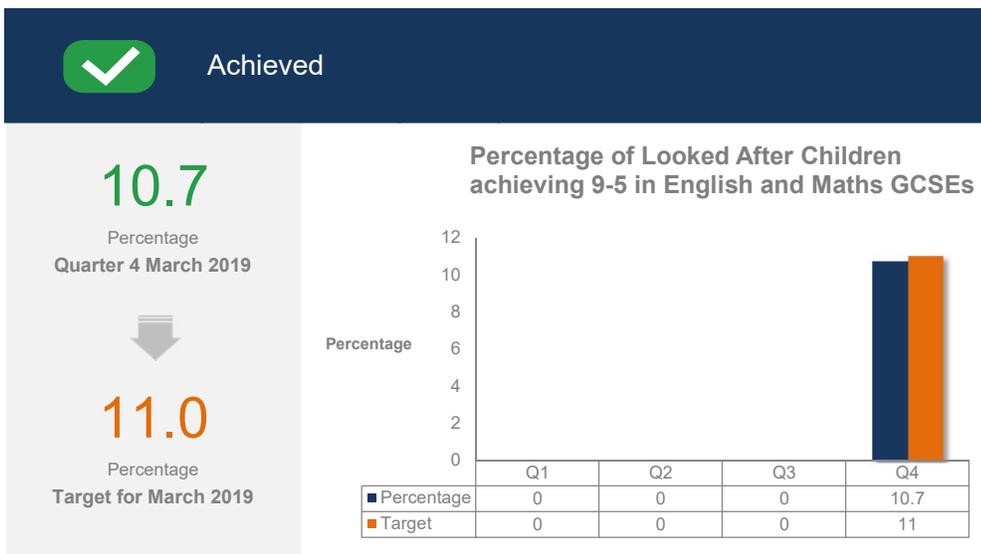


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Percentage of Looked After Children achieving 9-5 in English and Maths GCSEs

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About the latest performance

Current performance has met the targets set

About the target

This is based on a particular cohort, we have lowered the target to reflect the change in DfE headline measure from A*-C to Grade 5+.

We achieved 11% in this measure in 2017 and this was well above the National and Regional averages of 7%. Maintaining this level of performance should still see us above our comparators even if they show some improvement.

About the target range

The tolerances have been made fairly broad on account of cohort size meaning each pupil is worth a few % to Lincolnshire's outcomes. The tolerance allows for flexibility to cohort numbers that will not be finalised for this measure until 31st March 2018 whilst also ensuring that we need to achieve an "extra" pupil achieving the measure to meet the upper target threshold and one fewer pupils achieving the measure to get lower than the lower target threshold.

About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves nationally, regionally and with similar authorities on an annual basis.

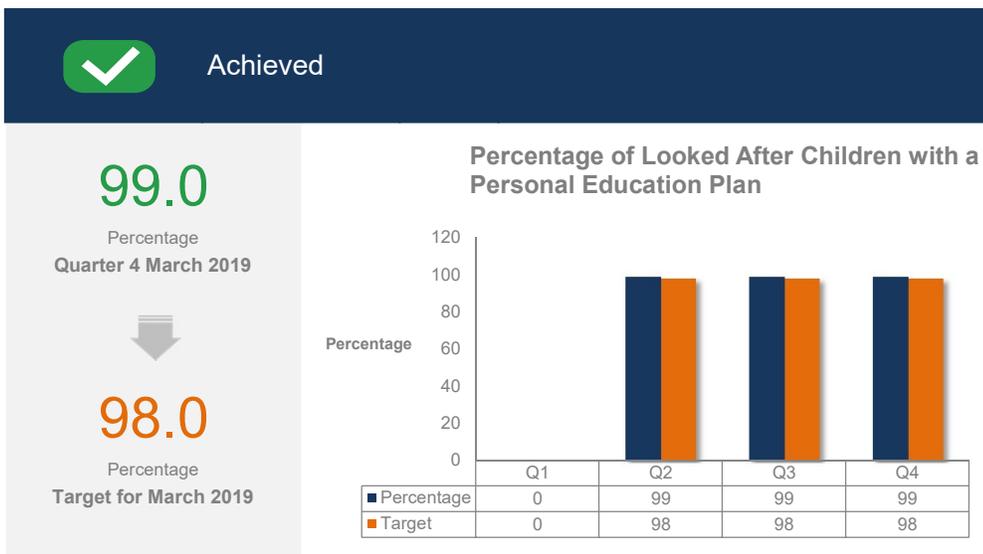


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Percentage of Looked After Children with a Personal Education Plan

Percentage of Looked After Children with a Personal Education Plan



About the latest performance

Current performance has met the targets set

About the target

Target remains at 98%, increase in capacity in the Virtual school should see the performance being reached.

About the target range

The upper tolerance has been set to 2 this represents on 3 young people
The lower tolerance is set to 2, which represents 10 young people not having a PEP before the performance is shown as poor performance.

About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves both nationally and with similar authorities on an annual basis



Ready for Adult Life

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16-17 year old Looked After Children who are 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

91.1

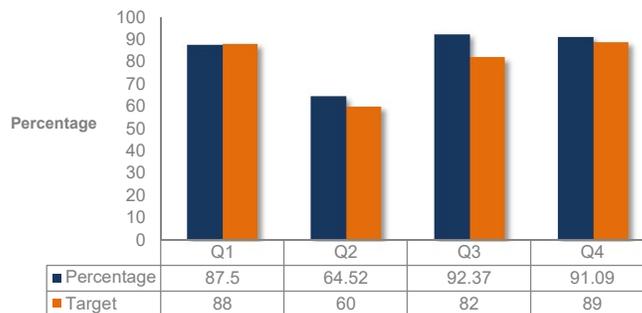
Percentage
Quarter 4 March 2019



89.0

Percentage
Target for March 2019

16-17 year old Looked After Children who are 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. At 91.09%, Quarter 4 performance remains above the level of 90% and is significantly above the 85.95% recorded at the same time last year.

About the target

Target to remain the same previous year's target.

Q2 & Q3 targets lower to allow for the expected dip at this time of year due to September being the start of the tracking process

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

93.7

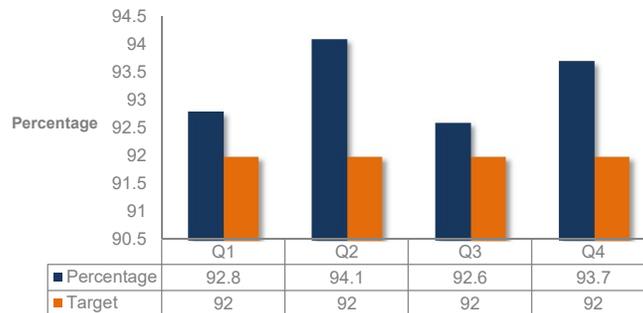
Percentage
Quarter 4 March 2019



92.0

Percentage
Target for March 2019

Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation



About the latest performance

The number of care leavers in suitable accommodation has remained within target. A range of accommodation has been developed and confirms the Council's commitment to ensure that all care leavers have somewhere that is safe and appropriate to stay. The leaving care service have a clear overview of the young people in unsuitable accommodation and engage with each of them to ensure that they understand the full range of housing options available to them.

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.



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Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training

The number of care leavers turning 19 years of age in the year who are in either Education, Employment or Training



Not achieved

59.4

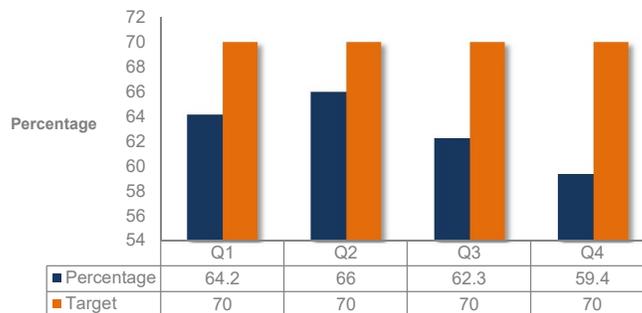
Percentage
Quarter 4 March 2019



70.0

Percentage
Target for March 2019

Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training



About the latest performance

There has been a small dip in the number of Care Leavers employed or in education and training (EET). The exact reason is unknown as the issues affecting access to education and employment are varied and unique to individuals. The Leaving Care Service continues to monitor every single young person who is not in EET, and reports on a monthly basis the efforts of the service to re-engage individuals back into EET. The Service also continues to grow the number of employment readiness programmes offered to young people, and grow the number of work experience slots available to support young people back into purposeful activity and employment. At a strategic level, the Care Leaver Apprenticeship Scheme (CLAS) is being reviewed in order that we can adapt it to respond to the increased educational requirement implement by the government in order to access apprenticeships. As a result we are in the early stages of developing a new offer to help young people with fewer qualifications access the CLAS in a staggered manner.

About the target

Target has been increased from 66 to 70 as current performance is currently at 69%

About the target range

Upper Tolerance is set to aim to regain Quartile A . Lower tolerance is set to maintain performance at a reasonable level

About benchmarking

We can compare ourselves both nationally and with similar authorities on an annual basis

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