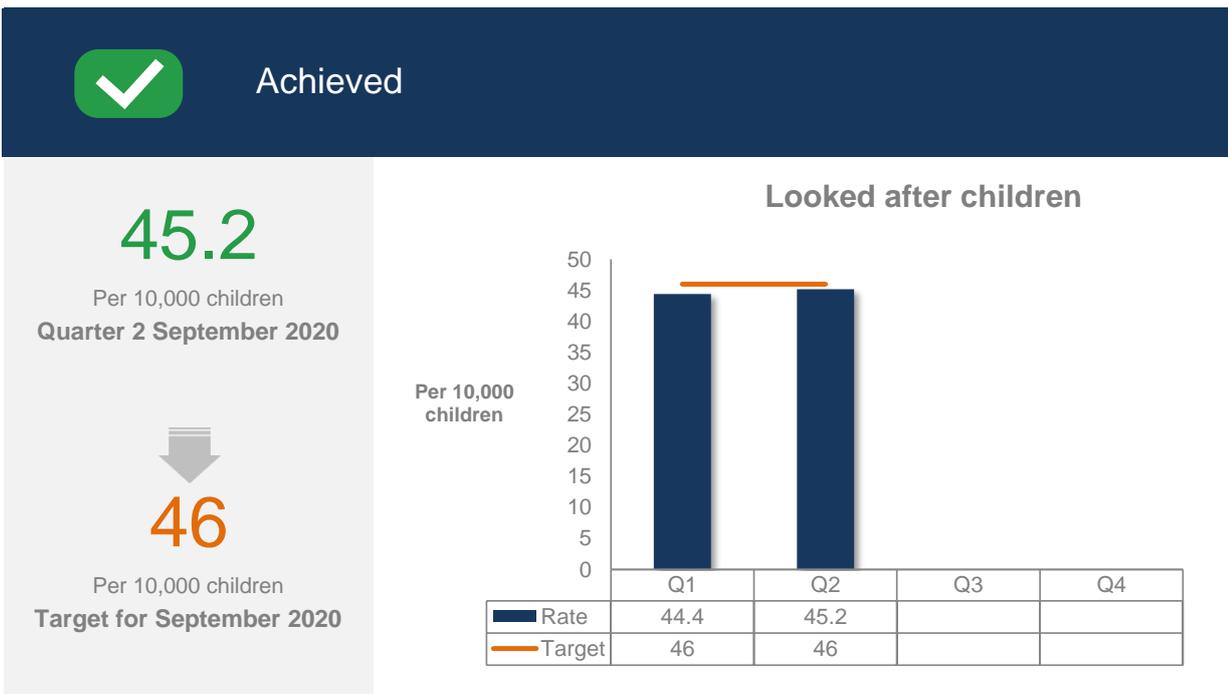


## Looked after children

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.

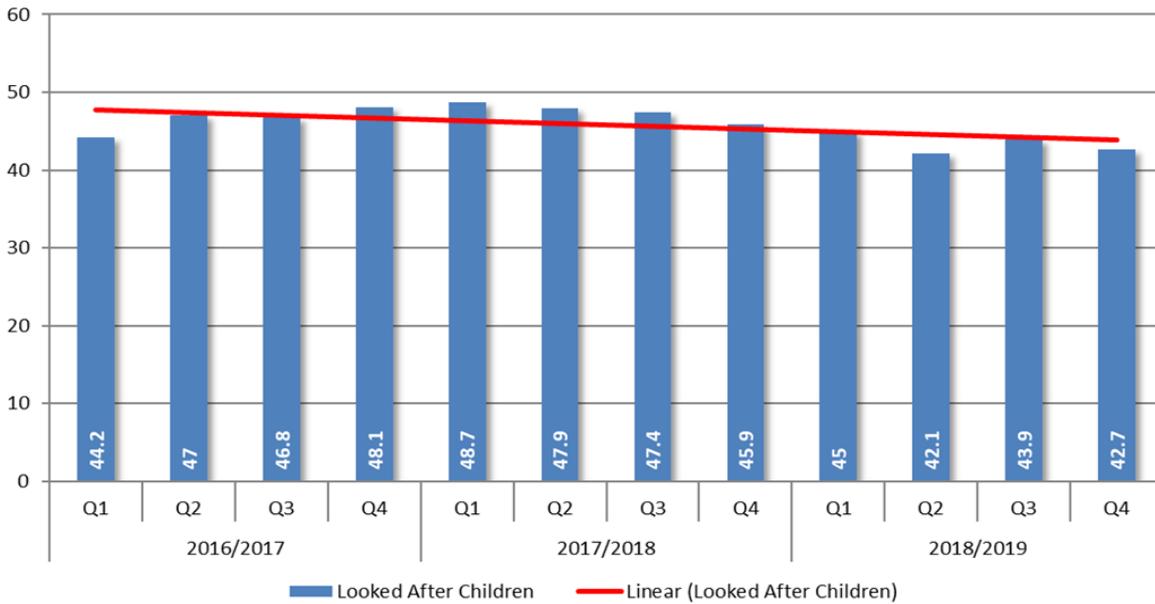


### About the latest performance

This measure has achieved target, however, it is currently showing a slight adverse trend. The number of Looked After Child leavers over the past two quarters appears to be a little lower than the average from 2019/20, which, combined with a higher than average number of Looked After Child starters in Quarter 1, appears to have pushed the Looked After Child per 10,000 figure up in the last two quarters. However, despite the increase the Lincolnshire number of Looked After Children per 10,000 remains significantly below the most recent published figures both nationally and by our statistical neighbours (65 per 10,000 and 60.5 per 10,000 respectively in 2018/19).

Further details

### Looked After Children per 10,000 of the Lincolnshire population



About the target

Taking into account recent performance the target remains at a rate of 46 per 10,000 children (approximately 670 children).

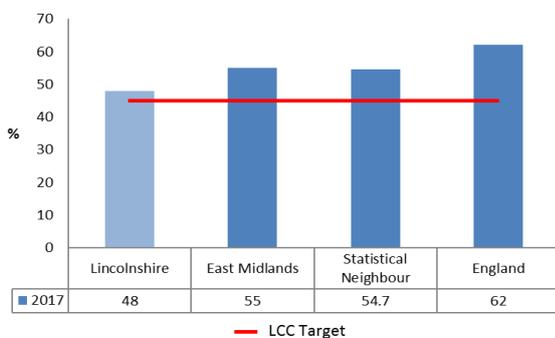
About the target range

The Upper and lower Target allows for the number of LAC to vary between approximately 626- 699. This is about +/- 35 children from target. Anything above or below this number would be flagged as worse than target, i.e. indicating a significant variance from the current position.

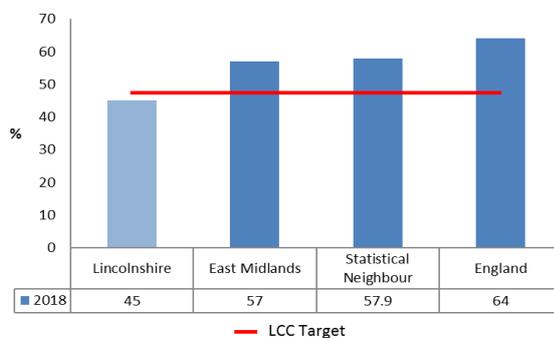
About benchmarking

Comparator information is available and is showing an increasing trend

Number of children in Local Authority care, comparative performance 2017



Number of children in Local Authority care, comparative performance 2018



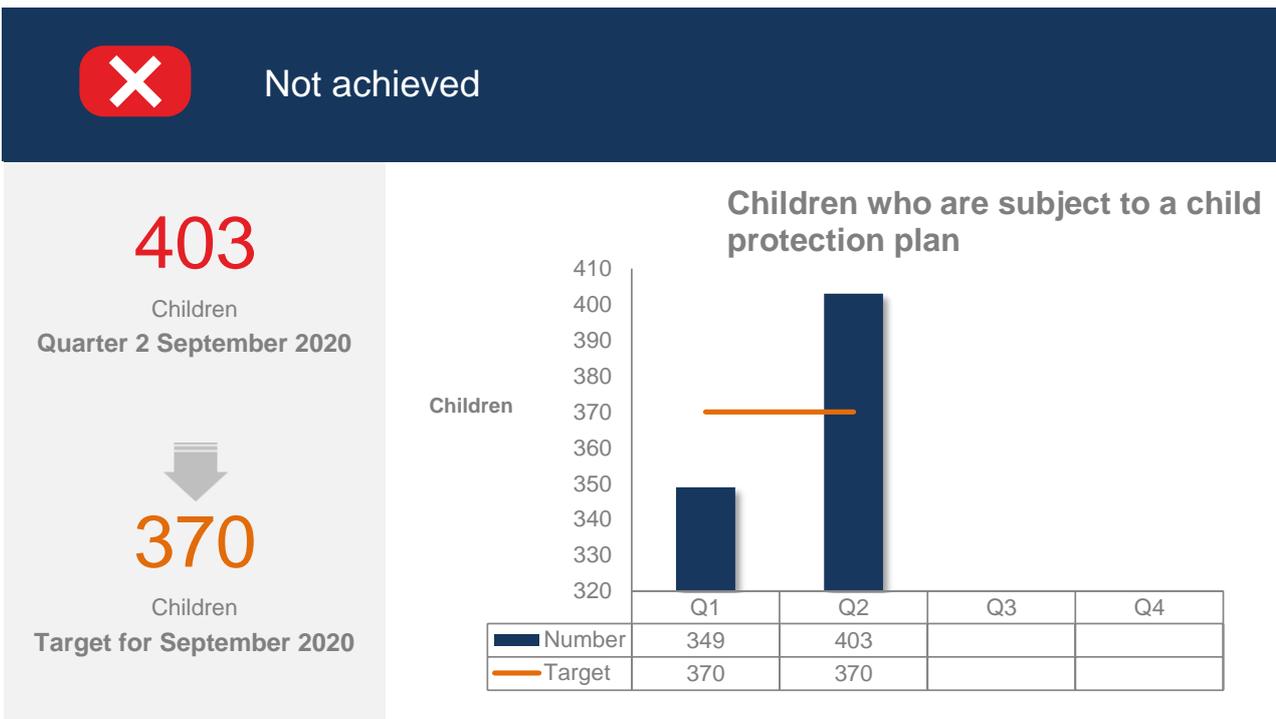
	2017	2018
Lincolnshire	48	45
East Midlands	55	57
Statistical Neighbour	54.7	57.9
England	62	64
LCC Target	45	48

## 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.

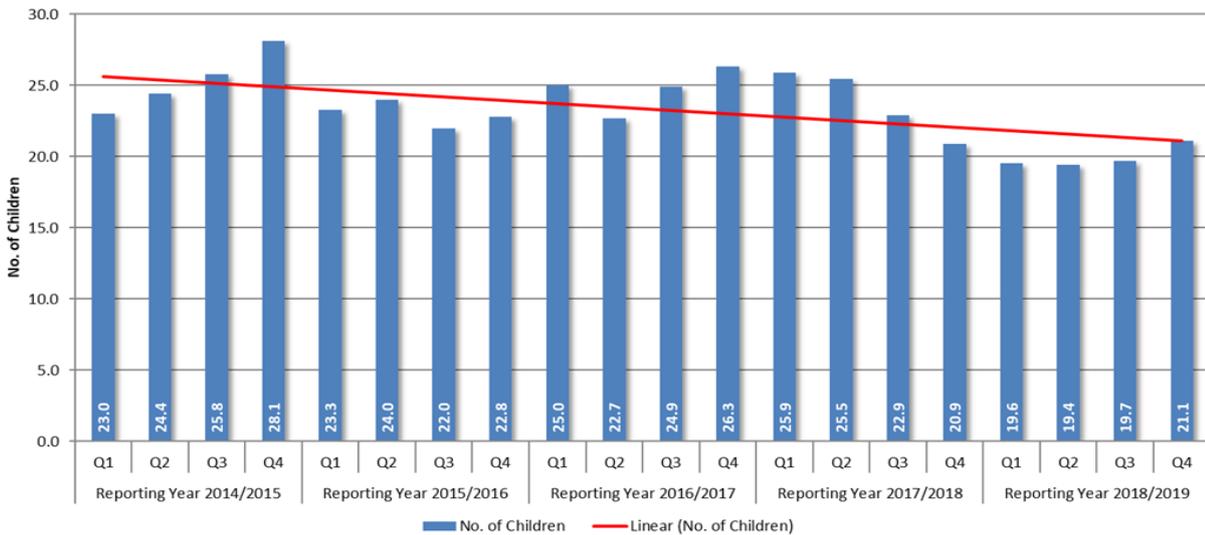


### About the latest performance

The number of children on a child protection plan at the end of September was 403. This is high when compared to Lincolnshire's previous CP numbers, however we are still lower than Statistical Neighbours and National average. Practise wisdom from Social workers suggests that this rise is due to the effects of lockdown/covid measures on family units. Further evidence of this can be seen in regional data with 6 of our 8 neighbouring authorities seeing a rise in their CP numbers at some point since May.

Further details

No. of Children Subject to a Child Protection Plan



About the target

Targets have been revised to 370 to take into account current trends.

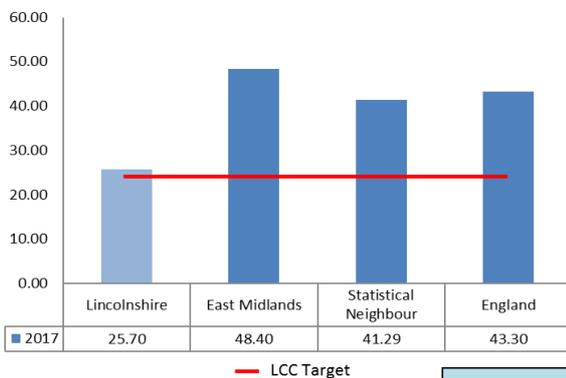
About the target range

We have set a tolerance position of approximately 60 children with a CPP. This equates to a tolerance range of approximately +/- 30 children from the target.

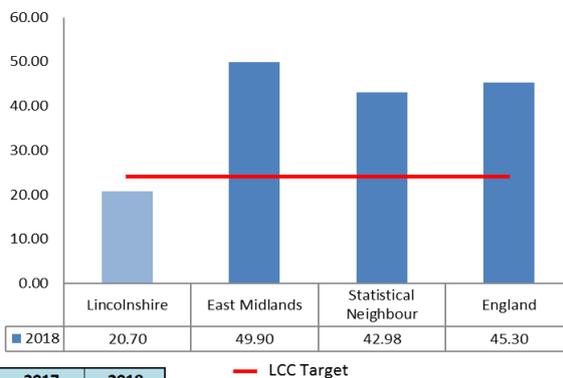
About benchmarking

Comparator information is available and is showing an increasing trend.

Children who are subject to a child protection plan 2017



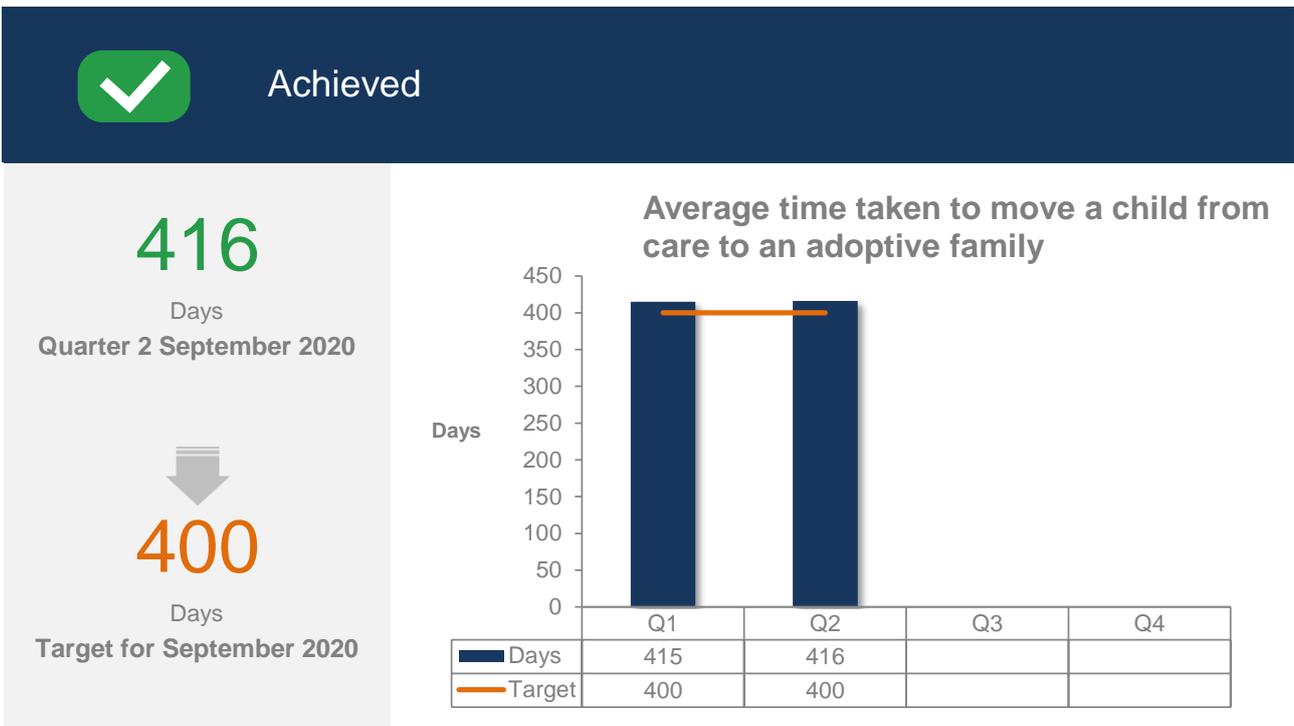
Children who are subject to a child protection plan 2018



	2017	2018
Lincolnshire	25.70	20.70
East Midlands	48.40	49.90
Statistical Neighbour	41.29	42.98
England	43.30	45.30
LCC Target	24.00	24.00

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

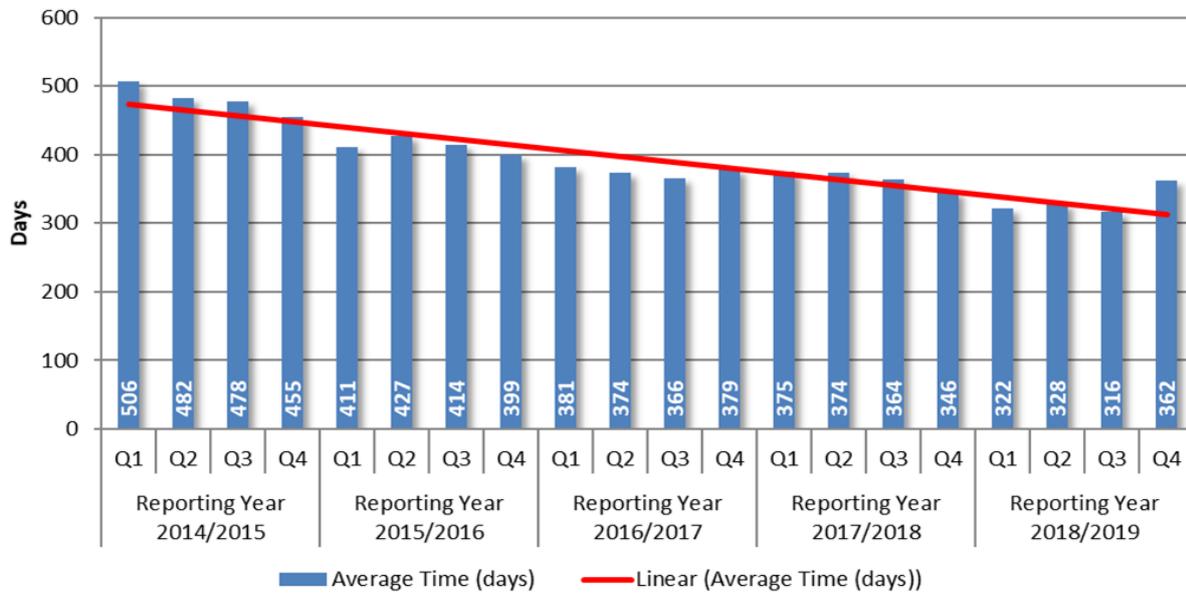
Average number of days between the child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family. A lower number of days taken to move a child from care into an adoptive family indicates a better performance.



### About the latest performance

This measure has achieved target. However, in comparison to last year's performance, where the measure met or exceeded target throughout the year, the figures are showing a slight adverse trend. This is due to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the Service throughout this period. Lincolnshire continues to perform well in comparison to the most recent published National and Statistical Neighbour figures.

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



#### About the target

Target set significantly better than national average

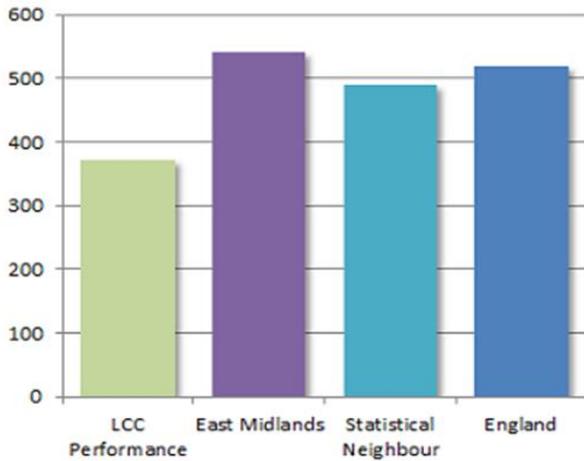
#### About the target range

A maximum value of 490 has been set as this would mean performance is worse than the most recent national figures.

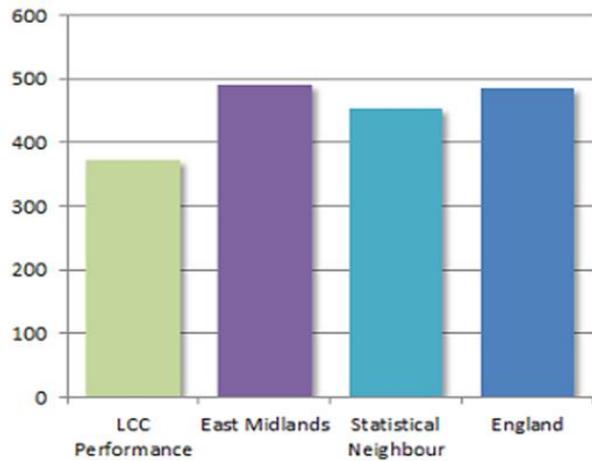
About benchmarking

Benchmarking information is available for 2018, however, 2019 figures have not yet been released

**Time taken to move from care to adoptive families (days)  
2014-2017**



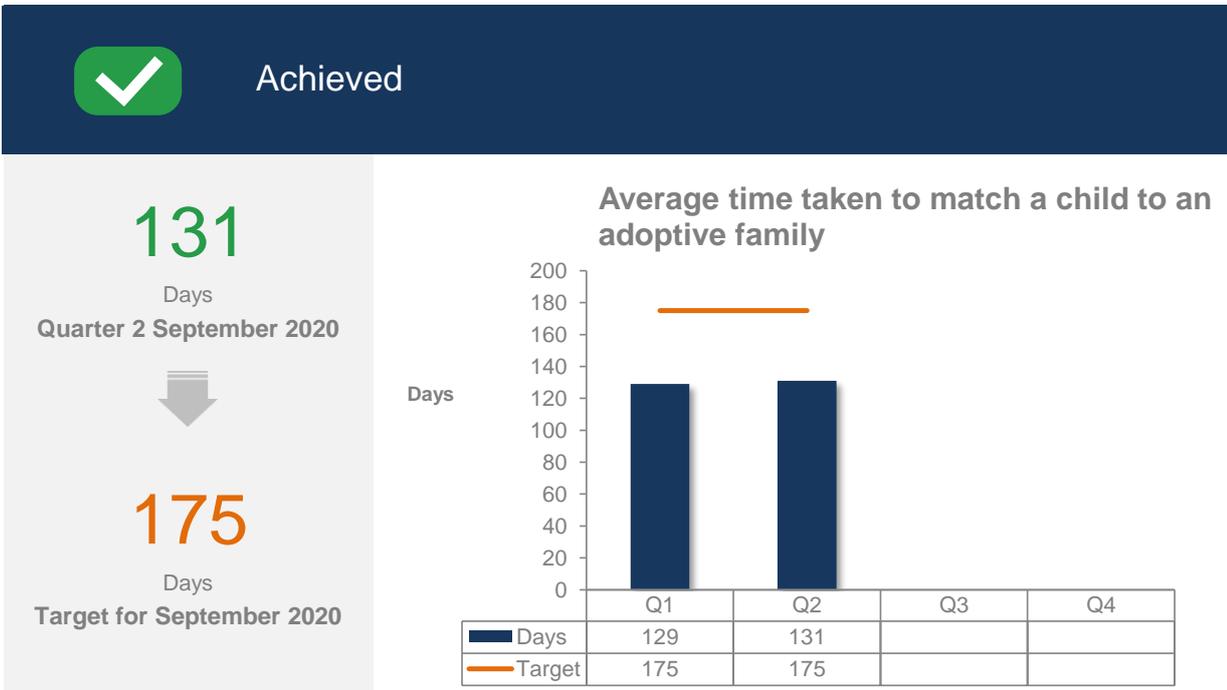
**Time taken to move from care to adoptive families (days)  
2015-2018**



	2014/2017	2015/2018
<b>LCC Performance</b>	372	372
<b>East Midlands</b>	542	490
<b>Statistical Neighbour</b>	489.7	453.8
<b>England</b>	520	486

## Average time taken to match a child to an adoptive family

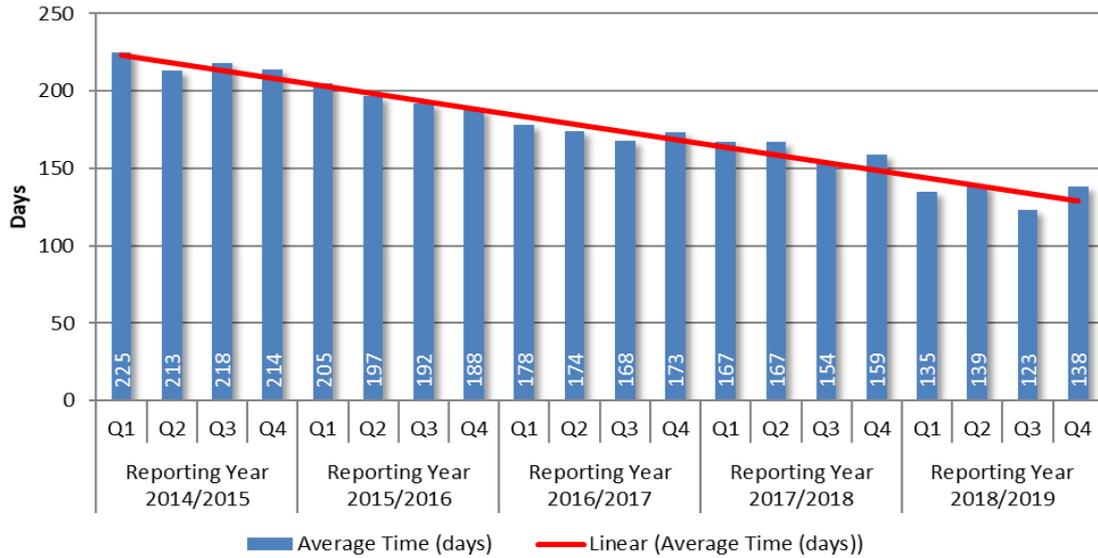
Average number of days between the local authority receiving the court order to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family.  
A lower number of days taken to match a child to an adoptive family indicates a better performance.



### About the latest performance

The performance this quarter is better than any quarter's performance for Lincolnshire during the 2019/20 financial year for the measure of 'Average Time between the Local Authority Receiving Court Authority to Place a Child and the Local Authority Deciding on a Match to an Adoptive Family'. Having a clear recruitment strategy that links children to families from an early stage in the process greatly assists in ensuring we continue to do well in respect of this indicator.

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



#### About the target

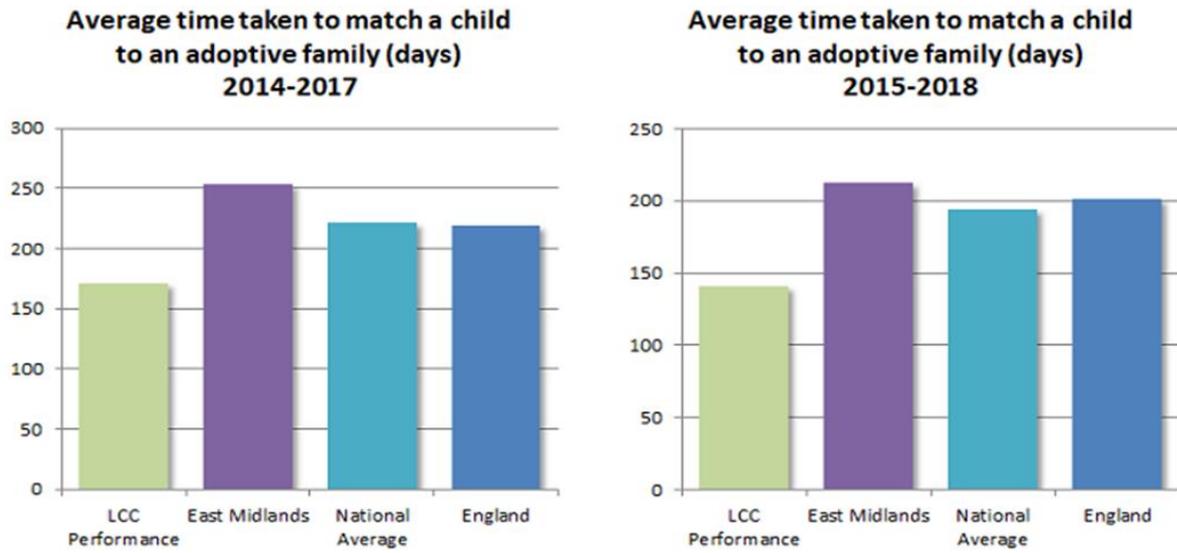
Target has been reduced to 175 days to take into account recent trends of a higher number of adoptions, which is expected to impact figures. However, the revised target remains significantly better than the most recent published National figures.

#### About the target range

Both upper and lower target ranges have been set to 10 days (average)

## About benchmarking

Benchmarking information is available for 2018, however 2019 figures have not yet been released.



	2014/2017	2015/2018
LCC Performance	171	141
East Midlands	254	213
National Average	221.3	193.9
England	219	201

## 16-17 year old Looked After Children participating in learning

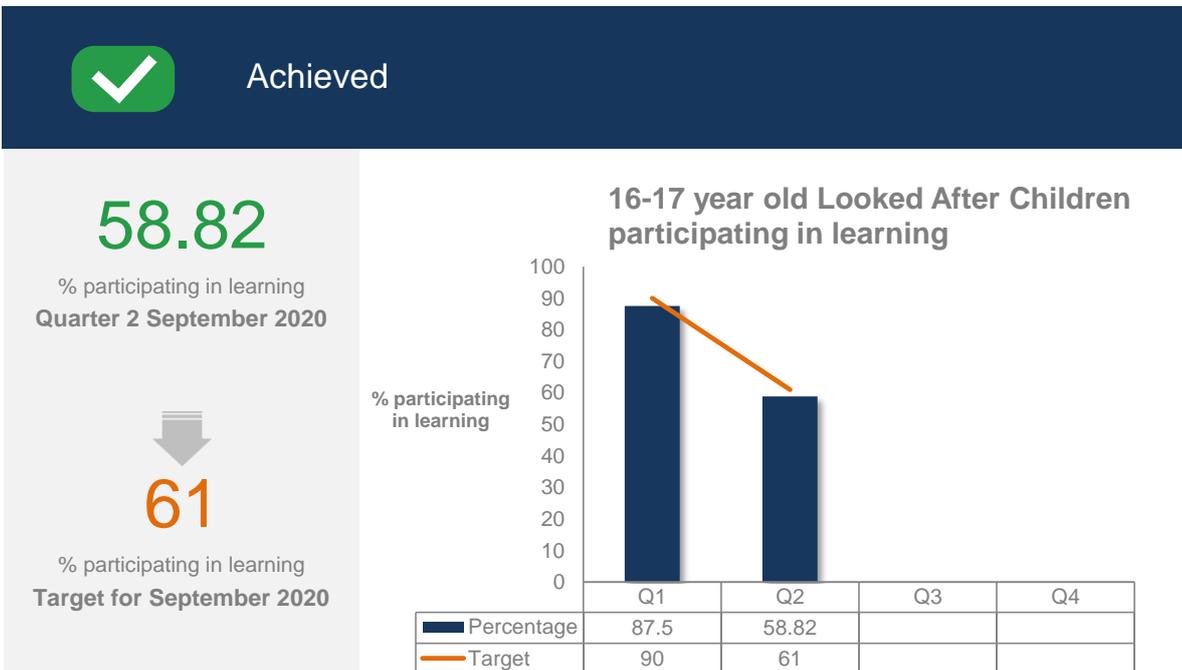
This measures young people recorded as being Looked After Children participating in learning at the end of the reporting period and will not take into consideration the length of time that they have been in local authority care.

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.

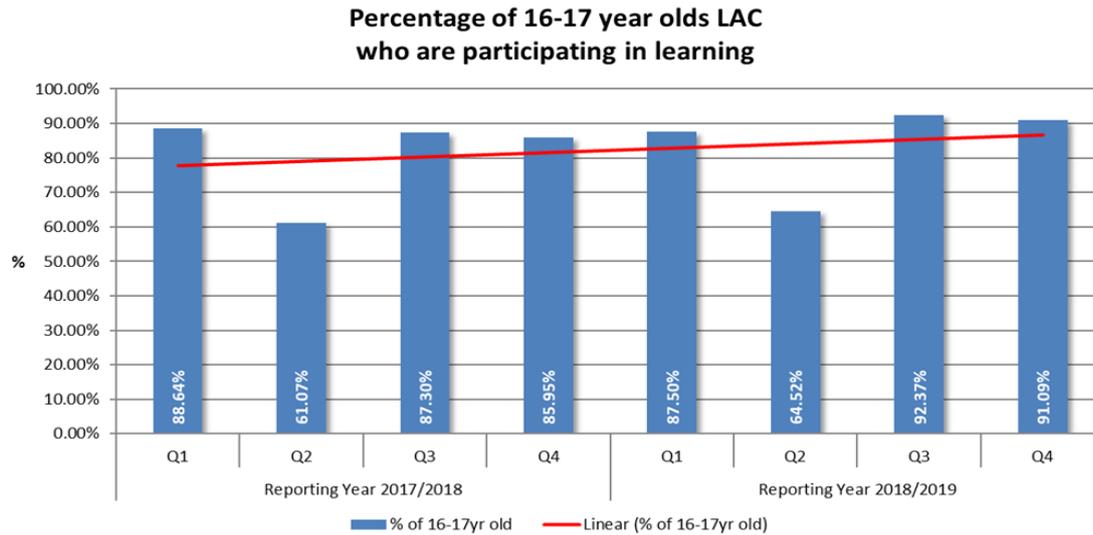
The parameters of this measure were previously defined as recording 16-18 year old Looked After Children participating in learning. As of Q1 2017/18 onwards, the Department for Education no longer require monitoring of children aged 18, and so the measure has been amended accordingly, restricting data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



### About the latest performance

Current performance has met the targets set.

## Further details



## About the target

Target has been raised by 1% to 90%. The rationale for this raise is that at the time of target setting performance is 90.4%, above the 2019/20 target of 89%, and is on track to achieve the upper target of 91%. The reason for only a small increase is that as the cohort is very small a change of one or two children moving out of learning can have a significant impact on the percentage in learning. 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 information is not available for this cohort.

## 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.

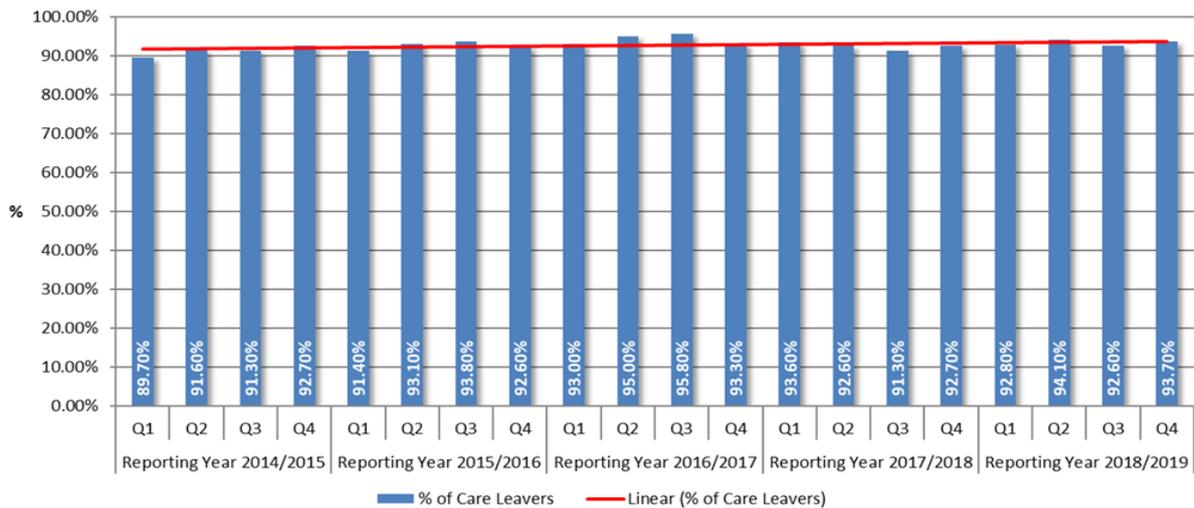


### About the latest performance

The good performance is down to better working relationships with District Councils and their willingness to now view care leavers as a priority group. The flexibility and resilience demonstrated by our housing provider, Nacro, during the pandemic ensured safe accommodation was on offer to young people. The above combined with persistent and creative work of leaving care staff has ensured that nearly every care leaver is suitably accommodated.

Further details

Percentage of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation



About the target

Target to remain the same as previous year, we are above both national and similar authority average.

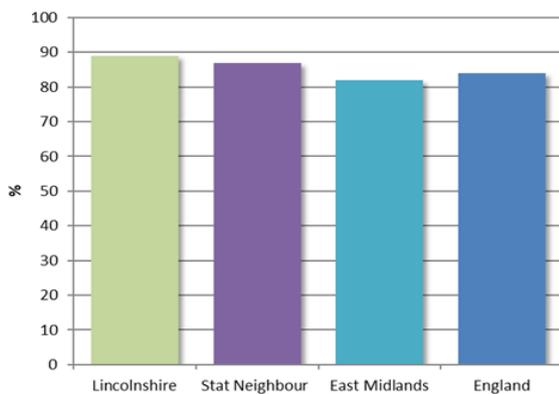
About the target range

The lower target has been set at the 25% quartile. Meaning if we fall below this we will not be in the top 25% of authorities. The upper target has been set 5% above this

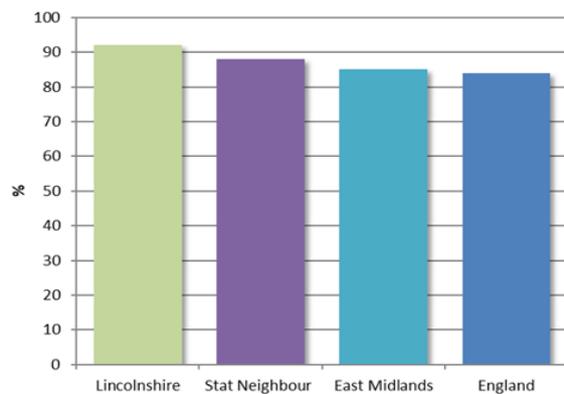
About benchmarking

Benchmarking information is available and we constantly perform better than comparators.

Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation (2017)



Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation (2018)



	2017	2018
Lincolnshire	89	92
Stat Neighbour	86.8	88.1
East Midlands	82	85
England	84	84