

Quarter 2 Performance 2019/20

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Purpose

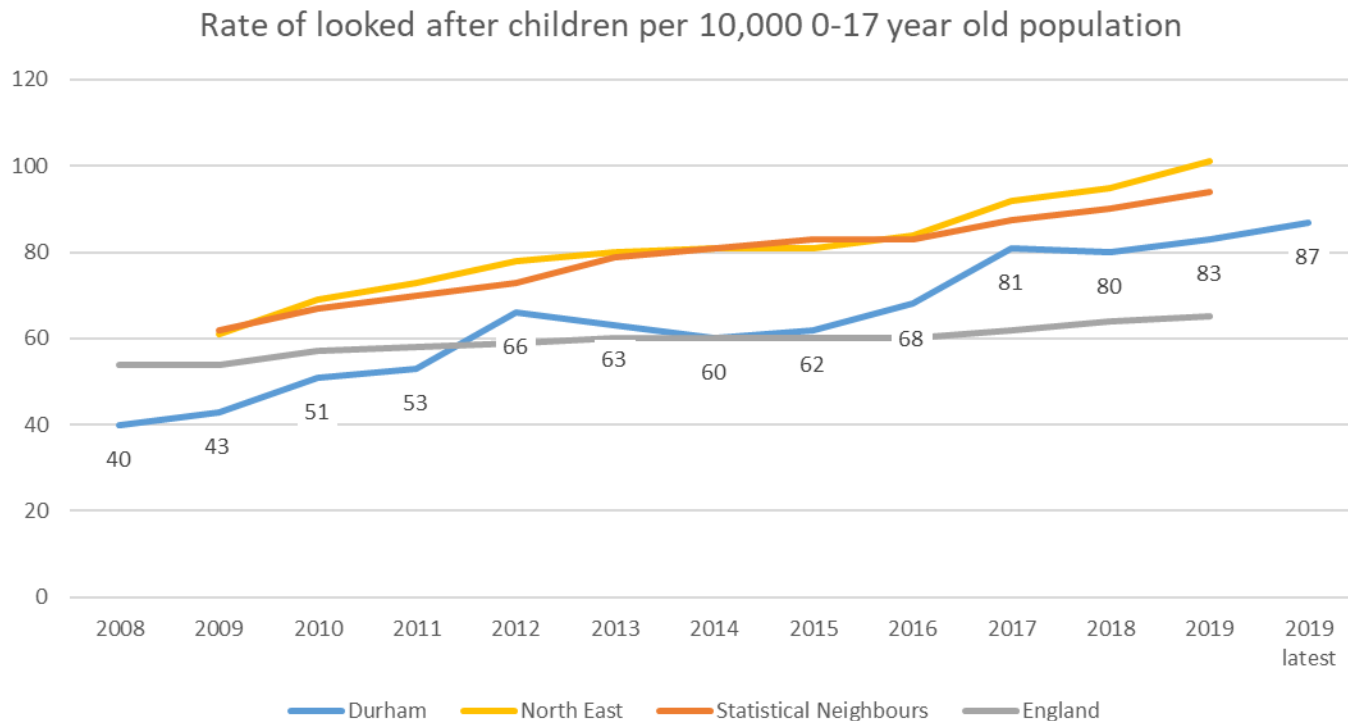
- Overview of performance for children looked after and care leavers
- Enable Corporate Parenting Panel to consider and comment on performance
- Focusses on the LGA's Corporate Parenting Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs) for elected members

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What are the characteristics of our cohort of children in care and care leavers?

Around **900** children currently looked after



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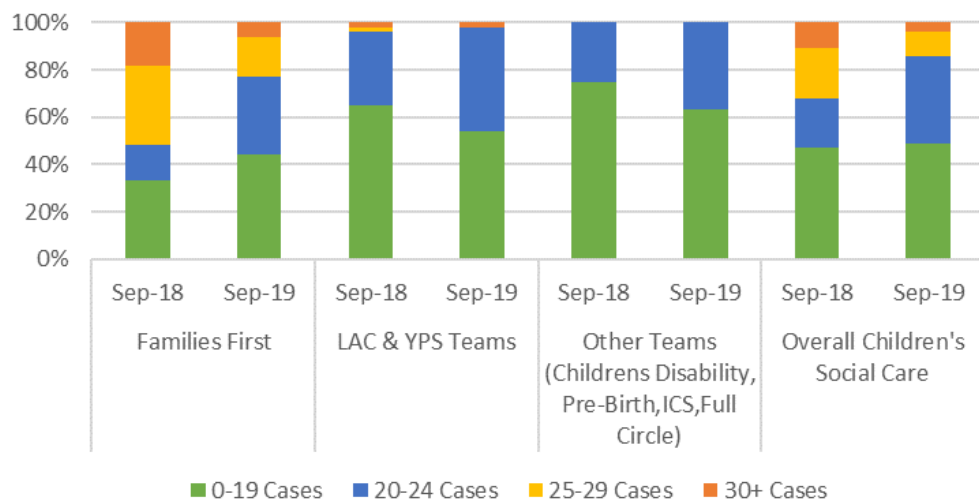
3rd lowest rate in region



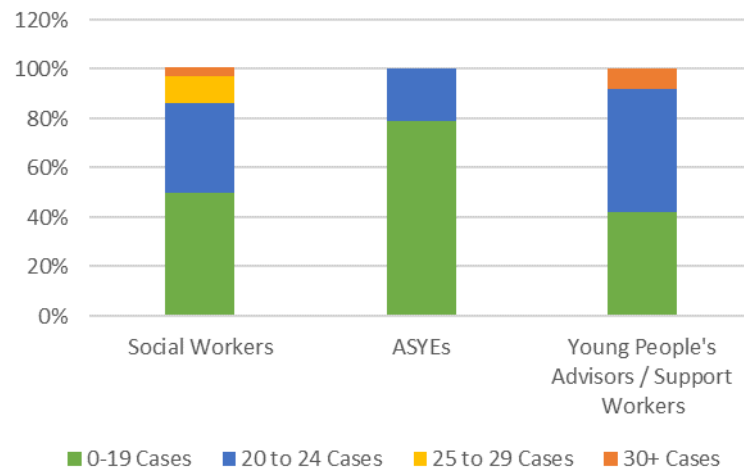
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Caseloads

Caseloads - Social Workers only



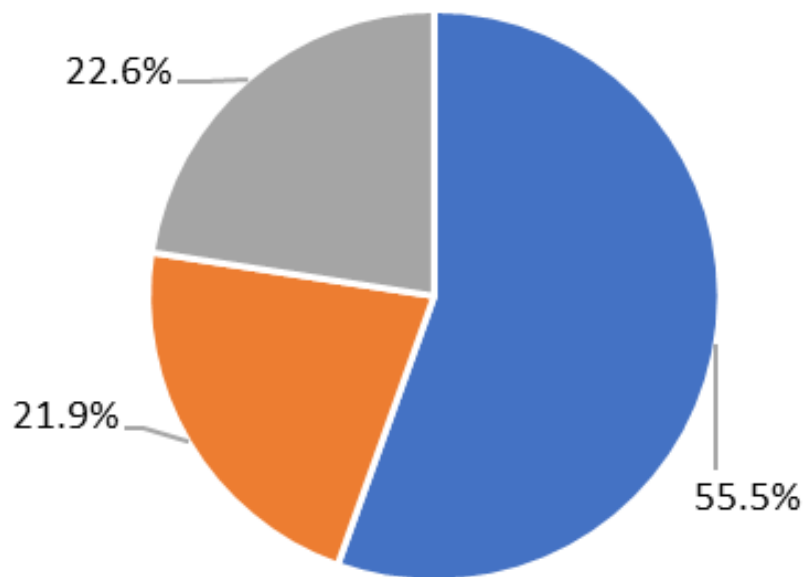
Caseloads by worker at September 2019



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% SEN - All Children Looked After (647)



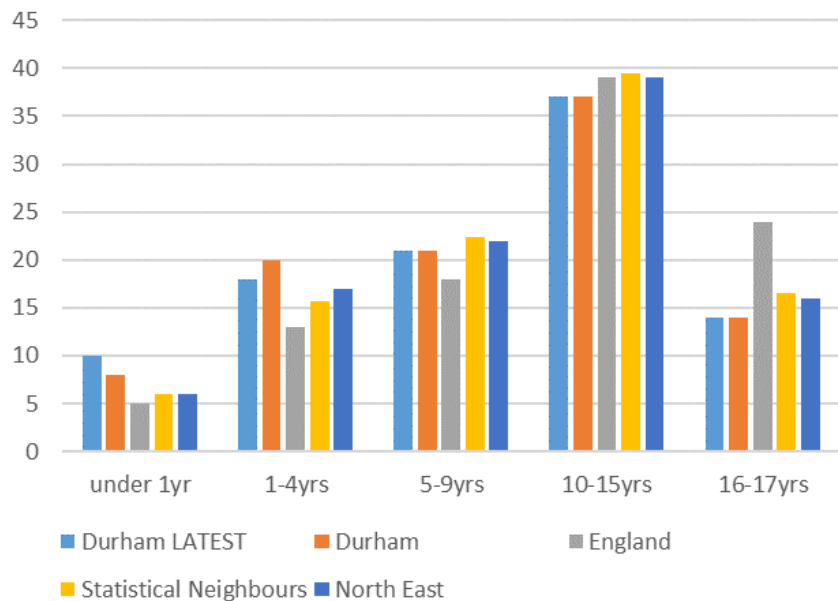
■ No SEN ■ EHCP ■ SEN Support

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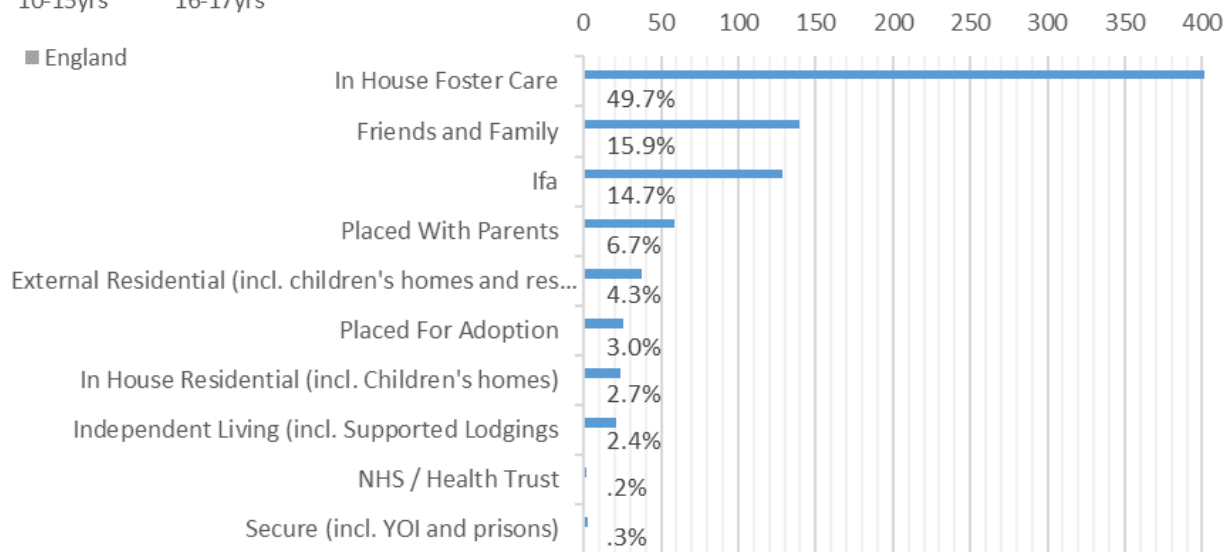


What are the characteristics of our cohort of children in care and care leavers?

Benchmarking 2019



Placement Types



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2019/20:

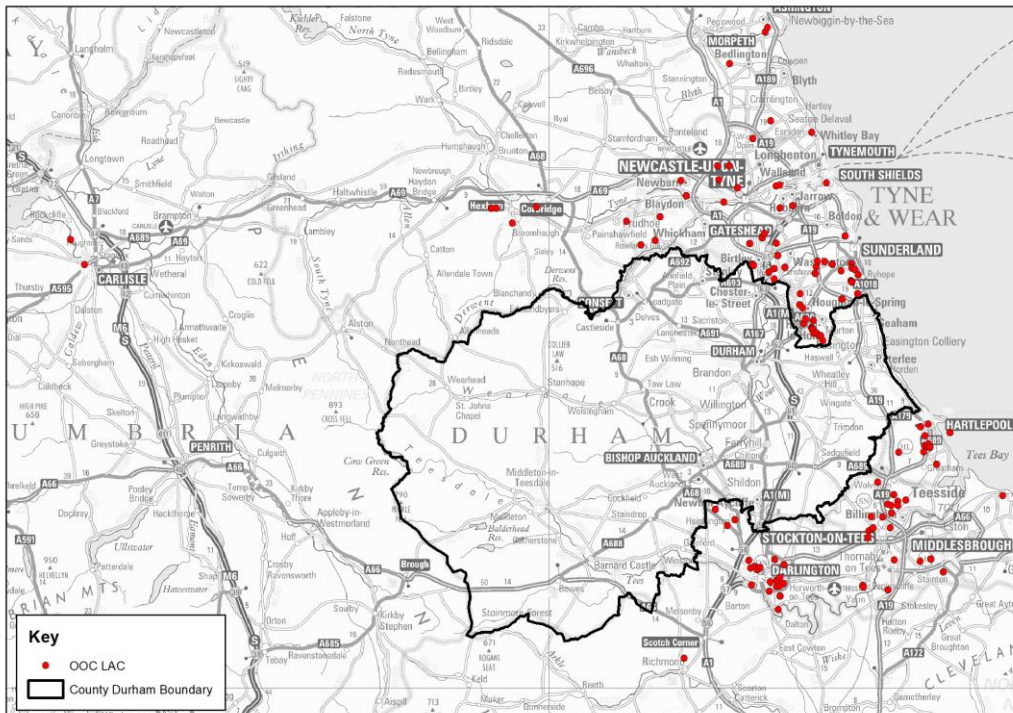
2019/20	Spend on children looked after per head 0-17 years	Placement Type	Average weekly cost (£)	Average annual cost (£)	Number of current placements
Durham	£484	External residential care	4,130	215,350	36
England average	£401	External residential school	3,737	194,858	2
North East average	£523	In house residential	3,188	166,231	24
Statistical neighbours average	£485	Independent fostering agency	778	40,567	129
		In house foster care	407	21,222	436
		Independent living	257	13,401	21
		Friends & family	172	8,969	140

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What are the characteristics of our cohort of children in care and care leavers?

Placement of CLA out of county at 10 October 2019



243 out of county in total
Only 39 outside of North East

Do our partner agencies understand their role in supporting us as corporate parents?

Between July and September 2019:

- 30 children looked after were reported as missing or absent from care
- 6% in Durham compared to 11% nationally
- There were 77 incidents of a child looked after missing or absent from care
- Average time missing was 49 hours
- 81% had a return to home interview
- Majority of missing incidents from foster care were to have contact with family / friends

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Are we providing stable environments for children in our care?

Between April and September 2019:

- 22 children were adopted
- 11 adopters were approved
- 8 mainstream foster carers were approved
- 9 foster carers were deregistered at panel

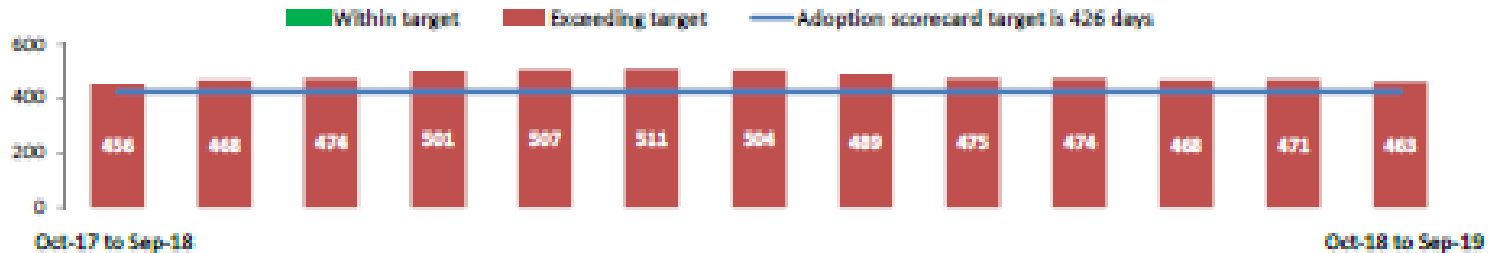
- 99% CLA reviews completed in timescales in October
- Work is ongoing to calculate placement stability for our children in care

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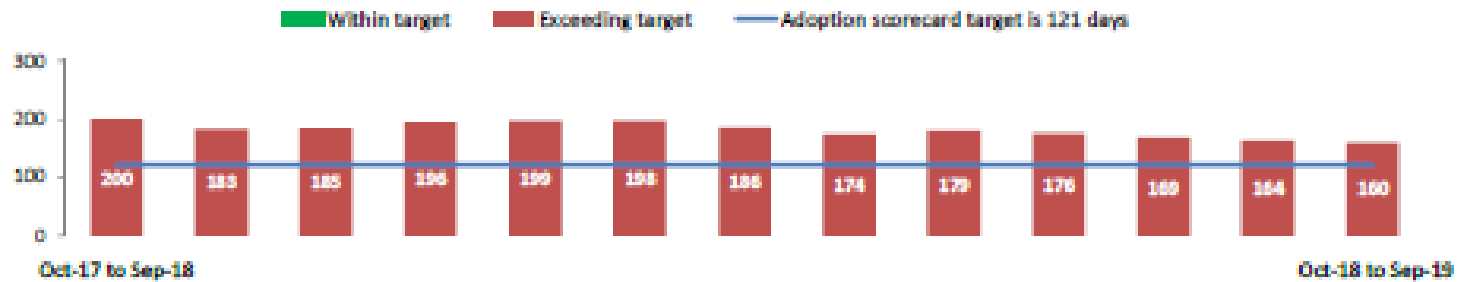


Adoption

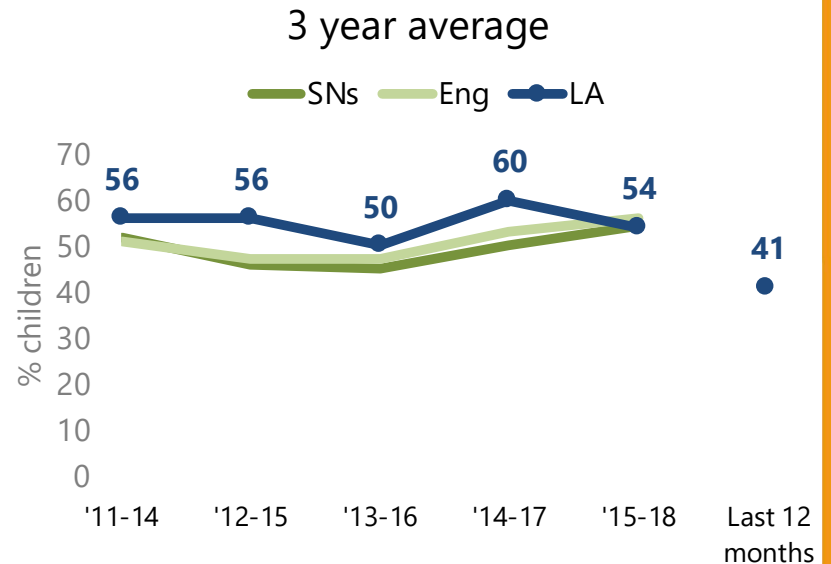
Average days between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family (12-month rolling average for children PLACED)



Average days from PO to adoptive match approved (12-month rolling average for children MATCHED)



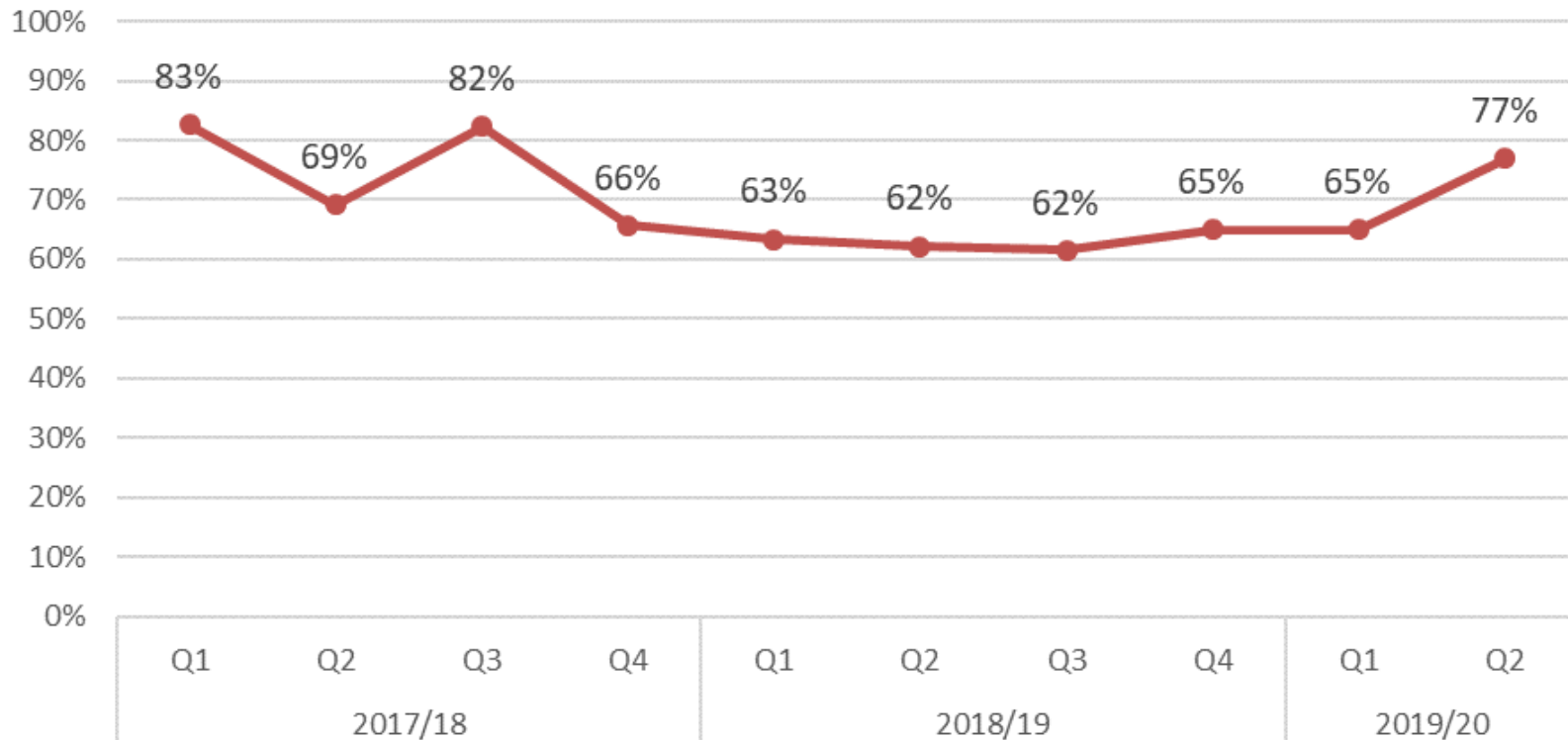
% children entering care and placed for adoption in less than 14 months



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What are we doing to look after the health and wellbeing of children in our care?

Initial Health Assessments completed within 20 working days of the child becoming looked after



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Do our partner agencies understand their role in supporting us as corporate parents?

Based on early indication, unvalidated CLA attainment data:

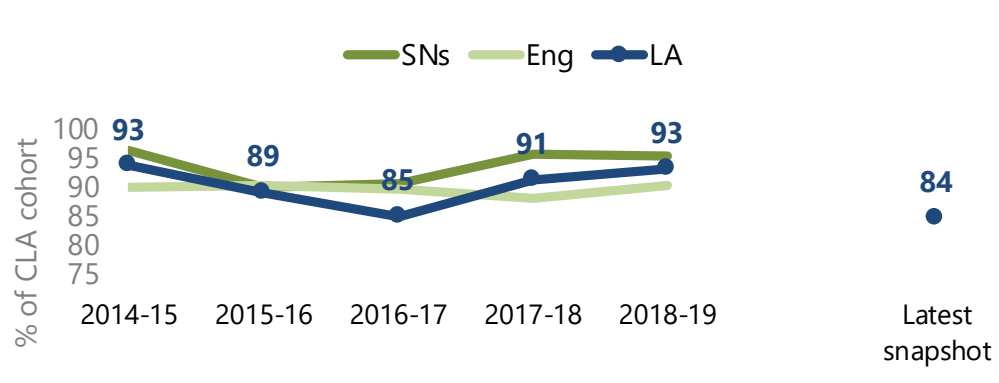
- KS1 - Improvement at all measures except reading
- KS2 – Significant improvement across the board including reading (focus for this cohort)
- KS4 - Improvement at all English / Maths / Basics measures, except at grade 9-4 English (sustained rise from 2018)

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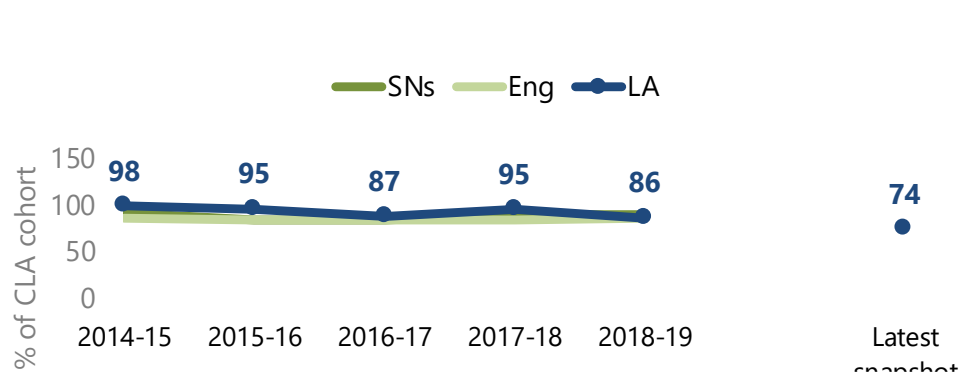


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Health assessments



Dental checks

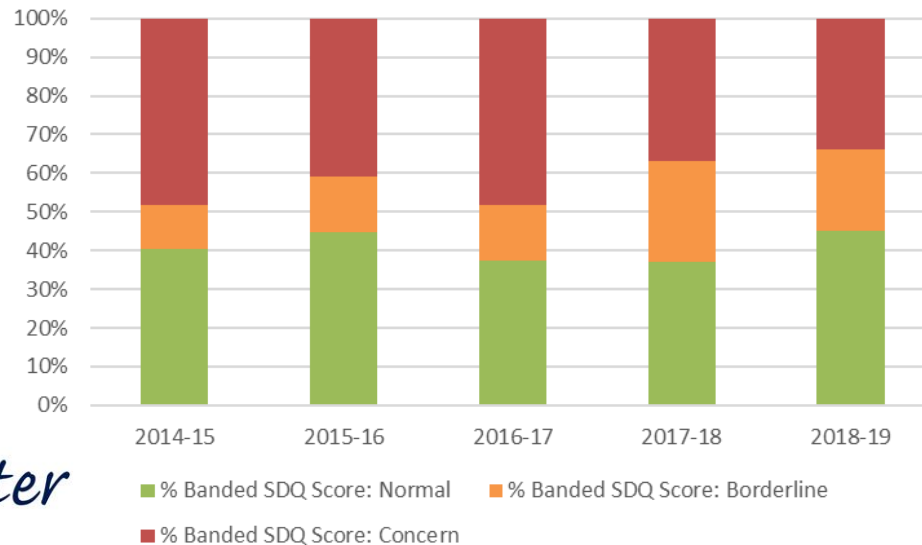
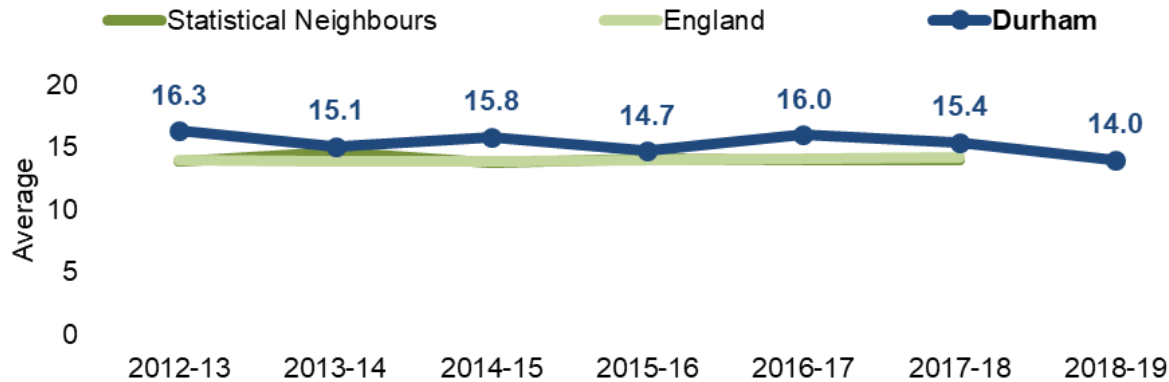


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Average SDQ score per child



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Any Questions or comments?

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