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PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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7 **Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report - Children (Pages 1 - 18)**

To receive the Children's Services Quarterly Performance Report.

Contact: David Shaw - Director of Children's Services.

REPORT TO FOLLOW –The Children's Quarterly Performance Report has been delayed due to competing demands in implementation of the national Children's reforms.

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Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report Children's

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Electoral Divisions Affected	All	
Key Decision?	Not Key Decision	
Cabinet Forward Plan	Not Applicable	
Report considered by	People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 21st October 2026	

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 This report provides the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a focused overview of key indicators of children's services performance, concentrating on the areas Members have identified for closer scrutiny: children in care and the timeliness of Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). It sets out the current position, direction of travel, principal risks, recovery actions and the further assurance that Members should expect through future reporting. It includes the development so far on the National Outcomes Framework Data set that was proposed at the last meeting and agreed as the direction of travel.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Committee is asked to

- Note the current performance position and the areas of positive progress and continuing concern;
- Agree the format of the Outcomes Framework Dashboard for use by committee moving forward;
- Seek assurance on the pace and sustainability of the EHCP recovery programme, including the reduction in cases open beyond 30 and 52 weeks;
- Seek assurance on the actions being taken to manage the number and rate of children in care and that actions being taken to manage the overall number;
- Request that the next quarterly report includes trajectories, milestones and exception reporting for both children in care and EHCP performance; and
- Agree that performance should be considered alongside quality, lived experience and outcomes, rather than through headline activity measures alone.

3. Background

- 3.1 Members requested that this quarterly report focus on critical areas of performance. The data available for this report includes the children's performance tracker and monthly EHCP timeliness information for 2026. The report also draws on the EHCP service delivery plan to explain the controls and recovery activity in place.
- 3.2 The data should be read with care. Some indicators are local and current, while others are published measures referring to earlier reporting years. Direction-of-travel percentages in the scorecard show movement from the previous Shropshire value, but do not by themselves establish whether performance is improving because the preferred direction differs by indicator. This draft therefore states the reporting period for each key measure and avoids combining unlike datasets.

4. Summary of Main Proposals

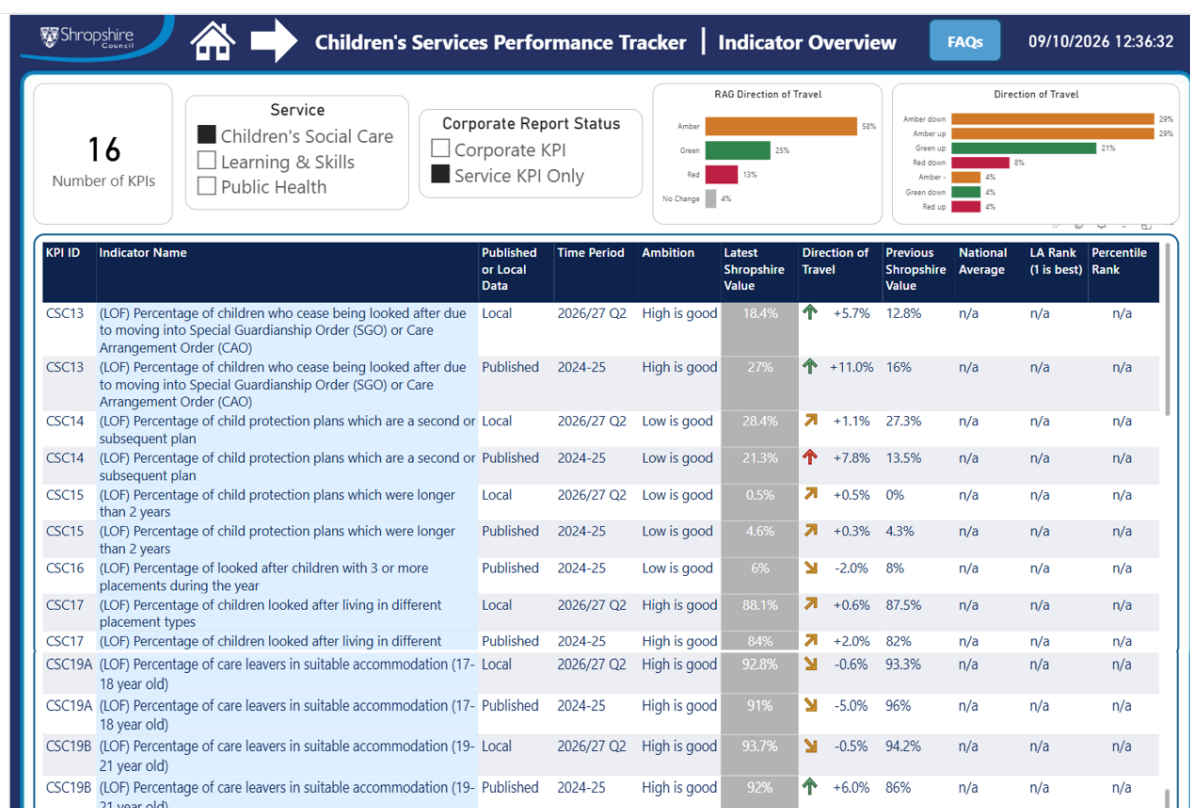
4.1 Overall performance picture

The performance picture is mixed. There are areas of improvement, including permanence-related outcomes and educational outcomes for some cohorts, but the rate of children looked after remains significantly above the national comparator.

- 4.2. EHCP timeliness has improved substantially during 2026 when compared with 2025, although statutory compliance remains below the service ambition.

- 4.3 At the last People Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting a paper was presented that discussed the National Outcomes Framework and a decision was made that this would be developed into a Dashboard for committee. Good progress has been made in developing this dashboard and below is a screen shot of the

agreed Performance indicators, with the local performance data, and with the published national dataset where available. Work will continue to complete the development and it is planned that by the next Committee meeting the full data set will be complete including comparisons. The current full range of indicators are outlined in Appendix 1.



5 Children in care

5.1 Further exploring the outcomes for children that we care for, the below performance relates to

Measure	Latest position	Previous / comparator	Assessment
Rate of children looked after per 10,000 (local, 2026/27)	117.0	111.0 previously; national 73.0 (2024/25)	High and increasing. Rank 140 of 152 and 8th percentile, where a smaller rate is preferred.

Measure	Latest position	Previous / comparator	Assessment
Children ceasing care through Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order (local, 2026/27)	14.5%	12.8% previously	Positive movement, the local figure is below the 2024/25 published figure of 27%; cohorts and periods are not directly comparable.
Care leavers aged 17–18 in EET (local, 2026/27)	69.2%	67.9% previously	Improving.
Care leavers aged 19–21 in EET (local, 2026/27)	54.2%	54.3% previously	Broadly stable with a marginal decline.
Persistent absence among looked-after children (published, 2024/25)	17.3%	17.9% previously	Small improvement; continued focus is required because absence affects attainment and stability.

- 5.2 The central concern is not only the headline rate but what is driving it. A high rate can reflect a combination of demand, thresholds, placement stability, the pace of permanence planning and the effectiveness of support that prevents escalation or enables safe reunification. Throughout 2025 into 2026 we generally saw a trajectory of more children leaving our care than coming into our care. Since June 2026 we have seen the number leaving drop and whilst the number of children coming into our care remain the same. There are a number of contributory factors to this, which have resulted in a shift in the number per 10,000 rate – as the national comparator.
- 5.3 Factors: We received a number of Unaccompanied Children from the National Transfer scheme at the start of the summer. This is a mandatory requirement.
- 5.4 We have a number of social worker vacancies at the moment, many are covered by agency social workers. This is resulting in increased caseloads for experienced workers and subsequently contributing to some delays in progressing some children's plans to exit. Stepping Stones continues to support children to step down from care and avoid children becoming looked after. To date this financial year Stepping Stones have supported 26 children to step down or out of care, and 39 children prevented from becoming looked after.
- 5.5 Priority management actions include:

- Actions taken to try to expedite the recruitment of social workers to the vacancies, both permanent or agency, have been agreed by workforce board and are being implemented.
- Review of all high cost placements has commenced and is near completion. To ensure all children are in the right provision and have a clear move on plan, with timescales.
- Commissioning project with 8 defined workstreams is in progress to develop the commissioning of placements position, placement sufficiency through market engagement and searching for suitable homes. Key factor in us being able to support children to be in the right home at the right time. There is a shortage of foster care homes and this is impacting children being able to step down from residential care or avoid moving into residential care.
- Newly implemented (June) Belonging and Stable Homes forum is having oversight of all children looked after plans, to prioritise those that are identified for exit from care.
- The Virtual School have focused oversight of the attendance of children we care for at school. They track attendance, and work with schools, families and social workers to address attendance and support improving attendance.

6 EHCP timeliness and recovery

6.1

Measure	January 2026	September 2026	Direction
EHC plans issued within 20 weeks	12.1%	34.3%	Improved, but below national average of 46.1%
Cumulative 20-week performance	12.1%	27.6%	Improving through 2026.
Open cases over 30 weeks	171	54	Reduced by 117 cases (68.4%).
Open cases over 52 weeks	82	59	Reduced by 23 cases (28.0%), although the position fluctuated during the year.
Requests for EHC needs assessment	71	64	Demand remains high.
Plans issued, excluding exceptions	33	70	Higher throughput than in January.

- 6.2 The September monthly 20-week performance of 34.3% is materially better than the 2025 year-end cumulative position of 13.1%. The cumulative 2026 position is 27.6%. This demonstrates recovery, but the Council remains short of the national average of 46.1% of final plans issued within 20 weeks. Older plans also remain a significant concern because delay can affect access to provision, family confidence and the Council's legal and financial exposure. We continue to see this reduce and this is likely to result in a more positive trajectory over the next 6 months as children waiting the longest time have plans finalised.
- 6.3 We have;
- Strengthened capacity and controls, including additional recovery resource,
 - Initiated weekly performance reporting,
 - Strengthened key-stage oversight,
 - Provided additional induction and training for new staff,
 - Improved business support,
 - Standardised templates on the Synergy system,
 - Increased the quality assurance and
 - Escalation of late partner advice.
- 6.4 We have continued to face challenges including
- Workforce instability; with increasing requests for EHCP's resulting in growing competition for high quality staff we have seen staff recruited leave for more favourable employment offers.
 - Increased requests; as government have announced SEND reforms we have seen an increase in requests for support which has impacted on the progress made.
 - Time absorbed by complaints and Ombudsman investigations; We have seen an increase in complaints, tribunals, ombudsman investigations. This takes considerable officer time which can impact on our ability to oversee timeliness and quality of Education, Health and Care Plans.
- 6.5 For scrutiny purposes, it is important to note that the performance and quality of education health and care plans is reliant on the partnership across education, health and care. Currently the partnership timeliness of advice is being challenged to improve.
- 6.6 Our increase in quality assurance to date has resulted in two areas of focus being reviewed,
- a. Children in Alternative Provision and
 - b. Children who did not have access to timely transfers between school settings and
- 6.7 After being involved in the SEND Thematic Review we adopted the same methodology that was used where we include the child, the parent, the setting and the multi-agency input. This approach has improved the understanding of the experiences of children and young people, and validated findings from the thematic review.

- 6.8 Some key highlights from these quality assurance audits include,
- Across a small sample of audits (25 children) we have seen 20% where we think that the need for an Education Health and Care Plan could have been avoided through earlier help.
 - There has been some excellent practice with children and parents highlighting the input from education.
 - The need for multi-agency working is critical but often could be improved.
 - Delays with input is having an impact on children and their outcomes.
- 6.9 We have a forward plan for audits for the year ahead and will continue to keep scrutiny informed of the themes and the impact of learning.

7. Wider indicators relevant to the two priority areas

- 7.1 Educational performance provides important context. Published 2024/25 data shows persistent absence of 17.3% for looked-after children, compared with 17.9% previously. Local 2025 Key Stage 2 data records 33.3% of looked-after children reaching the expected standard, compared with 12.5% previously, while published 2025 Key Stage 4 average attainment for looked-after children reduced from 23.7 to 23.2. For pupils with EHCPs, 9% reached the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at Key Stage 2 in 2024/25, up from 7%, while Key Stage 4 Attainment 8 reduced from 17.8 to 16.1. These measures cover different cohorts and periods, so they should be used to prompt targeted questions rather than to imply a single overall trend

8. Key risks and Opportunities

Risk	Mitigation	Link to Strategic Risk
The rate of children in care remains high, increasing pressure on placements, workforce capacity and budgets, and potentially limiting placement choice.	Cohort analysis of entrants and exits; management review of drift; strengthened edge-of-care and family network responses; continued permanence tracking; sufficiency oversight. Weekly meetings to continue to review all children in care and their plans.	Children and vulnerable adults; financial sustainability; workforce; reputation.
Delay in issuing EHCPs may delay access to provision, worsen family experience and increase complaint, tribunal and financial exposure.	Weekly case-level performance oversight; recovery capacity; clear escalation of late advice; business support; standardised templates; quality assurance and monthly trajectory reporting.	Legal/statutory compliance; children and vulnerable adults; finance; reputation.

Risk	Mitigation	Link to Strategic Risk
Short-term recovery activity may improve throughput without embedding sustainable performance or quality.	Separate reporting on substantive and recovery teams; quality sampling; workforce plan; productivity measures; clear exit and handover plan.	Workforce; financial sustainability; organisational resilience.
Inexperienced staff and single points of dependency may affect timeliness, consistency and quality.	Structured induction, supervision, targeted training, case discussion, succession planning and early escalation of issues.	Workforce; service continuity; compliance.
Pressure to reduce numbers or backlogs may unintentionally weaken decision quality.	Maintain thresholds, independent oversight, legal safeguards, audit and quality assurance; measure outcomes and lived experience alongside volume.	Safeguarding; governance; reputation.
Opportunity to use integrated performance information to identify delay and intervene earlier.	Develop a single dashboard linking activity, timeliness, quality, outcomes, finance and equality measures.	Digital/data; prevention; financial sustainability.
Opportunity to strengthen children's rights and participation in service improvement.	Use care-experienced children's and SEND families' feedback in quality assurance and report resulting changes to Members.	Child Friendly Shropshire; equality; community confidence.

9. Council Priorities

9.1 The report supports the Corporate Plan 2026–2030 by focusing on statutory delivery, financial sustainability, prevention, partnership working and improved outcomes for children and young people. The proposed assurance framework strengthens the “golden thread” between service activity, management action and outcomes. It also supports the ambition for a Child Friendly Shropshire by keeping the best interests and voices of children central to performance scrutiny.

10. Financial Implications

10.1 The areas covered by this report have significant financial implications. A high rate of children in care, particularly where external or residential placements are required, can increase placement expenditure. EHCP delay can contribute to escalation, complaints, tribunal activity and inefficient use of temporary recovery resources.

Future reports should show the relationship between performance recovery, demand, placement or provision costs and the sustainability of the workforce model as we move further into implementation of the national Children's reforms (Best Start in Life, Families First Partnership and SEND Reforms).

11. Legal and HR implications

- 11.1 The Council must discharge its statutory duties in relation to looked-after children and special educational needs and disabilities. Delay, drift or poor-quality decision-making can expose the Council to challenge and may adversely affect children's rights and outcomes. Workforce stability, capability, supervision and manageable workloads are important controls. Any management response must maintain lawful thresholds, procedural fairness and the quality of individual decisions.

12. Electoral Division Implications

- 12.1 The report relates to children and young people across all electoral divisions. Rurality, travel distances, access to local education provision and the availability of suitable placements or support may affect communities differently. Future analysis should therefore consider geographic variation and access, while protecting confidentiality.

13. Health, Social (including "Child Friendly Shropshire") and Economic Implications

- 13.1 Timely, stable and high-quality support can improve children's safety, wellbeing, education, relationships and longer-term life chances. Conversely, delay in care planning or EHCP processes may intensify need and increase pressure on families, schools, health services and social care. The report supports the Child Friendly Shropshire principles of non-discrimination, best interests, development and respect for children's views. Performance assurance should include direct evidence from children, young people, parents and carers, including care leavers and children with SEND, and should state how their feedback has changed practice.

14. Equality and Diversity Implications

- 14.1 Children in care and children with SEND can experience poorer outcomes and may also be affected by other protected characteristics and socio-economic disadvantage. Aggregate data may conceal different experiences by age, disability, ethnicity, gender, rurality and deprivation. Future reporting should include proportionate equality analysis, monitor access and outcomes for different groups, and identify any remedial action. No specific Armed Forces Covenant impact has been identified in this performance report, but children from Armed Forces families should remain visible within needs-led service planning where relevant.

15. Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

15.1 There are no direct climate or biodiversity decisions arising from this monitoring report. Indirect impacts may arise from travel to distant placements, schools or services. Strengthening local sufficiency and timely local support may reduce avoidable travel, subject always to the individual child's best interests and needs.

16. Background Papers

16.1 Not required for this report.

17. Appendices

Appendix A – Children's performance tracker (scorecard).



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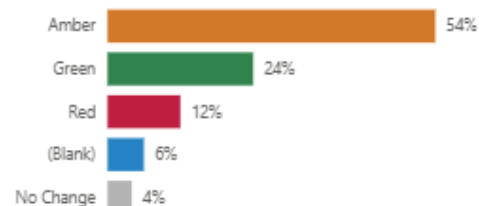
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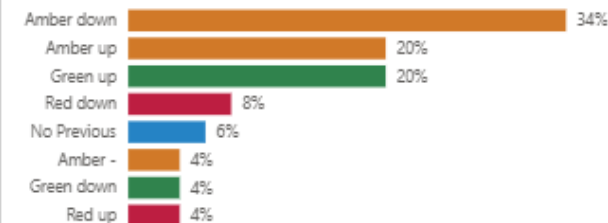
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KPI ID	Indicator Name	Published or Local Data	Time Period	Ambition	Latest Shropshire Value	Direction of Travel	Previous Shropshire Value	National Average	LA Rank (1 is best)	Percentile Rank
CSC13	(LOF) Percentage of children who cease being looked after due to moving into Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or Care Arrangement Order (CAO)	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	18.4%	↑ +5.7%	12.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC13	(LOF) Percentage of children who cease being looked after due to moving into Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or Care Arrangement Order (CAO)	Published	2024-25	High is good	27%	↑ +11.0%	16%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC14	(LOF) Percentage of child protection plans which are a second or subsequent plan	Local	2026/27 Q2	Low is good	28.4%	↗ +1.1%	27.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC14	(LOF) Percentage of child protection plans which are a second or subsequent plan	Published	2024-25	Low is good	21.3%	↑ +7.8%	13.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC15	(LOF) Percentage of child protection plans which were longer than 2 years	Local	2026/27 Q2	Low is good	0.5%	↗ +0.5%	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC15	(LOF) Percentage of child protection plans which were longer than 2 years	Published	2024-25	Low is good	4.6%	↗ +0.3%	4.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC16	(LOF) Percentage of looked after children with 3 or more placements during the year	Published	2024-25	Low is good	6%	↘ -2.0%	8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC17	(LOF) Percentage of children looked after living in different placement types	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	88.1%	↗ +0.6%	87.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC17	(LOF) Percentage of children looked after living in different	Published	2024-25	High is good	84%	↗ +2.0%	82%	n/a	n/a	n/a



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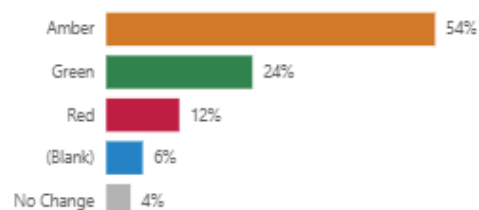
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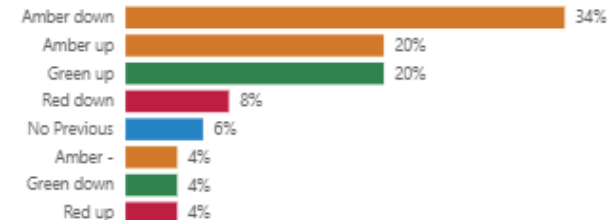
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CSC19A	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation (17-18 year old)	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	92.8%	🔻 -0.6%	93.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC19A	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation (17-18 year old)	Published	2024-25	High is good	91%	🔻 -5.0%	96%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC19B	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation (19-21 year old)	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	94%	🔻 -0.2%	94.2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC19B	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in suitable accommodation (19-21 year old)	Published	2024-25	High is good	92%	🔼 +6.0%	86%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC20	(LOF) Average strengths and difficulties questionnaire (SDQ) score for children looked after	Local	2026/27 Annual	High is good	16.0	➡ 0.0%	16.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC20	(LOF) Average strengths and difficulties questionnaire (SDQ) score for children looked after	Published	2024-25	High is good	0.1	🔼 +3.5%	0.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC21	(LOF) Percentage of looked after children placed more than 20 miles from home	Local	2026/27 Q2	Low is good	51.7%	↗ +0.9%	50.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC21	(LOF) Percentage of looked after children placed more than 20 miles from home	Published	2024-25	Low is good	38%	↗ +2.0%	36%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC22	(LOF) Share of children's services spend not on children looked after	Published	2024-25	Maintain	27%	🔻 -2.0%	29%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC23	(LOF) Workforce vacancy rates	Published	2024-25	Low is good	14.9%	🔻 -0.6%	15.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a



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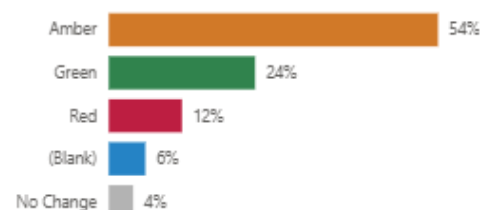
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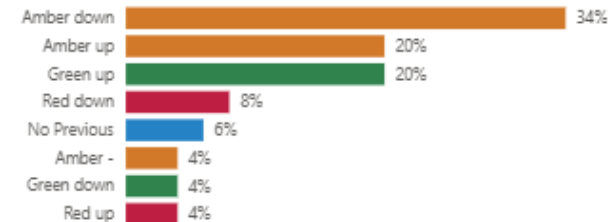
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CSC25	Contact decision within 1 working day of receipt	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	63.4%	↑ +13.0%	50.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC6	Social Work assessments completed within 45 working days	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	80.1%	↘ -0.0%	80.1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC27	Frequency and timeliness of supervision (in line with policy)	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	70.5%	↓ -5.3%	75.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC28	Strategy discussions held within statutory timescales	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	91.8%	↓ -5.6%	97.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC29	Statutory visits to children in care within required timescales	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	91.4%	↘ -1.6%	92.9%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS10	(LOF) Key Stage 2 attainment "disadvantage gap"	Published	2025/26	Low is good	28%	↗ +5.0%	23%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS11	(LOF) Key Stage 4 attainment 8 "disadvantage gap"	Published	2024/25	Low is good	13.9	↓ -4.1%	14.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS12	Percentage of pupils meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2	Published	2025/26	High is good	59%	↗ +1.0%	58%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS13	(LOF) Key Stage 4 attainment 8 for all state funded schools, local authority maintained schools and academies	Published	2024/25	High is good	42.5	↘ -2.3%	43.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS14A	(LOF) Percentage of all SEN pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2	Published	2025/26	High is good	20%	↘ -1.0%	21%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS14B	(LOF) Percentage of EHCP pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2	Published	2025/26	High is good	11%	↗ +2.0%	9%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS14C	(LOF) Percentage of SEN Support pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths at Key Stage 2	Published	2025/26	High is good	23%	↘ -1.0%	24%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS15A	(LOF) Key Stage 4 attainment 8 data for SEN pupils (all SEN provision)	Published	2024/25	High is good	26.8	↑ +4.7%	25.6	n/a	n/a	n/a



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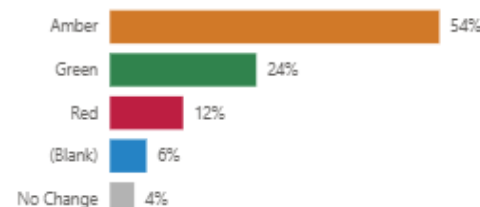
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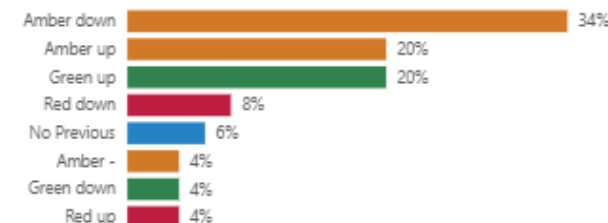
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LS15C	(LOF) Key Stage 4 attainment 8 data for SEN pupils (young people with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP))	Published	2024/25	High is good	16.1	↓ -9.6%	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS15C	(LOF) Key Stage 4 attainment 8 data for SEN pupils (SEN support without an EHCP)	Published	2024/25	High is good	31.6	↑ +10.5%	28.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS18A	(LOF) Percentage achieving expected standard in Key stage 2 among children using children's social care (CLA)	Local	2026	High is good	44.8%	↑ +11.5%	33.3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS18B	(LOF) Percentage achieving expected standard in Key stage 2 among children using children's social care (CIN)	Published	2025	High is good	23%	↑ +5.0%	18%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS19A	(LOF) Average attainment at key stage 4 among children using children's social care (CLA)	Published	2025	High is good	23.2	↘ -2.1%	23.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS19B	(LOF) Average attainment at key stage 4 among children using children's social care (CIN)	Published	2025	High is good	9.8	↓ -28.5%	13.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS21A	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with EHCP	Local	2025/26	Low is good	13.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS21A	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with EHCP	Published	2024/25	Low is good	13.2%	↘ -0.6%	13.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS21B	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with SEN Support	Local	2025/26	Low is good	9.9%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS21B	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with SEN Support	Published	2024/25	Low is good	8.7%	↘ -0.8%	9.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22A	(LOF) Percentage of persistent absentees among children using children's social care (CIN)	Published	2024/25	Low is good	37.2%	↘ -1.6%	38.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22B	(LOF) Percentage of persistent absentees among children using children's social care (CIN)	Published	2024/25	Low is good	59.3%	↑ +7.5%	51.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a



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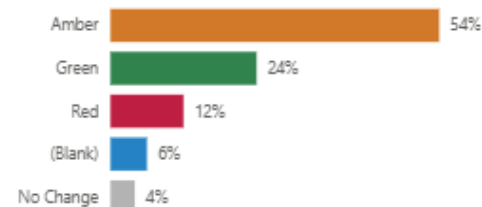
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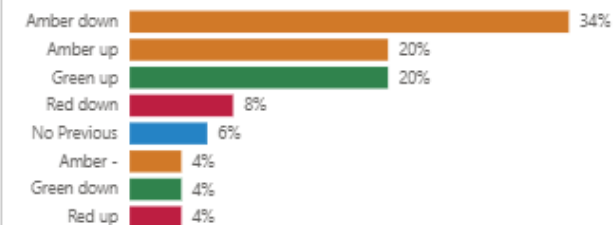
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LS19B	(LOF) Average attainment at key stage 4 among children using children's social care (CIN)	Published	2025	High is good	9.8	↓ -28.5%	13.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22A	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with EHCP	Local	2025/26	Low is good	13.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22A	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with EHCP	Published	2024/25	Low is good	13.2%	↘ -0.6%	13.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22B	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with SEN Support	Local	2025/26	Low is good	9.9%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS21B	(LOF) Absence rate for SEN pupils - Pupils with SEN Support	Published	2024/25	Low is good	8.7%	↘ -0.8%	9.5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22A	(LOF) Percentage of persistent absentees among children using children's social care (CIN)	Published	2024/25	Low is good	37.2%	↘ -1.6%	38.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22B	(LOF) Percentage of persistent absentees among children using children's social care (CPP)	Published	2024/25	Low is good	59.3%	↑ +7.5%	51.8%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS22C	(LOF) Percentage of persistent absentees among children using children's social care (CLA)	Published	2024/25	Low is good	17.3%	↘ -0.6%	17.9%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS24	Take-up rate of 2yo disadvantage childcare offer	Published	2026	High is good	93%	↑ +14.0%	79%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS25	Take-up rate of 3-4yo 15hrs childcare offer	Published	2026	High is good	95%	→ 0.0%	95%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS32A	(LOF) SEN Young people supported to move into education, employment or training	Published	2022/23	High is good	86%	↘ -2.0%	88%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS32B	(LOF) NON SEN Young people supported to move into education, employment or training	Published	2022/23	High is good	92%	↘ -1.0%	93%	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS44	Overall absence rate – all pupils	Local	2025/26	Low is good	7%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



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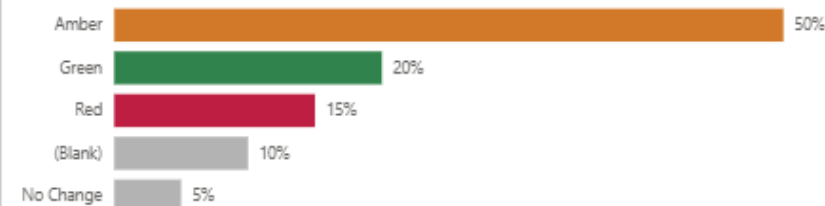
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CSC1	(LOF) Rate of children looked after per 10,000	Local	2026/27 Q2	Low is good	117.0	↑ +5.4%	111.0	73.0 (2024-25)	140 of 152	☆ 8%
CSC1	(LOF) Rate of children looked after per 10,000	Published	2024-25	Low is good	119.0	↓ -0.8%	120.0	73.0 (2024-25)	140 of 152	☆ 8%
CSC18A	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in education, employment or training (17-18 year old)	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	68.8%	↑ +1.1%	67.6%	65% (2024/25)	121 of 149	☆ 19%
CSC18A	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in education, employment or training (17-18 year old)	Published	2024-25	High is good	59%	↓ -14.0%	73%	65% (2024/25)	121 of 149	☆ 19%
CSC18B	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in education, employment or training (19-21 year old)	Local	2026/27 Q2	High is good	53.8%	↑ +0.8%	52.9%	55% (2024/25)	108 of 150	☆ 28%
CSC18B	(LOF) Percentage of care leavers in education, employment or training (19-21 year old)	Published	2024-25	High is good	50%	↓ -1.0%	51%	55% (2024/25)	108 of 150	☆ 28%
CSC24	Rate of Child protection plans per 10,000 children	Local	2026/27 Q2	Low is good	36.0	↓ -7.7%	39.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
CSC24	Rate of Child protection plans per 10,000 children	Published	2024-25	Low is good	29.0	↓ -9.4%	32.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
LS16	(LOF) Percentage of children with a good level of development up to 5 years old	Local	2025/26	High is good	72.4%	↑ +4.4%	68%	68% (2024-25)	83 of 153	★ 46%
LS16	(LOF) Percentage of children with a good level of development up to 5 years old	Published	2024/25	High is good	68%	↑ +0.0%	68%	68% (2024-25)	83 of 153	★ 46%
LS17	(LOF) Percentage point difference between the proportion of	Local	2025/26	Low is good	31.4%	↑ +3.3%	28.1%	21.3%	129 of	★ 15%



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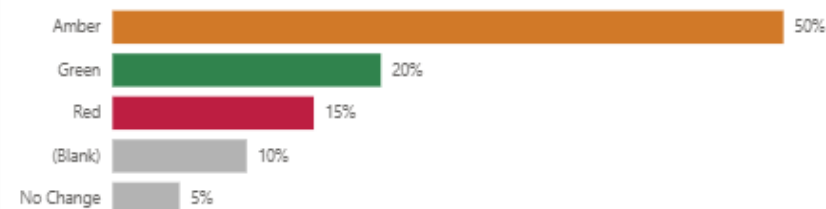
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Page 17	children eligible or not eligible for Free School Meals achieving a Good Level of Development							(2024-25)	152	
	(LOF) Percentage point difference between the proportion of children eligible or not eligible for Free School Meals achieving a Good Level of Development	Published	2024/25	Low is good	28.1%	➔ +3.4%	24.7%	21.3% (2024-25)	129 of 152	★ 15%
	LS20A (LOF) Absence rate - Persistent absence	Local	2025/26	Low is good	19.3%	n/a		18.2% (2024/25)	50 of 153	★ 68%
	LS20A (LOF) Absence rate - Persistent absence	Published	2024/25	Low is good	17.5%	➔ -2.4%	19.9%	18.2% (2024/25)	50 of 153	★ 68%
	LS20B (LOF) Absence rate - Severe absence	Local	2025/26	Low is good		n/a		2.4% (2024/25)	53 of 153	★ 66%
	LS20B (LOF) Absence rate - Severe absence	Published	2024/25	Low is good	2.1%	➔ -0.1%	2.1%	2.4% (2024/25)	53 of 153	★ 66%
	LS23 (LOF) Percentage of SEND children supported in mainstream schools		2024/25	Maintain	18.1%	➔ +1.2%	16.9%	23.8% (2024/25)	n/a	n/a
	LS29 (LOF) Percentage of young people (16 – 17) not in education, employment or training	Published	2025/26	Low is good	3%	➔ 0.0%	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	LS33 % of EHCPs issued within 20 weeks (Statutory outcome)	Local	2026/27 Q3	High is good	27%	➔ +1.0%	26%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	LS33 % of EHCPs issued within 20 weeks (Statutory outcome)	Published	2024/25	High is good	12%	➔ -25.0%	37%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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