

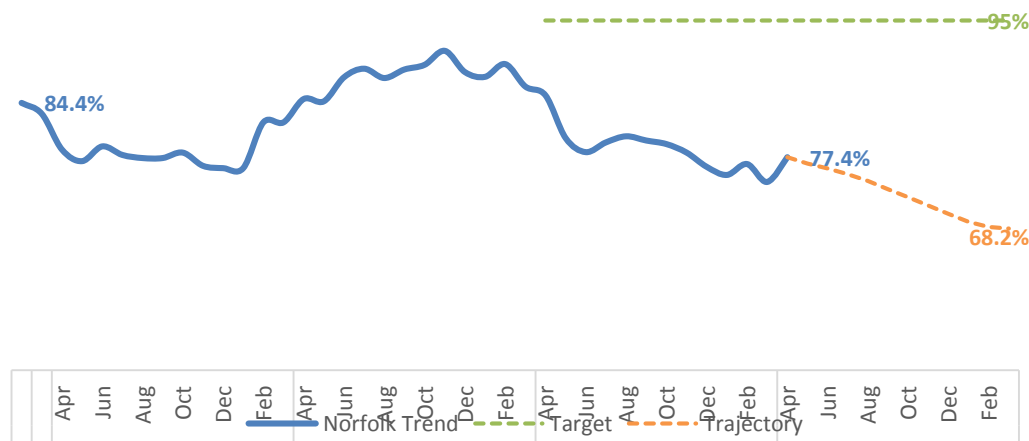
Children who have been looked-after for 12 or more months with up to date Health Assessment (HA)

Why is this important?

Looked-After Children are among the most vulnerable in our society, a great many of whom have experienced neglect or abuse. Regular Health Assessments ensure that any emerging health issues are identified and appropriately managed.

Performance

Percentage of LAC for 12+ months with up-to-date Health Assessment:



What is the background to current performance?

- Capacity issues for health partners, combined with increases in LAC starters requiring initial health assessments has seen performance in this area decline between April & December 2017; however, activity since the start of 2018 has seen performance improve slightly in the last 2 months. It is still too early to say whether this improvement can be sustained over a longer period.

Action required

- QA LAC Health Hub to work with health partners to highlight those children & young people due / overdue a health assessment.
- Continue to focus on HAs as a specific KPI
- Weekly reporting on initial health assessments to ensure scrutiny of data at all levels within the department. Overall scrutiny of initial health assessments is more evident and proactive and is proving to be effective.
- Assistant Director for Performance, Planning and Quality Assurance has agreed this as a priority area for the Children's Integrated Commissioning Group to focus on.

What will success look like?

- Almost all children who have been looked-after for 12 months or more will have had their health assessment in timescale, in line with the top performing 25% of local authorities in England.
- The target is for 97.5% of children who have been looked-after for 12 or more months to have had a timely Health Assessment by the end of March 2017.

Responsible Officers

Lead: Phil Watson Data: Andy Goff