

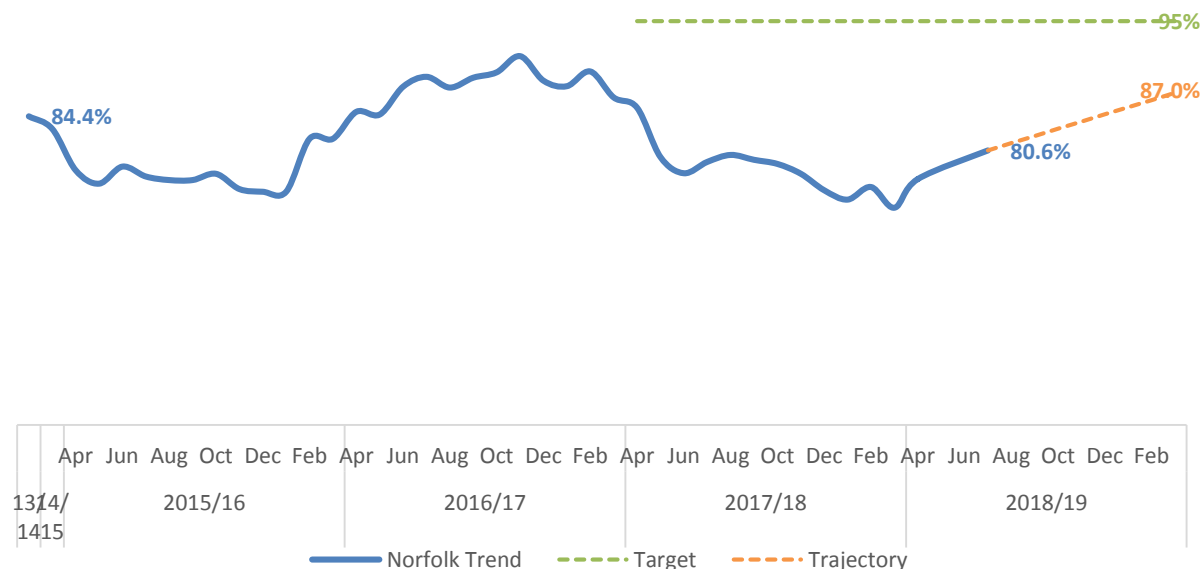
Children who have been looked-after for 12 or more months with up to date Health Assessment (HA)

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 had seen performance in this area decline between April & December 2017; however, activity since the start of 2018 has seen sustained performance improvement over the last 6 months.
- NCH+C have recruited an additional LAC nurse to undertake this activity.
- In the last year LAC start information has been shared with health colleagues to enable pre-planning of required health assessment appointments.
- Current gate keeping arrangements have supported the improvement as children who have a delayed HA are identified early and their worker, team manager and head of social work notified. All reasons for delay are catalogued.

Action required

- QA LAC Health Hub to continue their work with health partners to highlight those children & young people due / overdue a health assessment.
- CSC and health partners to work together in coproducing material for workers to enable them to fully understand the statutory timeframe and the importance to all LAC.
- The above activity to be extended to include all foster and residential placement staff.

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 95% of children who have been looked-after for 12 or more months to have had a timely Health Assessment by the end of December 2018.

Responsible Officers

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