

North Northamptonshire Council Performance Report - January 2024

Key to Performance Status Colours

Progress Status Key:
Green - On target or over-performing against target
Amber - Under-performing against target but within 5% corporate tolerance (or other agreed tolerance as specified)
Red - Under-performing against target by more than 5% (or other agreed tolerance as specified)
Dark Grey - Data missing
Grey - Target under review
Turquoise - Tracking Indicator only
Children's Trust Progress Status Key:
Green - At target or better
Amber - Below target - within tolerance
Red - Below target - outside tolerance
Grey - No RAG

Direction of Travel Key	
An acceptable range = within 5% of the last period's performance	
↑G	Performance has improved from the last period – Higher is better
↓G	Performance has improved from the last period – Lower is better
↑	Performance has deteriorated but is still on or above target or within an acceptable range of 5% of the last period – Lower is better
→	Performance has stayed the same since the last period
↓	Performance has deteriorated but is still on or above target or within an acceptable range of 5% of the last period – Higher is better
↑R	Performance has deteriorated from the last period – Lower is better
↓R	Performance has deteriorated from the last period – Higher is better
↑	Actual increased - neither higher or lower is better
⇒	Actual has stayed the same since the last period - neither higher or lower is better
↓	Actual decreased - neither higher or lower is better

Children's Trust Direction of Travel Key	
↑G	Performance improved since last month
→	Performance the same as last month
↓A	Performance declined since last month

Performance Terminology key

TBC	To be confirmed
TBD	To be determined
n/a	Not applicable
Actual	The actual data (number/percentage) achieved during the reporting period
Benchmark	A comparator used to compare the Council's performance against. The 2020/21 average for Unitary Councils in England has been used where available unless otherwise stated.
Numerator	Number as part of the percentage calculation which shows how many of the parts indicated by the denominator are taken. See example below.
Denominator	The total number which the numerator is divided by in a percentage. See example below.
EXAMPLE Performance Indicator	% Calls answered
Numerator	Number of calls answered
Denominator	Total number of calls received

Place & Economy																
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Growth & Regeneration																
Safe and thriving places	STP15	Percentage of major planning applications determined within 13 weeks (or within agreed extension of time)		Yes (we have set the target higher than statutory level)	94% (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform Q4 2022/23)	79.69% 51 out of 64	92.31% 12 out of 13	82.35% 14 out of 17	74.07% 20 out of 27	71.43% 5 out of 7	71.43% 5 out of 7	➔	Higher is better	90%	85% - 90%	December comment: Performance this month has improved on the previous month. The percentage performance is influenced by the work being undertaken to clear applications from the backlog of those in hand. Although this work inevitably impacts upon the performance figure, it is essential work to complete in order to enable the service to operate more efficiently in the longer-term. The relatively small number of major decisions overall also means that percentage performance remains volatile.
Safe and thriving places	STP16	Percentage of minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks (or within agreed extension of time)		Yes (we have set the target higher than statutory level)	87% (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform Q4 2022/23)	78.42% 258 out of 329	73.91% 68 out of 92	84.54% 82 out of 97	76.85% 83 out of 108	73.53% 25 out of 34	78.13% 25 out of 32	⬆️G	Higher is better	85%	80% - 85%	December comment: Performance this month has dropped slightly, although a significant number of applications have been determined again this month. The percentage performance is influenced by the work being undertaken to clear applications from the backlog of those in hand which is essential to enable the service to operate more efficiently in the longer-term. Planning officer capacity remains challenging, but a recruitment campaign is in progress to increase the number of permanent planning staff which it is hoped will assist in improvements with longer-term performance.
Safe and thriving places	STP17	Percentage of other (including householder applications) planning applications determined within 8 weeks (or within agreed extension of time)		Yes (we have set the target higher than statutory level)	88% (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform Q4 2022/23)	82.78% 774 out of 935	83.81% 233 out of 278	85.83% 218 out of 254	79.47% 240 out of 302	94.00% 94 out of 100	82.18% 83 out of 101	⬇️R	Higher is better	88%	83% - 88%	December comment: Performance has improved significantly this month. Planning officer capacity remains challenging, but a recruitment campaign is in progress to increase the number of permanent planning staff which it is hoped will assist in improving longer-term performance.

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Safe and thriving places	STP29	Number of Defects Outstanding on the network (at end of period), split by category		No - Contractual	n/a	3181	4069	1982	2369	2369	3181	↑R	Lower is better	No target - tracking indicator only	N/A	The total number of defects continues to increase each month during the winter period as a result of the freeze/thaw cycle causing damage to weak road surfaces. Despite the increase in required repairs the contractor continues to respond and remains within the KPI targets as indicated in STP31.
		P1 (Target response time within 24 hours)	0	0	0	0	0	0	→							
		P2 (Target response time within 7 days)	14	0	2	17	17	14	↓G							
		P3 (Target response time within 28 days)	874	608	91	701	701	874	↑R							
		P4 (Target response time within 26 weeks)	2293	3461	1889	1651	1651	2293	↑R							
Safe and thriving places	STP30	Number of Defects Repaired in the network in period, split by category		No - Contractual	n/a	12744	4953	3957	2851	620	983	↑G	Higher is better	No target - tracking indicator only	N/A	The contractor continues to focus on P1 and P2 category repairs, as they pose the highest risk to road users. Timely responses to P3 repairs is also important to prevent them worsening and becoming P1 or P2 defects. Winter is a challenging time for highways maintenance as the weather and light reduces the working hours available, and extreme weather events require the maintenance crews to attend to other work, such as gritting, flood response and drainage. The contractor got ahead over the summer on P4 repairs ready to respond to greater numbers of P1, P2 and P3 in the winter period.
		P1 (Target response time within 24 hours)	10	6	0	3	3	1	↓R							
		P2 (Target response time within 7 days)	867	217	202	284	174	164	↓R							
		P3 (Target response time within 28 days)	5925	2863	1410	941	261	711	↑G							
		P4 (Target response time within 26 weeks)	5942	1867	2345	1623	182	107	↓R							
Safe and thriving places	STP31	Percentage of defects responded to within the timeframes specified, split by category		No - Contractual	n/a	93.58% (11542 out of 12334)	86.81% (3737 out of 4305)	97.28% (3178 out of 3267)	97.55% (3425 out of 3511)	97.75% (1171 out of 1198)	96.08% (1202 out of 1251)	↓	Higher is better	P1 and P2 97.5% P3 and P4 90%	No Tolerance	All targets have been met this month. The overall number of required repairs continues to increase which is to be expected over the winter.
		P1 (Target response time within 24 hours)	100% (15 out of 15)	100% (6 out of 6)	100% (0 out of 0)	100% (8 out of 8)	100% (8 out of 8)	100% (1 out of 1)	→							
		P2 (Target response time within 7 days)	99.78% (865 out of 867)	99.09% (217 out of 219)	100% (209 out of 209)	100% (281 out of 281)	100% (179 out of 179)	100% (158 out of 158)	→							
		P3 (Target response time within 28 days)	91.28% (5099 out of 5586)	86.72% (2293 out of 2644)	95.53% (1132 out of 1185)	96.7% (1055 out of 1091)	96.57% (450 out of 466)	92.94% (619 out of 666)	↓							
		P4 (Target response time within 26 weeks)	94.83% (5563 out of 5866)	85.03% (1221 out of 1436)	98.08% (1837 out of 1873)	97.65% (2081 out of 2131)	97.98% (534 out of 545)	99.53% (424 out of 426)	↑G							

Customer & Governance																	
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Information Governance																	
Modern Public Services	MPS12	% of Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests completed in 20 working days	<p>80.08% (Average of 40 Unitary Councils 2021/22 - benchmarking exercise conducted by Brighton and Hove Council)</p>	Statutory duty		79.76%	86.73%	85.00%	70.90%	54.55%	73.17%	66.01%	↓R	Higher is better	90%	85% - 90%	The year-to-date figures, though below target and tolerance levels are slightly below benchmarking levels. The new Case Management System will enhance processing efficiency moving forwards and fluctuation is expected with any new system, the Information Governance team recent restructure and recruitment process when implemented will improve processing methods.
						666 out of 835	242 out of 279	255 out of 300	61 out of 86	48 out of 88	60 out of 82	169 out of 256					
Modern Public Services	MPS13	% Environmental Information Regulation (EIR) Requests completed in 20 working days	<p>100%</p>	Statutory duty	TBD	98.53%	98.35%	97.63%	99.10%	100.00%	100.00%	99.69%	↑G	Higher is better	90%	Tolerance 85% - 90%	Volumes of requests remain high and only took a small decline in December during the Christmas period. Response rates remain well above target.
						1008 out of 1023	359 out of 365	329 out of 337	105 out of 106	116 out of 116	99 out of 99	320 out of 321					
Modern Public Services	MPS14	% Individual Rights requests completed within statutory timescale (Data Protection (DP) Right to Access requests)		Statutory duty	TBD	83.20%	89.55%	74.29%	76.92%	77.80%	85.71%	79.31%	↑G	Higher is better	90%	85% - 90%	The overall quarterly figure is below target and tolerance levels however, measures have been put in place to avoid a single point of failure across the team. This has resulted in an improvement in performance throughout quarter 3. It is anticipated that the figures will stabilise as a result of efficiencies created by the Information Governance team case management system.
						109 out of 131	60 out of 67	26 out of 35	10 out of 13	7 out of 9	6 out of 7	23 out of 29					
Modern Public Services	MPS21	% Transparency publications completed on time.		Statutory duty	n/a	81.25%	87.50%	87.50%	N/A Reported quarterly	N/A Reported quarterly	N/A Reported quarterly	81.25%	↓R	Higher is better	100%	No variation	The over £500 expenditure for the quarter ended 31.12.23 has not yet been published but is in progress and will be available on our website by the end of February. There have been technical issues with obtaining and accessing the data provided by Cambridgeshire. Procurement Card spend for the quarter ended 31.12.23 should be published by the end of January 2023, however the card statements are not available to our Finance colleagues until this time to enable publication. This information will be on our website by then end of February. The Social Housing Asset values figures available are for the year ending April 30, 2022. The figures for April 2023, are not yet accessible to our Finance colleagues.
						13 out of 16	14 out of 16	14 out of 16				13 out of 16					

Communities & Public Health

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Public Health														
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL22	Smoking quit rate at 4 weeks		2,225 per 100,000 (Mean average CIPFA near neighbours 2019/20)	53.2% (England - Q2 2023/24 - NHS Digital)	61.0% (Apr-Dec 2023) 647 out of 1061	64.8% (Apr-Jun 2023) 221 out of 341	56.6% (Jul-Sep 2023) 249 out of 440	55.2% (Oct-Dec 2023) 155 out of 281	↓	Higher is better	60%	5%	This indicator represents North Northamptonshire. October - December 2023 data. North Northamptonshire's smoking quit rate continues to decline from Quarter 2 as fewer individuals set and achieve set quit dates. This indicator is particularly impacted by seasonal interest as individuals are likely to delay setting smoking cessation goals until the New Year. North Northamptonshire continues to outperform England smoking cessation performance and remains within tolerance for national targets.
Better, Brighter Futures	BBF02	% of infants due a new birth visit that received a new birth visit within 14 days of birth		75.7% (Mean average CIPFA near neighbours 2020/21)	88.2% (England 2020/21 - LG Inform)	93.8% (Apr-Dec 2023) 2392 out of 2551	91.6% (Apr-Jun 2023) 754 out of 823	94.8% (Jul-Sep 2023) 801 out of 845	94.8% (Oct-Dec 2023) 837 out of 883	→	Higher is better	90%	5%	This indicator represents North Northamptonshire. October - December 2023 data. The Health Visiting Service has achieved a rate of 94.8% of the NBV mandated target, a sustained with an overall increase in the number of children seen. Within the last quarter, the service has seen 99.1% of the remaining children by 28 days. North Northamptonshire continues to outperform both England and regional health visiting performance and national targets.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL20	% of in-year eligible population offered an NHS Health Check		4.9% (Mean average CIPFA near neighbours Q4 2022/23)	27.3% (England - Q1 2023/24 - PHOF)	75.9% (Apr-Dec 2023) 17821 out of 23476	27.3% (Apr-Jun 2023) 6400 out of 23465	23.3% (Jul-Sep 2023) 5469 out of 23465	25.3% (Oct-Dec 2023) 5952 out of 23476	↑G	Higher is better	25% (100% annual target)	5%	Further detail on ALF20 and ALF21:- The main issues providers have encountered in Q3 continue to be capacity and vaccination pressures. Recruitment in particular has been a huge issue, with healthcare assistant and nursing teams continually being understaffed across North Northamptonshire, and NHS Health Checks being de-prioritised as a result. Some practices have cited issues around the recruitment processes, with applicants not showing up or being suitable, causing significant delays to filling posts. GP practices have also needed to direct capacity to vaccination services, a pressure that will continue and grow as we continue through winter and flu vaccination picks up. North Northants now sits just below the England average for both population offered and those who receive an NHS Health Check. Considering the NHS Health Check programme in North Northants has been delivered entirely by primary care (and further still considering the pressures primary care is under), there is a good platform to build on as we continuously work on service improvement, but also look at expanding the programme through community-based options. Primary care has been under a lot of pressure since Covid-19 and this time of year also brings winter pressures as we move through the colder months. For this reason, NHS Health Checks cannot always be a priority.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL21	% of in-year eligible population who received an NHS Health Check		2.2% (Mean average CIPFA near neighbours Q4 2022/23)	10% (England - Q1 2023/24 - PHOF)	29.8% (Apr-Dec 2023) 6994 out of 23476	9.7% (Apr-Jun 2023) 2272 out of 23465	10.6% (Jul-Sep 2023) 2498 out of 23465	9.47% (Oct-Dec 2023) 2224 out of 23476	↓	Higher is better	15% (60% annual target)	5%	
Better, Brighter Futures	BBF01	Breastfeeding rate at 6-8 weeks		49% (Mean average CIPFA near neighbours 2021/22)	49.3% (England - 2021/22 - PHOF)	50.7% (Apr-Dec 2023) 1195 out of 2355	48.3% (Apr-Jun 2023) 379 out of 784	53.7% (Jul-Sep 2023) 413 out of 769	50.2% (Oct-Dec 2023) 403 out of 802	↓	Higher is better	55%	52.25% - 55%	This indicator represents North Northamptonshire. October - December 2023 data. Work through the Northamptonshire Infant Feeding Alliance is focused on improving access to support for mothers and an increased focus on awareness raising and communication for the workforce. Family hubs are developing a range of test and learn services that aim to support breast feeding. The breastfeeding peer support service continues to support this work across the county and the Emergency Infant Feeding Pathway is underway. North Northamptonshire is outperforming both national and regional health visiting performance despite failing to meet the targets set.
Better, Brighter Futures	BBF03	% of children who received a 6-8 week view by the time they were 8 weeks			81.2% (England - Q2 2021/22)	93.3% (Apr-Dec 2023) 2358 out of 2528	94.2% (Apr-Jun 2023) 786 out of 834	92.1% (Jul-Sep 2023) 770 out of 836	93.5% (Oct-Dec 2023) 802 out of 858	↑G	Higher is better	90%	5%	This indicator represents North Northamptonshire. October-December 2023 data. The Health Visiting Service has achieved a rate of 93.5% of the 6-8 week mandated target, an improvement in performance from Quarter 2 with an overall increase in the number of children seen. North Northamptonshire continues to outperform England health visiting performance and national targets.
Better, Brighter Futures	BBF04	% mothers known to be smokers at the time of delivery		10.8% (Mean average CIPFA near neighbours 2021/22)	9.1% (England 2021/22 - PHOF)	9.8% (Q1-3 2023) 552 out of 5638	9.7% (Q1 2023) 175 out of 1803	10.2% (Q2 2023) 201 out of 1968	9.4% (Q3 2023) 176 out of 1867	↓G	Lower is better	11%	11% - 12%	This indicator represents North Northamptonshire. Tobacco dependency maternity advisors have been identified through the recruitment process. The Smoking Cessation Service are also looking to work with the LMNS and Midwifery to review the local model of LTP tobacco dependency service in maternity based on the evidence-based practice in Manchester which has achieved significant reductions in their SATOD rates. North Northamptonshire continues to exceed national targets and outperforms regional SATOD performance.
Better, Brighter Futures	AFL23	% substance misuse clients waiting more than 3 weeks for their first intervention			9.3% (England Q2 2022/23 - NDTMS)	0% (Q1-2 2023)	0% (Q1 2023)	0% (Q2 2023)	Data Unavailable due to external reporting delays	→	Lower is better	No target - tracking indicator only	National target will be available in April 2024	Quarter 3 data is not yet available due to delays in the NDTMS reporting schedule, an update is expected towards the end of February 2024 and will be included in the next Performance Report. North Northamptonshire's Substance Misuse Programme throughout 2023-24 has continued to meet all demands for waiting times for patients starting treatment and is significantly lower than the England average.

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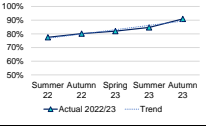
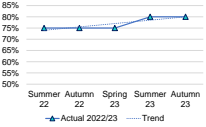
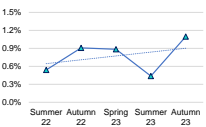
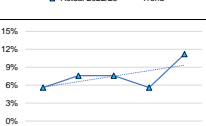
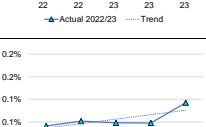
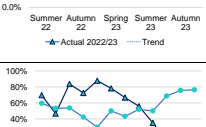
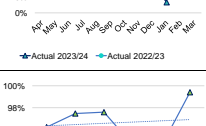
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Adult Social Care																	
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL03	Percentage of New Requests for Services (all ages) where Route of Access was Discharge from Hospital, that had a sequel of short term services to maximise independence (ST-MAX i.e. reablement)		No	The source data is from the SALT (Statutory) return. There are no gov targets. This indicator is included in our regional benchmarking.	2021/22 SALT Report: - England: 37%	44%	37%	40%	42%	42%	44%	↑G	Higher is better	35%	5% points	There were 52 new requests for people aged 18-64 and 785 for people aged 65 and over. There is positive growth year to date, with the rate higher than those reported throughout 2022/23 and above year end target.
						855 out of 1911	229 out of 622	472 out of 1184	693 out of 1646	693 out of 1646	855 out of 1911						
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL04	Number of new safeguarding concerns received per month		Yes	(Annually in the SAC (Safeguarding Adults Collection) return)	n/a - there are differences in what authorities record as a 'concern'	3326 (Apr-Dec)	1130	1120	N/A available in January report	290	N/A Reporting one month in arrears	↓	No polarity	No target-tracking indicator only	N/A	The number of new concerns received has dropped significantly and are now below the previous Financial Year average (318)
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL05	New safeguarding concerns determined to be enquiries (both s42 and other) (A s42 enquiry must take place if there is reason to believe that abuse or neglect is taking place)		Yes	(Annually in the SAC (Safeguarding Adults Collection) return)	n/a	514 (Apr-Dec)	161	200	N/A available in January report	38	N/A Reporting one month in arrears	↓	No polarity	No target-tracking indicator only	N/A	There was a considerable fall in the proportion of concerns to be classified as enquiries. This could be a seasonal effect or the effect of the new framework that has been developed.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL06	Total number of open Deprivation of liberty Safeguard (DoLS) cases		Yes	(Annually)	n/a	1217	1267	1305	1247	1247	1217	↓G	Lower is better	No target-tracking indicator only	N/A	The number of open DoLS cases decreased by 30. This still remains notably lower than the average observed across the previous financial year (418 fewer).
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL07	Long-term support needs met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population (older people 65 years +)		No	The source data is from the SALT (Statutory) return. There are no gov targets. This indicator is included in ASCOF, (Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework) regional benchmarking and BCF (Better Care Fund) returns.	546.17 (Mean Average CIPFA Neighbourhoods - LG Inform)	374.9	135.6	263.7	332.2	332.2	374.9	↑	Lower is better	Year-end target: 564 Monthly target: 47	TBD - for now applied standard 5%	This is a cumulative measure which increases throughout the financial year, resetting in April. Admissions year to date total 246; 188 following an assessment for new people, 7 following an episode of reablement for new people, 2 following an episode of reablement for existing people, and 49 as a result of change in setting following a review.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL08	Number of people who were prevented from requiring statutory care, or whose need was reduced		No	The source data is from the SALT (Statutory) return. There are no gov targets. This indicator is included in ASCOF and regional benchmarking.	84.6% East Midlands Average, we are in the process of identifying more up to date benchmark data for this PI. This is an 'Office for Local Government' OFLOG Metric.	74.5%	71.40%	73.0%	74.7%	74.7%	74.5%	↓	Higher is better	80%	5% points	The rate shows positive growth April - August with a slight reduction in September and October. The rate has shown improvement in the past three months and consistent at around 74%. This remains lower than expected compared to 2022/23 trends, which typically ranged between 74-77%.
						605 out of 812	152 out of 213	348 out of 477	513 out of 687	513 out of 687	605 out of 812						

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Housing Services																
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL12	Number of rough sleepers - single night snapshot		Yes (DLUHC monthly rough sleeping survey, and target agreed with our RSJ adviser from DLUHC)	7 (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform)	n/a	16	13	11	11	15	↑R	Lower is better	9	9 to 12	During the month of January 2024, we have seen an increase in the single night figure, which is due to the cold weather and triggering of SWEP. The team are finding a lot of new claims of rough sleeping when SWEP is triggered, and even though some are found bedded down, when SWEP ceases they return to sofa surfing and not seen again. The team continue with their positive work securing accommodation for individuals direct from the streets. The team have helped 4 people into secured accommodation in January 24, two direct from the streets and two from our discretionary temporary accommodation, this number is lower than average but this is due to lack of voids across provisions, and there are quite a few cases waiting to move on once rooms become available. The returning to rough sleepers number remains our main focus on preventing a return to the streets, this number is fairly steady, but it is evident that more work is required with accommodation providers around preventing evictions. Our long-term rough sleepers number remains stable, this is too due to the availability of our RSAP- Never Give Up project, due to the last property of 10 now on stream.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL13	Number of households whose homelessness was prevented		Yes (DLUHC - quarterly H-CLIC returns, no target set)	101 (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform) Demand in some areas must be much higher.	218	75	63	61	12	19	↑G	Higher is better	252 (21 per month)	18-21	Performance continues to fluctuate between months due to a variety of factors. This reflects the difficulties the Housing Options Team are having trying to secure accommodation solutions, particularly in the private sector in order to prevent or relieve households homelessness locally. There is a recognised need for the team to move its focus further upstream to maximise homelessness prevention opportunities and action plan is being developed in this regard.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL14	Number of households whose homelessness was relieved		Yes (DLUHC - quarterly H-CLIC returns, no target set)	75 (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform) Demand in some areas must be much higher.	273	86	82	80	28	25	↓	Higher is better	300 (25 per month)	22-25	Performance continues to fluctuate between months due to a variety of factors. This reflects the difficulties the Housing Options Team are having trying to secure accommodation solutions, particularly in the private sector in order to prevent or relieve households homelessness locally. There is a recognised need for the team to move its focus further upstream to maximise homelessness prevention opportunities and action plan is being developed in this regard.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL15	Total number of homeless approaches		Yes (DLUHC - quarterly H-CLIC returns, no target set)	n/a	4968	1468	1404	1453	371	643	↑	N/A	Tracking - monitoring levels of demand only	N/A	3,863 households approached the Council as homeless during 2021/22, which is an average of 320 approaches per month. 4,778 households approached the Council as homeless during 2022/23. This is an increase of just over 900, and an average of 400 approaches per month. In 2023-24 to date there has been 4968 homelessness approaches. Currently the Housing Options Team have a live caseload of 1122 cases. During January there was a significant increase in the number of approaches compared with December.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL17	Total number of households living in temporary accommodation		Yes (DLUHC - quarterly H-CLIC returns, no target set)	202 (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	239	253	↑R	Lower is better	245	No tolerance	The number of new households entering temporary accommodation remains high following record high number of new placements in both October and November, and then again in January with 60 new households entering temporary accommodation during the month. The team is doing all it can to manage the demand, and increase supply options, as well as support housing options colleagues to ensure that households can be moved on from temporary accommodation as quickly as possible. Please note that this figure includes 18 Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) for homeless Afghan and Ukrainian families. The LAHF properties are held in the general fund which means we can only let them on a non secure basis under homelessness legislation and hence they must be retained on the temporary accommodation numbers. The number of households living in temporary accommodation will therefore be inflated by the 30 LAHF units that will be delivered under Round 1. *This figure is for statutory duty placements only and does not include the additional cohort of rough sleepers accommodated using discretionary powers*
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL18	Number of households with family commitments* living in bed and breakfast accommodation		Yes (DLUHC - quarterly H-CLIC returns, no target set)	11 (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	5	↑	Lower is better	5	No tolerance	With so many households being approved for placement in January, many with less than 24 hours notice of needing emergency accommodation, a high number of families have entered temporary accommodation via initial hotel placements. The longest hotel stay is 7 nights to date, the temporary accommodation team will keep these cases under daily review and move the families on to more suitable accommodation as quickly as possible. * Households with family commitments are a) a pregnant woman; (b) with whom a pregnant woman resides or might reasonably be expected to reside; or (c) with whom dependent children reside or might reasonably be expected to reside.
Active, fulfilled lives	AFL24	Number of Temporary Accommodation placements out of NN area		Yes (DLUHC - quarterly H-CLIC returns, no target set)	TBD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	→	Lower is better	3	No tolerance	As a result of the team's efforts, there are no households placed out of area as at the end of November 2023.

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Safe and thriving places	STP38	Percentage of rent collected		No	n/a	96.51%	96.37%	97.28%	96.86%	96.86%	96.51%	↓	Higher is better	97%	5%	This is a cumulative rent collected as a percentage of rent owed figure. The January 2024 data has been taken from week commencing 29th January therefore payments across several dates not included in reporting set for the month. The new introduction of Income Management system also saw delay in payments added to rent reporting system in both Kettering and Corby.
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Safe and thriving places	STP12	Number of (council house) dwellings vacant and ready to let at month end		Yes (Annual LAHS return to DLUHC, no target set)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	3	↓G	Lower is better	10	10 to 15	At the end of January 2024 there were 3 properties Ready to Let. The weekly void meetings are helping to ensure that this number is kept to a minimum.
Safe and thriving places	STP36	Number of voids - Kettering Area		No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	47	51	↑R	Lower is better	No target - tracking indicator only	N/A	This indicator provides a snapshot at the end of the month of the number of live Housing Revenue Account (HRA) voids. At the end of January 2024 there was a reduction of one in the number of voids compared with the previous month. The overall NNC snapshot was 106 compared with 107 at the end of December. Note: This is the number of HRA voids only and does not include non-HRA temp, acquisitions or Out of Management properties.
Safe and thriving places	STP36	Number of voids - Corby Area		No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	60	55	↓G	Lower is better	No target - tracking indicator only	N/A	
Safe and thriving places	STP37a	Average time taken to re-let NNC standard void properties		Yes (Annual LAHS return to DLUHC)	8 weeks (56 days) House Mark	53.8 days	60.9 days	57.8 days	53.8 days	53.8 days	53.8 days	→	Lower is better	56 days	56 to 60 days	The figure reported is the cumulative average turnaround time for those properties let in the month. This will help remove the impact of a long-term major void when it has been empty for a long time and provide a more accurate reflection of void turnaround for standard properties. In January 2024 there were 40 standard void properties let. The total number of void days for these 40 properties was 2143 days, which provides a monthly average turnaround for January of 53.6 days. This has given a cumulative average turnaround time of 53.8 days, which is less than the target of 56 days for the 4th consecutive month.
Safe and thriving places	STP37b	Average time taken to re-let NNC major void properties		No	n/a	251 days	217 days	248 days	254 days	251 days	251 days	→	Lower is better	No target - tracking indicator only	N/A	In January 2024 there were 11 major void properties let. These 11 properties had a total number of void days of 2748. The cumulative average number of days remained at 251 days. Using turnaround days for major voids at the present time is not the best indicator as there is no set approach to how major voids are resourced has been agreed.

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Safe and thriving places	STP08	% of properties with a valid gas safety certificate		Yes (Regulator of Social Housing - TSM, no target set)	n/a	n/a	99.8%	99.8%	n/a	99.8%	99.8%	➔	Higher is better	100%	99.5% and above is green, 99% and above is amber	As at the end of January 2024, 14 out of total 7,893 properties did not have a valid gas certificate. Of the 12 properties outstanding in the Corby area, 4 have court dates booked for 13/02/24 to obtain right of entry warrants. 5 properties are in the legal stages in order to apply for right of entry warrants. 2 properties have received letters advising them of the legal process. 1 property is awaiting repairs so that a gas engineer can return and service their appliance. In the Kettering area, the 2 outstanding properties are going through the legal process to gain access. (We are limited in the number of properties we can take to court each fortnight to obtain right of entry warrants, so this can impact compliance).
Safe and thriving places	STP04	Number of active households on Keyways (as at 1st month)		No	n/a	n/a	5263	5642	5965	5965	5997	⬆	N/A - Tracking	N/A - monitoring levels of demand	N/A	This provides a snapshot of the number of applicants active on the Council's housing Register (Keyways). New applications being received remains high (see KW2). Please note that as applications are made active, previously active applications have the status changed to pending, suspended, closed, and housed. This figure therefore is not how many applications are being assessed in total. Annual renewals are currently suspended due to staff resources. Once in place this will reduce the active total due to applicants non-contact and change of circumstances.
Safe and thriving places	STP05	Number of new Keyways applications received		No	n/a	5817	1850	1793	1474	407	700	⬆	N/A - Tracking	N/A - monitoring levels of demand	N/A	700 new applications last month which was a significant increase on the previous month. Remains high figure of new applications each month. Average for the year to date 581 (last year for same period was 521).
Safe and thriving places	STP39	Number of repair jobs awaiting completion		No	n/a	Data unavailable	n/a	n/a	Data unavailable	Data unavailable	Data unavailable	N/A	N/A - Tracking	N/A - monitoring levels of demand	N/A	On review of the data, an error in the figures has been picked up. The 2023-24 data is currently being reviewed by the team and we will begin reporting in April 2024. In the interim, data on % of all responsive repairs completed within timescale can be provided. This is performing at 92.3% (9775) for year to date (Apr-Jan).
Safe and thriving places	STP40	Number of repair jobs awaiting completion which are outside of target timescale		No	n/a	Data unavailable	n/a	n/a	Data unavailable	Data unavailable	Data unavailable	N/A	N/A - Tracking	N/A - monitoring levels of demand	N/A	On review of the data, an error in the figures has been picked up. The 2023-24 data is currently being reviewed by the team and we will begin reporting in April 2024. In the interim, data on % of all responsive repairs completed within timescale can be provided. This is performing at 92.3% (9775) for year to date (Apr-Jan).

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Children's Trust (This data is for the whole of Northamptonshire)																
Better, brighter futures	BBF05 (KPI 2)	% of referrals with a previous referral within 12 months		Yes (also contractual) - target is contractual but not statutory	21.9% Mean for Northamptonshire Children's Services LAT near neighbours 2021/22	27.0% (7,491)	25.4% (2,585)	26.5% (2,006)	28.9% (2,279)	26.6% (578)	28.8% (621)	⬇️ A	Lower is better	29%	25% - 40%	Re-referrals have improved this month better than target. It remains an area of ongoing focus with audit and review for learning. Findings from the front door review and Obeded focused visit incorporated in a transformation plan which has been developed with the partnership expected to positively impact on re-referral rate going forward. The dedicated education roles in Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) are working positively with schools to ensure appropriate referrals, and commitments from schools about their roles are increasing. Steps have been taken to strengthen the Early Help partnerships with Partnership Support Team (Early Help MASH) being placed in the MASH pods and a learner step down process. It is anticipated that the strengthened model in MASH and developments in CFSS (Children and Families Support Services) Early Help will continue to support appropriate reduction going forward. Stepdown practice has been reviewed and warm handovers promoted.
Better, brighter futures	BBF06 (KPI 3)	% of single assessments authorised within 45 working days		Yes (also contractual) - target is contractual but not statutory	88% We are in the process of identifying more up to date benchmark data for this PL	94.5% (8,868)	92.9% (2,792)	94.3% (2,695)	96.9% (2,575)	96.8% (776)	92.8% (806)	⬇️ A	Higher is better	85%	85% - 95%	Assessment timescales remain consistently above target and national average, decreasing slightly to 92.8% this month. All managers monitor this very closely via daily reports. A narrative is provided for cases that go beyond 45 days and this remains a very small minority. More appropriate staffing levels being achieved and sustained in the Duty and Assessment Team (DAAT). Improvements are also progressing in safeguarding teams. In addition to timeliness, we work on increasing the quality of assessments and more effective use of Signs of Safety (SoS) in our interventions (Northamptonshire Children's Trust commentary).
Better, brighter futures	BBF07 (KPI 8)	% Children in care with three or more placements in the previous 12 months		Yes (also contractual) - target is contractual but not statutory	10% Mean for Northamptonshire Children's Services LAT near neighbours 2021/22	12.3% (1,203)	11.1% (1,191)	12.4% (1,165)	12.3% (1,215)	12.3% (1,215)	12.3% (1,203)	➡️	Lower is better	10%	5% - 15%	Performance has remained at 12.3% this month. Consideration of various options to improve sufficiency is continuing, including exploration of capital investment, additional in house resources, as well as improved engagement with the market. Two new emergency homes have been opened and valuing care project is progressing well. Through improved edge of care arrangements, the close oversight on admissions to care, and the developments within placement sufficiency, we are confident we can reduce the need for child to move home as frequently. Positively, Children Home Capital Programme application with the Department for Education (DfE) has been successful, and that should also support progress in this area. COVID: Placement sufficiency remains a challenge, sustained performance in this work should also have a positive impact on KPI 7 (Northamptonshire Children's Trust commentary).
Better, brighter futures	BBF08 (KPI 9)	% of young people now aged 17-21 and in employment, education or training who were looked after when aged 16		Yes (also contractual) - target is contractual but not statutory	56.95% Mean for Northamptonshire Children's Services LAT near Neighbours 2021/22	61.5% (724)	62.7% (684)	65.3% (678)	62.5% (714)	62.5% (714)	61.5% (724)	⬇️ A	Higher is better	55%	50% - 60%	This month has seen performance decline to 61.5%, still comparing favourably with 58% across England. Focus in this area continues to be driven through arrangements with local colleges, the virtual school and the senior personal advisor (Education and Employment) with further review of contracted arrangements (Prospects) to be undertaken to ensure we have the best approach/ support for young people. Work with councils to ensure Education, Employment and Training (EET) opportunities and support is in place for our care leavers. COVID: has had a significant impact on the mental health and wellbeing of care leavers, targeted work support care leavers to access EET (Northamptonshire Children's Trust commentary).
Better, brighter futures	BBF09 (KPI 10)	% of young people now aged 17-21 and in suitable accommodation who were looked after when aged 16		Yes (also contractual) - target is contractual but not statutory	89% (All English Authorities 2020/21 - LG Inform)	95.2% (724)	95.5% (684)	96.0% (678)	89.9% (714)	89.9% (714)	95.2% (724)	⬆️ G	Higher is better	90%	85% - 95%	Performance for this month improved to 95.2% and compares favourably with the national average of 89%. There has also been an increase in the number of young people in the care leaver population. We know that we have some young people in unsuitable accommodation, including a number of young people sentenced to custody, and some who have no accommodation at all. We work hard to address this, tenaciously seeking to engage with young people who may see our attempts at support as interference. The care leavers housing protocol is in place and work is being progressed under the governance of a strategic group; this includes a review of the housing panels and engagement with the housing associations. Helpful discussions with colleagues in the Councils is placing the housing sufficiency needs of care leavers as central to their housing strategies. The Accommodation Transitions Panel is now in operation and ensures all young people have a comprehensive, accommodation n-focused, shared, and timely transition plan (Northamptonshire Children's Trust commentary).
Better, brighter futures	BBF27 (KPI 5)	% of initial child protection conferences held within 15 days of a strategy discussion being initiated		Yes (also contractual) - target is contractual but not statutory	84.3% Mean for Northamptonshire Children's Services LAT near neighbours 2021/22	20.1% (963)	36.4% (343)	13.2% (288)	13.0% (221)	9.5% (42)	1.8% (111)	⬇️ A	Higher is better	81%	66% - 86%	Performance declined this month, to 1.8%. 111 children were taken to an Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC) in January. The number of children who required their 1st review in Nov/Dec 23 continued to be high, after record numbers of ICPC's in August (130). All ICPC's must fit into already busy diaries, and saturation impacts on capacity. Permanent & additional Child protection (CP) Chair & business support recruitment is happening (some already in post) and will have a positive impact on this KPI, but may lead to quoracy difficulties / partnership attendance problems. This has been discussed with partners at Safeguarding Partnership Board. CP Chair average caseload has reduced recently from above 100 (above recommended levels) - this will also have a positive impact on this KPI. Multi-agency safety plans are in place for families waiting for a conference, but average no. days from strat. to ICPC in January = 39 (too long). As additional CP Chair capacity impacts, the bulk of already out-of-time ICPC's will work through. Early Review Child Protection Conferences (RCP's) are being pushed back (within timescales) to create additional ICPC slots. Lower numbers of conferences are late due to delayed convening requests from DAAT / Safeguarding; this is positive and managers remain vigilant. All ICPC's are tracked and referring managers are challenged to identify causes of delay and ensure individual, team or whole-service learning is addressed.
Better, brighter futures	BBF28	Number of children with a Child Protection Plan		Yes	665 Mean for Northamptonshire Children's Services LAT near neighbours 2021/22	648	714	755	659	659	648	⬇️	No polarity	TBD		The number of children subject to Child Protection Plans (CPP) decreased for the fifth successive month to 648 children at the end of January. The caseload has steadily decreased from the three-year peak of 771 children in August 2023 to its current size, which is the second lowest volume in the last 17 months. The latest caseload is also lower than three of the four previous months of January, with January 2022 being the exception. Overall, the cohort has decreased by a net 16.0% since the peak of August 2023. Other recent years registered smaller decreases or an increase during the corresponding months. An average of 672 children have been subject to Child Protection Plans in the last three months. This is slightly lower than the average for the corresponding months of last year (678 children) but higher than the same months two years ago (610) (Intelligent Client Function commentary).
Better, brighter futures	BBF29	Number of children in care		Yes	1,050 Mean for Northamptonshire Children's Services LAT near neighbours 2021/22	1,203	1,191	1,179	1,215	1,215	1,203	⬇️	No polarity	TBD		There were 1,203 children in care at the end of January 2024, 12 children fewer than were reported at the ten-month peak of 1,215 children in December. Leaving aside the particularly low volume reported in September (1,165 children), there has been an average of 1,200 children in care during 2023-24 so far. By comparison, an average of 1,214 children were in care during the corresponding months of 2022-23, a period which includes the all time peak of 1,241 children in November 2022. The latest caseload is, therefore, 38 children lighter than the record volume of 14 months ago. An average of 1,206 children have been in care in the last 4 months. This is lower than the average for the corresponding period last year (1,231) and, indeed, the same period in each of the preceding three years. Each of the last seven months have seen fewer children in care than the corresponding month in 2022-23, with the caseload for this year lighter by typically 30 children (Intelligent Client Function commentary).

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Learning, Skills & Education																
Better, brighter futures	BBF12 (LS3a)	% of primary schools judged as good or outstanding by Ofsted			87% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	90.9%	82.0%	n/a Terminally reported	90.9%	n/a Terminally reported	90.9%	↑G	Higher is better	Target under review	n/a	The data for January 2024 indicates a continued positive trend in the percentage of primary schools were judged as Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, the percentage stands at 90.9%, sustaining the high performance observed in preceding months. Over the last twelve months, an average of 85% of primary schools were rated as good or outstanding by Ofsted. The January 2024 figure of 90.9% surpasses this average, indicating an exceptionally positive evaluation for this month. In October 2021, 73.6% of primary schools were judged as good or outstanding, and this figure has steadily increased over the subsequent months, reaching 90.9% in January 2024. (Children's Performance Team commentary)
Better, brighter futures	BBF13 (LS4a)	% of secondary schools judged as good or outstanding by Ofsted			80% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	80.0%	80.0%	n/a Terminally reported	80.0%	n/a Terminally reported	80.0%	→	Higher is better	Target under review	n/a	In January 2024, 80.0% of secondary schools were judged as good or outstanding by Ofsted. This marks a slight decrease from the previous month's 85.0%, but still maintains a positive trend observed since September 2023. Significant increases are observed since June 2023, suggesting a positive trend and potential improvements in the quality of secondary schools during the academic year. The last eight months consistently surpass 80.0%, marking an improvement compared to the period between November 2022 and May 2023 when performance fluctuated at 75.0%. In the last twelve months, an average of 80% secondary schools were judged as good or outstanding by OFSTED. (Children's Performance Team commentary)
Better, brighter futures	BBF15 (LS6a)	Rate of suspensions in primary aged pupils			1.69% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	1.55%	0.32%	0.34%	0.87%	1.10%	n/a Terminally reported	n/a cumulative	Lower is better	Target under review	n/a	77 suspensions were issued in January 2024, the same volume reported in December 2023. A total of 348 (1.1%) suspensions were issued in Autumn Term 2023. The rate of suspension in Autumn Term 2023 is higher than Autumn Term 2022 (0.9%). Previously, 125 (0.4%) suspensions were issued in Summer Term 2022 and Summer Term 2021. 174 suspensions are known to have been issued in the Summer Term 2022, 32% more than were issued in the Summer Term 2021. 226 suspensions were issued in Spring Term 2023, 3 suspensions less than in Spring Term 2022. By comparison, almost double the volume was issued in the covid-affected Spring Term 2021. The rate of suspension in primary aged pupils appeared to have decreased to 0.4% in Summer Term 2023. However, it has increased to 1.4% in Autumn Term 2023. (Children's Performance Team commentary)
Better, brighter futures	BBF16 (LS7a)	Rate of suspensions in secondary aged pupils			13.22% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	16.71%	4.55%	3.60%	8.67%	11.20%	n/a Terminally reported	n/a cumulative	Lower is better	Target under review	n/a	681 suspensions were issued in January 2024. This marks an increase of 15% since December 2023. A total 2,780 (11.2%) suspensions were issued for secondary aged pupils in Autumn Term 2023. By comparison, 29% less suspensions were issued in Autumn Term 2022 (1,848). This also marks a significant increase from the 5.5% suspensions reported in Summer Term 2023 and 5.9% reported in Spring Term 2023. A total of 1848 suspensions were issued in Autumn Term 2022, 44% more than were issued during in Autumn Term 2021. A total of 1,179 suspension were issued in Summer Term 2023. Previously, 1337 suspensions were issued in the Summer Term 2022, 51% less than were issued in the Summer Term 2021. 1455 suspensions were known to have been issued in Spring Term 2023, a slightly worst performance compared to Spring Term 2022 for which 1211 suspension were reported.
Better, brighter futures	BBF17 (NI 114a)	Rate of Permanent exclusions from school - Total			0.09% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	0.141%	0.035%	0.026%	0.078%	0.093%	n/a Terminally reported	n/a cumulative	Lower is better	Target under review	n/a	16 permanent exclusions were issued at the end of January 2024. This marks a decreased compared with last month. Previously, 11 permanent exclusions were issued in December 2023. November 2023 accounted highest number of permanent exclusions reported in twelve months. A total of 52 permanent exclusions were issued in Autumn Term 2023. This is higher than in Autumn Term 2022, when 30 permanent exclusions were issued in total. A total of 24 permanent exclusions were issued in Summer Term 2023. A similar outcome was achieved in Summer Term 2022 (23 permanent exclusions). 33 permanent exclusions were known to have been issued in Spring Term 2023, a higher proportion compared to the same period last year. A total of 14 permanent exclusions were issued in Spring Term 2022, 14% less than were issued during covid-affected Spring Term 2021.
Better, brighter futures	BBF18b	% of EHC (education health care) plans completed in month issued within 20 weeks (including exceptions)		Yes (part of SEN 2 return)	37.8% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	64.3%	66.7%	80.2%	51.4%	35.0%	13.2%	↓R	Higher is better	Target under review	n/a	13.2% of EHC plans were issued within 20 weeks (including exceptions) in January 2024. Performance has declined by 63% compared with last month. Additionally, this month marks the lowest performance in 14 months. By comparison, 100% of EHC plans were issued on time in January 2023. The six months prior to December 2023, registered between 56%-88% EHC plans issued within 20 weeks. Performance has declined by 50 percentage points since June 2023. Even so, the average of last twelve months compared favourably with last year's average: 65.1% of plans were issued on time (including exceptions) in the last 12 months, compared with an average of 49.7% of plans issued on time during the same period of last year (February-January). This marks an increase of 24% in twelve months. This month, 42 EHC plans were open and overdue at month end (including exceptions): 18 EHC plans were up to 5 weeks late, 14 plans were between 5-10 weeks late while 10 plans were over 10 weeks late. This is the highest number of overdue EHC plans in seven months. By comparison, 23 EHC plans were issued late in November 2023. (Children's Performance Team commentary)
Better, brighter futures	BBF19 (E1)	Percentage of school age Child/Children in Care (CIC) who had a PEP (personal education plan) in the previous academic term.			n/a	94%	n/a Terminally reported	n/a Terminally reported	n/a Terminally reported	n/a Terminally reported	99%	↑G	Higher is better	95%	90% - 95%	
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Better, brighter futures	BBF34	Percentage of persistently absent pupils - Primary	14.9% 2022/23 Full Academic Year		17.4% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	14.9%	n/a Termly reported	n/a Termly reported	n/a Termly reported	n/a Termly reported	14.9%	n/a cumulative	Lower is better	Tracking	N/A	January 2024 = Full Academic Year Persistent Absence - 2022/23
Better, brighter futures	BBF35	Percentage of persistently absent pupils - Secondary	26.3% 2022/23 Full Academic Year		29.1% Mean for NNC Children's Services LAIT near neighbours 2021/22	26.3%	n/a Termly reported	n/a Termly reported	n/a Termly reported	n/a Termly reported	26.3%	n/a cumulative	Lower is better	Tracking	N/A	January 2024 = Full Academic Year Persistent Absence - 2022/23
Better, brighter futures	BBF22	Number of children missing education (previously named 'Number of children without a school place')		No		312	274	313	288	288	312	↑R	Lower is better	Target under review	n/a	A total of 312 children were missing education at the end of January 2024, 8% more children missing than last month. 36.2% of children missing education are in SEN Support/EHC Services, 48.1% are in School Admissions and 15.7% are in EP Services. So far, August 2023 accounts for the highest proportion of children missing education (316). While the lowest proportion of children missing education was recorded in May 2023(189). An average of 277 children were missing education in the last five months. (Children's Performance Team commentary)
Better, brighter futures	BBF26	Attainment gap for disadvantaged children achieving grade 4 or greater in English & Maths (% Key Stage 4)	-26.2% 2022/23 Full Academic Year - Gap to Non-Disadvantaged Cohort in North Northants		National Average 2021/22 - 37.8%	-26.2%	n/a	n/a	n/a	-26.2%	n/a	n/a	Lower is better	N/A - Tracking	n/a	40.2% of the Disadvantaged pupil cohort achieved a grade of 4 or greater in English & Maths, 328 pupils out of 816. This is 31.9% lower than the national Non-Disadvantaged cohort at 72.1%. The gap to Non-Disadvantaged pupils nationally has improved by 5.5% from -37.4% in 2021/22, to -31.9% in 2022/23. The Disadvantaged cohort's English & Maths 4+ percentage has increased by 1.5% from 38.7% in 2021/22, to 40.2% in 2022/23. The Disadvantaged pupil cohort in North Northants are in percentile 62 for English & Maths 4+ when compared to other LAs.
Better, brighter futures	BBF32	Current number of home educated children		Not yet statutory but reported as part of "Elective Home Education/ Children missing in education" data return to DIE.		976	855	837	914	914	976	↑	No polarity	N/A - Tracking	n/a	The cohort of electively home educated comprised of 976 children in January 2024, of which 31.4% (306) children home educated for 2+ years, 20.6% (201) home educated between 1-2 years, 15.8% (154) home educated between 6-12 months, 14.5% (142) home educated between 3-6 months and 17.7% (173) home educated between 0-3 months. The children electively home educated cohort has increased by 6.4% compared with the previous month. There are now 62 children more than in December 2023. This marks a significant month-on-month increase. While the number of home educated children between 6-12 months decreased by 33 children, the population of home educated children between 0-3 months, 3-6 months, 1-2 years and +2years increased by 26, 31, 25 and 13 children respectively. Less than 800 children were electively home educated twelve months ago. The population of home educated children has increased by 18% (178) in twelve months. In Autumn Term 2023, an average of 870 children were home educated. By comparison, 21% less children were home educated in Autumn Term 2022. An average of 856 children were electively home educated in the last twelve months. This is 19.7% higher than the average during the same period of last year (687). (Children's Performance Team commentary)
Better, brighter futures	BBF33	Number of children who are absent from education for prolonged periods (Previously named 'Number of children currently missing from education (Year 1-11)')		Not yet statutory but reported as part of "Elective Home Education/ Children missing in education" data return to DIE.		144	103	225	132	132	144	↑R	Lower is better	N/A - Tracking	n/a	144 children were absent from education for prolonged periods in January 2024. 69.4% (100) of children have been absent between 0-3 months, 18.7% (24) of children have been absent between 3-6 months, 3.7% (14) of children have been absent between 6-12 months, 4.2% (6) of children have been absent between 1-2 years. No children were absent for +2 years. The volume of children absent from education has slightly increased compared with the previous month. There are now 6 children more than in December 2023; while the number of children absent for +2 years and between 1-2 years remained the same, the number of children absent between 0-3 months, 3-6 months and 6-12 months increased by 8, 2 and 2 children respectively. An average of 146 were absent from education for prolonged periods in Autumn Term 2023. By comparison, an average of 184 children were absent from education in Autumn Term 2022. The cohort has decreased by 6.3% since February 2023 (twelve months ago) and by 36% since the first month of the academic year 2023-24. An average of 137 children were absent from education for prolonged periods in the last twelve months. (Children's Performance Team commentary)
Better, brighter futures	BBF36	% Education Health Care Plan Annual Reviews completed within 4 weeks of meeting		Statutory Duty but not reported		59.5%	67.0%	57.6%	52.0%	37.9%	N/A reported one month in arrears	↓R	Higher is better	N/A - Tracking	n/a	37.9% of annual reviews were completed within 4 weeks of meeting in December 2023. Performance has declined compared with the previous month. Between 38%-61% of annual review were completed within 4 weeks of meeting in the last four months. Previously, April 2023 and May 2023 reported exceptionally high volumes for the annual reviews completed within 4 weeks of meeting. By comparison, 0.0% and 1.0% of annual reviews were completed on time during April 2022 and May 2022. Overall, the most recent months have produced the best performances in the last two years. An average of 44.9 of annual reviews were completed on time in the last twelve months. By comparison, 15.1% of annual reviews were completed on time during the same period of last year. (Children's Performance Team commentary)
						987 out of 1659	479 out of 715	178 out of 309	330 out of 635	72 out of 190						

Finance Services																
Key Commitment	Ref No.	Description of Performance Indicator	Infographic / Chart	Statutory Reporting Required? (Yes / No)	Benchmark	Quarter 1 23-24	Quarter 2 23-24	Quarter 3 23-24	Year to Date 2023/24	December 2023/24	January 2023/24	Direction of Travel (since previous period)	Polarity	Target	Tolerance	Comments
Revenues & Benefits																
Modern Public Services	MPS05	% of council tax collected in the year debit raised		Yes, reported on a quarterly basis but no target set by government	95.97% (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform 2022/23)	29.39% (YTD) 104.86% achieved of the target (28.00%) £71,253,944.18 (collected YTD)	56.98% (YTD) 101.75% achieved of the target (56.00%) £87,038,847.66 (collected in Q2)	84.16% (YTD) 100.19% achieved of the target (84.00%) £86,116,371.04 (collected in Q3)	92.96% (YTD) 96.89% achieved of the monthly target (94.00%) £21,389,722.31 (collected in Jan)	84.16% (YTD) 100.19% achieved of the monthly target (84.00%) £21,526,520.06 (collected in Dec)	92.96% (YTD) 96.89% achieved of the monthly target (94.00%) £21,389,722.31 (collected in Jan)	↓	Higher is better	98% (Annual target)	No tolerance	Performance has dipped below target but was expected following system conversion at Corby and the impact of the new income management system implementation.
Modern Public Services	MPS04	% of business rates collected in the year debit raised		Yes, reported on a quarterly basis but no target set by government	97.13% (Mean Average CIPFA Near Neighbours - LG Inform 2022/23)	28.92% (YTD) 103.29% achieved of the target (28.00%) £47,226,637.48 (collected YTD)	55.72% (YTD) 99.50% achieved of the target (56.00%) £42,700,607.20 (collected in Q2)	80.88% (YTD) 96.29% achieved of the target (84.00%) £40,200,444.62 (collected in Q3)	88.51% (YTD) 94.16% achieved of the monthly target (94.00%) £12,038,400.62 (collected in Jan)	80.88% (YTD) 96.29% achieved of the monthly target (84.00%) £13,784,546.63 (collected in Dec)	88.51% (YTD) 94.16% achieved of the monthly target (94.00%) £12,038,400.62 (collected in Jan)	↓	Higher is better	98% (Annual target)	No tolerance	Performance is below target, this was anticipated due to the cost of living issues and current economic climate, plus the impact of the Corby system conversion and the new income management system implementation.