

Corporate Plan: Progress Report

Q2: 2013/14

(based upon data up to August 2013 where available)

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This is a quarterly update on progress against our 2012-2017 Corporate Plan performance indicators and follows on from the report presented to Cabinet on 16th July 2013 based on progress at the 2012/13 year end stage.

Where new data is available it has been highlighted in the tables with a lighter shade of grey. Due to a time lags on data availability for a number of the indicators, some new data relates to the recent release of 2012/13 year end results. A key has been applied to flag new data as follows;

 **13/14**

To indicate that 2013/14 monthly or quarterly data is available for the indicator

 **12/13**

To indicate that 2012/13 results have recently become available for the indicator

Successes - Highlights

Priority 1 Outcome 3	Page 5	Apprenticeships	Of those who have already completed their apprenticeship (Phase 2), an increasing proportion have been entering employment. August 2013 saw 53.90% of those completing their apprenticeship enter employment, compared to 24.8% in May 2013 (it should be noted that a large proportion of apprenticeship placements have not yet ended).
Priority 2 Outcome 3	Page 8	JSA Claimants	JSA claimant levels have continued to fall since April 2013, with June 2013 (2.7%) achieving our lowest level since January 2009 (2.6%)
Priority 3 Outcome 2	Page 10	Physical Activity	At 57.4%, Essex is above both the national (56.0%) and Eastern (57.1%) averages for the proportion of adults (16+) who met the Chief Medical Officer's recommended guidelines on levels of physical activity

Exceptions - Lowlights

			Issue	Commentary for Consideration
Priority 1 Outcome 3	Page 5	Care Leavers in EET	The number of 19 year old care leavers in education, employment or training across Essex continues to decline with 43.2% in employment at the end of 2012/13.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National trend of decline possibly a reflection of the changing economy, but the rate of decline in Essex is much higher. Task and Finish group was established to review the issues and devise and action plan. Leaving Care Teams are working hard to engage young people particularly the 18+ age group who make up the highest percentage of NEET's. Consideration is being given to additional Youth Advisors to work intensively with 18+ young people on apprenticeships and work experiences. Whilst action to address may not influence the March 2014 position, we should be in a stronger position for March 2015.
Priority 3 Outcome 3	Page 11	CO2 Emissions	In the 12 months to March 2013, CO2 emissions from ECC buildings and activities increased by 25%, despite ambition to reduce by 5%.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on recently released data. Partly due to 100% reporting of relevant electricity and gas supplies now required (previously we had to cover at least 90%). Partly due to increased gas consumption during last winter - increased gas consumption during 2012/13 is in line with what we would expect, given the number of degree days (hot or cold) during the year.
Priority 3 Outcome 3	Page 11	Waste	Slow down in dry recycling and increase in overall waste arisings may mean 2013/14 target for re-use, recycling and composting is missed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadly in line with national trends Waste arisings impacted upon by unusually high levels of waste in April 2013 Increased composting activity helping to mitigate fall in dry recycling Work is underway to trial public engagement activity in poor performing areas to assess the impact on performance, whilst service enhancements being rolled out within Colchester in October are expected to reverse this trend in part

Priority 1: Enabling every individual to achieve their ambitions by supporting a world-class education and skills offer in the county

What does success look like?


- Children and young people achieve well in early years education (age 5), at KS2 (age 11), at GCSE (age 16) and beyond (up to age 19)
- Adults take up opportunities to learn through adult community learning courses, Essex libraries offer learning opportunities to all, and residents feel they have enough information, guidance and support to access education and life-long learning
- Apprenticeships are undertaken in Essex, and young people participate in post-16 learning and aspire to life long learning and self improvement

Where have we come from and where do we want to be?




Outcome 1: Helping Essex residents achieve their full potential through learning

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2008/09 Academic Year	2009/10 Academic Year	2010/11 Academic Year	2011/12 Academic Year	2011/12 AY National Average	2011/12 AY Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2012/13 Academic Year	Performance Rating	Frequency of data
1.1.1: % children achieving good level of development in Early Years Foundation Stage	45%	50% ▲	52% ▲	60% ▲	64%	64%	Reduce gap with Statistical Neighbours and England	January 2014	N/a	Annual
1.1.2: % children (including children with SEN, Children in Care and those eligible for free school meals) achieving expected levels in KS2 in English and Maths	72%	73% ▲	74% ▲	79% ▲	79%	79%	Maintain overall progress in line with Statistical Neighbour/ England and close gap for SEN children	January 2014	N/a	Annual
1.1.3: % children (including children with SEN, Children in Care and those eligible for free school meals) achieving 5+ A*-C GCSE or equivalent (inc' English and Maths)	-	54.6%	58.20% ▲	58.9% ▲	59.4%	59.1%	Close gap between Essex and England	January 2014	N/a	Annual
1.1.4: % children (including Children in Care) with 15% or more school absences - Primary	-	-	3.4%	3.3% ▼	3.4%	3.1%	Target not set for 2012/13 academic year	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.1.5: % children (including Children in Care) with 15% or more school absences - Secondary	-	-	8.5%	7.10% ▼	6.8%	6.8%	Target not set for 2012/13 academic year	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.1.6: % young people achieving level 3 qualifications by age 19	48.9%	51.8% ▲	53.7% ▲	55% ▲	55%	-	Target not set for 2012/13 academic year	July 2014	N/a	Annual

Outcome 2: Providing opportunities for Essex people to learn throughout their lives

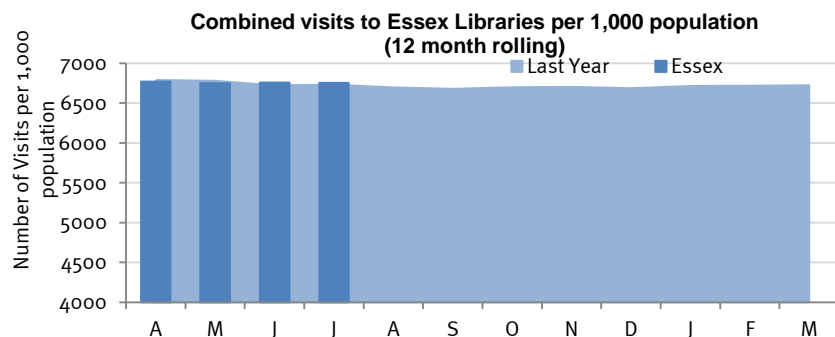
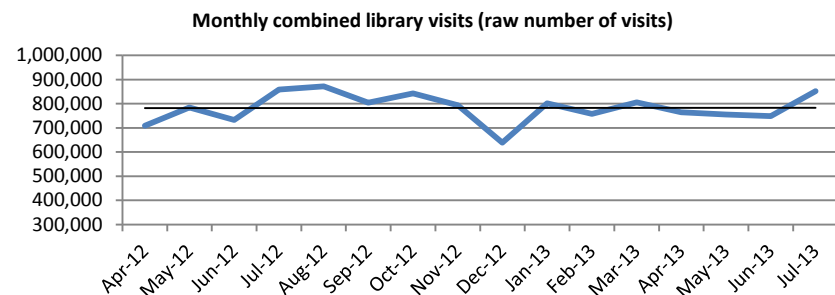
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	2009/10 (or 08/09 AY)	2010/11 (or 09/10 AY)	2011/12 (or 10/11 AY)	2012/13 (or 11/12 AY)	2012/13 (11/12 AY) National Average	2012/13 (11/12AY) Stati Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14 (or 12/13 AY)	Performance Rating	Frequency of data
1.2.1.1: Learner success rates in adult community learning accredited courses: Workplace learning	New definition for 2011/12 Academic Year			97.6%	-	-	Target not set for 2012/13 academic year	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.2.1.2: Learner success rates in adult community learning accredited courses: Apprenticeships	New definition for 2011/12 Academic Year			88.3%	-	-	Target not set for 2012/13 academic year	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.2.1.3: Learner success rates in adult community learning accredited courses: Class based learning	New definition for 2011/12 Academic Year			72.8%	-	-	Target not set for 2012/13 academic year	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.2.2.1: % of the population with level 2 qualifications or higher (aged 16-64yrs)	63.1% ▲	63.5% ▲	65.8% ▲	70.3% ▲	71.8%	72.0%	Increase performance, moving towards national averages	Spring 2014	N/a	Annual
1.2.2.2: % of the population with level 3 qualifications or higher (aged 16-64yrs)	43.1% ▲	43.7% ▲	46.3% ▲	49.8% ▲	55.1%	53.7%		Spring 2014	N/a	Annual
1.2.2.3: % of the population with level 4 qualifications or higher (aged 16-64yrs)	23.7% ▲	23% ▼	24.2% ▲	28.1% ▲	34.4%	32.9%		Spring 2014	N/a	Annual
1.2.3: Physical and virtual visits to Essex libraries (per 1,000 population)  13/14	7,443 ▼	7,482 ▲	6,819 ▼	6,725 ▼	5,577 (11/12 phys' visits)	5,661 (11/12 phys' visits)	Maintain top quartile compared to Counties (physical visits)	6,754 (12 month rolling up to July13)	On Track (see page 6)	Monthly
1.2.4: % of users satisfied with Essex libraries	91.9% ▼	-	-	93.2% ▲	Autumn 2013	Autumn 2013	Continued improvement toward County average	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.2.7: % Essex residents who feel they have enough information, guidance and support to access education and life-long learning	30%	27% ▼	-	28.5% ▲	-	-	Increase the level achieved in 2012/13	July 2014	N/a	Annual

Outcome 3: Promoting a culture of aspiration

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10 (or 08/09 AY)	2010/11 (or 09/10 AY)	2011/12 (or 10/11 AY)	2012/13 (or 11/12 AY)	2012/13 (11/12 AY) National Average	2012/13 (11/12AY) Stati Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14 (or 12/13 AY)	Performance Rating	Frequency of data
1.3.1: People undertaking apprenticeships in Essex (phase 2)  13/14	Phase Two began during 2012/13			778	-	-	Significantly increase opportunities across Essex	880 (Aug 13)	On Track (see page 6)	Monthly
1.3.2: People successfully completing the Essex Apprentice Scheme (phase 2)  13/14	Phase Two began during 2012/13			21.2%	-	-	70% completion rate (Essex Apprentice Scheme Phase 2)	27.8% (Aug 13)	On Track (see page 6)	Monthly
1.3.3: % young people who aspire to continue in post 16 learning	93.2%	96.6% ▲	90.7% ▼	95.7% ▲	-	-	Raise aspirations of young people to continue learning post 16	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.3.4: % 16-19 year olds who continue in post 16 learning	-	-	67.4%	70.4% ▲	-	-	All year 11 leavers in 2013 to remain in education, employment or training	July 2014	N/a	Annual
1.3.5: % care leavers who are in education, employment , training at age 19  12/13	74.5% ▲	62.0% ▼	49.3% ▼	43.2% ▼	57% (11/12)	51.4% (11/12)	Maintain performance in line with statistical neighbours	July 2014	N/a (see page 6)	Annual 5

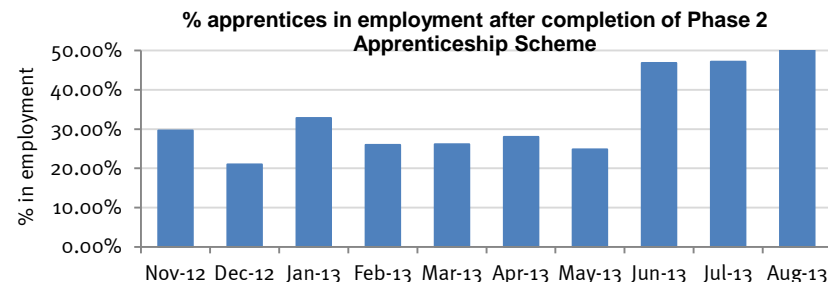
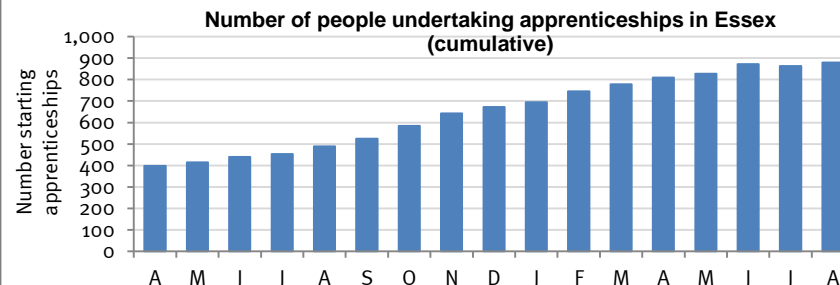
What is the latest data telling us?

1.2.3: Overall library visits have remained relatively steady



There continues to be a general trend of decline for physical library visits against a general increasing trend for virtual visits. Physical visits account for the majority of overall library visits. Raw combined library visits over the last 6 months have remained relatively steady (excluding the July peak). Annualising data (to exclude seasonal peaks and troughs) shows visits this year remain in line with annualised levels during the same period of 2012/13.

1.3.1/2: August 2013 saw 53.90% of those completing their apprenticeship (Phase 2) enter employment

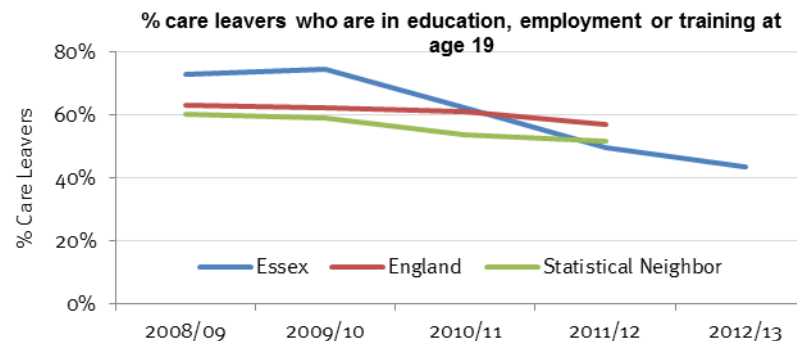


Whilst the service remains confident that we will meet the 70% successful completion rate against Phase 2, we are not likely to see very many completers until 2014. The successful completion rate stood at 27.8% as at the end of August 2013. However, of those who have already completed their apprenticeship as part of Phase 2, an increasing proportion are going into employment

1.3.5: National trend for falling levels of care leavers in education, employment or training, however Essex appears to be falling at a much faster rate

A task and finish group was established earlier in the year to look at this issue across Essex. A number of issues and recommendations were identified as was the establishment of a Leaving and After Care NEET Action Plan

Leaving Care Teams are working hard to engage young people particularly the 18+ age group who make up the highest percentage of NEET's. Consideration is being given to additional Youth Advisors to work intensively with 18+ young people on apprenticeships and work experiences. Whilst action to address may not influence the March 2014 position, we should be in a stronger position for March 2015.



Priority 2: Securing the infrastructure and environment to enable business to grow

What does success look like?

- Essex business community is supported to grow, attract investment and succeed in new markets, and jobs (particularly high value jobs) are present within the Essex economy. Whilst infrastructure supports Essex businesses to trade and grow, whilst the road network is well maintained
- Young people are in education, employment or training
- There is sufficient childcare to support parents choosing to go back to work, and low unemployment in key sections of the community

Where have we come from and where do we want to be?



Outcome 1: Supporting business to generate wealth, jobs and opportunities

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
2.1.1: Total number of active enterprises	58,740 ▲	59,095 ▲	58,735 ▼	Autumn 2013	-	-	Not required (Contextual)	Autumn 2014	N/a	Annual
2.1.2: Number of enterprise start-ups	5,900 ▼	5,875 ▼	6,280 ▲	Autumn 2013	-	-	Not required (Contextual)	Autumn 2014	N/a	Annual
2.1.3: Number of jobs in Essex	617,000	608,000 ▼	626,000 ▲	Spring 2014	-	-	Not required (Contextual)	Spring 2015	N/a	Annual
2.1.4: Average workplace earnings (£)	25,475 ▲	25,490 ▲	25,978 ▲	26,693 ▲	-	-	Not required (Contextual)	Spring 2014	N/a	Annual

Outcome 2: Ensuring the physical and technological infrastructure is in place to enable business to flourish

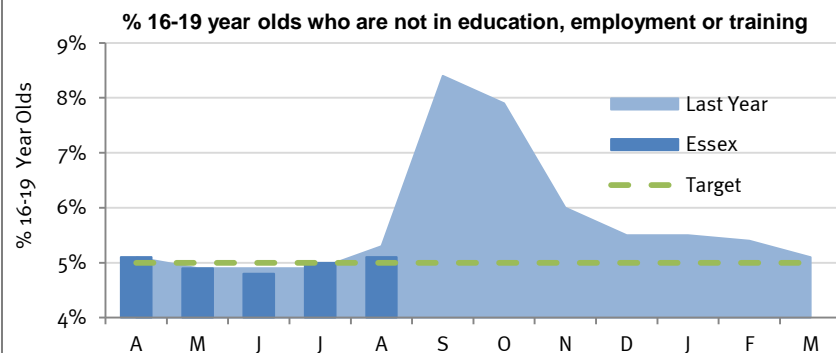
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	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
2.2.1: Journeys on specified routes undertaken within target time range	New for 2013/14						Baseline Year	January 2014	N/a	Annual
2.2.2: Number of business premises as defined by the national non domestic rates	37,243 ▼	37,530 ▲	38,976 ▲	August 2013	-	-	Not appropriate	July 2014	N/a	Annual
2.2.3: % homes and businesses with basic level of broadband (2Mbps)	New for 2013/14						100% by 2015	July 2014	N/a	Annual
2.2.4: % homes and businesses with superfast broadband (24Mbps)							75% by 2017	July 2014	N/a	Annual
2.2.5: Local authority principal road network where structural maintenance should be considered	6% ▲	3% ▼	4% ▲	5% ▲	-	-	6%	July 2014	N/a	Annual
2.2.6: Local authority non principal classified road network where structural maintenance should be considered	8% ▲	7% ▼	7% ↔	7% ↔	-	-	8%	July 2014	N/a	Annual

Outcome 3: Creating an environment in which economic opportunity is made available to all

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
2.3.1: % 16-19 year olds who are not in education, employment or training  13/14	6.9%	6.3% ▼	6.4% ▲	5.7% ▼	5.8%	4.6%	Reduce to 5% NEET	5.1% (Aug 13)	On Track (see page 8)	Monthly
2.3.2: % eligible families benefiting from the childcare element of Working Tax Credit	14.1% ▼	13.3% ▼	13.2% ▼	June 2014	16.2% (11/12)	15.7% (11/12)	Eligible families access their entitlement to Childcare WTC	June 2015	N/a	Annual
2.3.3: Availability and take-up of childcare places in Essex	Following a change in reporting systems, data prior to Autumn 2012 is no longer comparable			87% (Spring 2013)	-	-	Sufficient local provision to meet local needs	July 2014	N/a	Annual
2.3.4: % resident population aged 16-64 years claiming Job Seekers Allowance  13/14	3.2% ▶	3% ▼	3.3% ▲	3.1% ▼	3.8%	3.1%	Maintain trend with East of England	2.7% (July 2013)	On Track (see page 8)	Monthly

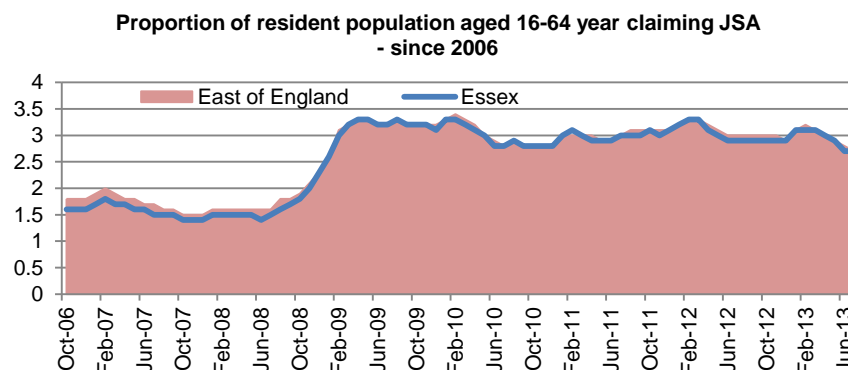
What is the latest data telling us?

2.3.1: The proportion of NEET has remained broadly in line with levels seen during the same period in 2012



It should be noted that the 2013/14 year end result will be calculated as an average across November 2013 to January 2014 (therefore the target also applies to this period). This is nationally recognised as being the most stable part of the year which will smooth out inevitable peaks and troughs from other periods in the year such as when year 11s leave school.

2.3.4: JSA claimant levels have continued to fall since April 2013, with June 2013 achieving our lowest level since 2009



Essex continues to maintain trend with the East of England for the proportion of adult JSA claimants. July 2013 saw a maintenance of the 2.7% achieved in June 2013. This indicates a reduction in claimants down to levels previously seen in January 2009 (2.6%)






Priority 3: Improving Public Health and Wellbeing

What does success look like?

- People receive the support needed to regain or maintain independence, and communities who rely most on local bus services receive a punctual service
- There are low occurrences of smoking, obesity, alcohol and drug misuse, avoidable illness, death and disability, and people are supported to live active lives
- Residents experience of Essex's urban and rural environment is a positive one, and Essex's environmental impact is low

Where have we come from and where do we want to be?

Outcome 1: Helping Essex residents to live full and independent lives

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
3.1.1: % social care users receiving personal budgets  13/14	-	-	86.3%	85.6% ▼	-	-	Increase cash payment users by 10%	88% (Aug 13)	One to Watch (see page 11)	Monthly
3.1.2: % people achieving a positive outcome from reablement  13/14	50% ▼	53% ▲	65% ▲	81% ▲	-	-	Maintain performance, whilst increasing volumes	83% (July 13)	On Track	Monthly
3.1.3: Older people supported through assistive technology (new clients)  13/14	5,801	4,924 ▼	5,881 ▲	4,692 ▼	-	-	Not appropriate	2,134 (up to Aug 13)	On Track	Monthly
3.1.4: % adults with LD who live in own home/with family	50% ▲	44% ▼	69% ▲	72.8% ▲	January 2014	January 2014	Increase number of adults	January 2014	N/a	Quarterly
3.1.5: % adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live independently, with or without support  12/13	70.8% ▲	79.1% ▲	70.9% ▼	79.9% ▲	-	51.7% (11/12)	Maintain current level of performance	July 2014	N/a	Annual
3.1.6: % non-frequent bus services that run on time	78% ▲	85% ▲	89% ▲	84% ▼	-	-	Continue to improve punctuality	January 2014	N/a	Bi-annual
3.1.7: Number of people using public transport (millions)  13/14	44.2 ▼	43.3 ▼	45.1 ▲	44.8 ▼	-	-	Minimise impact of decline in passengers	10.5 (Q1)	On Track (see page 13)	Quarterly

Outcome 2: Encouraging healthy and active lifestyles and tackling the wider causes of ill health

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12 National Average	2011/12 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
3.2.1.1: Overall life expectancy (in years) - Men  09-11	79.5 (07-09)	79.6 (08-10) ▲	79.9 (09-11) ▲	Summer 2014	78.91 (09-11)	-	Increase in line with averages (80.1 years)	Summer 2015	N/a	Annual
3.2.1.2: Overall life expectancy (in years) - Woman  09-11	83.0 (07-09)	83.2 (08-10) ▲	83.4 (09-11) ▲	Summer 2014	82.89 (09-11)	-	Increase in line with averages (83.5 years)	Summer 2015	N/a	Annual

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	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
3.2.2.1: Differences in life expectancy across Essex (in years) - Men	4.1 (07-09) ▼	4.3 (08-10) ▲	To be calculated	Summer 2014	-	-	Reduce to 3.9 years	Summer 2015	N/a	Annual
3.2.2.2: Differences in life expectancy across Essex (in years) - Women	2.6 (07-09) ▼	2.6 (08-10) ↔	To be calculated	Summer 2014	-	-	Reduce to 2.4 years	Summer 2015	N/a	Annual
3.2.3: Winter mortality rates	18.6% (06-09)	20.2% (07-10) ▲	20.5% (08-11) ▲	Jan 2014	19.1% (08-11)	-	Reduce to England average	Jan 2015	N/a	Annual
3.2.4: % reception year pupils measured as obese	8.2% (08/09 AY)	8.8% (09/10 AY) ▲	8.6% (10/11 AY) ▼	8.1% (11/12 AY) ▼	9.5% (11/12 AY)	-	Maintain below national average	January 2014	N/a	Annual
3.2.5: % year 6 pupils (aged 10 and 11) measured as obese	16.0% (08/09 AY)	16.1% (09/10 AY) ▲	17.7% (10/11 AY) ▲	17.3% (11/12 AY) ▼	19.2% (11/12 AY)	-	Maintain below national average	January 2014	N/a	Annual
3.2.6: Prevalence of smoking among people living in Essex	18.55%	19.1% ▲	18.7% ▼	Aug 2013	20% (11/12)	-	Reduce to 18.3%	Aug 2014	N/a	Annual
3.2.7: Prevalence of diabetes among people living in Essex (GP Practice Level)	5.27%	5.5% ▲	5.7% ▲	October 2013	-	-	Available July 2013	October 2014	N/a	Annual
3.2.8: Rate of alcohol related hospital admissions (per 100,000 population)	1,350 ▲	1,518 ▲	1,607 ▲	Sept 2013	1,974 (11/12)	1,713 (11/12)	Keep rate of increase within 10%	Sept 2014	N/a	Annual
3.2.9: Take up of health screening programmes 13/14	-	-	North: 59.6% South: 54.8%	North: 52.1% South: 47.4% ▼	52% (11/12)	60% (11/12)	North and South: offer 85,880/uptake 51,905 (60%)	North: 52% South: 48% All Essex: 51% (Q1)	One to Watch	Quarterly
3.2.10: % drug users who leave treatment in a planned way	-	20.2%	24% (to Dec 11)	19.6%	Awaiting National Release	Awaiting National Release	Upper quartile	July 2014	N/a	Annual
3.2.11: % adults who exercise Proxy	21.6% ▼	20.9% ▼	21.1% ▲	22.6% ▲	-	23.7%	Increase access to sport and physical activity opportunities	Autumn 2013	N/a (see page 12)	Annual
3.2.12: Number of people using the Hadleigh Olympic Legacy Venue	New for 2013/14						Increase numbers using for active recreation	July 2014	N/a	Annual

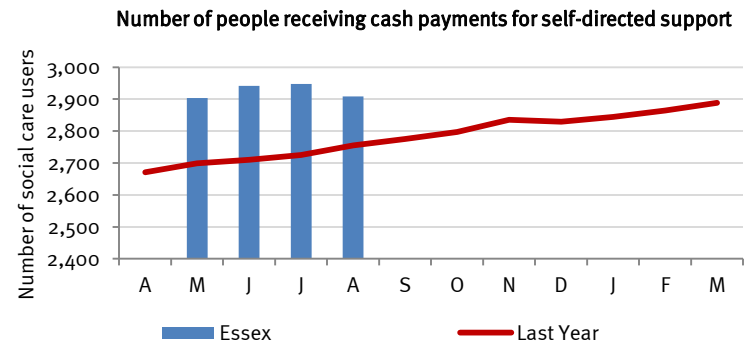
Outcome 3: Protecting and enhancing the environment in Essex

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	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12 National Average	2011/12 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
3.3.1: User satisfaction with country parks ▲	97%	96%	96%	95%	-	-	Maintain at least 95%	-	N/a	Quarterly
3.3.2: % footpaths and rights of way that are easy to use 13/14 ▼	60.9%	80.4%	76.3%	71.2%	-	-	67% (provisional)	64% (Half Year)	On Track	Six Monthly
3.3.3: Hectares of rare wildlife habitats restored or re-established 13/14 ▼	-	-	70.1	2	-	-	45 hectares	0	One to Watch	Quarterly
3.3.4: Tonnes of CO2 emitted within the authority's buildings and specified operations 12/13 ▼	-	103,392	85,260	106,790	-	-		August 2014	N/a (see page 13)	Annual
3.3.5: % household waste sent for re-use, recycling or composting 13/14 ▲	46.24%	50.1%	51.95%	52.62%	48.28% (11/12)	-	53.12%	53.91% (July 13)	Off Track (see page 13)	Monthly
3.3.6: The level of household waste generated across Essex (Kgs) 13/14 ▼	586.0	548.08	516.09	500	-	-	495kgs	178 (July 13)	One to Watch (see page 13)	Monthly

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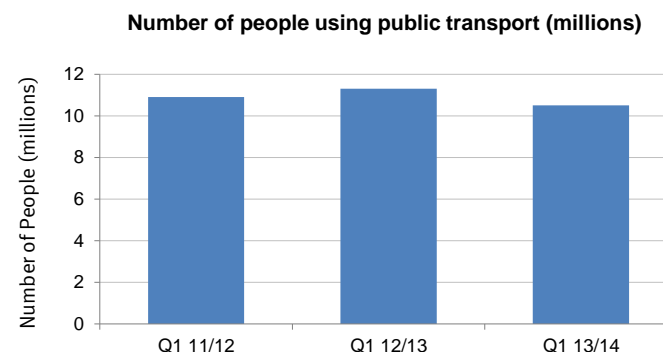
3.1.1: Growth in cash payments for self-directed support has been slower than 2012/13 (which saw an overall growth of 8.8%), however it is too early to tell if this is an ongoing trend

August 2013 saw 2,908 social care users receiving cash payments compared to 2,755 in August 2012 which represents a 5.6% increase.



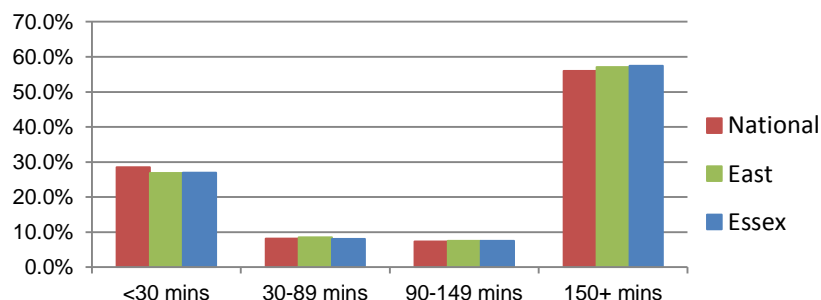
3.1.7: Bus passenger numbers for Q1 2013/14 are broadly in line with levels seen in previous years

Whilst Q1 2013/14 saw a drop in passenger numbers compared to Q1 2012/13 (from 11.3m to 10.5m), levels are broadly in line with the 10.9m seen in Q1 2011/12. Nationally there is trend of decline.

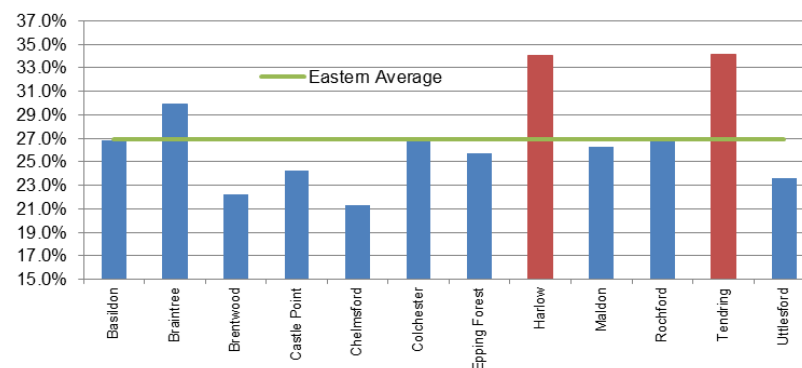


3.2.11: Whilst Active People Survey data not due until the Autumn, recently released data from the Department of Health suggests Essex performs well with regards to adults achieving recommended levels of physical activity

Adult Physical Activity Participation (aged 16+ yrs)



Adult Physical Participation for less than 30 Minutes Per Week (Aged 16+)

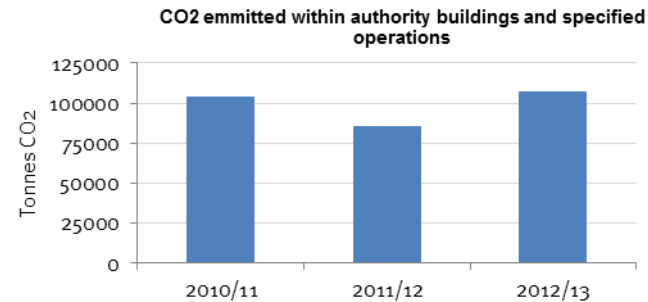


At 57.4%, Essex is above both the national (56.0%) and Eastern (57.1%) averages for the proportion of adults (16+) who met the Chief Medical Officer's recommended guidelines on levels of physical activity (at least 150 minutes a week). We are also below the national average for the proportion of adults who are considered inactive (less than 30 minutes of activity a week). However, whilst performance is generally positive across Essex, there does appear to be hotspots in Harlow and Tendring who have a high proportions of inactive adults and low proportions of those meeting the recommended levels of activity (compared to the Eastern averages). This data differs from the Active People Survey data (October snapshot) as it is based upon a wider definition of physical activity and does not focus upon sport and active recreation. This analysis will be used to further strengthen the intelligence base being used to underpin conversations with districts to identify interventions to encourage participation in physical activity. In terms of targeted work in areas of relatively lower activity ECC are working to secure external resources to support targeted physical activity work with those who are inactive. It should be noted however, that while the majority of the population appear active to a degree, the avoidable adverse health and social care impact of those who are inactive must be a priority for resource invested in physical activity.

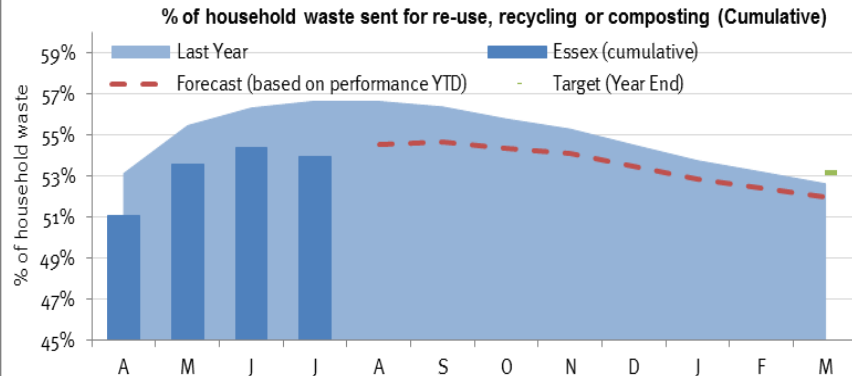
3.3.4: Change in reporting requirements, coupled with an increase in gas consumption during winter has resulted in increased CO2 emissions for 2012/13

The ambition for a 5% reduction in CO2 emissions was not achieved during 2012/13, with recently available data showing an approximate increase in emissions by 25%. This is partly due to the requirement for 100% reporting of relevant electricity and gas supplies (previously we had to cover at least 90% of supplies) and partly due to increased gas consumption during last winter.

On a like for like comparison i.e. revising the baseline to take into account weather variables, a 13% reduction in consumption can be demonstrated.

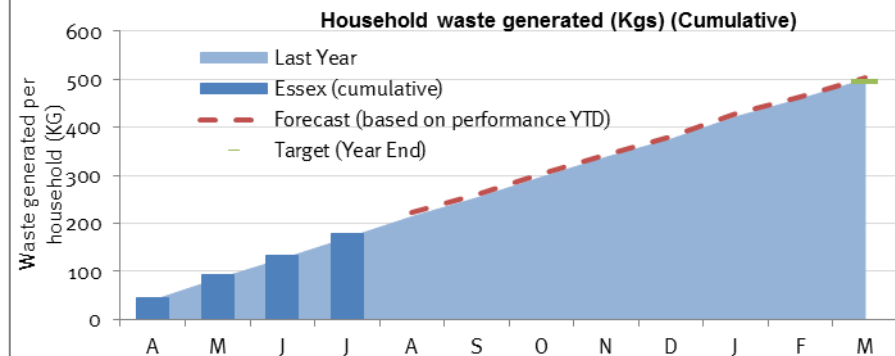


3.3.5: Slow down in dry recycling and increased waste arisings leading to a decline in overall diversion rates to re-use, recycling and composting.



This is in part being mitigated by increases in composting activity as a result of ECC investment – however if trend was to continue, the year end target would be missed. It is hoped that service provision enhancements in Colchester and public engagement activity in low performing areas will help to reverse the trend. The forecast year end projection (based on data up to July) suggested 51.95% against the year end target of 53.12%. Recent unaudited data is starting to show a small improvement in performance, albeit still below expected levels. This will be subject to close monitoring and will be reported on again in the Q3 report.

3.3.6: Forecast projection for waste arisings is being impacted upon by high levels of waste during April 2013



April 2013 saw higher than expected waste arisings, primarily at the Recycling Centers for Household Waste (RCHWs). This may have been a result of the poor weather in March, prompting people to hold onto waste into April. In recent months, waste arisings have started to return to expected levels bringing the forecast year end projection closer to the year end target (504.93kgs against year end target of 495kgs).

Priority 4: Protecting and Safeguarding Vulnerable People

What does success look like?

- People receiving social care services have good physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and adults with learning disabilities have opportunities for employment
- Low numbers of older people admitted to hospital following falls, adults using our services feel safe and our processes for safeguarding vulnerable children are effective
- Children in care enjoy stable placements or are placed permanently with adoptive families and carers are supported to enjoy a good quality of life

Where have we come from and where do we want to be?

Outcome 1: Enabling vulnerable people to enjoy a better quality of life

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
4.1.1: Social Care quality of life score – based on survey responses	-	18.6	18.9 ▲	Awaiting National Release	18.9 (11/12)	18.96 (11/12)	To be set	July 2014	N/a	Annual
4.1.2: Number of adults with learning disabilities in paid employment	378 ▼	385 ▲	362 ▼	339 ▼	-	-	Maintain current levels of employment	January 2014	N/a	Quarterly

Outcome 2: Protecting Essex residents from harm and injury

Indicators of Success	Historical Essex Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
4.2.1.1: Hospital admissions due to falls for people aged 65 years and over (per 100,000 pop)	-	2,253.0	Awaiting National Release	Awaiting National Release	2,475.3 (10/11)	2,208.4 (10/11)	To be set once baseline data available	Autumn 2015	N/a	Annual
4.2.1.2: Hospital admissions due to fall injuries for people aged 65 years and over (per 100,000 pop)	-	1,483.0	Awaiting National Release	Awaiting National Release	1,641.6 (10/11)	1,440.4 (10/11)	To be set once baseline data available	Autumn 2015	N/a	Annual
4.2.2: % people who use services who feel safe	-	63%	70% ▲	Awaiting National Release	-	-	To be set	July 2014	N/a	Annual
4.2.3: % people who use services who say that those services have made them feel safe and secure	-	-	89%	Awaiting National Release	-	-	To be set	July 2014	N/a	Annual
4.2.4: Effective processes in place to safeguard vulnerable children	Success will be measured by continued evidence of improvement in processes to safeguard vulnerable children									
4.2.5: Local Authority Ofsted judgements (Children's Services)	Un-satisfactory	Un-satisfactory	Satisfactory	Fostering Service = Good	-	-	Continued evidence of improvement in Children's social care	-	N/a	Annual

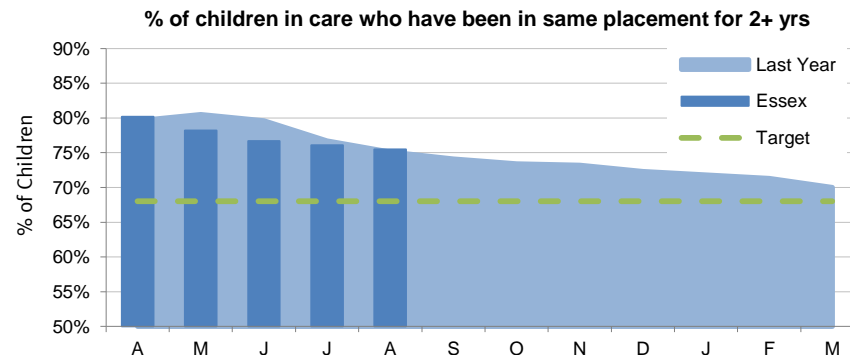
Outcome 3: Supporting parents, carers and families to create safe and stable homes

Indicators of Success	Historical Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
4.3.1.1: % Children in Care who have been in the same placement for 2 or more years 13/14	67.1% ▲	65.9% ▼	70.7% ▲	70% (provisional) ▼	68.0% (11/12)	67.2% (11/12)	68%	75.5% (Aug 2013)	On Track (see page 15)	Monthly
4.3.1.2: % Children in Care who have had 3 or more placements in the year 13/14	7.8% ▼	8.8% ▲	8.9% ▲	8.9% (provisional) ▲	11% (11/12)	12.5% (11/12)	10%	1.4% (Aug 2013)	On Track (see page 16)	Monthly
4.3.2: % Children in Care who are in foster care family placements 13/14	74.3% ▲	70.6% ▼	75.8% ▲	74.3% (provisional) ▼	75% (11/12)	76% (11/12)	75%	74.2% (Aug 2013)	On Track (see page 16)	Monthly
4.3.3: % Children in Care for whom adoption was part of their care plan and were successfully adopted 13/14	13.1% ▲	10% ▼	13.5% ▲	10.9% (provisional) ▼	13% (11/12)	11% (11/12)	Target not yet confirmed	19.8% (Aug 2013)	On Track	Monthly
4.3.4: Number of carers assessments provided to adults who regularly care for others (per 1,000 population age 18+ years) 13/14	12.1 ▼	15.1 ▲	13.1 ▼	13.59 ▲	10.5 (11/12)	10.32 (11/12)	Maintain top quartile within our comparator group	3.39 (July 13)	N/a	Monthly
4.3.5: Number of carers receiving direct payments (per 10,000 population age 18+ years) 13/14	5.79	7.23 ▲	5.69 ▼	4.92 ▼	17.16 (10/11)	17.32 (10/11)	Reduce gap with comparators	2.51 (July 13)	N/a	Monthly
4.3.6: Satisfaction of carers receiving support from Essex County Council	New for 2012/13			36.1%	-	-	To be set	July 2014	N/a	Annual

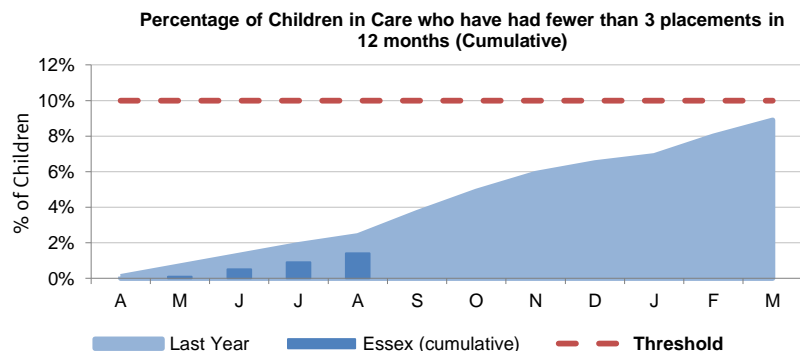
What is the latest data telling us?

4.3.1.1: Proportion of children in care who have been in the same placement for 2+ years had begun to fall compared to the same period last year

However, August 2013 saw a reversal of this trend with performance back in line with the same period last year. Given the trend over 2012/13, this suggest performance is now back in line with the 68% target for the end of 2013/14.

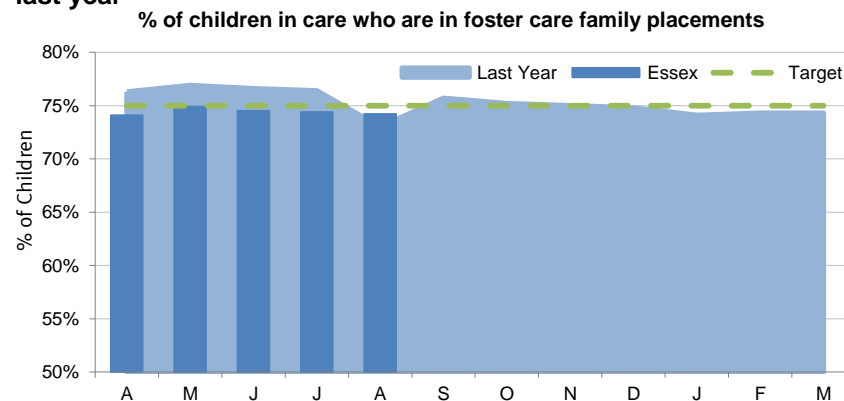


4.3.1.2: There has been improvement in the proportion of children in care with fewer than 3 placements, compared to the same period last year



Performance remains well below the maximum threshold. It is not appropriate to set targets against this indicator, instead the aim is to remain below the 10% threshold.

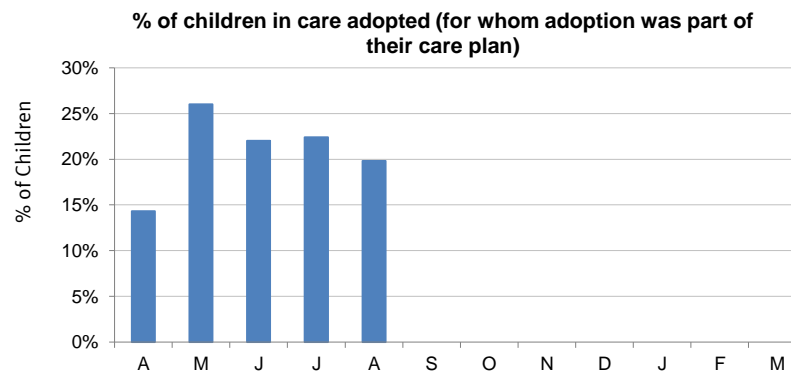
4.3.2: Until recently, 2013/14 had been experiencing a fall in the proportion of children in care fostered compared to the same period last year



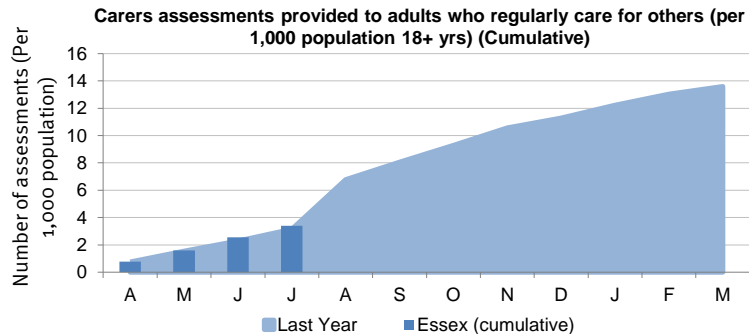
This may in part be explained by the rise in adoption levels (so far, all of the children adopted in 2013/14 were in fostering prior to adoption). Another factor may be the increasing age profile of the current cohort of children in care, with potentially increasing numbers of children transferring over to independent living.

4.3.3: Data suggests an increase in the number of adoptions compared to the same period last year.

19.8% of children in care were adopted as at August (for whom adoption was part of their care plan). This equates to 40 children adopted up to August 2013, compared to 25 during the same period in 2012/13 and 70 for the whole of 2012/13. However, caution should be applied as this may in part be a reflection of improved recording of adoption data.

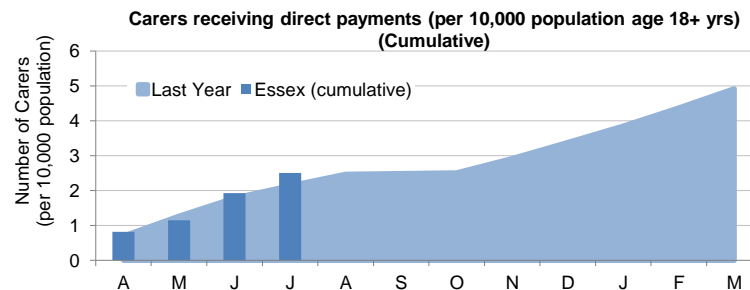


4.3.4: The number of carers assessments completed during 2013/14 have been broadly in line with levels achieved last year



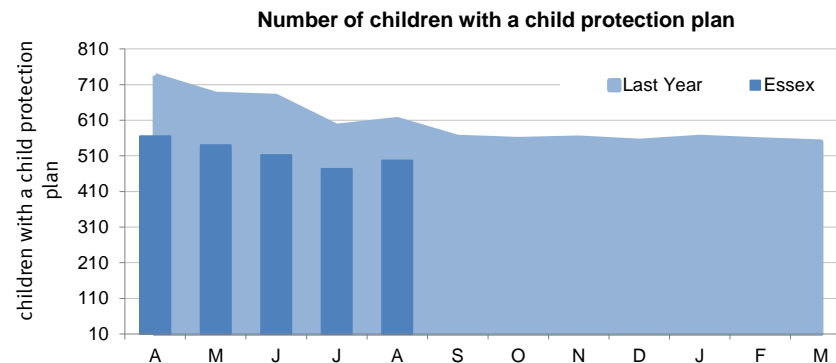
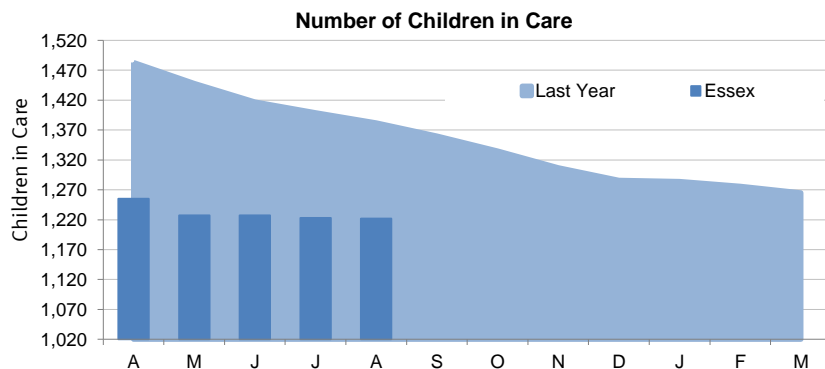
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4.3.5: The proportion of carers receiving direct payments during 2013/14 have been broadly in line with levels achieved last year



We now await 2012/13 comparative data

2013/14 sees a continued downward trend in the number of children in care, although rate of decline is slowing



Credible alternatives to care appear to be working – the overall number of children in care was 1,222 at the end of August 2013, continuing the downward trend since the peak in 2010/11, although numbers have been relatively stable over recent months. It is also worth noting that recent trends show an increase in the number of teenagers entering care. The number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan has also shown further decline down to 497 in August 2013 compared to 549 at the end of 2012/13.

Priority 5: Giving People a Greater Say and Greater Role in Building Safer and Stronger Communities

What does success look like?

- Low levels of crime and residents feel safe in their communities, traders do not partake in rogue or dangerous behaviour and Essex roads are safe
- Residents are involved in their communities
- There is closer working between local authorities across Essex, and Citizens have power to scrutinise and challenge public services

Where have we come from and where do we want to be?

Outcome 1: Making Essex a safer county in which to live and work

Indicators of Success	Historical Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2012/13 National Average	2012/13 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
5.1.1: Number of crimes per 1,000 residents committed in Essex 13/14	57.4 -	56.5 ▼	56.5 ▶	53.6 ▼	-	56.1	Continued reduction in crime	13.2 (Q1)	On Track (see page 19)	Quarterly
5.1.2: % of residents who feel safe after dark	58.6% ▲	64.5% ▲	60.3% ▼	59% ▼	-	-	Improve the feeling of safety in communities	July 2014	N/a	Annual
5.1.3: % businesses causing consumers significant detriment which are brought to compliance within 12 months 13/14	New for 2012/13			87%			80% brought to compliance	88% (June 2013)	On Track	Quarterly
5.1.4: Number of people injured in road traffic collisions (excluding fatal and serious injuries)	3,667 ▼	3,440 ▼	3,641 ▲	3,561 ▼	-	-	Reduction to 3,561	July 2014	N/a	Annual
5.1.5: Number of people killed or seriously injured on Essex's roads	658 ▼	662 ▲	630 ▼	602 ▼	-	-	Reduction to 593	July 2014	N/a	Annual

Outcome 2: Encouraging Essex residents to influence decisions and shape their communities

Indicators of Success	Historical Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12 National Average	2011/12 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
5.2.1: % residents who would like to be more involved in decision making	30% ▲	32% ▲	25.9% ▼	29% ▲	-	-	Further engage residents to encourage involvement	July 2014	N/a	Annual
5.2.2: % residents who are interested in getting involved to improve their local community	-	-	51.4% ▼	48.1% ▼	-	-	Further engage residents to encourage involvement	July 2014	N/a	Annual
5.2.3: % residents engaged in volunteering	-	30% ▼	28% ▼	21% ▼	-	-	Support and develop opportunities to get more involved in communities	July 2014	N/a	Annual

Outcome 3: Helping communities play a greater role in challenging local services

Indicators of Success	Historical Performance				Comparative Performance		Current Essex Performance			
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12 National Average	2011/12 Statistical Neighbour Average	Aim	2013/14	Performance Judgement	Frequency of data
5.3.1: Successful development of Locality Boards across Essex	Success will be measured through the support and promotion of closer working between local authorities across Essex via the establishment of Locality Boards									Annual
5.3.2: Successful development of HealthWatch	Success will be measured by the establishment of HealthWatch Essex Pathfinder									Annual

What is the latest data telling us?

5.1.1: Essex remains below the East of England average for recorded crime, but the gap is closing

At 13.2 per 1,000 residents, the 2013/14 Q1 reported crime rate is currently in line with levels recorded for Q1 2012/13. Whilst Essex remains below the East of England average (13.7 per 1,000 residents), the gap does appear to be reducing.

