

EDUCATION PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 4

Report of the Head of Education and Learning

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Cabinet (and confirmation under the provisions of the Council's Constitution) before taking effect.

For Information

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#### 1. **Background/Introduction**

This report provides a quarterly update on the latest performance measures within Education and Learning. It is supplementary to the traditional annual reporting and provides an update on performance against latest available national benchmarks.

#### 2. **Main Text/Proposal**

Please see overleaf.

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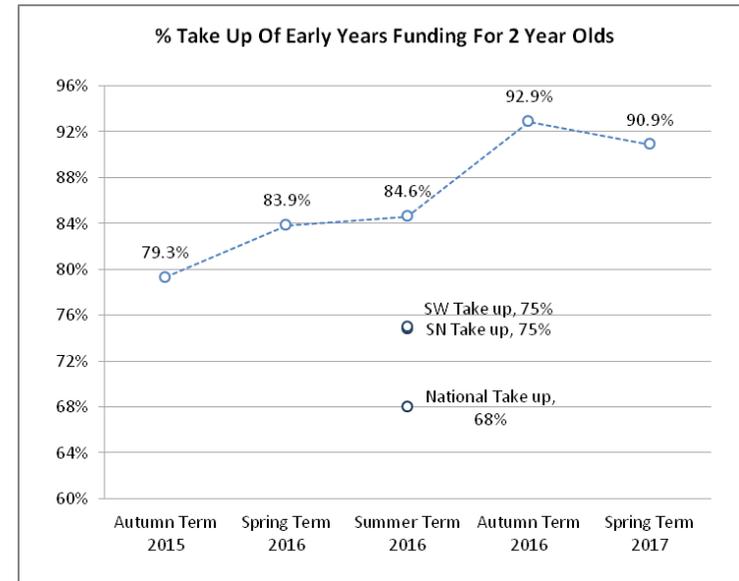
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# Early Years

## Take up of Early Years Funding for 2 year olds

The take up of funding for two year olds has dropped slightly in the Spring Term 2017 from 92.9% to 90.9%. However this term's take up is significantly better than the take up for the same time period last year (83.9%). Devon also performs significantly better than latest national and regional take up rates.

Data sources: Early Years Team, DCC, May 17, DfE SFR23\_2016 Education Provision: children under 5 years of age (Jan 2016)



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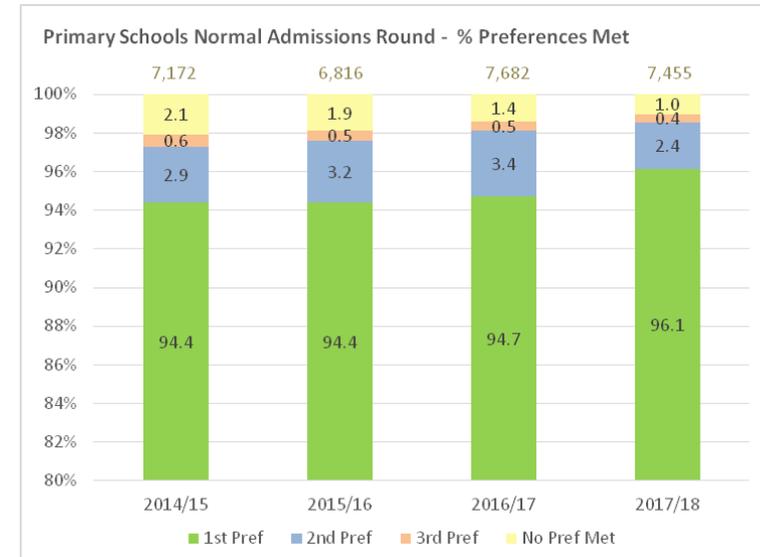
# School Admissions

## Devon Primary Schools Admissions Round (2017/18)

Devon continues to perform well in the school admissions round. In primary schools 96% were offered a place at their first preferred school, whilst 99% were offered a place at one of their preferred options. This is an increase on last year where 94.7% were offered a place at their preferred choice and 98.6% were offered a place at one of their preferred options.

Devon's performance has historically been higher than the national picture. In 2016/17 94.7% were offered a place at their preferred primary school compared to 88.4% nationally<sup>1</sup>. Last year Devon was the top performer in the South West for meeting primary school first preferences. (No comparison data is available for the 2017/18 round).

<sup>1</sup> DfE SFR 19/2016 Secondary and primary school applications and offers: 2016

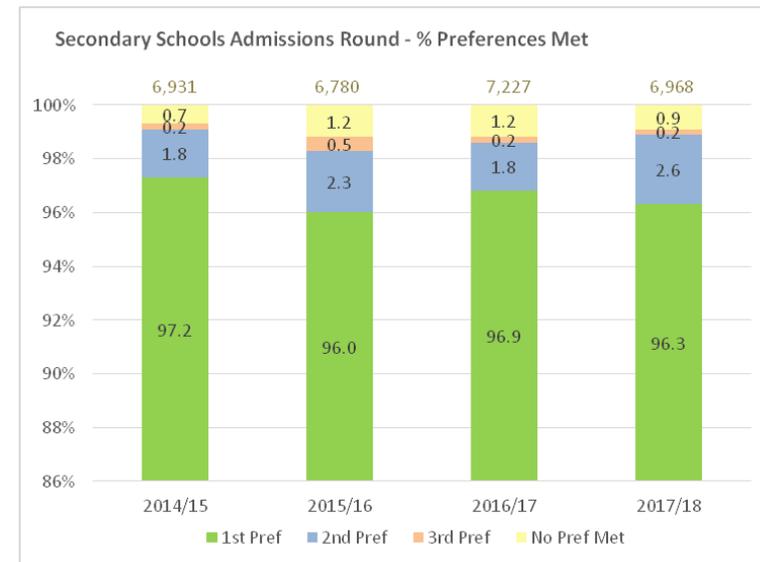


## Devon Secondary Schools Admissions Round (2017/18)

Devon has maintained its performance with secondary schools where 96.3% offered a place at their first preferred school compared to 96.9% in last year's admission round. 99.1% were offered a place at one of their preferred options compared to 98.8% in the previous year.

Devon's performance has historically been higher than the national picture. In 2016/17 96.9% were offered a place at their preferred secondary school compared to 84.1% nationally<sup>1</sup>. Last year Devon was the second top performing LA in the South West for meeting secondary school first preferences. (No comparison data is available for the 2017/18 round).

<sup>1</sup> DfE SFR 19/2016 Secondary and primary school applications and offers: 2016



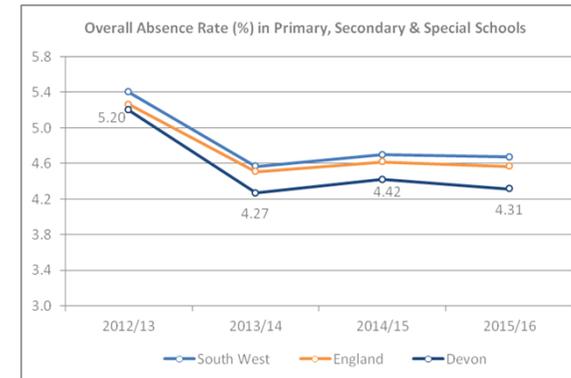
Data Source: 2017/18 Admissions Team April 2017, Devon County Council April 2017, 2014/15, 2015/16 & 2016/17 DfE SFR 19\_2016 Secondary and primary school applications and offers: 2016

# Attendance

## Overall Absence Rates

Devon has the lowest absence rate of all LAs in the South West. The overall attendance in primary, secondary and special schools is better than nationally (4.3% compared to 4.6% nationally).

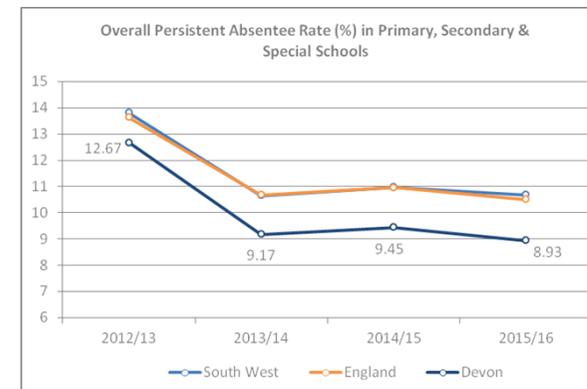
Attendance at each school phase is better in Devon than nationally, with attendance at Special Schools significantly better (7.4% absence compared to 9.1% nationally). Attendance at Devon primary and secondary schools has improved slightly on the previous year.



## Persistent Absentees

Devon has the second lowest persistent absentee rate in the South West and has improved on last year's performance. The percentage of pupils missing 10% or more of school sessions has dropped to 8.9%. Devon continues to perform better than nationally and regionally (10.5% and 10.7% respectively).

Persistent Absentees across all school phases continues to be lower in Devon than nationally. Primary school rates are relatively static but secondary and special schools have improved, with significantly lower rates than in the previous year.



# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

## Requests for Statutory Assessments

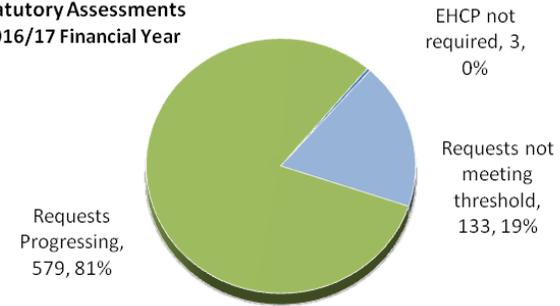
The volume of requests for assessments continues to be high and is rising. There were 290 new requests for statutory assessments within Qtr 4, accounting for 41% of all new requests in the 2016/17 financial year (715 requests).

The work rate of issuing plans within the 20 week national timeline still requires improvement; 25% of EHCPs issued in the financial year were issued on time. This is a slight increase from the 24% of EHCPs issued within the 20 week deadline for the period to the end of Qtr 3.

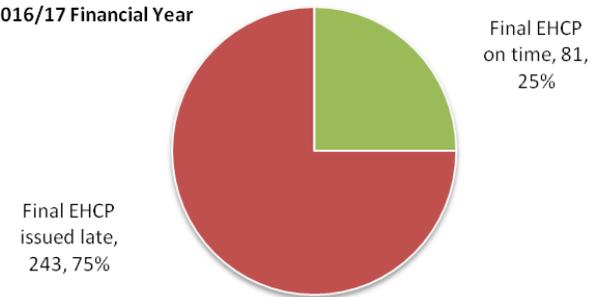
When performance is reviewed in-quarter, the percentage of EHCPs issued on time varies across quarters and has risen in the last quarter (28% compared to 14% in Qtr3 2016/17).

Note: the number of completions and numbers of plans in progress vary across quarters according to the timing of the processing of each request.

Statutory Assessments  
2016/17 Financial Year



Status of EHCPs Issued  
2016/17 Financial Year



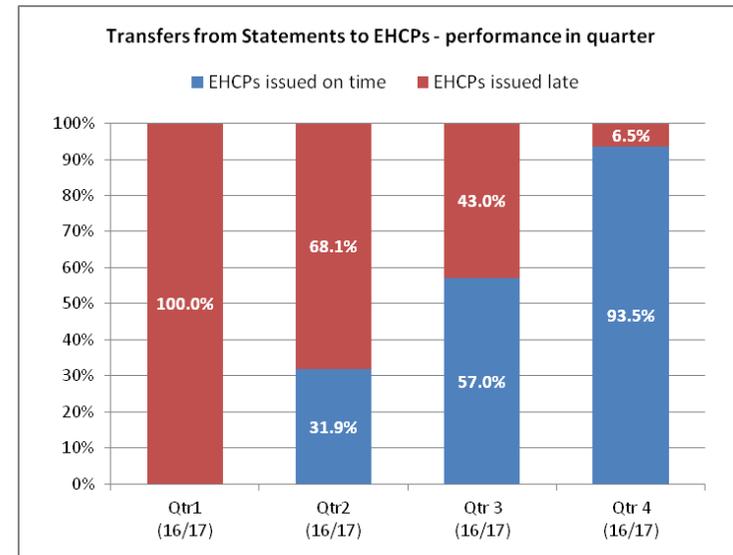
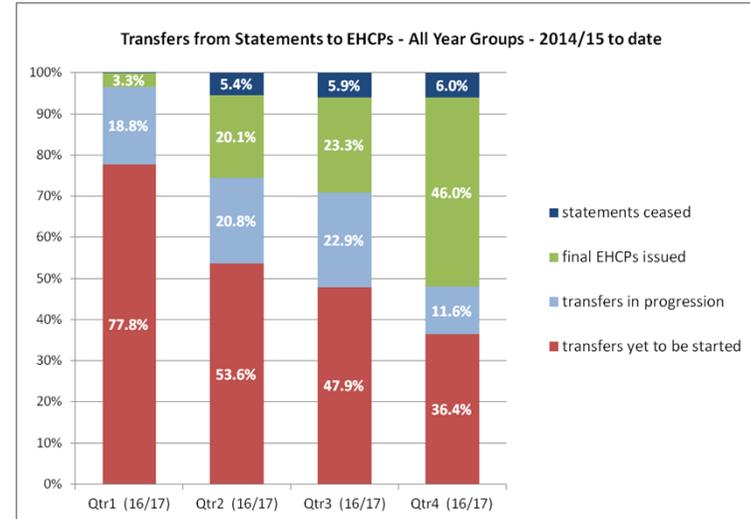
Data source: DCC 0-25 SEN Team, April 2017

# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

## Transfers from Statements

Transfers from statutory statements are progressing. At the end of 2016/17 financial year 52% of the 3,380 statements to transfer have been issued as EHCPs or ceased, nearly 12% are in progression with 36% yet to be started.

Practice has improved in meeting the 20 week deadline with 42.9% of EHCPs issued by the end of the 2016/17 financial year meeting the deadline. However the scale of the task continues to be affected by the high turnover of staff employed to meet the expected March 2018 deadline.



Data source: DCC 0-25 SEN Team, April 2017

# Not in Employment, Education or Training

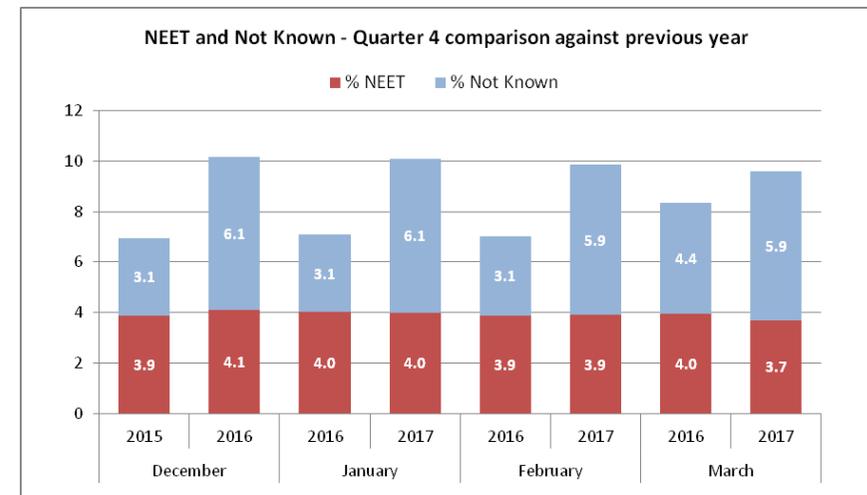
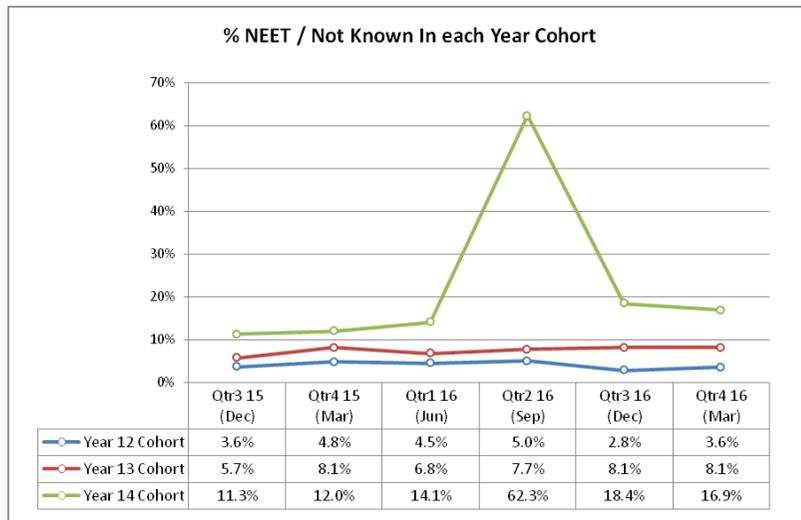
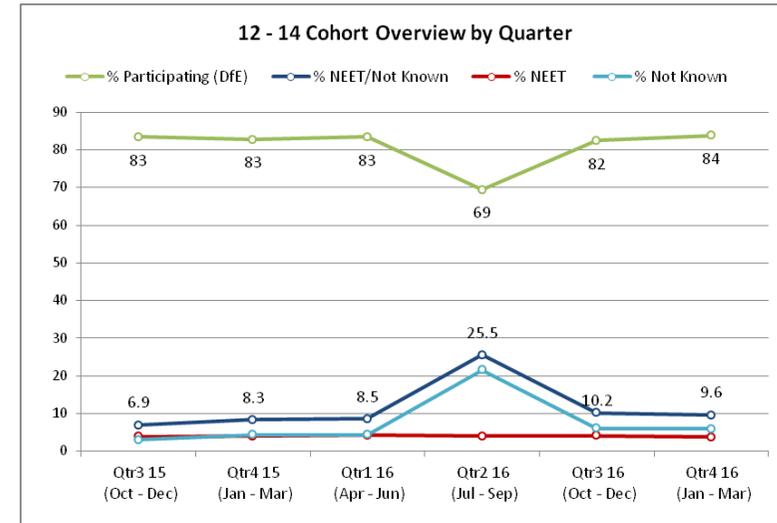
## NEETs Overview

Recent information from Careers South West indicates that the percentage of those Not in Employment, Education or Training in Devon is slightly lower when compared to the same period last year. (3.7% in March 2017 compared to 4% in March 2016).

The new combined NEET and Not Known measure has fallen slightly in the last quarter (9.6% compared to 10.2% in December) but continues to be higher than the same period last year (9.6% compared to 8.4% previously). This increase on last year is due to a higher Not Known rate (5.9% compared to 4.4% in Mar 16).

The combined NEET/Not Known rate varies across year groups. Year 12 continues to be the year group with the lowest rate (3.6%) but this has risen slightly since the last quarter (2.8%). Year 13 continues to have a combined NEET/Not Known rate of 8.1% whilst the rate for Year 14 has fallen from 18.4% to 16.9%.

Note: In future only data for years 12 and 13 will be regarded as targets by the DfE in line with the statutory duty on local authorities to track young people destinations.



Data Source: CSW Monthly Scorecard, Mar 2017 (2016/17 months), April 2016 (2015/16 months)

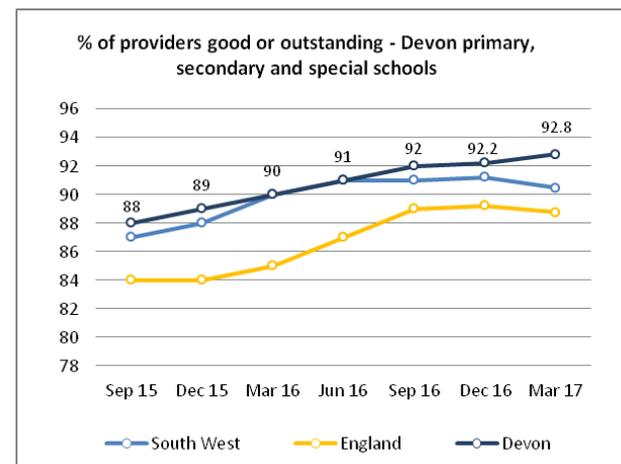
# Quality of Provision

## Devon Schools

The quality of state funded education provision in Devon continues to be higher than the national picture. The percentage of Devon schools judged to be Good or Outstanding remains stable in this latest Quarter (92.8% compared to 88.7% of schools nationally).

*Data source: Monthly Management Information: Ofsted's school inspections outcomes, Management Information – Schools – 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017.*

Both Devon Primary and Secondary schools continues to be above the national average. There has been an improvement in the percentage of Special schools judged as good or outstanding (80% compared to 70% in the last quarter).

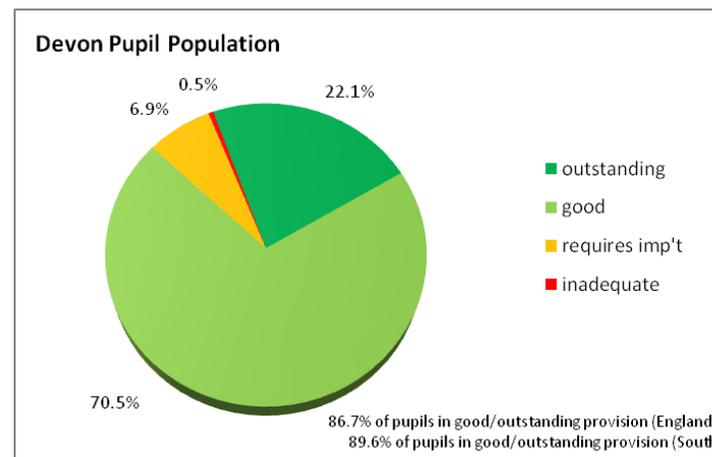


## Devon Pupils

92.56% (86,335) of Devon pupils are attending schools that have been judged as Good or Outstanding. This is better than the national and regional figures (86.7% and 89.6%).

91% (17,819) of disadvantaged children<sup>1</sup> in Devon are attending Good or Outstanding schools. These are pupils who fall within the RAISE online disadvantaged groups of Free School Meal children, children currently in care and children adopted from care and the DfE's service children classification.

87.8% (2,489) of pupils with statements of special educational needs or education, health and care plans<sup>2</sup> are attending Good or Outstanding Schools. This is an increase on the previous quarter (86%).



<sup>1</sup> Pupil Numbers from DfE Pupil Premium July 2016

<sup>2</sup> Pupil Numbers as at Spring Census 2016

Data Source: DfE Monthly Management Information: Ofsted School Inspection Outcomes, 31 March 2017