

## **Devon Education and Learning**

### **Education and Learning Performance Report Quarter 4 - 2017/18**

### **Discussion Brief**



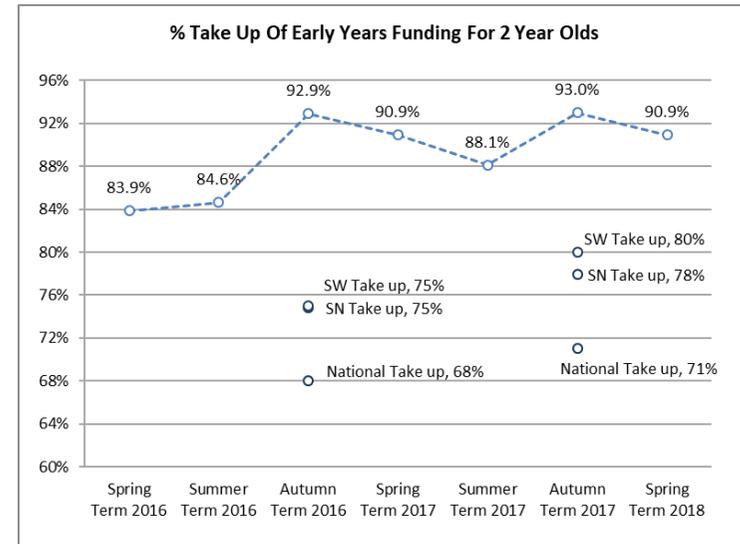
# 1 Closing The Gap Early Years

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

The take up of funding for two year olds has fallen slightly in the Spring Term to 90.9%. This reflects the trend in the previous year and is in line with the take up for the same period last year (90.9%). Devon continues to perform significantly better than latest national (71%) and regional (80%) take up rates.

Take up of two year old places is a parental choice. Therefore we would not expect all 2 year olds to be accessing a place, as some parents will prefer to wait until their child is older.

Data sources: Devon take up: Early Years Team, DCC, Apr 2018, national and regional benchmarks DfE LAIT at 05/10/17



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# 1 Closing The Gap Children in Care 2016/17

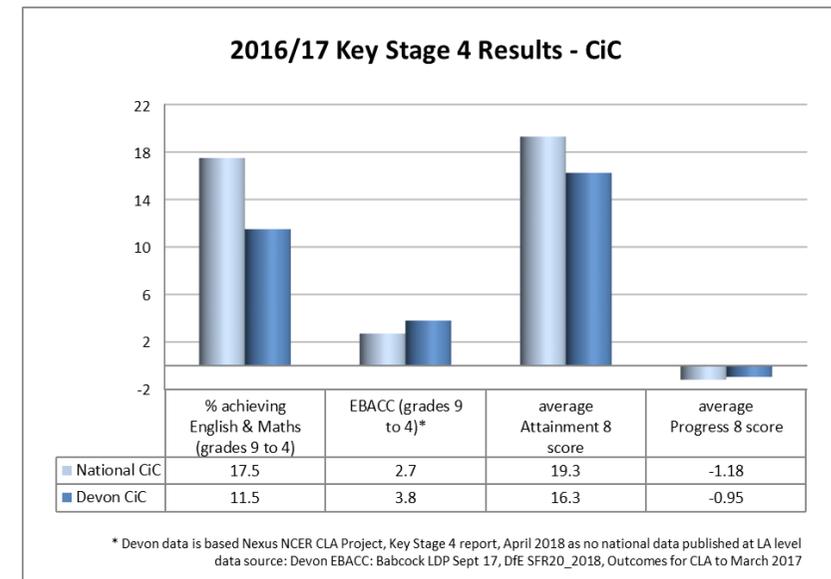
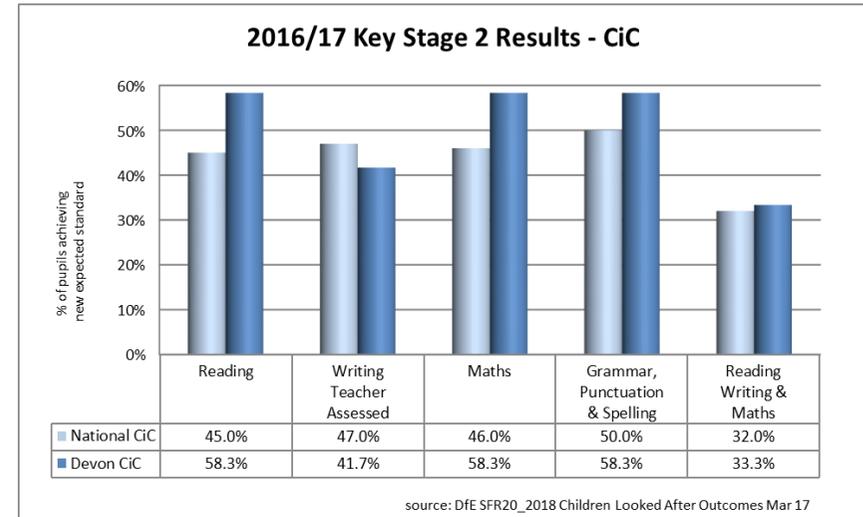
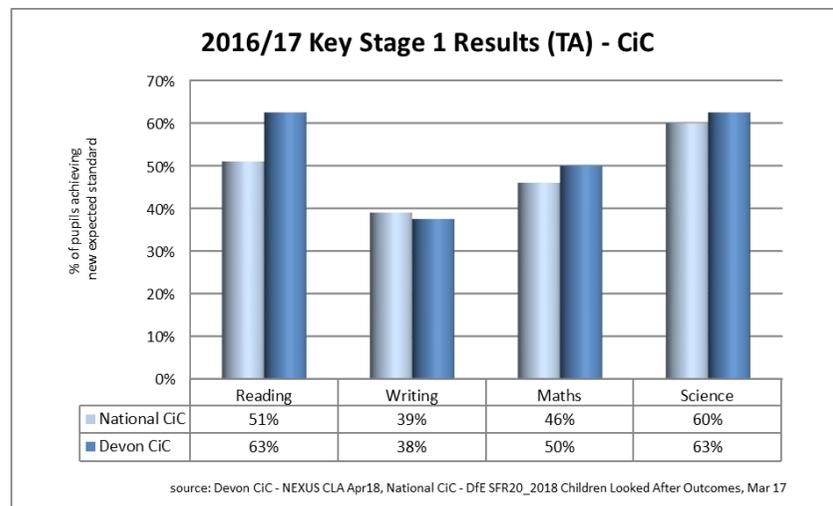
## Children in Care\* - published results

Recently published information indicates that outcomes in Key Stage 1 Reading, Maths and Science are above the national average, whilst Writing is close to the national average.

At Key Stage 2, Devon's Children in Care are performing above the national average in the combined measure of Reading, Writing and Maths. Devon is in the top performing quartile for KS2 subjects Reading and Maths and is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> out of 152 LAs respectively.

At Key Stage 4, local information indicates Devon's Children in Care performed best in English with 26.9% achieving grades 9 to 4 followed by Maths (15.4% achieving grade 9 to 4). Whilst Devon's Children in Care are not performing as well as nationally in the combined English and Maths measure they are making better progress than nationally (average Progress 8 score per pupil of -0.95 compared to -1.18 nationally). This cohort had a high percentage of SEN, reflected in the Attainment and English & Maths measure. However, it should be noted from the starting point these pupils made more progress.

\* Children looked after continuously for at least twelve months as at 31 March 2017 excluding those children in respite care. Only children who have been matched to key stage 2 and key stage 4 data are included.



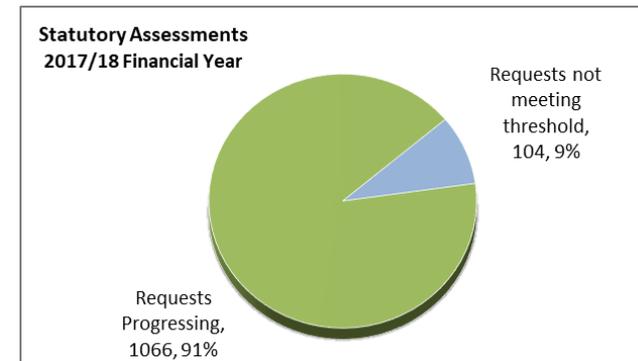
## 2 Inclusion SEND

### Requests for Statutory Assessments

The volume of requests for assessments continues to be high. There have been 1,170 new requests for statutory assessments for the 2017-18 financial year, compared to 715 for the full financial year last year (2016-17). This represents a 64% increase in requests. Of the new requests for the year 91% (1,066) are progressing compared to 81% (579) last year.

The work rate of issuing plans within the 20 week national timeline still requires significant improvement. New staff started work in the SEN team on April 1<sup>st</sup> and this will start to make a visible difference to our work to support children and families. However due to the time it takes to complete an assessment (20 weeks) there will be a delay before the numbers completed within timescales is reflected in our data.

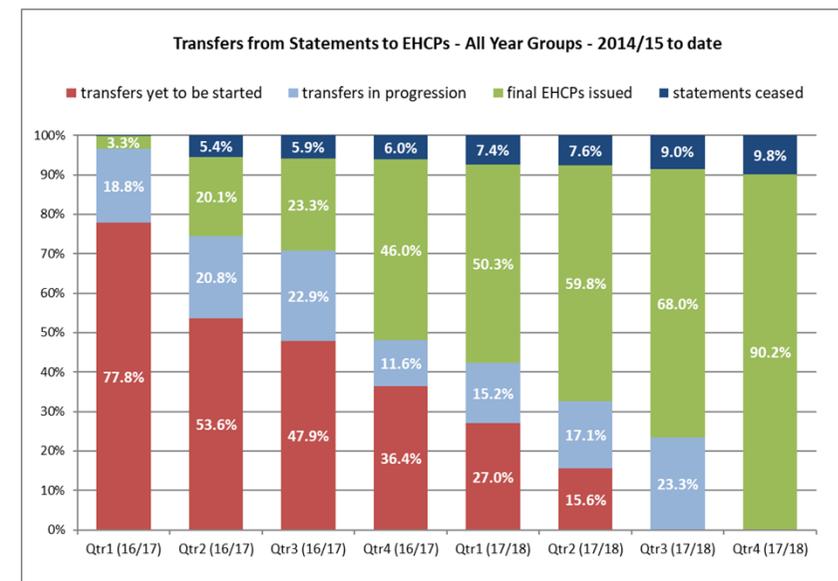
Note: the number of completions and numbers of plans in progress vary across quarters according to the timing of the processing of each request.



### Transfers from Statements

All transfers from statutory statements have been completed within the Department for Education timeframe.

Of the 3,444 statements reviewed, 9.8% statements were ceased and 90.2% had EHCPs issued. This represents a huge piece of work for the SEN team who should be congratulated on completing this review, especially considering the number of pupils in Devon.



## 2 Inclusion Not in Employment, Education or Training

### Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) 16 and 17 year olds<sup>1</sup>

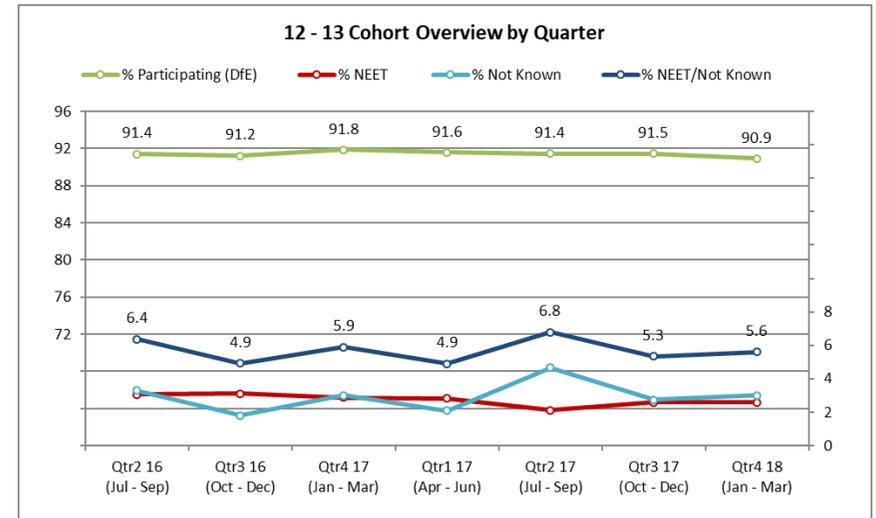
Latest information from Careers South West indicates that the percentage of NEET in Devon is lower than the same period last year (2.6% compared to 2.9% in March 2017), whilst the Not Known rate is the same (3%).

The combined NEET and Not Known measure<sup>2</sup> for the overall cohort has risen slightly in the final quarter, but it is lower than the same period last year (5.6% compared to 5.9% in March 2017).

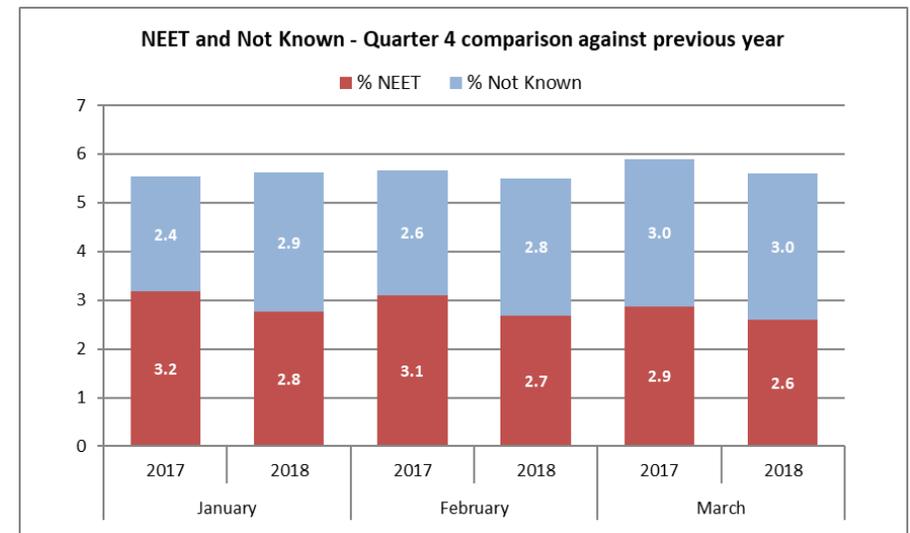
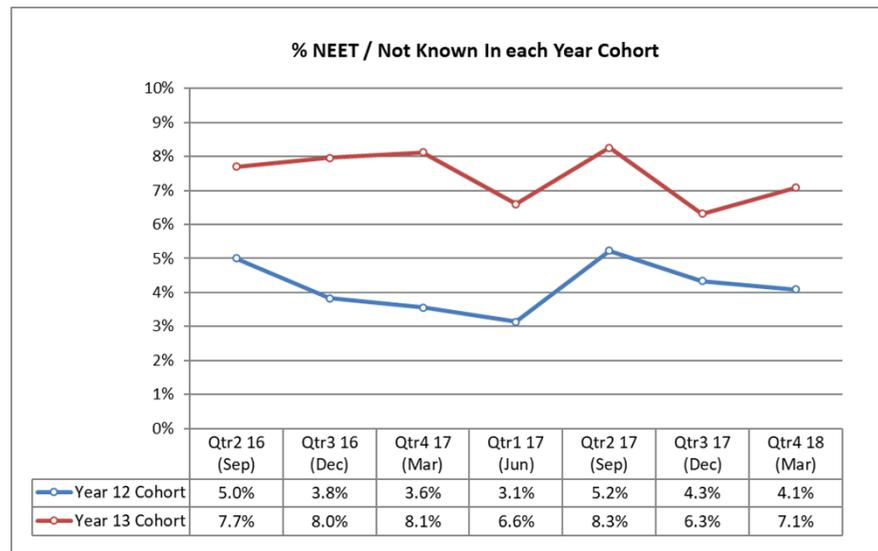
<sup>1</sup> data for years 12 and 13 are now regarded as targets by the DfE in line with the statutory duty on local authorities to track young people destinations

<sup>2</sup> previous focus was on separate measures, primarily NEET

When reviewed by cohorts, Year 12 is the year group with the lower NEET / Not Known rate, with a rate of 4.1% in March 2018 (compared to 3.6% in the same period last year). The NEET/Not Known rate for the Year 13 cohort has improved on the same period last year (7.1% in Mar 18 compared to 8.1% in Mar 17).



Note: the peak in the NEET/Not Known rate is due to young people leaving education / training at the end of the academic year and obtaining confirmation of ongoing study/employment.

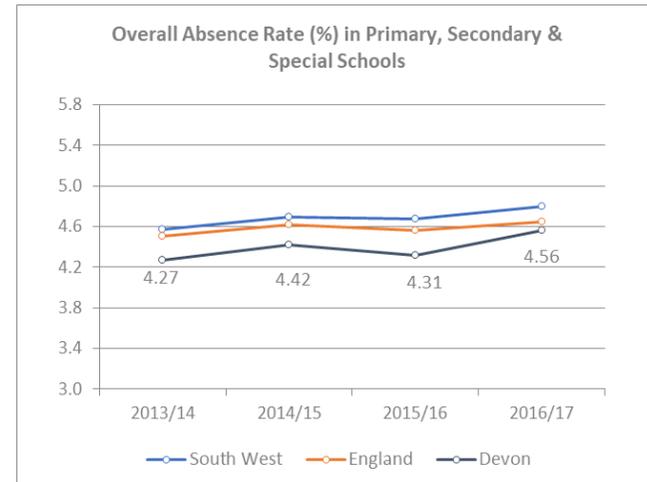


## 2 Inclusion Attendance 2016/17

### Overall Absence Rates

Recently published national data indicates that the overall absence rate in Devon primary, secondary and special schools continues to be better than nationally and regionally (4.56% compared to 4.65% and 4.79% respectively). Devon has the second lowest absence rate of all LAs in the South West.

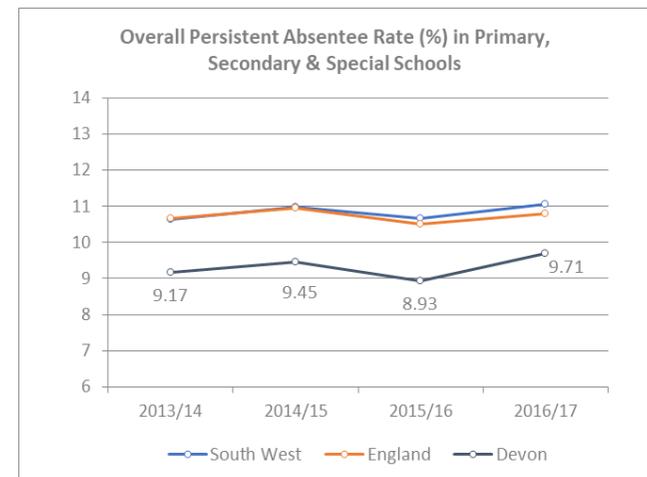
Absence rates in Devon primary schools are slightly better than nationally (3.8% compared to 4% nationally) whilst absence rates at special schools are significantly better (7.7% in Devon compared to 9.7% nationally). Devon is in the top performing quartile for both overall absence rates and unauthorised absence rates in primary schools. The absence rate in Devon secondary schools is not as good as nationally, with an overall absence rate of 5.5% compared to 5.4% nationally.



### Persistent Absentees

The percentage of pupils missing 10% or more of school sessions continues to be better in Devon than nationally and regionally (9.7% compared to 10.8% and 11% respectively). Devon is in the top performing quartile for persistent absentee rates and has the third lowest rate in the South West.

Persistent Absentee rates across primary schools and special schools continue to be better in Devon than nationally. Primary school persistent absentee rates are 2 percentage points lower than nationally, whilst special school absentee rates are nearly 4.5 percentage points lower. Devon is also in the top performing quartile for persistent absentee rates in primary schools and is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> out of 152 LAs. Persistent absentee rates in Devon secondary schools are not as good as nationally with 13.9% in Devon compared to 13.5% nationally.

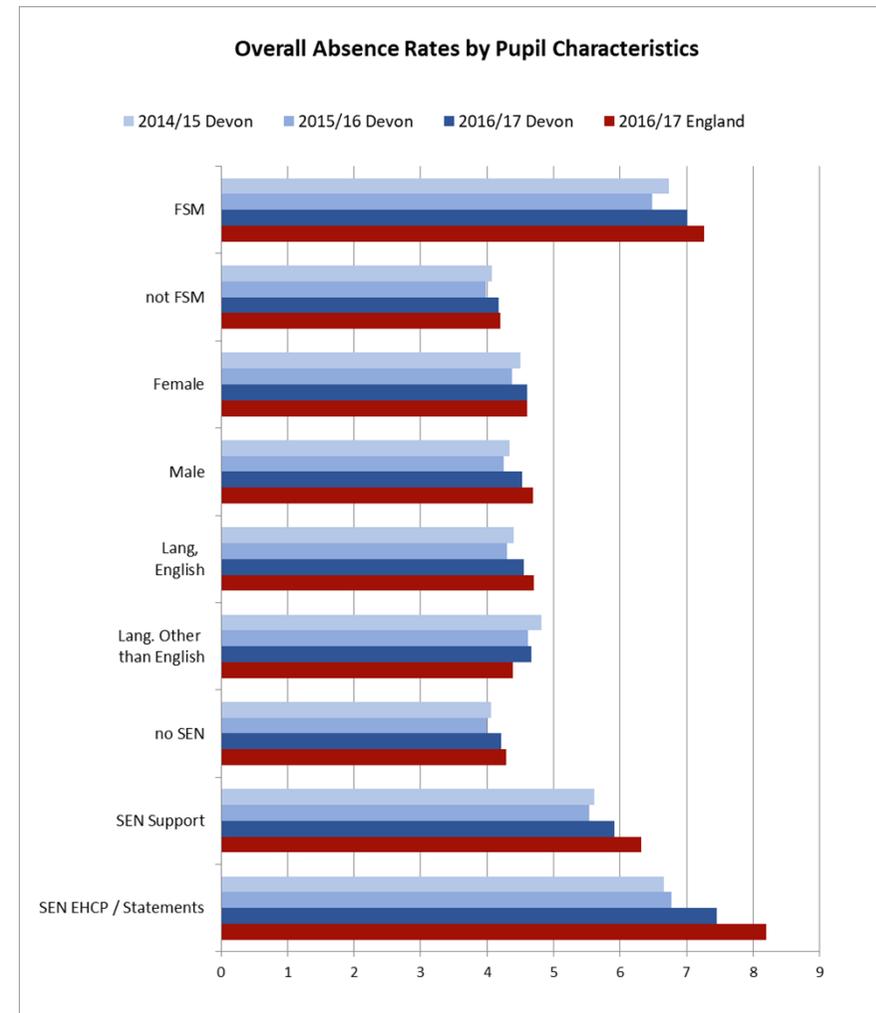


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### Overall Absences – Pupil Characteristics

Absence rates across pupil cohorts have risen slightly in the last year, both in Devon and nationally. However Devon continues to be better than or in line with national absence rates;

- pupils eligible for FSM have higher absence rates than their non FSM peers, both in Devon and nationally. Devon FSM pupils have lower absence rates than nationally (7% compared to 7.3% nationally).
- There is little difference in absence rates between genders, males have a very slightly lower rate than females in Devon (4.5% compared to 4.6%).
- absence rates for pupils whose First Language is other than English is similar to their peers whose First Language is English. Devon pupils with a First Language other than English have a slightly higher rate than nationally (4.7% compared to 4.4%).
- Pupils with SEN have higher absence rates than their peers with no SEN, both in Devon and nationally. Pupils with Statements / EHCPs have higher absence rates than their peers with SEN support. Both Devon SEN cohorts have better absence rates than nationally. Pupils with Statements / EHCPs have significantly lower absence rates (7.5% compared to 8.2% nationally).



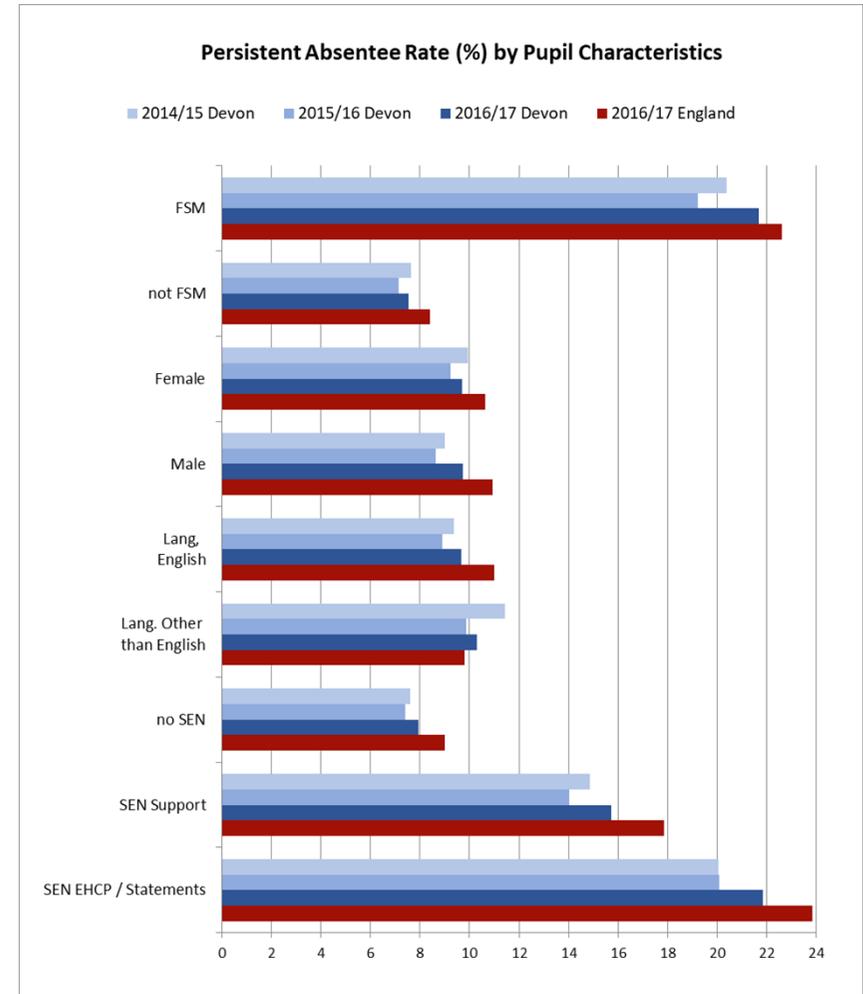
Data Source: DfE SFR18/2018 Pupil absence in schools in England: 2016 to 2017, March 2018

## 2 Inclusion Attendance 2016/17

### Persistent Absentees – Pupil Characteristics

Persistent absentee rates have also risen in the last year, both in Devon and nationally. Devon is performing better than nationally across the majority of cohorts;

- fewer FSM pupils were persistent absentees in Devon compared to nationally (21.7% compared to 22.6%).
- males and females have similar persistent absentee rates, with Devon males performing significantly better than nationally (9.7% compared to 10.9%).
- Devon pupils whose language is other than English have a slightly higher level of persistent absenteeism than nationally (10.3% compared to 9.8% nationally).
- Devon SEN pupils are performing significantly better than nationally, with both cohorts having lower persistent absentee rates. 15.7% of SEN Support pupils were persistently absent (compared to 17.8% nationally) whilst 21.9% of Statement / EHCP pupils were persistently absent (23.8% nationally).



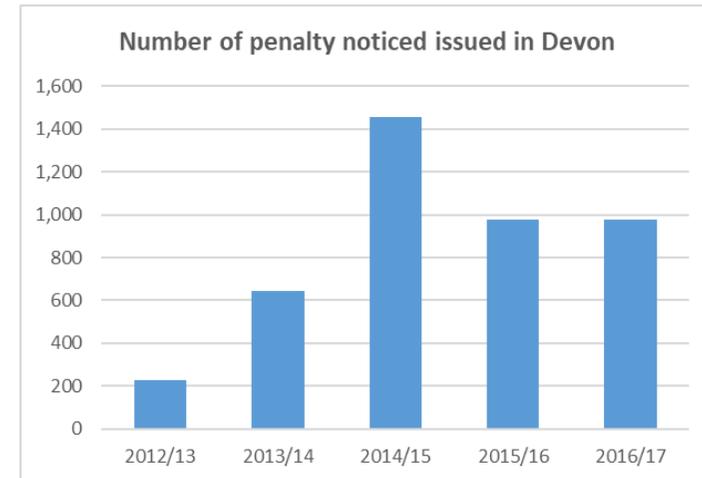
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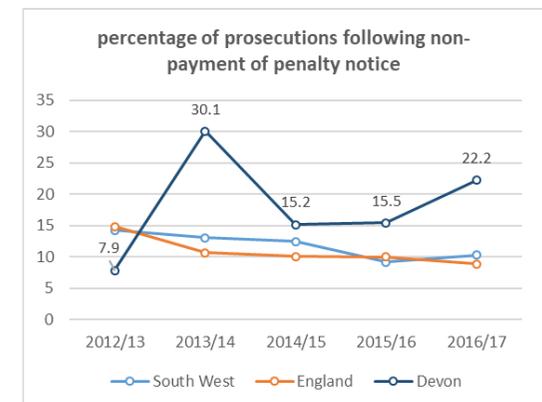
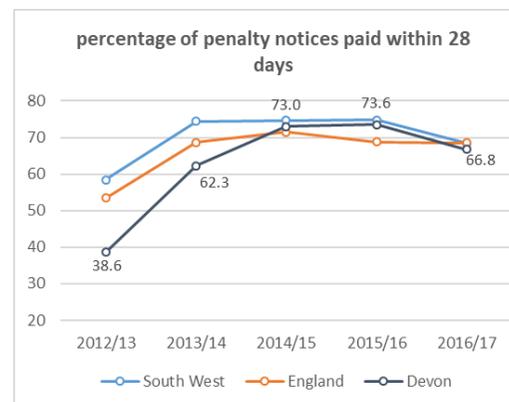
### Parental Responsibilities - Penalty Notices

The number of penalty notices issued in Devon to address poor attendance remained stable in 2016/17 (976). This is likely to rise in 2017/18 with 608 notices being issued in the period Jan to Apr alone. The initial rise in notices was likely due to a change in regulations where term time leave is only granted in exceptional circumstances. The later drop is due to the Council's decision to suspend issuing penalty notices whilst awaiting the outcome of the Isle of Wight case. This also impacted on overall absences rates which rose slightly in 2016/17, both in Devon and nationally.

In 2016/17 66.8% of penalty notices issued were paid within 28 days in Devon compared to 68.5% nationally and regionally. The percentage of prosecutions following non-payment of penalty notices rose in Devon in the last year to 22% (compared to 8.9% nationally).



Data source: DfE SFR17\_2018 Parental Responsibility Measures for Attendance: 2016 to 2017



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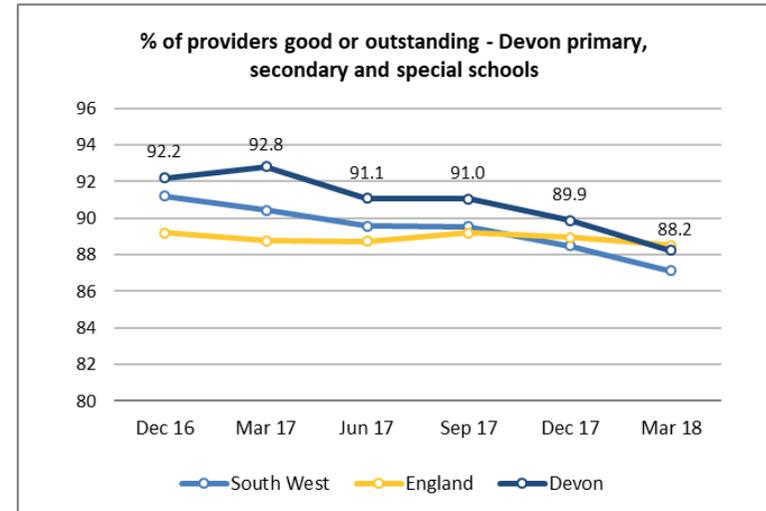
### 3 Quality Ofsted Outcomes

#### Devon Primary, Secondary and Special Schools

The overall percentage of Devon Primary, Secondary and Special Schools, judged by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding has fallen slightly in this last reporting period. Devon continues to perform better than the regional picture, with 88.2% of Devon schools currently good or outstanding (87.1% regionally) and is in line with the national average (88.5%).

Data source: Monthly Management Information: Ofsted's school inspections outcomes, Management Information – Schools – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

89% of Devon primary schools have been judged as good or outstanding, which is in line with the national average (89.8%). Devon Secondary schools are performing better than nationally with 81.6% judged as good or outstanding (compared to 80.2% nationally). There has been no change in the performance of Devon Maintained Special Schools as, at the time of writing, no school inspections had been published since the last reporting period.

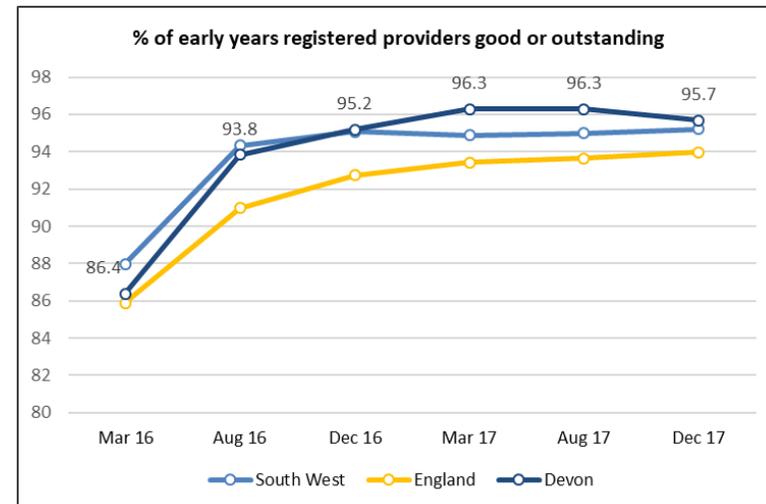


Data Source: DfE Monthly Management Information: Ofsted School Inspection Outcomes, 31 March 2018

#### Inspection of Early Years Registered Providers<sup>1</sup>

Recently published information indicates that nearly 96% of active Early Years registered providers in Devon have been judged as good or outstanding. Devon continues to perform better than both nationally (94%) and regionally (95.2%).

<sup>1</sup> The Early Years Register is for providers who care for children from birth to 31 August following their fifth birthday. Registration is compulsory for such providers and they must meet the requirements of the early years foundation stage (EYFS). Early Years registered providers are childminders, childcare on domestic premises and childcare on non-domestic premises.



Data Source: DfE Early Years Childcare Statistics: Childcare Providers and Inspections, Mar 2018

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#### Devon Pupils in Primary, Secondary and Special Schools

86.8% (80,664) of Devon pupils<sup>1</sup> are attending schools that have been judged as Good or Outstanding. This is in line with the national picture (86.9%) and better than the regional picture (86.3%).

84.7% (16,027) of disadvantaged children<sup>2</sup> in Devon are attending Good or Outstanding schools. These are pupils who are Free School Meal children, children currently in care, adopted from care or service children.

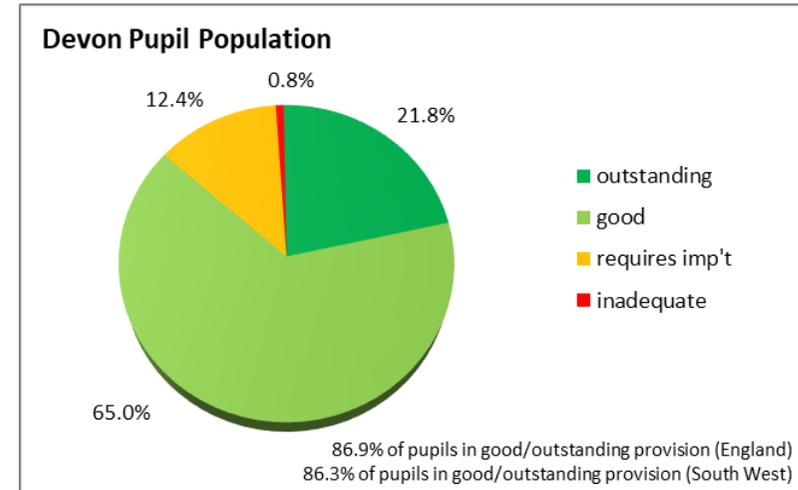
89.89% (2,265) of pupils with statements of special educational needs or education, health and care plans<sup>3</sup> are attending Good or Outstanding Schools.

Note: no national benchmarks are available for disadvantaged children and children with SEN.

<sup>1</sup> Ofsted MI Report uses Spring 2017 pupil cohorts

<sup>2</sup> Pupil Numbers from DfE Pupil Premium July 2017

<sup>3</sup> Pupil Numbers as at Spring Census 2018



Data Source: DfE Monthly Management Information: Ofsted School Inspection Outcomes, 31 Mar 2018