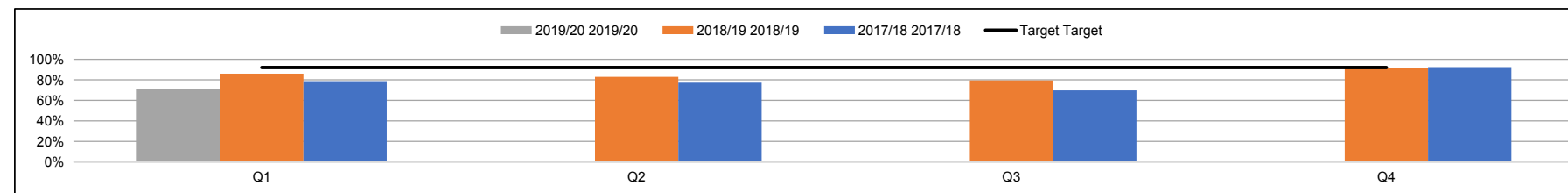


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Definition	Numerator	Number of Looked After Children (LAC) who have an up to date health check	How this indicator works	This indicator measures all children or young people who have been looked after by the local authority for a year or more who have an up to date health check. Health assessments will take place every six months for children under 5 years, and every twelve months for children between 5 and 17 years.
	Denominator	The total of all Looked After Children (LAC) who are looked after by the the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham		
Source		Liquidlogic Children's System (LCS)	Why is this indicator important?	Research evidence indicates that Looked After Children (LAC) have poorer life chances when compared with their peers who have not needed to go into care. The corporate parenting responsibilities of local authorities include having a duty under section 22(3)(a) of the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children they look after. This includes the promotion of the child's physical, emotional and mental health and acting on any early signs of health issues.
What does good performance look like?		Good performance is above the target of 92% of Looked After Children (LAC) having an up to date health assessment		

Quarterly data		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	2019/20	71.4%			
	2018/19	86.0%	82.9%	79.4%	91.2%
	2017/18	78.7%	77.2%	69.7%	92.4%
	2016/17	80.1%	76.2%	77.3%	90.9%
	Target	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%	92.0%



Performance overview	Actions to sustain or improve performance	Benchmarking
<p>71.4% of the Looked After Children (LAC) have a completed health check, this is below the target of 92%. This has fallen significantly since being within a percentage point at 2018/19 Q4 at 91.2%.</p> <p>Performance for this indicator is now below the London (86.6%) and England (86.0%) benchmarking averages.</p>	<p>Currently there is a backlog of updating appointment dates onto cases within LCS (Liquid Logic Children's System). This has been exacerbated due to staff capacity (staff taking annual leave) and an implementation of a new LCS process for health assessments. The current backlog has been prioritised and is being worked through.</p> <p>Performance has also been negatively impacted as a significant proportion of delay is attributed to a cohort of children out of borough. For some children placed in Norfolk, appointments are not provided local services. This issue is being escalated with a view to provide health checks in a quicker timescale.</p> <p>There has been a change of responsibility in the Children in Care team for preparation of the forms. Forms were previously signed off by team managers once completed by BSOs and social workers - now this responsibility has returned to social workers and there has been a delay in the submission of some forms. Many of these have now been received and are in progress. It is anticipated over the coming months these delays will be reduced.</p> <p>Actions are now taken to clear backlog.</p>	<p>London: 86.6%</p> <p>England: 86.0%</p>

Responsible Director	April Bald	Status	
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