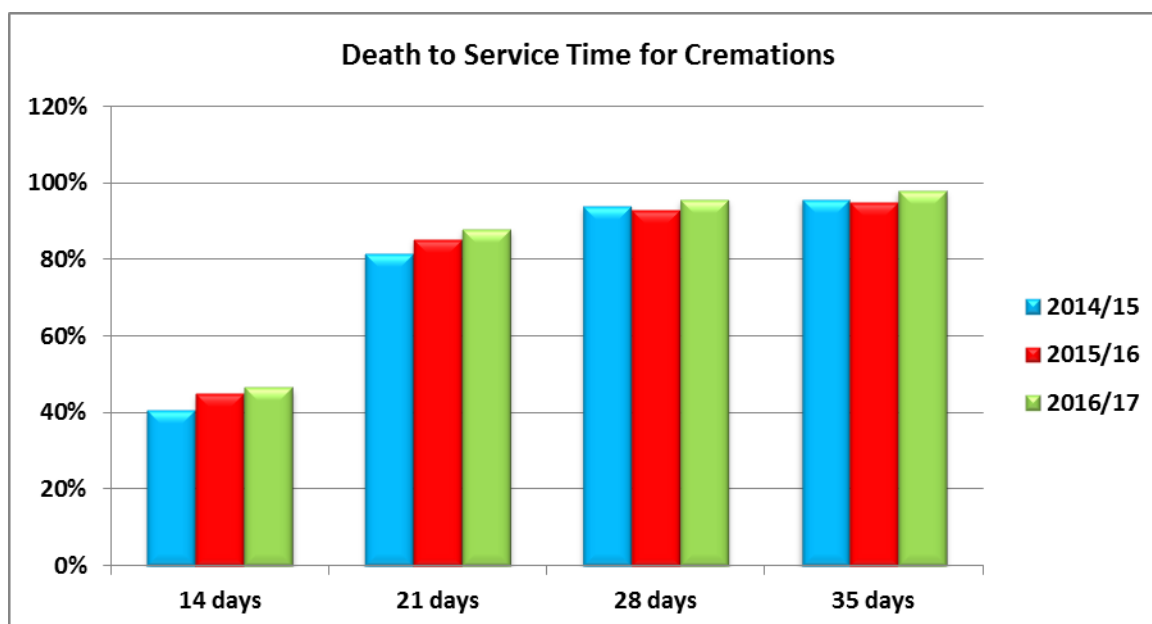


**CABINET SECRETARY
(RESILIENT COMMUNITIES)**

Indicator Description	Better to be?
Death to service time for cremations (% conducted within 14 days)	High

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17					Target 2016/17	↓ ✖
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	EoY		
40.7%	44.9%	41%	52.4%	57.7%	35.7%	46.1%	60%	↓ ✖



Commentary:

The performance for the Death to service time for cremations (% conducted within 14 days) is below target in the Q4 and year-end figures. This is due to a rise of deaths resulting in a higher amount of cremations being requested within this period, 595 in total compared to previous quarters being Q1 492, Q2 482, and Q3 480.

It is inevitable at this time of year when deaths are at their peak there will be some delay in the service offered. This delay can be due to a number of reasons including the service offered by ourselves in undertaking the cremation, these include back logs at the mortuary resulting in delays in releasing bodies, funeral directors having no slots available due to the increase in their workload and of course availability of our slots due to the demand increasing.

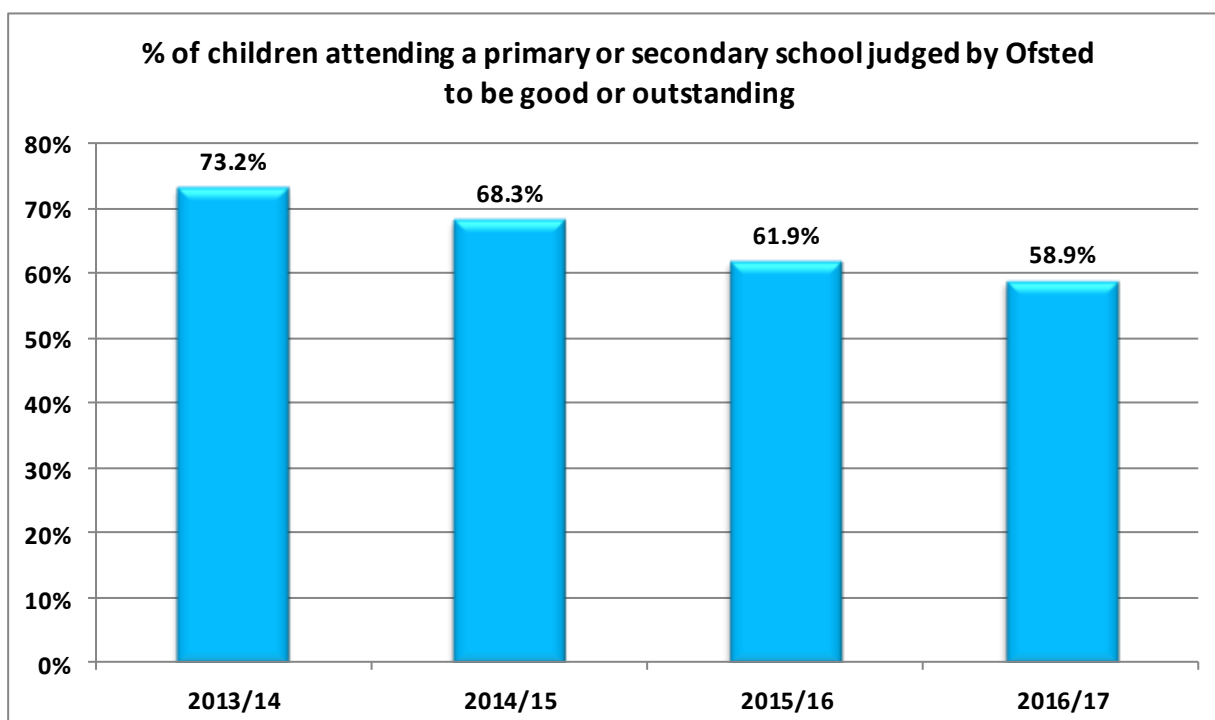
We counter act this as intelligently as possible, by offering Saturday services and extending our 'normal' working day, opening up more slots during this busy period.

Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

Indicator Description	Better to be?
% of children attending a primary or secondary school judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding	High

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Target	DoT Against Target
73.2 %	68.3%	61.9%	58.9%	Increase on last year	↓ x

*Change in data for 2016/17



Commentary:

[NB: The graph in the report shows a consistent decline in the % figure from 13/14 to 16/17]

This indicator shows that the proportion of pupils attending higher-rated Ofsted schools has declined since 2013/2014. The dataset on which this is based is inclusive of all Blackpool schools and all the pupils therein. This is because some schools have not had a recent Ofsted rating due to changes prompted by acadamisation.

By contrast, the selective Ofsted database which, for example only includes 5 of Blackpool's 7 secondary schools in 2016, suggests:

- The proportion of pupils in a setting rated as "Good" or better has increased by 15.3 percentage points between 2011-2016 to 72.9%. This upward trend has been maintained as a result of improved primary school standards offsetting a decline in secondary schools (from 46.7% in 2013 to 38.2% in 2014 and 34.7% in 2015).
- 86.5% of primary school pupils, 42.2% of secondary school pupils, and 100.0% of special school pupils are educated in settings of this standard.

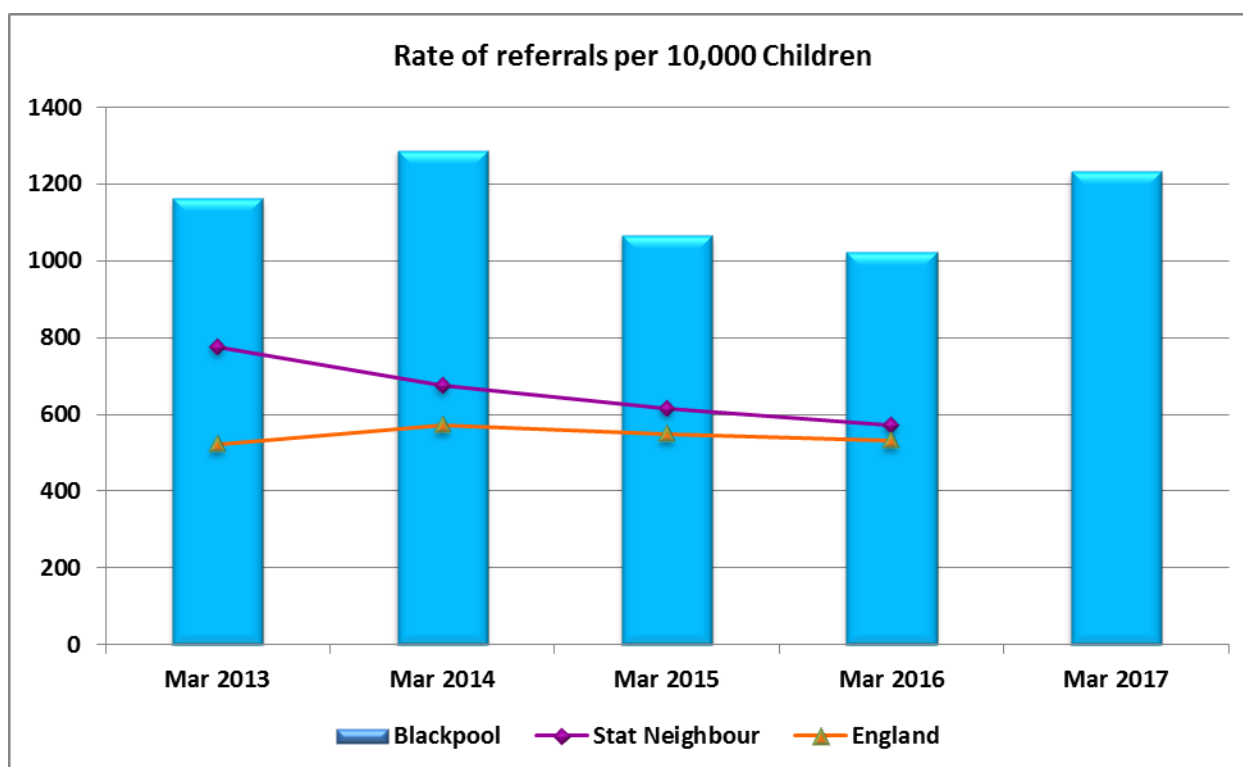
Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

Indicator Description	Better to be?
No. of referrals / Rate of referrals to Social Care per 10,000 children	Low

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target
3,098	2,944	3,204	3,425	3,416	3,536	2,291
1067.2	1021.9	1117.0	1194.0	1190.9	1232.7	795.4

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. Q3 (16/17)	Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. England (15/16)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (15/16)
↑ ✘	↑ ✘	↑ ✘	↑ ✘

*Correction to historical data - this has been changed to reflect a correction in data from 2014.



Commentary:

There have been 3536 referrals to Children Social Care between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017. This is an increase of 592 in comparison to the previous year. This has increased pressure on the service and we are working with our partners in Early Help to look at ways we can support them with intervening earlier to prevent escalation into statutory services.

Blackpool Children Safeguarding Board has invested in rolling out training on the Graded Profile of Neglect Tool across all agencies. This will support partner agencies with identifying areas that families need support with and enable them to target support where it is required.

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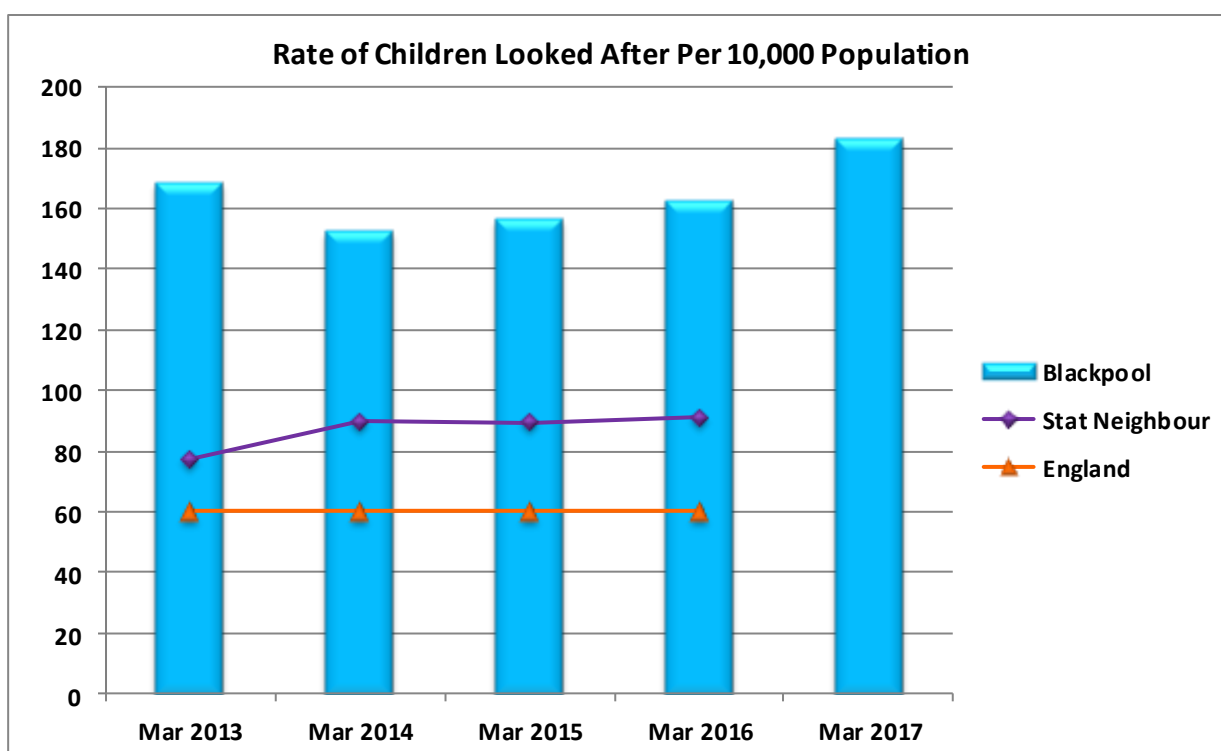
We have also started to roll out The Resilience Therapy Framework from Head Start across partner agencies, whilst it is too early to measure the impact, the model will support partners with working with children and young people to help them with identifying coping strategies to manage the world around them in a more positive way, this in effect will prevent children and young people turning to negative behaviour that can escalate out of control and require the need for statutory intervention.

Appendix 6(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2016/2017)

Indicator Description	Better to be?
No. of children looked after / rate of children looked after per 10,000 population	Low

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				Target
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
No.	454	469	487	503	500	525	443
Rate	156.4	162.8	169.8	175.4	174.3	183.0	153.8

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. Q3 (16/17)	Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. England (15/16)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (15/16)
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Commentary:

At the 31 March 2017 there were 525 children and young people in the care of the Local Authority. This is an increase of 56 in comparison to 31 March 2016.

The number of children in care has placed a significant amount of pressure on the service and budget. Evidence would suggest that for some young people the experience of being in the care system has not achieved positive outcomes and with this in mind we do need to take a different approach to how we intervene with some groups of young people who we work with.

To support us with achieving better outcomes for this cohort of children we are looking at safeguarding children by keeping them closer to home and, where risk can be managed, in the community with their families. To support this way of working and prevent some young people

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entering the care system we have remodelled one of our children's homes to provide a wraparound respite and outreach service.

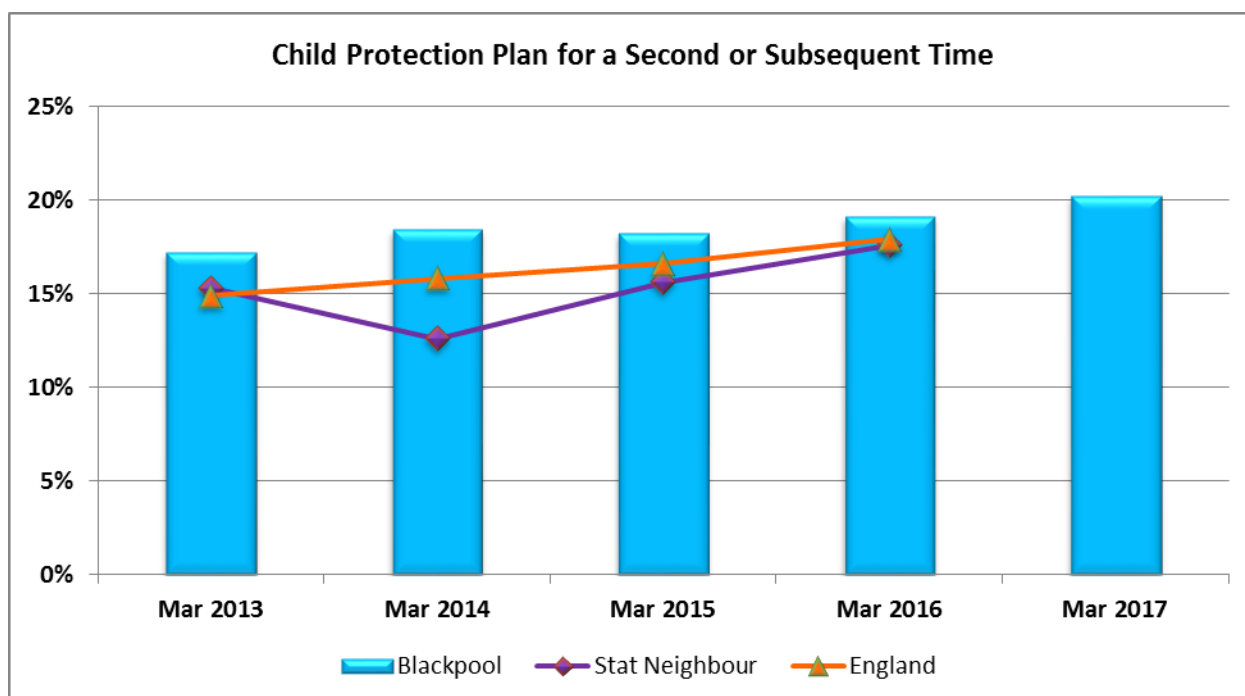
The Link (previously known as Argosy) will be open on the 31 May 2017 and can offer support up to 30 young people. All staff have been trained in the Resilience Therapy Model and whilst in its very infancy the feedback from the outreach work they have offered, whilst awaiting Ofsted Approval to open as a respite service, has been positive. We are also in the process of developing a discharge strategy which will be informed by Dartington Research, this will support us with exiting children from care safely.

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Indicator Description	Better to be?
% of children who became subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time	Low

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target
18.2%	19.1%	22.5%	16.6%	19.4%	20.2%	Decrease on last year

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. Q3 (16/17)	Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. England (15/16)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (15/16)
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Commentary:

This area of performance requires further audit activity to satisfy ourselves that thresholds are being appropriately applied. Refreshed threshold guidance has been developed by the multi-agency safeguarding board and is being briefed across partners to implement from the 1 September 2017. A new risk assessment model is being identified to support risk management within children’s social care services.