

HEADSTART

Indicator Description	Better to be?
Number of young people benefitting from targeted HeadStart Universal Support	High

2017/18					Target
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	EoY	
171	234	290	353	874	1,141

Service Response:

The annual outturn reflects the total number of individual children and young people benefitting from targeted support; it is not a cumulative total.

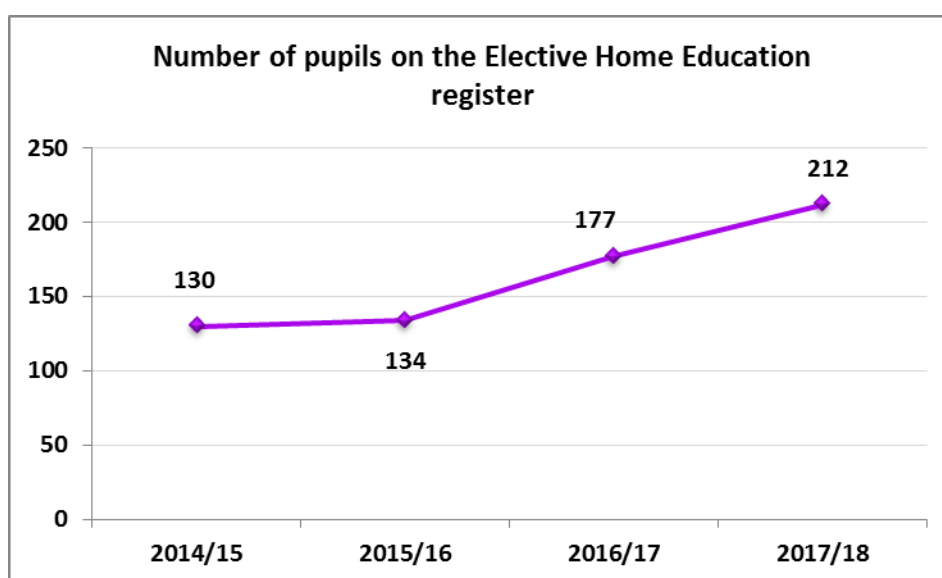
In the context of HeadStart being a research and learning programme, the forecasts set for performance across the programme with the Big Lottery in all six areas were in the context of these being estimates of activity, based on a short period of pilot activity with a re-forecasting exercise expected annually as part of the review.

The Big Lottery is not considering these performance figures as targets to be met, more as a foundation for discussions and learning.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Indicator Description	Better to be?
Number of pupils on the Elective Home Education register	Low

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18					Target
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	EoY	
134	177	192	167	195	212	212	No target set

**Service Response:**

There is no annual target for this indicator however the general performance trend shows a continuing increase in the numbers of children being educated at home. This mirrors the trend nationally, with the numbers of children being educated at home estimated to have increased by around 21%.

There is a statutory right in place that allows parents to elect to home educate their child. Many parents choose this course of action on religious and/or philosophical grounds and education is being delivered in an appropriate manner and at a good level, which is reviewed and discussed on a regular basis.

Some parents appear to be choosing this as an option to remove their child off a school roll where there is action/challenge being taken by the local authority due to non-attendance at school and there appears to be an increase in numbers reflecting this. Parents are being made aware that enforcement action will continue where this is the case.

Guidance for Elective Home Education and parents information booklets are being revised to advise and guide parents/carers when thinking about elective home education and the appropriate steps to take when considering this important decision in a child's life/education.

Appendix 10(b) - Exception Reports (End of Year 2017/2018)

Note:

Further information on the following indicator has not been included in this report as it has already been included in the Quarter 1 2017/18 Council Plan performance report:

- Number of pupils on roll at Pupil Referral Unit