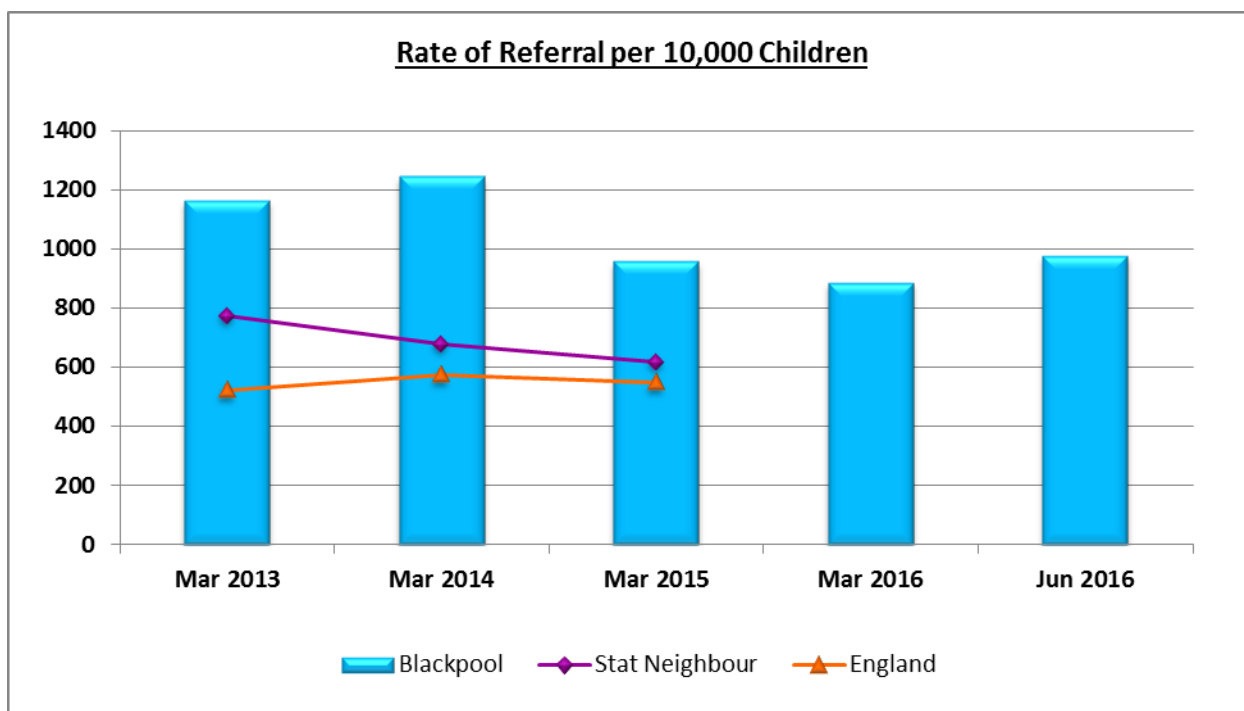


**CABINET SECRETARY  
(RESILIENT COMMUNITIES)**

Indicator Description	Better to be?
Number of referrals / Rate of referral to Social Care per 10,000 children	Low

No. (Rate)	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				Target (795.4)
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	2,774 (955.6)	2,551 (885.5)	2,813 (976.4)				

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. EoY (14/15)	Current vs. England (14/15)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (14/15)
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**Commentary:**

The number of referrals has increased in the month of April, however the number of contacts leading to social care referrals has also increased which would suggest that the quality of contact and referral has improved. The number of referrals increased again in the month of May before dropping in June, in line with the pattern of the numbers of contacts.

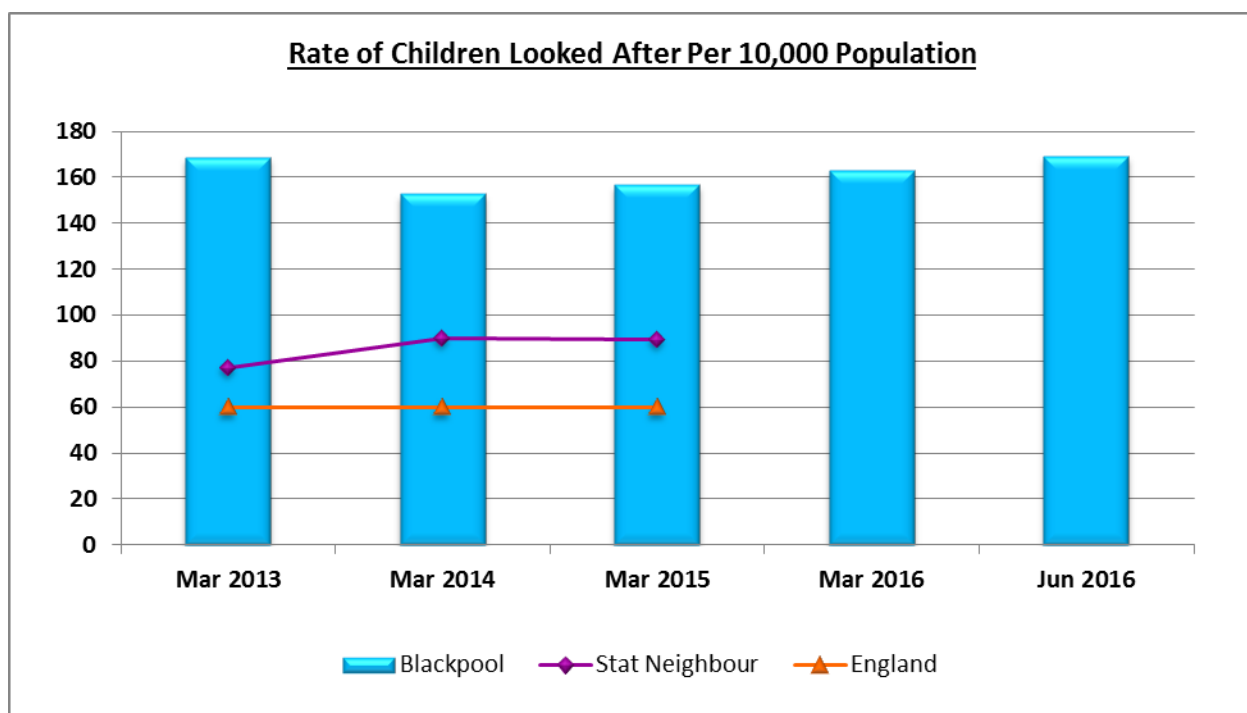
The numbers in total remain high resulting in high caseloads within the Duty and Assessment Teams.

## Appendix 9(b) - Exception Reports (Q1 2016/17)

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	
<b>No. (Rate)</b>	454 (156.4)	469 (162.8)	487 (169)				<b>443 (153.8)</b>

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. EoY (14/15)	Current vs. England (14/15)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (14/15)
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### Commentary:

Since Christmas we have seen a significant increase in the number of looked after children. This is due to a number of babies entering care and one family of 9 children requiring a placement. The current number of looked after children is 486 (as at 23rd August).

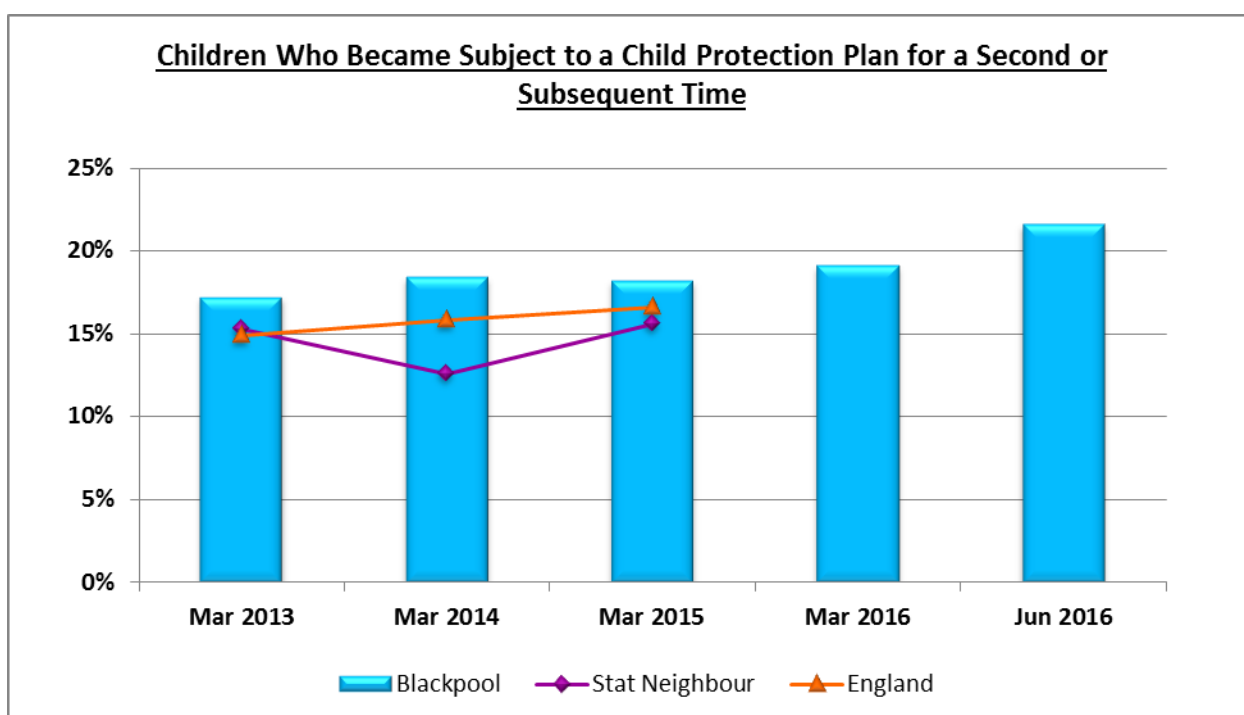
We are reviewing our current residential provision and looking at the full range of placements we have available to our young people. We have a number of young people with very complex needs that are extremely difficult to place and we are looking at how we could develop bespoke high level therapeutic placements for this group of young people. In addition we are working to consider an edge of care model similar to that provided in Blackburn and also a PAUSE project to reduce the numbers of babies that require placements.

## Appendix 9(b) - Exception Reports (Q1 2016/17)

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%	21.6%				TBC

Direction of Travel			
Current vs. EoY (15/16)	Current vs. EoY (14/15)	Current vs. England (14/15)	Current vs. Stat Neighbour (14/15)
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### Commentary:

In December 2015 our performance was 15.5%. This has increased to 16.6% in February and then to 19.1% in March 2016. This is a significant increase within a 4 week period and would suggest that a number of the children who became subject to a child protection plan in March had been on a plan previously. Performance in the first 2 months of 2016/17 decreased to 15.7% before increasing to 21.6% in June.

An audit has been undertaken by the Safeguarding and Review Service Manager with regard to the percentage of children who became subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time. The recommendations from this audit can be found in the PI Book for October 2015.