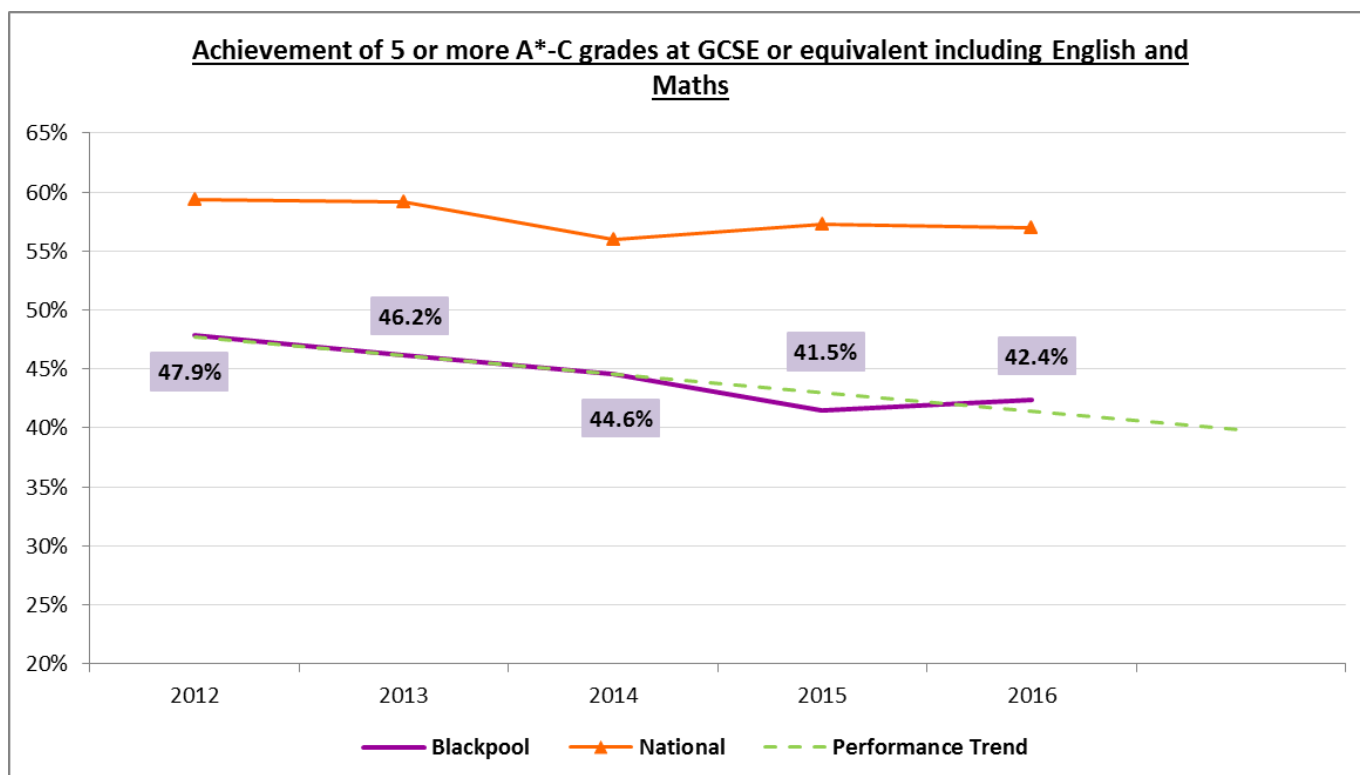


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Indicator Description	Better to be?
Achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	High

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17		DoT
			Outturn	Target	
46.2%	44.6%	41.5%	42.4%	60%	↓ x



Commentary:

The graph above shows the achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths for Blackpool from 2012 – 2016. It also shows the national average over this time period. Performance has continued to deteriorate since 2012 although there has been a slight improvement in performance in 2016. However, GCSE attainment in Blackpool remains consistently lower than the national average.

The table below shows the achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths broken down by secondary school for the last 3 years.

Appendix 6B - Exception Reports (Q2 2016/17)

School	2014	2015	2016
Bispham / Aspire Academy	44%	39.5%	↓
Collegiate / Aspire Academy	32%		↑
Highfield	47%	29.4%	↓
Montgomery Academy	54%	55.9%	↑
South Shore Academy	35%	28.3%	↓
St George's Academy	48%	48.7%	↑
St Mary's Academy	43%	55.2%	↑
Unity Academy	41%	34.7%	↓

Source: *Perf Tab (Jan 2015) *RoL (Dec 2015) *DfE (Oct 2016)

Secondary attainment is being addressed through the Blackpool Challenge Board. Schools have been required to submit targets for 2017 for each measure which are being monitored at termly data drops. In addition, School Improvement holds termly Focus Meetings with each secondary academy to review progress towards targets.

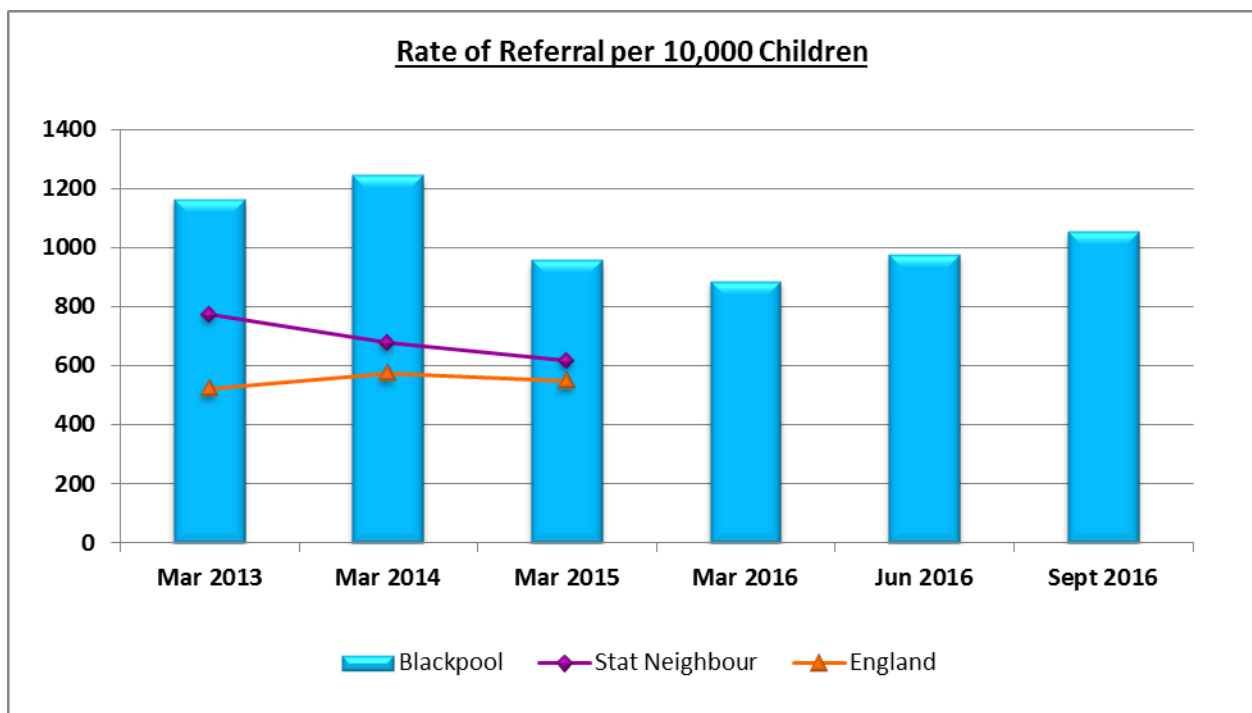
Considering the diminishing role of local authorities in education provision, the Council is limited in its ability to tackle poor performance in this area. A review of the Council Plan performance indicators for 2017/18 is currently taking place and as part of that review consideration will be given as to whether GCSE attainment should continue to be monitored as part of the Council Plan performance report or whether it is more appropriate for this information to be reported through other channels i.e. Children's Services reports or updates from the Challenge Board.

Appendix 6B - Exception Reports (Q2 2016/17)

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

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17				Target
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
No. (Rate)	2,774 (955.6)	2,551 (885.5)	2,813 (976.4)	3,029 (1051.4)			2,291 (795.4)

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:

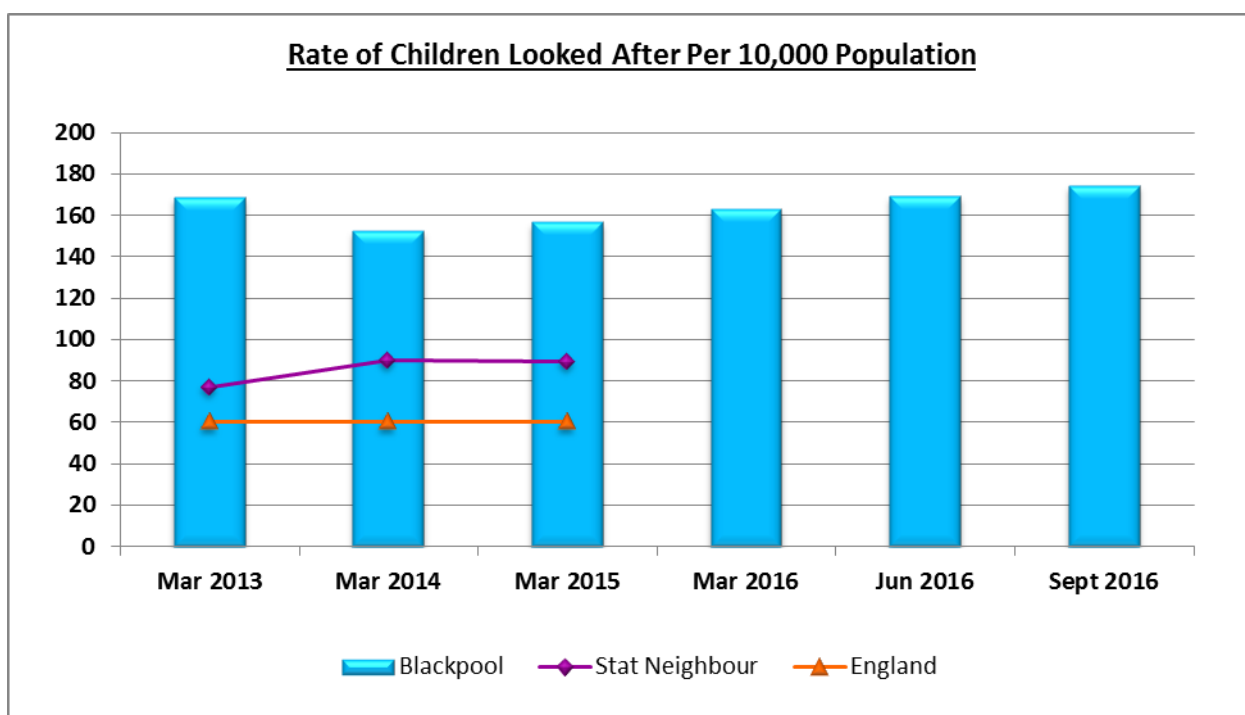
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Appendix 6B - Exception Reports (Q2 2016/17)

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	
No. (Rate)	454 (156.4)	469 (162.8)	487 (169)	502 (174.2)			443 (153.8)

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:

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