



Corporate Parenting Board

End of Year 2021/22 Performance Report

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Section 1 Introduction

This report provides a provisional (subject to DfE publication of statutory returns in Autumn 2022) year end 2021/22 update on our performance against each of the key measures we use to monitor and improve our corporate parenting performance.

Section 2 Summary

Intelligence within this report suggests our performance against our key corporate parenting measures in 2021/22 is largely improved versus year end 2020/21, with some areas showing sustained improvement on both 2019/20 and 2020/21. To secure further improvement, some specific areas may however benefit from increased future focus.

Regarding the movement of children into and out of care and some of their experience whilst in care, at year end 2021/22:

- Whilst we have experienced a dip in performance in respect of **the number of children per 10,000 starting to be children in our care**, we compare very well indeed with the region overall.
- Whilst we have experienced a slight improvement in respect of **the number of children in our care per 10,000**, we are performing below the region overall.
- Whilst we have secured further improvement in respect of **the number of children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000**, we are performing below the region overall.
- We have experienced a dip in performance in respect of **the percentage of children who had their annual health assessment** in comparison with last year but are above the year before. DfE's regional data for this year is not available for comparative analysis until Autumn 2022.

Regarding adoption as the means by which children cease to be children in our care, at year end 2021/22:

- We have experienced a dip in performance in respect of **the percentage of children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted** and are performing slightly below the region overall.
- We have sustained further improvement in respect of **the time we took in days for children entering care and moving in with its adoptive family** and are performing slightly above the region overall.

- We have improved **the time we take in days between receiving court authority to place a child and our deciding on a match to an adoptive family** and are performing slightly above the region overall.

Regarding the leaving care cohort aged 17+ , at year end 2021/22:

- Whilst we have experienced a reduction in **the number per 10,000 of care leavers aged 17 – 25 in receipt of service at the end of the period**, we are performing slightly above the region overall.
- We have experienced a dip in performance in respect of **the percentage of care leavers aged 17 – 18 in employment, education or training** and are performing below the region overall.
- We have improved **the percentage of care leavers aged 19 – 21 in employment, education or training** and are performing slightly above the region overall.
- Whilst we have increased **the percentage of care leavers aged 18 – 21 who have stayed with their foster carer**, we are performing below the region overall.
- We have increased **the number of care leavers now aged 17 – 18 in suitable accommodation** in comparison with both last year and the year before. DfE's regional data for this year is not available for comparative analysis until Autumn 2022.
- We have experienced a reduction in **the number of care leavers now aged 19 – 21 in suitable accommodation** in comparison with last year but were above the year before. DfE's regional data for this year is not available for comparative analysis until Autumn 2022.

Section 3 Detail

We use 13 key measures to monitor our corporate parenting performance.

A detailed update on our performance against each of those measures at year end 2021/22 is provided below. Alongside that, subject to current availability of comparative information, our performance in comparison with ourselves in 2020/21 and 2019/20 is also provided below. Our performance in comparison with the North East region is also provided.

Children starting to be children in our care per 10,000 children

Chart 1

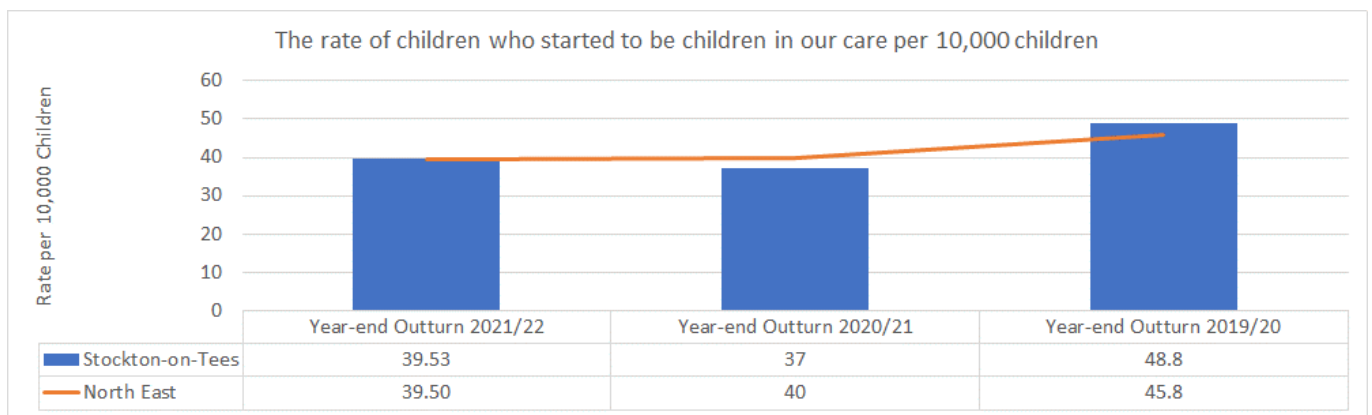


Chart 1 above shows that at year end 2021/22, we had more children per 10,000 starting to be children in our care (39.5) than at year end 2020/21 (37) but, positively, substantially fewer than at year end 2019/20 (48.8). Our performance compares very well with the North East overall in this respect.

Children in our care per 10,000 children

Chart 2

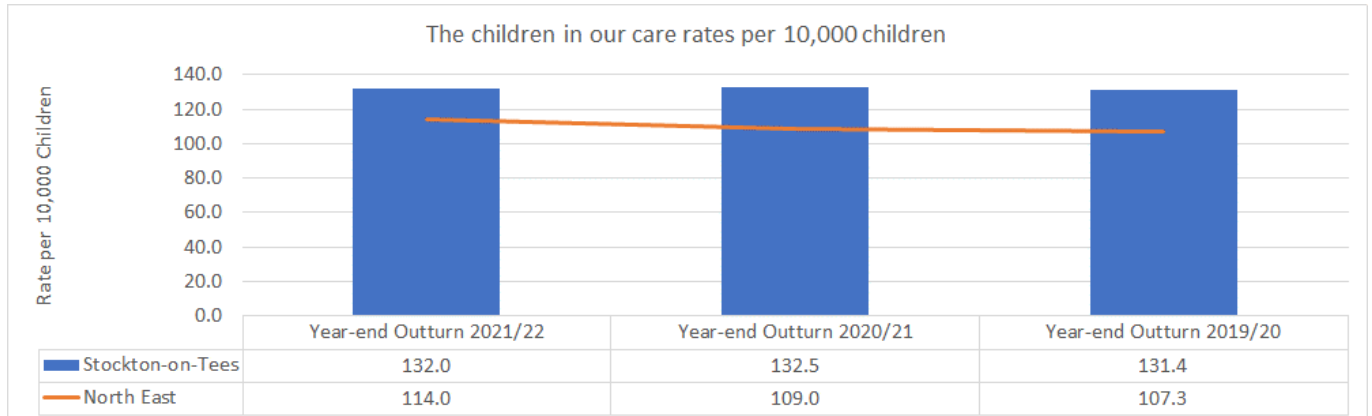


Chart 2 above shows that at year end 2021/22, positively, we had slightly fewer children in our care per 10,000 (132) than at year end 2020/21 (132.5) but marginally more than at year end 2019/20 (131.4). Unfortunately, at year end 2021/22, we performed worse (+18 children per 10,000) than the North East overall in this respect.

Children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000 children

Chart 3

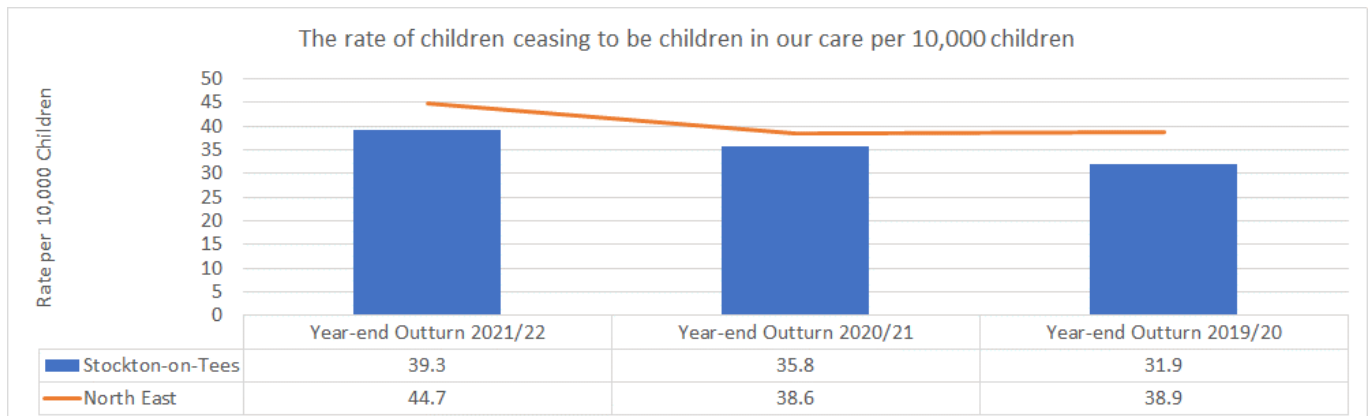


Chart 3 above shows that at year end 2021/22, positively, we continued our upwards trend of more children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000. We had more children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000 (39.8) than at year end 2020/21 (35.8) and year end 2019/20 (31.9). Unfortunately, at year end 2021/22, we performed slightly worse (-5.4) than the North East overall in this respect.

Children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted

Chart 4

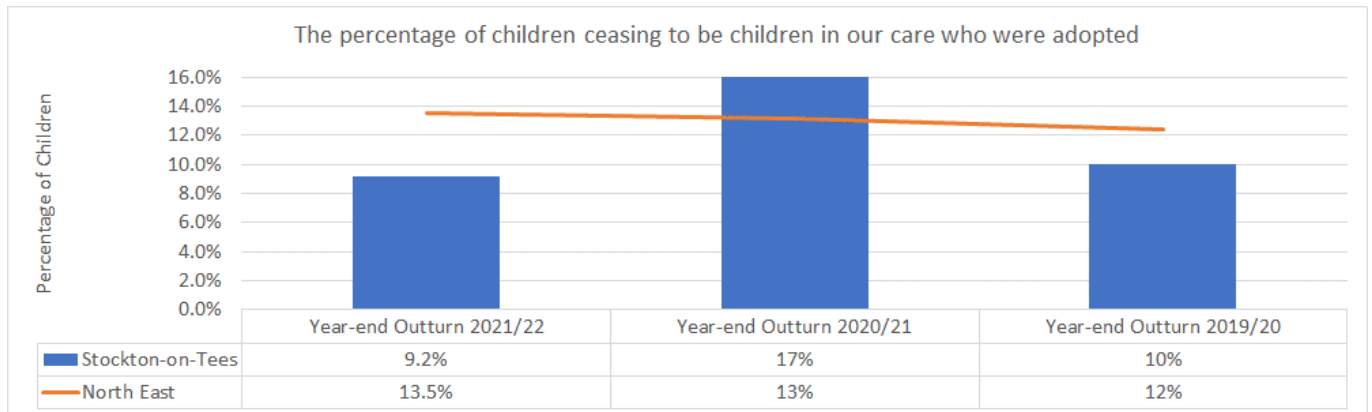


Chart 4 above shows that at year end 2021/22, we had fewer children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted (9.2%) than at year end 2020/21 (17%) and versus year-end 2019/20 (10%). Unfortunately, at year end 2021/22, we also performed slightly worse (-4.3% points) than the North East overall in this respect.

Average time in days for children entering care and moving in with their adoptive family for children who have been adopted

Chart 5

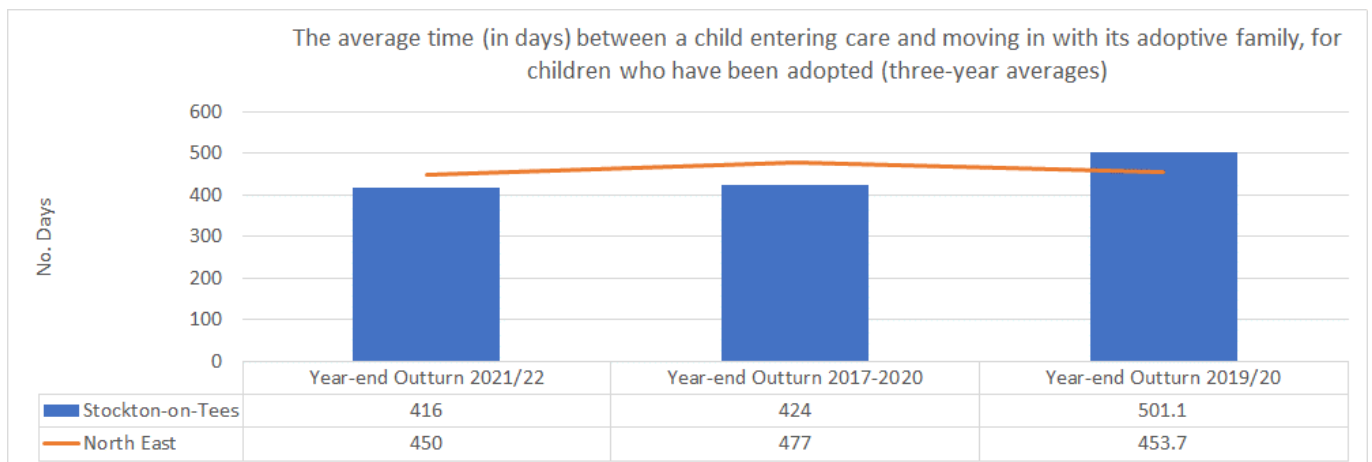


Chart 5 above shows that at year end 2021/22, positively, the time we took in days for children entering care and moving in with its adoptive family was lower (416) than at year end 2020/21 (424) and substantially lower than at year end 2019/20 (501.1). Additionally, at year end 2021/22, we also performed better (-8.2) than the North East overall in this respect.

Average time in days between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family

Chart 6

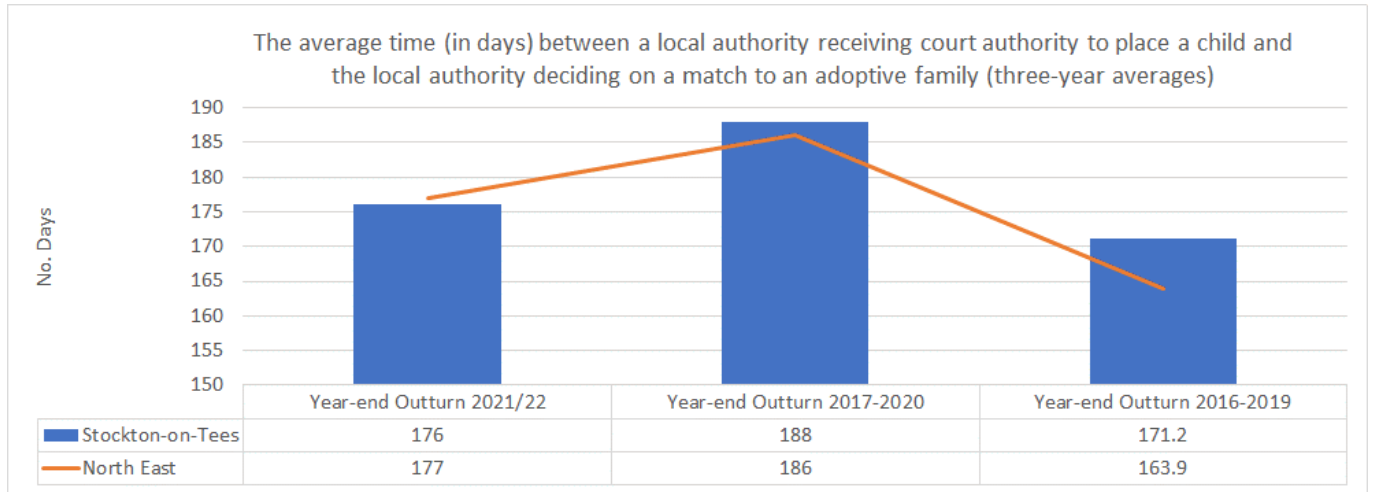


Chart 6 above shows that at year end 2021/22, the time we took in days between receiving court authority to place a child and our deciding on a match to an adoptive family was lower (176) than at year end 2020/21 (188), but slightly higher than at year end 2019/20 (171.2). Additionally, at year end 2021/22, we performed by a very small margin better (1 day) than the North East overall in this respect.

Number of care leavers aged 17-25 in receipt of a service at the end of the period per 10,000

Chart 7

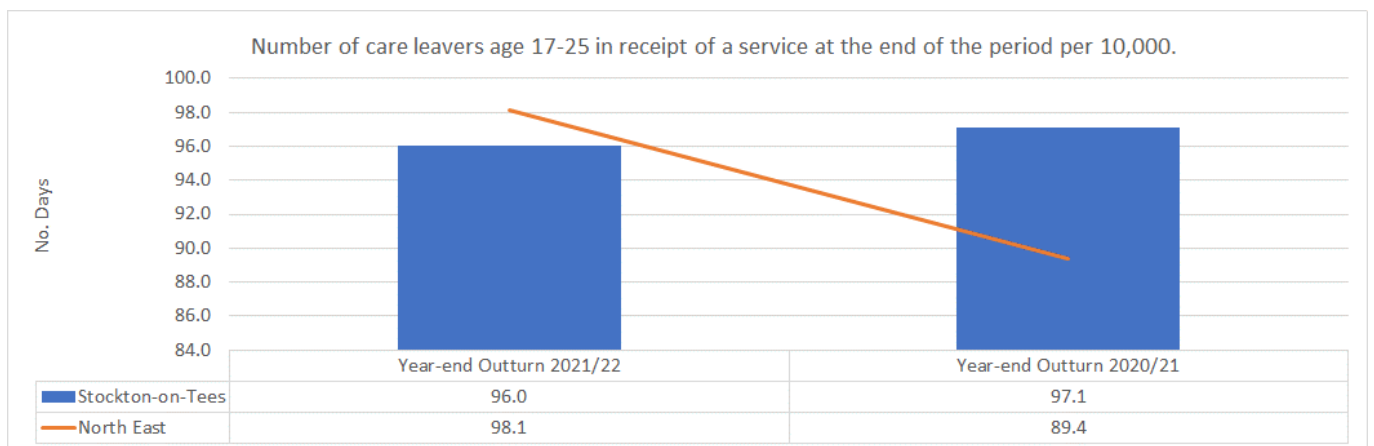


Chart 7 above shows that at year end 2021/22 we performed less well (-1.1) than we did in 2020/21 and less well than the North East (-2.1) overall.

Percentage of care leavers aged 17-18 in employment, education or training

Chart 8



Chart 8 above shows that at year end 2021/22 we performed less well (-7.1) than we did in 2020/21 and less well than the North East (-11.9) overall.

Percentage of care leavers aged 19-21 in employment, education or training

Chart 9

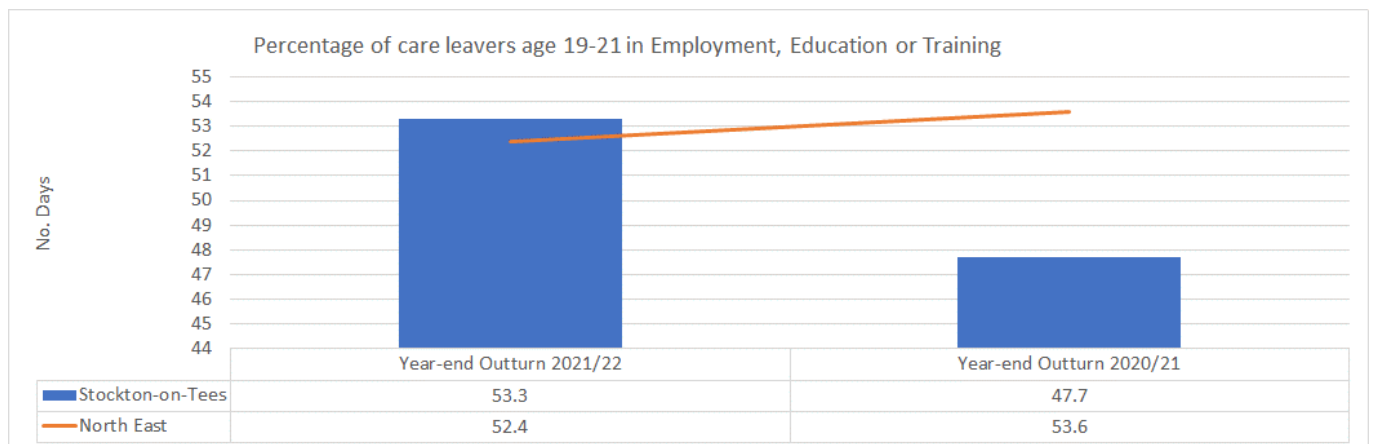


Chart 9 above shows that at year end 2021/22 we performed better (+5.6) than we did in 2020/21 and better than the North East (+0.9) overall.

Percentage of care leavers aged 18-21 who have stayed with their foster carer

Chart 10

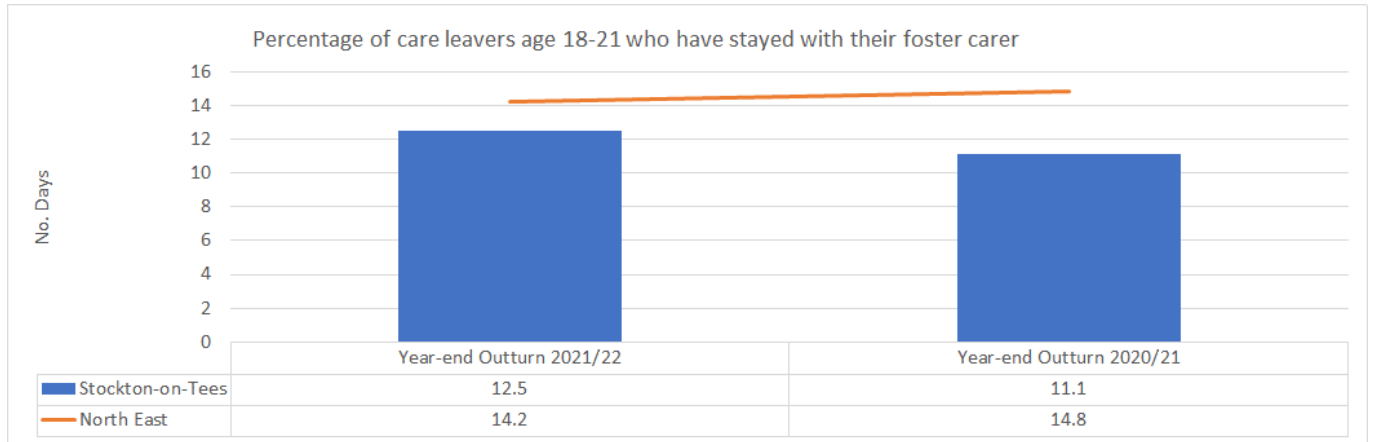


Chart 10 above shows that at year end 2021/22 we performed slightly better (+1.4) than we did in 2020/21 but less well than the North East (-1.7) overall.

Care leavers now aged 17 and 18 by suitability of accommodation

Chart 11

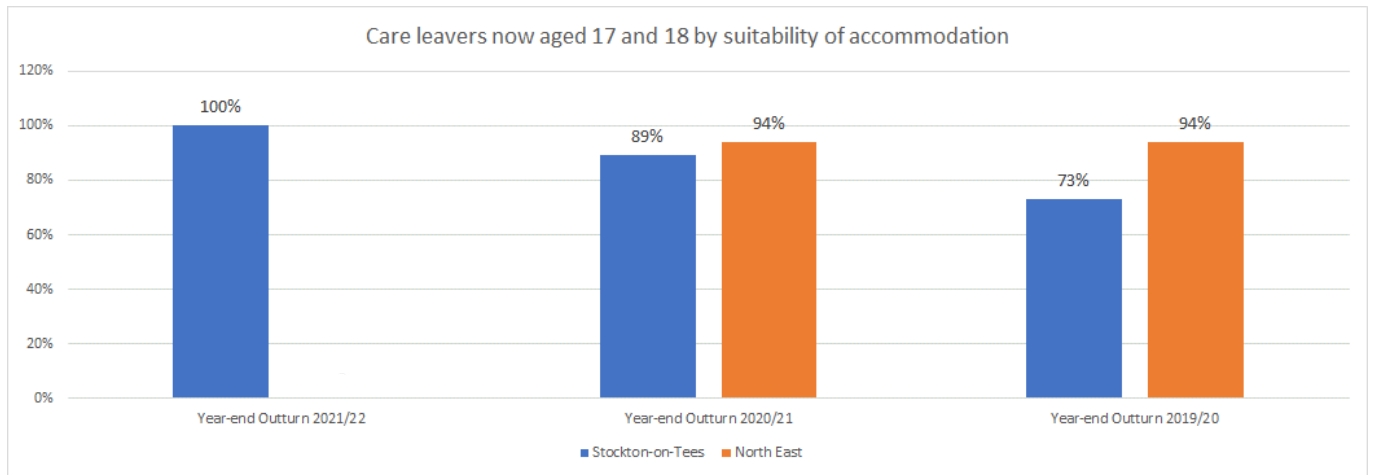


Chart 11 above shows that at year end 2021/22 we performed better (+11%) than we did in 2020/21 and 2019/20. Data for comparison of us versus the region in 2021/22 will be released by DfE in Autumn 2022.

Care leavers now aged 19 to 21 by suitability of accommodation

Chart 12

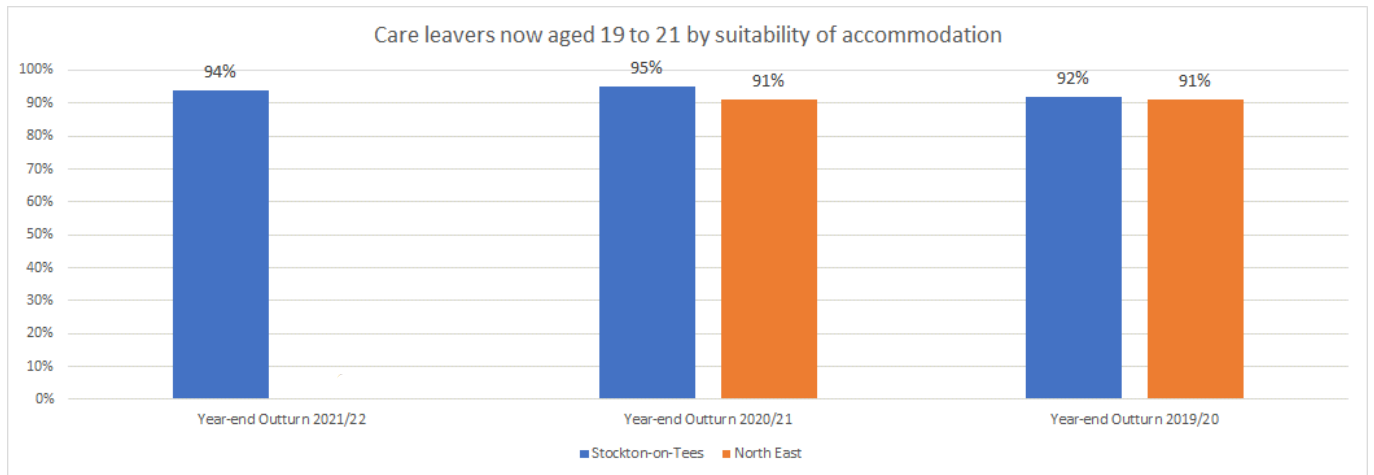


Chart 12 above shows that at year end 2021/22 we performed slightly worse (-1%) than we did in 2020/21, but better than we did in 2019/20. Data for comparison of us versus the region in 2021/22 will be released by DfE in Autumn 2022.

Percentage of children who had their annual health assessment

Chart 13

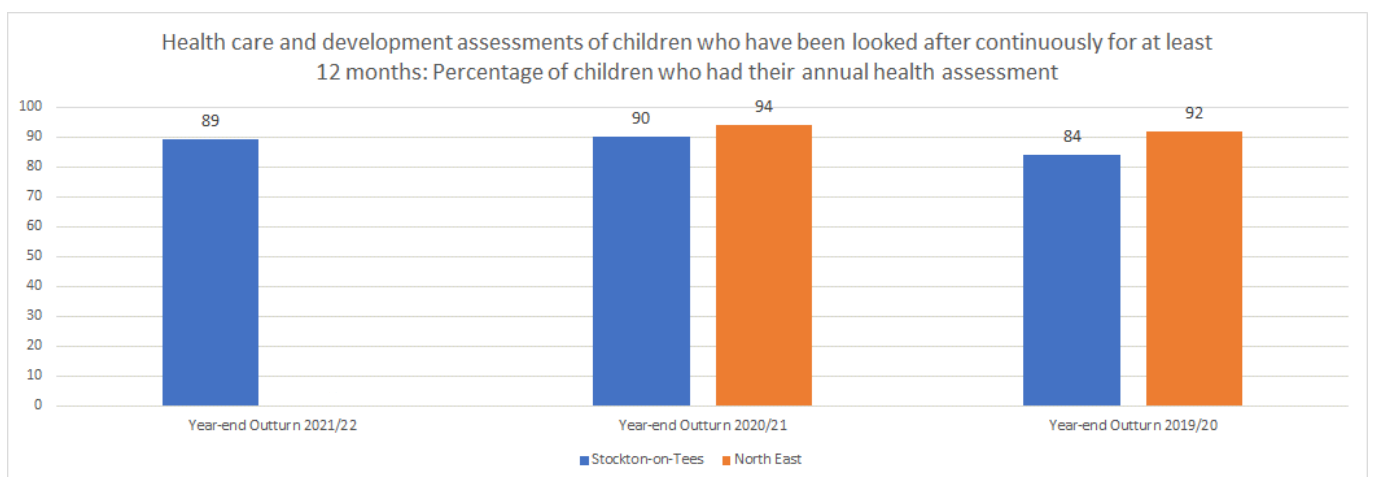


Chart 13 above shows that at year end 2021/22 we performed slightly worse (-1%) than we did in 2020/21 but better than we did in 2019/20. Data for comparison of us versus the region in 2021/22 will be released by DfE in Autumn 2022.

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