

Corporate Parenting Board – Annual Report 2022/23

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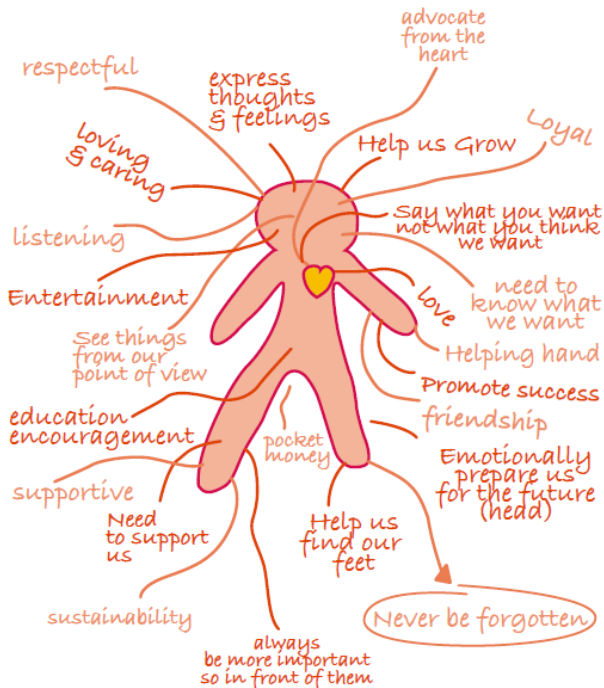
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Perfect Corporate Parent The Corporate Parenting Pledge

The Perfect Corporate Parent was developed by members of the 'Let's Take Action' Group, representing children in our care. They felt that a corporate parent should be there for them in a time of need, care for them and love them.



Our pledge to all children and young people in care in Stockton-on-Tees is that:

PRIVATE LIFE	"We will make sure that you are treated as an individual, and you will have a care plan to reflect this"
FAMILY CONTACT	"We will help you to maintain important relationships with your family, whenever it is possible and safe to do so"
CHOICE	"We want to help you to make healthy and safe choices. We will work alongside you to prepare you to move into independent living, when you are ready"
POCKET MONEY & MY TIME	"We will help you to enjoy your life. We will support you to enjoy leisure activities including music, the arts, hobbies, sports, and to join young people's organisations"
FRIENDS	"We will encourage you to make friends, keep in touch with old friends, and build on your relationships"
BEING HEALTHY	"We will ensure services are in places to support your emotional wellbeing. You will also get access to advice, to help you lead a healthy lifestyle"
TO BE A LIFELONG CHAMPION	"We want to help you make a positive contribution to your community, and to be prepared for a stable and secure adult life"
EDUCATION	"At your school you will have a designated teacher to make sure you get the help you need; we will encourage & support you to study at college or university"
YOUR FUTURE	"We will provide you with a Personal Advisor to support you from the age of 16 through to 25"
SUPPORT	"We will do our best to help you break down barriers encountered when dealing with other agencies. We will work together with the services you need including housing benefits & employment"

Foreword

As the new chair of Stockton on Tees Corporate Parenting Board I am pleased to introduce the 2022-23 Annual Report.

I firstly want to pay tribute to the previous Chair, Cllr Barbara Inman, who has chaired the Board since it was set up in 2019. Barbara's passion and commitment to ensuring children in our care and care leavers get the best possible support has shone through, and I want to build on the firm foundations she has established.

I come into this role with my own beliefs and ideas for change. I believe we could and should be doing more to hear the voices of children in our care, and to take action as a result, and I also believe councillors on the board and across the Council could be doing more to ensure we fulfil our corporate parenting objectives.

The Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services also made some recommendations for change in how we work, suggesting we needed to improve and make our care leavers offer more accessible; improve recruitment of foster carers; create more opportunities for engagement and consider how we can support greater consistency for personal adviser support for care leavers

So as we look back over the past 12 months, I also want to continue to look forward. There is much underway and much to do. The new strategy is in development and will come to the Board for sign off late this year. This provides the basis for what, as Chair, I believe we need to be doing not only to respond to the recommendations in an Ofsted report, but much more importantly, to really fulfil our objectives to ensure that children in care and care leavers get the best possible support and help we can provide, and that we enable them to live happy, healthy and successful lives in the future.

There is no more important role that we play.

Councillor Lisa Evans

What is Corporate Parenting in Stockton-on-Tees?

The Corporate Parenting Board is an advisory body which provides leadership and a governance structure for corporate parenting in order to drive forward positive outcomes for children in our care and care leavers. It oversees our Children in Care and Care Leavers Action Plan and promotes our pledges. It also provides challenge and scrutiny to ensure that the best outcomes are achieved for children in our care and care leavers.

The Corporate Parenting Board has the following aims, objectives and vision:

- To be the best corporate parents we can be, working together to provide children in our care and care leavers with happy and healthy childhoods, helping them reach and exceed their full potential and aspirations and supporting them into successful adulthood.
- The purpose of the Corporate Parenting Board is to enquire and understand, set ambition and to champion and challenge our collective care of children in our care and care leavers. This is an assurance role that sits alongside multi agency operational work and organisational scrutiny. It is informed by our experts, our practitioners, children and young people and carers.

The commitments we pledge to help us realise our aims, objectives and vision:

- To make sure that the whole council and relevant partner agencies commit to excellent standards of corporate parenting.
- To seek improved long-term outcomes for children in care and their families – for their happiness, well-being, educational success and future prospects.
- To promote stability for all children in care.
- To ensure that the voice of children in care and care leavers is heard and influences both the services and the policies that we deliver.
- To scrutinise, monitor and oversee key performance indicators in relation to health, education and well-being.
- To ensure that all relevant strategies, plans and resources identify and are explicit about the contribution that they make to targets agreed for improvement.
- To consider the outcomes of inspections and regulatory visits on provision for children in care and care leavers.
- To receive regular reports on provisions for leaving care, housing and training for care leavers.
- To monitor the work of our adoption and fostering services.
- To support work experience schemes.
- To celebrate the achievements of children in our care, care leavers and their carers.
- Undertake a programme of visits and listen to feedback from Board Members to ensure that provision is appropriate and effective.
- Ensure that children in our care and care leavers are offered access to advocacy.

We have always taken the view that Corporate Parenting is best achieved across the extended family – working with our partners. However, there are specific duties on the Council which we must fulfil.

The Children and Social Work Act (2017) defined for the first time in law the responsibility of corporate parents to ensure, as far as possible, secure, nurturing and positive experiences for Children in Care and Care leavers. This requires the Council to have regard to a set of Corporate Parenting principles when exercising its functions in relation to looked after children and care leavers (former relevant children):

- To act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and wellbeing, of children and young people.
- To encourage children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings.
- To take into account the views, wishes and feelings of children and young people.
- To help children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the Local Authority and its relevant partners.
- To promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for children and young people.
- For children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work.
- To prepare children and young people for adulthood and independent living.

Under the Children Act (2004), Local Authorities have a duty to promote cooperation between ‘relevant partners’, including the Police, the NHS and Education providers, while those partners have a duty to cooperate, in turn, with the Local Authority. Guidance in the act highlights that Corporate Parenting is a ‘task that must be shared by the whole Local Authority and partner agencies’.

We are determined to ensure that the needs of our children in care and care leavers are given the highest priority and that they are valued and cared about, not only by those who look after them on a daily basis, but also by those who make decisions politically, corporately and operationally.

This means...

- That we will work to deliver the priorities in our Children in our Care and Care Leavers Action Plan, and that we will be open and honest about progress.
- That we want to do more than deliver what we have to. We recognise the many individual and organisational ways in which we can achieve more than the service or thematic roles stipulate as defined in our priorities.
- Elected Members of the Council will be clear about their roles, and the actions they can take to be good Corporate Parents
- That senior officers in the Council will go above and beyond their roles to achieve the best for children in our care and care Leavers, using their personal authority and resources to achieve this.
- That all of our partners in the Borough will take their Corporate Parenting role seriously, and will commit to do the best they can, as part of an extended family
- That all officers of the Council are clear about what they can do to contribute.

The Corporate Parenting Board met 6 times in 2022/2023:

Meeting	Topics
April 2022	Adoption Tees Valley Mockingbird approach to foster care Update on the Strategic Group
June 2022	Virtual school update Out of area placements analysis Update on Strategic Group
August 2022	Placements and accommodation update Fostering panel End of year performance Update on Strategic Group
October 2022	Adoption Tees Valley Accommodation for 16- and 17-year-olds and care leavers
December 2022	Virtual school update Annual report for 2021/22 Strategic Group update
February 2023	Adoption Tees Valley Mid-year performance Strategy No limits scheme

Children in our Care Strategic Group (CIOCSG)

The CIOCSG is accountable to the Stockton on Tees Corporate Parenting Board. Throughout the last year the group has continued to meet regularly with bespoke pieces of work identified for further exploration. The CIOCSG is a stakeholder group, overseeing the priorities of the children in our care and care leavers action plan.

Involving our children and young people

In the past year, Let's Take Action (LTA) Group members have taken part in a range of interviews as Took part in the following interviews as panel members:

- Service Lead – Children and Families
- Assistant Director – Social Care
- Director – Children's Services
- Apprentice Social Workers

"I felt valued and like my opinion mattered. It made me feel good about myself".

"It's good that we get a say in these important decisions".

The LTA have been involved in many ways this year:

- LTA have worked with Service Lead to develop the care leavers pack, this is now work in progress with marketing.
- LTA have updated their own presentation and are keen to go into schools in September to promote the group to designation CIOC leads.
- LTA are working with marketing on a new webpage and designing marketing material to leave with schools.
- LTA have redesigned the No Limits logo, changing the strapline to be meaningful to them 'Supporting me to move onwards and upwards'
- LTA have co-produced a set of videos to be used as part of the marketing strategy to launch the No Limits scheme in SBC.
- Some LTA members have met with Mike Greene and fed back some thoughts about the vision for the town centre.
- One member of LTA is part of the regional workstreams and influencing regional decisions.

But...

- The number of young people taking part has reduced in recent months due to some changes in circumstances for some young people and the impact of exams.
- There is no dedicated space to run the sessions, which currently take place in the Family Hub
- Young people have fed back that we need to redefine Our Pledge.

Our Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy

It was agreed with the Corporate Parenting Board members in 2021 that our Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy (2018-2021) would not be immediately updated and that the Children in our Care and Care Leavers Action Plan would be the strategic document for the period 2021-23, to set out our vision and actions for how the Council and partners will support cared for and care experienced children and young people.

At a time when all children and young people face huge personal, social, and economical challenges we know that children in our care and care leavers can face significant additional obstacles as they grow up and move towards independence and adult life. We also know from experience that with the right support, encouragement, love and nurturing, children who have come through our care system can make an invaluable and unique contribution to all aspects of society, our culture, our economy and our communities.

It is our responsibility as Corporate Parents to create the conditions for these children and young people to thrive and excel in their lives.

We are in the process of developing our new strategy for the period 2023-2027 with several discussions held at the Board on process and content.

What have we done in 2022/23?

The Corporate Parenting Board have continued to support our vision for children in our care and care leavers to create a home and community environment that provides every child and young person with a safe, happy, healthy, secure and loving childhood, nurturing their aspirations and enabling them to meet their full potential. Our aim continues to be to support children to remain within their birth families where it is safe to do so, look after them for as short a time as possible, move them only when it is in their best interests to do so and to support them within their local community.

The five key priorities from our Children in Care and Care Leavers Action Plan have helped focus and steer our work throughout the last year:

Priority 1 - We will always be informed by the views, voices and opinions of children in our care and care experienced children and young people.

- Our 'Lets Take Action' group are now involved in the development of a co-production participation Strategy with a much stronger move towards engagement and collaboration.
- Existing contracts and documents have been reviewed to ensure that the voice of the child is captured and incorporated into contracting routes.
- A practice week was held in October 2022 which included feedback from children and young people.
- Children in our care and care leavers are part of a group working on the redesign of our complaints documents.
- Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs) now meet with all children in our care outside of their formal statutory reviews to capture their voice, hear their views and take forward ideas to inform service delivery.
- Training is provided for all staff in relation to capturing the child's voice with Community Care Inform offering additional training which includes support around life story work.
- We have recently extended our contract with NYAS to ensure that every child in our care and care Leaver has access to an advocate who can act/speak on their behalf.

Priority 2 - Improve Outcomes and Life chances, with focus on:

Education and Training

- Scrutiny review was undertaken in this area and identified a range of opportunities to improve our relative position.
- A named Virtual School member has been appointed to lead on the extended duties of the Virtual School with a data plan designed to support tracking of outcomes.
- Rolling out attachment aware / trauma informed practice
- Good practice hubs now identified to share high quality practice.
- Compassionate Stockton Trauma informed programmes network held, with a working group set up to provide direction.
- Two Family Thrive Programmes for Stockton carers have been delivered.
- Various training programmes have been developed to support care leavers to access further education.
- Increased preparation around interview techniques for care leavers is being offered via HR.
- Additional resources have been identified with Senior Progressions Workers and a Welfare Officer now in post to support increased numbers of care leavers to take advantage of opportunities post 16.
- A working group has been set up to work on managing the transition PEP to Pathway plan to ensure support is seamless.

- Challenge to schools is provided by the Virtual School were a permanent exclusion of a child in our care is likely.
- Improved analysis of exclusion data is now available to ensure that those children in our care highlighted as being a potential for exclusion are identified earlier and planned interventions are offered as early as possible.
- Analysis of data is now available to better understand the links, themes and patterns between children in our care who are missing from education and who are also missing from home or care.

Health

- In order to improve the health of children in our care and care leavers, a review of our existing contracts has been undertaken to improve services.
- Training has been rolled out to Education and Social Care staff to improve understanding and quality of Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQs).
- Children in our care and care leavers (where age appropriate) now engage with evidence based, preventative sexual health education.
- Integrated Care Board (formally CCG) have reviewed their current contract with a renewed focus on learning from health assessments so services can target patterns. All review health assessments are now undertaken by Harrogate and District Foundation Trust.
- New dental health pathways have been launched. All those children in our care and care leavers who have been unable to access dental care through their usual practice can now access through a nominated practice.
- New Immunisation pathways have been introduced. Any child in our care or care leaver who's review health assessment is out of date will be visited at home/placement to ensure regular oversight and any health needs are identified and responded to.
- In relation to cultural experiences, we have further developed our 'More Stuff like this Please' model with our lead cultural partner ARC. A number of children in our care and care leavers were part of a group overseeing this development.

Priority 3 - Seek to keep families together and close to their communities.

- We secured funding from DfE to support the development of two new children's homes, and properties have been identified for both.
- The Joint Venture (Spark of Genius) is seeking properties for two further homes.
- The Mockingbird model is being implemented development with the first cohort going live in July 2023.
- We are taking part on the regional fostering pathfinder programme, funded by DfE as part of the Stabled Homes strategy. This campaign goes live in September.
- In respect of early permanence planning a 'Babies at risk of being born into care' support package and practice guidance have now been developed.
- We have increased our offer around Special Guardianship Orders so that these carers receive the same support as a Foster Carer does.

- Work is ongoing to design/redesign and procure new therapeutic provision for Children in Care or on the Edge of Care. A design programme for therapeutic approaches is being undertaken to raise awareness/increase knowledge of staff around appropriate models of working.
- Our new Contextual Safeguarding approach has now been implemented, working alongside our new Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) team to identify and support those children at risk of exploitation and extra familiar harm.

Priority 4 - Develop and communicate our vision, embed our approach and intent:

- The Children in our Care Investment group has been developed to support work to monitor and review places; develop new provision; expand fostering; support reunification; prevention and joint funding of placements with the Integrated Care Board and from High Needs Funding.
- A lead person has now been identified and appointed to drive forward our residential children's homes programme, to increase internal provision – in both residential and foster care, provide greater monitoring and tracking of high-cost placements and ensure the programme meets need and demand.
- Contracts have now been reviewed in relation to the 'Independent Visitors' scheme. A Handbook and training have now been developed.

Priority 5 - Improve outcomes for care experienced young people (Care Leavers) by focusing on:

- Our Care Leavers Offer has now been refreshed, though there are some challenges with its visibility (as it was not hosted on the main SBC website), and this will be a priority for 2023/24.
- Work is ongoing around identifying appropriate accommodation for care leavers – this includes supported accommodation, staying close arrangements and semi/independent living opportunities.
- Additional resources have been identified in order to create new 'Keeping in Touch' workers so that the whereabouts of care leavers is better understood ensuring that they are safe, and that their needs are being met.
- All of our wider therapeutic services have now been aligned with additional resources being identified in order to appoint a psychologist to ensure that care leavers have improved access to health services and therapies.
- Awareness raising and training around pathway plans for care leavers has been rolled out to staff to improve quality.

What has been the impact?

- The number of children in care has been broadly stable for the past 4 years, though has increased slightly this year. The growth has been largely due to an increase in the number of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.
- Our processes and systems developed to welcome Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) has been recognised and subsequently shared with the Northeast Migration Partnership (NEMP) as an area of good practice.
- Our OFSTED ILACS inspection in February and March 2023 – found many areas of good practice but graded is as requiring improvement to be good for children in care and for care leavers, With key areas for improvement identified as:
 - *Greater capacity in foster care*
 - *Develop the participation offer further.*
 - *Better plans and challenge form Independent Reviewing officers*
- We have received positive feedback from the courts, including senior Judges, on the improved quality and robustness of our care plans.
- We have secured more proportionate legal orders for some Children and Young People as a direct result of the improved offer around Special Guardianship Orders. This has prevented some children from becoming the subject of Interim Care Orders or Care Orders solely for financial reasons.
- We have been very successful in maintaining a high proportion of children with kinship carers – 25% of children in care are placed with kinship carers – nearly double the national rate.
- Audits undertaken in relation to unborn babies where proceedings had been initiated upon birth evidenced improved practice: The risks were clearly identified and understood, and proceedings could not have been prevented.
- Our PAUSE project has used innovative and creative approaches to engage and maintain high quality relationships with women who have experienced repeated removals of children from their care. 4 women are currently working with the programme, the maximum number of places available.
- A scrutiny review into Education, Employment and Training (EET) for care leavers has evidenced improvements in the rate in which care leavers are in EET and has identified further actions to improve our practice. Our performance in this area has improved, to be around the regional average.
- There are 20% of children attending Children in Our Care review meetings, but a much larger percentage (over 80%) are having their views heard through written submissions or via advocates.
- We are seeing an increase in the completion of SDQs which has supported a better understanding of a child's and carers needs.

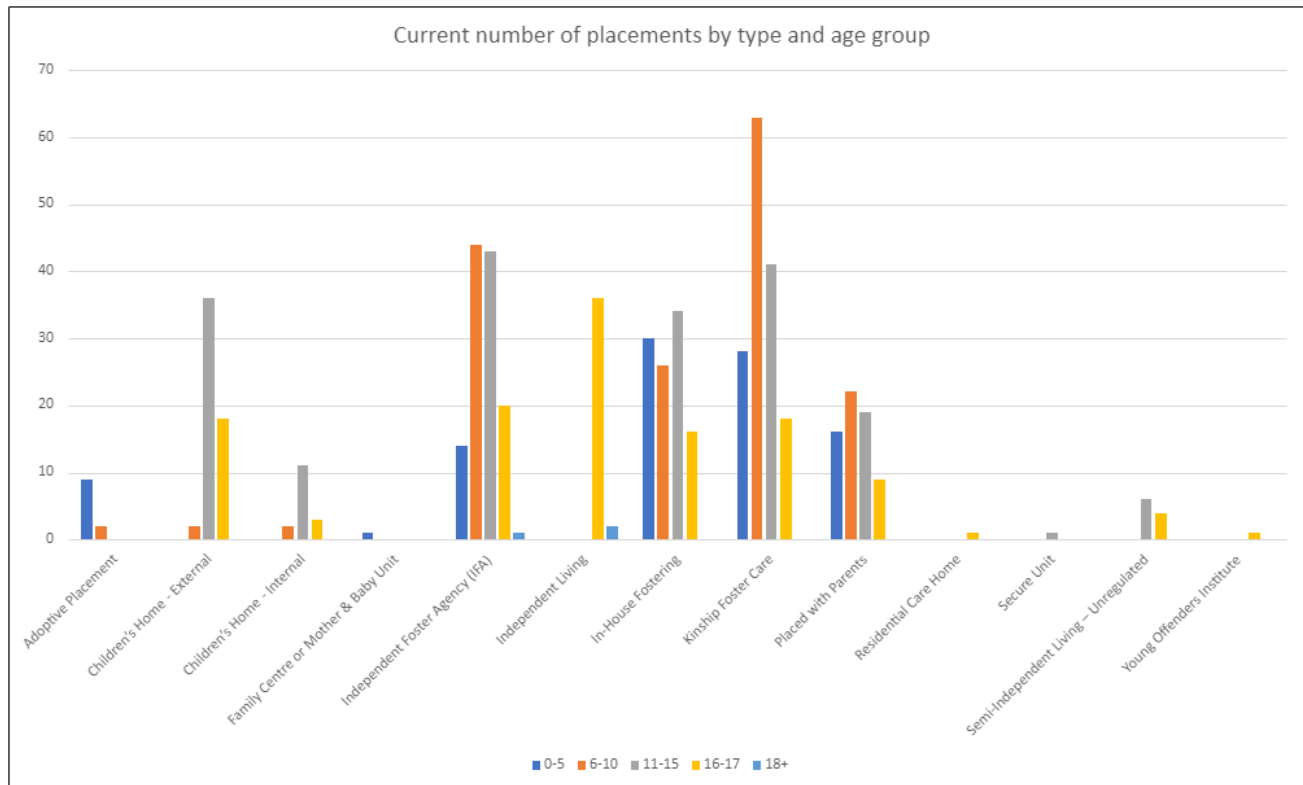
What are we going to do next?

- We will develop a new strategy for sign off at the Corporate Parenting Board in 2023. This will be based on 7 key priorities: Stability; resilience; education employment and training; good health; heard; care leavers and being a good corporate parent.
- As part of the 'being heard' priority we will develop a new approach to participation, building on our initial work with the Let's take Action Group, and enabling more children in care and care leavers to have a voice and to be asked for their views on a regular basis.
- We will further improve Life Story work.
- We will strengthen the Council's commitment to Corporate Parenting
 - Reshaping the Corporate Parenting Board to include more engagement.
 - Refresher training for members
 - Requirements for services to commit to support.
- We will launch the 'No Limits' scheme to enable Council Members and officers to give their time, make a financial contribution to support children in our care and care leavers or contribute to giving schemes such as the book at Christmas.
- We will complete a new Sufficiency and Commissioning Strategy which will better address children and family needs whilst reducing costs over the coming years.
- We will open two new children's homes to support our work on sufficiency planning.
- We will work with the Northeast Fostering pathfinder on a new approach to recruitment of foster carers and their assessment as part of our plans to increase the number of in house foster carers and to extend the Mockingbird model
- We will seek to keep children close to their communities and where it is safe to do so look after them for as short a time as possible, building on our performance as the best performing local authority for proximity of placements.
- We will ensure that recent improvements in the quality-of-care plans including an improved focus on permanence, is sustained.
- We will develop more options for supported accommodation for young people 16-25.
- We will further explore the funding and incentives to enable young people to better access and sustain Employment, Education and Training opportunities.
- We will ensure that children in care and care leavers are receiving timely and effective health assessments, and that there is targeted action on health issues as a result.
- We will further develop our 'More Stuff Like This Please' model with our lead cultural partner – ARC.
- We will open a new youth space in Stockton town centre which will provide a base for LTA which will play a big role in its design.
- We will refresh all packs for cared for and care experience young people.
- We will establish a care Leavers Board, chaired by the Chief Executive

How well are we performing – Data annex

Current placement type by age group

Chart 1



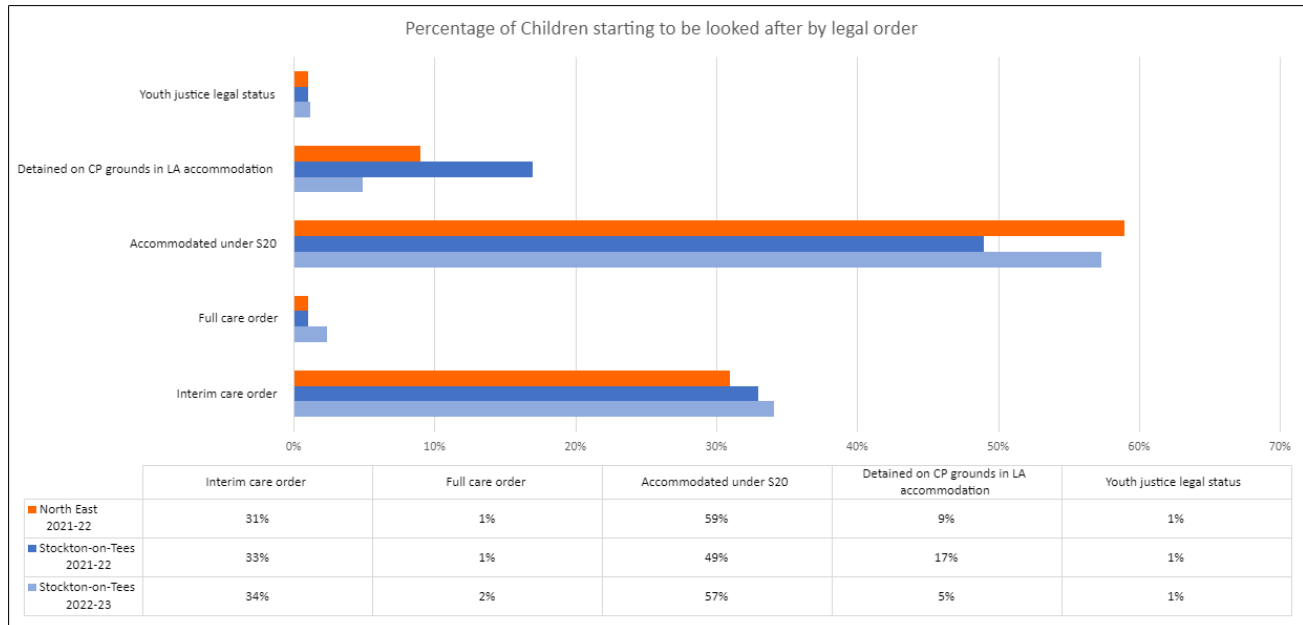
SOURCE: SSRS CIOC at a Date reports Q4 2022/23

Chart 1 above shows that at year end 2022/23:

- In terms of types of placements, in total, 93% of all children in our care are in kinship foster care (25.9%), then independent foster agencies (IFA) (21.1%), then in-house fostering (18.3%), then placed with parents (11.4%), then children's home – external (9.7%) and then independent living (6.6%). The other 7% of all children in our care are in a further seven different types of placements.
- In terms of the ages of children in our care, most aged 0 – 5 years are placed in in-house fostering or kinship fostering; most aged 6 – 10 are placed in kinship foster care or with an independent foster agency (IFA); most aged 11 – 15 are placed with an independent foster agency (IFA) or kinship foster care; most aged 16 – 17 are placed in independent living; and, most aged 18+ are placed in independent living.

Percentage of children starting to be looked after by legal order.

Chart 2



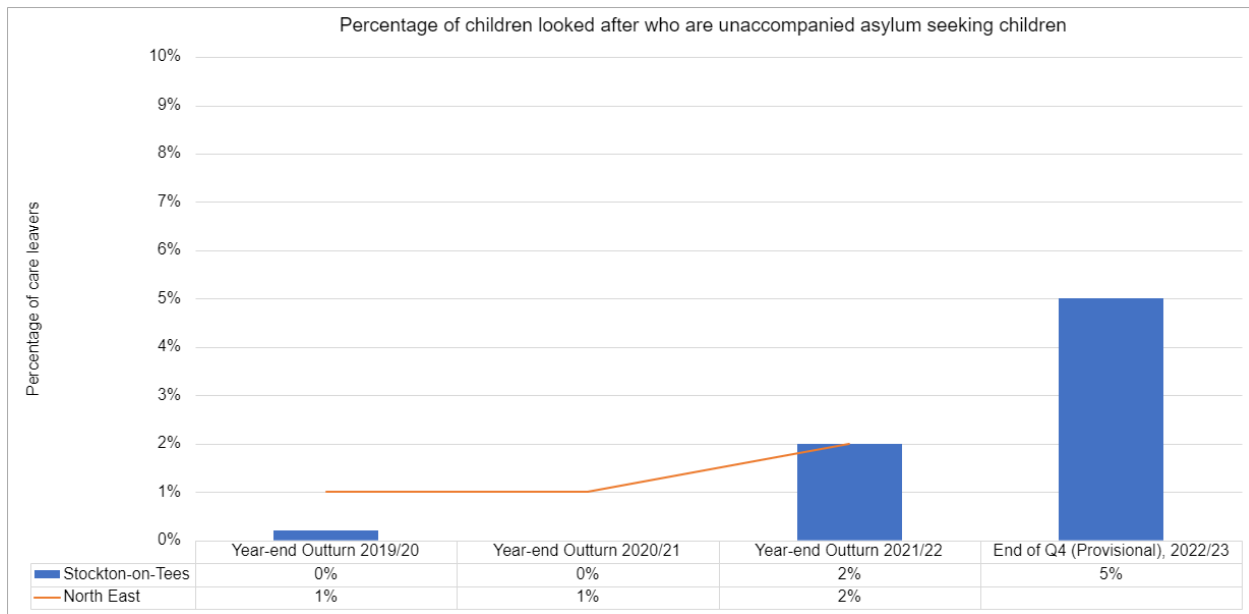
SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23, SSDA 903 published data 2021/22

Chart 2 above shows that at year end 2022/23, in our borough:

- Most children started to be looked after because of a S20 (57%), then an Interim care Order (34%), then detained on CP grounds in LA accommodation (5%), then a Full Care Order (2%) and finally a Youth Justice Legal Status (1%). The same pattern is also reflected in our activity across 2021/22 and across the North East overall in 2021/22 (most recent data).
- More children started to be looked after due to a S20 than was the case in 2021/22, but this proportion is smaller than across the North East based on most recent data.
- More children started to be looked after due to an interim care order than was the case in 2021/22 and this proportion is greater than across the North East based on most recent data
- Fewer children started to be looked after being detained on CP grounds in LA accommodation than was the case in 2021/22 and this proportion is smaller than across the North East based on most recent data
- More children started to be looked after due to a full care order than was the case in 2021/22 and this proportion is larger than across the North East based on most recent data
- The same proportion of children started to be looked after due to youth justice legal status as was the case in 2021/22 and this proportion is the same as across the North East overall based on most recent data

Percentage of children looked after who are unaccompanied asylum seeker children.

Chart 3

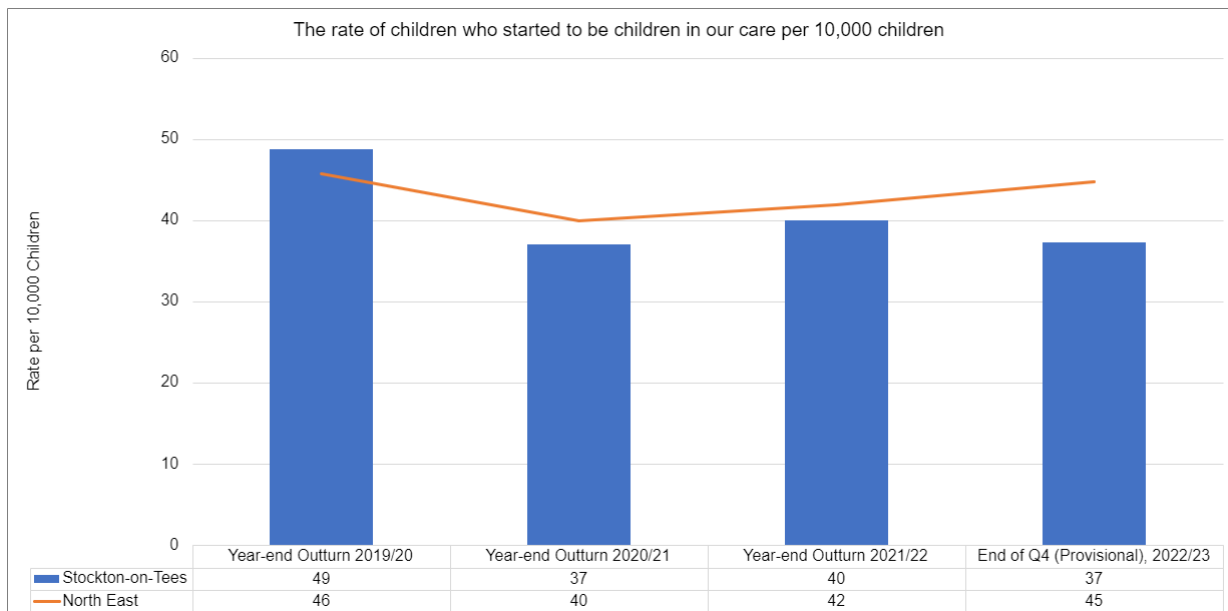


SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 (provisional), SSSA 903 published data 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22

Chart 3 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we had more children looked after who are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children than we have in any of the last three years. Our numbers in this respect are also much larger than for the North East overall in 2021/22 (most recent data).

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

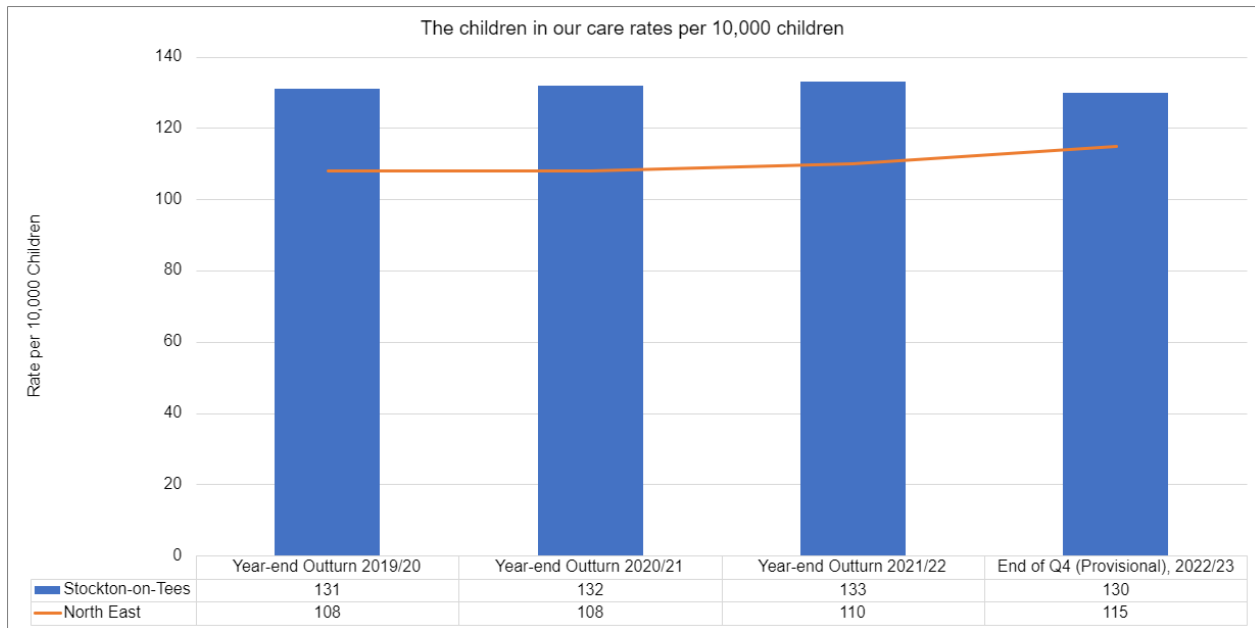
Chart 4



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - ADCS North East Year End 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20

Chart 4 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we had fewer children per 10,000 starting to be children in our care (37 per 10,000) than we did in 2021/22. We are also performing better than the North East overall (45 per 10,000).

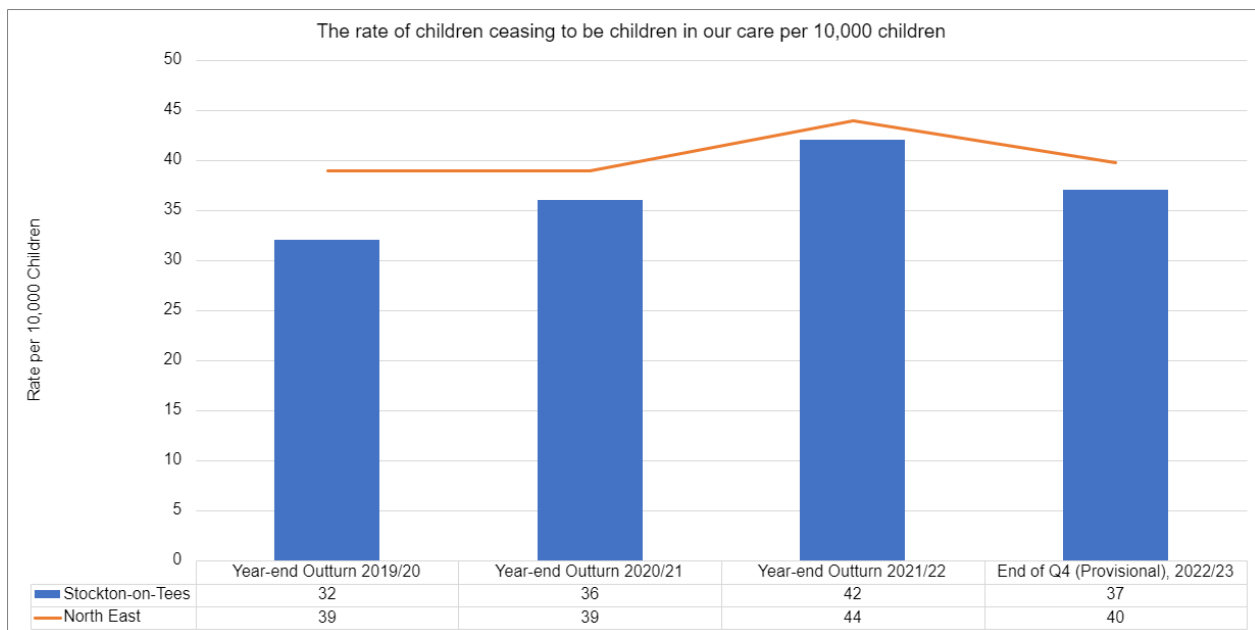
Chart 5 Children in our care per 10,000 children



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - ADCS North East Year End 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20

Chart 5 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we had fewer children in our care per 10,000 than we have in any of the last three years. However, we are above the regional average.

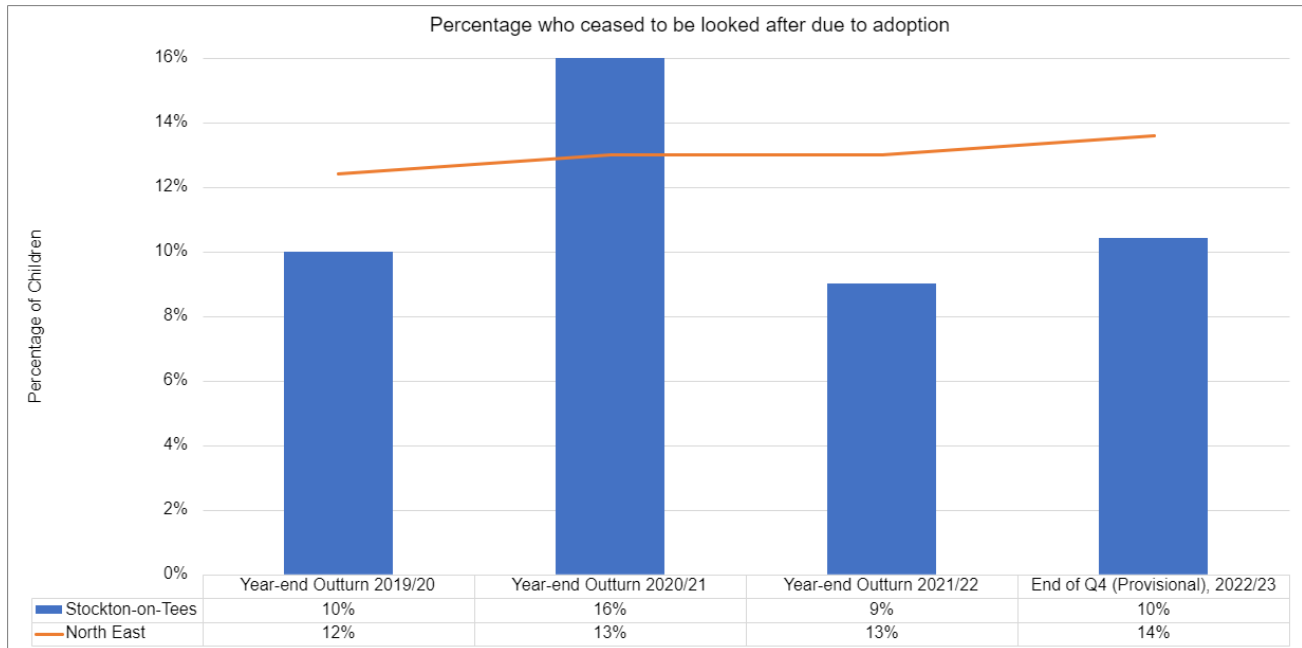
Chart 6 Children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000 children.



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - ADCS North East Year End 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20

Chart 6 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed less well than we did in 2021/22 but better than in 2019/20 and 2020/21 in terms of children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000. We also performed less well than the North East overall.

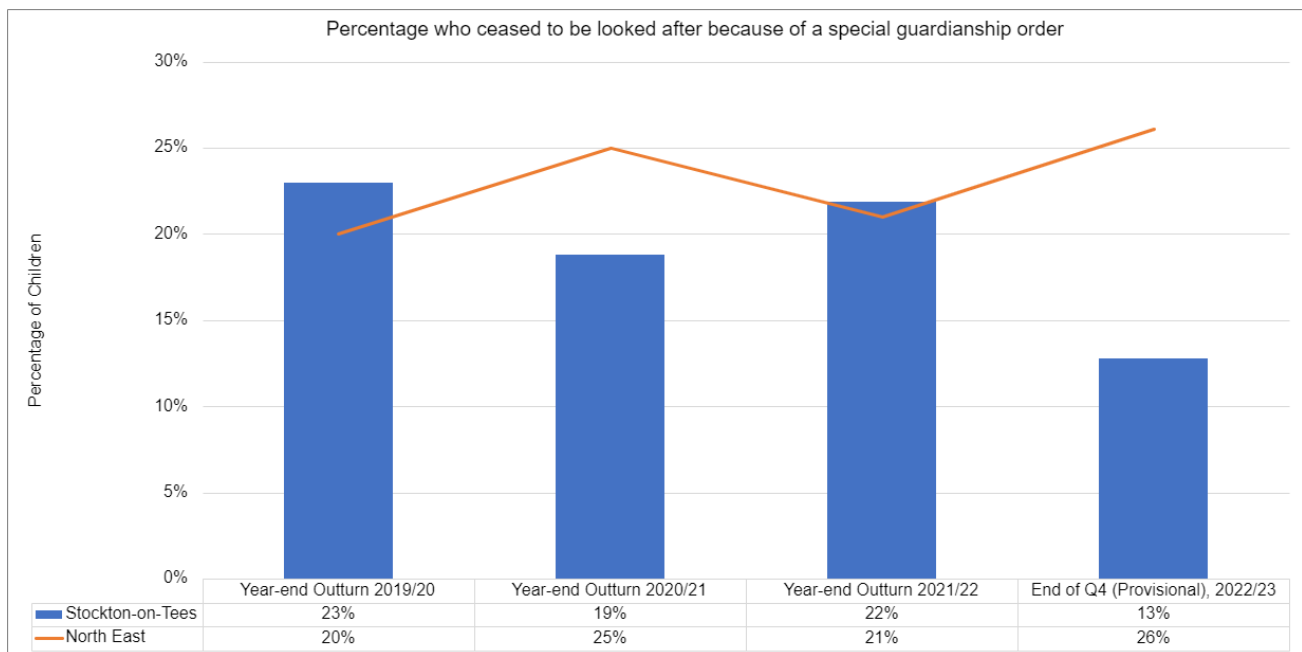
Chart 7 Children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted.



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - ADCS North East Year End 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20

Chart 7 above shows that at year end 2022/23, more children ceased to be children in our care who were adopted than was the case in 2021/22. But, at the same time, we performed less well than the North East overall.

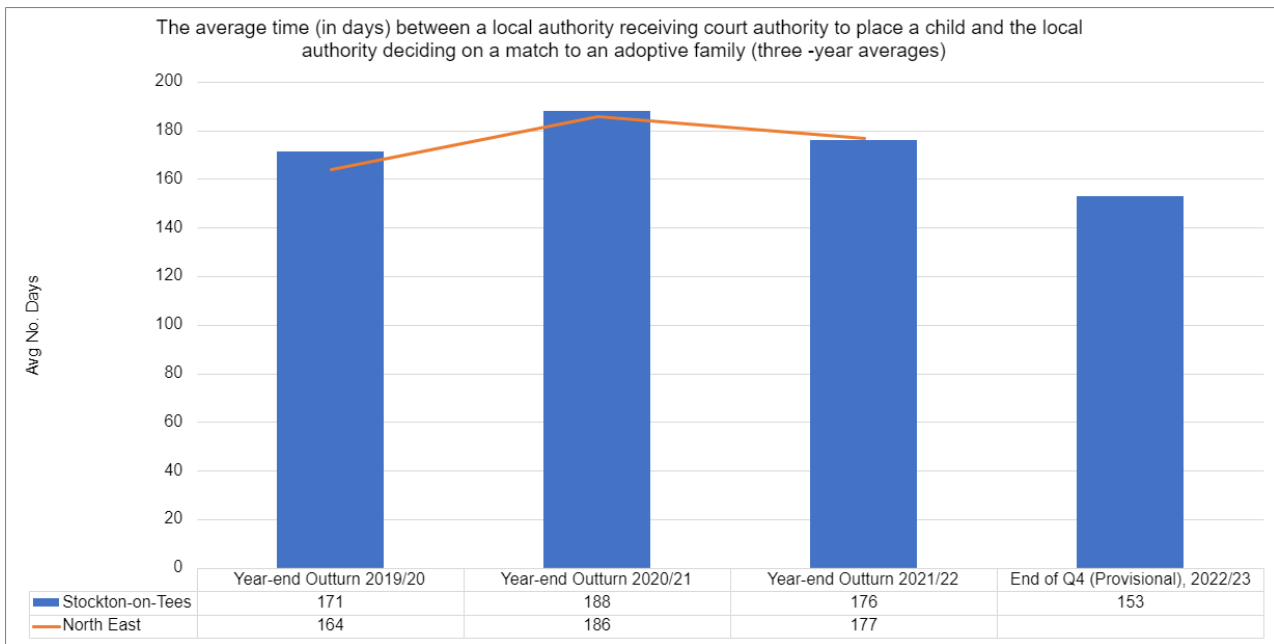
Chart 8 Percentage who ceased to be looked after because of a special guardianship order.



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - ADCS North East Year End 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20

Chart 8 above shows that at year end 2022/23, fewer children ceased to be children in our care because of a special guardianship order than was the case in 2021/22. We also performed less well than the North East overall.

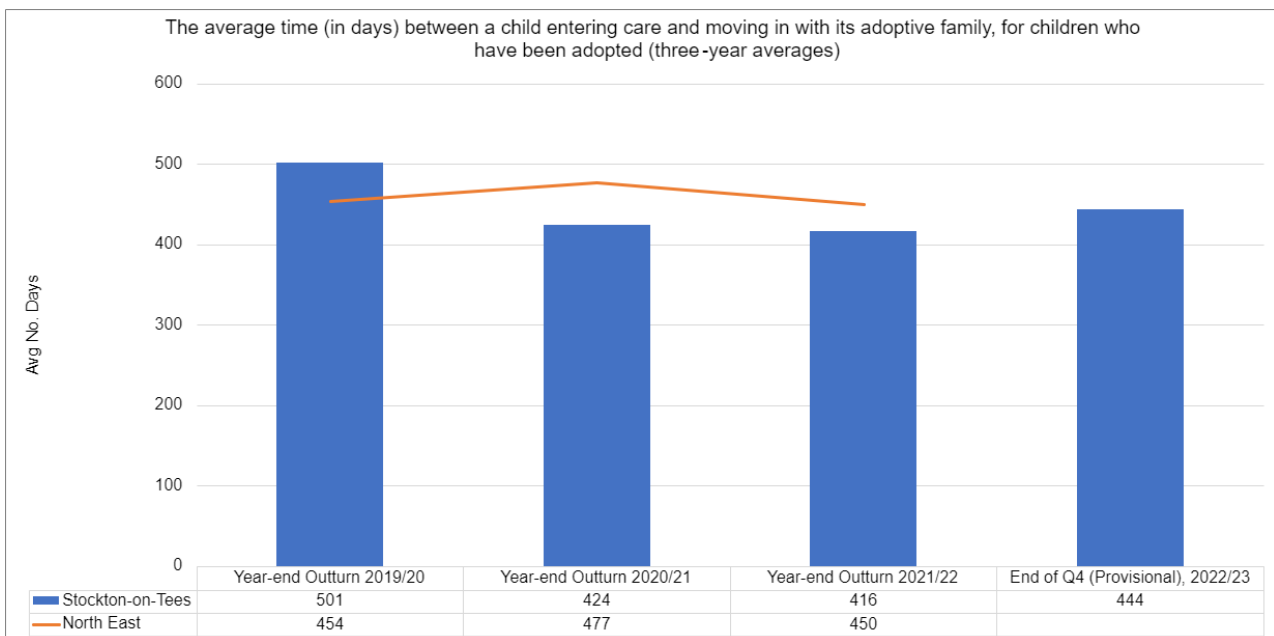
Chart 9 Average time in days between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family.



SOURCE: ASGLB - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23, Q4 2021/22, Q4 2020/21, Q4 2019/20)

Chart 9 above shows that at year end 2022/23, 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 better than at year end 2021/22.

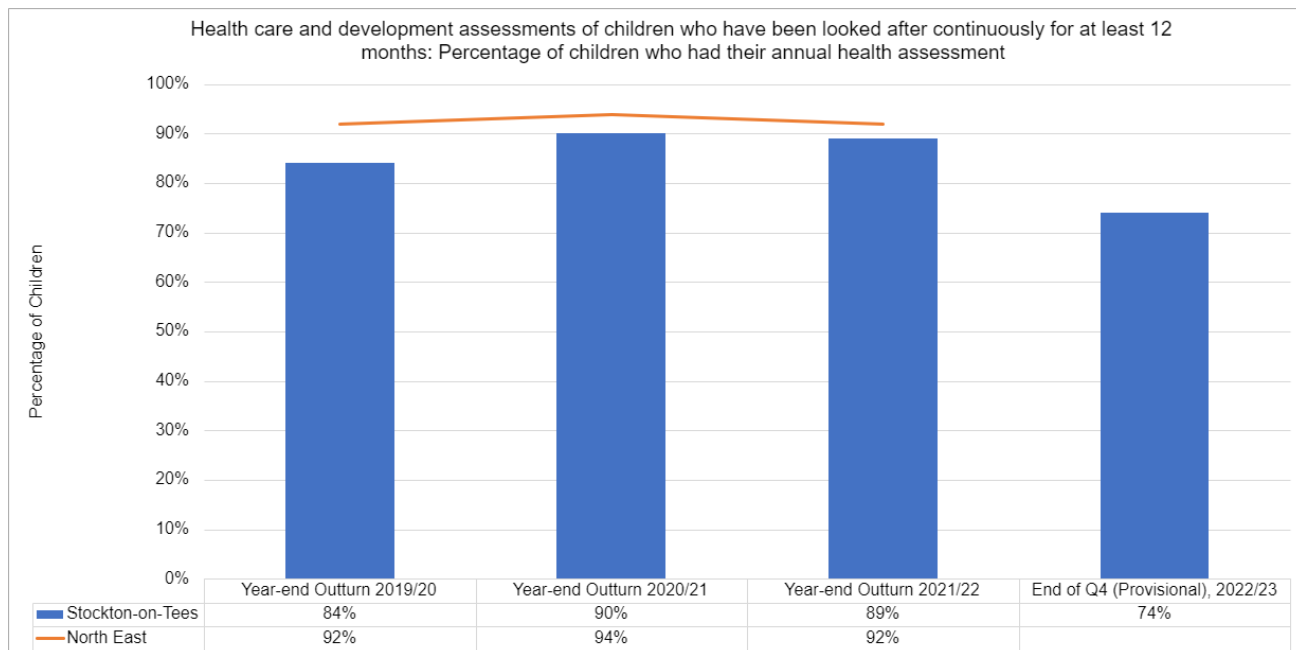
Chart 10 Average time in days for children entering care and moving in with their adoptive family for children who have been adopted.



SOURCE: ASGLB - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23, Q4 2021/22, Q4 2020/21, Q4 2019/20)

Chart 10 above shows that at year end 2022/23, the time we took in days for children entering our care and moving in with their adoptive family was less good than at year end in both 2021/22. Whilst North East comparative information for 2022/23 is not currently available, our year end 2022/23 performance is better than the North East overall in 2021/22.

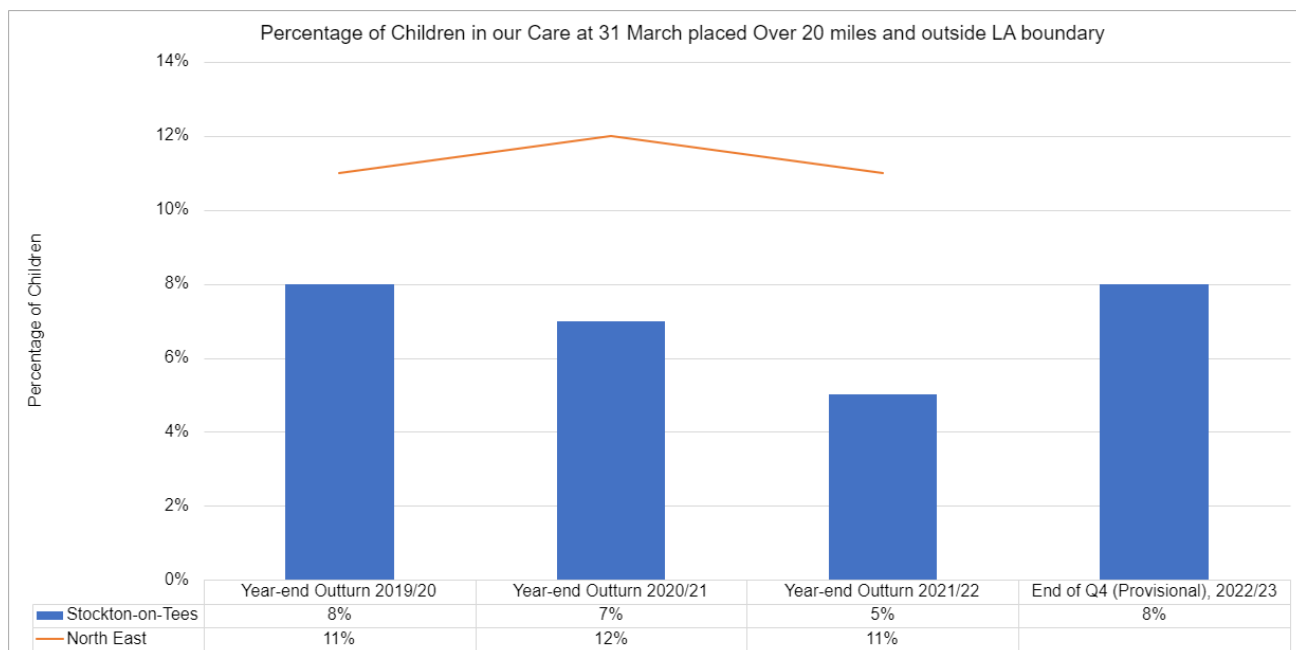
Chart 11 Health care and development assessments of children who have been looked after continuously for at least 12 months: percentage of children who had their annual health assessment.



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - SSDA 903 published data 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22

Chart 11 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed less well than we did at year-end 2021/22. Comparative data for 2022/23 is not currently available.

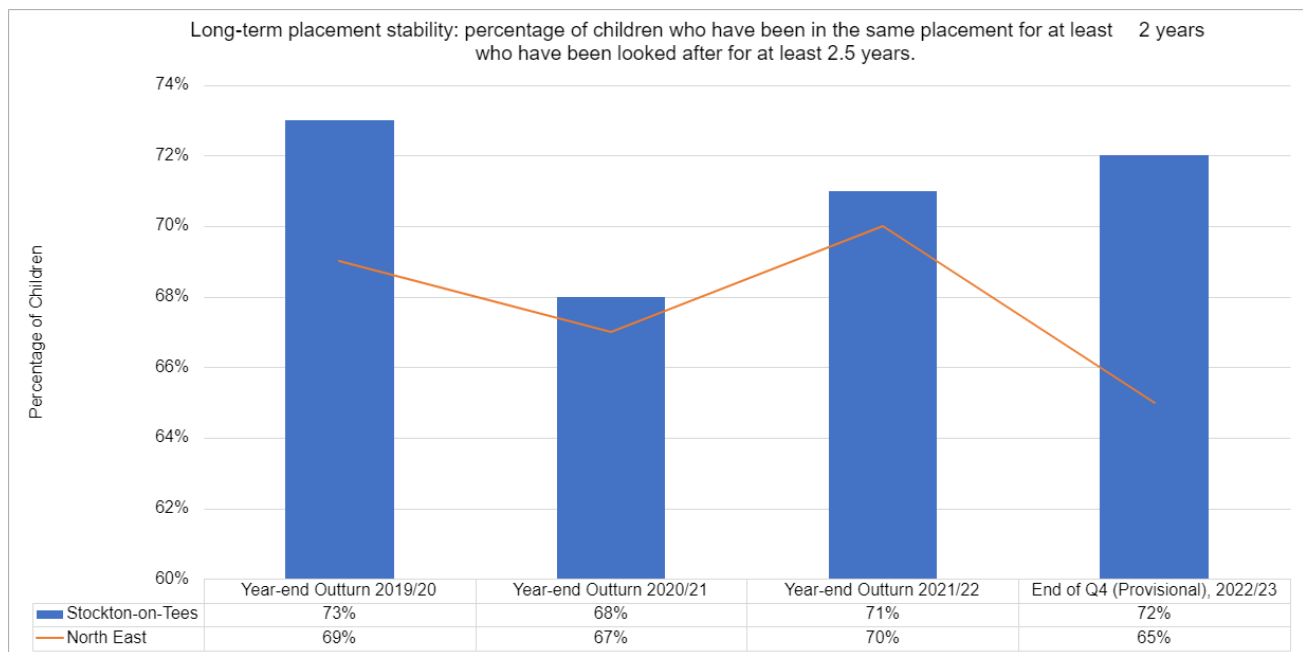
Chart 12 Percentage of children in our care at 31 March placed over 20 miles and outside the local authority boundary.



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - SSDA 903 published data 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22

Chart 12 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed less well than we did at year-end in 2020/21. Comparative information is not yet available.

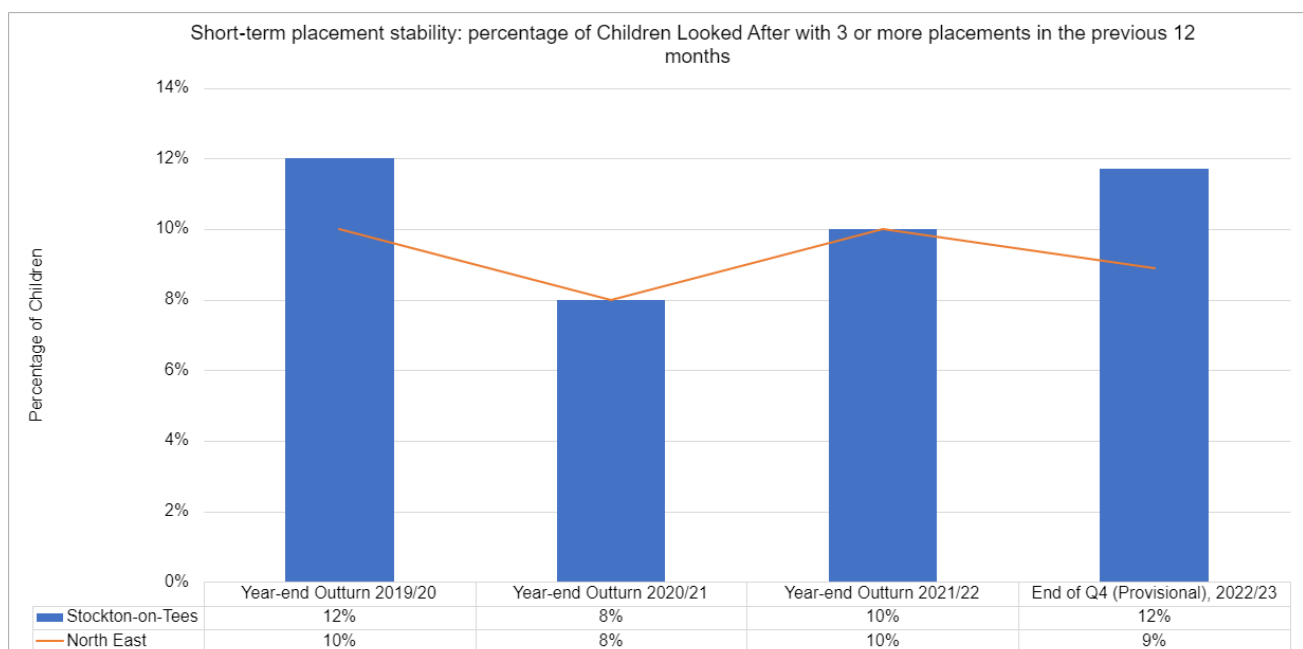
Chart 13 - Percentage of children who have been in the same placement for at least 2 years who have been looked after for at least 2.5 years.



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - SSDA 903 published data 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22

Chart 13 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed better than we have since year end 2019/20 and better than the North East overall in this respect in 2022/23.

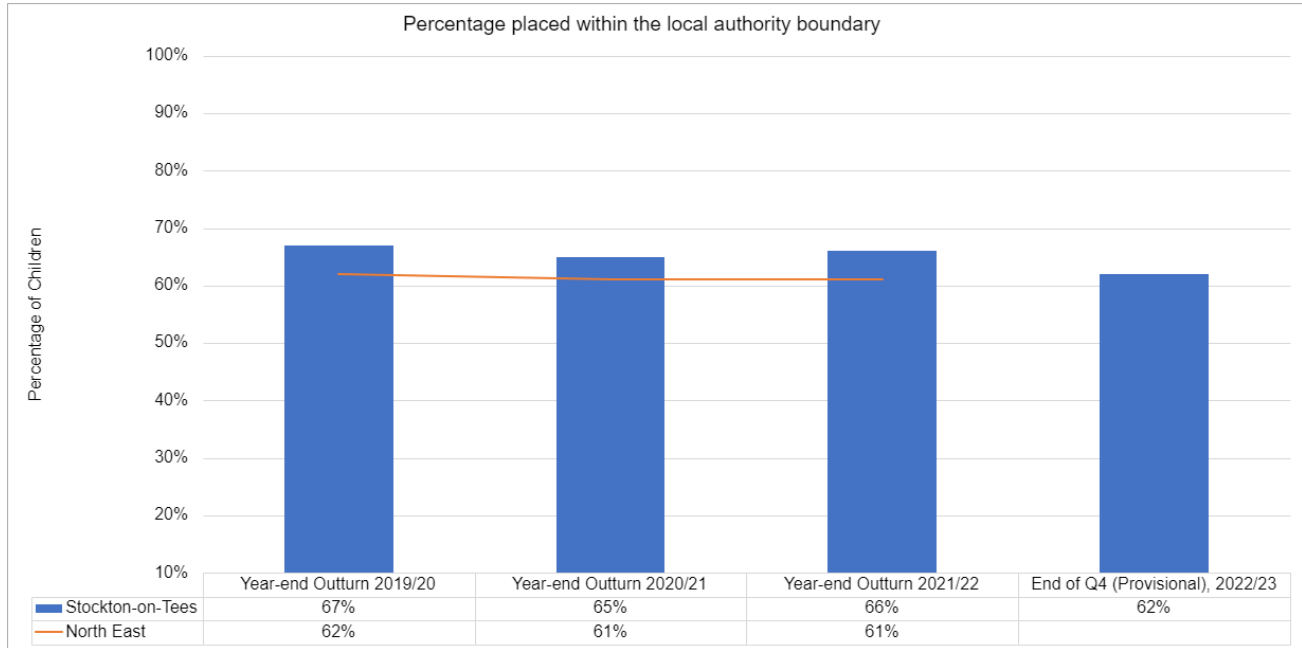
Chart 14 Percentage of children looked after with 3 or more placement in the previous 12 months.



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - ADCS North East Year End 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20

Chart 14 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed less well on this measure than the previous year and compared to the North east. We also performed less well than the North East overall.

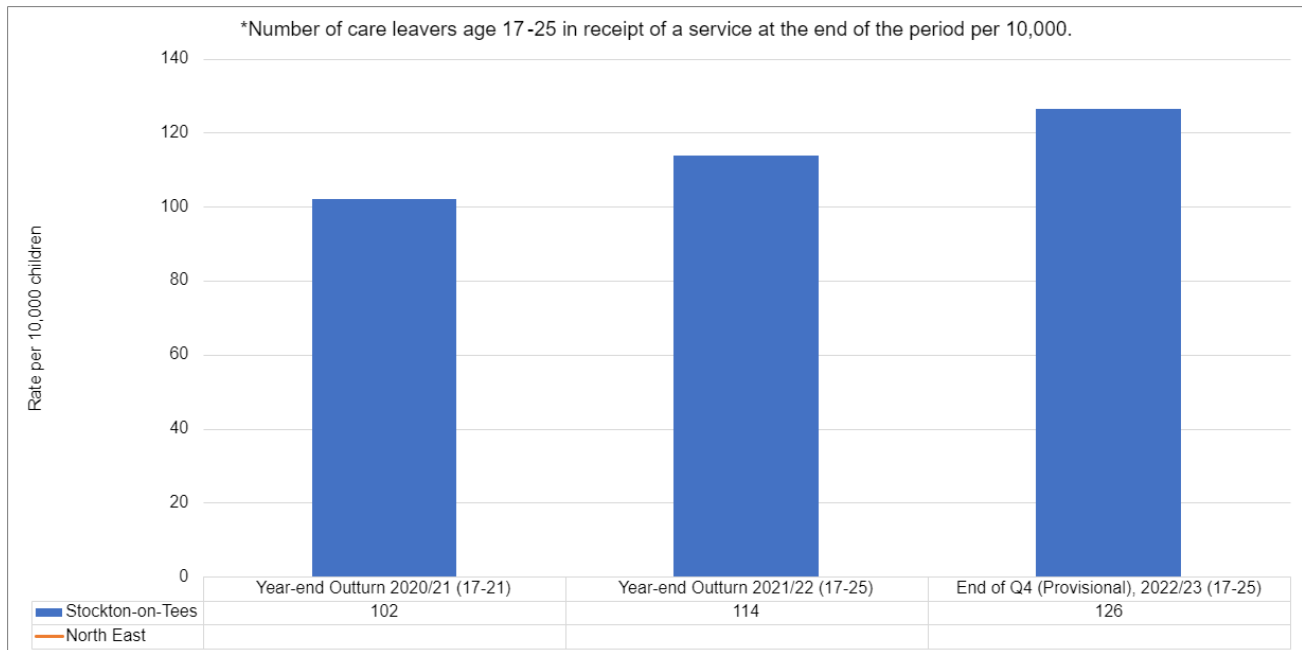
Chart 15 Percentage placed within the local authority boundary



SOURCE: 903 DfE Submission report 2022/23 - ADGS North East Year End 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20

Chart 15 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed slightly less well than last year. Comparative information is not yet available.

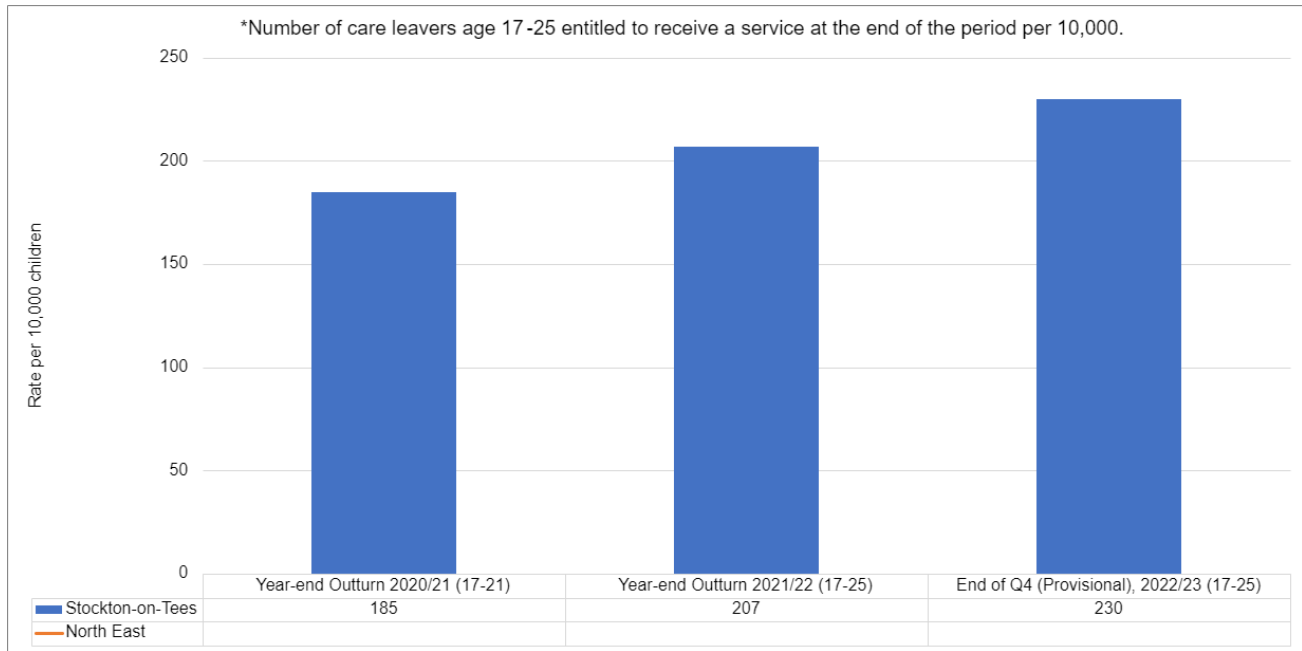
Chart 16 Number of care leavers aged 17 – 25 in receipt of a service at the end of the period per 10,000.



SOURCE: ADGS North East - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23 (provisional), Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20) - population based on 17-24 for that year

Chart 16 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed better than we have in the last two years in terms of the number of care leavers aged 17 – 25 in receipt of a service at the end of the period, per 10,000. North East comparative information is not available.

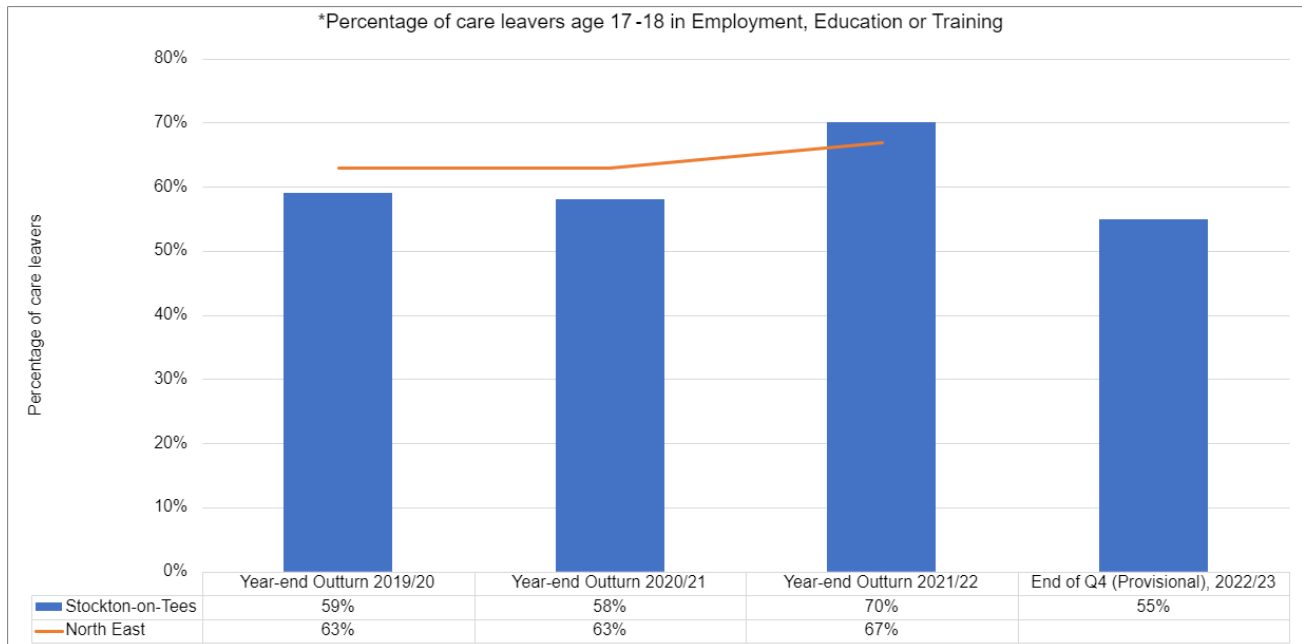
Chart 17 Number of care leavers aged 17 – 25 entitled to receive a service at the end of the period per 10,000.



SOURCE: ADCS North East - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23 (provisional), Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20) - population based on 17-24 for that year

Chart 17 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed better than we have in the last two years in terms of the number of care leavers aged 17 – 25 entitled to receive a service at the end of the in period, per 10,000. North East comparative information is not available.

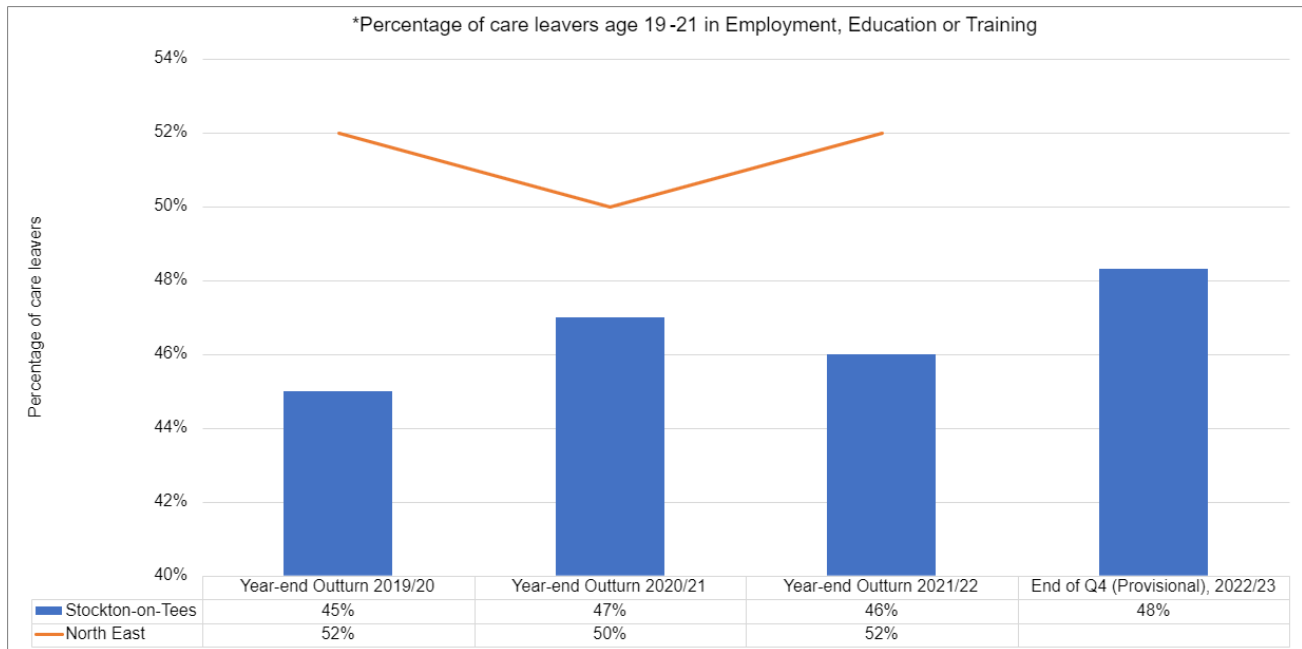
Chart 18 Percentage of care leavers aged 17 – 18 in employment, education or training.



SOURCE: SSDA903 Looked After Children Summary and ADCS North East - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20)

Chart 18 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed less well than we have across the last three years in terms of the percentage of care leavers aged 17 – 18 in employment, education, or training.

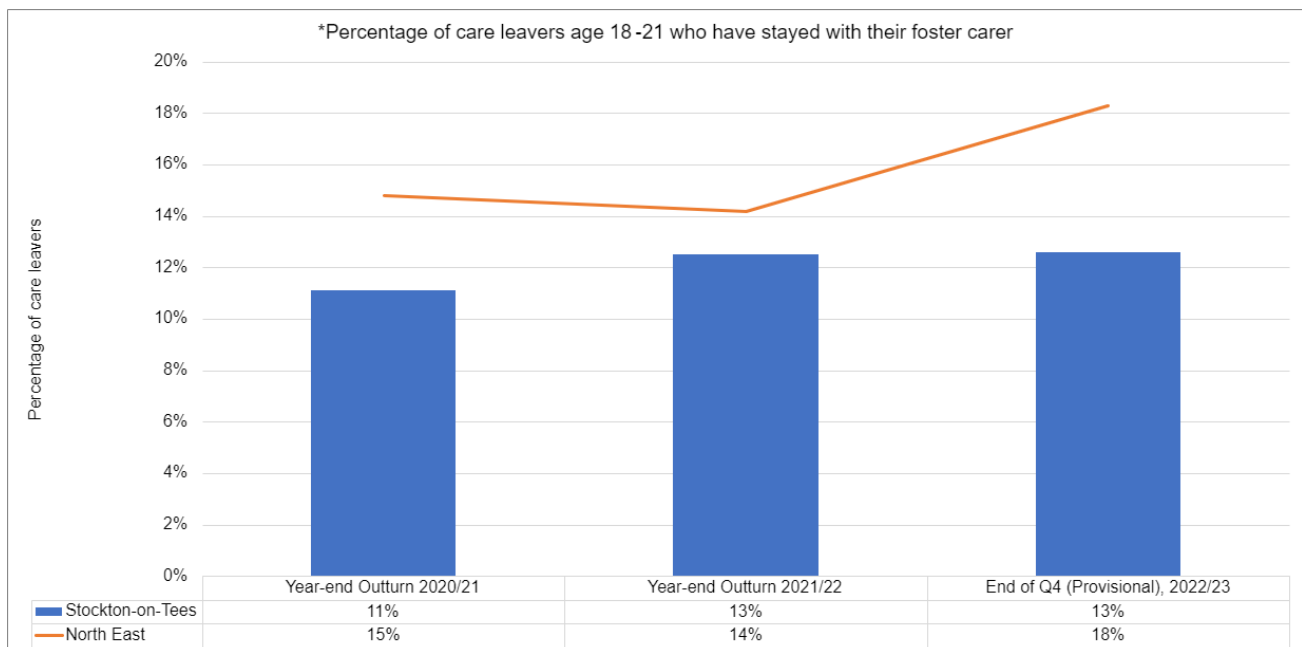
Chart 19 Percentage of care leavers aged 19 – 21 in employment, education or training.



SOURCE: SSDA903 Looked After Children Summary and ADCS North East - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20)

Chart 19 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed better than we have across the last three years in terms of the percentage of care leavers aged 19 - 21 in employment, education, or training.

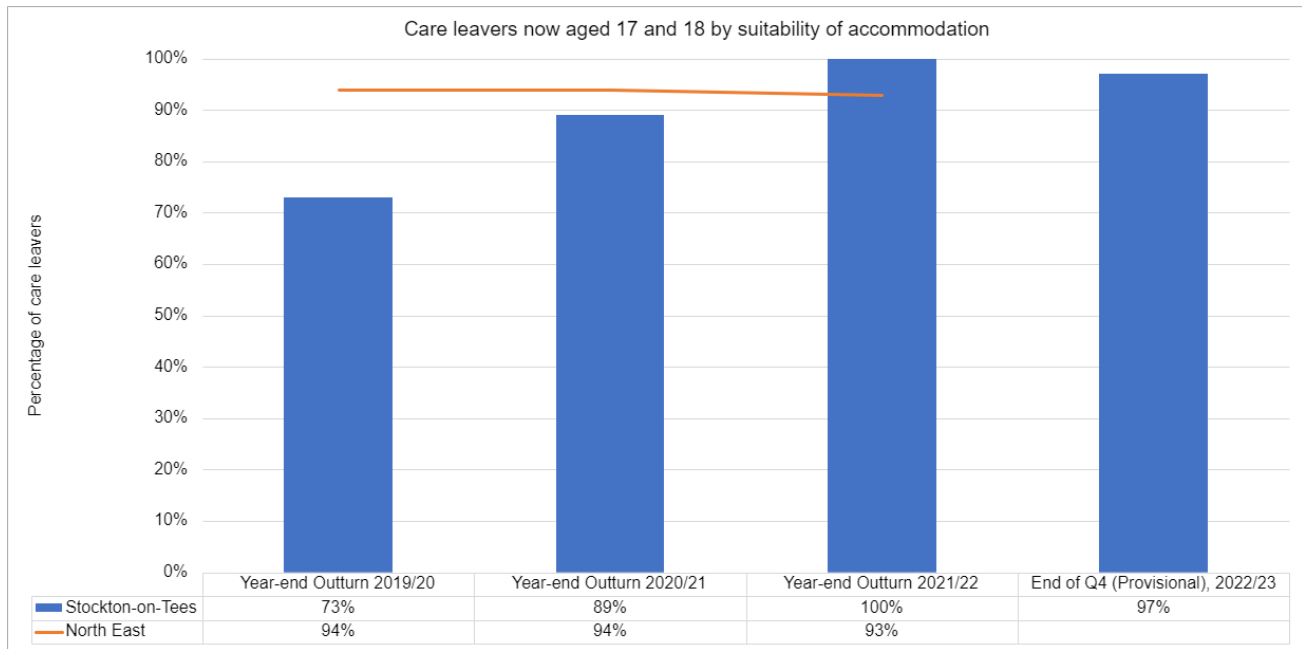
Chart 20 Percentage of care leavers aged 18 – 21 who have stayed with their foster carer.



SOURCE: ADCS North East - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23 (provisional), Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20)

Chart 20 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed as well as we did last year and better than the previous year in terms of percentage of care leavers aged 18 – 21 who have stayed with their foster carer. Compared with the North East overall, our performance is less good this year.

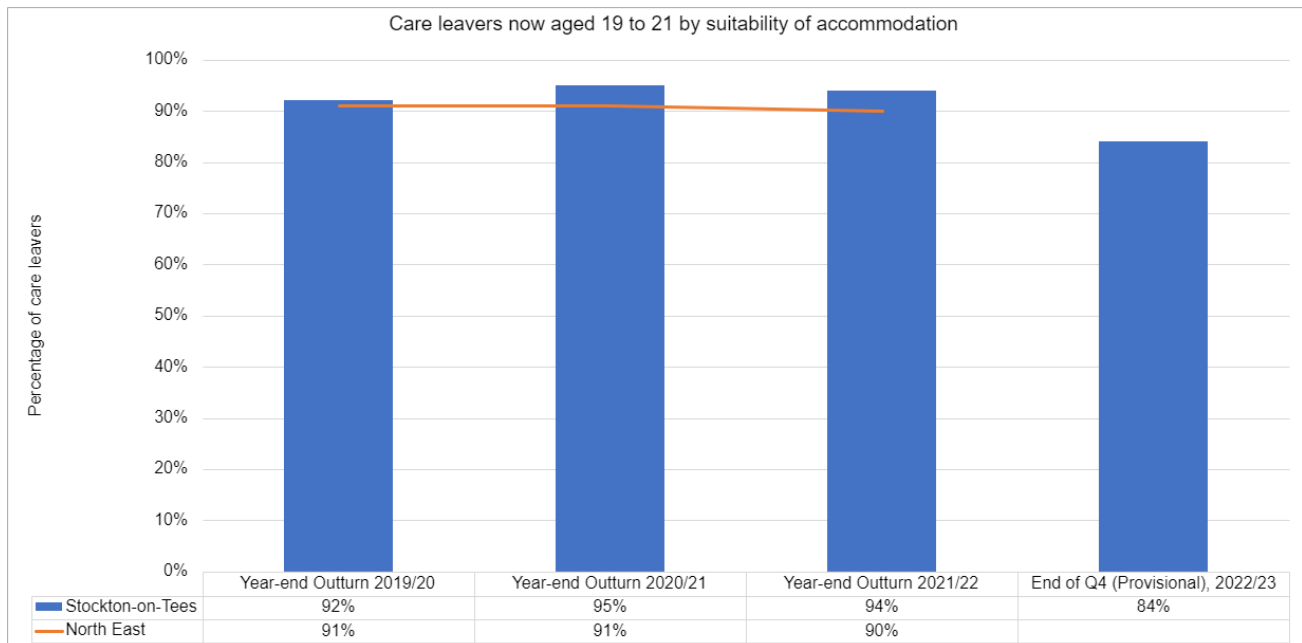
Chart 21 Care leavers now aged 17 and 18 by suitability of accommodation.



SOURCE: SSDA903 Looked After Children Summary and ADCS North East - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20)

Chart 21 above shows that at year end 2022/23, whilst we performed less well than we did in 2021/22. Whilst North East comparative information is not currently available for 2022/23, our performance in this respect was better than it was across the North East in any of the last three years.

Chart 22 - Care leavers now aged 19 to 21 by suitability of accommodation.



SOURCE: SSDA903 Looked After Children Summary and ADCS North East - Various Reports (Q4 2022/23, Year End 2021/22, Year End 2020/21, Year End 2019/20)

Chart 22 above shows that at year end 2022/23, we performed less well than in previous years.