

## **Brief Performance Report for Stockton Children's Homes Outcomes**

**Reporting period – Active as of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Date of Report – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

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### **1. Aim and background to Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to give the Corporate Parenting Board an update on Stockton's Children's Homes' performance as of March 31, 2023.
- 1.2 To report will provide a comparative analysis of the national picture of children's homes to guarantee the standard of care being given to our children in our care.
- 1.3 Reference and comparison will be made to Ofsted '**Official Statistics – Main findings: children's social care in England 2023**'

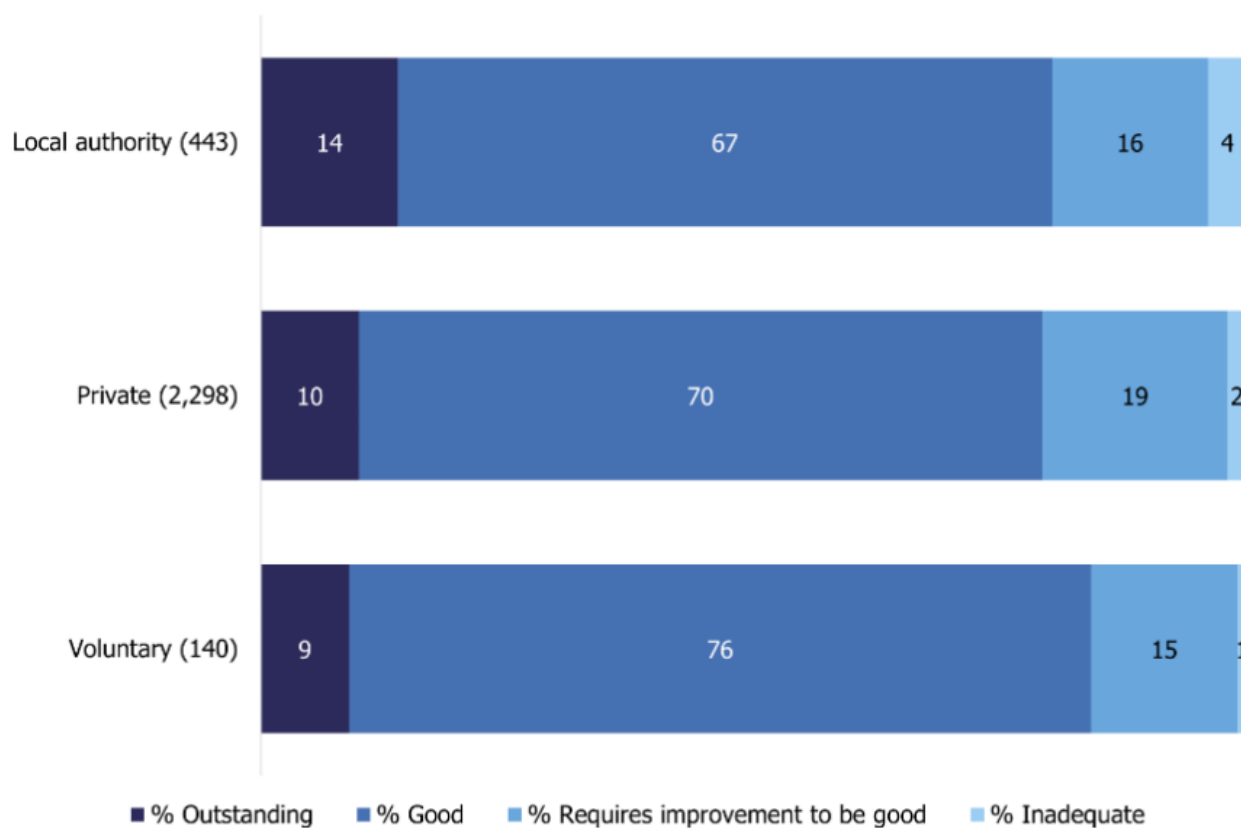
[Main findings: children's social care in England 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/main-findings-childrens-social-care-in-england-2023)

- 1.4 This report should be read alongside Ofsted themes in house Residential provision report .

### **2. National Picture – Ofsted's Main Findings, 2023**

- 2.1 The number of registered children's homes in England continues to rise. [Ofsted] Nationally '*As of 31 March 2023, there was a 9% increase in the number of children's homes compared with 31 March 2022.*
- 2.2 Whilst the number of children's homes and placements continues to increase nationally, so too does the number of children needing to be cared for by LA's, including Stockton who currently have 594 Children in Our care with 16 of those being cared for in in house provision.
- 2.3 As of March 31, 2023, private organisations managed 2,450 children's homes, or 85%, and offered 8,791 beds. LAs operated 333 children's homes, accounting for 14% of all placements (1,529). In comparison to 2022, the private sector saw a rise in the number of homes (11%) and places (10%).
- 2.4 The proportion of children's homes of all types judged outstanding or good was 79% as of 31 March 2023 (10% outstanding, 69% good). This is a slight increase from 2022, when the proportion was 77%. 18% of homes were judged requires improvement to be good (compared with 21% in 2022) and 2% were judged inadequate (compared with 3% in 2022).
- 2.4 As of the 31<sup>st</sup> March four out of seven of Stockton's homes where judged good or outstanding. This has improved to five out of seven since the release of the national data.

## Grade profile of all types of children’s homes with inspection outcomes as of 31 March 2023, split by sector



2.5 It is noted that one home has been closed for refurbishment and therefore has not received an inspection in this time. This home is currently Requires Improvement; however, it is hoped once opened this will improve.

### 3. Conclusions

3.1 It is accepted that the children’s homes in Stockton have declined in their overall judgements in the past 2 years. Two homes have been downgraded from Outstanding to Good, one home was down graded to Requires Improvement, but improved at its next inspection to Good.

3.2 This decline has been due to a combination of Registered Managers leaving the LA and the subsequent difficulties to recruit suitably experience Managers to these positions.

3.3 Despite the difficulties the homes have faced, it is important to note that Stockton's current Outstanding Children's home is among the top 10% in the country, and the remaining good homes are among the top 69%.

