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PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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6 Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 3

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To scrutinise performance at Quarter 3 and identify areas that may require further investigation by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. [Report To Follow]

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People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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People Directorate Demand Activity and Performance

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Synopsis

The report provides an update to The People Scrutiny Committee on areas of demand activity and performance by exception across the People Directorate. The performance captured in the report will inform the committees understanding of current activity, challenges and update the committee on the development of the performance dashboards.

Executive Summary

This report will highlight Adults Social Care (ASC) ASCOF Measures and areas of performance by exception. In doing this we aim to illustrate current demand and pressures across the service and actions to address areas to improve or sustain current performance. In addition, the report also includes the future demand and increase of people with dementia which will require cross directorate support and stakeholders to address.

The report highlights significant increases in demand for Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment and significant increases in the number of EHC plans issued. Consideration can then be given to the implications of these increases on local services, education settings, children and young people and their families. The report also provides an overview of the Education Dashboard measures that are held by Learning and Skills (L&S) to inform area self-evaluation and strategic planning.

The work detailed within the report aims to meet 'The Shropshire Plan' priorities and improve outcomes across all ages.

Recommendations

The committee considers the report and identifies specific areas of focus that it may want to explore in more detail, to be included in their work programme.

Report

Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

.1. Risk table

Risk	*Mitigation*
Carers offer not meeting needs, with poor outcomes for people and resulting in a poor CQC rating.	An action plan has been developed to improve the offer by bringing carers assessments into the carers team to reduce duplication for people telling their story and provide a quality, consistent service.
Reduction in adults with LD (Learning Disabilities) in paid employment would likely result in an increased demand for paid services.	Enable provide a quality service to people with an LD in Shropshire to encourage opportunities for paid employment and support people to sustain their employment status. The team is under continuous review.
Sustained improvement in the proportion of adults with learning disabilities living in appropriate accommodation. Performance remains ahead of comparator groups. The current level of performance provides little room for improvement and presents a challenge of maintaining current levels, including the financial sustainability of certain models of support.	A review schedule of supported living with sustain the performance with an aim to reduce overall cost. Increase numbers of people enabled to live within the family home with the development of alternative support models, which will also enable support to carers. Improve appropriate access to health funding support to those settled in their own accommodation. Development of the Learning Disability, and Autism offer within Adult Social Care and improve integrated working with health provider colleagues to support people to live in their own homes.

	0-25 approach across the People Directorate to ensure right support, right time, right funding as individuals 'transition' to adulthood.
People feeling safe. This measure has shown sustained improvement and is taken from surveying people in receipt of services.	Many factors contribute towards feeling safe, we reflect upon outcomes following interventions, at review, at the end of our involvement and through the survey. Review of feedback from the survey and mitigation action planning for any themes /trends that would improve performance. Continuous improvement through future survey feedback forms to ensure any concerns are addressed to help people to feel safe. Recent work on reducing the time people are waiting for assessment should have a positive impact on this over time, with interventions happening sooner, less people reaching crisis point and getting the input they need at the right time.

Financial Implications

1. Pressures across adults and children continue, see below Qtr 3 finance report update for the People Directorate

Directorate / Service	Forecast Outturn Variance at Q2	Budget at Q3	Forecast Outturn at Q3	Forecast Variance at Q3	*Movement from Q2 to Q3*	Reasons for Movement Q2 to Q3
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	*£'000*	
People						
Children's Social Care and Safeguarding	13,100	49,240	52,393	3,153	*(9,948)*	£11.000m contribution from General Fund Balance. This is short term funding to support responses to demand pressures, described in previous reports. **Other** • +£0.519m increase relating to External Residential Placements • +£0.257m increase relating to Fostering Placements (of which +£0.139m increase in new External Fostering placements due to increase in numbers) • +£0.222m increase in overspend relating to Semi-Independent Placements (16-18). Partially explained by 1 very high cost, short placement. • +£0.262m increase in overspend relating to DCT Prevention & Support Payments due to an increase in demand and complexity • -£0.083m decrease in overspend relating to PLO (pre-legal) Support Packages
Adult Social Care	9,701	126,958	129,255	2,297	*(7,403)*	**Non-Purchasing Reduction - £9.671m** £9.500m contribution from General Fund Balance. This is short term funding to support responses to demand pressures, described in previous reports. • (£0.118m) forecast expenditure reduction in START **Purchasing Increase £2.268m** • £3.376m expenditure increase in SPOT placement forecasting. The majority of this is within Nursing (+£1.156m) and Residential Care (+£0.827m), but we have also seen increases in the Direct Payments forecasted position (+£0.362m) • (£0.222m) expenditure reduction in Supported Living. **Increased CHC (NHS) income £1.062m** • (£1.062m) increase in Continuing Health Care (CHC) Income to improve joined up approaches. This reflects higher

						demand and complexity levels of work across the health and care system.
Early Help, Partnerships and Commissioning	(123)	3,268	3,012	(256)	*(132)*	• -£0.115m increase in temporary vacancy management savings across the Family Hubs • -£0.019m increase in underspend forecast against Early Help Family Hubs non-staffing budgets including premises related expenditure such as Rates, building/room rental/hire expenditure
Learning and Skills	296	18,190	18,569	379	*82*	• £0.105m increase in overspend relating to Home to School Transport between Quarter 2 and Quarter 3. Explained by large increase in numbers of children with SEND being placed at Independent Special Schools as well as the new state funded SEMH free special school, Keystone, increasing numbers attending following the move into their new building.
People Directorate Management	2,403	461	2,843	2,382	*(20)*	Minor variation to Quarter 2.
People Total	**25,377**	**198,117**	**206,073**	**7,955**	***(17,421)***	**Of which, £20.5m of the change arises from planned application of General Fund Balance funds to provide time for demand management measures to be put into place.**

Climate Change Appraisal

.1. The People's directorate is working to support people within their communities to reduce the need to travel and therefore reduce carbon emissions.

.2. Climate consideration is embedded in all commissioning reviews.

Background

1. Adult Social Care monitor performance through a range of measures. The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) measure how well care and support services achieve outcomes which are reported nationally.

2. The new CQC assessment framework for local authority assurance has launched and will seek assurance in 4 areas; how we work with people, providing support, ensuring safety within the system and leadership. Preparation for that is taking place with support from West Midlands ADASS who have identified common challenges across the West Midland authorities including improving the offer for carers and equity in access and outcomes for minority groups.

3. We monitor and review performance through governance arrangements by having monthly Director and Senior Management focus sessions on Performance and Finance. There are monthly Finance and Performance Business partner meetings, and Quality assurance reports presented quarterly to Director Assurance meetings.

4. The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) measures evidence how well care and support services achieve the outcomes that matter most to people. ASCOF is used both locally and nationally to set priorities for care and support, measure progress and strengthen transparency and accountability. ASCOF results for the year April 2022 to March 2023 were published on 7th December 2023. For the purposes of this report we will highlight areas by exception.

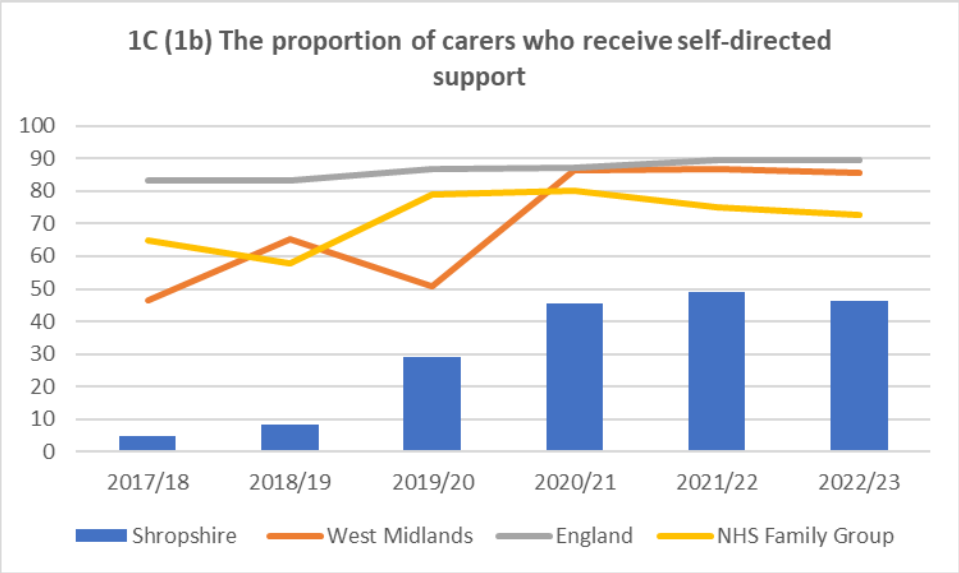
5. Measure *1C(1B): The proportion of carers who receive self-directed support* in Shropshire has seen a significant improvement from 2019 to 2022. Results for 2022/23 show a slight decrease in the rate and it remains far lower than comparator groups.

6. During 2022/23 the number of carers receiving carer specific services in Shropshire is 582 of which 269 (46.2%) received self-directed support. This compares to our nearest statistical neighbour who had just 13 carers receiving carer-specific services. This measure sees a wide disparity in the number of carers supported or recorded as supported between authorities. This indicates very different operating models or interpretation of carer support. This has been raised with WMADASS to take forward as stronger guidelines are required to ensure there is fair and reasonable comparison across local authorities.

7. The carers team have implemented an action plan to improve our carers offer across Shropshire to reduce duplication for carers by accessing assessments and support from one place. The team now offer some ‘out of hours’ support work working carers.

We are also exploring a digital carers assessment offer and using digital means to meet more carers needs.

Previous Result	Shropshire	Statistical Neighbours	West Midlands	England	National Ranking
49.1 (2021/22)	**46.4**	72.7	85.4	89.3	**142** **2021/22 (139)**



8. Measure *1E: The proportion of adults with a learning disability in paid employment is* intended to improve the employment outcomes for adults with a primary support reason of learning disability support, reducing the risk of social exclusion. There is a strong link between employment and enhanced quality of life, including evidenced benefits for health and wellbeing and financial benefits. The measure shows the proportion of adults with a primary support reason of learning disability support who are "known to the council" who are recorded as being in paid employment.

Previous Result	Shropshire	Statistical Neighbours	West Midlands	England	National Ranking
7.1 2021/22	**7.2**	**5.0**	**3.2**	**4.8**	**31** **(31)**

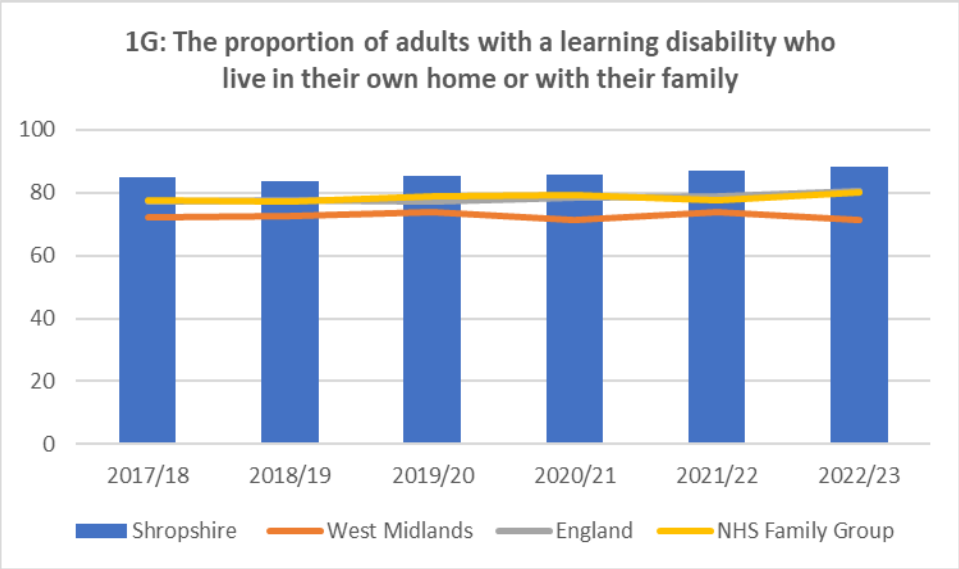
9. Results for this indicator have remained stable for all comparator groups. Shropshire remains in the top quartile for this indicator.

10. The rate of people with Learning Disabilities who are in paid employment has shown a slight decrease on the position in March 2023. This was due to some changes in people's circumstances impacting on their employment.

11. The service is working with its clients to find opportunities to develop skills and positive experiences through training, volunteering and where suitable to find paid employment. Significant success this year has involved 41 people with a Learning Disability engaging in internships across Shropshire in a variety of work placements.

12. Measure:1G: *The proportion of adults with a learning disability who live in their own home or with their family* is intended to improve outcomes for adults with a primary support reason of learning disability support by demonstrating the proportion in stable and appropriate accommodation.

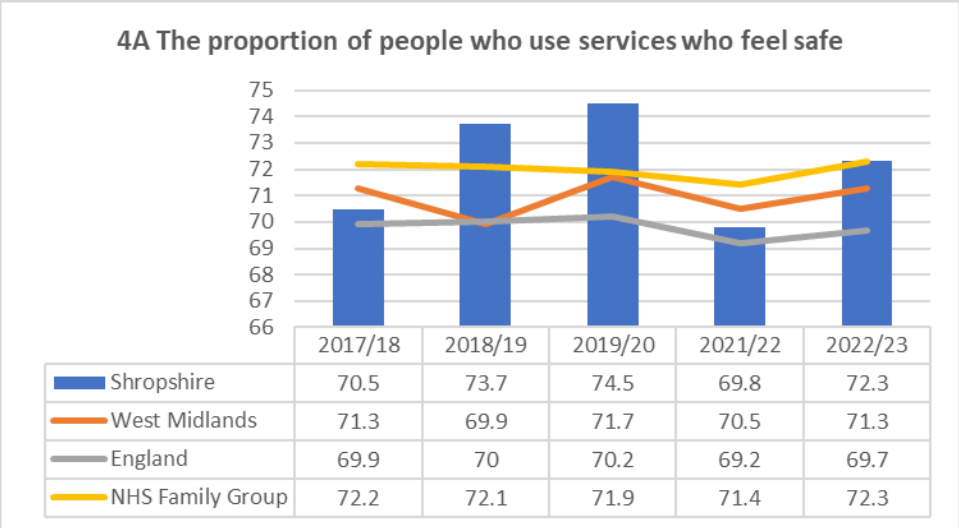
Previous Result	Shropshire	Statistical Neighbours	West Midlands	England	National Ranking
87 (2021/22)	**88.1**	**80.2**	**71.4**	**80.5**	**35** **(35)**



13. Shropshire continues to see sustained improvement in the proportion of adults with learning disabilities living in appropriate accommodation. Performance remains ahead of comparator groups. The current level of performance provides little room for improvement and presents a challenge to maintaining current levels.

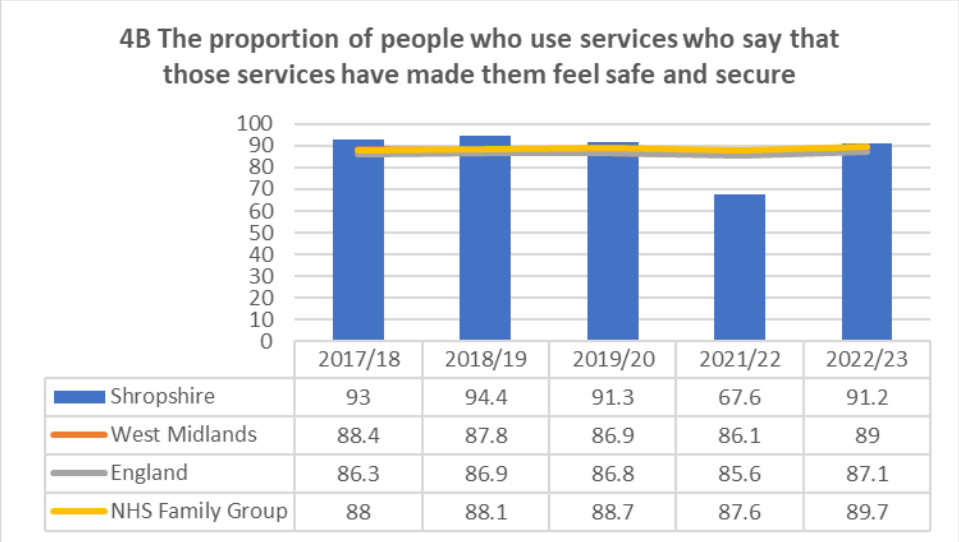
14. Work is underway to sustain the high performance in this area whilst addressing the challenge of the cost of certain models of support. A review of Supported Living has commenced, and we are working across children's, adults and commissioning to enhance and develop a wider support model to enable people to live at home.

15. Measure 4B: *The proportion of people who use services who say that those services have made them feel safe and secure;* supports the extent to which users of care services feel that their care and support has contributed to making them feel safe and secure.



	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2021/22	2022/23
Shropshire	70.5	73.7	74.5	69.8	72.3
West Midlands	71.3	69.9	71.7	70.5	71.3
England	69.9	70	70.2	69.2	69.7
NHS Family Group	72.2	72.1	71.9	71.4	72.3

16. The latest figures for Shropshire show an increase from 69.8% in the last survey to 72.3%. Whilst not at pre-pandemic levels it does show a positive improvement. Rates are now back in line with our peer group and higher than those for the West Midlands and England.

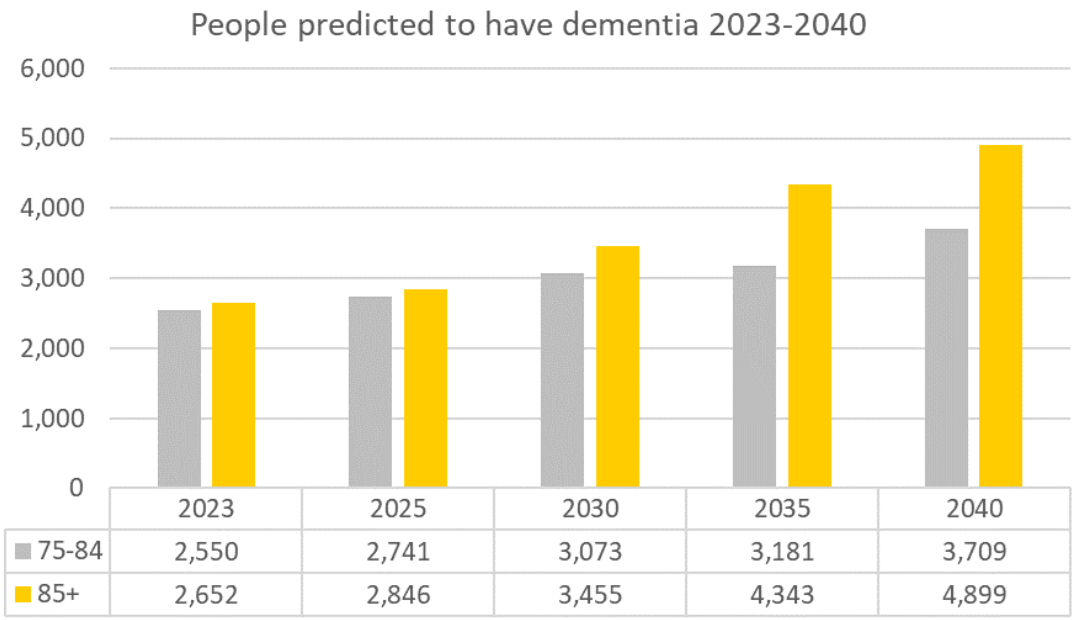


	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2021/22	2022/23
Shropshire	93	94.4	91.3	67.6	91.2
West Midlands	88.4	87.8	86.9	86.1	89
England	86.3	86.9	86.8	85.6	87.1
NHS Family Group	88	88.1	88.7	87.6	89.7

17. Whilst not an Ascof measure we are aware on an increasing number of people with dementia coming through the service.

18. During 2023-2040, it is estimated the number of people aged 75-84 years with dementia will increase by 45% and the number of people aged 85+ with dementia increase by 85% in Shropshire.

Source: Dementia projections 2023-2040, POPPI (Projecting Older People Population Information System - https://www.poppi.org.uk/), Oxford Brookes University / IPC.



	2023	2025	2030	2035	2040
75-84	2,550	2,741	3,073	3,181	3,709
85+	2,652	2,846	3,455	4,343	4,899

19. The demand on services is already putting pressure on finances with an increase in need for care and support. Further work across all system partners to support and address this demand will be crucial if we are to support people within their own communities and ensure choice and control of their support options. More training and support across the workforce to identify dementia early and ensure people are supported with dignity and empathy will be required moving forward.

Adult Social Care Demand

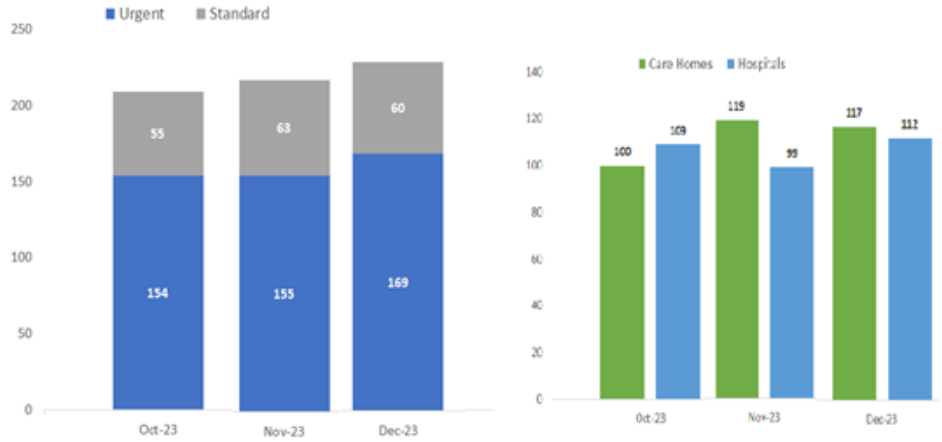
DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding)

The national data outlines that Shropshire has a 17% higher rate of DoLS (Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards) applications, and 11% more applications completed per 100,000 residents than the National average.

In practice the number of applications far exceeds our capacity to assess as the team has 6.4 FTE meaning that a backlog of applications exists.

For example, the team received an average of 218 referrals per month (Oct – Dec 23) separated as average 159 urgent and 59 standards; with a further breakdown of 112 made47+ by care homes and 106 made by hospitals.

Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards



Careful consideration has been given around Shropshire approach to managing the backlog. To that effect an action plan has been developed with clear expectations and timescales. The first stage of our plan looks at application from 2021 which has already started with expected completion by the end of March 2024. The second and third stage will focus on 2022 and 2023 cohorts with expected completion within 21 weeks and within a further 22 weeks.

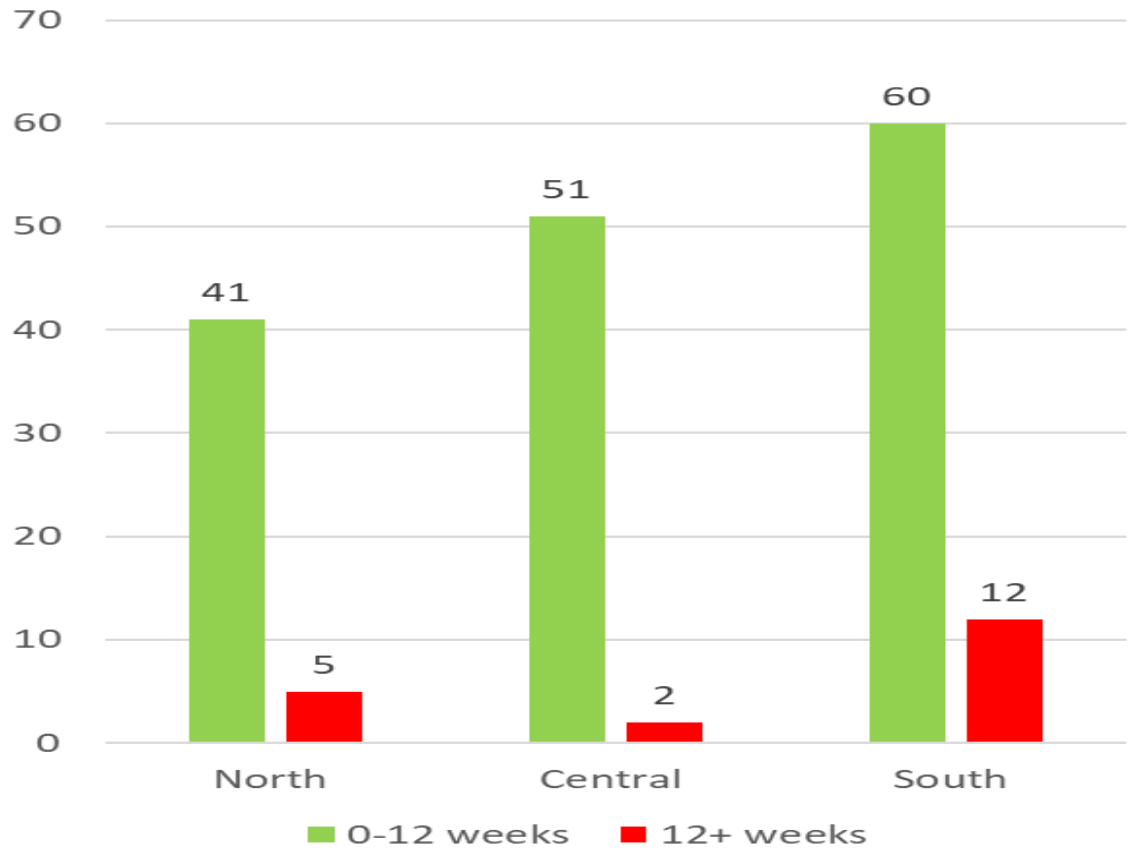
The table below sets out the current team backlog

	High risk (Red)	Medium (amber)	Low (green)	Total number
2021	33	4	4	**41**
2022	155	21	53	**229**
2023	267	68	151	**486**
2024	110	20	37	**167**
Total	**565**	**113**	**245**	**923**

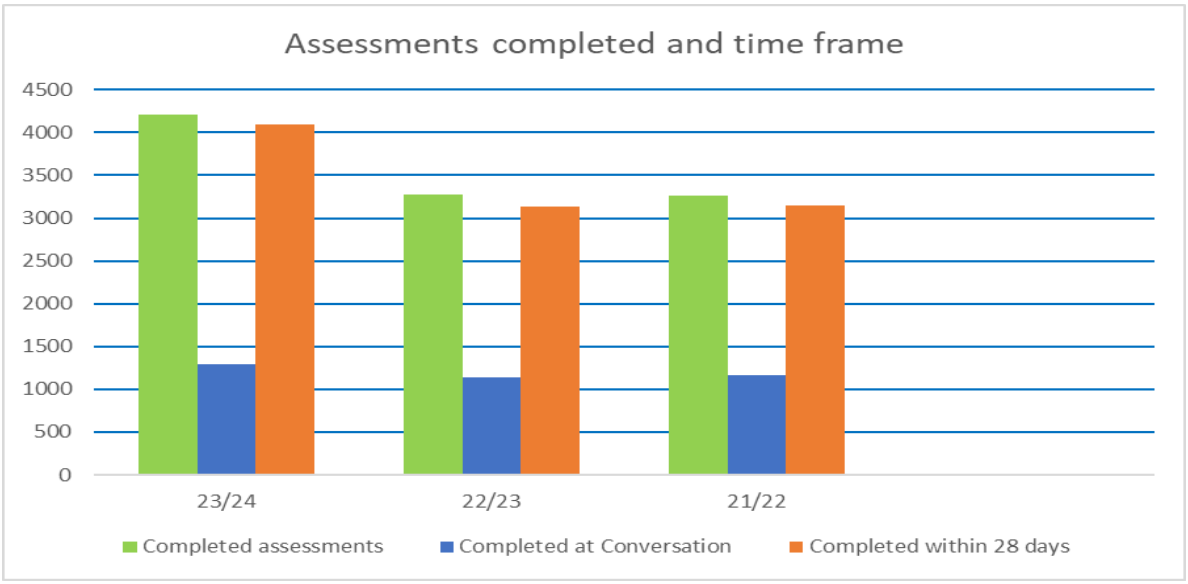
Data collected on 21/02/2024

Community Adult Teams:

We have seen a significant improvement in how long people are waiting for an allocation, in July 2023 the longest wait was from October 2022, the longest wait now is from July 2023 – which is a Community DoLS case, the next longest wait is from August 2023.

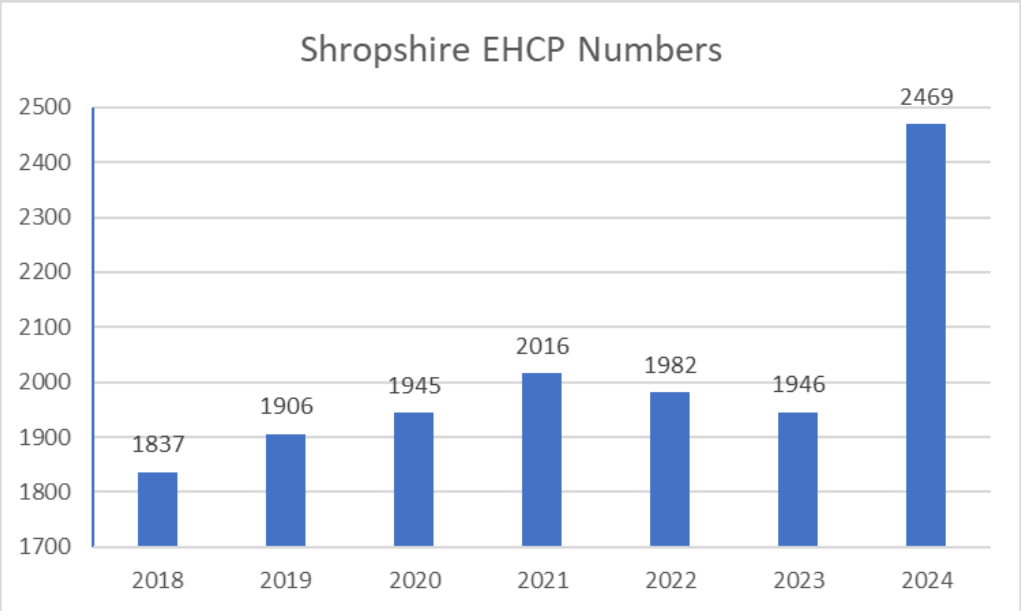


In line with increased demand coming into Adult Social Care we are assessing more people than previous years, however we are assessing people quicker and most people are being assessed within 28 days of allocation. We are focussing on improving the numbers of people we give information and advice to at the conversation stage and do not progress to a full care act assessment.



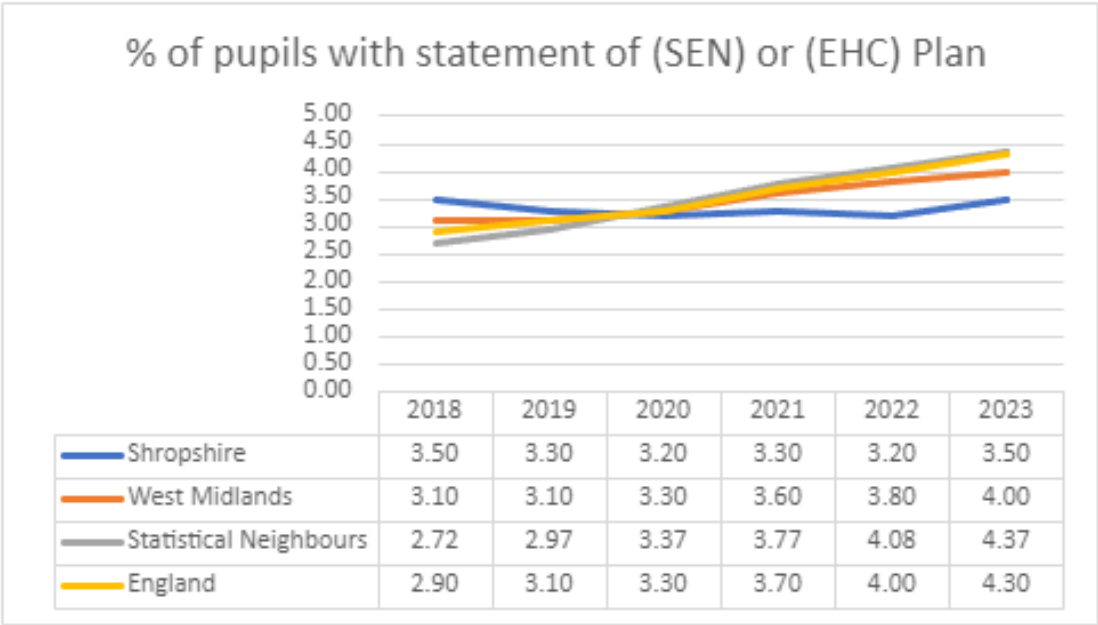
Overall numbers of children and young people with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)

The following information is obtained from the annual national SEN2 data collection. This collection takes place in January and reflects the caseloads for the previous year.



**NB January 2024 SEN2 is due for submission by 14 March 2024*

Source: https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans



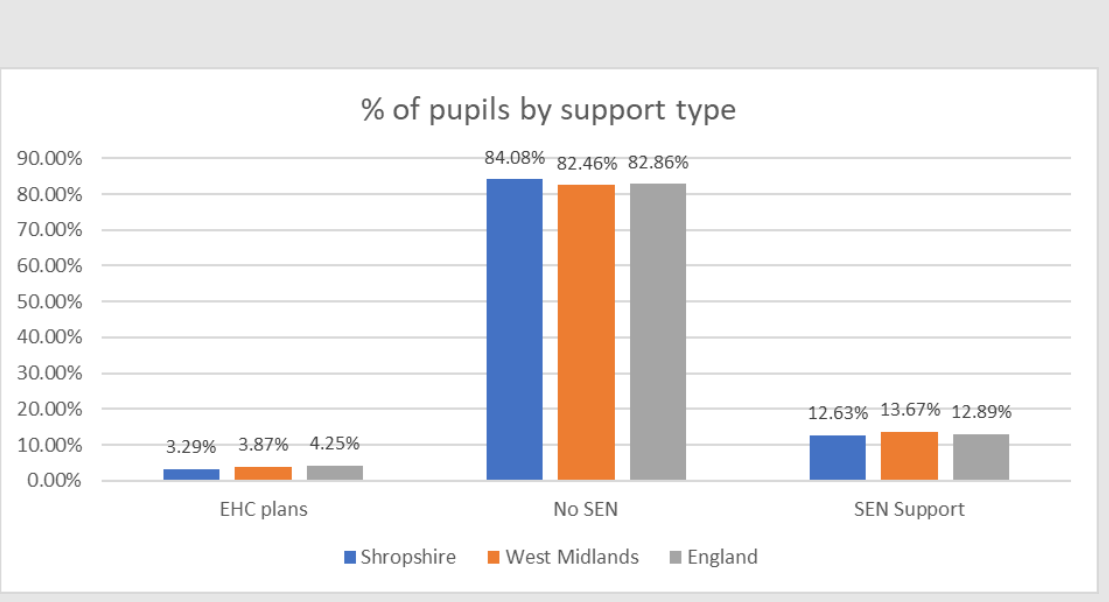
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Shropshire	3.50	3.30	3.20	3.30	3.20	3.50
West Midlands	3.10	3.10	3.30	3.60	3.80	4.00
Statistical Neighbours	2.72	2.97	3.37	3.77	4.08	4.37
England	2.90	3.10	3.30	3.70	4.00	4.30

**NB National comparison not available until June/July 2024*

As work continues to support the effective identification and ability to meet the SEND needs of children and young people, Shropshire has seen a significant increase in the number of EHCP's. Between Jan 23 and Jan 24, the number of EHCPs increased by 26.9% from 1946 to 2469.

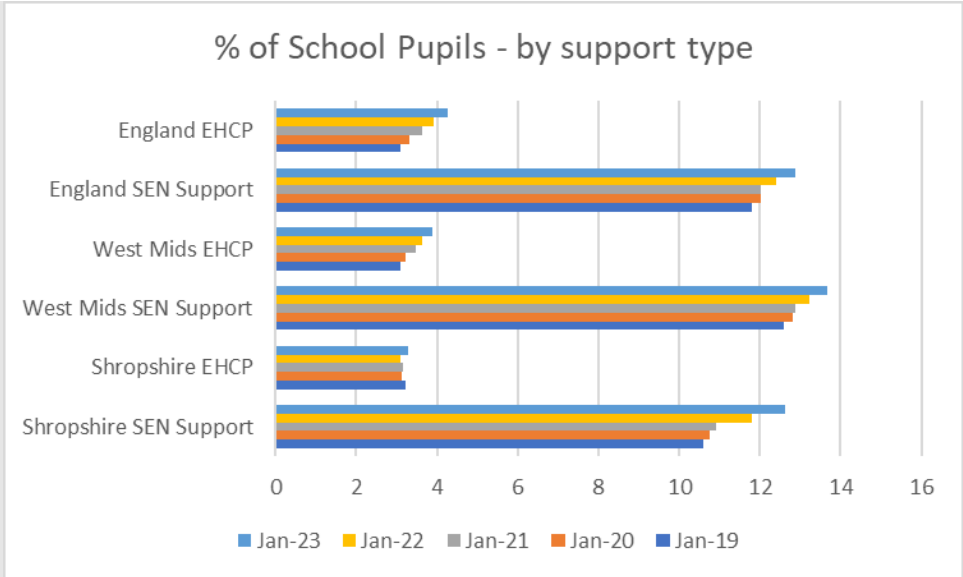
Schools Census and Comparison with Statistical Neighbours

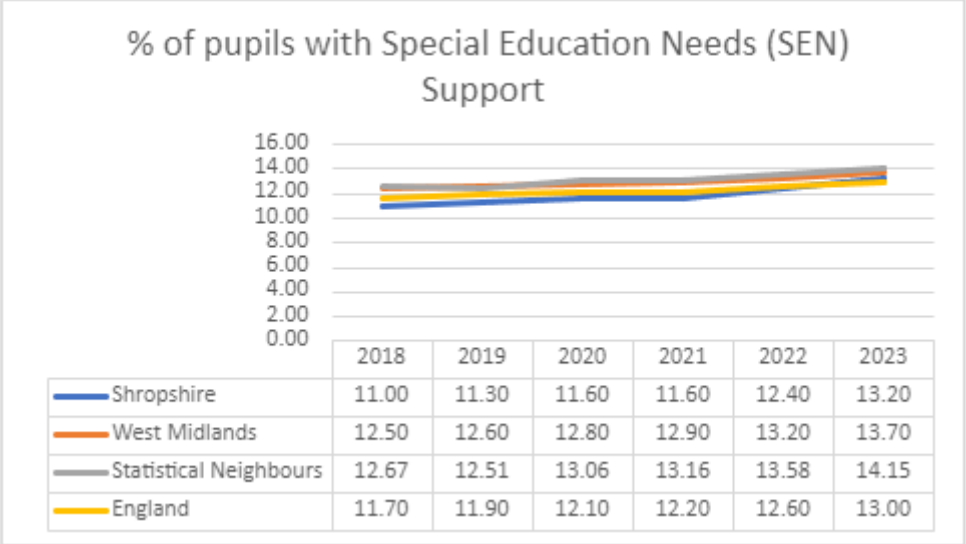
The following information is derived from the school census. It does not include children in early years, young people in further education or those who are electively home educated not in education, employment or training.



Source: https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england

The overall percentage of children and young people in receipt of SEN support or having an EHC plan in Shropshire is 15.92% compared to England 17.14% and West Midlands 17.54%



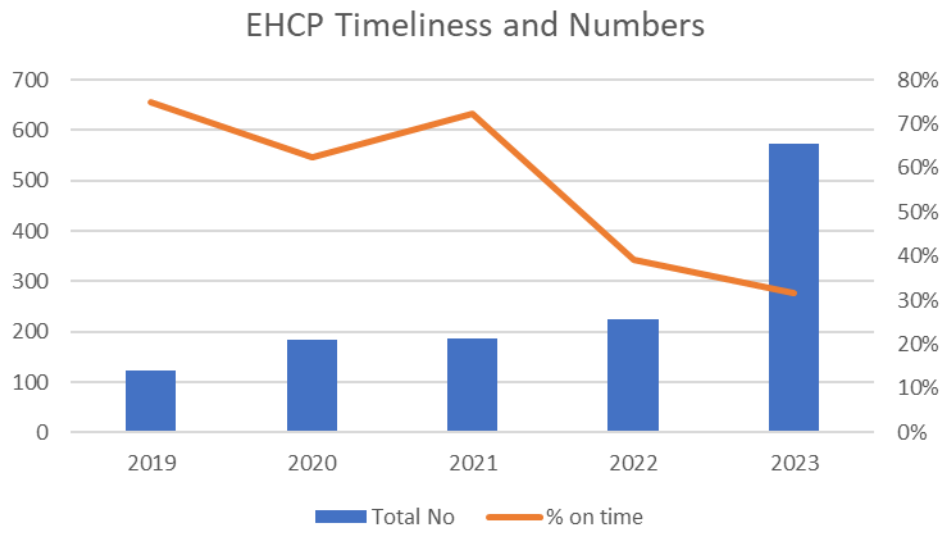


	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Shropshire	11.00	11.30	11.60	11.60	12.40	13.20
West Midlands	12.50	12.60	12.80	12.90	13.20	13.70
Statistical Neighbours	12.67	12.51	13.06	13.16	13.58	14.15
England	11.70	11.90	12.10	12.20	12.60	13.00

Whilst Shropshire continues to see an increase in SEN support provision that is slightly lower than our statistical neighbours, it shows a steady increase from 2018 of 20.0%, that has continued to show increase against West Midlands and England national averages. We are still in the processing window for Spring 2024 School Census collection, with DfE shutdown deadline 13 March 2024 to enable published updates expected in Summer Term.

EHCP changes for the same period have been 4.28% in Shropshire, 29.84% in West Midlands and 41.61% for England.

In 2022 new requests increased by 46% (double the national rate), whilst 2023 increase in number of plans we maintain from 1946 to 2469 – 26.9% from Jan 23 to Jan 24.



Timeliness for issuing new EHC plans within 20-weeks at end January 2024 was 7.94%, however in context, 63 EHC plans issued with only 5 meeting the 20-week deadline, these include a number that were already over 30 and 50 weeks due to completing a number of late ECHNAs.

Work is underway to manage these challenges and return timeliness for issuing new EHC plans to above the national level through the recovery plan. This information is being included in the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) monitored by the DfE and NHSE.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Shropshire	88.00	89.90	81.90	65.70	67.90	45.90
West Midlands	66.00	58.40	53.70	50.00	62.60	50.10
Statistical Neighbours	63.92	59.88	68.07	75.20	65.08	41.37
England	64.90	60.10	60.40	58.00	59.90	50.70

SEND Dashboard and Annex A

As part of the transformation programme, reviewing the need to automate and digitize our data and outputs is now underway. An enhanced SEND dashboard is currently being developed in line with the Shropshire Plan focus on early intervention and prevention and the regulatory requirements outlined in the Ofsted/CQC Area SEND inspection framework.

Our data accuracy is paramount and the review of efficiencies around collecting data is also being completed in line with dashboard developments. This work is being supported by a SEND Advisor funded directly by the DfE.

Demand in Childrens Social Care.

Appendix 1 attached to this report is the CHaT tool Performance Data set that is produced monthly for Childrens Social Care, Safeguarding & Early Help. The report demonstrates the trend data for each stage of the statutory process children coming to the attention of Childrens Social Care, Safeguarding and Early Help. It includes annualized comparator data for Statutory Neighbours and England Averages.

For clarity, a contact is information that is shared and is relevant and can result in advice, guidance, Early Help intervention at an early stage. A referral is where the referrer has concerns of harm in relation to a child and they are referring in for a Social Work assessment that could lead to an intervention. The definitions are set out in the Threshold Guidance. Both are counted nationally.

The contents page of Appendix 1 sets out a summary of the data and where it is in range or not with Statistical Neighbours (SN) or above or below, it also shows where an increase or decrease in performance is good performance or not.

The following commentary is by exception, where there is a point of note.

As People Overview Committee is aware, in the last 12 months there has been a focus on Early Help, transforming the service and increasing the numbers of families that they work with, as well as ensuring that intervention is effective.

Page 3 of the report, Early Help Assessments started and completed demonstrates progress in this area. The Early Help teams are progressing assessments and interventions and completing more than are being opened. This reflects the shift in work flowing through the system.

Page 4 of the report demonstrates that our referral rate remains lower than SN's and England Average (Eng). This is a consistent trend over recent years. Our rate of No Further Action is lower than SN and Eng averages, which evidences that we respond to the issues raised by referrers and linked with the low re-referral rate would indicate that the response or intervention is mostly effective.

Page 4 also demonstrates how the referrals convert to assessments or to sec 47 investigations. The rate of assessments and rate of sec 47 investigations tracks on par with SN and Eng averages, indicating that the concerns raised by referrers need assessment and for Sec 47 investigations the threshold for significant harm is reached. For a sec 47 investigation to be commenced a multiagency strategy discussion will have been held, the information shared by social care, health, police, usually education and other relevant agencies and together the professionals agree that a sec 47 investigation is required. This is based on there being evidence of significant harm. January 2024 saw a significant spike in sec 47 investigations, much of this relates to a single incident involving a large number of children. However, even without this group of children the rate for January was high.

Completion of assessments in timescales relates to all children open in the service, not just those at the front door. Assessments completed in the assessment teams are tracked weekly and performance is consistently above 90%. Assessments are updated for Child Protection Conferences and Children Looked after before the review conferences and reviews. Those out of timescales mostly relate to when the assessment was opened and when the meeting takes place.

Page 5 data shows the rates relating to Child Protection Plans and how this broadly tracks just above or below SN's and Eng Averages. Through data analysis we know

that most variations relate to large sibling groups being made subject to Child Protection Plans.

Page 6 Looks at the number of Children in Need open to the service, the top 2 graphs track the children that are open under Section 17 Children Act 1989, which is where there is a need for support identified and parents work with a plan to support them.

The bottom graph shows the rate of all children open for any level of need. Our 'all children open' rate tracks in line with SN's and Eng Average.

Children Looked After.

The right-hand side of the page looks at Children Looked After numbers. The rate of children becoming looked after has tracked above SN's and Eng Averages over the past few years. This correlates with the significant harm experienced by children and the higher rate of sec 47 investigations referred to above. In year regional data indicates that most LAs in the West Midlands are now seeing an increase in Looked After Children.

This figure is also impacted on by the lower number of children exiting care than the SN & England averages. A focused on this and understanding what was influencing it has resulted in progress being made. A combination of the conclusion of a number of longstanding proceedings, the increase in children having Adoption Orders made, children returning home with the support of Stepping Stones and children turning 18 has all contributed to this progress.

In recent months our % of Unaccompanied Migrant Children had reduced from 8% to 6% of our children looked after, this is just below SN's and Eng Averages.

In summary, the performance reporting indicates that less children are referred into Childrens Social Care, Safeguarding & Early Help, when they are referred in, they require an intervention; either an assessment or a safeguarding investigation. More children require the safeguarding investigation into the harm they have experienced, and more children become looked after as a result of that harm.

This summary indicates why there is a focus on strengthening the council wide Early Help Offer to families, with a focus on supporting them earlier and preventing issues escalating and getting to the point where the children have been harmed and need to be looked after. It is important to remember that the vast majority of children looked after are in a family setting, either with extended family or with foster carers, some are at home with parents.

Conclusions

1. The report highlights areas of activity across Adult Social Care to understand the current position with our ASCOF measures and the performance to make progress. We can demonstrate improvements through our activity and service action plans.

2. The report measures the performance of workflow through the Childrens Social Care statutory decision-making process. Showing the rates of demand and compares them nationally, giving a clear rationale as to why the focus on transforming and developing the whole council and partnership Early Help offer, to enable families to access help and support at the earliest opportunity.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Local Member:

Consultation with Local Member – *Please consider the Local Member Protocol (see page E60 onwards of part 5 of the Constitution) and determine whether it is necessary to consult with the local member over the proposal set out in this report. This may not always be applicable (eg where the proposal affects all of Shropshire) but it should always be a consideration and in some cases a necessity so as to comply with the spirit of the Protocol.*

Appendices [Please list the titles of Appendices]

Appendix A: ChAT Report

Appendix B: Shropshire Education Dashboard

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Data to Insight is the sector-led service for local authority children's data professionals, working with support from the ADCS, DLUHC, DfE and Ofsted to help make better use of data.

Children's services Analysis Tool (ChAT)

Based on Ofsted's ILACS Annex A dataset (2020) / Monthly Operational Summary

Shropshire

02 April 2024

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What this report is for

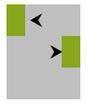
This report takes the trend charts from the main ChAT report and re-presents them with the last 6 months' of data in each case split into monthly totals. It is intended to provide a more granular view of recent trend data within your service than the "last 6 months" data point which features on the main ChAT report to support Ofsted inspections.

Where the charts show rates, those rates have been "annualised" to provide comparable figures to the national published data. This means that, where small numbers of children are involved, you may see big variations in the trend lines as a result of modest activity changes.

Comparisons of headline figures and performance data to published statistics

The table below shows the Local Authority's latest data for indicators calculated in ChAT, and the direction of travel between last month and the last 6 months as a whole.

Decreasing, low is good
Increasing, high is good
No change, not RAG rated



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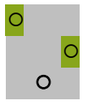

Indicator	1 month	6 months	Direction (this month compared to last 6)	Latest published statistics for all local authorities				
	LA	LA		LA	SNs	Eng	LA compared to mid-50% range of all LAs	Date
Referrals received (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	**233**	**248**	Decrease	297	476	545	Lower	2022-23
Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)	**18**	**9**	Increase	15	21	21	Lower	2022-23
Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	**328**	**232**	Increase	617	516	557	In range	2022-23
Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)	**52**	**75**	Decrease	79	82	82	In range	2022-23
Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	**186**	**148**	Increase	184	180	192	In range	2022-23
Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	**20**	**30**	Decrease	61	65	63	In range	2022-23
Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%	**70**	**79**	Decrease	81	79	78	In range	2022-23
Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	**17**	**11**	Increase	22	24	24	In range	2022-23

Headline figures, Contacts, and Early Help (numbers)

Contacts

Contacts last month	933

Early Help / Common / Targeted Assessments

Early Help starts last month	57
Early Help completions last month	200

Referrals

Referrals last month	114

Social Care Assessments

Assessments completed last month	161
Assessment timeliness last month	52%

S47, ICPC and CPP

S47 enquiries last month	91	CPP started last month	12
ICPCs last month	10	CPP ceased last month	12
ICPC timeliness last month	70%	Current CPP (snapshot)	190

CIN and CLA

CIN started last month	94	CLA started last month	8
CIN ceased last month	101	CLA ceased last month	7
Current CIN (snapshot)	1,654	Current CLA (snapshot)	721

Care leavers

Care leavers currently in receipt of leaving care services	257

Contacts in the last 6 months

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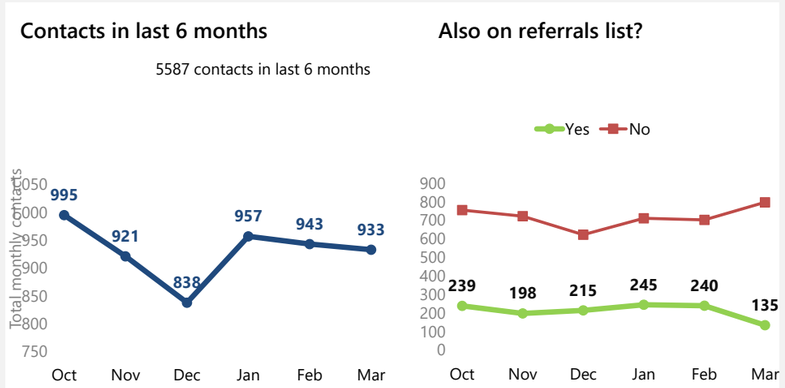
to 02/04/2024



Early Help (EH) in the last 6 months

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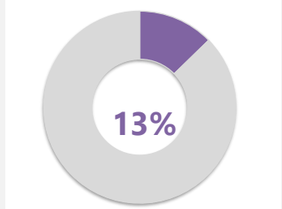
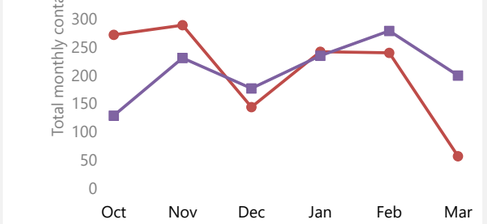
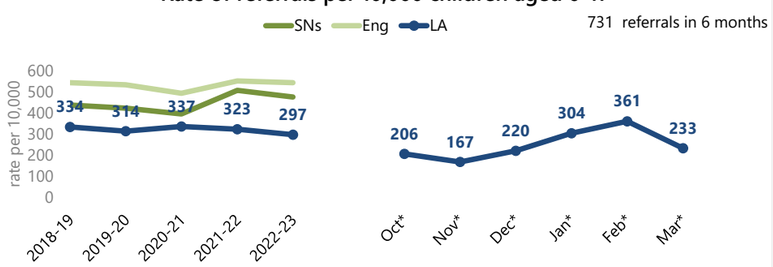




Referrals in the last 6 months

Rate of referrals per 10,000 children aged 0-17



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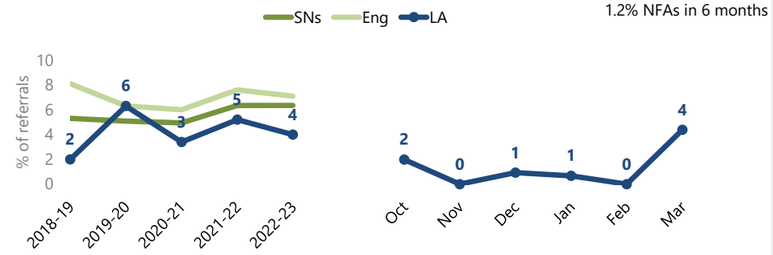
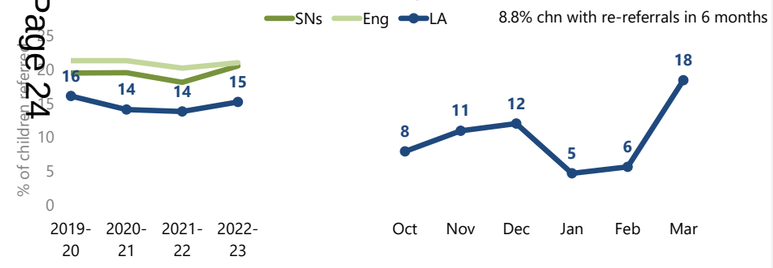
Referrals with No Further Action (NFA)



Re-referrals: referrals where there was a previous referral within 12 months



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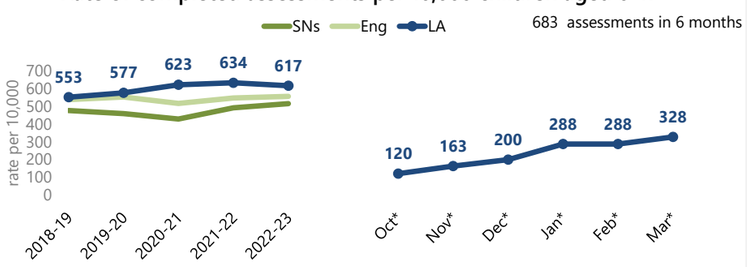
Assessments and Section 47 enquiries

from 03/10/2023
to 02/04/2024

Rate of completed assessments per 10,000 children aged 0-17



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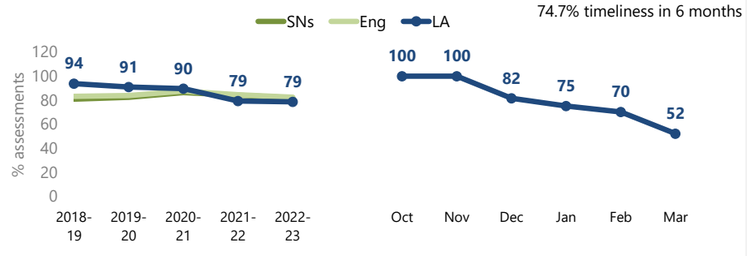
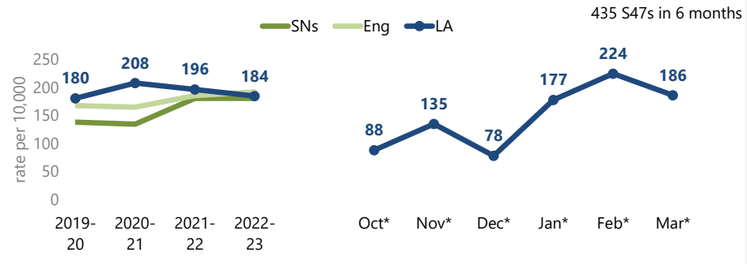


Rate of S47 enquiries per 10,000 children aged 0-17



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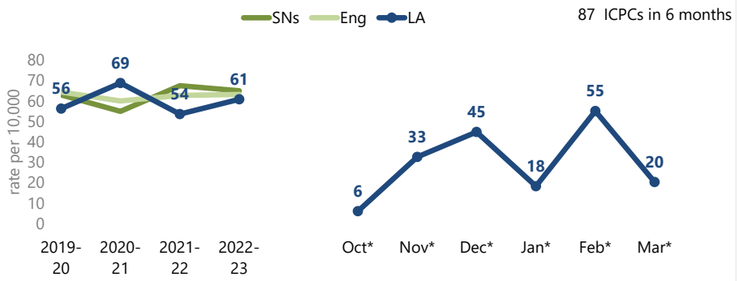
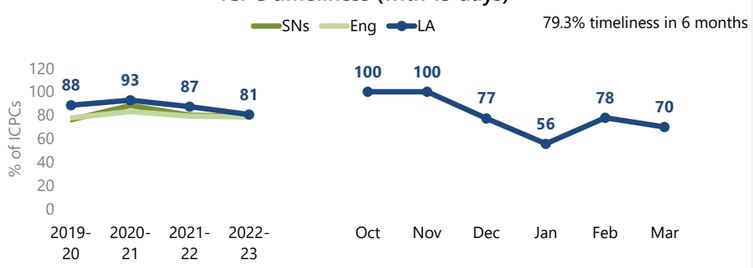
Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)

Rate of ICPCs (per 10k aged 0-17)



ICPC timeliness (with 15 days)



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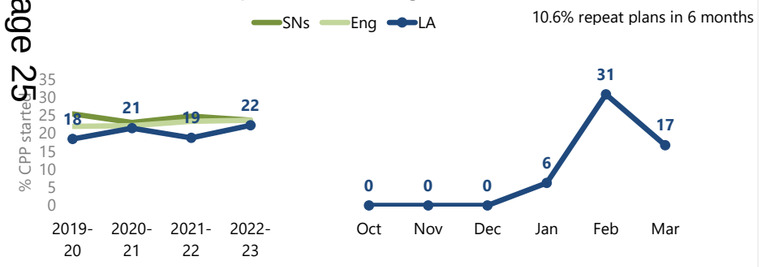
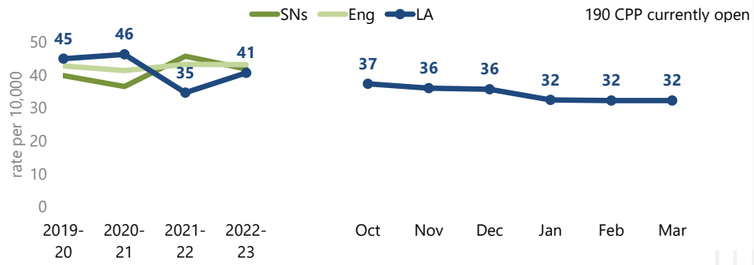


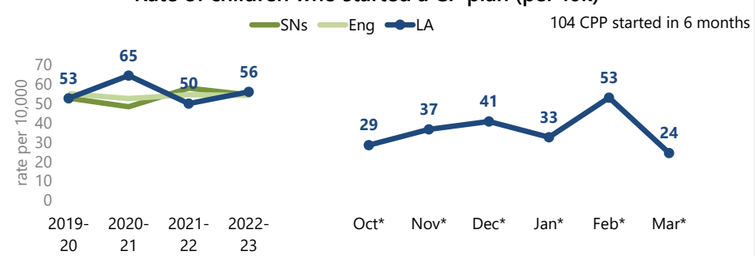
Child Protection Plans (CPP)

from 03/10/2023
to 02/04/2024

Rate of open Child Protection plans (per 10k aged 0-17)



Rate of children who started a CP plan (per 10k)



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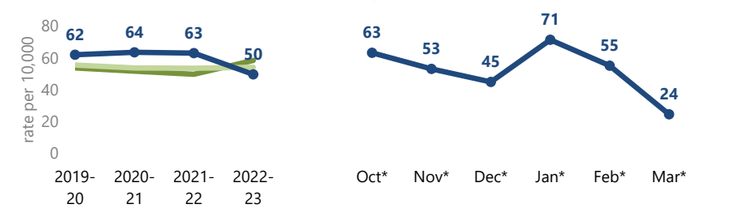

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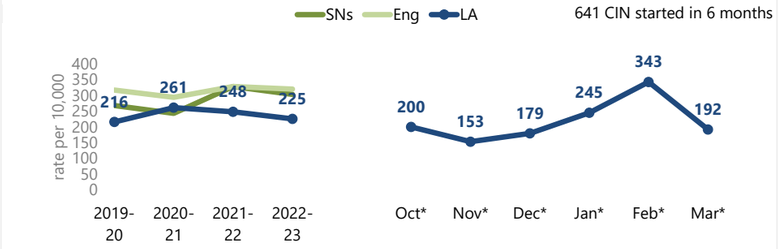
Children in Need (CIN)

Rate of children who started an episode of need per 10,000 children aged 0-17



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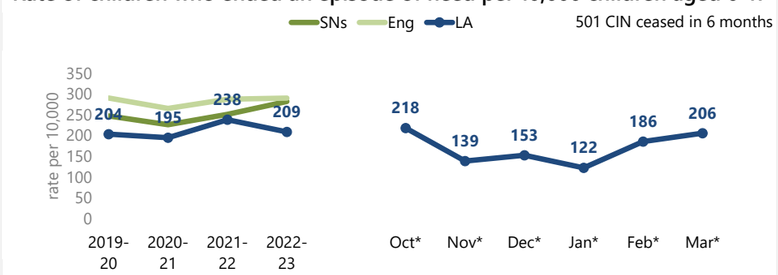

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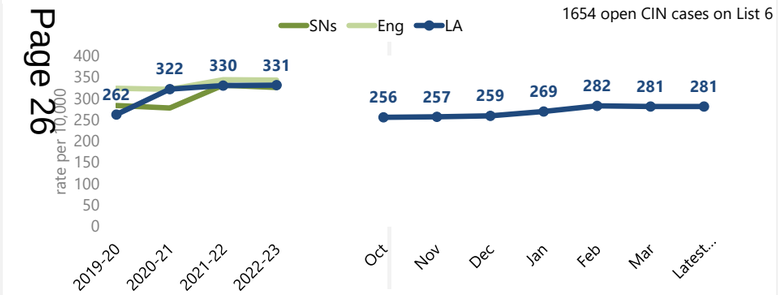

Children Looked After (CLA)

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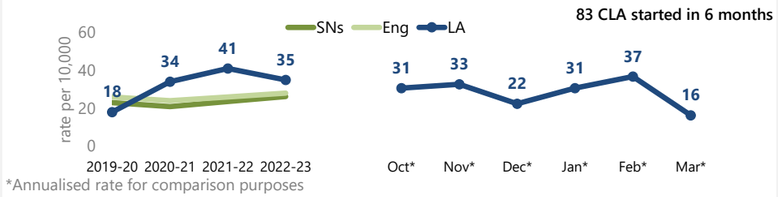
to 02/04/2024

Rate of CLA started per 10,000 children



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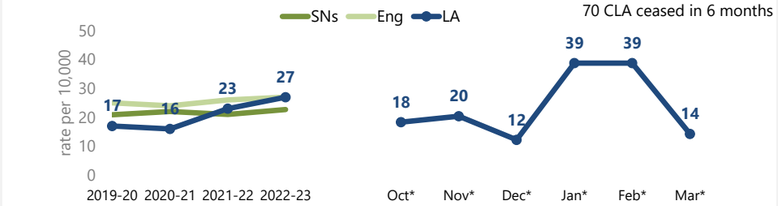

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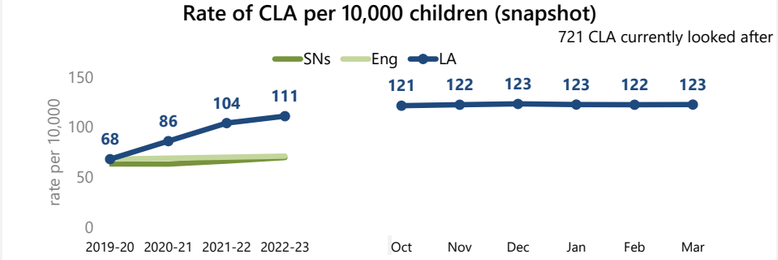
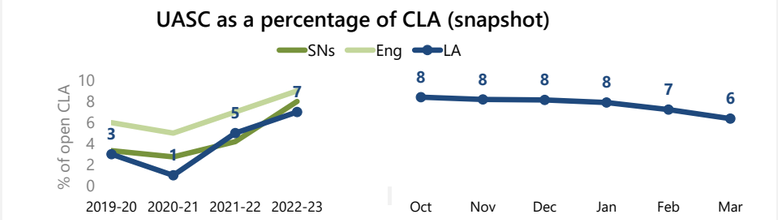
Rate of CLA per 10,000 children (snapshot)

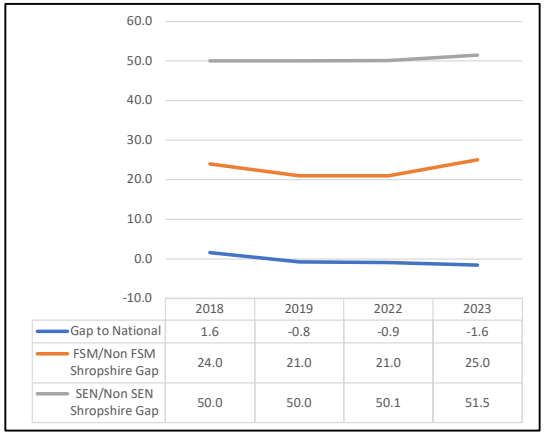


UASC as a percentage of CLA (snapshot)



Education Dashboard 2023

Outcomes						Latest Benchmark 2023				National Ranking (1 being highest, 152 lowest)			Gaps
EYFSP - % achieving GLD	**2018**	**2019**	**2022***	**2023**	**Trend (2022-2023)**	**Shropshire**	**National**	**Statistical Neighbour**	**West Midlands**	**2019**	**2022**	**2023**	
All Pupils	69.9	72.6	64.3	67.2		67.2	65.6	66.9	64.4	59	62	54	
National	71.5	71.8	63.4	65.6									
Free School Meals (FSM)	48.0	54.0	46.0	46.1		46.1	49.7	47.1	51.7	92	91	119	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	72.0	75.0	67.0	71.1		71.1	69.9	70.6	68.9	52	88	56	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	24.0	27.0	18.5	21.1		21.1	18.7	22.2	19.1	48	60	34	
EHCP	5.0	7.0	5.0	5.6		5.6	3.5	3.3	1.7	34	29	28	
SEN Support	33.0	31.0	22.8	26.3		26.3	23.0	26.9	23.3	53	68	42	
Non SEND	74.0	77.0	68.6	72.6		72.6	72.4	73.2	71.8	77	90	71	
CLA *(**Nexus 903 Data** - no SFR published)*	50.0	40.0	41.7	40.7		40.7	41.0	not available	39.0	No published comparators			
CLA *(all children)*						No published comparators				No published comparators			



	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	1.6	-0.8	-0.9	-1.6
FSM/Non FSM Shropshire Gap	24.0	21.0	21.0	25.0
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	50.0	50.0	50.1	51.5

** 2022 and 2023 data is non comparative to earlier years due to EYFS reforms introduced in Sept 21*

EYFSP - % Com, Lang & Lit (new indicator)	**2018**	**2019**	**2022***	**2023***	**Trend (2022-2023)**	**Shropshire**	**National**	**Statistical Neighbour**	**West Midlands**	**2019**	**2022**	**2023**
All Pupils	No published LA data for this indicator prior to 2022		67.4	69.6		69.6	68.8	70.2	67.4	No published comparators	69	61
National			67.1	68.8								
Free School Meals (FSM)			48.6	49.1		49.1	53.1	50.7	54.8		111	121
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)			70.1	73.3		73.3	71.4	73.7	71.8		101	77
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)			22.5	24.6		24.6	22.2	25.7	22.1		58	42
EHCP			6.7	8.5		8.5	4.9	5.0	2.5		32	18
SEN Support			27.5	30.0		30.0	27.1	30.7	26.8		57	49
Non SEND			71.6	74.9		74.9	75.5	76.4	74.7		104	90
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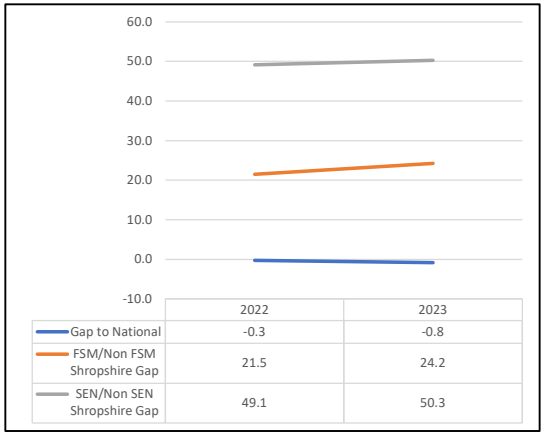


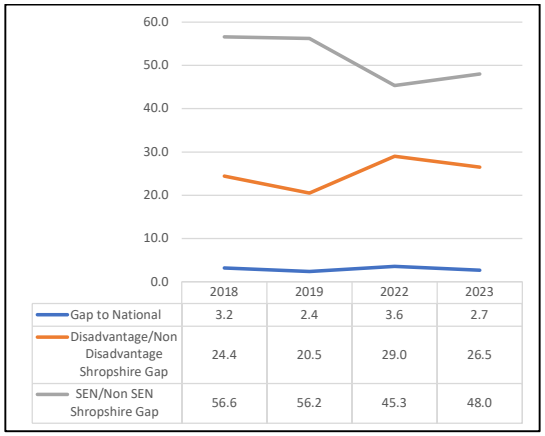
	2022	2023
Gap to National	-0.3	-0.8
FSM/Non FSM Shropshire Gap	21.5	24.2
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	49.1	50.3

** 2022 and 2023 data is non comparative to earlier years due to EYFS reforms introduced in Sept 21*

KS1 Reading, Writing and Maths EXS+	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	62.1	62.5	49.8	53.3	
National (Nexus)	65.3	64.9	53.4	56.0	
Disadvantage	41.5	45.2	25.9	31.8	
Non Disadvantage	65.9	65.7	54.9	58.3	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	12.7	14.6	11.1	12.5	
EHCP	4.2	1.3	5.4	5.3	
SEN Support	14.9	17.5	12.6	13.9	
Non SEND	69.3	70.8	56.4	60.5	
CLA (***Nexus 903 Data*** - *not published*)	45.5	0.0	26.7	37.0	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National (Nexus)	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
53.3	56.0	N/A	55.9
31.8	Not available		
58.3			
12.5			
5.3			
13.9			
60.5			
37.0	32.0	not available	37.0
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
RWM EXS+ not published by DfE, so data from other authorities is not available for comparison		



	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	3.2	2.4	3.6	2.7
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	24.4	20.5	29.0	26.5
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	56.6	56.2	45.3	48.0

KS1 - Year 1 Phonics	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	82.0	81.0	75.0	77.0	
National	82.0	82.0	75.0	79.0	
Free School Meals (FSM)	65.0	65.0	58.0	60.0	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	83.0	83.0	79.0	80.0	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	40.0	43.0	35.0	36.0	
EHCP	10.0	22.0	15.0	14.0	
SEN Support	49.0	49.0	39.0	41.0	
Non SEND	87.0	86.0	81.0	84.0	
CLA (***Nexus 903 Data*** - *not published*)	66.7	87.5	58.8	50.0	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
77.0	79.0	79.0	78.0
60.0	66.0	63.0	69.0
80.0	82.0	82.0	82.0
36.0	42.0	42.0	41.0
14.0	20.0	20.0	14.0
41.0	48.0	47.0	47.0
84.0	86.0	86.0	86.0
50.0	61.0	not available	65.0
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
91	78	108
123	110	137
98	78	119
73	106	137
52	99	114
59	115	143
124	92	112
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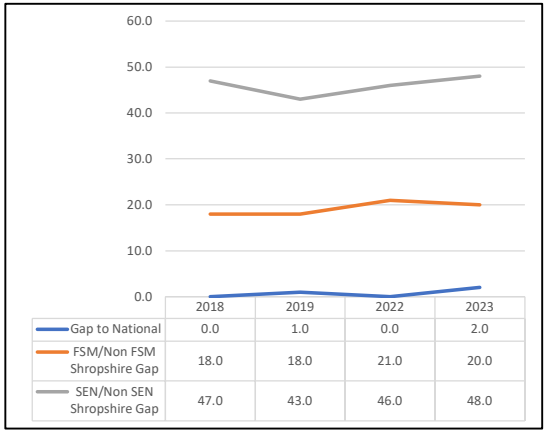

	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.0	1.0	0.0	2.0
FSM/Non FSM Shropshire Gap	18.0	18.0	21.0	20.0
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	47.0	43.0	46.0	48.0

KS2 - RWM EXS+	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	63.0	65.0	54.0	58.0	
National	65.0	65.0	59.0	60.0	
Disadvantage	46.0	47.0	34.0	39.0	
Non Disadvantage	68.0	71.0	61.0	63.0	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	17.5	22.0	13.0	18.0	
EHCP	9.7	14.0	7.0	8.0	
SEN Support	19.5	23.0	14.0	20.0	
Non SEND	73.0	75.0	65.0	68.0	
CLA (**Nexus 903 Data** - not published)	40.0	25.0	42.0	39.1	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
58.0	60.0	57.0	59.0
39.0	44.0	38.0	46.0
63.0	67.0	63.0	66.0
18.0	20.0	17.0	18.0
8.0	8.0	7.0	5.0
20.0	24.0	20.0	21.0
68.0	70.0	69.0	68.0
39.1	36.0	tbc	35.0
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
78	134	95
106	141	113
79	135	120
73	138	102
18	62	64
91	144	111
72	129	104
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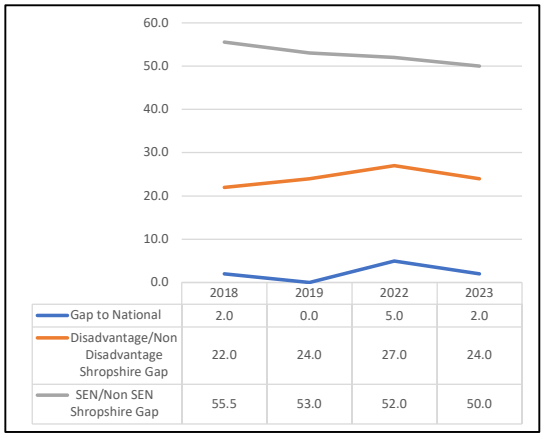
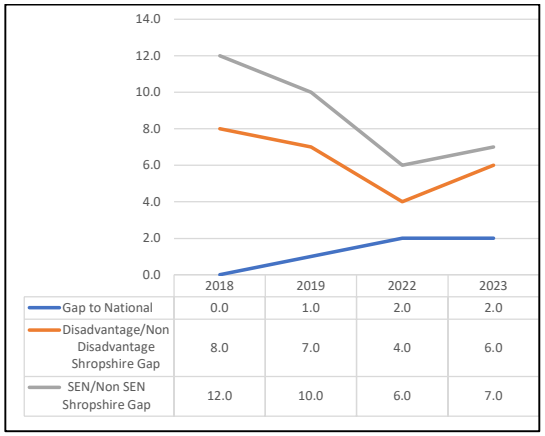


	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	2.0	0.0	5.0	2.0
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	22.0	24.0	27.0	24.0
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	55.5	53.0	52.0	50.0

KS2 - RWM GDS+	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	10.0	10.0	5.0	6.0	
National	10.0	11.0	7.0	8.0	
Disadvantage	4.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	
Non Disadvantage	12.0	12.0	6.0	8.0	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	0.0	2.0	0.0	1.0	
EHCP	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	
SEN Support	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	
Non SEND	12.0	12.0	6.0	8.0	
CLA (**Nexus 903 Data** - not published)	10.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
6.0	8.0	7.0	7.0
2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
8.0	10.0	9.0	9.0
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
0.0	1.0	1.0	-
1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0
8.0	10.0	9.0	9.0
0.0	tbc	tbc	tbc
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
72	111	104
42	70	95
87	125	102
127	-	55
2	-	-
81	-	72
73	114	94
-	-	-
No published comparators		



	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	8.0	7.0	4.0	6.0
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	12.0	10.0	6.0	7.0

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KS2 - Average Progress Reading	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	0.00	-0.24	-0.16	0.26	
National	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	
Disadvantage	-0.63	-1.03	-1.27	-0.77	
Non Disadvantage	0.18	0.01	0.17	0.57	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	-0.50	-1.07	-1.11	-0.64	
EHCP	-0.88	-0.34	-4.81	-2.05	
SEN Support	-0.41	-1.22	-0.51	-0.49	
Non SEND	0.10	-0.06	0.07	0.48	
CLA (**Nexus 903 Data** - not published)	3.23	0.85	-2.30	0.04	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
0.26	0.04	-0.01	-0.10
-0.77	-0.85	-1.13	-0.71
0.57	0.43	0.35	0.23
-0.64	-1.42	-1.53	-1.35
-2.05	-4.36	-4.22	-4.45
-0.49	-0.58	-0.83	-0.58
0.48	0.42	0.40	0.22
0.04	tbc	tbc	-0.54
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
111	104	59
105	102	75
113	107	67
57	42	36
8	95	8
95	55	80
120	120	73
tbc	tbc	tbc
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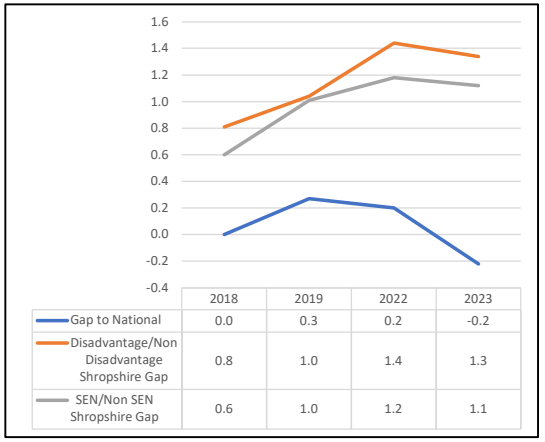

	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.0	0.3	0.2	-0.2
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.3
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.1

KS2 - Average Progress Writing	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	-0.57	-0.29	-0.43	-0.12	
National	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.04	
Disadvantage	-1.10	-0.96	-1.37	-1.02	
Non Disadvantage	-0.41	-0.08	-0.14	0.14	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	-2.93	-2.24	-1.87	-1.63	
EHCP	-2.27	0.27	-3.95	-5.00	
SEN Support	-3.08	-2.77	-1.53	-1.25	
Non SEND	-0.09	0.13	-0.08	0.25	
CLA (**Nexus 903 Data** - not published)	0.80	0.72	-1.18	0.70	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
-0.12	0.04	-0.27	-0.01
-1.02	-0.69	-1.39	-0.56
0.14	0.36	0.09	0.29
-1.63	-2.18	-2.59	-2.05
-5.00	-4.41	-4.91	-4.46
-1.25	-1.53	-1.45	-2.00
0.25	0.62	0.36	0.52
0.70	tbc	tbc	-0.74
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
109	120	99
103	110	101
111	123	106
78	70	53
1	74	109
136	80	65
114	129	116
tbc	tbc	tbc
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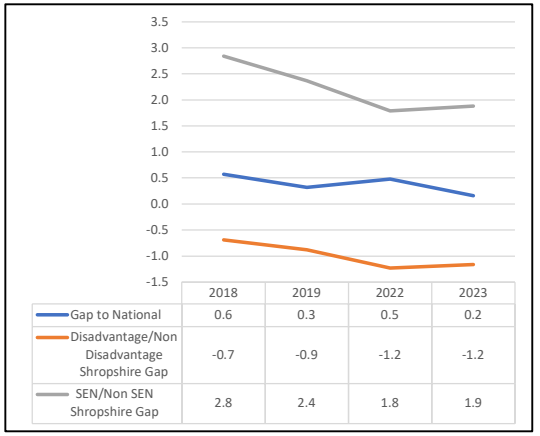
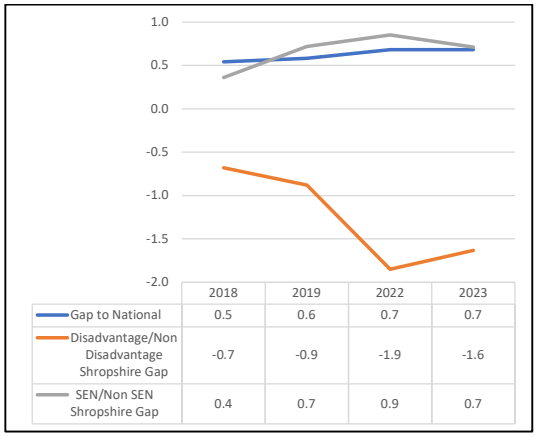


	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.2
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	-0.7	-0.9	-1.2	-1.2
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	2.8	2.4	1.8	1.9

KS2 - Average Progress Maths	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	-0.54	-0.55	-0.64	-0.64	
National	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	
Disadvantage	-1.07	-1.21	-2.06	-1.90	
Non Disadvantage	-0.39	-0.33	-0.21	-0.27	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	-0.84	-1.13	-1.32	-1.21	
EHCP	-1.97	-0.73	-4.76	-4.00	
SEN Support	-0.59	-1.21	-0.76	-0.90	
Non SEND	-0.48	-0.41	-0.47	-0.50	
CLA (**Nexus 903 Data** - not published)	0.78	-2.66	-1.63	-1.73	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
-0.64	0.04	-0.72	-0.03
-1.90	-1.04	-2.01	-0.89
-0.27	0.51	-0.31	0.43
-1.21	-1.57	-2.06	-1.47
-4.00	-4.12	-4.55	-4.36
-0.90	-0.84	-0.75	-1.44
-0.50	0.45	-0.36	0.34
-1.73	tbc	tbc	-1.00
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
123	127	129
99	124	126
128	129	132
60	74	65
6	115	82
94	71	90
132	136	138
tbc	tbc	tbc
No published comparators		



	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	-0.7	-0.9	-1.9	-1.6
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	0.4	0.7	0.9	0.7

KS2 - Average Scaled Score in Reading	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	105	105	104	105	
National	105	104	105	105	
Disadvantage	103	102	101	102	
Non Disadvantage	106	106	105	106	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	100	98	97	99	
EHCP	98	98	96	99	
SEN Support	99	98	97	99	
Non SEND	107	106	106	107	
CLA (**Nexus 903 Data** - not published)	104	99	101	99	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
105	105	105	105
102	102	102	103
106	106	106	106
99	99	99	98
99	98	98	97
99	99	99	99
107	106	107	106
99	tbc	tbc	102
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
28	99	52
45	113	70
22	105	56
37	105	68
17	49	16
46	114	75
35	58	22
tbc	tbc	tbc
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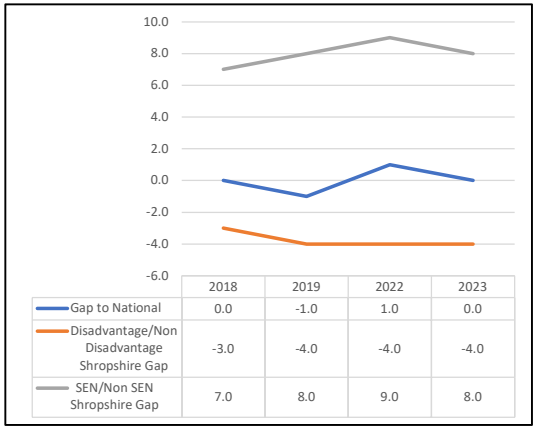

	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.0	-1.0	1.0	0.0
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	-3.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	7.0	8.0	9.0	8.0

KS2 - Average Scaled Score in Maths	2018	2019	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	104	105	103	103	
National	104	105	104	104	
Disadvantage	101	102	99	100	
Non Disadvantage	105	106	104	104	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	98	99	96	97	
EHCP	96	98	96	97	
SEN Support	98	99	96	97	
Non SEND	105	106	104	105	
CLA (**Nexus 903 Data** - not published)	97	97	101	97	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
103	104	103	104
100	101	100	102
104	105	104	105
97	98	97	97
97	96	95	95
97	98	98	97
105	106	105	105
97	tbc	tbc	100
No published comparators			

2019	2022	2023
47	94	118
74	138	108
56	111	131
31	119	90
24	43	31
41	128	101
67	118	78
tbc	tbc	tbc
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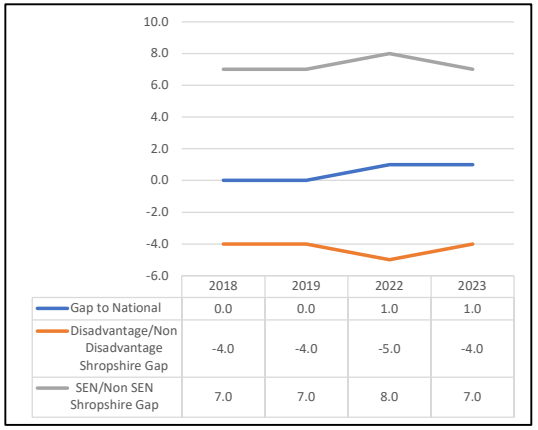
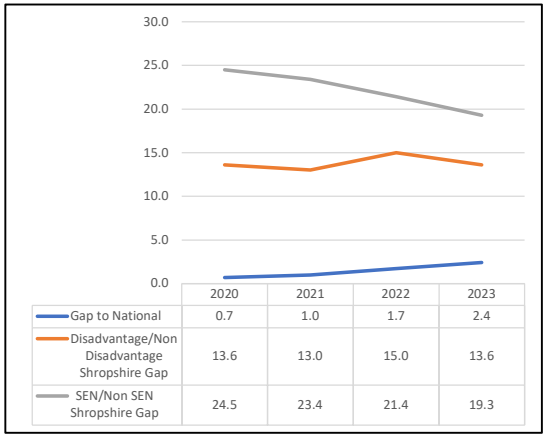


	2018	2019	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	-4.0	-4.0	-5.0	-4.0
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	7.0	7.0	8.0	7.0

KS4 - Attainment 8	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	49.5	49.9	47.2	44.0	
National	50.2	50.9	48.9	46.4	
Disadvantage	38.5	39.6	35.1	33.0	
Non Disadvantage	52.1	52.6	50.1	46.6	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	27.7	29.5	28.6	27.4	
EHCP	20.2	22.9	19.2	18.3	
SEN Support	33.1	33.4	32.6	30.6	
Non SEND	52.2	52.9	50.0	46.7	
CLA (based on published 903 - Nexus where published statistics are suppressed)	25.0	28.9	24.1	18.9	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
44.0	46.4	45.3	44.9
33.0	35.1	32.2	35.6
46.6	50.4	48.5	49.1
27.4	28.1	27.3	27.7
18.3	14.0	13.6	13.0
30.6	33.3	32.0	32.6
46.7	50.2	49.1	48.5
18.9	19.8	tbc	21.0
No published comparators			

2021	2022	2023
89	97	114
63	108	97
115	116	138
99	85	80
6	17	18
123	107	114
102	115	128
17	28	tbc
No published comparators		

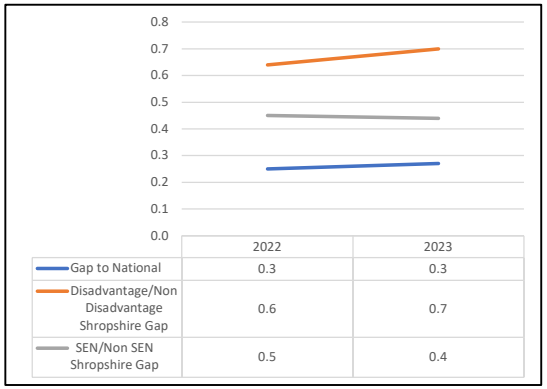


	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.7	1.0	1.7	2.4
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	13.6	13.0	15.0	13.6
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	24.5	23.4	21.4	19.3

KS4 - Progress 8	2020*	2021*	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	No progress data available for 2020 and 2021		-0.28	-0.30	
National			-0.03	-0.03	
Disadvantage			-0.80	-0.87	
Non Disadvantage			-0.16	-0.17	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)			-0.67	-0.68	
EHCP			-1.04	-0.92	
SEN Support			-0.53	-0.61	
Non SEND			-0.22	-0.24	
CLA (based on published 903)			-1.09	-1.42	

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
-0.30	-0.03	-0.08	-0.09
-0.87	-0.57	-0.71	-0.52
-0.17	0.17	0.08	0.10
-0.68	-0.62	-0.63	-0.56
-0.92	-1.12	-1.16	-1.03
-0.61	-0.45	-0.47	-0.42
-0.24	0.10	0.04	0.01
-1.42	-1.24	tbc	-1.10

2021*	2022	2023
No progress data available	134	137
	126	128
	142	143
	72	92
	32	35
	82	114
	144	13
	41	tbc

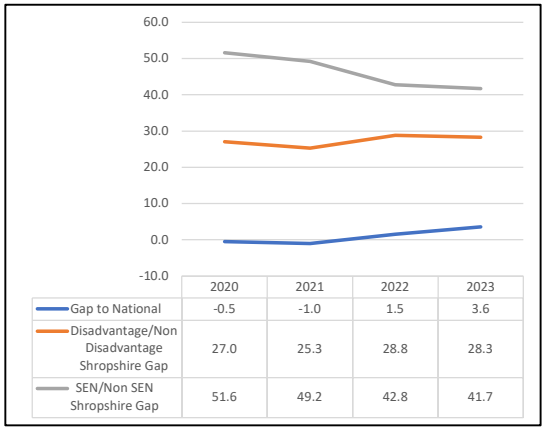


	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.3	0.3
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	0.6	0.7
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	0.5	0.4

KS4 (9 to 4) in English and Maths	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	71.7	73.2	67.5	61.8	
National	71.2	72.2	69.0	65.4	
Disadvantage	49.8	53.1	44.3	38.9	
Non Disadvantage	76.8	78.4	73.1	67.2	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	25.7	30.2	30.3	25.9	
EHCP	17.2	28.1	18.0	16.0	
SEN Support	31.9	31.4	35.5	29.3	
Non SEND	77.3	79.4	73.1	67.6	
CLA (based on published 903)	25.8	42.3	29.4	16.7	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
61.8	65.4	64.4	62.1
38.9	43.7	38.9	43.4
67.2	73.1	70.9	70.4
25.9	30.5	28.5	28.1
16.0	13.0	11.1	11.0
29.3	36.9	34.3	33.7
67.6	72.4	72.2	69.1
16.7	tbc	tbc	tbc
No published comparators			

2021	2022	2023
61	87	109
58	98	105
86	115	137
113	86	113
3	34	39
138	100	125
70	108	120
12	20	tbc
No published comparators		



	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gap to National	-0.5	-1.0	1.5	3.6
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	27.0	25.3	28.8	28.3
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	51.6	49.2	42.8	41.7

KS4 (9 to 5) in English and Maths	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	47.5	50.3	44.8	38.2	
National	49.9	51.9	50.0	45.5	
Disadvantage	24.6	31.0	22.4	18.2	
Non Disadvantage	52.9	55.4	50.1	42.9	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	10.7	12.4	14.9	12.1	
EHCP	7.5	14.4	9.9	5.7	
SEN Support	13.0	11.3	17.0	14.3	
Non SEND	52.1	55.7	49.3	42.4	
CLA (based on published 903 - Nexus where published statistics are suppressed)	10.5	16.7	11.8	4.2	
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
38.2	45.5	43.0	41.9
18.2	25.4	19.9	24.9
42.9	52.6	48.8	49.4
12.1	17.0	14.9	15.4
5.7	6.9	6.5	5.5
14.3	20.7	17.8	18.7
42.4	51.3	49.1	47.3
4.2	10.0	tbc	9.0
No published comparators			

2021	2022	2023
86	118	128
61	134	136
107	133	144
132	99	130
6	27	81
145	119	130
95	128	136
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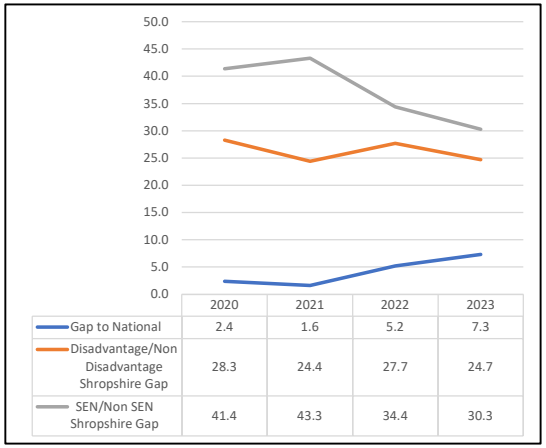


	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gap to National	2.4	1.6	5.2	7.3
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	28.3	24.4	27.7	24.7
SEN/Non SEN Shropshire Gap	41.4	43.3	34.4	30.3

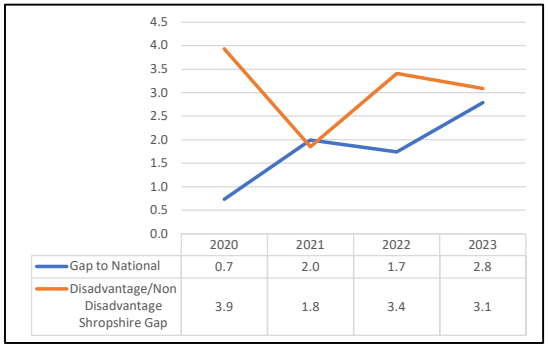
Data Source; published DfE statistics

In 2020 and 2021, all GCSEs in England have been reformed and use the new 9 to 1 grading system (rather than A-G). Year on year comparisons will be limited until these qualifications are consistently included from 2020 onwards. However, results for 2020 and 2021 are not comparable with earlier years due to the cancellation of exams (due to COVID-19) and the changes to the way GCSE grades were awarded and results for 2022 are not comparable with previous years due to the changes relating to grading assessments*

KS5 APS per A-Level Entry (State-Funded Schools and Colleges)	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	37.82	38.47	36.12	31.37	
National	38.55	40.46	37.86	34.16	
Disadvantage	34.21	36.81	32.78	28.72	
Non Disadvantage	38.14	38.66	36.19	31.81	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)					
EHCP	39.13	36.07	31.94	33.89	
SEN Support	35.70	36.61	34.46	27.86	
Non SEND	37.79	38.61	35.92	31.52	

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
31.37	34.16	33.79	32.93
28.72	29.91	29.11	29.16
31.81	34.82	34.20	33.65
33.89	32.38	29.35	30.67
27.86	32.08	30.74	31.33
31.52	34.21	33.90	33.01

2021	2022	2023
123	105	122
52	84	93
129	119	123
92	103	63
101	89	122
121	113	120



	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.7	2.0	1.7	2.8
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	3.9	1.8	3.4	3.1

KS5 APS per Academic Entry (State-Funded Schools and Colleges)	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	37.68	38.43	36.12	31.48	
National	38.58	40.50	37.92	34.26	
Disadvantage	33.96	36.77	32.76	29.16	
Non Disadvantage	38.01	38.63	36.19	31.89	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)					
EHCP	39.41	36.07	31.94	33.83	
SEN Support	35.69	36.13	34.53	28.73	
Non SEND	37.63	38.59	35.91	31.62	

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
31.48	34.26	33.89	33.01
29.16	29.96	29.21	29.23
31.89	34.92	34.30	33.74
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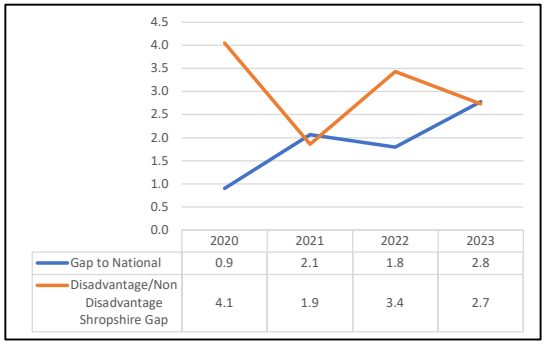
33.83	32.31	29.46	30.56
28.73	32.13	30.90	31.43
31.62	34.32	34.00	33.09

2021	2022	2023
124	107	123
52	87	86
131	119	123
91	103	61
110	89	114
124	113	120



	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gap to National	0.9	2.1	1.8	2.8
Disadvantage/Non Disadvantage Shropshire Gap	4.1	1.9	3.4	2.7

KS5 APS per Applied General (State-Funded Schools and Colleges)	2020	2021	2022	2023	Trend
All Pupils	32.08	34.83	33.68	31.74	
National	31.22	32.63	31.91	29.52	
Disadvantage	29.12	31.63	29.07	25.89	
Non Disadvantage	32.86	35.42	34.20	33.06	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)					
EHCP	15.00	25.00	26.18	32.86	
SEN Support	42.50	35.00	35.87	30.64	
Non SEND	32.33	34.97	33.89	31.86	

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
31.74	29.52	29.68	30.15
25.89	27.70	27.13	28.44
33.06	30.10	30.08	30.83
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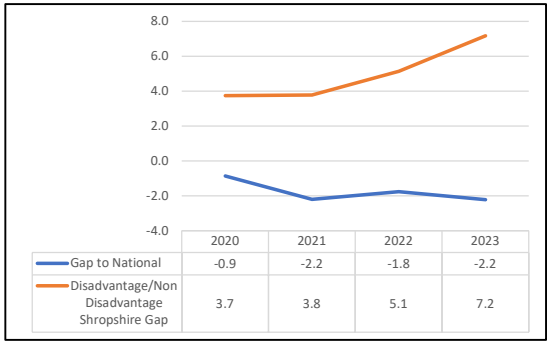
32.86	26.88	24.46	28.39
30.64	26.90	26.65	27.86
31.86	29.80	29.96	30.39

2021	2022	2023
27	40	27
56	90	113
30	43	16
97	100	23
16	2	15
31	43	27



Data Source; published DfE statistics

% NEET (inc not known 16-17 year olds)	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Trend
All Pupils	10.3	5.9	7.9		
National	5.5	4.7	5.2		
Disadvantage	No published data				
Non Disadvantage	No published data				
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)					
EHCP	16.2	9.4	13.8		
SEN Support	19.1	9.5	18.5		
Non SEND	9.3	5.4	7.1		
CLA (based on published 903 - Nexus where published statistics are suppressed)					
CLA (all children)			12.0		

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
7.9	5.2	5.4	5.2
No published comparators			
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13.8	10.1	11.5	9.7
18.5	9.3	9.7	11.3
7.1	4.6	4.5	4.5
No published comparators			

2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
149	122	140
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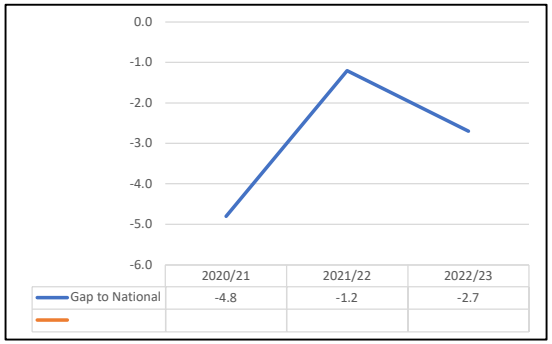
145	96	128
137	96	135
147	126	135
No published comparators		



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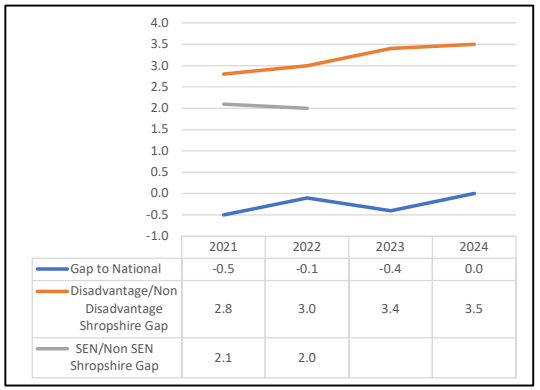
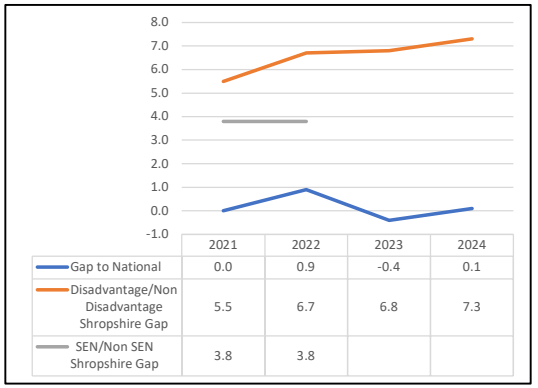
Attendance						Latest Benchmark 2023				National Ranking (1 being highest, 152 lowest)			Gaps
				* DfE Portal									
Primary School Attendance (Full Academic Year)	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	*** current 2024 to date**	**Trend**	**Shropshire**	**National**	**Statistical Neighbour**	**West Midlands**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	
All Pupils	96.9	93.8	94.5	94.6		94.5	94.1	94.2	93.8	24	79	29	
National	96.4	93.7	94.1	94.6									
Free School Meals (eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	94.6	91.4	91.8	91.8		91.8	91.6	91.4	91.6	34	93	74	
Non Free School Meals (not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	97.4	94.4	95.2	95.3		95.2	95.1	95.0	94.9	37	115	53	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	95.1	92.1	92.5			92.5	91.9	91.9	91.7	14	66	33	
EHCP	90.9	90.2	90.2	89.7		90.2	90.1	89.6	89.5	60	93	91	
SEN Support	95.6	92.3	92.8	93.3		92.8	92.2	92.3	91.9	16	64	29	
Non SEND	97.2	94.1	94.9	95.0		94.9	94.6	94.8	94.3	31	86	35	
CLA (based on published 903)	94.5	95.2				0.0				104	104		
CLA (all children)			95.4			No published comparators				No published comparators			



Secondary School Attendance (Full Academic Year)	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	*** current 2024 to date**	**Trend**	**Shropshire**	**National**	**Statistical Neighbour**	**West Midlands**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	
All Pupils	94.5	90.1	91.1	91.2		91.1	91.0	90.6	90.9	78	121	72	
National	94.5	91.0	90.7	91.3									
Free School Meals (eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	90.1	84.8	85.7	85.3		85.7	86.0	84.6	86.8	108	126	72	
Non Free School Meals (not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	95.6	91.5	92.5	92.6		92.5	92.9	92.3	92.9	113	144	120	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	91.2	86.9	87.8			87.8	86.4	86.2	86.7	73	89	42	
EHCP	86.1	86.2	87.3	82.8		87.3	85.3	84.4	85.4	71	84	52	
SEN Support	92.4	87.0	87.9	87.6		87.9	86.6	86.4	86.9	50	93	43	
Non SEND	95.0	90.7	91.7	92.1		91.7	91.9	91.6	91.8	92	132	89	
CLA (based on published 903)	88.7	90.7				0.0				77	77		
CLA (all children)			89.0			No published comparators				No published comparators			



Primary School Persistently Absent (10% or more missed) (Full Academic Year)	2021	2022	2023	* current 2024 to date	Trend
All Pupils	6.4	17.1	13.9	14.5	
National	8.8	17.7	16.2	16.3	
Free School Meals (eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	14.9	32.3	28.6	28.6	
Non Free School Meals (not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	4.0	13.0	9.9	10.8	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	13.2	26.6	22.7		
EHCP	30.0	35.7	29.8	30.7	
SEN Support	11.0	25.4	21.8	20.1	
Non SEND	5.0	15.1	12.0	13.8	
CLA (based on published 903)	18.6	10.1			
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
13.9	16.2	15.1	17.7
28.6	29.3	29.8	29.3
9.9	10.9	10.7	11.7
22.7	25.7	24.9	26.8
29.8	31.0	31.9	33.0
21.8	24.8	23.5	26.0
12.0	13.9	12.7	15.4
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No published comparators			

2021	2022	2023
11	69	28
22	107	68
26	92	47
13	80	24
61	129	71
15	68	25
17	66	34
57	47	
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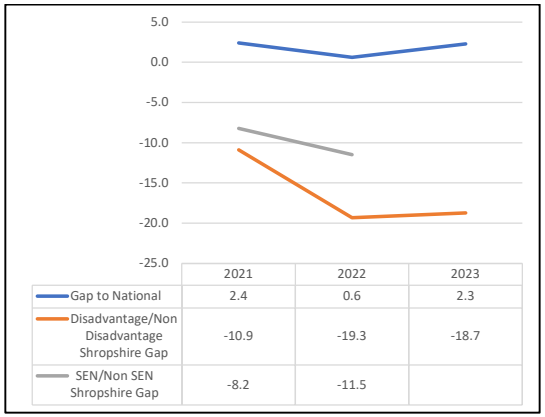

Secondary School Persistently Absent (10% or more missed) (Full Academic Year)	2021	2022*	2023	* current 2024 to date	Trend
All Pupils	14.9	31.4	26.9	26.2	
National	14.8	27.7	26.5	25.5	
Free School Meals (eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	31.6	53.5	47.6	46.9	
Non Free School Meals (not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	10.4	25.5	21.1	21.0	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	27.8	41.1	37.6		
EHCP	46.7	41.4	38.6	38.8	
SEN Support	23.3	41.1	37.5	36.7	
Non SEND	12.8	29.6	24.6	24.1	
CLA (based on published 903)	41.3	28.3			
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
26.9	26.5	27.7	27.4
47.6	43.8	48.4	42.7
21.1	19.5	21.4	19.7
37.6	39.1	39.5	39.2
38.6	39.1	41.0	39.8
37.5	39.0	39.4	39.1
24.6	23.8	24.7	24.7
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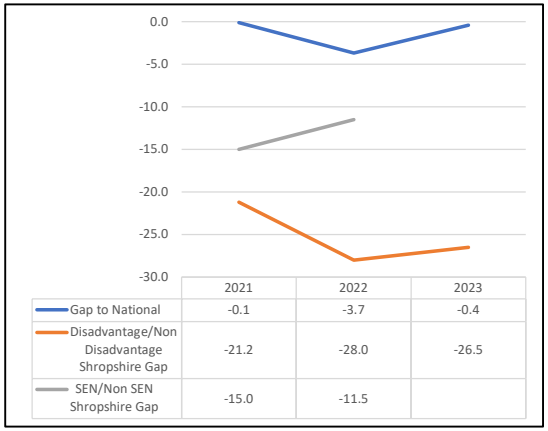
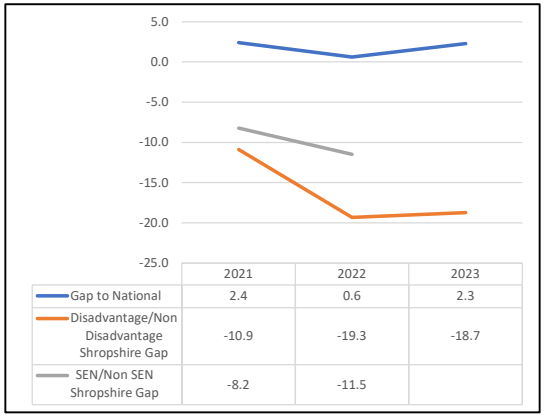
2021	2022	2023
83	126	87
114	145	104
111	143	121
90	102	59
91	105	79
63	102	58
91	131	91
83	109	
No published comparators		



Primary School Severely Absent (50% or more missed) (Full Academic Year)	2021	2022	*2023	* current 2024 to date	Trend
All Pupils	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6	
National	0.7	0.6	0.7		
Free School Meals (eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.4	
Non Free School Meals (not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	0.8	0.9	1.1		
EHCP	1.9	2.1	2.7	3.6	
SEN Support	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.2	
Non SEND	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	
CLA (based on published 903)					
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
0.4	0.7	0.6	0.8
0.9	1.3	1.4	1.3
0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
1.1	1.5	1.7	1.6
2.7	3.2	4.0	3.9
0.9	1.2	1.3	1.3
0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4
0.0			
No published comparators			

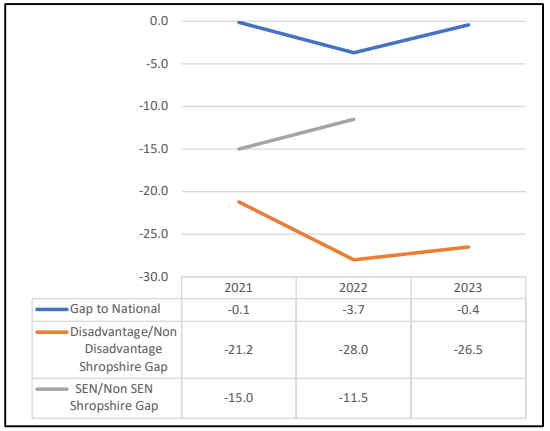
2021	2022	2023
21	33	6
76	71	32
16	37	26
50	49	56
59	73	73
60	59	54
36	65	6
No published comparators		



Secondary School Severely Absent (50% or more missed) (Full Academic Year)	2021	2022*	2023	* current 2024 to date	Trend
All Pupils	1.4	3.1	3.1	2.9	
National	1.5	2.7	3.4		
Free School Meals (eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	2.9	6.2	6.2	6.8	
Non Free School Meals (not eligible in the last 6 years (FSM6)	0.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	2.7	6.4	6.2		
EHCP	4.3	7.8	6.1	11.7	
SEN Support	2.3	6.1	6.2	5.7	
Non SEND	1.0	2.3	2.2	2.0	
CLA (based on published 903)					
CLA (all children)					

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
3.1	3.4	3.6	3.4
6.2	6.7	7.8	6.0
1.8	1.7	2.0	1.7
6.2	7.6	7.8	7.1
6.1	9.6	10.5	9.7
6.2	7.2	7.4	6.8
2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3
0.0			
No published comparators			

2021	2022	2023
72	107	67
77	97	64
112	133	98
56	98	52
55	83	39
44	100	59
106	121	80
No published comparators		



Official 2022-23 full year statistics will be published on 21 March 2024

Data Source; published DfE statistics - Pupil absence statistics. N.B. due to time pressures during the Covid pandemic, DfE did not publish pupil absence in schools for academic year 2019 to 2020

A pupil is classified as a persistent absentee if they miss 10% or more of their own possible sessions

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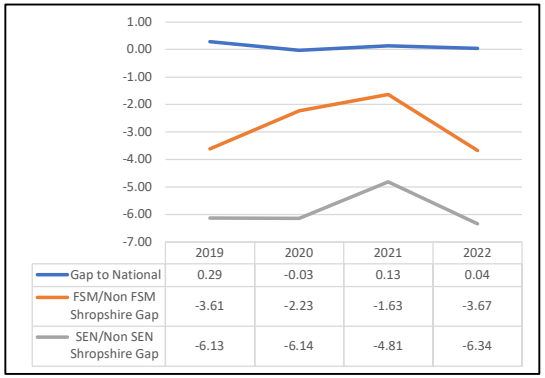
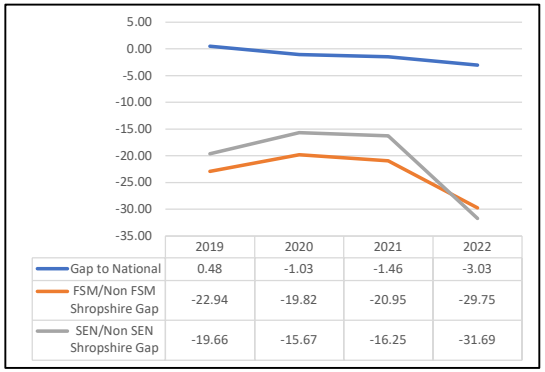
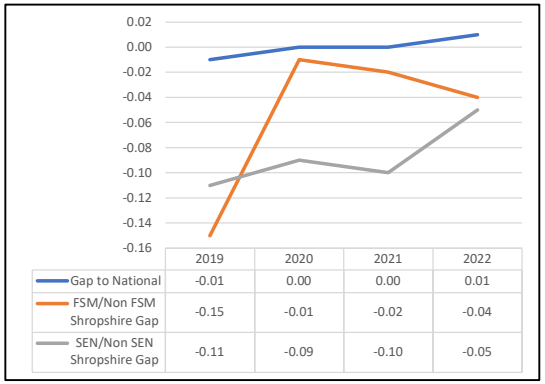
Exclusions						Latest Benchmark 2022				National Ranking (1 being highest, 152 lowest)			Gaps
Primary School Suspension Rate (Full Academic Year)	**2019**	**2020***	**2021***	**2022**	**Trend**	**Shropshire**	**National**	**Statistical Neighbour**	**West Midlands**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	
All Pupils	1.12	1.03	0.86	1.38		1.38	1.42	1.85	1.51	93	71	92	
National	1.41	1.00	0.99	1.42									
Free School Meals (FSM)	4.34	2.98	2.23	4.42		4.42	3.53	5.21	3.28	93	77	111	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	0.73	0.75	0.60	0.75		0.75	0.79	1.10	0.84	114	96	86	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	6.43	6.35	5.03	6.82		6.82	7.38	9.47	7.41	108	86	85	
EHCP	9.47	10.72	6.15	11.40		11.40	13.75	19.33	15.87	92	49	76	
SEN Support	6.04	5.79	4.88	6.20		6.20	6.27	7.63	6.36	118	106	88	
Non SEND	0.30	0.21	0.22	0.48		0.48	0.35	0.40	0.43	76	76	131	



Secondary School Suspension Rate (Full Academic Year)	**2019**	**2020***	**2021***	**2022**	**Trend**	**Shropshire**	**National**	**Statistical Neighbour**	**West Midlands**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
All Pupils	10.27	8.46	9.94	16.99		16.99	13.96	13.99	13.42	111	105	112
National	10.75	7.43	8.48	13.96								
Free School Meals (FSM)	31.16	26.08	28.00	42.21		42.21	34.20	38.12	28.74	123	118	115
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	8.22	6.26	7.05	12.46		12.46	8.60	9.31	8.45	116	116	129
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	27.59	22.26	24.15	44.41		44.41	36.47	38.17	32.79	97	94	110
EHCP	27.17	24.56	26.07	46.24		46.24	38.03	45.27	33.98	98	83	112
SEN Support	27.72	21.67	23.69	44.04		44.04	36.19	36.79	32.63	97	91	110
Non SEND	7.93	6.59	7.90	12.72		12.72	10.28	9.52	10.11	115	117	115



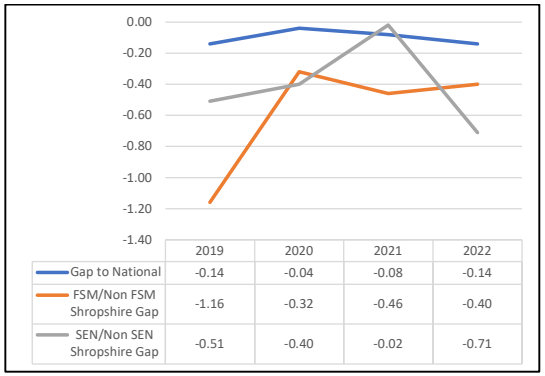
Primary School Permanent Exclusion Rate (Full Academic Year)	**2019**	**2020***	**2021***	**2022**	**Trend**	**Shropshire**	**National**	**Statistical Neighbour**	**West Midlands**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**
All Pupils	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	102	119	86
National	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02								
Free School Meals (FSM)	0.16	0.03	0.03	0.05		0.05	0.05	0.07	0.08	83	108	101
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01		0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	121	135	82
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.06		0.06	0.09	0.12	0.16	102	129	78
EHCP	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.13	0.26	0.27	1	1	1
SEN Support	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.07		0.07	0.08	0.10	0.15	112	134	87
Non SEND	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01		0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	127	1	115



Secondary School Permanent Exclusion Rate (Full Academic Year)	2019	2020*	2021*	2022	Trend
All Pupils	0.34	0.17	0.18	0.30	
National	0.20	0.13	0.10	0.16	
Free School Meals (FSM)	1.40	0.45	0.58	0.64	
Non Free School Meals (Non FSM)	0.24	0.13	0.12	0.24	
SEND (SEN Support & EHCP)	0.79	0.52	0.20	0.91	
EHCP	0.46	0.25	0.00	0.54	
SEN Support	0.89	0.59	0.24	0.98	
Non SEND	0.28	0.12	0.18	0.20	

Shropshire	National	Statistical Neighbour	West Midlands
0.30	0.16	0.20	0.22
0.64	0.44	0.62	0.52
0.24	0.08	0.12	0.12
0.91	0.46	0.60	0.58
0.54	0.27	0.34	0.43
0.98	0.50	0.65	0.60
0.20	0.11	0.13	0.15

2020	2021	2022
105	128	131
97	134	114
118	133	150
113	51	137
104	1	122
116	61	138
98	146	133



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1. For 2019/20 and 2020/21, while suspensions and permanent exclusions were possible throughout the academic year, pandemic restrictions will have had an impact on the numbers presented and caution should be taken when comparing across years.