



Performance Report

2018-19

Reporting Period: Quarter 4

Northamptonshire - Key Facts

Northamptonshire Population*

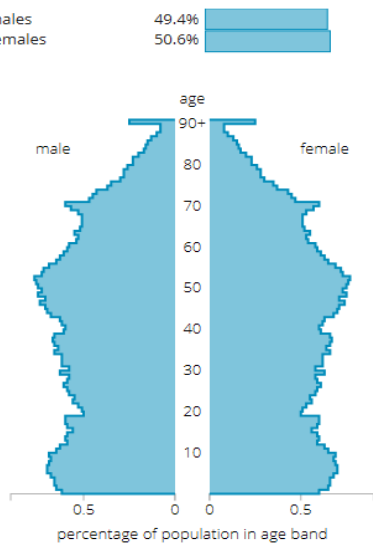
*ONS 2017 mid-year estimates

741,209 people in 2017

All ages

366,451 males

374,758 females



Number of Domestic Properties

*Valuation Office Agency - Stock of Properties 2018

Total	322,210 (+5,580)
Council Tax Band A	84,220 (+580)
Council Tax Band B	79,110 (+1,100)
Council Tax Band C	68,220 (+1,560)
Council Tax Band D	39,590 (+870)
Council Tax Band E	27,060 (+820)
Council Tax Band F	14,610 (+460)
Council Tax Band G	8,730 (+190)
Council Tax Band H	670 (+10)

increase from previous year shown in bracket

Net Additional Dwellings

*MHCLG Live tables on house building (2018 Q4)

Total	1,190
Private Enterprise	950
Housing Associations	240
Local Authority	0

Earnings by place of residence (2018)

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	Full Time	Weekly Pay	Hourly Rate
Northamptonshire	£	540.8	£ 13.36
East Midlands	£	529.9	£ 13.18
Great Britain	£	571.1	£ 14.36

	Part Time	Weekly Pay	Hourly Rate
Northamptonshire	£	186.3	£ 9.08
East Midlands	£	180.0	£ 9.00
Great Britain	£	187.3	£ 9.38

Life Expectancy at Birth

*Public Health Profiles (2015-17)

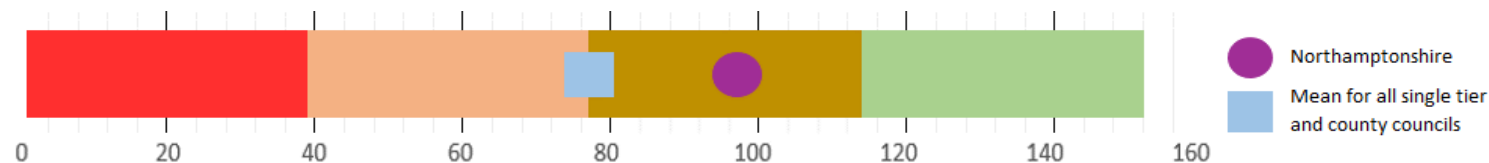
Male	Female
79.5	82.8

Healthy Life Expectancy at Birth

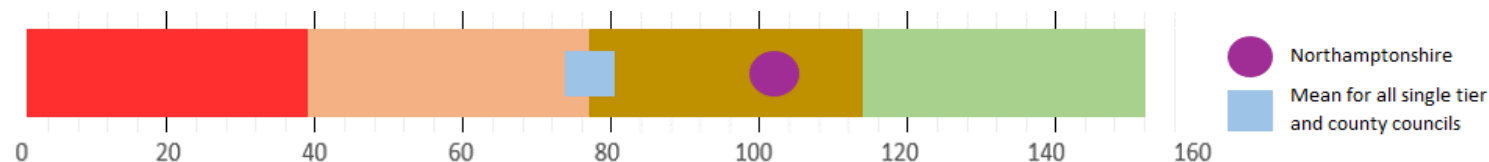
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Male	Female
65.2	62.7

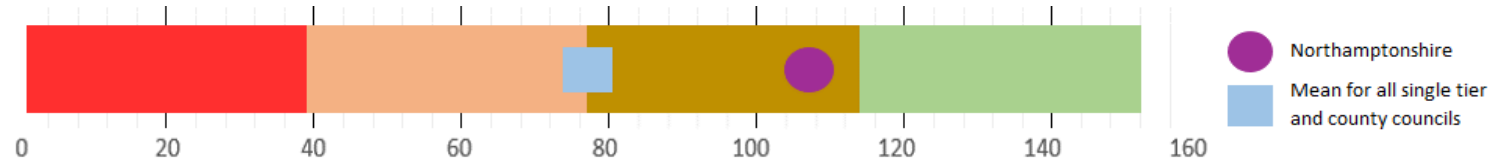
Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Overall (All Ages) - Rank for all single tier and county authorities (quantiles of all English single tier and county councils)



Income Deprivation Affecting Older People Index (IDAOP) - Rank for all single tier and county authorities (2015)



Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDAC) - Rank for all single tier and county authorities (2015)



[Key: Lower rank is more deprived]

Council Plan Priority Area: Health & Wellbeing

Northamptonshire
Comparator

<p>NHS Health Check programme - Proportion of in-year eligible population offered a Health Check</p>	<p>Period Ending: Mar 2019</p> <p>Quarterly Actual: 16.5%</p> <p>Quarterly Target: 25.0%</p> <p>Previous Period: 17.4%</p> <p>Comparator (-): n/a</p> <p>Trend: ↓</p>		<p>The NHS Health Check is a health check-up for adults in England aged 40-74. It's designed to spot early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia. Each year we are required to invite 20% of total eligible population to a health check, this equates to 25% of in-year eligible population each quarter. The latest reporting shows that in the final quarter of the year we have achieved 16.5%, with the total invites across the 2018-19 year at 61.2%, performing below target. Once those eligible have been invited to a health check the choice is then on the individual as to whether they attend that appointment or not. The latest period shows that 8.1% of in-year eligible population has completed a health check. The total year to date has resulted in 31.2% of the in-year eligible population completing a health check, which is around half of those invited.</p>
<p>NHS Health Check programme - Proportion of in-year eligible population who completed a Health Check</p>	<p>Period Ending: Mar 2019</p> <p>Quarterly Actual: 8.1%</p> <p>Quarterly Target: 16.5%</p> <p>Previous Period: 8.6%</p> <p>Comparator (-): n/a</p> <p>Trend: ↓</p>		<p>The NHS Health Check Programme in Northants has recently undergone a re-procurement process with new contracts having started in April 2019. New contracts include enhanced performance management and recruitment of a dedicated Quality Improvement Officer</p>
<p>Smoking quit rate at 4 weeks</p>	<p>Period Ending: Mar 2019</p> <p>Actual: 40.0%</p> <p>Target: 50.0%</p> <p>Previous Period: 35.2%</p> <p>Comparator (2017-18): 50.5%</p> <p>Trend: ↑</p>		<p>Our local performance data shows that 40% of clients who set a quit date have successfully quit at 4 weeks in Quarter 4. Compared to the previous quarter, there is an increase in performance (from 38% in Q3 to 40% in Q4). The year-to-date cumulative figure shows 40% (1,421 people) have quit at 4 weeks.</p>
<p>Emergency Hospital Admissions for Intentional Self-Harm per 100,000 population</p>	<p>Period Ending: 2017-18</p> <p>Actual: 280.6</p> <p>Target: Reduce</p> <p>Previous Period: 298.1</p> <p>Comparator (2017-18): 185.5</p> <p>Trend: ↓</p>		<p>Mental health and well-being is an important aspect of public health. This indicator is a measure of intentional self-harm and includes those self-harm events severe enough to warrant hospital admission, these hospital admissions are being used as a proxy of the prevalence of severe self-harm, these are only the tip of the iceberg in relation to the health and well-being burden of self-harm. After 4 years of a rising rate of self-harm in Northamptonshire this year has seen a reduction to 280.6 per 100k population (-17.5 per 100k). This however, is still significantly above the national average of 185.5 per 100k population.</p>
<p>Air Pollution - Fraction of all-cause adult mortality</p>	<p>Period Ending: 2017</p> <p>Actual: 5.3%</p> <p>Target: Reduce</p> <p>Previous Period: 5.5%</p> <p>Comparator (2017): 5.1%</p> <p>Trend: ↓</p>		<p>Poor air quality is a significant public health issue. In Northamptonshire it is estimated to be related to 244 deaths in 2017 and nearly 5,000 life years lost to disability and death. Air pollution is one of the top ten risk factors for the burden of disease and death in Northamptonshire and nationally; particularly heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, COPD and lower respiratory infections. The fraction of all-cause adult mortality attributable to anthropogenic particulate air pollution was recorded as 5.3% in 2017 (-0.2% on 2016), with the average across England being 5.1% (-0.2% on 2015).</p>

Council Plan Priority Area: Education & Skills

Northamptonshire
Comparator

Good/Outstanding Early Years Providers	Period Ending:	Dec 2018		<p>The most recent data for this indicator was updated by Ofsted in November 2018 and includes inspections up to the end of August 2018. There are 1,034 active early years providers in Northamptonshire, of these 825 have been inspected, with 94.4% being judged to be good or outstanding. 21.3% of providers were rated as outstanding for overall provision. Only 1.33% of providers were rated as inadequate in their latest inspection. The Northamptonshire picture is similar to the regional (94.1%) and national (94.5%) averages.</p>
	Actual:	94.5%		
	Target:	95.0%		
	Previous Period:	94.4%		
	Comparator (Dec 2018):	95.2%		
	Trend:	➔		

Good/Outstanding Primary schools	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>Having good quality schools is important in ensuring that all our children have the best possible outcomes from their education. Ofsted ratings give a rounded view of the quality of schools in the county.</p> <p>In Northamptonshire, as of March 2019, the information on Ofsted inspection ratings shows that overall there are 81.6% of primary and 65% of secondary schools which are either good or outstanding.</p>
	Actual:	81.6%		
	Target:	88.0%		
	Previous Period:	82.1%		
	Comparator (2017):	90.6%		
	Trend:	➔		

Good/Outstanding Secondary schools	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>Overall, 191 Primary, 26 Secondary and 11 Special Schools are either good or outstanding in their latest inspections in the county.</p> <p>* excludes PRUs, converter academies yet to be inspected & schools with no inspections</p>
	Actual:	65.0%		
	Target:	65.0%		
	Previous Period:	64.1%		
	Comparator (2017):	79.3%		
	Trend:	➔		

Education Health and Care (EHC) plans issued within 20 weeks (excluding exceptions)	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>An Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan is for children and young people aged up to 25 who need more support than is available through special educational needs support. EHC plans identify educational, health and social needs and set out the additional support to meet those needs. The quarter 4 performance (89.3%) has seen an increase in the number of plans being completed with the 20 week timeline in comparison to the previous period (+0.4%). The outturn at the end of the year is below the target we have set ourselves.</p>
	Actual:	89.3%		
	Target:	95.0%		
	Previous Period:	88.1%		
	Comparator (-):	n/a		
	Trend:	➔		

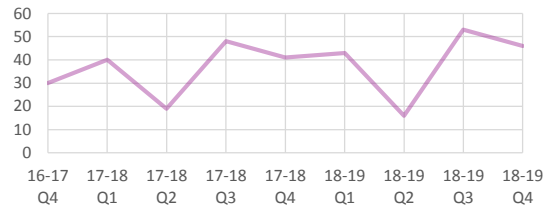
Electively Home Educated children	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>There are various reasons for a parent choosing to electively home educate their children.</p> <p>The number of electively home educated children has risen steadily in recent years and is currently, as of March 2019, at its highest level in Northamptonshire with 1,018 children who were electively home educated. This is up from 965 at the end of December 2018 and up from 869 at the end of March 2018.</p>
	Actual:	1,018		
	Target:	-		
	Previous Period:	965		
	Comparator (-):	n/a		
	Trend:	⬆		

Council Plan Priority Area: Education & Skills

Northamptonshire
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Permanent Exclusions

Period Ending:	Mar 2019
Actual (Qtr)	46
Actual (Academic YTD)	105
Previous Period:	53
Comparator (-):	n/a
Trend:	↓

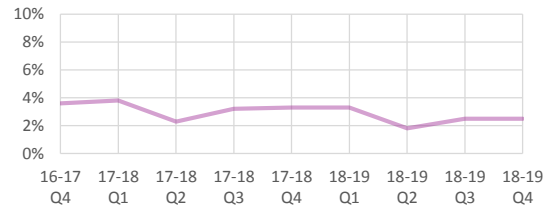


The number of permanent exclusions from schools in Northamptonshire is shown in both latest quarters alongside the academic year to date (Sept to Jul).

The latest quarter shows 46 permanent exclusions for the period, this is a decrease of 7 exclusions when compared to the previous quarter and an increase of 5 exclusions when compared to the same period last year. The academic year to date shows 105 exclusions, an increase of 9 in comparison to the same point last year.

16-18 year olds not in Education, employment or training

Period Ending:	Jan 2019
Actual:	2.5%
Target:	4.0%
Previous Period:	2.5%
Comparator (2016-17):	2.4%
Trend:	→



The performance of this indicator remains relatively static from year to year, with a usual drop in quarter 2 (end of September) each year due to seasonal variations.

The most recent performance data available to the end of Jan 2019 shows 2.5% of 16-18 year olds not in Education, Employment or Training. This compares to a figure of 3.2% at the same point in 2018. The latest comparator information shows the level of NEET is 2.4% across our statistical neighbours.

Council Plan Priority Area: Safeguarding, Care & Support: Adults

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Number of Safeguarding Concerns received (Adults)	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>This indicator shows the number of Safeguarding concerns raised with the Council, by professionals, partner agencies or members of the public. In 2017-18 we received 6,853 concerns in comparison to the regional average of 3,674. The final quarter of this year has had 1,020 concerns raised, taking the total for the year to 5,640, this is a reduction of 18% on the numbers of concerns raised in the previous year.</p>
	Actual:	1,020		
	Target:	-		
	Previous Period:	1,218		
	Comparator (2017-18):	3,674		
	Trend:	↓		

DTCO Delayed transfers of care per 100,000 population (Social Care)	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>This metric is now reported as the average number of bed days lost per day in the reporting period. Health and social care face a nationally recognised issue with regards to DTCOs. The population is aging and over 75s admissions are rising. The main priority though remains getting people home safely and in a timely way and we are working together to reduce these delayed transfers.</p>
	Actual:	7.4		
	Target:	6.4		
	Previous Period:	8		
	Comparator (Feb 2018):	1.71		
	Trend:	↓		

DTCO Delayed transfers of care per 100,000 population (Both)	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>Social Care attributable Delayed Days increased for the fourth consecutive month with 1,210 days for March - 43% higher than the previous month (844), but lower than the same period last year (1,228).</p> <p>In terms of the performance indicators the DTCO attributable to Social Care per 100k population for March, ranked 144th out of 151 CASSRs (a deterioration of 17 places on the previous month) and DTCO attributable to Social Care per 100k population for 2018-19 ranked 144th compared to 148th for the full year 2017/18.</p>
	Actual:	1.3		
	Target:	3.9		
	Previous Period:	1.1		
	Comparator (2017-18):	1.2		
	Trend:	↑		

Long-term support needs met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population (younger adults)	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>Avoiding permanent placements in residential and nursing care homes is a good measure of delaying dependency and research suggests that, where possible, people prefer to stay in their own home rather than move into residential care. However, it is acknowledged that for some client groups admission to residential or nursing care homes can represent an improvement in their situation.</p>
	Actual Year to Date:	5.4		
	Year end Target:	12.8		
	Previous Quarter:	5.1		
	Comparator (2017-18):	17.4		
	Trend:	↑		

Long-term support needs met by admission to residential and nursing care homes, per 100,000 population (older people)	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>The end of year figure shows that 540.9 per 100,000 population aged over 65 have been admitted to residential or nursing care homes, this is a small increase on the previous year where there were 537.9 per 100,000 population admitted. We have seen an decrease in the past year in the admittance levels for those aged under 65, with the final outturn being 5.4 per 100,000 population against a previous year figure of 10.6 per 100,000.</p> <p>Comparatively, we perform below the national averages in both cohorts, the latest full year's data for 2017-18 showing 620.0 for the over 65 group and in the under 65 age group the national average of 17.4 admissions per 100,000 population.</p>
	Actual Year to Date:	540.9		
	Year end Target:	608.5		
	Previous Quarter:	439.8		
	Comparator (2017-18):	620.0		
	Trend:	↑		

Council Plan Priority Area: Safeguarding, Care & Support: Adults

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Support to Carers - Assessments undertaken	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>The Care Act 2014 requires the Council to assess the support needs of carers across the county, sometimes this can result in services provided to support carers.</p> <p>The latest data to the end of quarter 4 shows that 988 carers had been assessed, this brings the total for the year to date to 3,455 (please note that past quarters numbers have been refreshed since the last report due to a lag in reporting). This outturn position is below the end of year target of 6,000 assessments undertaken.</p>
	Quarter Actual:	988		
	Target (Annual = 6,000)	1,500		
	Previous Period:	414		
	Comparator (-):	n/a		
	Trend:	↑		

Rehabilitation – at home 91 days after discharge from hospital	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>This indicator measures the effectiveness of our reablement/ rehabilitation services in enabling older people (65+) to remain in their own homes after a stay in hospital. Performance at the end of the year shows that 82.1% of older people were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital. This is a decrease of 4% on the position at the end of December, overall the performance has increased from the same point last year by 2.4% and is broadly in line with the target set. The latest national benchmark figure shows an average performance of is 80.5% (2017-18).</p>
	Actual:	82.1%		
	Target:	82.5%		
	Previous Period:	86.1%		
	Comparator (2017-18):	80.5%		
	Trend:	↓		

Average number of discharges per day via the Discharge to Recovery pathway per month	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>Average daily hospital discharges via the Discharge to Recovery pathway remains at 6 per day over the period, which is on target performance. The service providers a 7 day a-week discharge and reablement service to customers in their own home. Daily discharges volumes can fluctuate significantly and is dependent upon hospital demand. The final quarter of the year has had an average of 6 discharges per day, and has been relatively static, on average, through the year. There is no data available prior to 2018-19 as this is a new indicator that wasn't collected previously.</p>
	Actual:	6		
	Target:	4		
	Previous Period:	6		
	Comparator (-):	n/a		
	Trend:	→		

Customers not requiring long term services following crisis intervention or reablement	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>This indicator shows that the percentage of customers not requiring ongoing support from NASS following a crisis intervention or reablement in their own home has reduced slightly from the previous period, overall the level has increased from the start of the year, which is good. This is a better outcome for people and the impact for NASS is that less customers require funding for ongoing long term support following a stay in hospital. There is no data available prior to 2018-19 as this is a new indicator that wasn't collected previously.</p>
	Actual:	67.0%		
	Target:	64.0%		
	Previous Period:	68.0%		
	Comparator (-):	n/a		
	Trend:	→		

Customers receiving reablement or crisis intervention that prevented a hospital admission	Period Ending:	Mar 2019		<p>This shows the percentage of customers who received crisis intervention or reablement in their own home, who were not admitted to hospital as a result of the service they received. Hospital admission avoidances reduce the demand on Health urgent care services and potential deterioration in people's wellbeing, an increasing trend is good, this quarter seeing a reduction in performance to 77.8%, down from 87.1% recorded in the previous quarter. There is no data available prior to 2018-19 as this is a new indicator that wasn't collected previously.</p>
	Actual:	77.8%		
	Target:	83.0%		
	Previous Period:	87.1%		
	Comparator (-):	n/a		
	Trend:	↓		

Council Plan Priority Area: Safeguarding, Care & Support: Children

Northamptonshire
Comparator

<p>Rate of referrals into Children Social Care - Per 10k population</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Period Ending:</td><td>Mar 2019</td></tr> <tr><td>Actual:</td><td>574.1</td></tr> <tr><td>Target:</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>Previous Period:</td><td>649.9</td></tr> <tr><td>Comparator (2017-18):</td><td>541.7</td></tr> <tr><td>Trend:</td><td>↓</td></tr> </table>	Period Ending:	Mar 2019	Actual:	574.1	Target:	-	Previous Period:	649.9	Comparator (2017-18):	541.7	Trend:	↓		<p>The Council has responsibility to consider all referrals under its safeguarding duties, but higher numbers of referrals can put pressure on service capacity. This indicator shows the rate of referrals per 10,000 population, meaning we can compare with other authorities more accurately. The rate of referrals received to the end of March was 574.1 per 10,000 population, this is a reduction in comparison to the same point last year when the rate was 671.4 per 10,000. The latest comparator information shows our statistical neighbours average level at 541.7 per 10,000 population.</p>
Period Ending:	Mar 2019														
Actual:	574.1														
Target:	-														
Previous Period:	649.9														
Comparator (2017-18):	541.7														
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<p>Rate of Children in Need - Per 10k population</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Period Ending:</td><td>Mar 2019</td></tr> <tr><td>Actual:</td><td>248.7</td></tr> <tr><td>Target:</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>Previous Period:</td><td>229.5</td></tr> <tr><td>Comparator (2017-18):</td><td>336.9</td></tr> <tr><td>Trend:</td><td>↑</td></tr> </table>	Period Ending:	Mar 2019	Actual:	248.7	Target:	-	Previous Period:	229.5	Comparator (2017-18):	336.9	Trend:	↑		<p>The Children in Need (CIN) rate is a calculation which looks at the number of CIN episodes 'starting', 'ending', or open 'at any point' during the past 12 months and those open at the end of the current period. Overall, the rate of CIN in Northamptonshire has been decreasing over recent years and is currently showing as 248.7 per 10,000 population (aged 0-17), this is an increase from the previous quarter's figure of 229.5 and has been considerably below the most recent statistical neighbour average of 336.9 per 10,000 population (2017-18) throughout the year.</p>
Period Ending:	Mar 2019														
Actual:	248.7														
Target:	-														
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Period Ending:	Mar 2019														
Actual:	40.0														
Target:	-														
Previous Period:	40.4														
Comparator (2017-18):	47.6														
Trend:	→														
<p>Rate of Children in Care - Per 10k population</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Period Ending:</td><td>Mar 2019</td></tr> <tr><td>Actual:</td><td>67.7</td></tr> <tr><td>Target:</td><td>-</td></tr> <tr><td>Previous Period:</td><td>67.6</td></tr> <tr><td>Comparator (2017-18):</td><td>58.9</td></tr> <tr><td>Trend:</td><td>→</td></tr> </table>	Period Ending:	Mar 2019	Actual:	67.7	Target:	-	Previous Period:	67.6	Comparator (2017-18):	58.9	Trend:	→		<p>The number of children that the Council cared for at the end of March was 1,119, this is a similar number as recorded at the end of September (1,118). The resulting rate per 10,000 population (aged 0-17) has remained at a similar level. The overall continuing rise in the level of children in the care of the authority puts additional pressure on finite resources. This picture is mirrored across the country - the latest comparator data available is for 2017-18, when our statistical neighbour average was 58.9 per 10,000 population</p>
Period Ending:	Mar 2019														
Actual:	67.7														
Target:	-														
Previous Period:	67.6														
Comparator (2017-18):	58.9														
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<p>Percentage of children in care who were placed for adoption within 12 months of an agency decision that they should be adopted</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Period Ending:</td><td>Mar 2019</td></tr> <tr><td>Actual:</td><td>87.8%</td></tr> <tr><td>Target:</td><td>86.2%</td></tr> <tr><td>Previous Period:</td><td>84.2%</td></tr> <tr><td>Comparator (2016-17):</td><td>72.5%</td></tr> <tr><td>Trend:</td><td>↑</td></tr> </table>	Period Ending:	Mar 2019	Actual:	87.8%	Target:	86.2%	Previous Period:	84.2%	Comparator (2016-17):	72.5%	Trend:	↑		<p>The numbers in this dataset are relatively small and therefore can fluctuate considerably from quarter to quarter. This indicator shows our effectiveness at placing children for adoption, where a decision has been made they should be. Generally, our performance in this area is good and consistently above the latest national average of 74%. The final quarter of this year has seen 9 children in care placed for adoption, of which all 9 had been placed within 12 months of an agency decision that they should be adopted. The full year figures are 49 children placed for adoption with 43 having being placed within 12 months.</p>
Period Ending:	Mar 2019														
Actual:	87.8%														
Target:	86.2%														
Previous Period:	84.2%														
Comparator (2016-17):	72.5%														
Trend:	↑														

Council Plan Priority Area: Safeguarding, Care & Support: Children

Northamptonshire
Comparator

Average number of days between entering care and being placed for adoption	Period Ending:	Mar 2019
	Actual:	465.0
	Target:	448.0
	Previous Period:	514.6
	Comparator (2015-18):	486.0
	Trend:	↓

This indicator shows the number of days from a child first entering care to being placed with an adoptive family. Whilst it is always important to ensure the best outcome for a child when being placed for adoption it is also important that this is completed as quickly as possible. The latest performance to the end of March shows that for those adopted in the year to date the average number of days from entering care was 465 days. This is less than the previous reporting period and also lower than our statistical neighbour average from the National Adoption Scorecards.

Care Leavers in suitable accommodation Aged 19-21yrs	Period Ending:	Mar 2019
	Actual:	81.3%
	Target:	87.9%
	Previous Period:	84.7%
	Comparator (2017-18):	85.4%
	Trend:	↓

This indicator shows the percentage of young adults aged 19 to 21 who were in the care of the Authority when aged 16 who are currently in suitable accommodation.

The current performance shows that 81.3% of this cohort are currently in suitable accommodation, this represents a reduction from the previous period (-3.4%) and is lower than the most recent statistical neighbour average of 85.4% (2017-18).

Care Leavers in Education, employment or Training Aged 19-21 yrs	Period Ending:	Mar 2019
	Actual:	56.3%
	Target:	59.2%
	Previous Period:	57.2%
	Comparator (2017-18):	48.8%
	Trend:	→

This indicator shows the percentage of young adults aged 19 to 21 who were in the care of children's services when aged 16 who are now in work, further education or training or on an apprenticeship scheme.

Performance in this indicator remains consistent and is above that of our comparator group, with 56.3% of young people in this cohort in work, education or training. Whilst this is below the target we set ourselves of 59.2% for the year end, it is 7.5% above that the statistical neighbour average.

Council Plan Priority Area: Growth & Prosperity

Northamptonshire
Comparator

<p>Speed of Planning decisions</p>	<p>Period Ending: Mar 2019</p> <p>Actual: 100.0%</p> <p>Target: 90.0%</p> <p>Previous Period: 100.0%</p> <p>Comparator (Sep 2018): 95.5%</p> <p>Trend: →</p>		<p>This indicator looks at those planning applications in relation to 'county matters' (Minerals and Waste Applications). The Council has 16 weeks (unless extensions agreed) to make a decision on the application.</p> <p>The latest quarter resulted in 3 minerals and waste applications responded to and 100% of these were within the timescale. The latest published data available puts the national average for response at 92.6%.</p>
<p>Employment Rate</p>	<p>Period Ending: Dec 2018</p> <p>Actual: 78.5%</p> <p>Target: Increase</p> <p>Previous Period: 78.1%</p> <p>Comparator (Dec 2018): 75.1%</p> <p>Trend: →</p>		<p>The rate of people aged 16-64 who are in employment in Northamptonshire increased by 0.4% to 78.5% in the latest quarterly information (to Dec 2018) and is also 1.9% higher than the same point in 2017.</p> <p>Nationally, 75.1% of 16-64 year olds are in employment, putting Northamptonshire 3.4% above the national average. There is a similar gap in comparison to the regional average of 3.8% (74.7%) to the end of Dec 2018.</p>
<p>Out of work benefits Claimants</p>	<p>Period Ending: Mar 2019</p> <p>Actual: 2.1%</p> <p>Target: Reduce</p> <p>Previous Period: 1.7%</p> <p>Comparator (Mar 2019): 2.7%</p> <p>Trend: ↑</p>		<p>The Council supports the local economy through a number of projects aimed at assisting businesses to develop and grow/ create jobs. The level of claimants of out-of-work benefits has reduced in Northamptonshire in the past 3 months and stands at 2.1% at the end of March 2019. Nationally, the figures have increased, up from 2.4% to 2.7%.</p> <p>The transfer to Universal Credit has an impact on the figures being reported, particularly when comparing to other areas and historically and therefore should be treated with caution.</p>

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