

Report of Director of Children’s Services

Report to East Inner area committee

Date: 03 September 2013

Subject: Children’s Services area committee update report

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Summary of main issues

1. This report summarises performance at area committee level, with a broader acknowledgement of city level performance.
2. The rising child population in Leeds is a key challenge with regards places at schools. This is already a known issue
3. Twenty-nine per cent of children looked after come from the Inner East area committee, the highest percentage for all area committees. Twelve per cent fewer referrals came from the Inner East area in the first three months of 2012/13 compared to the first three months of 2011/12.
4. Secondary school persistent absence has reduced by four per cent, although primary school persistent absence rose by 16 per cent. One secondary school in the area (E-ACT Leeds East Academy) is now rated as inadequate by Ofsted.

Recommendations

5. Area committees are requested to note the content of this report.
6. Area committees are asked for feedback on the report.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Children's Services directorate provides six-monthly area committee reports, in March and September. These reports inform members about local outcomes for children and young people, and support the involvement of area committees in improving these outcomes by providing an update on the work of the directorate and of the Leeds Children's Trust, including local children's cluster arrangements. The progress made against local and national agendas is also highlighted.
- 1.2 The report summarises performance at area committee level, with a broader acknowledgement of city level performance. Key issues for Children's Services are highlighted, including Ofsted inspection, basic need, and child friendly city.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Children's Services' aspiration is for Leeds to be a child friendly city, with high aspirations and strong outcomes for children, young people, and families. This will be achieved by delivering the Children and Young People's Plan, focusing on the three obsessions; involving all communities and sectors in developing a child friendly city; and embedding the principles of restorative practice and Outcomes Based Accountability.

3 Main issues/key developments within Children's Services

Ofsted inspection

- 3.1 In terms of child protection, safeguarding, and children looked after services, the directorate received positive feedback from Ofsted earlier this year. Firstly in the thematic inspection of the Independent Reviewing Officer Service, and secondly during the pilot of elements of the Ofsted inspection of services for looked after children and care leavers. Ofsted have not inspected safeguarding arrangements in Leeds since 2011, indicating that Leeds is regarded much more positively than in the past, and is gaining a national reputation for innovation and improvement.
- 3.2 Ofsted are introducing a new framework, *the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers* in November 2013. This significantly raises standards and expectations of local authorities, in conjunction with the earlier change in Ofsted judgements from 'adequate' to 'requires improvement'. Despite this raising challenge and the changing inspection focus, work in Children's Services over the last 18 months has made a significant impact. Preparations are underway to ensure that the directorate is able to demonstrate to Ofsted the progress that has been made, and the continuing journey to excellence.
- 3.3 Targeted local authority inspections of support for school improvement have also been introduced by Ofsted. Preparation work is underway within the directorate, although the amount of schools rated good or better by Ofsted (83 per cent of primary schools, up seven percentage points from December; 58 per cent of secondary schools) suggests that Leeds may not be amongst the first tranche of services inspected.

Basic need

- 3.4 The rising child population in Leeds is a key challenge in ensuring there are sufficient places at schools. This is already a known issue in primary schools, and is becoming increasingly evident in secondary schools. Since the basic needs programme began in 2009, 1,020 additional reception places have been approved. A further 98 have recently been the subject of statutory notice and are awaiting a final decision; 45 more places were consulted upon during the summer term.
- 3.5 For the next three school years (2014 to 2016), 50 additional forms of entry are required to manage the increase in pupil numbers, with 22 of these additional forms of entry required for 2014. Of the 22 forms of entry, approximately one third is permanent provision, and two thirds are bulge cohorts to manage a short-term, one off increase in pupil numbers.
- 3.6 For secondary places, the pressure from the current known birth rate has already been seen in the south for September 2013 admissions to Year Seven; by 2017 there will be no spare places across the city. To meet the emerging need, as many as seven new secondary schools may be required to accommodate this pressure, and discussions with existing schools and academies about their potential to expand will take place.
- 3.7 Leeds has been awarded a £13.8m share of £820m made available by the DfE for new school places, as part of the targeted basic need programme. The places must be delivered by September 2015.

Cluster governance

- 3.8 The recent review of area working identified the need to more clearly understand the relative roles and responsibilities of area committees and other partnership bodies, including clusters used in Children's Services. The member relationship between area committees and clusters is central to this.
- 3.9 Member management committee recommended in March to strengthen local working arrangements with elected member representatives to Children's Services clusters to be appointed by area committees. This establishes a formal link between area committees and clusters, and enables and supports the building of closer working arrangements to better support the needs of children and families across the city.

Child Friendly City

- 3.10 146 ambassadors, including the Olympian Nicola Adams, and Leeds Rhinos player Danny McGuire, are helping to promote Child Friendly Leeds. 131 organisations have made pledges of support (BT, Marks and Spencer, and First Direct being amongst the headline organisations), all striving to make Leeds the best city (in which to grow up) in the UK.
- 3.11 The CBBC in Leeds event, in late July, attracted over 38,000 people. Child Friendly Leeds activities were hosted in major council venues in the city centre. There will be a 'takeover day' in November, and January 2014 will see the inaugural Child Friendly Leeds awards.

4 Performance update

4.1 Appendix one (page nine) provides data and commentary on current performance for the area committee, which is summarised below. Data from the same period 12 months ago is used where possible for direction of travel/progress analysis. Figures may be rounded up/down in the following commentary.

4.2 Further, more detailed information is available via the following websites:

- The cluster profile (<https://www.leedsinitiative.org/ClusterDataProfile.aspx>).
- The West Yorkshire observatory (<http://www.westyorkshireobservatory.org/>).
- The Department for Education's 'in your area' website (<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/inyourarea/areasearch.pl?search=Leeds>).

Inner East area committee commentary

Children and young people are safe from harm - obsession: number of children in care

4.3 There was a one per cent rise in the number of children and young people looked after between June 2012 and June 2013 (385 to 389) who come from the Inner East area committee area. This represents 29 per cent of the cohort, which is the highest share of all area committees, and is counter to the citywide reduction of five per cent across the same period. The number of children and young people entering care between April and June 2013 was 32, 11 higher (52 per cent) than the same three-month period a year ago.

4.4 There are 16 more children and young people subject to a child protection plan (181 vs 165; a 10 per cent rise) in June 2013 than June 2012. 17 per cent more CAFs (55 vs 47) were initiated in the first three months of 2012/13 than the same period a year ago. More CAFs have been initiated in the Inner East area committee area than any other area committee in the first three months of 2012/13.

4.5 Nine per cent fewer requests for service (1,701 vs 1,872), and 12 per cent fewer referrals (635 vs 721) were received from the Inner East area committee area between April and June 2013 when compared to April to June 2012. These reductions are significantly higher than the citywide reductions of four (requests for service), and three per cent (referrals).

Children and young people do well at all levels of learning and have the skills for life - obsession: young people in education employment or training
- obsession: attendance

4.6 The percentage of 'not known' young people in the Inner East area committee area has reduced by four percentage points from 9.5 per cent in June 2012 to 5.5 per cent in June 2013. The percentage of young people identified as NEET has risen from 9.7 per cent in June 2012 to 10.5 per cent in June 2013.

4.7 There is a correlation between a reduction in not known rates, and a rise in NEET levels; the status of more young people is known after sweeps and telephone calls. Targeted support offers mean that the NEET cohort is better informed and supported in trying to find/access education, employment, or training.

- 4.8 Primary school attendance rates in the Inner East area committee area declined between 2011/12 and 2012/13, by 0.7 of a percentage point to 93.9 per cent; secondary school attendance remained steady at 91.1 per cent. Both attendance rates are the lowest across all area committees.
- 4.9 Persistent absence in the Inner East area committee area rose in primary schools, and reduced in secondary schools between 2011/12 and 2012/13. Primary persistent absence rose by 58 (16 per cent; higher than the citywide rise of just under 13 per cent) from 359 to 417; secondary persistent absence reduced by 20 (four per cent) to 474.

Children and young people choose healthy lifestyles, and voice and influence

- 4.10 The number of children and young people committing an offence reduced from 238 in 2011-12 to 167 in 2012-13, a 30 per cent drop. This is in line with the citywide reduction of 30 per cent.

Local Ofsted inspections

- 4.11 There has been no overall change in the number of primary schools in the Inner East area committee area rated good or better by Ofsted (16, or 73 per cent). Six remain rated as satisfactory/requires improvement. One secondary school in the area (E-ACT Leeds East Academy) is now rated as inadequate; only one of the four is rated as good. The one children's home in the Inner East area committee area remains 'adequate'.

City commentary

- 4.12 The following paragraphs summarise partnership progress against the CYPP indicators, including the three obsessions. Appendix two (page 13) contains CYPP obsession indicator graphs and charts by area committee.

Children and young people are safe from harm

- 4.13 Children looked after numbers (1,358) are at their lowest point since November 2009, with June's figure five per cent lower than the same point 12 months ago. More children and young people entered care between April 2013 and June 2013 than the same period 12 months ago, but the numbers leaving continue to rise.
- 4.14 The number of children and young people subject to a child protection plan is virtually unchanged from a year ago at 897 (894 in June 2012). It is, however, six per cent lower than the December 2012 figure of 956.
- 4.15 Four per cent (311) fewer requests for service (contact received by the Duty and Advice Team), and three per cent (89) fewer referrals (those requests for service that were deemed to require Children's Social Work Service involvement), were received between April and June 2013 compared to the same period a year ago.
- 4.16 Twenty-seven per cent more CAFs (65) were initiated in the first three months of 2012/13 compared to the same period a year ago; this is equivalent to 22 additional CAFs per month.

- 4.17 There are five per cent more Council-employed foster carers (an increase of 28, to 578) in June 2013 than in December 2012. This should rise further in the coming months, as fourteen independent fostering agency foster carers may become Council-employed. The number of family placement foster carers is four higher in June 2013 (108) than December 2012 (104).

Children and young people do well at all levels of learning and have the skills for life

- 4.18 Primary school attendance declined by half a percentage point to 95.3 per cent between half-terms one to four in 2011/12 and half-terms one to four in 2012/13. Reception attendance information is now included in primary attendance rates after a national change. Almost thirteen per cent more primary age pupils (207) were persistently absent in the current reporting period compared to the previous one.
- 4.19 Attendance at secondary school remained level at 93.7 per cent between half-terms one to four in 2011/12 and half-terms one to four in 2012/13. Half a per cent fewer secondary school age pupils (16) were persistently absent across the same two periods. Absence in the autumn term is in line with national rates, as is the decline seen between the two periods. Although attendance has declined slightly, the most recent figures are the second best attendance rates recorded in Leeds.
- 4.20 NEET and 'not known' levels have significantly reduced across the city; NEET sweeps and the use of Welfare Call have contributed to this. Young people identified as NEET are offered targeted support to help them with pathways to EET. The graphs in appendix two show the changes in the last 12 months for each area committee, especially the reduction in the not known cohort.
- 4.21 Complementing the core devolved youth contract support programme in Leeds, local clusters and/or partnerships of clusters are being funded to deliver local innovation projects (eg providing provision of targeted mental health, counselling, and bespoke motivational programmes). The aim is to contribute to the reduction of 16 to 17 year-old NEETs in localities by increasing young people's experience and qualifications, so they have the opportunity to continue in education and successfully find work.

Children and young people choose healthy lifestyles

- 4.22 Survey work and analysis on free school meal data are still underway. An update will be provided to area committees in a later report.

Children and young people are active citizens who feel they have a voice and influence

- 4.23 The number of young people committing an offence between April 2012 and March 2013 was almost a third lower than the same period in 2011/12, reflecting the national trend.

Ofsted inspections

- 4.24 Eighty-three per cent of primary schools (180) are rated as good or better in July 2013, seven percentage points higher (15 more schools) than in July 2012. Four fewer primary schools are rated as outstanding across the same period, and three more primary schools are rated as inadequate.
- 4.25 The percentage of secondary schools rated as good or better has reduced by three percentage points to 58 per cent in July 2013, from 61 per cent in December 2012 (one less school). One more secondary school is rated as inadequate.
- 4.26 There have been no inspections of children's centres in Leeds since the last update report. A new inspection framework begins in September; an update to area committees will be provided later.
- 4.27 73 per cent (eight) of the eleven directly managed local authority children's homes in Leeds are currently rated good or outstanding, a significant improvement from 36 per cent (four) that were good or outstanding at 31 December 2012. The other three children's homes are currently rated adequate/satisfactory.

5 Corporate considerations

5.1 Consultation and engagement

- 5.1.1 This report is for area committee meetings, which involve a wide range of partners and stakeholders. Consultation and engagement is integral to the work of Children's Services and the Children's Trust, as evidenced in child friendly city work.

5.2 Equality and diversity/cohesion and integration

- 5.2.1 Equality issues are implicit in the information provided. The differences shown illustrate that there are different levels of need and of outcomes across the city. Additional equality analysis of the information provided is undertaken, and the detailed information already provided to clusters is powerful intelligence that can be used to help focus priorities and narrow the gap.

5.3 Council policies and city priorities

- 5.3.1 A significant proportion of the information included in this report relates to the city priorities for children and young people and the outcomes contained in the CYPP.

5.4 Resources and value for money

- 5.4.1 There are no resource implications in this report.

5.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 5.5.1 This report is not eligible for call in, due to being a Council function.

5.6 Risk management

- 5.6.1 There are no risk management implications in this report. The priorities reflected in this report are monitored through Leeds City Council performance and, where appropriate, risk management processes.

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 Not applicable, as this report is information based.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Inner East area committee is requested to note the content of this report.

- 7.2 The Inner East area committee is asked for feedback on the report.

8 Background documents¹

- 8.1 There are no background documents to accompany this report.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Appendix one: performance data for Inner East area committee

Autumn 2013 Children's Services performance update

Measure	Leeds	Inner E	Data period	Highest	Average	Lowest		
1. Number of children and young people 0-19	173,462	24,510	January 2013	24,510	17,289	11,609		
2. Percentage of children and young people	n/a	14.1%	January 2013	14.1%	10.0%	6.7%		
3. Number of primary schools	218	22	Current	28	22	15		
4. Number of secondary schools	36	4	Current	6	4	2		
4a. Number of through schools	2	0	Current	2	0	0		
5. Number of children's centres	58	11	Current	11	6	3		
<p>Commentary</p> <p>The Inner East area committee has 14.1 per cent of the city's 0-19 population, (24,510 children and young people, the largest number of all area committees). There are 22 primary schools, four secondary schools, and 11 children's centres located within the area committee boundary.</p>								
Keeping children safe from harm	Leeds	Inner E			Current data period	Current reporting period		
		Current reporting period (June 2013)	Previous reporting period (June 2012)	Direction of travel		Highest	Average	Lowest
6. Number of children looked after	1,358	389	385	↔	30 June 2013	389	131	22
7. Number of children entering care	106	32	21	↔	Apr-Jun 2013	32	14	5
8. Number of children subject to a child protection plan	897	181	165	↔	30 June 2013	217	88	15
9. Number of CAFs initiated	308	55	47	↗	Apr-Jun 2013	55	30.2	17
10. Number of requests for service	8,695	1,701	1,872		Apr-Jun 2013	1,701	794	347
11. Number of requests for service leading to a referral	2,964	635	721		Apr-Jun 2013	635	282	83
12. Number of LCC-employed foster carers	578	83	81	↗	30 June 2013	83	50	23
12a. Number of family placement foster carers	108	7	7		30 June 2013	16	11	6

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Do well in learning and have the skills for life	Leeds	Inner E			Current data period	Current reporting period		
		Current reporting period (June 2013)	Previous reporting period (June 2012)	Direction of travel		Highest	Average	Lowest
13. Primary school attendance levels	95.3%	93.9%	94.6%		2012-13 HT 1-4	96.2%	95.3%	93.9%
14. Secondary school attendance levels	93.7%	91.1%	91.1%		2012-13 HT 1-4	94.6%	93.3%	91.1%
15. Number of pupils persistently absent at primary	1,839	417	359	↗	2012-13 HT 1-4	417	184	83
16. Number of pupils persistently absent at secondary	3,067	474	494		2012-13 HT 1-4	474	307	162
17. Number of NEET ⁱ	1,501	330	310	↗	30 June 2013	330	149	47
17a. Percentage of NEET ⁱ	6.7%	10.5%	9.7%	↗	30 June 2013	10.5%	6.2%	2.6%
18. Number of 'not knows'	1,283	172	303		30 June 2013	408	116	41
18a. Percentage of 'not knows'	5.5%	5.5%	9.5%		30 June 2013	14.5%	4.7%	2.2%

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Primary school attendance rates in the Inner East area committee area declined between 2011/12 and 2012/13, by 0.7 of a percentage point to 93.9 per cent; secondary school attendance remained steady at 91.1 per cent. Both attendance rates are the lowest across all area committees.

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Voice and influence	Leeds	Inner E			Current data period	Current reporting period		
		Current reporting period Apr 12 - Mar 13	Previous reporting period Apr 11 - Mar 12	Direction of travel		Highest	Average	Lowest
19. 10-17 year olds committing an offence	672	167	238		Apr 12 - Mar 13	167	67	18
Ofsted inspections	Leeds	Inner E			Current data period	Current reporting period		
		Current reporting period (July 13)	Previous reporting period (July 12)	Direction of travel		Highest	Average	Lowest
20. Percentage of primary schools good or better	83%	73%	73%		31 July 2013	93%	82%	68%
21. Percentage of secondary schools good or better	58%	25%	25%		31 July 2013	75%	56%	25%
22. Percentage of children's centres good or better	81%	75%	75%		31 July 2013	100%	88%	60%
23. Percentage of children's homes good or better	73%	0%	0%		31 July 2013	100%	58%	0%
Ofsted judgement - Inner East	Current period: 31 July 2013				Previous period: 31 Dec 2012			
	Outstanding	Good	Satisfactory	Inadequate	Outstanding	Good	Satisfactory	Inadequate
24. Primary schools	4	12	6	0	4	12	6	0
25. Secondary schools	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	0
26. SILCs (citywide)								
27. Pupil referral units (citywide)								
28. Children's centres	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0
29. Children's homes	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

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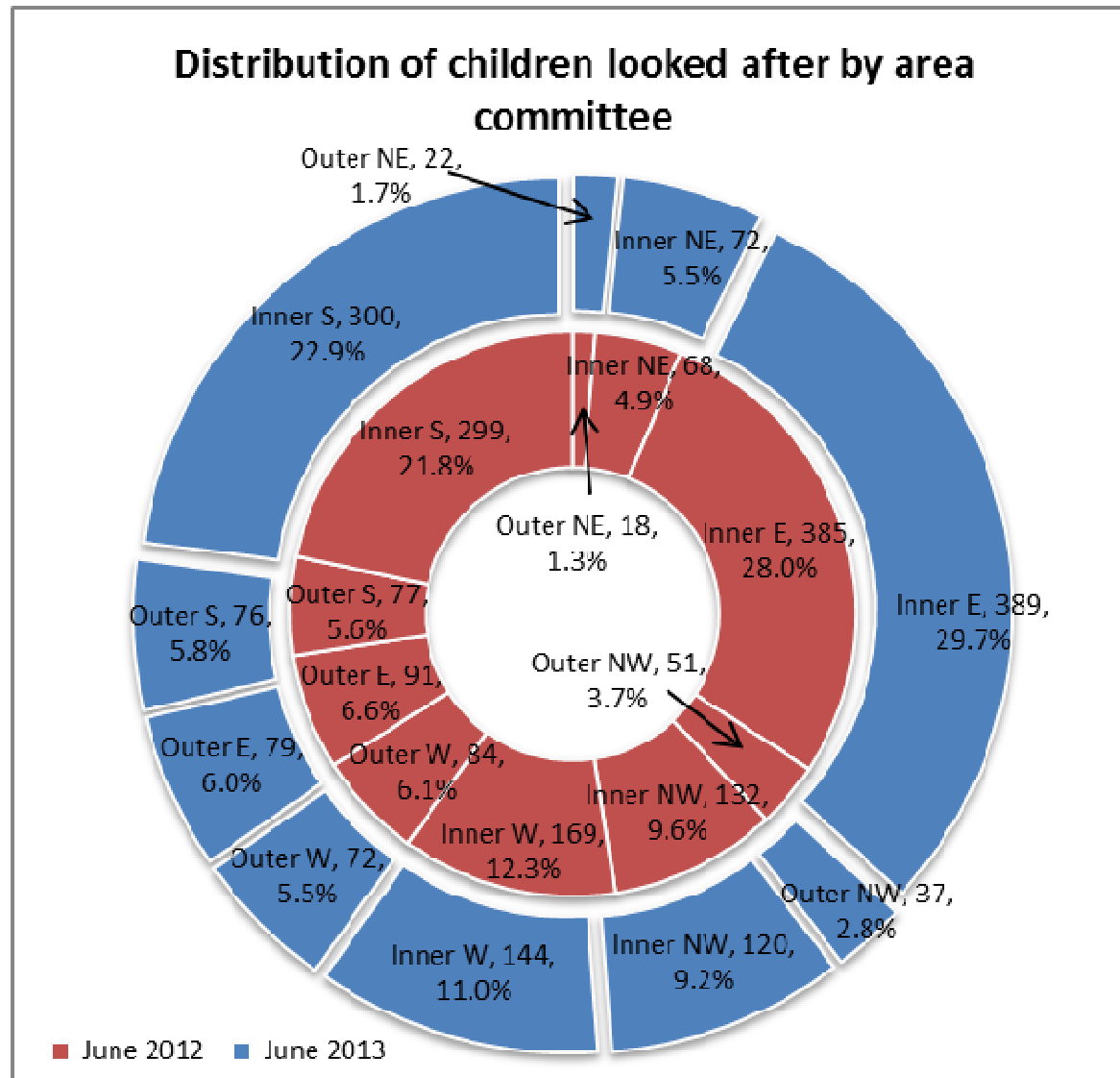
Secondary schools	Current period (July 13)		Previous period (December 12)		Direction of travel	
	Ofsted	Attendance	Ofsted	Attendance	Ofsted	Attendance
David Young Community Academy	2	90.7%	2	91.7%		
E-ACT Leeds East Academy	4	88.2%	3	89.5%		
Mount St Mary's	3	92.9%	3	92.7%		æ
The Co-operative Academy	3	91.3%	3	87.9%		æ

Key: AY - academic year FY - financial year HT - half term ... data below five (suppressed for confidentiality)

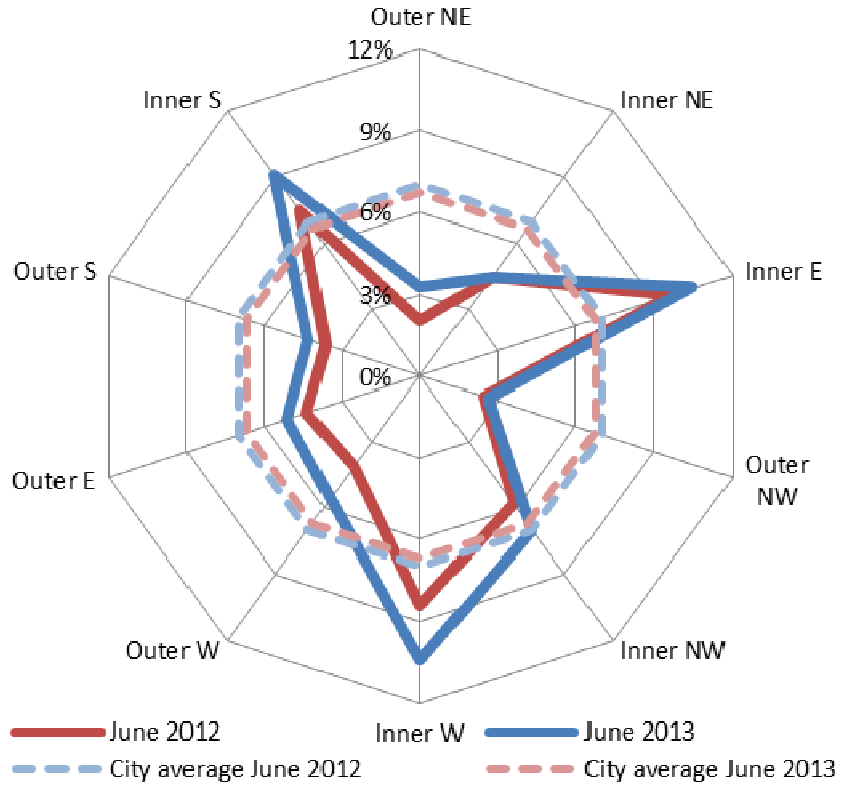
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¹ The citywide figure reports 'adjusted NEET' (see data definitions), the area committee figures do not take account of 'adjusted NEET'

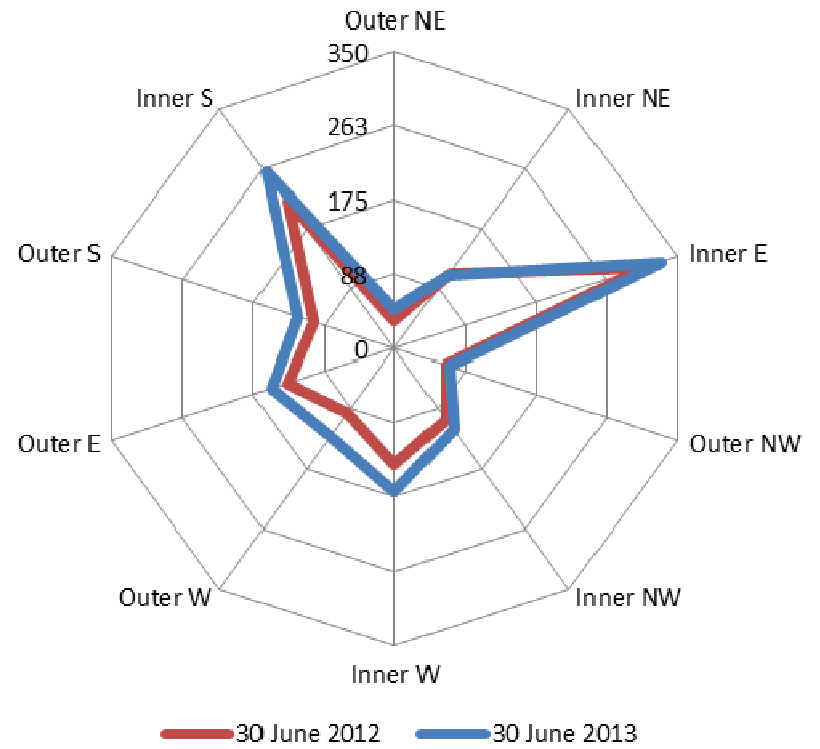
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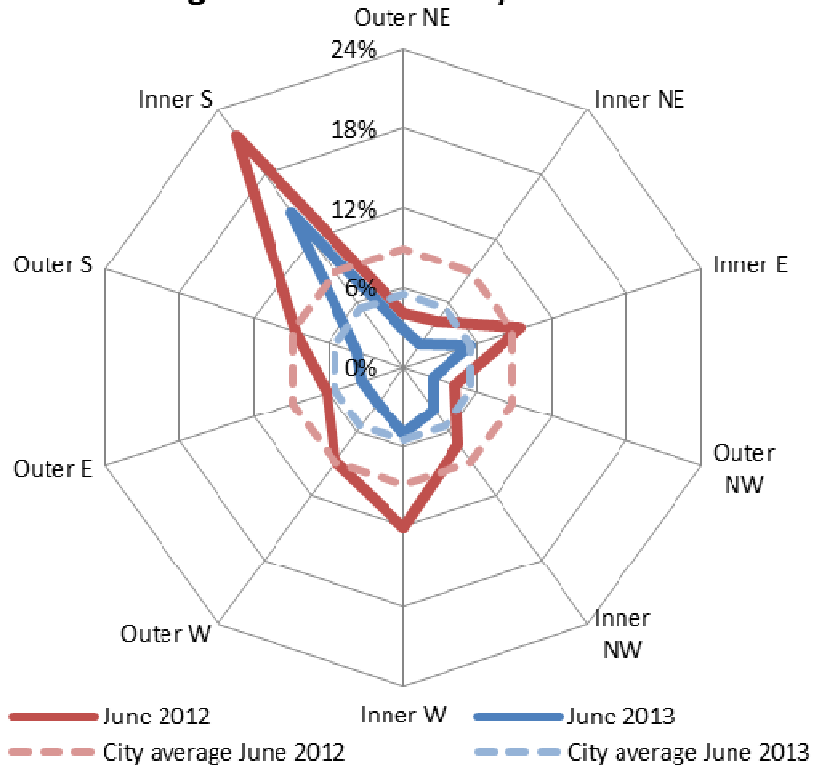
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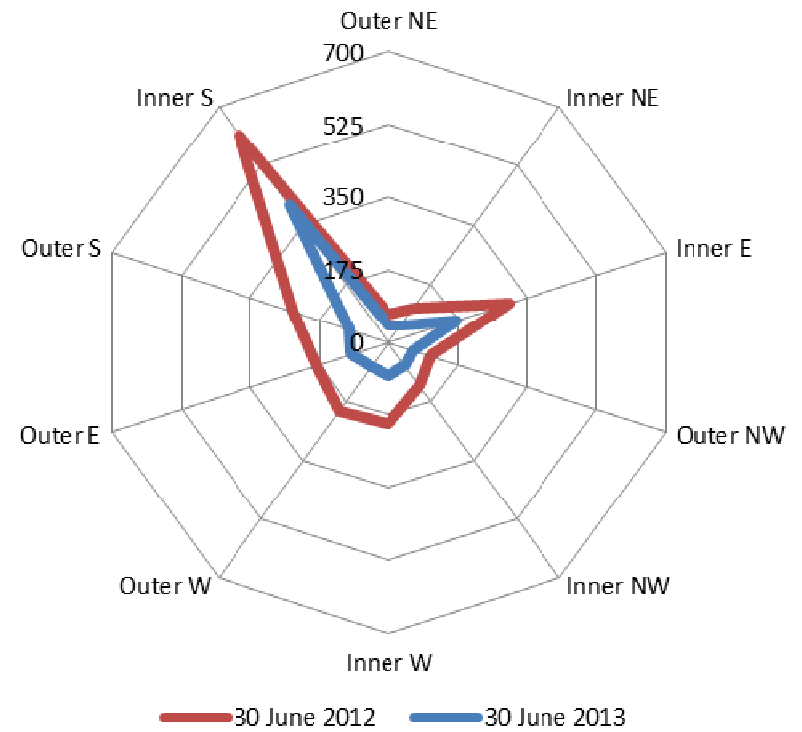
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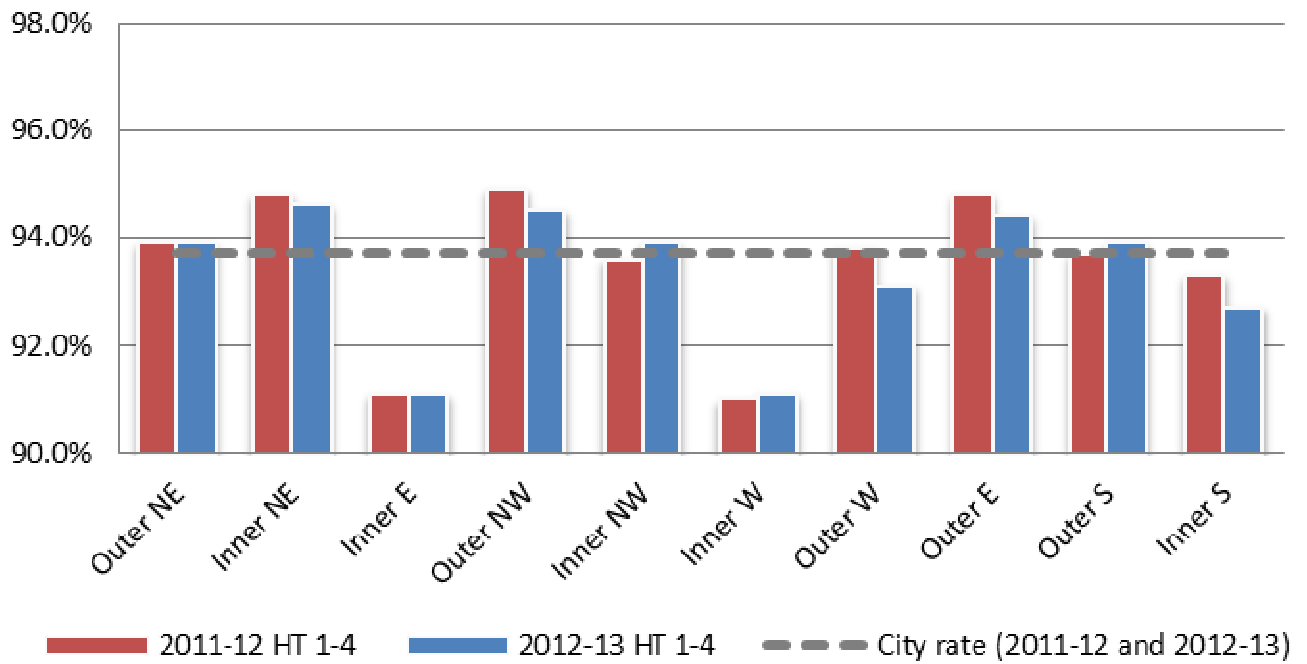
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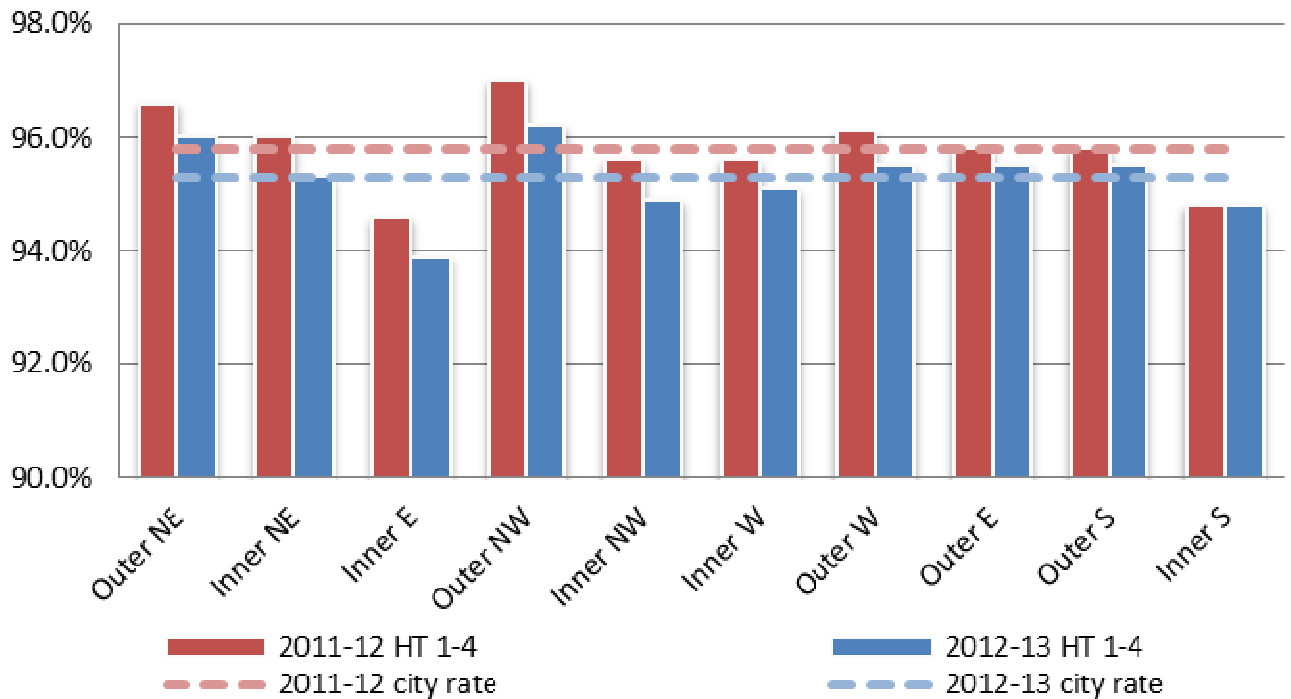
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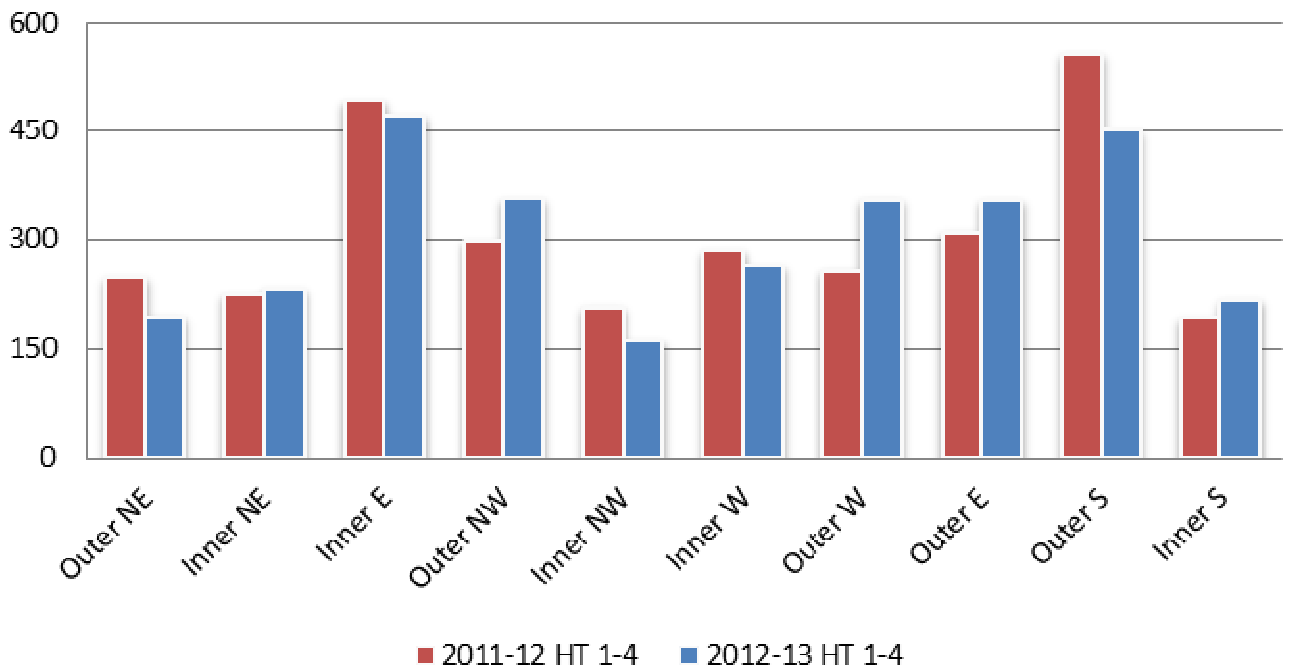
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