



Transforming SEND and Inclusion in Leicestershire













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TSIL PERFORMANCE

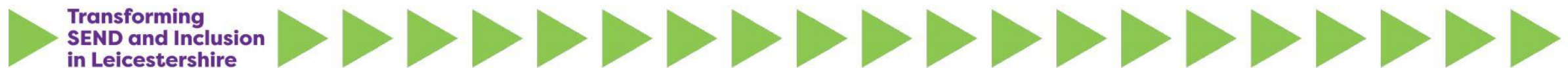
June 2024



Journey of Impact: Key Programme Statistics

 <p>4.5K</p> <p>Inclusive Practice Toolkit views since its launch in August 2023</p>	 <p>17</p> <p>Schools or Trusts have gone through or are currently in the Setting Specific Planning process</p>	 <p>200</p> <p>People from across the local SEND system attended the December all-system events where programme insights were shared</p>	 <p>2x</p> <p>Educational Psychology Advices produced per month compared to February 2023</p>	 <p>1/3</p> <p>Pupils that are referred to specialist decisions are now being supported in mainstream schools instead</p>
 <p>£62m</p> <p>Forecast cumulative deficit until FY27/28 is being brought down accounting for profiled programme benefits</p>	 <p>£21m</p> <p>Is expected to be delivered across the opportunity duration, in the next few FYs, based on operational impacts in FY 23/24</p>	 <p>17</p> <p>Tableau dashboards are being developed, with all interim versions live, offering visibility to support strategic decision-making</p>	 <p>44</p> <p>EY children are now better supported in mainstream settings instead of specialist, in 23/24 compared to baseline projections</p>	 <p>94%</p> <p>Of the surveyed SENA staff agreed that changes in their ways of working will lead to long-term benefits</p>

* Data as of 08/02/2024

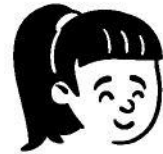


We have received positive feedback across the SEND system



Case Manager

I feel capable and confident in my role for the first time ever.



Child with SEND

I found happiness. I am not afraid anymore.



Hearing Support, STS

I was able to point a parent towards information that wasn't available before through the (Inclusive Practice) toolkit.



Primary SENCo

It's been really empowering being part of the design groups and having a voice in how the system changes.



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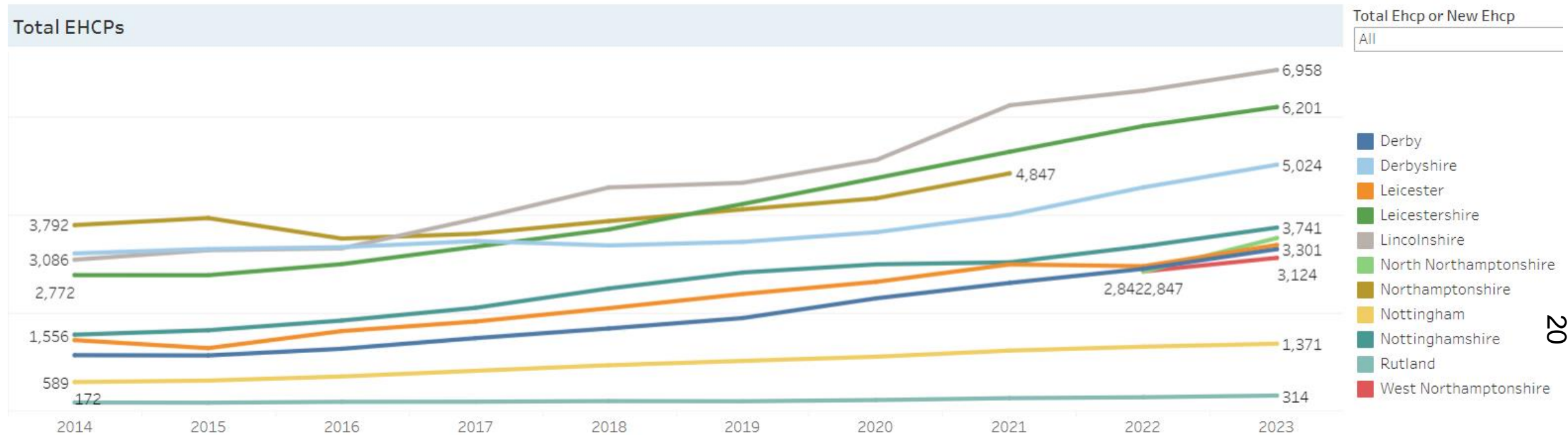
Something I've found super useful already is the split in SENA teams. I've got answers straight away and people are being so helpful. That was both a SENIF application, EHCP application and everything I've asked for.



Numbers of EHCP total over time

Source: SEN2 2023 DfE data release (tableau)

East Midlands 2023 Education, Health and Care Plans DfE data release

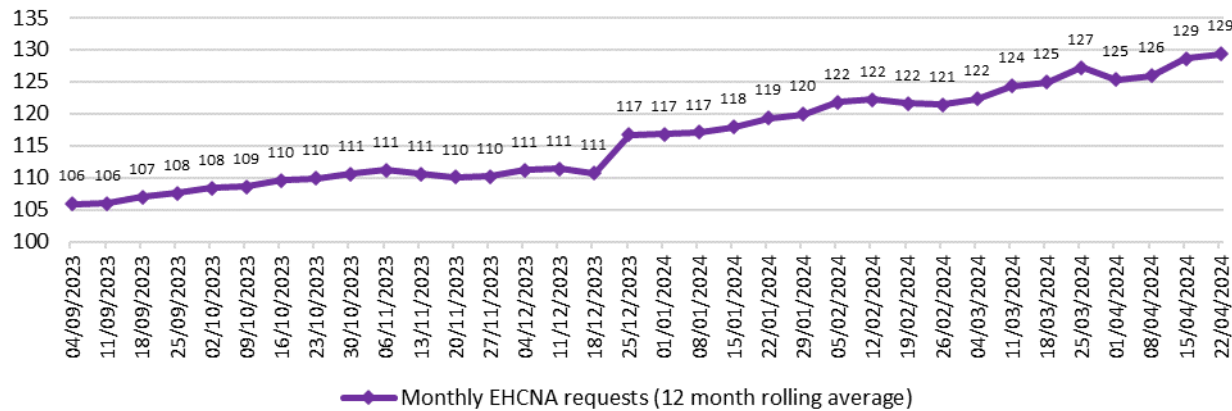


- Within Leicestershire (dark green line):
 - EHCP's increased from 2772 in 2014 to 6,201 in 2023. Rose to 6618 in April 2024 – no comparable data available.
- Other LAs within the East Midlands:
 - Significant rises in EHCPs over the last 10 years, but rate of increase for Leicestershire is more pronounced.

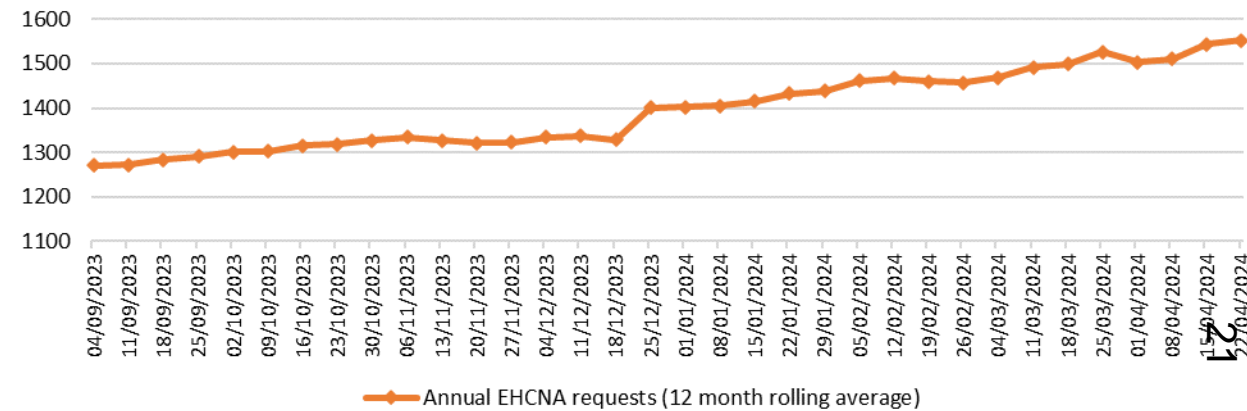


Demand for Education Health & Care Needs Assessments is increasing

Average EHCNA Requests per month
12 month rolling average

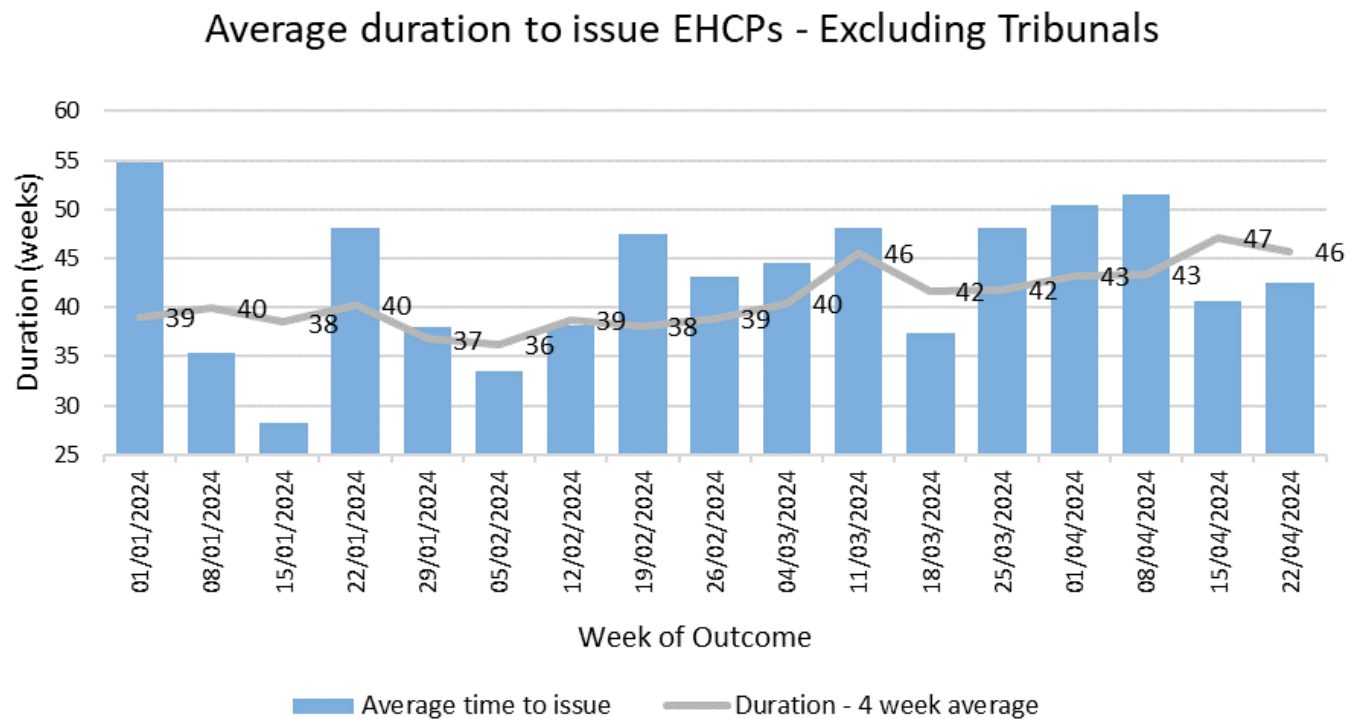


Average Annual EHCNA Requests
12 month rolling average



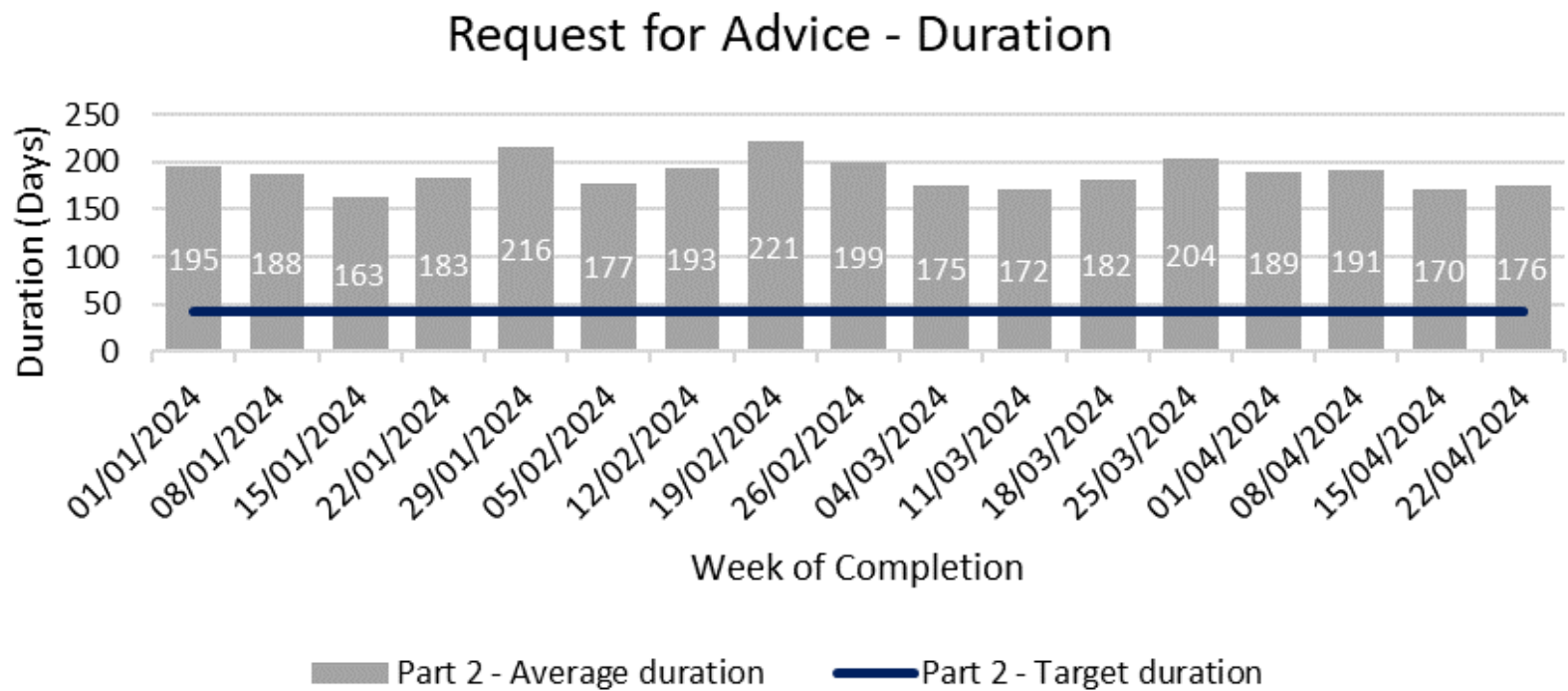
- Month on month increase in demand of around 20 additional assessments per month since September 2023.
- Average annual number of EHCNA requests increased from 1271 to 1520 over the same time period (+ 22%).
- Nationally, requests for EHCNAs reflect a similar increase (+ 23%) from 2021 to 2022.
- Initial requests have increased each year since EHC plans were introduced.

EHCPs Issued - Overall Timeliness



- Average time to complete needs assessments has risen to around the same level as 2022 (baseline 43 weeks).
- Overall timeliness of issuing of EHCPs is well over the target of 20 weeks for completion & significantly out of line with national figures.
- In April, Leicestershire rolling average of 3.8% of EHCNAs completed within 20-weeks (compared to average 55.2% all English LAs).



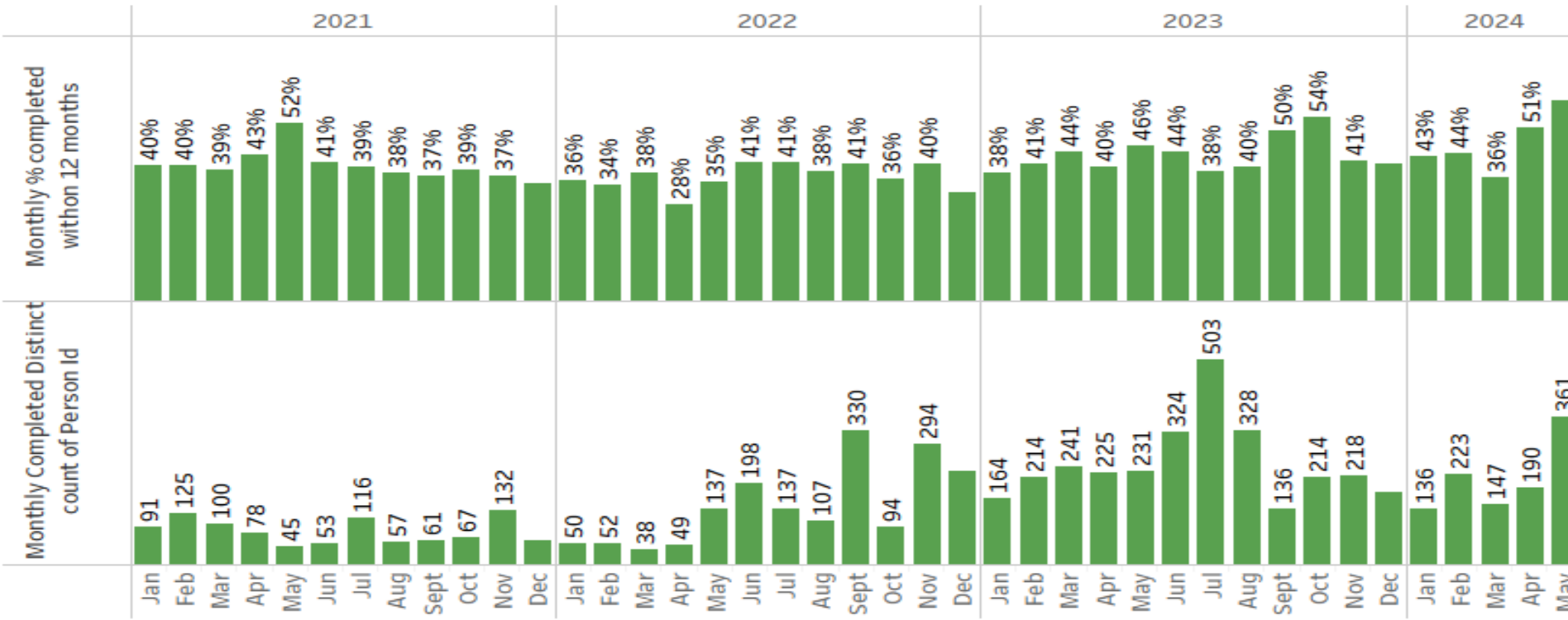


- Timeliness on requests for Educational Psychology (EP) advice continues to track significantly above the target duration.
- Significantly impacting overall timeliness as average time taken to return EP advice is in excess of the 20-week target for the whole EHCNA process (140 days).
- Ongoing EP recruitment alongside recruitment of locum EPs to increase throughput of advice issued is in place.

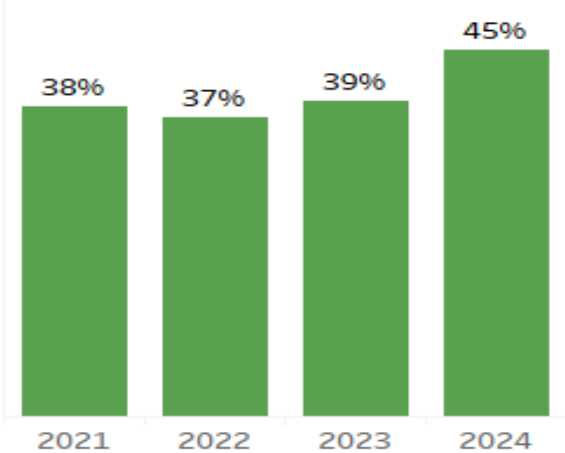
4b Percentage of Annual Reviews completed within the 12-month time scale %

Annual Reviews completed

4b. Percentage of Annual Reviews completed within the 12-month time scale %



2,082
2024



Currently 6618 EHCPs

- At any one time there are a number of children awaiting a specialist placement.
- The majority of these children are in a placement or mainstream but their annual review or EHCP has assessed that they need a different type of placement to meet their needs.
- Continue to open new specialist provisions across the county, including a new special school opening in September 2024

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Actions taking place to improve timeliness

- The Transforming SEND and Inclusion in Leicestershire (TSIL) programme is now focused on ongoing Continuous Improvement, bringing together a range of initiatives targeting an improvement in timeliness and quality across Education and SEND.
- Work to improve timeliness can be broken down into a number of key actions focused on different parts of the assessment and review process:
 - Recruitment of 5 additional SENA caseworkers who are pivotal in supporting parents to choose a setting able to meet the needs of their child.
 - Structural changes in SENA – dedicated assessment, review and placement teams were established within the SENA service at the end of 2023.
 - Additional locum Educational Psychology staff have been recruited to tackle the increasing number of requests for Educational Psychology advice, a key component in overall time taken to complete an EHCNA assessment.
 - Investigating opportunities to expedite completed reviews through additional capacity in SENA.

