

# Overview of Children Services Performance

## Appendix 1

(Data Position at the end of Quarter 3 – December  
17)

# Notes for consideration when reviewing the data

- Swindon is a member of the Southern Benchmarking group. This provides 17/18 in year benchmarking data, and allows comparison with authorities in the southern and south east. This is included on the graph where relevant
- Swindon also reports to the South West benchmarking group for in year comparator data, and that is also indicated on the graphs for the relevant measures
- Targets are shown where they have been set for specific measures.
- The data position is based on the year to date performance at the end of December 17, with December 17 snapshot population measures

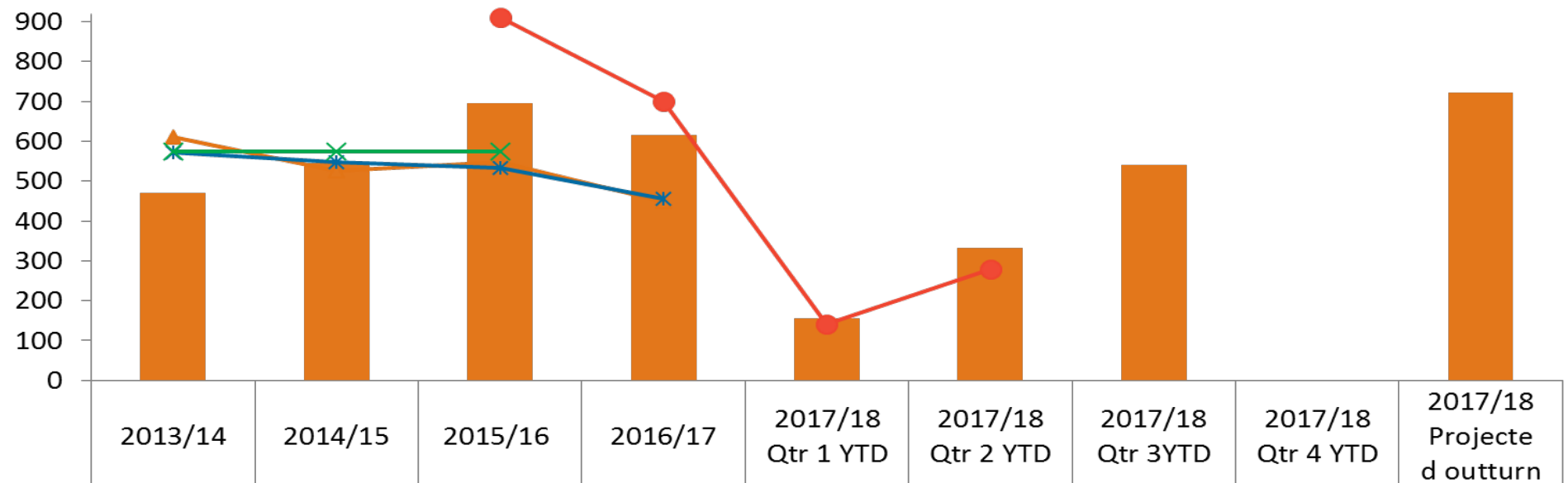
# The number of referrals to Social Care per 10,000 population aged under 18

The latest reporting for end of quarter 3 of 17/18 indicates 2651 referrals were completed between April and December 17, up from 2235 for the same period in the previous year. The graph shows annual trend, and cumulative year to date, with full year projection to March 18.

Target 17/18: 575 per 10,00 pop U18

Outturn 16/17: 616.5 per 10,000 pop U18

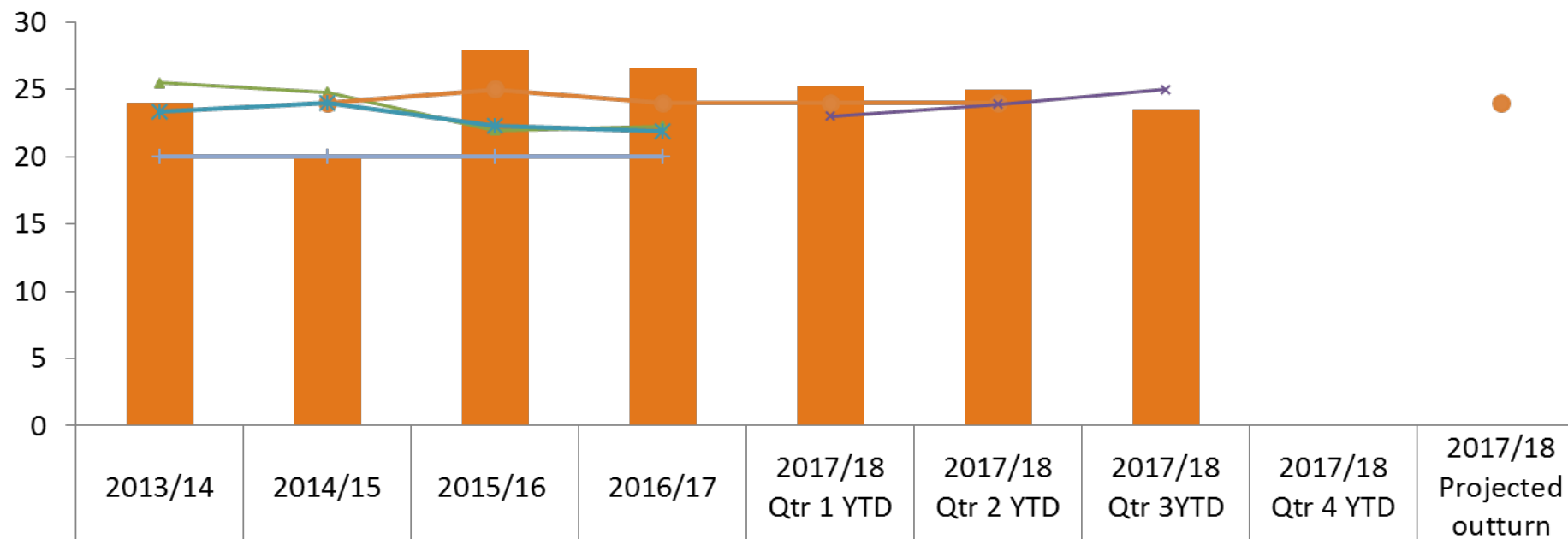
Qtr. 3 outturn 17/18: 541 Per 10,000 pop.



Swindon	470.8	545.2	694.5	616.5	155.2	332.6	541.0		721.3
Statistical Neighbours	611.6	527.1	547.8	448.8					
Southern Benchmark			911.0	700.1	140.2	278.4			
England	573.0	548.3	532.2	456.8					
Target	575.0	575.0	575.0						

# Re- Referrals to Children's Social Care within 12 months

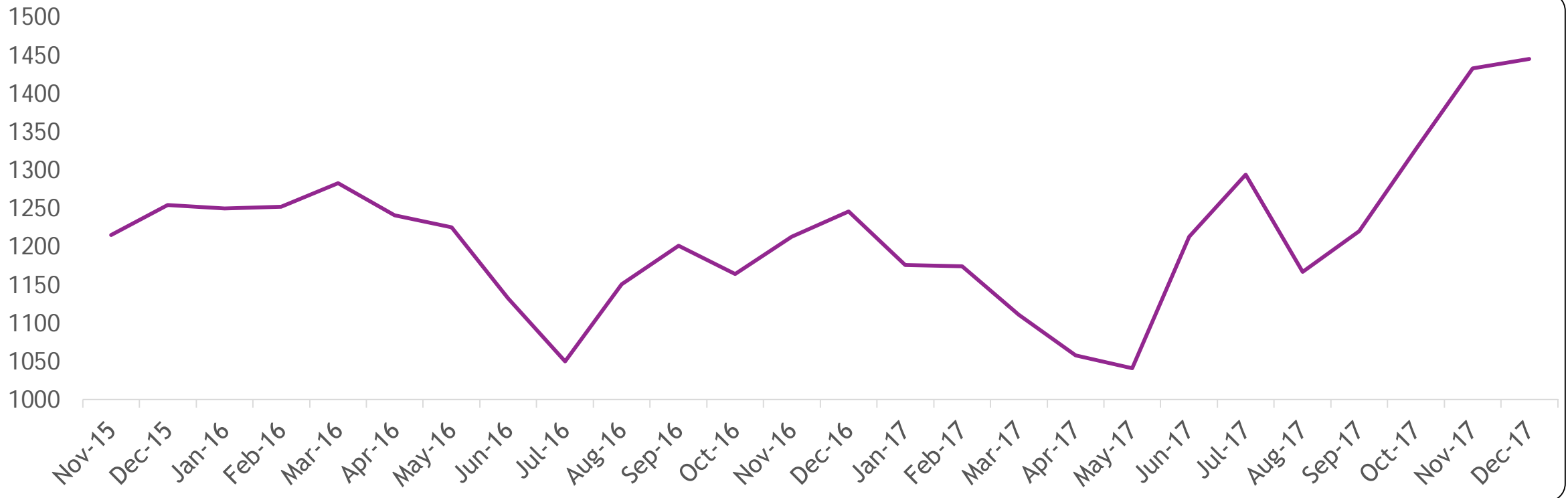
cumulative performance for April - December was 23.5% which relates to 627 re-referrals. Swindon is in line with all comparators for this measure.



Swindon	24.0	20.1	27.9	26.6	25.2	25.0	23.5		
Statistical Neighbours	25.5	24.8	22.0	22.3					
Southern benchmark		24.0	25.0	24.0	24.0	24.0			24.0
SW benchmark					23.0	23.9	25.0		
England	23.4	24.0	22.3	21.9					
Target	20	20	20	20					

# Section 17 - Children in Need

- The number of children who are section 17 children in need varies over the months, and fluctuations are sometimes caused by a delay in case closure on the system, following by data cleansing exercise
- There were 1445 children in need as at the end of December 17
- Overall, though numbers are increasing over time, and this has been particularly notable since August 17.
- Swindon is higher than statistical and national average



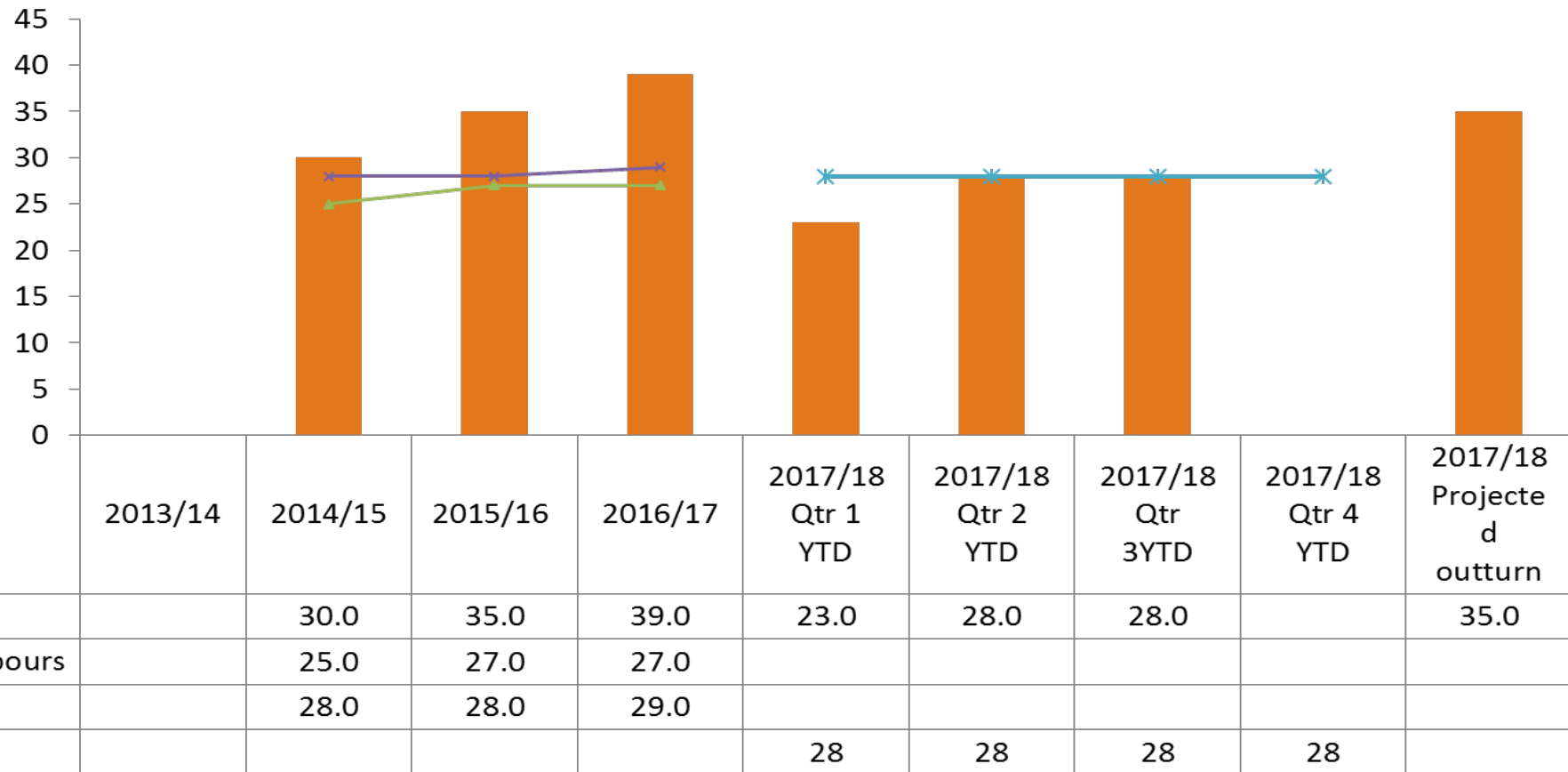
# Average number of days taken to complete statutory assessments

- Performance in relation to assessments completed within the reporting year is positive at the end of quarter 3 with an average duration of 28 days. This has improved from 39 days in 16/17.
- Swindon completes a higher number of assessments compared with others, and 2244 assessments were completed between April and December 17

17/18 target: 28

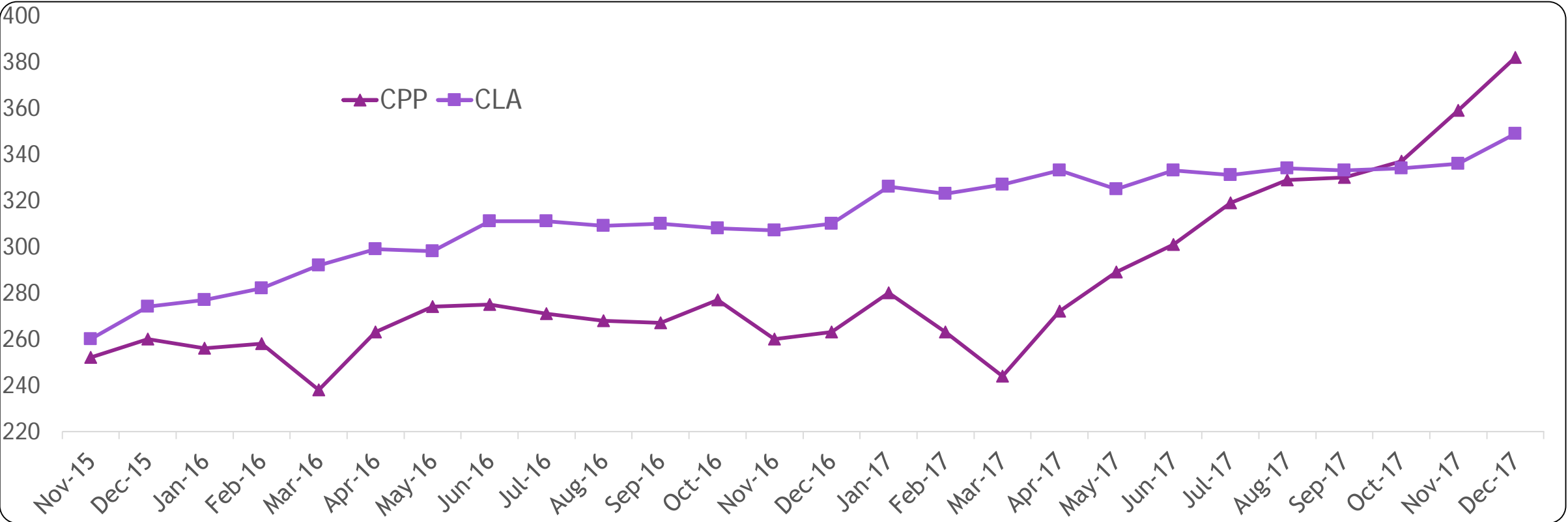
16/17 outturn: 39

17/18 qtr. 3 outturn:  
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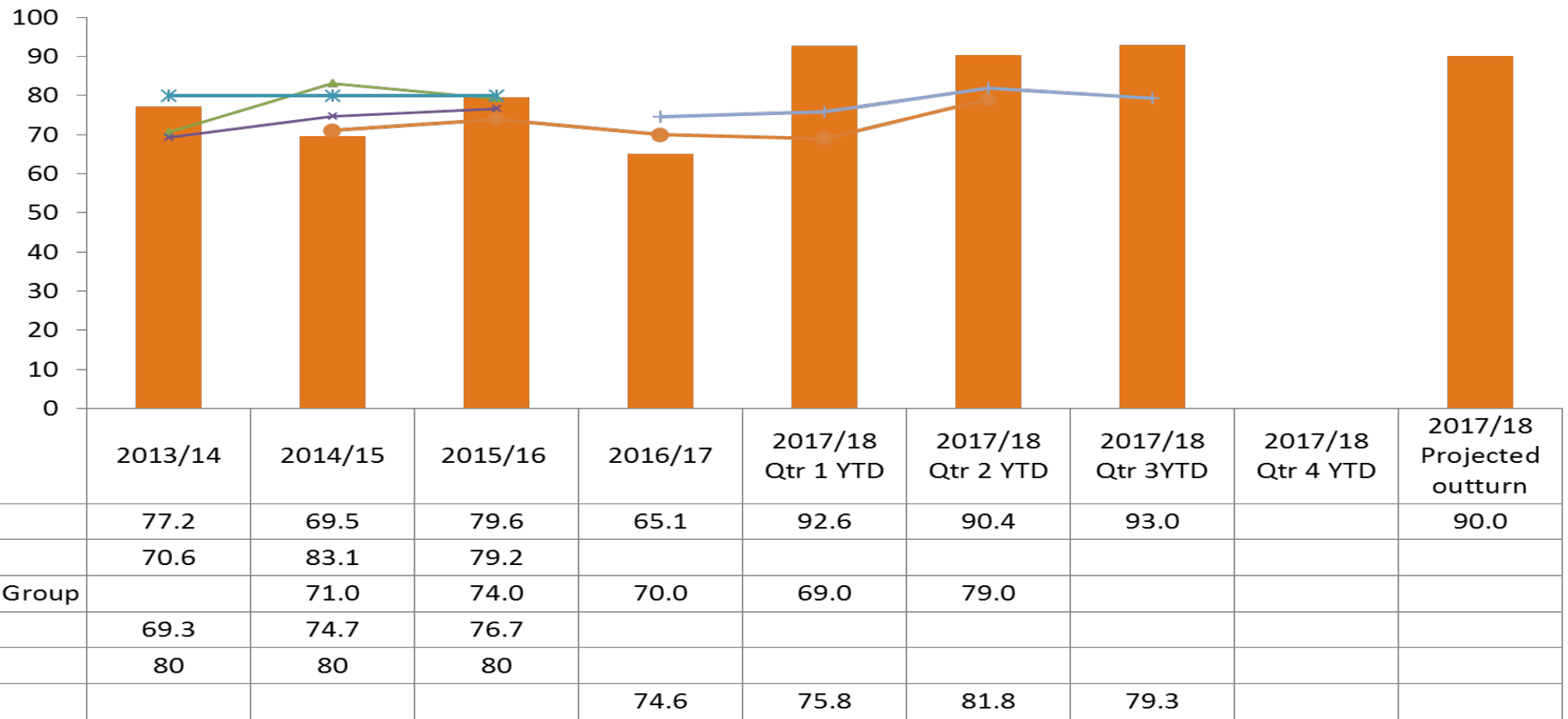
# Number of children on Child Protection Plans, and Children Looked After

- The numbers of children on a child protection plan has been increasing steadily and is above national and statistical neighbour average. There were 382 children on plans at the end of December 17.
- The number of children looked after has also increased, and is slightly above national and statistical neighbour average with 341 children looked after at the end of December 17



# % of children going to Child Protection Conference within 15 working days

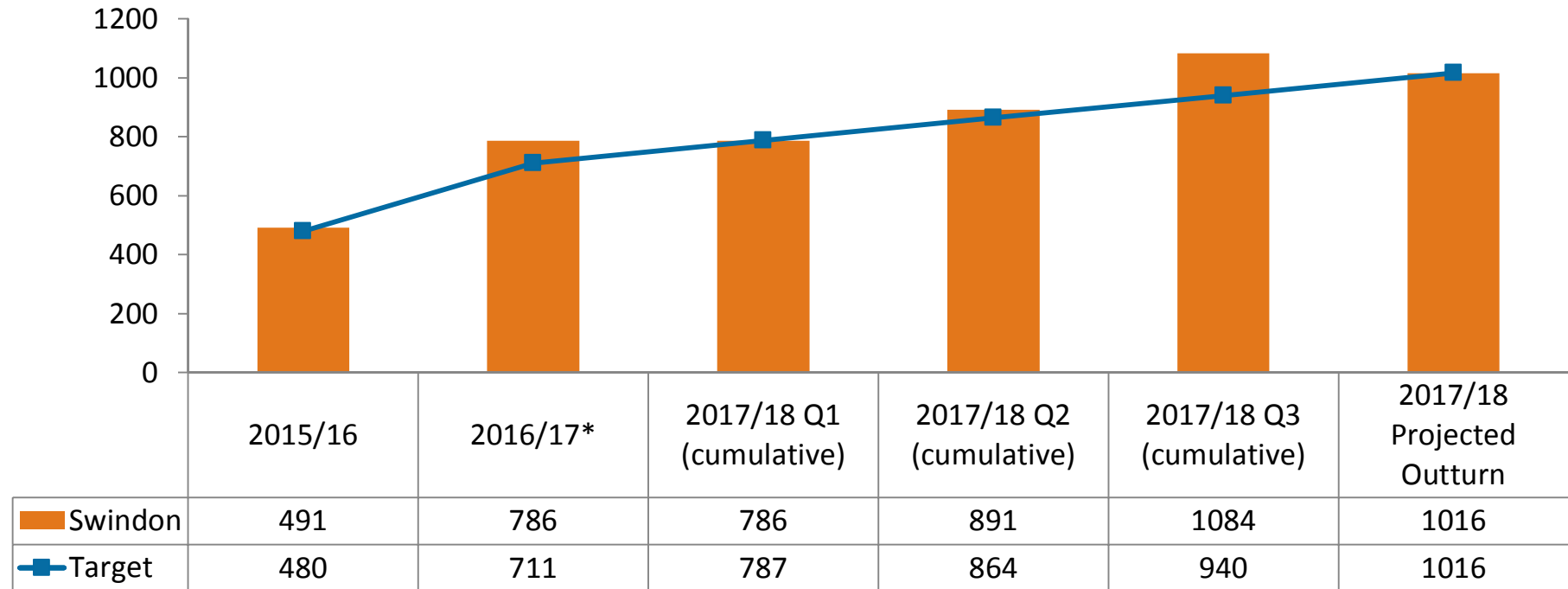
93% of children had a child protection conference within 15 working days of the decision to go To conference. This is positive and strong performance in relation to timeliness.





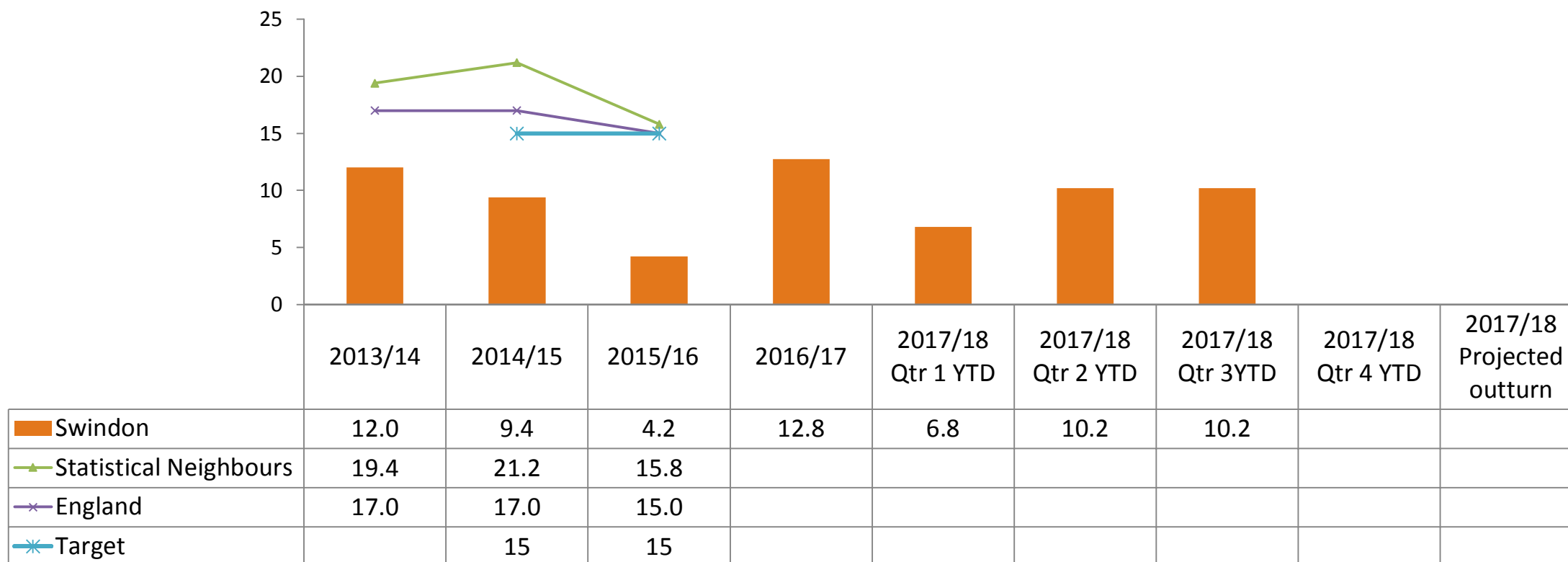
# Number of Troubled Families Engaged

The number of families engaged in the programme is on target for 17/18, and the number Of claims is increasing which is positive



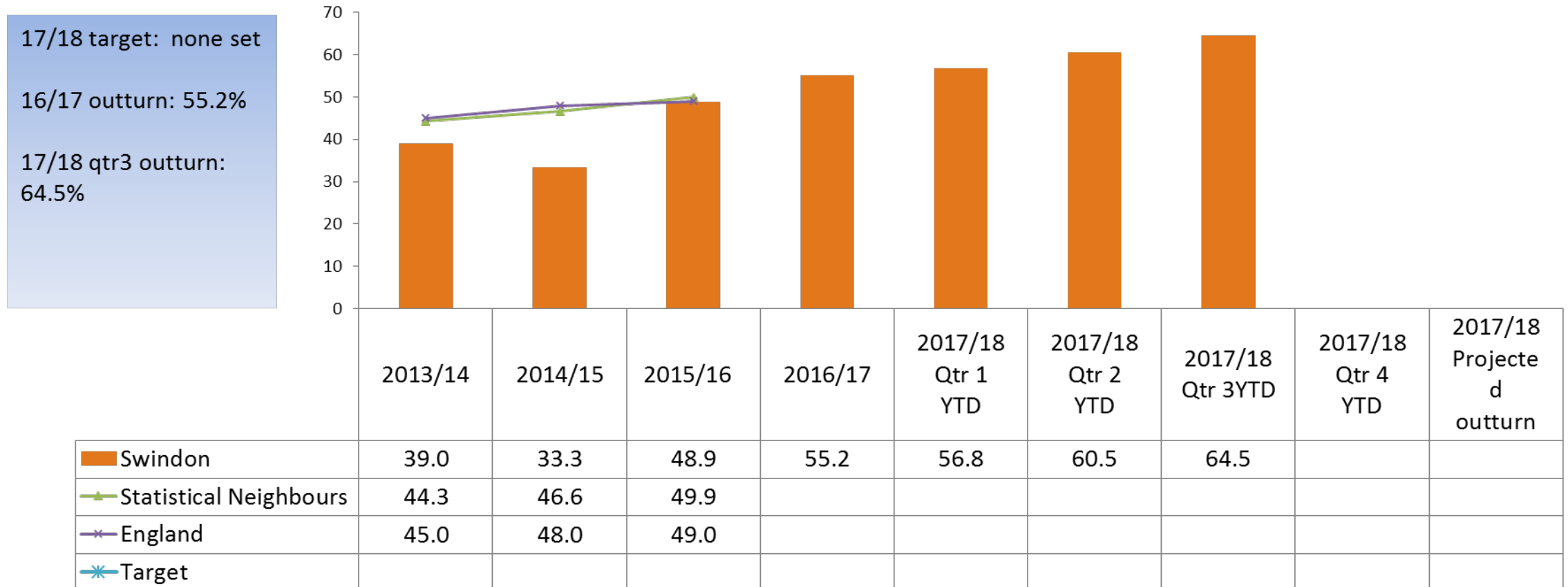
## % of children ceasing care to be adopted

This measure reports the percentage of children ceasing to be looked after adopted in year. 12.8% (19 out of 149 children ceasing care) of children ceasing care were adopted during 16/17 up from 4.2% in 15/16. 10.2%, (14) of children were adopted between April and December 17.



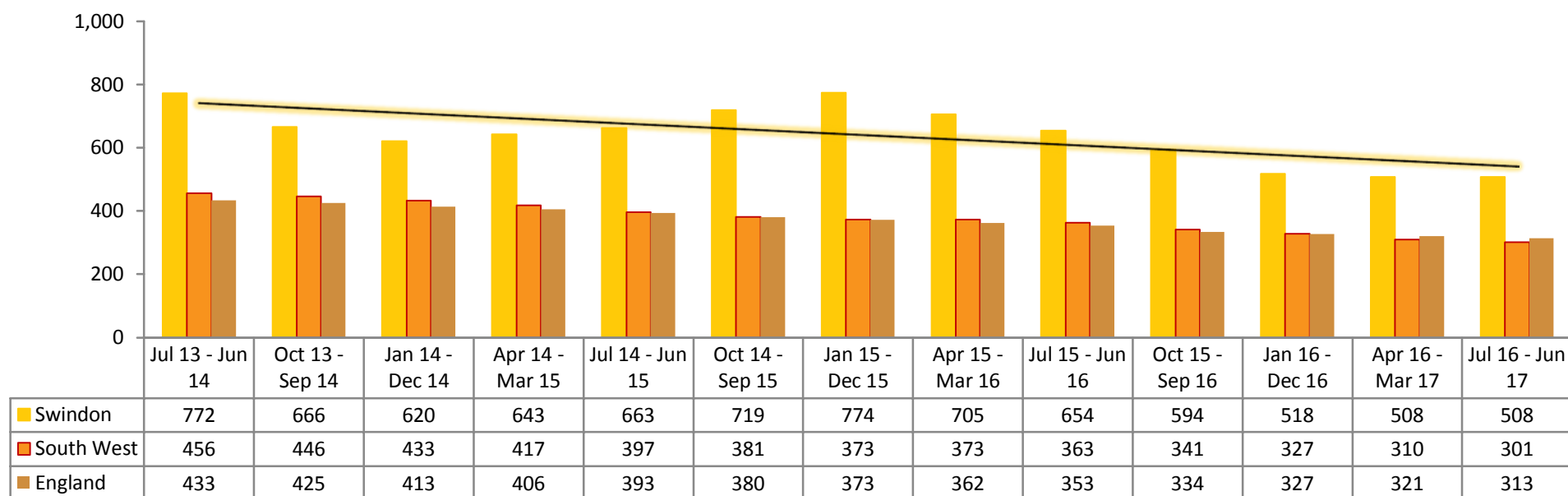
## % of Care Leavers engaged in Education/Employment/Training

Performance is currently better than that national average for 2017/18. This equates to 78 out of 121 care leavers. A dedicated Improvement Plan is in place to address this measure. Performance improvements are reflected in the latest data which is positive.



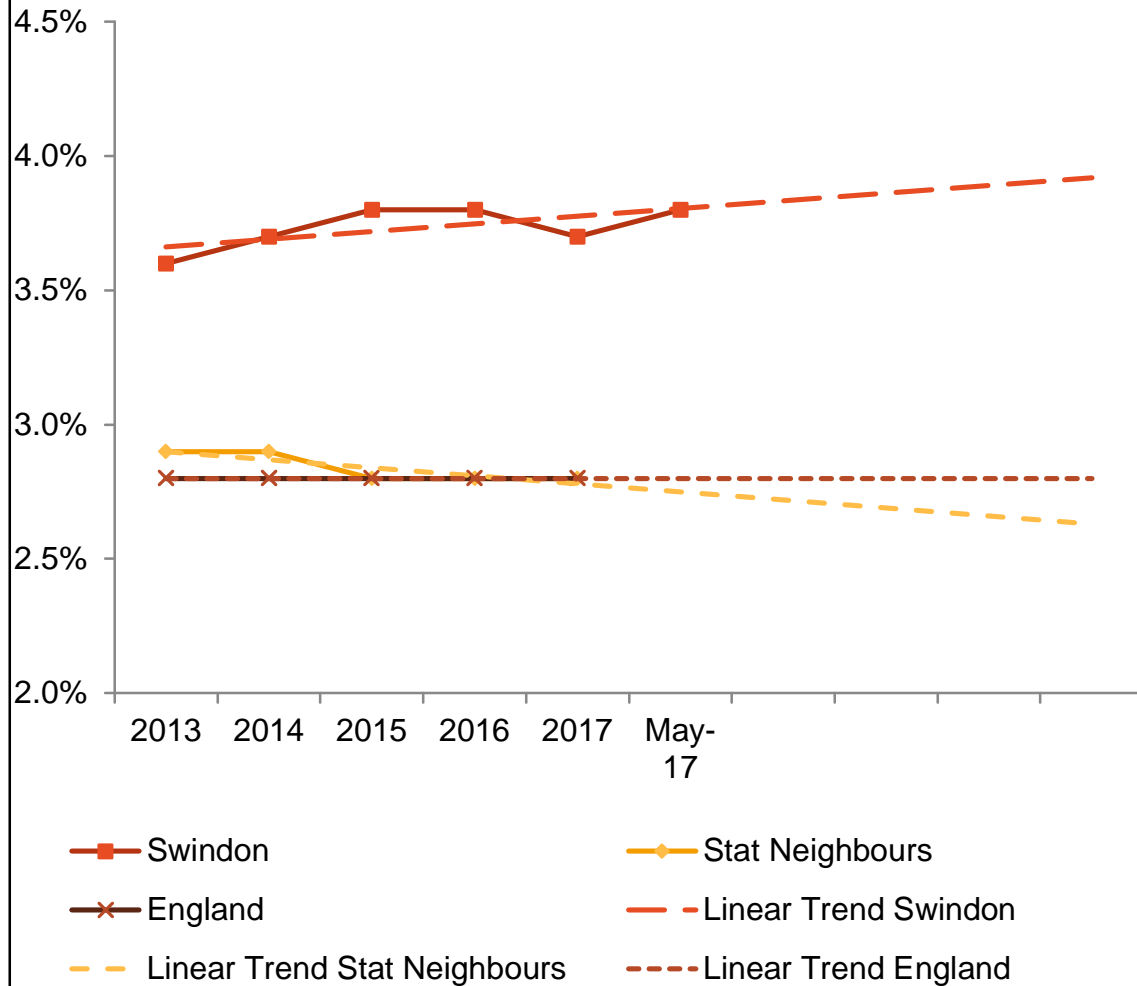
# YOT & RYS- Rate of First Time Entrants per 100,000

- Notes - The First Time Entrants count has fallen from its peak in 2015 and is currently at its lowest since this record began in 2013. The downward trend continues and is welcome, however most recent figures released from the YJB in relation to PNC data in 2016 states that 82% of FTE's in the Wiltshire Police Force area (that is both Wiltshire and Swindon) were pre-court disposals not involving YOTs.

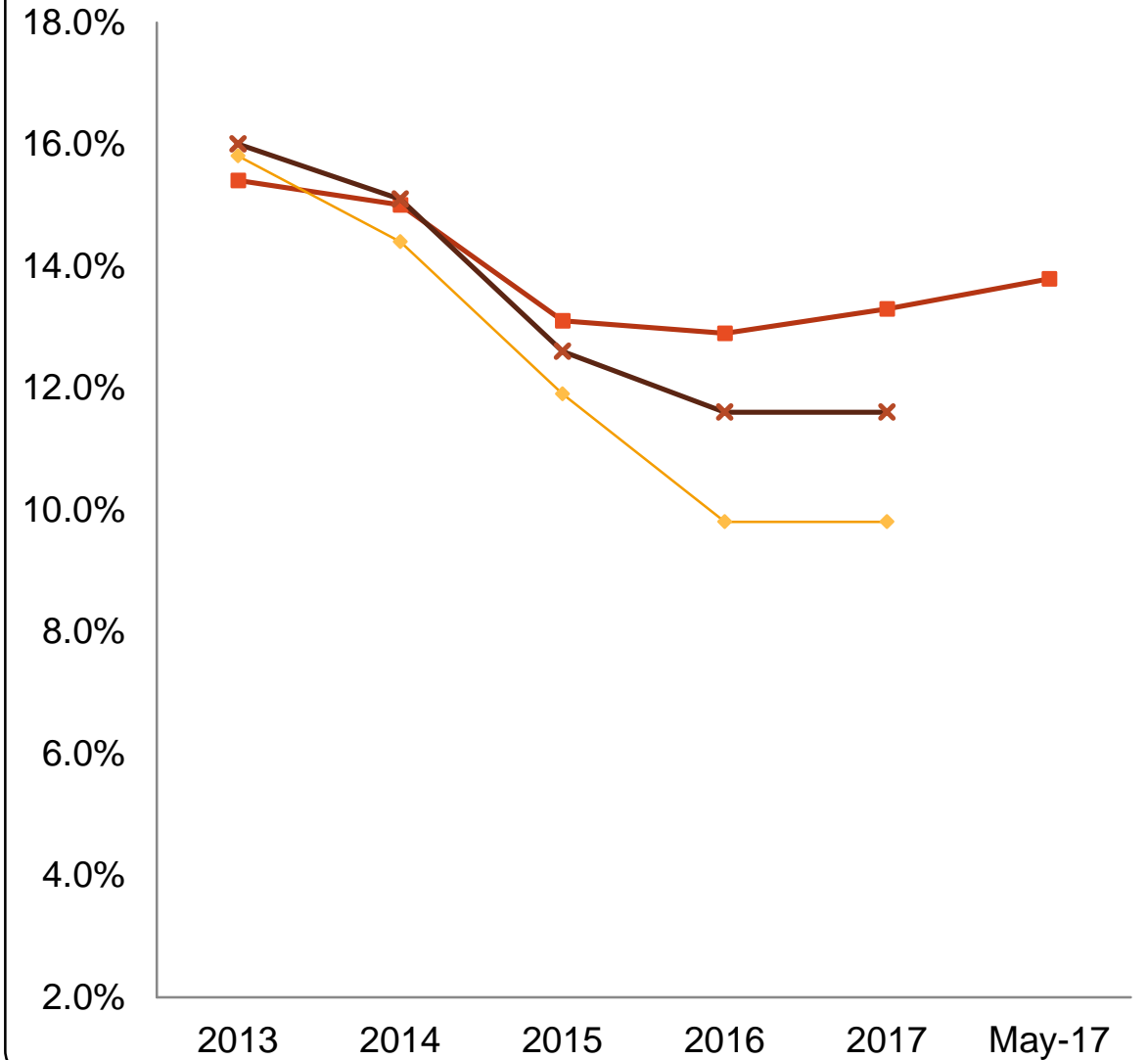


# SEND - % of pupils with statement/Education Health and Care Plans

% of pupils with a Statement/ EHCP

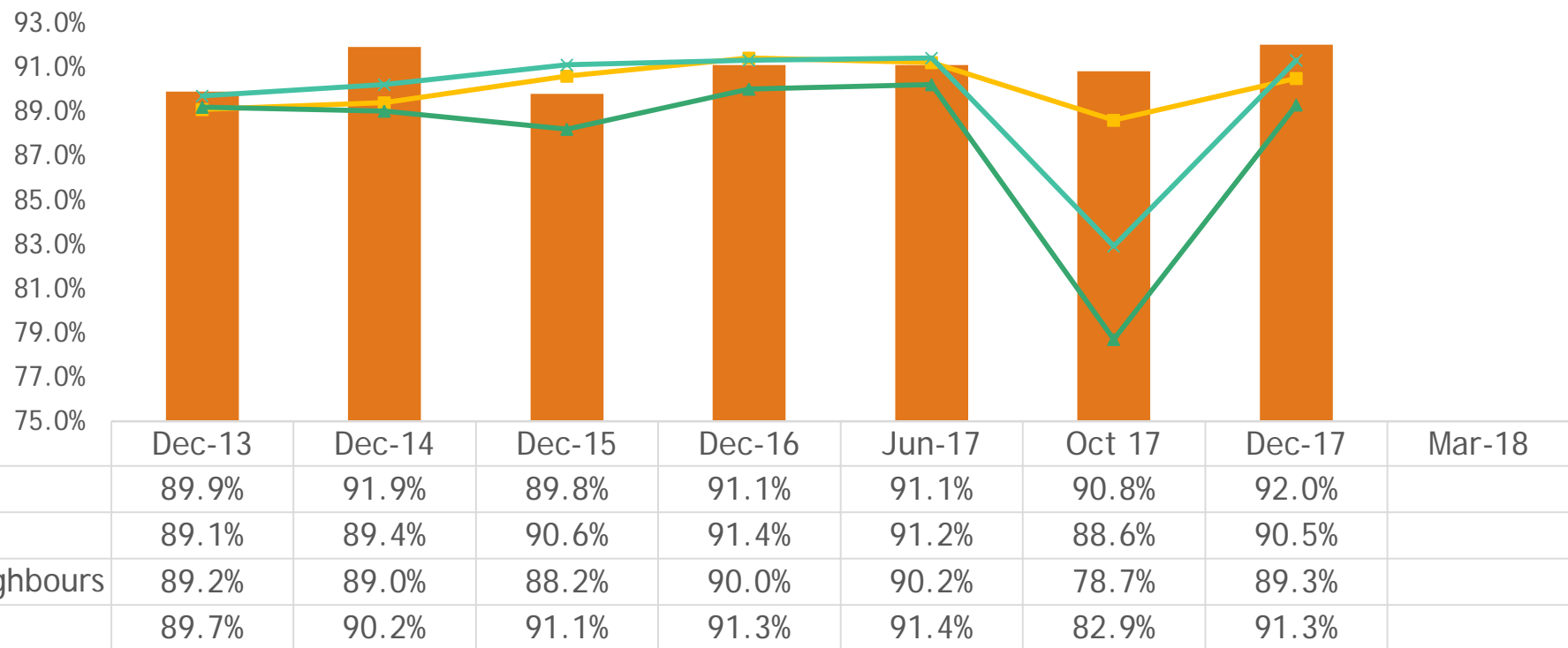


% of pupils with SEN Support



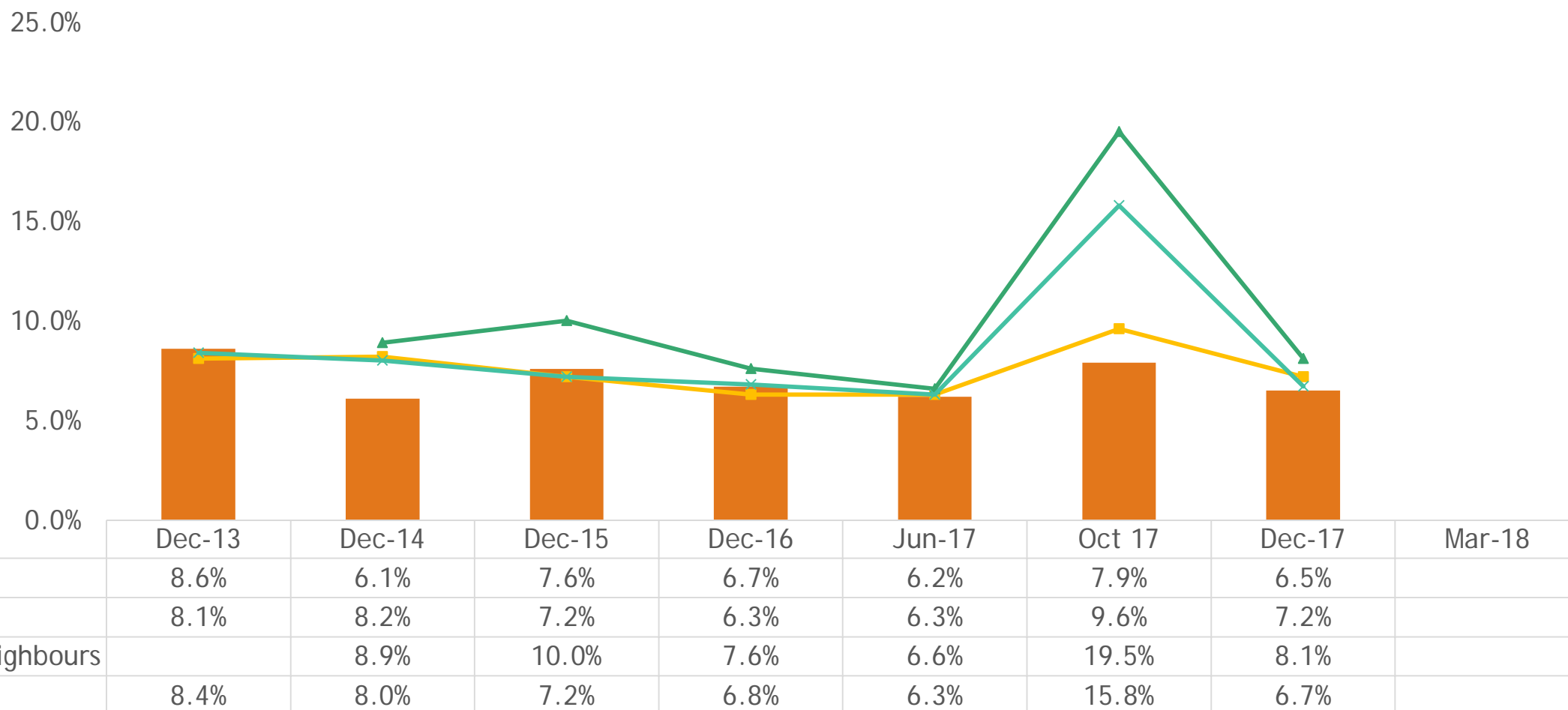
# NEET & RPA – % of Academic age 16 & 17s 'In Learning'

- Notes - December 2017 figures show that the proportion of 16-17 year-olds in learning (education or training) activities in Swindon, at 92.0%, which is up on the previous year (91.1%). The learning rate is just above the national average (91.3%) and South West average (90.5%). Looking at previous years we know that Swindon is quick to track most destinations before the October data submission. Historically the national and regional 'In Learning' figures start to level between November and December, however in 2017 Swindon's figure stays just above.



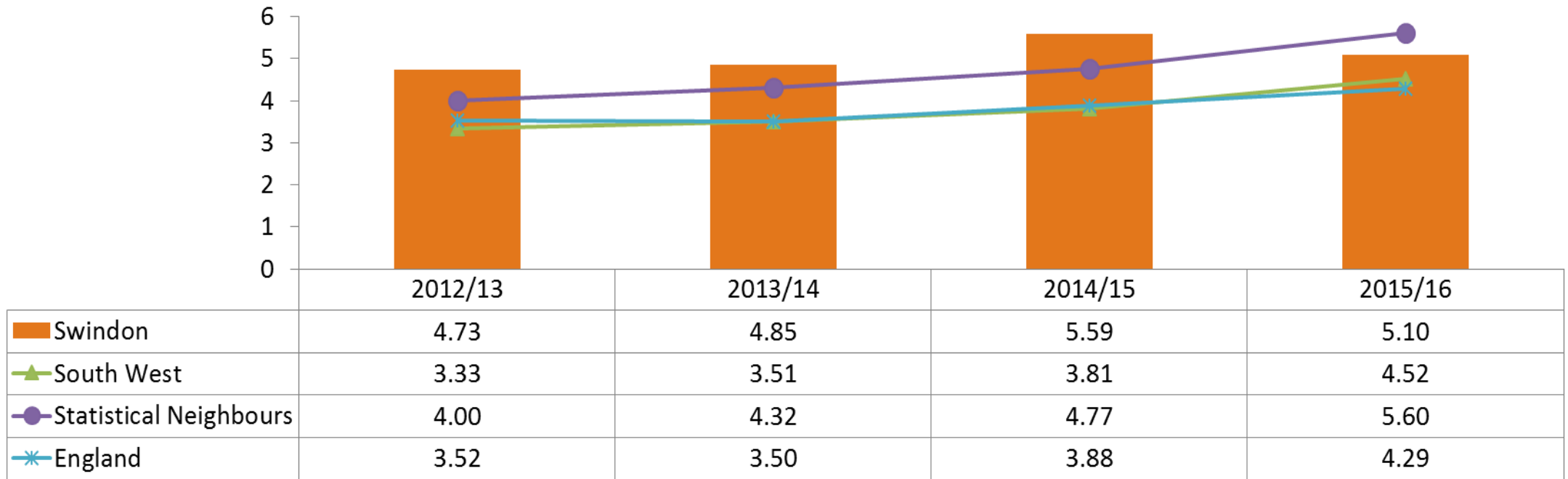
# NEET & RPA – % of Academic age 16 & 17s NEET & Unknown

- Notes - This new measure has replaced the previous 'adjusted' NEET figure and indicates how well Swindon is performing at both tracking young people and managing the proportion who are NEET. The proportion of 16-17 year-olds that were NEET or Unknown in Swindon as at December 2017 was 6.5% just below the national and regional average.



# Exclusions – Fixed Term Exclusion rate – as % of school population

Swindon has a higher than average rate of FTEs compared to England, the South West and its statistical neighbours - 56 FTEs issued per 1000 in the school population. Note that this figure represents the number of FTEs compared to the school population, expressed as a percentage, and is not the percentage of pupils who have had an FTE. 2016 data illustrates an increase in the national average, while Swindon has experienced a decrease, beginning to close the gap.





# Primary Education KS2– % of pupils achieving at least the expected standard in Reading, Writing & Maths

- Notes - Pupils should meet the expected standard in all three of Reading, Writing and Maths at Key Stage 2. In 2016, Swindon fell below the national average for this measure, largely driven by the low percentage achieving the expected standard in Writing. Figures for 2017 show that Swindon has closed the gap and is now in line with the national average on this measure.

