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To: Scrutiny Committee, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Subject: SEN Update - Quarterly reporting – 3<sup>rd</sup> report.

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Summary: This report provides the quarterly update on key performance indicators.

**Recommendation(s):**

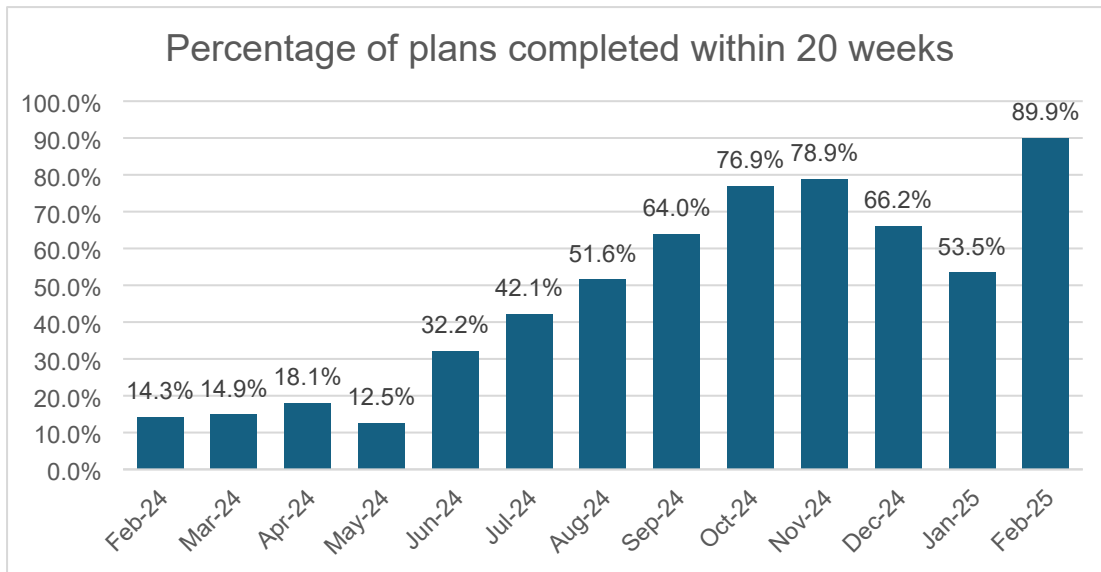
The committee is asked to note the report.

## 1. Key performance indicator update

**1.1 Percentage of Plans Completed within 20 Weeks** Completion of plans within the statutory deadline of 20 weeks is now consistently above national average of 50.3% (published by DfE in June 2024). February's completion rate was 89.9%.

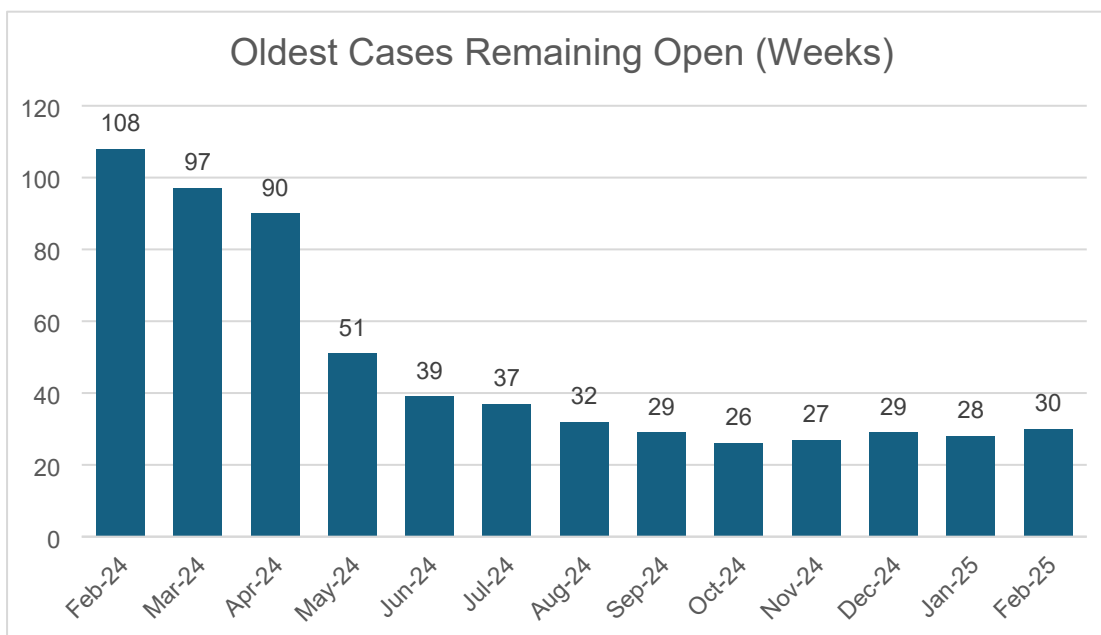
Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25
14.3%	14.9%	18.1%	12.5%	32.2%	42.1%	51.6%	64.0%	76.9%	78.9%	66.2%	53.5%	89.9%

1.2 Whilst there has been an increase in the number of plans being finalised within 20 weeks, the table shows month to month fluctuations which are expected. The fluctuations are dependent on the number of new requests coming in, school holiday periods, as well as staff leave.



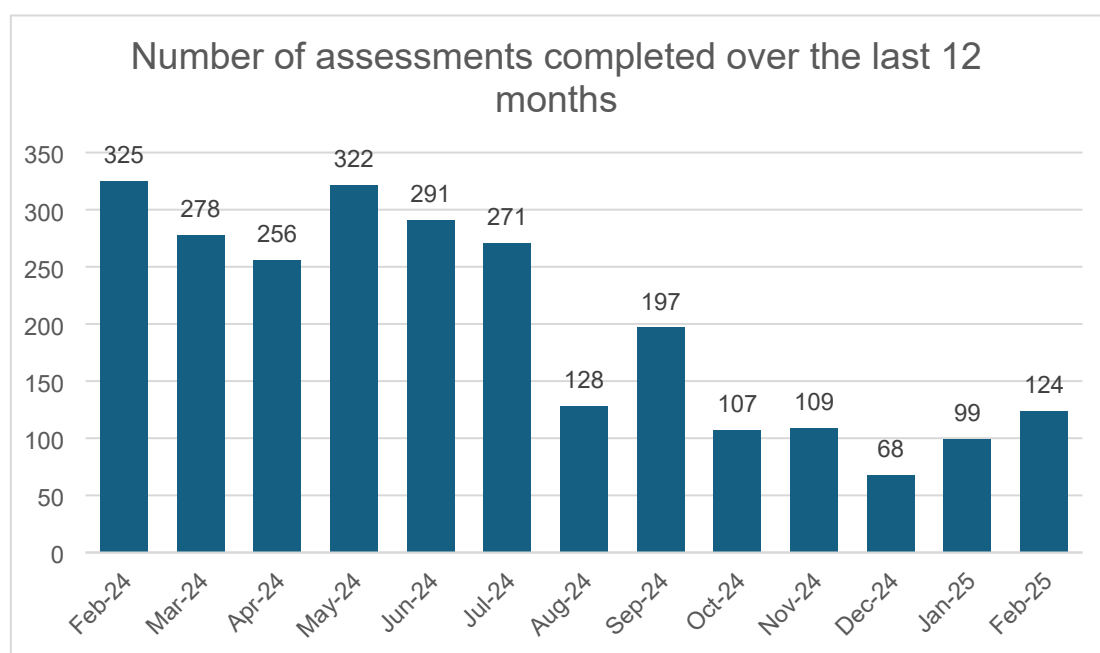
**1.3 Oldest Cases Remaining Open** – Some EHCPs are more complex and in order to ensure all the relevant evidence is considered, the statutory deadline cannot be met. KCC's work on ensuring a high quality EHCP does mean for a few children and families, there is a longer wait to have an EHCP issued than the statutory 20 weeks. The numbers continue to be carefully monitored to ensure there is good reason for not meeting the deadline. Again, this is an indicator where we expect monthly fluctuations.

Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25
108	97	90	51	39	37	32	29	26	27	29	28	30



**1.4 Number of Assessments Completed Over the Last 12 Months** - The overall decrease in plans reflects the successful processing of the significant backlog of children and young people waiting to be issued with a plan.

Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25
325	278	256	322	291	271	128	197	107	109	68	99	124



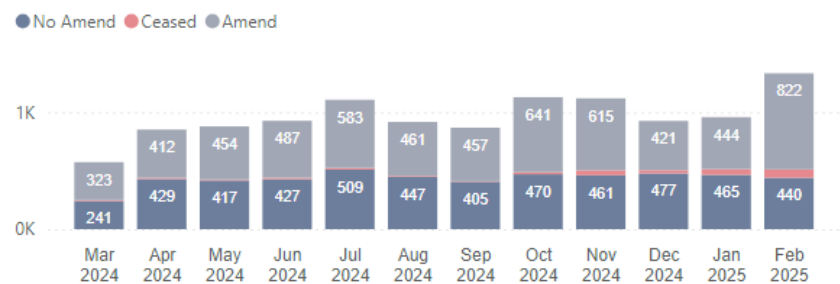
**1.5 Annual Reviews** - Once a child or young person has been issued with an EHCP, a review of the plan should take place annually, or potentially more frequently in the Early Years. A review can also be requested ahead of the annual cycle of review if there is a good reason such as a view there is an urgent need for a change to the child or young person's EHC plan. The review generally takes place in the education setting or school. For children and young people who are educated other than at school or college or are Electively Home Educated, they will have their annual reviews arranged and chaired by a case officer at the Local Authority.

**1.6** When the inspection took place in September 2022 there was a significant backlog, and the vast majority of Annual Reviews were not within timescale. Good progress has been made in reducing the backlog and this trajectory of improvement will continue. This table shows the improvement in the percentage of Annual Reviews being completed from 39.8% in October 2023 to 64.7% in February 2025.

Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	July 24	Aug 24	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25
39.8 %	42.6 %	45.1 %	48.6 %	51.1 %	51.9 %	54.8 %	58 %	60.2 %	62.8 %	64.4 %	65.3 %	65.8 %	55.4 %	64.0 %	59.1 %	64.7 %

1.7 The data below shows the progress during the last calendar year and the activities carried out on a monthly basis. It is noted that the variations during November during the consultation period for phase transfer and December and January are in line with the phase transfer process, creating amendment notices naming EHCPs that are issued in February in line with the statutory deadline.

Number of annual review completions made



1.8 This table shows Annual Reviews and by month and the outcome.

Current MMM YYYY	No Amend	Ceased	Amend
Mar 2024	241	9	323
Apr 2024	429	11	412
May 2024	417	8	454
Jun 2024	427	13	487
Jul 2024	509	15	583
Aug 2024	447	9	461
Sep 2024	405	6	457
Oct 2024	470	18	641
Nov 2024	461	43	615
Dec 2024	477	28	421
Jan 2025	465	49	444
Feb 2025	440	71	822

2. Recommendation(s)

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The committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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