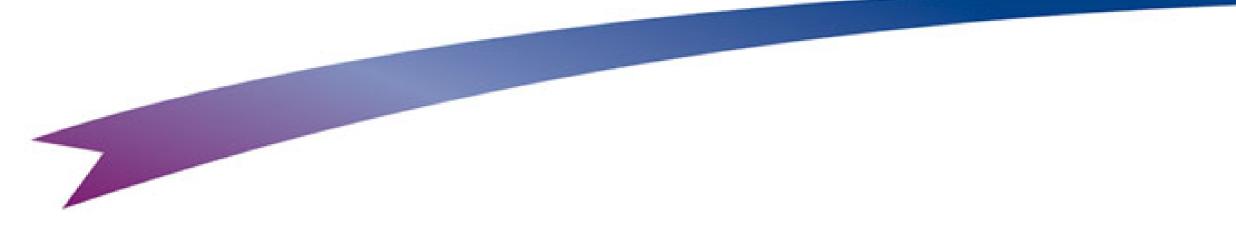
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Understanding the dashboards

The majority of charts no longer include targets. This is part of the updated approach to performance management, where comparisons are made between years, or with national averages. Where targets are included, they are shown as yellow dotted lines. Further targets can be added if these are considered helpful.

Some of the charts have a combination of dots and lines. This is where an indicator was previously collected quarterly and is now collected monthly. It wouldn't be appropriate to join the dots between quarterly data, so they remain as separate dots.

Text is included alongside the graphs where service areas have provided additional commentary to explain or expand on the data.

Some charts are shown as 'YTD'. This means 'Year to date' and so the measures are cumulative from 1 April of the current reporting year.

Most charts compare the last three years, so the different colours represent different years. In some cases, for example, vacant shops, comparisons are made between places instead of years on the chart, but years can be compared instead using the 'slicers' at the side of the charts. Where only one year of data is available, the slicer will only show one year.

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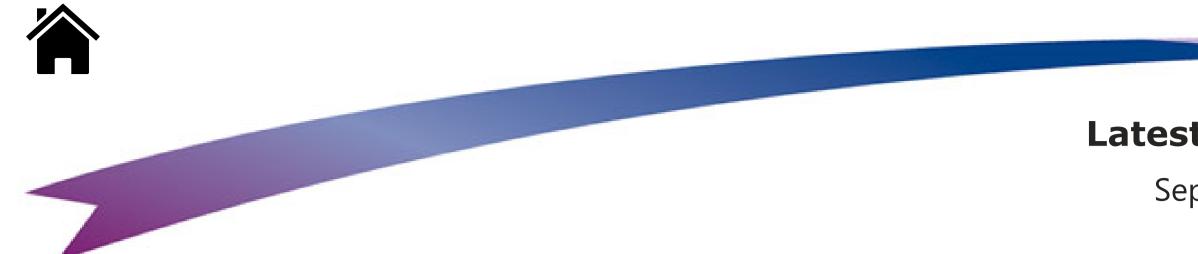
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2. Cross-cutting: environmental performance



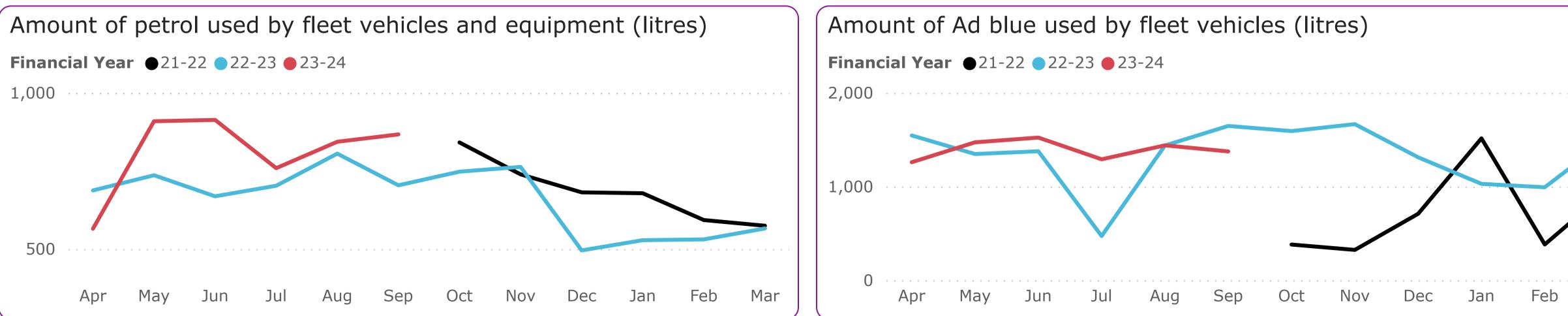
Commentary or **Summary**

Additional commentary on the following KPIs is provided in the Q2 Performance PASC report.

Petrol: used in strimmers and parking enforcement vehicles.

AdBlue: an additive used in newer vehicles to reduce exhaust tailpipe emissions (the low July 2022 figure was due to a system error).

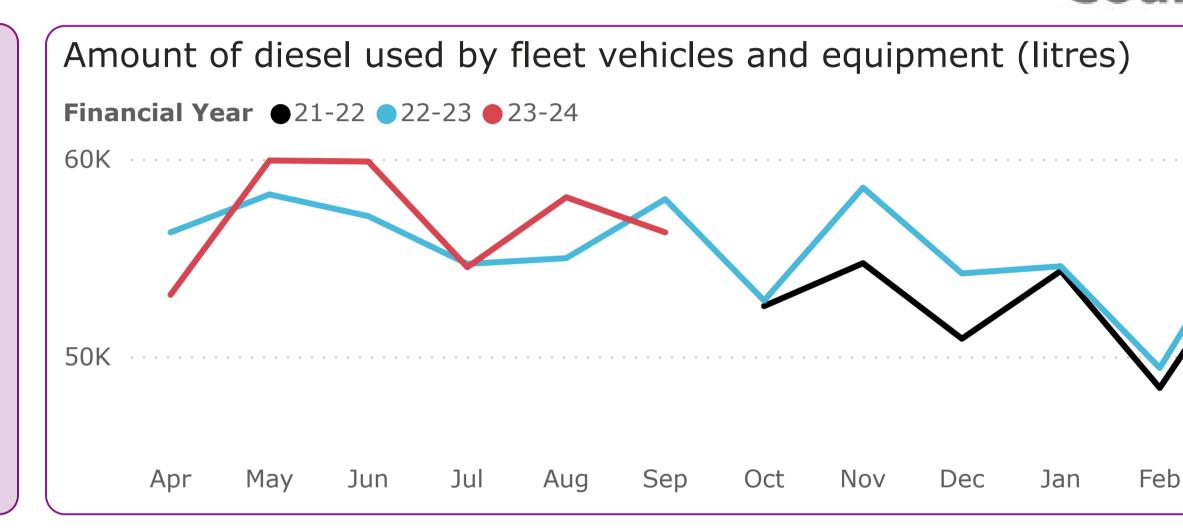
Diesel: other fleet vehicles for example mowers, vans, lorries, refuse trucks etc. excludes red diesel.

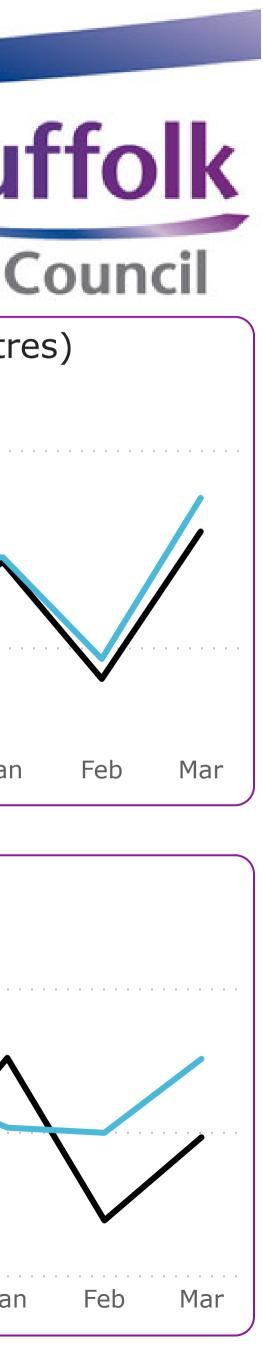


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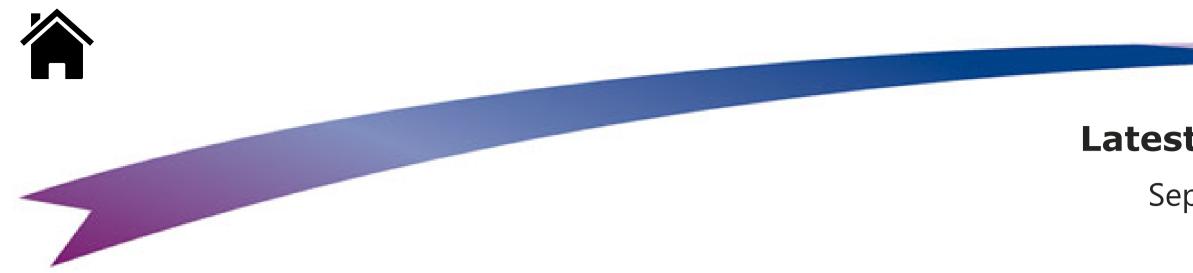
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3. Cross-cutting: environmental performance



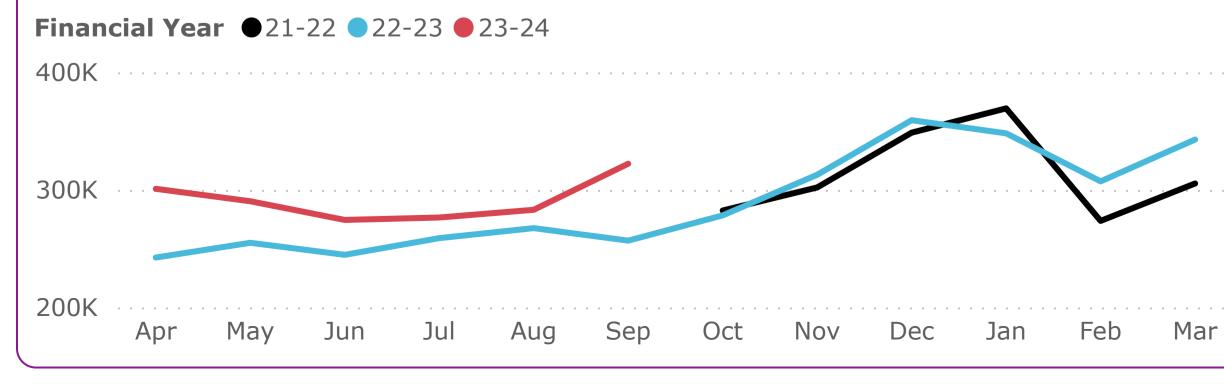
Commentary or **Summary**

Amount of red diesel used by grounds maintenance vehicles (litres): It is important to note that red diesel usage has changed because of the rules around the eligibility to use it. In December 2021, we were allowed to use red diesel in all our agricultural and depot vehicles (JCB's), however, now our use is very limited. Only some mowers and highway roadside verge/hedge clearing equipment is permitted to use red diesel now.

Amount of electricity consumed: This figure now includes Mildenhall Hub.

Amount of gas consumed across five highest consuming sites: This data excludes Mildenhall hub where we are still waiting for the data to flow.

Amount of electricity consumed by the five highest consuming council sites, where half hourly metering exists (kWh)



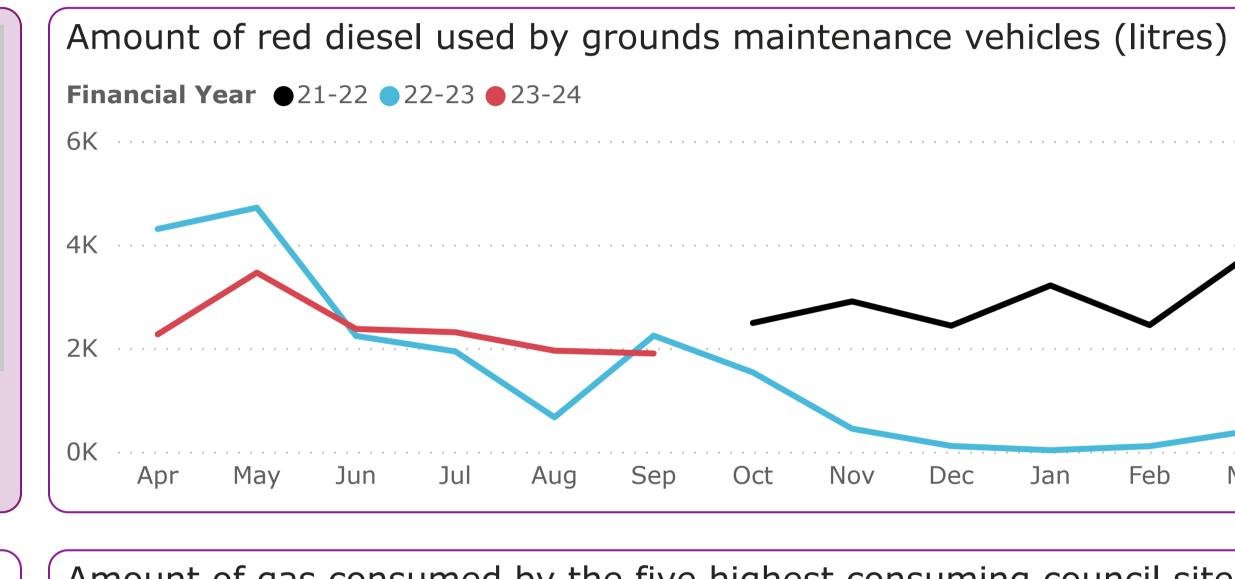


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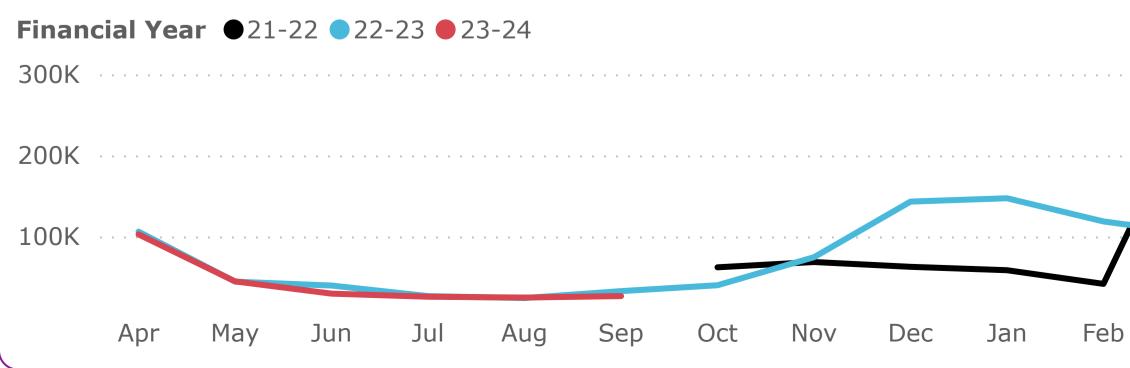
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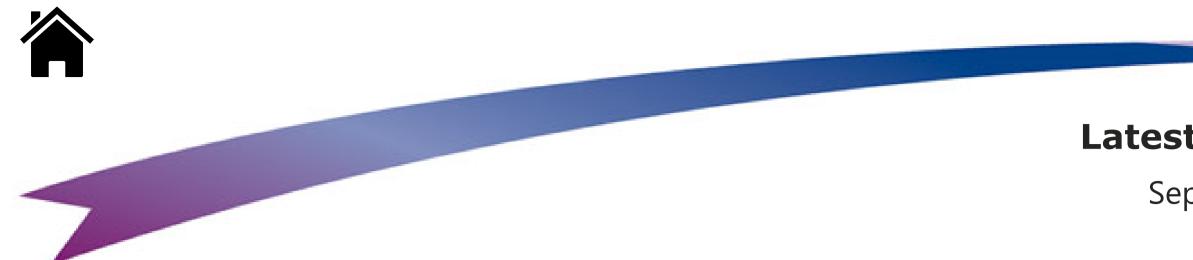


Amount of gas consumed by the five highest consuming council sites, where half hourly metering exists (kWh)





4. Cross-cutting: environmental performance



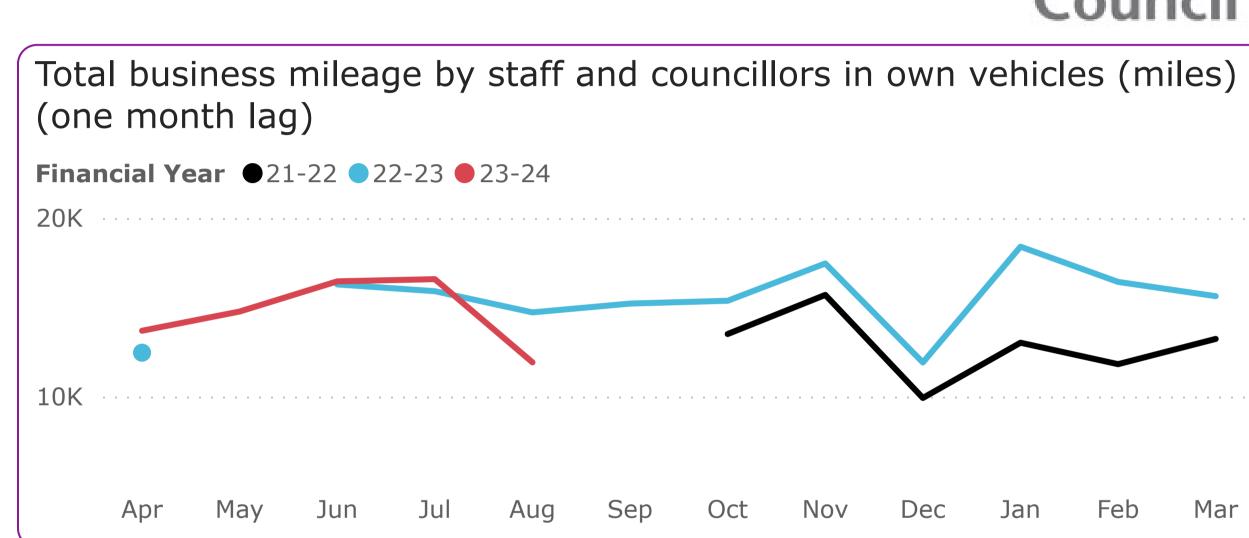
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In response to emerging recommendations from the Environmental Working Group, we have added these new KPIs this month.

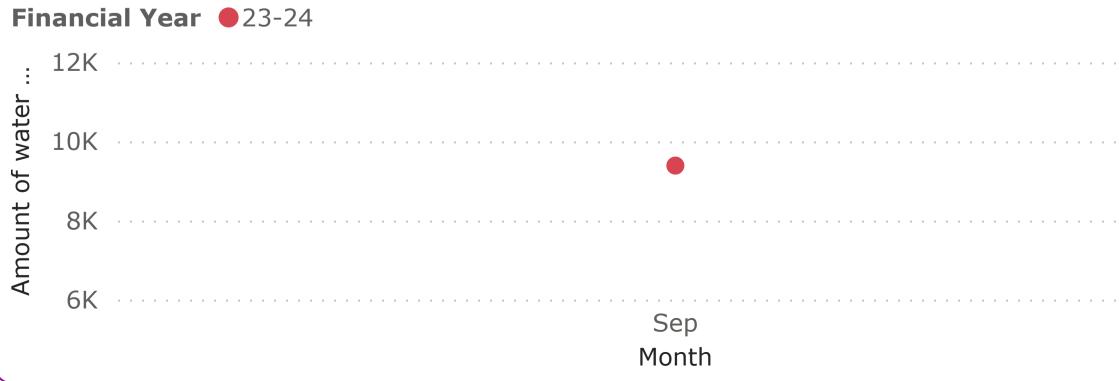


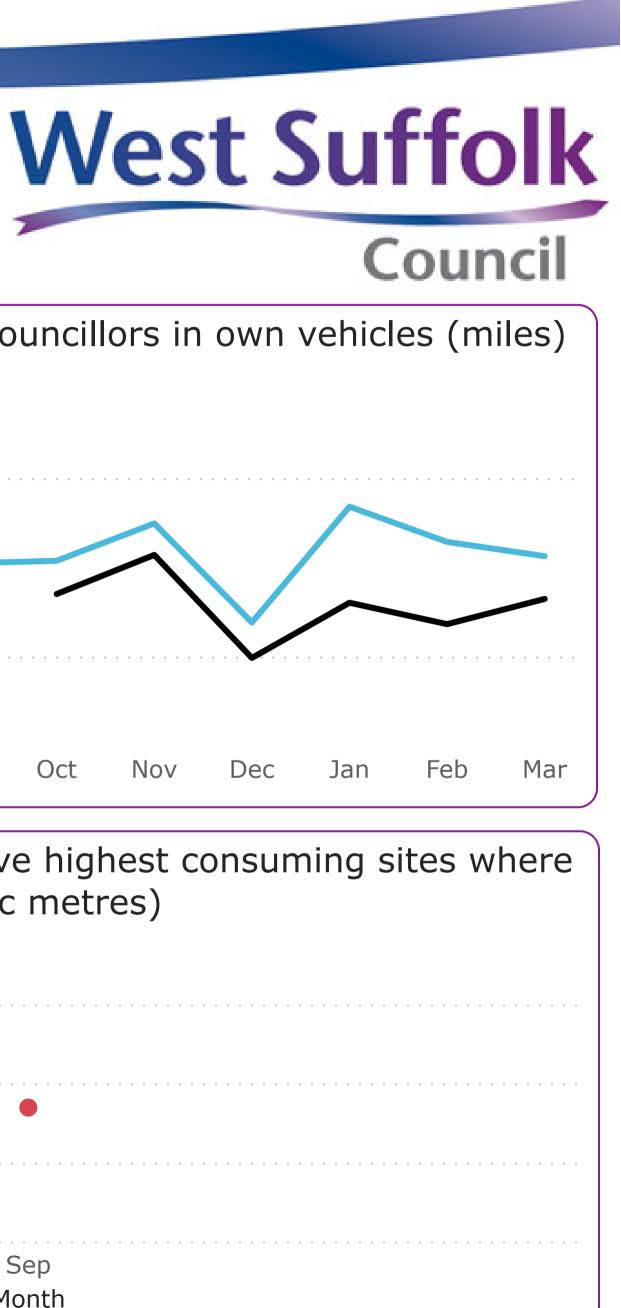
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Amount of water consumed by the five highest consuming sites where automatic meter reading exists (cubic metres)







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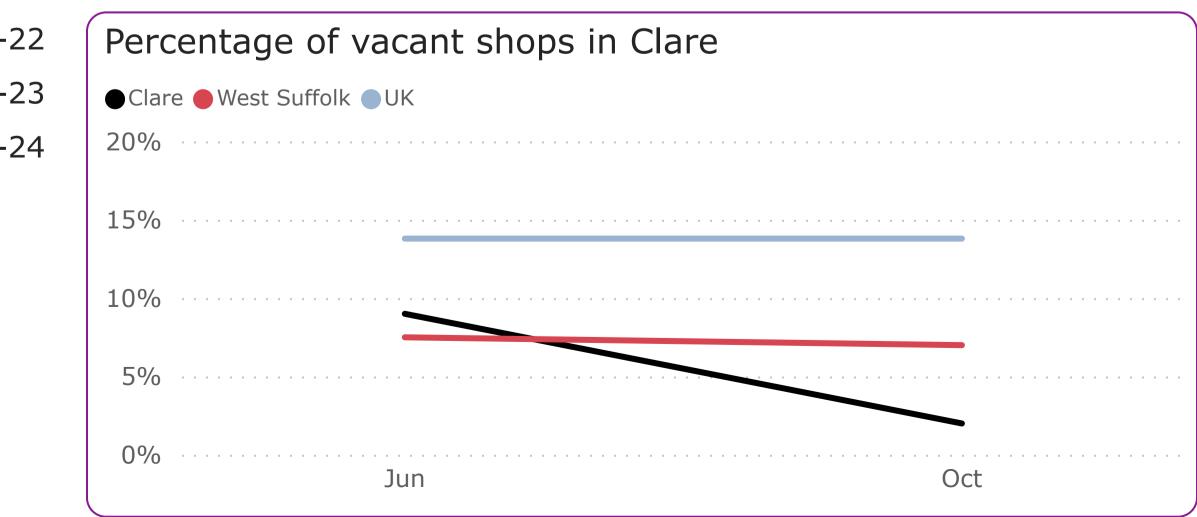
Please note this information relates to the vacant units within the town centres of these settlements only and does not relate to shopping parades or others smaller retail provision.

| Percentage of vacant shops in Bury St Edmunds | ○ 21- |
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| 10% | |
| 5% | |
| 0% Jun Oct | |

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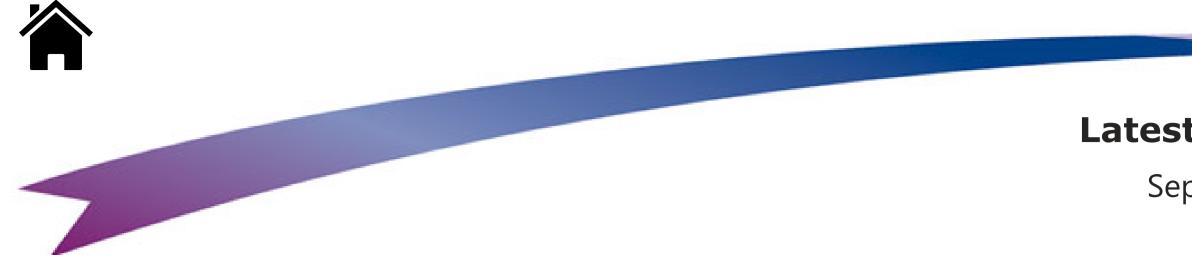


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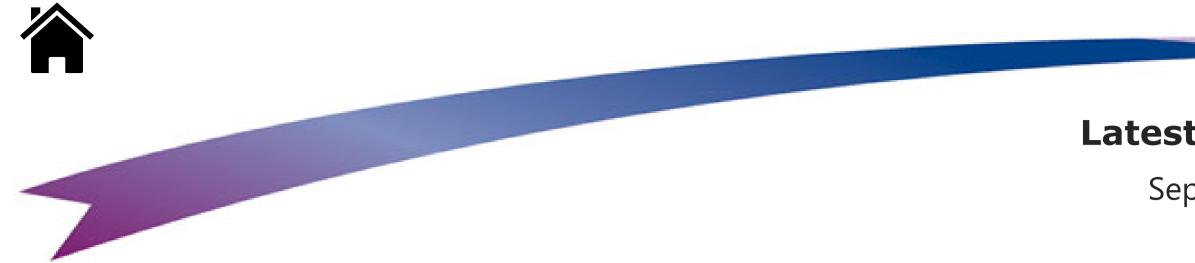


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| Percentage of vacant shops in Newmarket | ○ 21-22 | Percentage of vacant shops in Mildenhall | |
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| 20% | 23-24 | 20% | |
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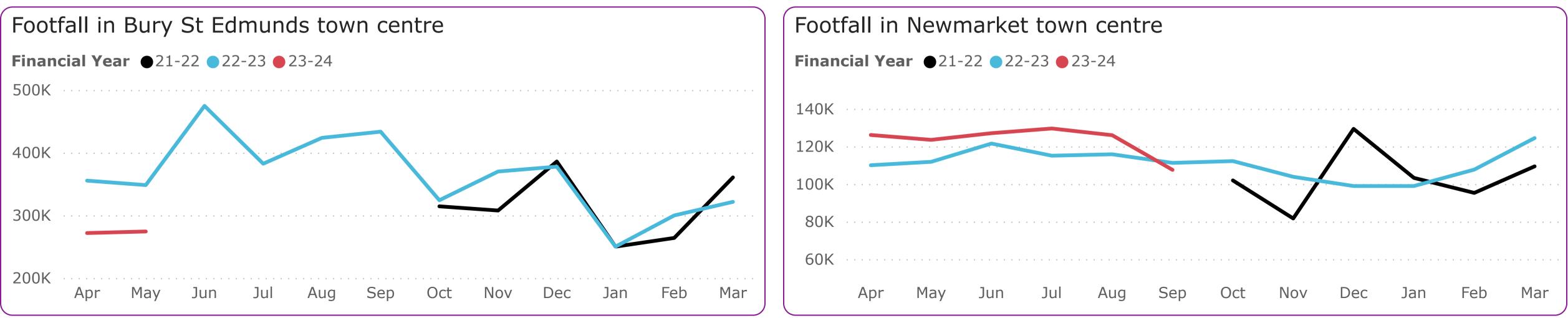




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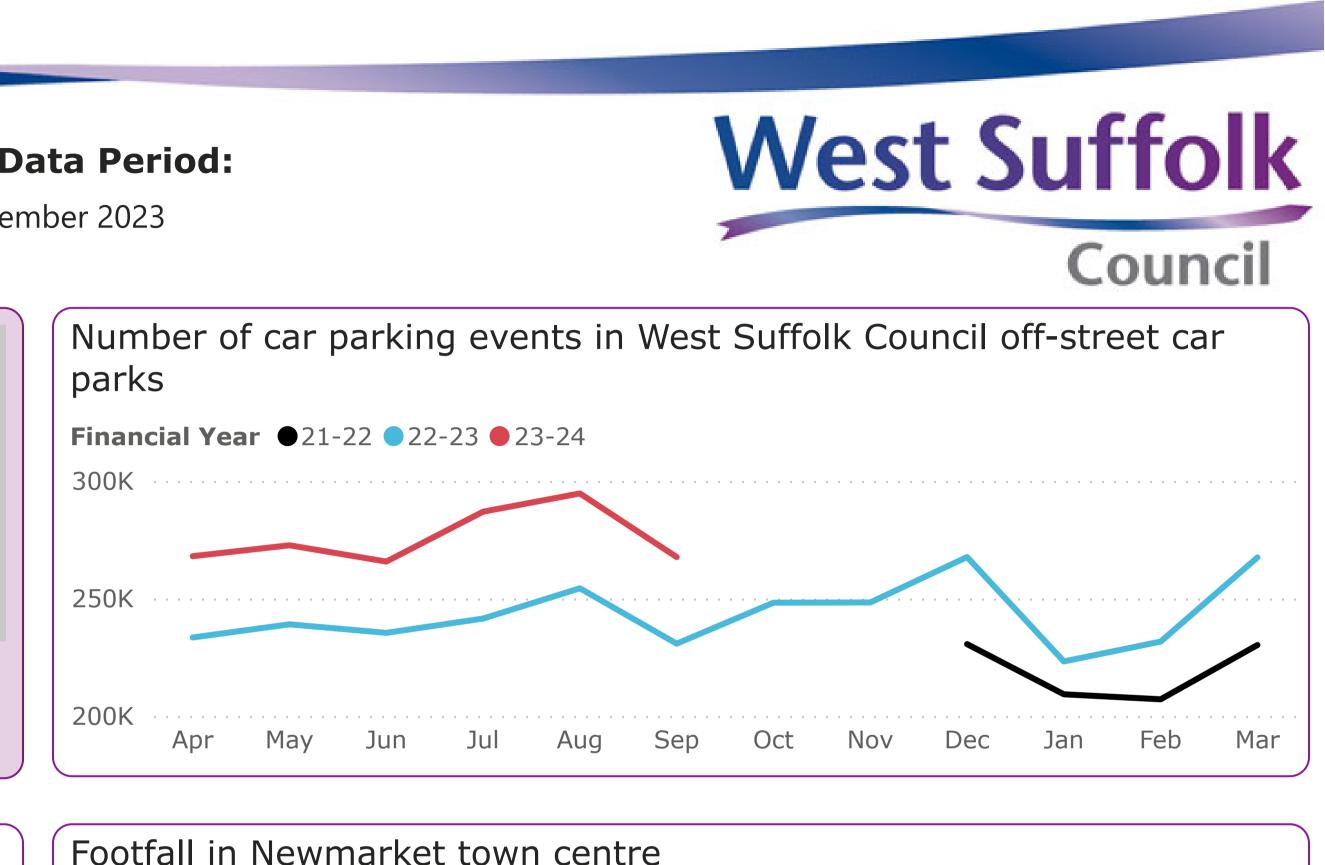
Footfall in BSE town centre: We do not have data since June 2023 due to an issue with the counter and landlord request for its removal. However, OurBuryStEdmunds BID has found another premises. Figures to come in due course.

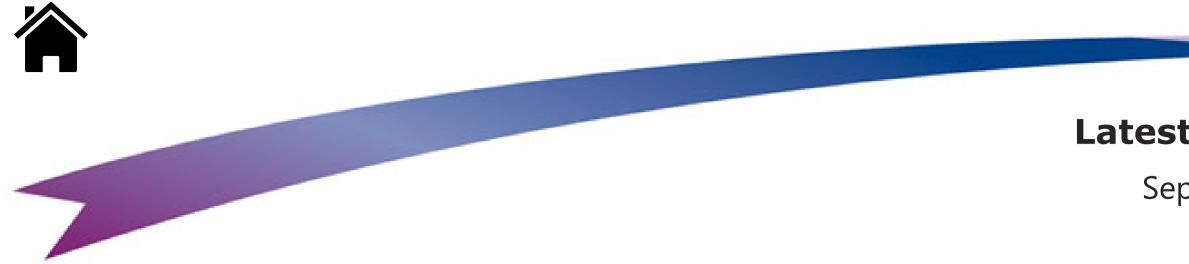
NB: The footfall counter in Bury St Edmunds (Abbeygate Street) captures those walking past it and could therefore capture the same people multiple times, while the footfall counter in Newmarket identifies mobile phones and therefore only counts people once (however, this will not capture those without a mobile phone).



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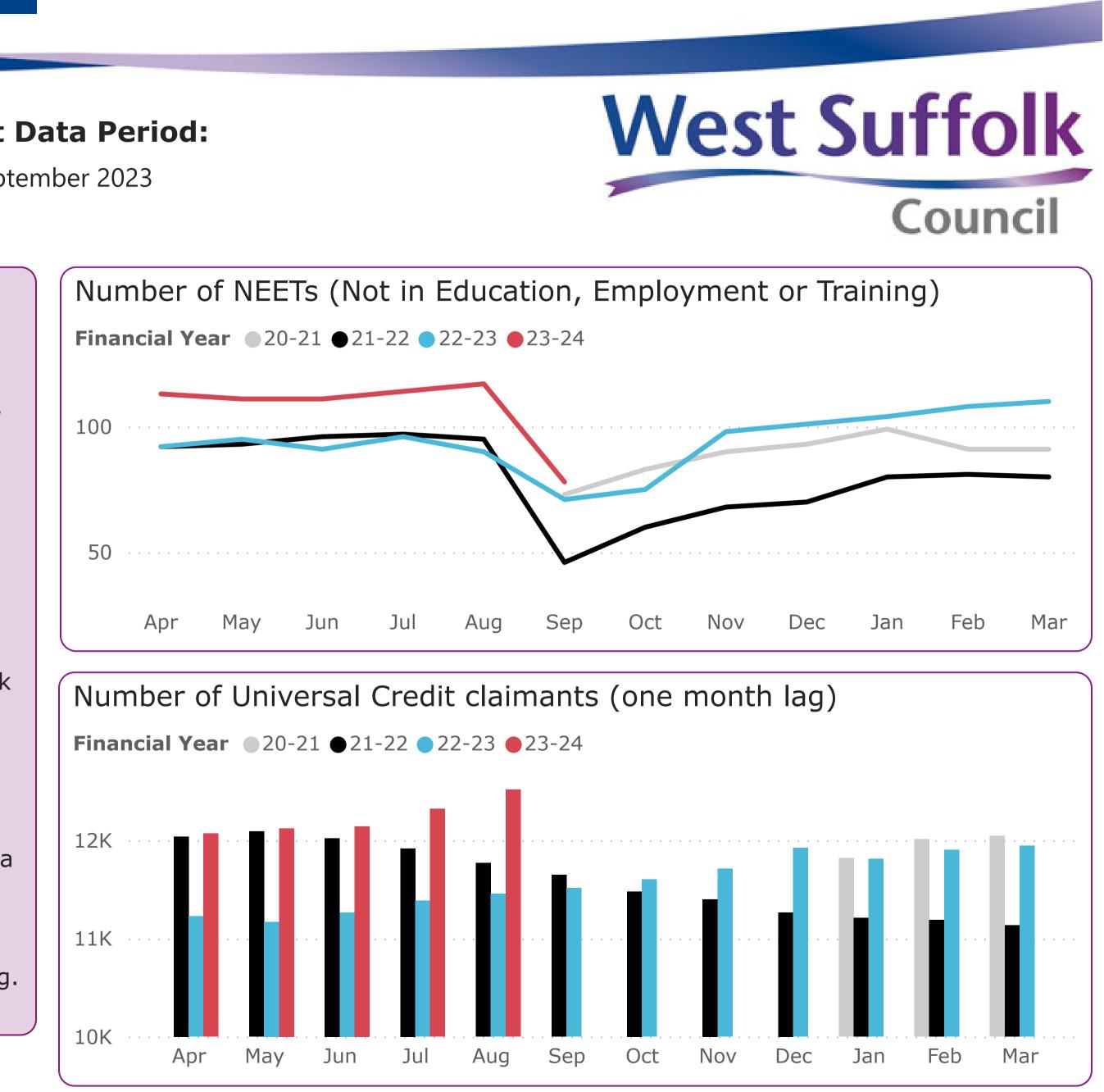
Number of NEETs: These figures are provided annually each September. September has the lowest figure in the whole academic year as we do not know about all the Year 11 or 12's who have just moved into a new academic year (Year 12 or 13) until November/December 2023.

From January 2023 to August 2023, the NEET figure has gradually increased for both year groups when compared to previous years. Suffolk County Council have found that there is a significant minority of young people entering the compulsory education system who are not attending and often not in a mainstream setting regarding post 16 education. Between Year 12 and 13, there is an increasing number of young people opting to find employment, becoming NEET for long periods in the process. Also, there is an increasing number of young people in work without training, often in less secure and more temporary employment.

We monitor young people throughout the year hence why original figures change every month as does the number of young people in the cohort - as young people come in and out of the county. As part of this monitoring, all Year 11's must be tracked into a new destination which is done through the Year 11 Activity Survey (a snapshot of what provision young people are attending on 1 November of the following academic year).

Number of Universal Credit claimants: This figure is the highest since reporting.

Latest Data Period:



9. Customer contact: website





Commentary or **Summary**

Number of unique users of the West Suffolk Council website: Visitors and page views have dropped from August 2023 in line with previous years and the drop is slightly steeper than last year. The reasons for this are not clear, but will be kept under review. We are aware that more people may be choosing not to accept cookies when they visit the site.

Total number of page views to West Suffolk Council website: Google Analytics changed from Universal Analytics to GA4 on 1 July 2023. The way figures are measured has changed, therefore, it is no longer possible to count unique page views. For data consistency, total views measured by GA4 are included only for this KPI dating from July 2022. Please note page view figures are slightly lower for GA4 than those recorded under the previous version of Google Universal Analytics, due to the methodology used.

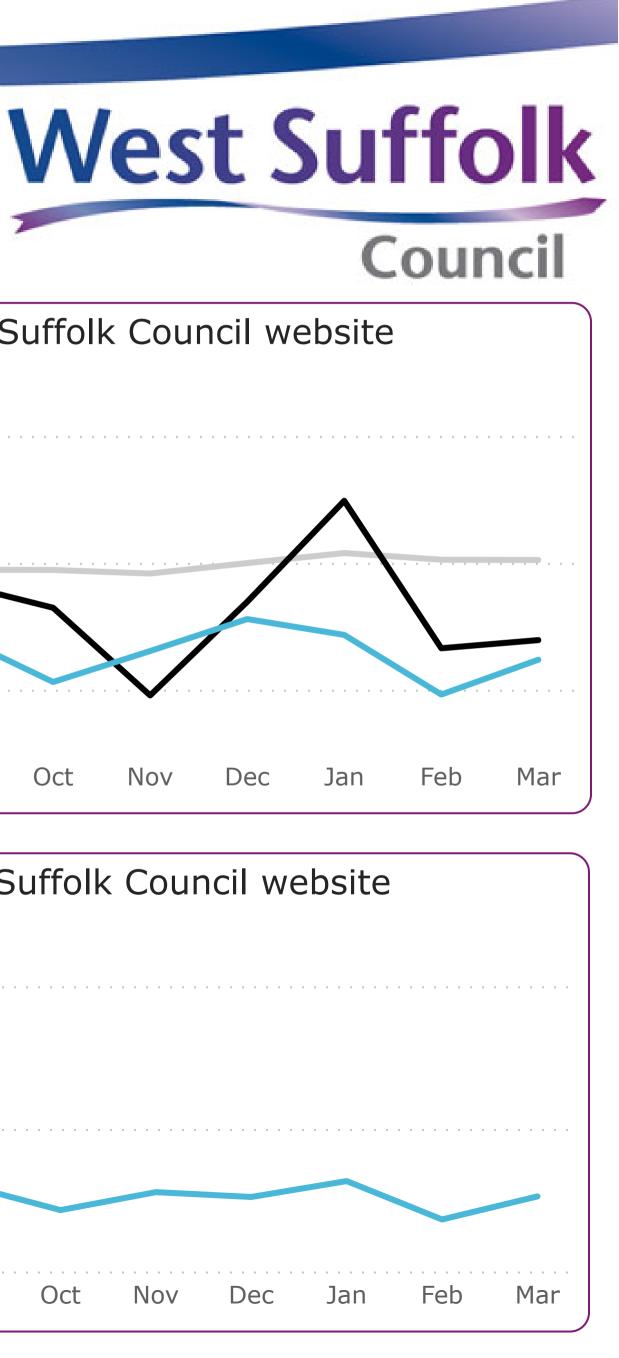
NB: These figures do not include electronic forms (for example garden waste). Where a customer clicks on a link to an externally hosted form direct from an email or social media, it will not be included in these figures.

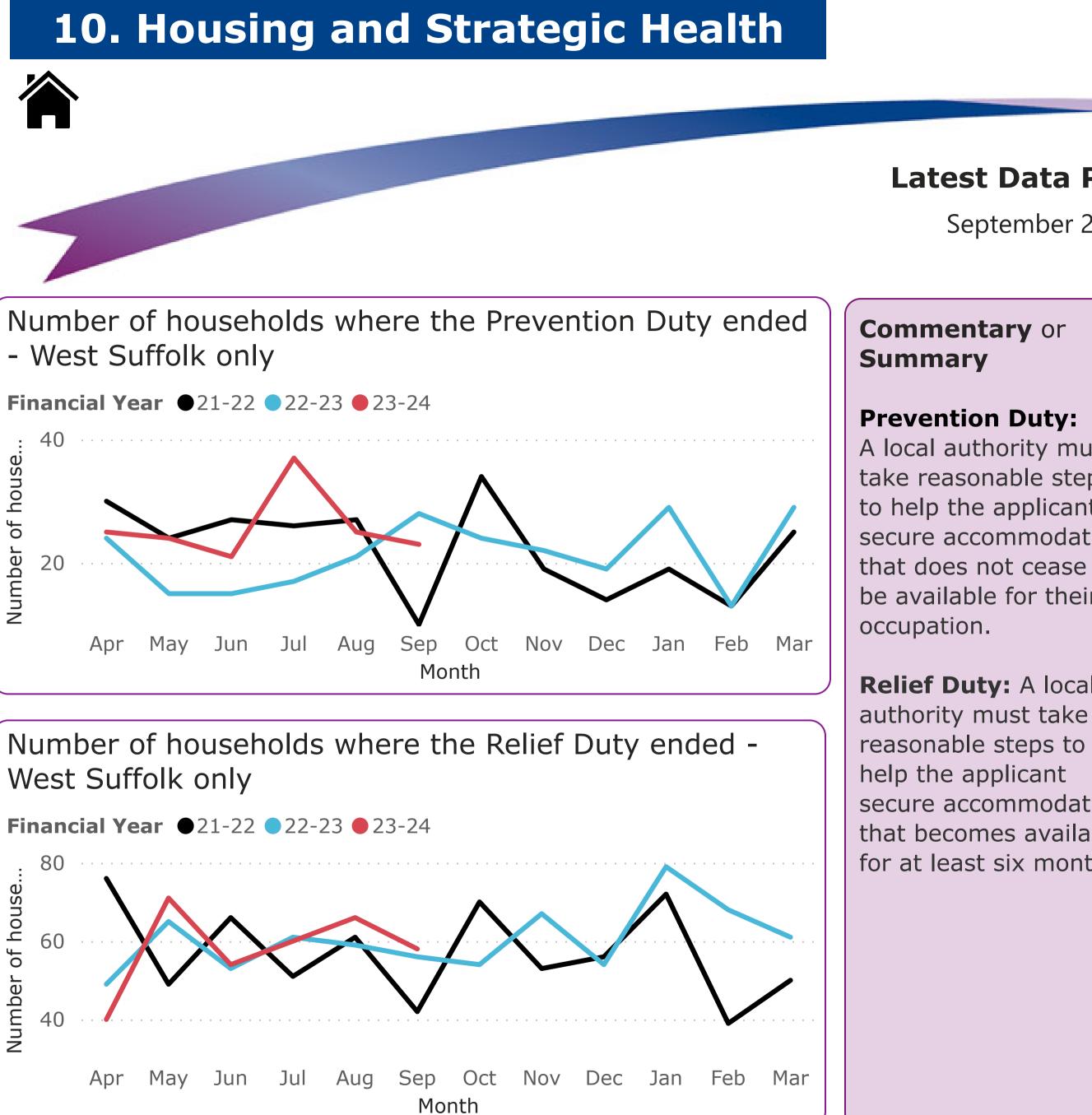
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October 2023

Council Number of unique users of the West Suffolk Council website **Financial Year** 20-21 21-22 22-23 23-24 80K 60K 40K May Jun Dec Apr Jul Jan Feb Aug Oct Total number of page views to West Suffolk Council website **Financial Year 22-23 23-24** 300K 200K · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

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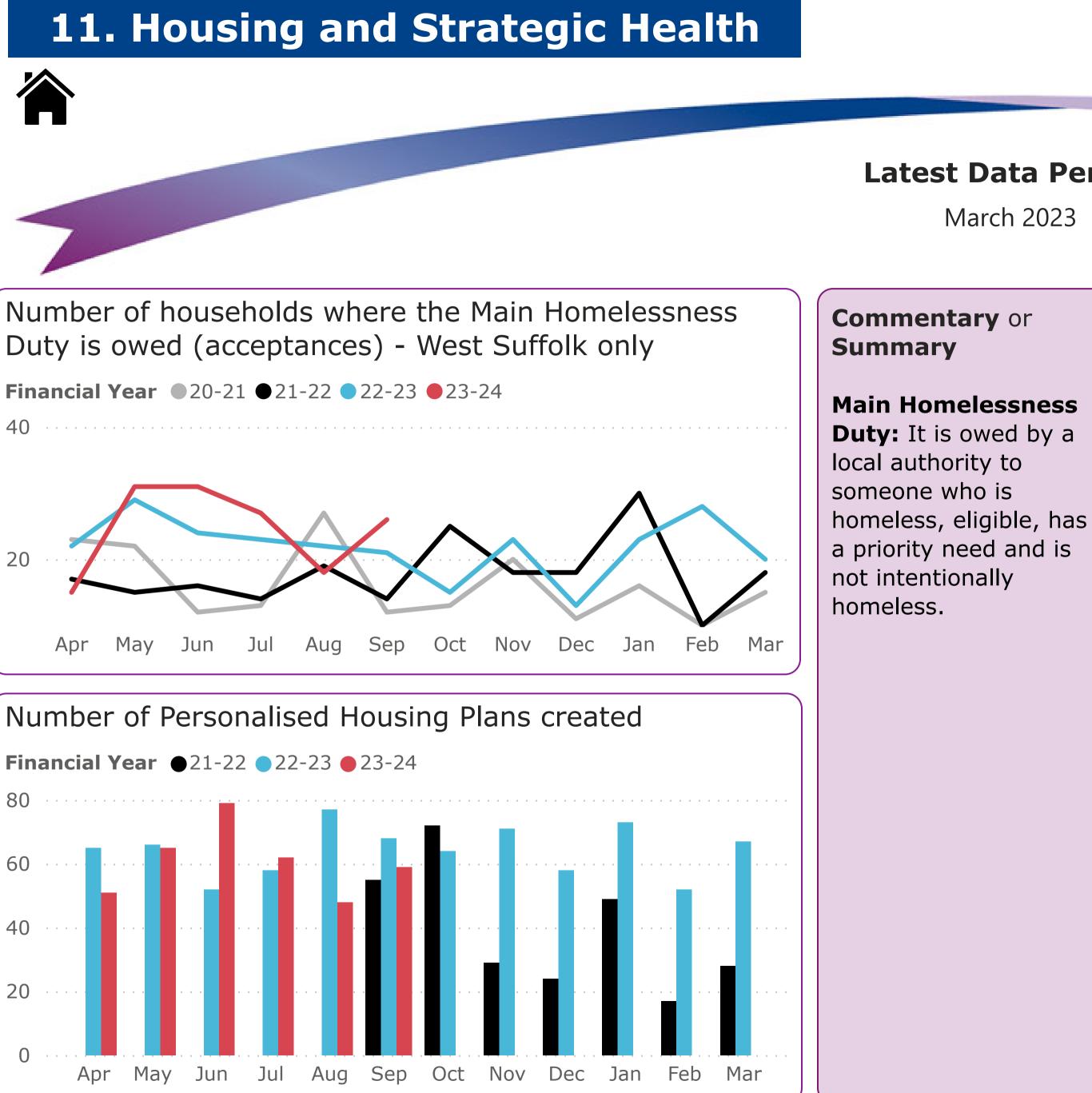
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Proportion of households (per thousand) where Prevention Duty ended - comparisons **Location** • England 22-23 • Suffolk 22-23 • West Suffolk 22-23 A local authority must : نـ take reasonable steps Proportion (per to help the applicant secure accommodation that does not cease to 1.0be available for their Sep Jun Dec Mar Month **Relief Duty:** A local Proportion of households (per thousand) where the Relief Duty ended - comparisons secure accommodation **Location** • England 22-23 • Suffolk 22-23 • West Suffolk 22-23 that becomes available for at least six months. (per th... Proportion 1.0 Mar Sep Dec Jun Month





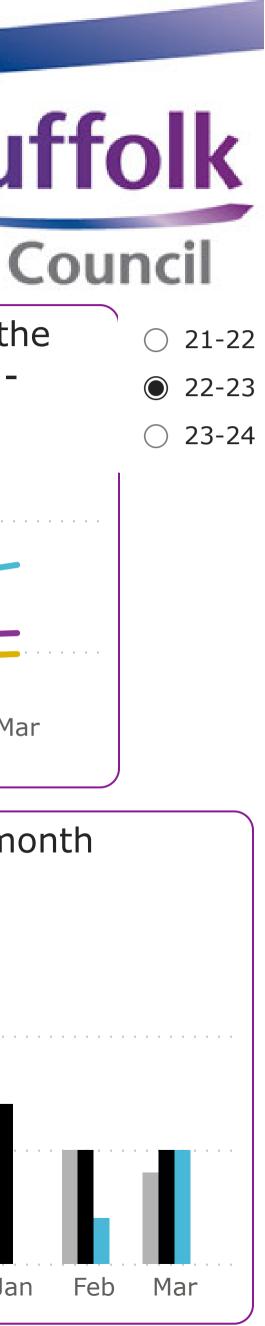


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Proportion of households (per thousand) where the Main Homelessness Duty is owed (acceptances) comparisons **Location** • England 22-23 • Suffolk 22-23 • West Suffolk 22-23 1.0 0... Households 0.5 Sep Jun Dec Mar Month Number of rough sleepers as at last day of the month **Financial Year •**20-21 **•**21-22 **•**22-23 **•**23-24 10 0 Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan May Aug Feb Jul Apr Jun





Latest Data Period:

September 2023

Commentary or **Summary**

Home-link applications:

Bars on the visual on the right is new applications that have been submitted by the customers and lines are the applications made live by staff once all the documents have come in from the customer on Home-Link. If the customer does not provide the documents within 28 days, their application is removed.

Number of Home Link applications submitted: Q2 has seen a rise in applications submitted primarily on affordability grounds, with more people struggling to afford existing accommodation.

Number of Home-Link applications made live: The rise in applications made live in September 2023 at 252, was due to a push to get more processed.

Number of households housed into social housing: This is any application registered with West Suffolk on Home-Link that has been housed into a Social Housing property. This includes homeless households, supported accommodation move on, general household moves (for example for medical reasons, those lacking bedrooms, under occupation etc...).

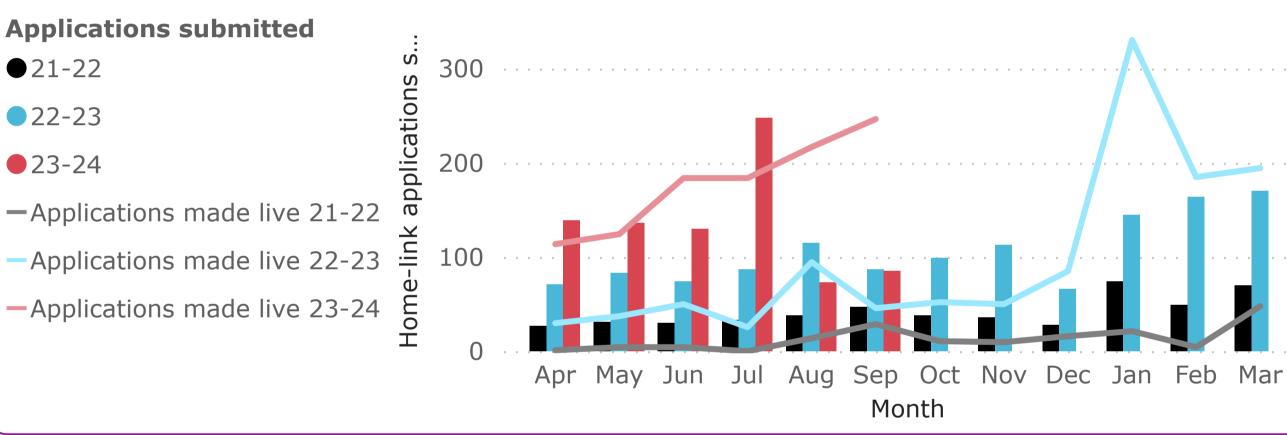
NB: There is no direct relationship between number of Home Link applications submitted and number of households housed into social live •21-22 22-23

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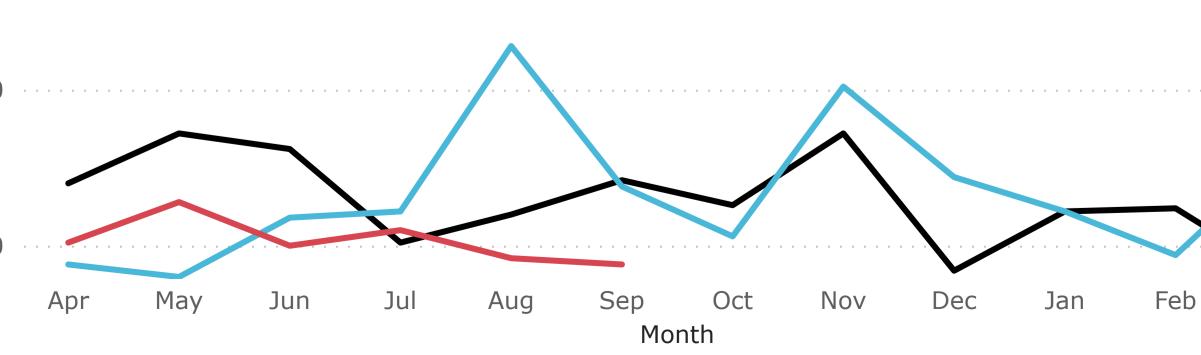
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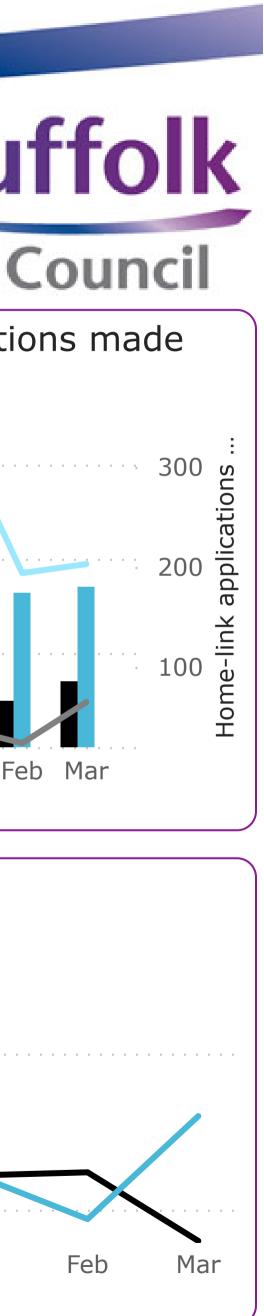
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Number of Home-link applications submitted and Home-link applications made



Number of households housed into social housing







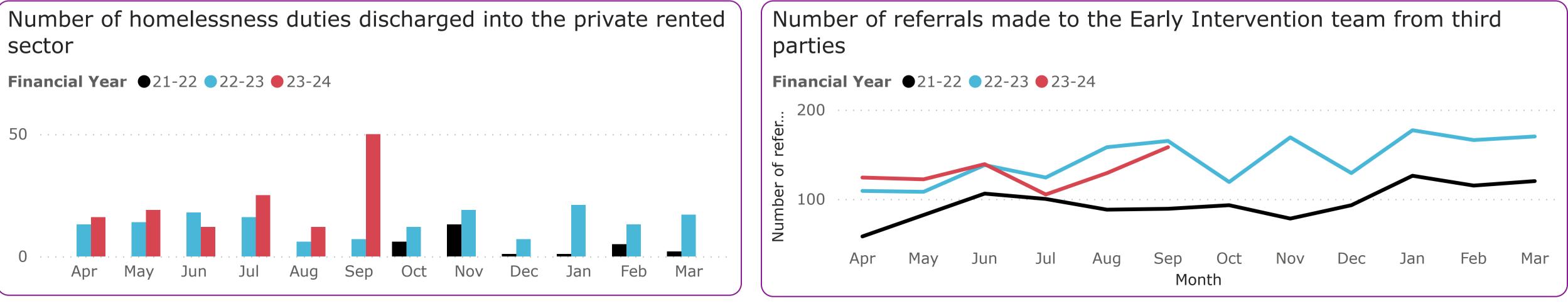
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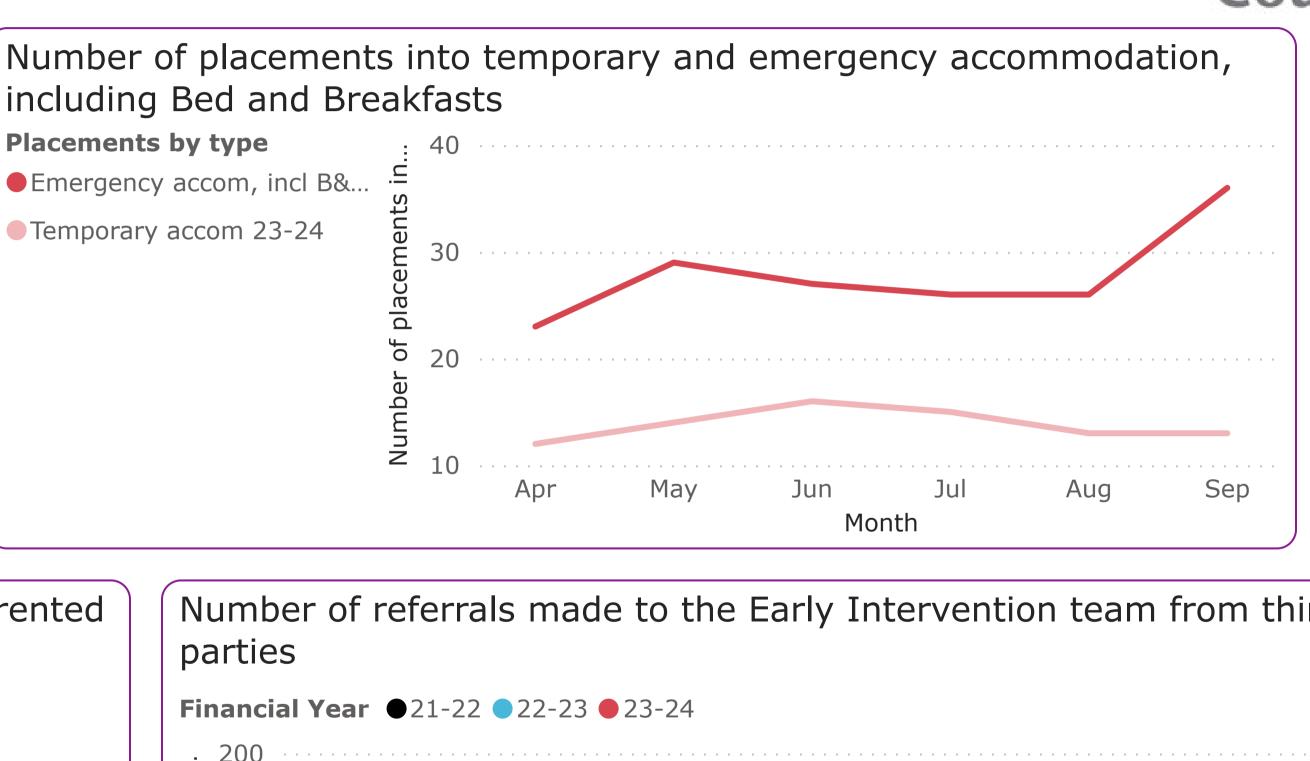
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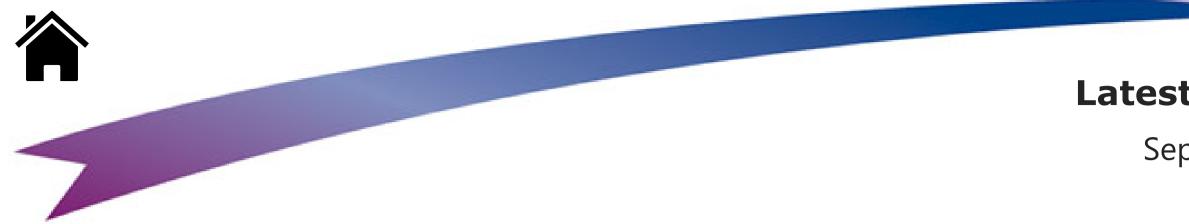
Number of placements into temporary and emergency accommodation, including Bed and Breakfasts: These are new placements into B&Bs or temporary accommodation throughout the month, this will include movements between B&Bs and temporary accommodation.

Number of homelessness duties discharged into PRS: We have successfully provided financial assistance to support more applicants into private rented accommodation during September 2023.



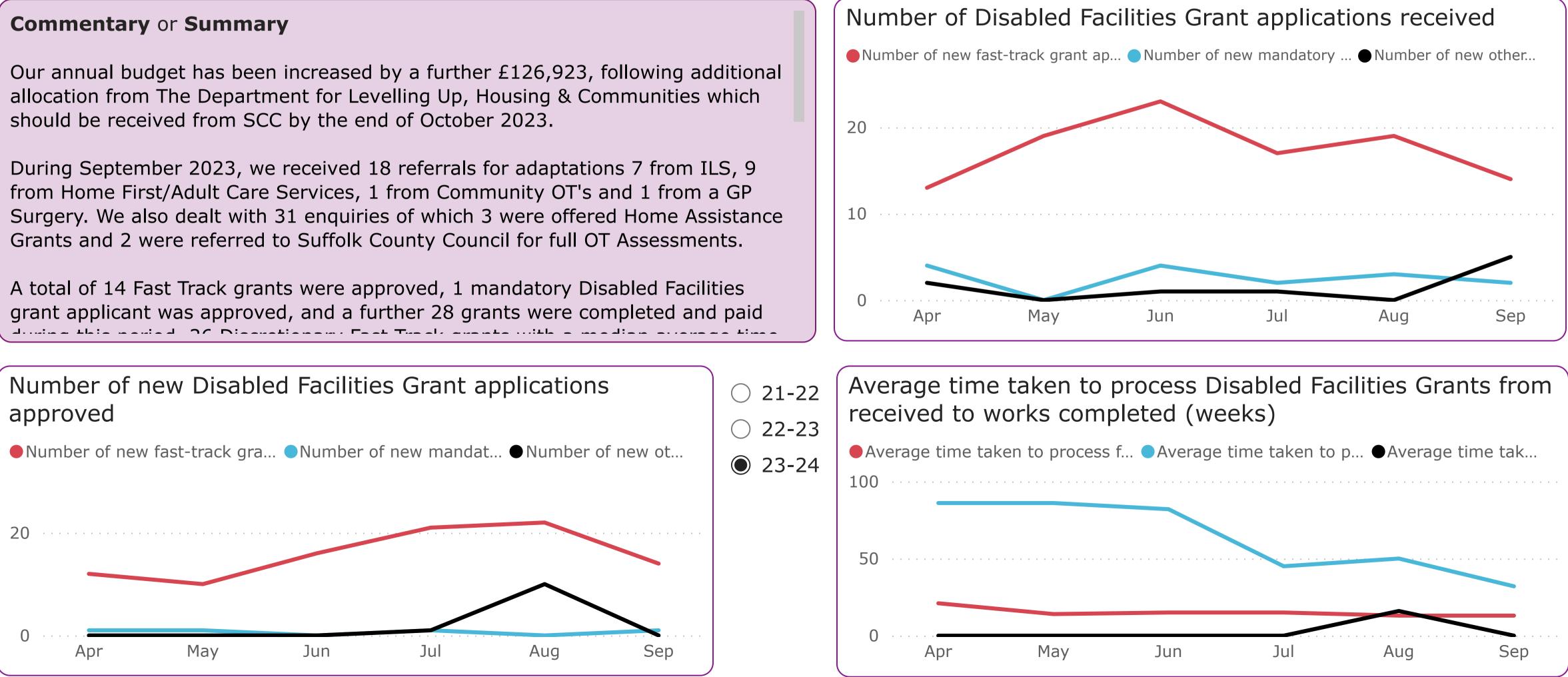






allocation from The Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities which should be received from SCC by the end of October 2023.

grant applicant was approved, and a further 28 grants were completed and paid



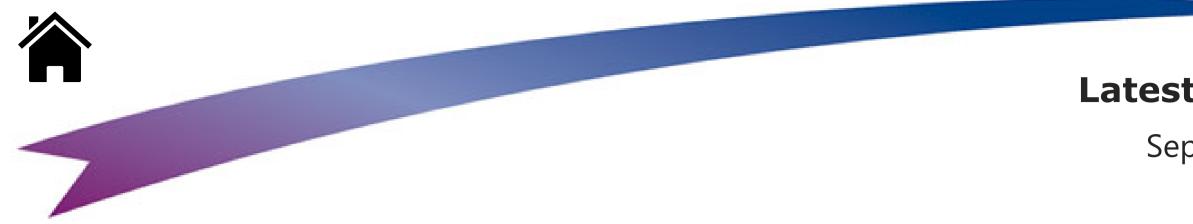
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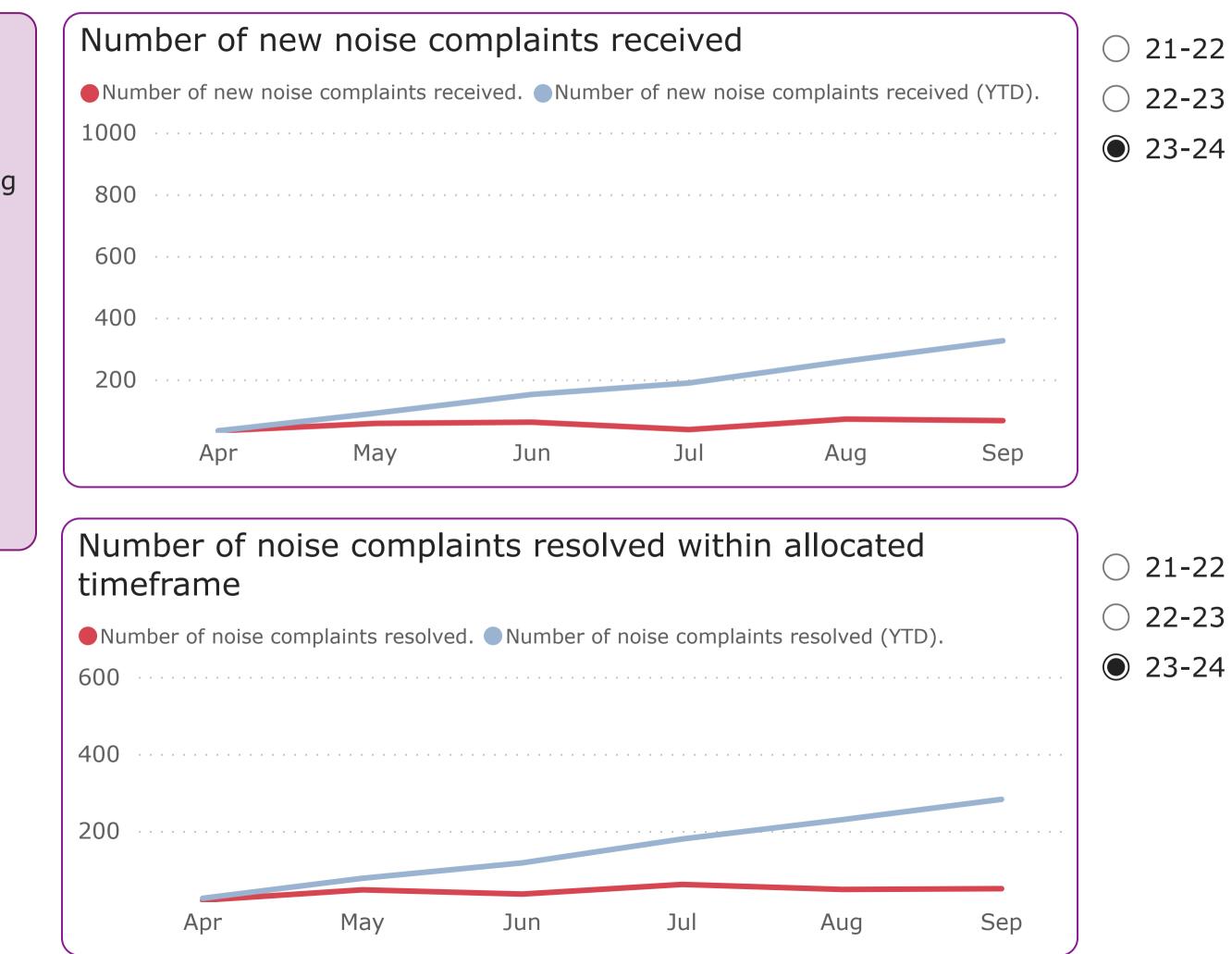
Number of new noise complaints received: 66 received, 16 completed and 50 outstanding in September 2023. These figures are broadly in line with last month, but the number of new noise complaints received is predicted to start falling from next month as the weather gets colder and the nights draw in (as previously noted noise complaints peek in the summer months when more people are outdoors for longer and have their windows open at night).

Number of noise complaints resolved: 53 resolved, 50 (94%) in target, 3 (6%) out of target in September 2023. The 3 complaints that were resolved outside of target time in August were a mix of complaints (one of each for people noise, loud music and dog barking) so there's no identifiable pattern to these, as such they are essentially isolated failures most likely due to protracted investigations.

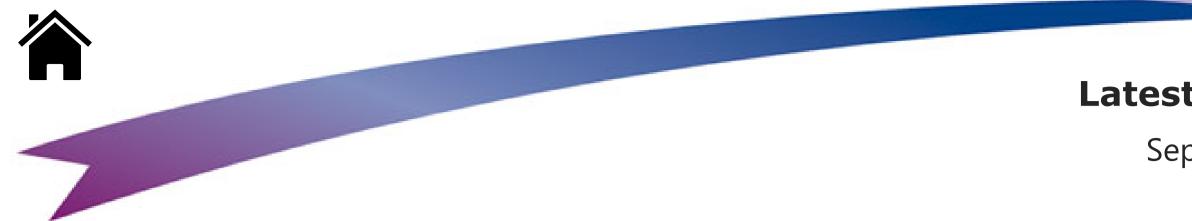
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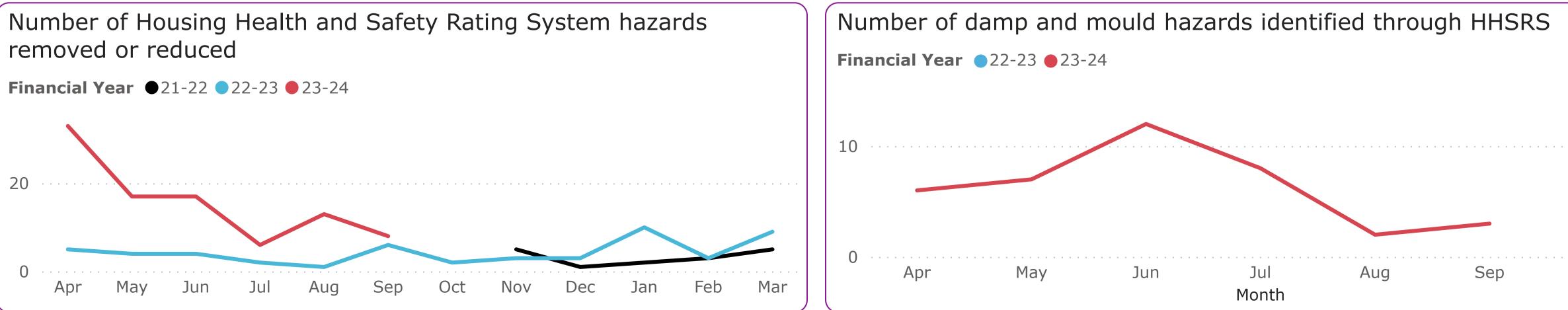
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Number of Housing Health and Safety Rating System hazards are removed **or reduced*:** 6 inspections carried out and 12 hazards were identified:

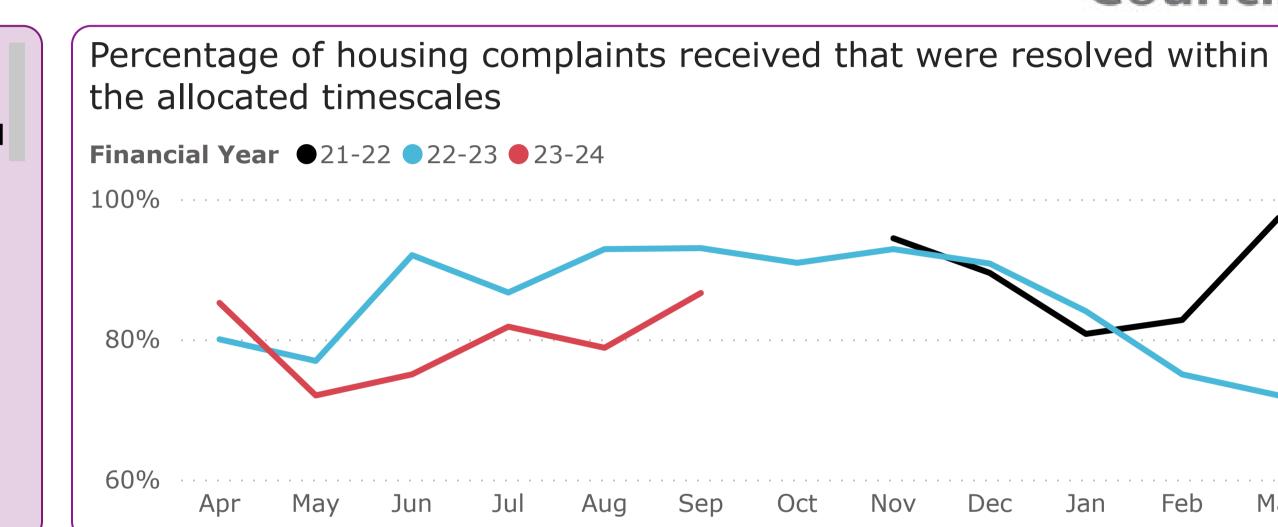
From these inspections, the following hazards were identified:

1x Category 1 – Excess Cold 2x Category 2 - Excess Cold **1x** Category 1 - Falls on a level **1x** Category 2 - Personal Hygiene **1x** Category 2 - Damp Mould

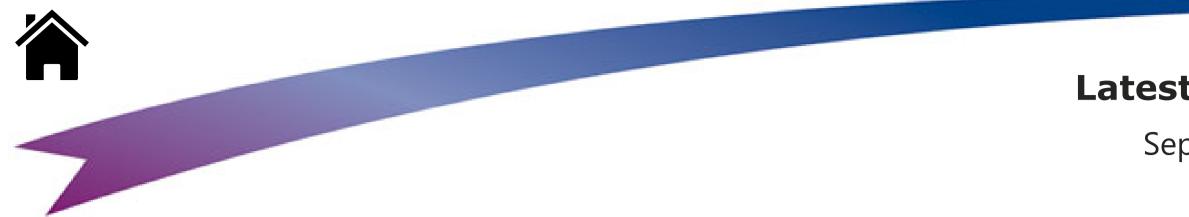
3x Category 2 – Fire

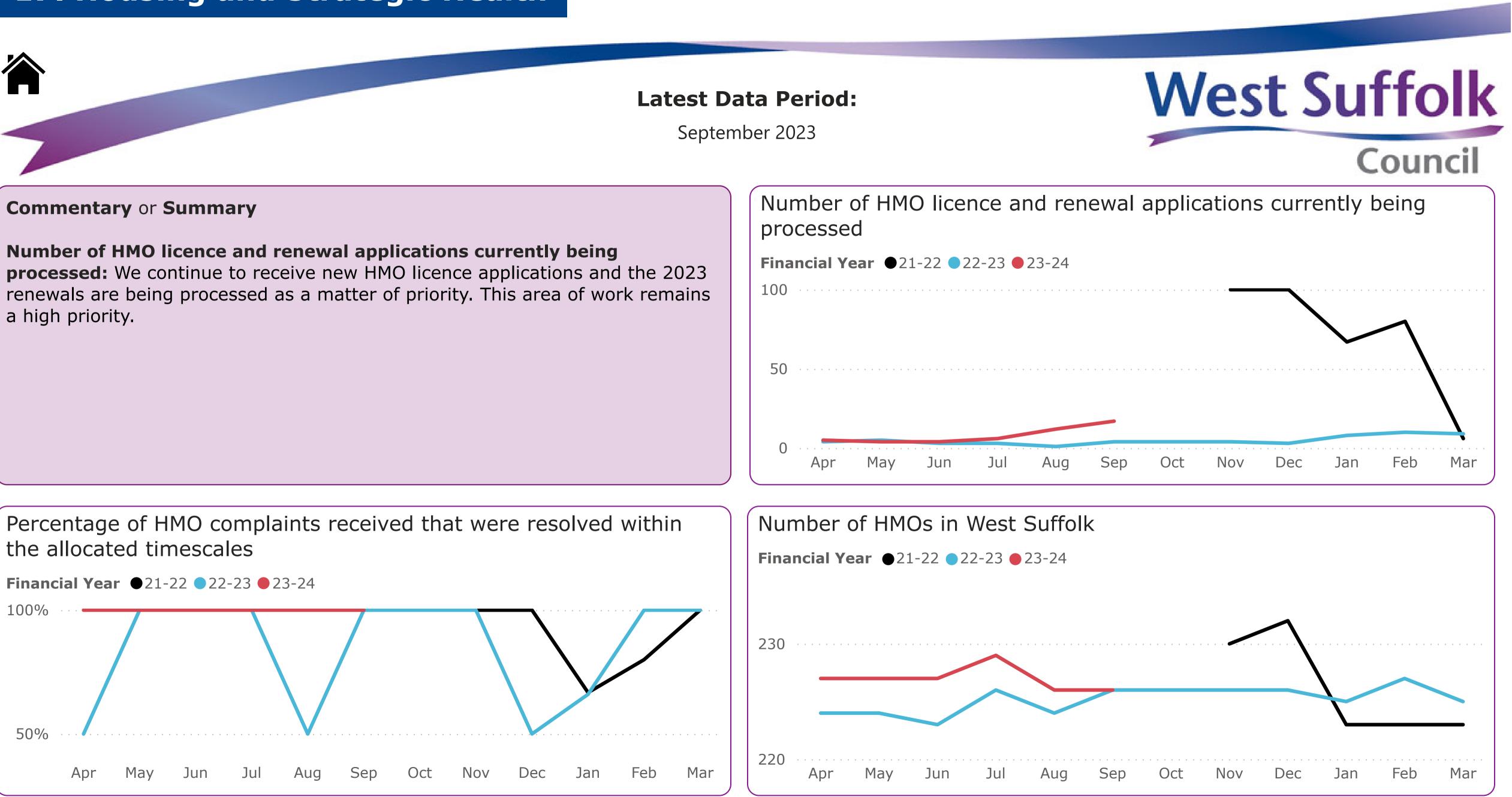


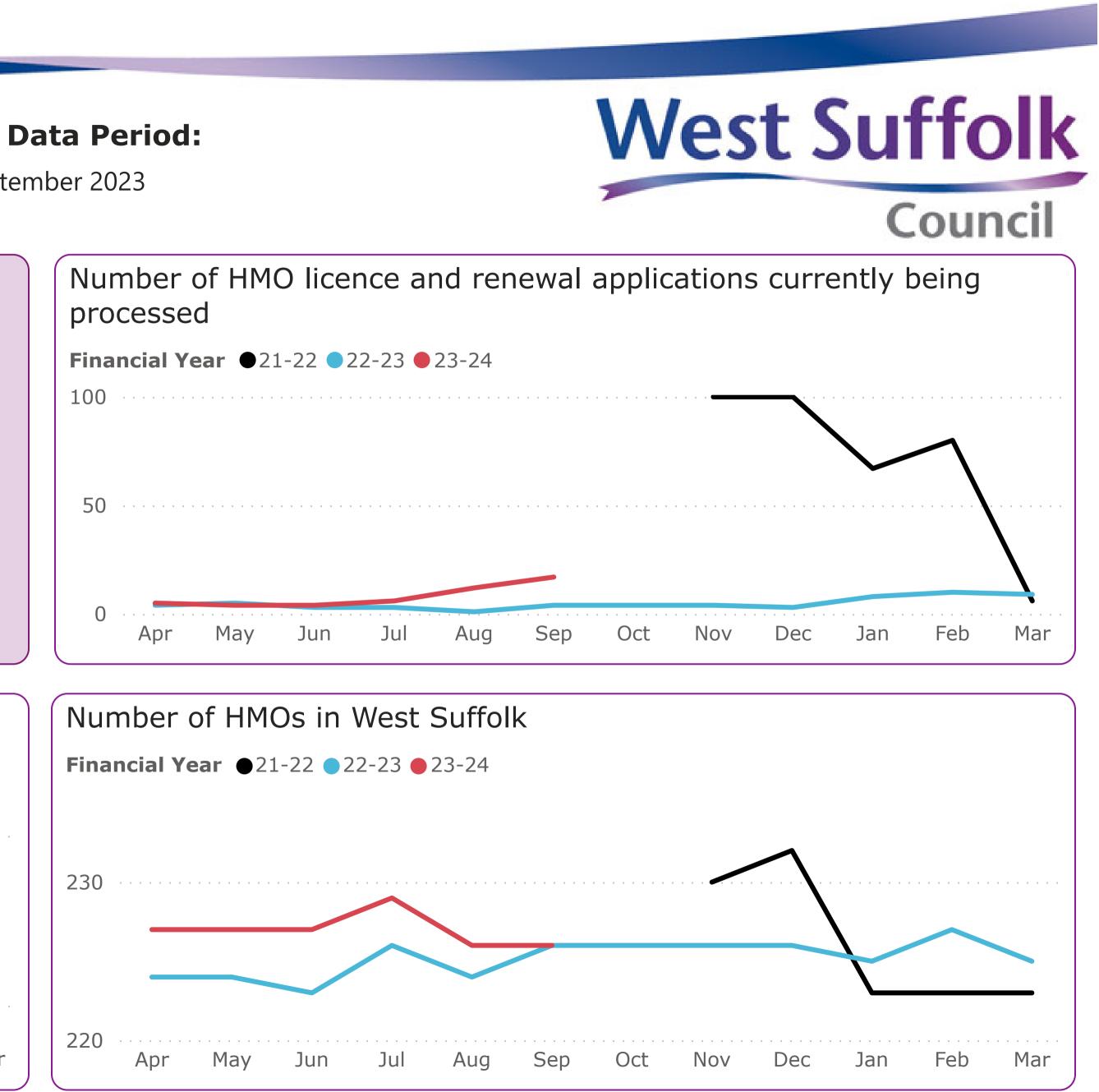
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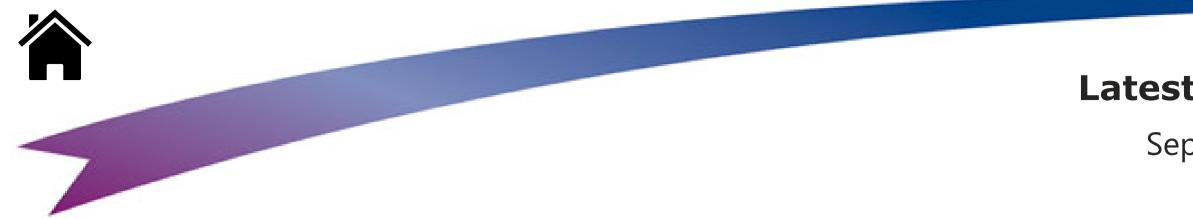




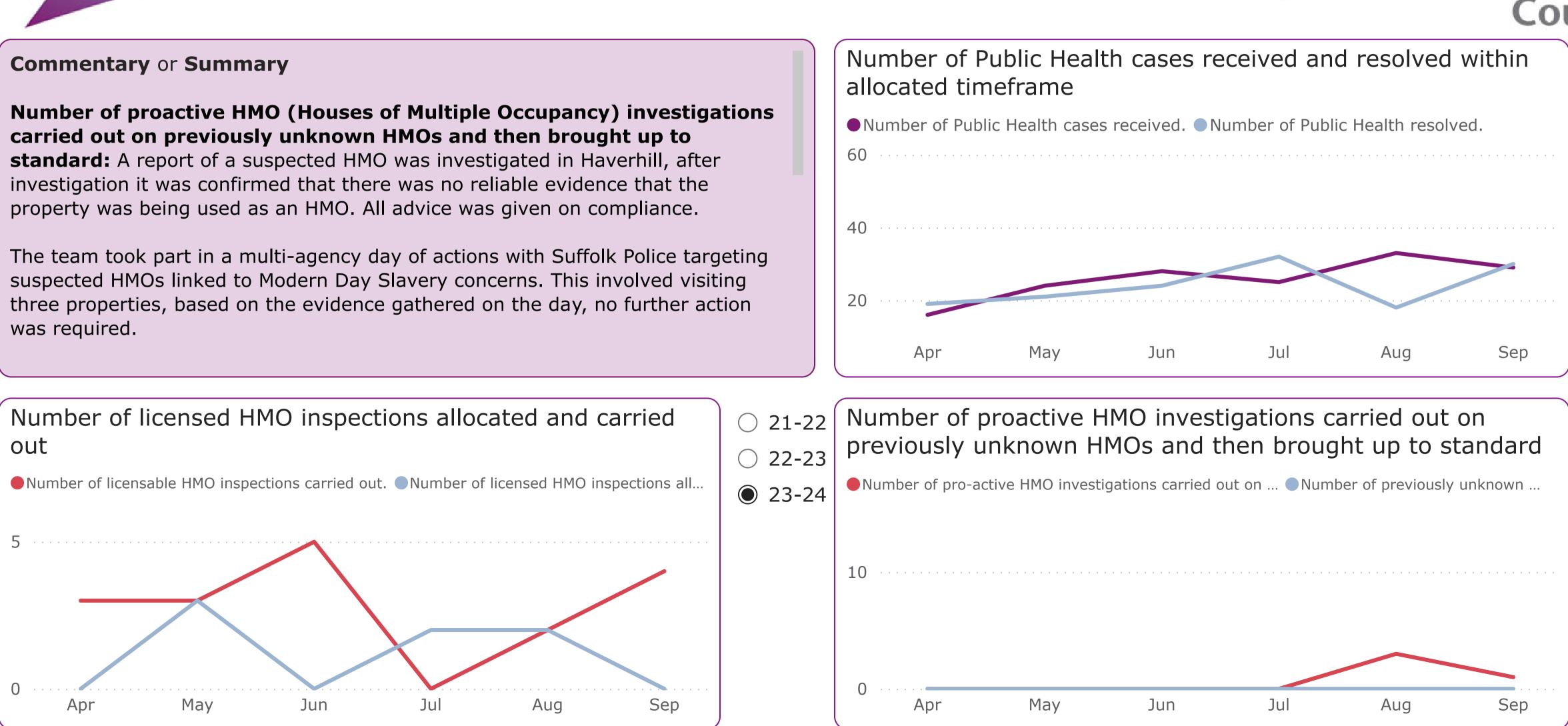








carried out on previously unknown HMOs and then brought up to standard: A report of a suspected HMO was investigated in Haverhill, after



Latest Data Period:







Number of non-licensed HMO inspections allocated and **Commentary** or **Summary:** carried out Further information can be found in the Q2 Performance PASC report. Non-licensed HMO inspections carried out. 10 The number of affordable dwelling units built on sites of 10 or more in Q2 2023-24 was **70**. This figure is a total of the affordable, intermediate, and social rent, plus the shared ownership sale. 5 Number of non licensed HMO (Houses of Multiple Occupancy) inspections **allocated:** These figures vary from month to month depending on how many properties arise per month through our risk rated inspection programme.

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Percentage of affordable dwellings units delivered on sites of 10 or more units

Jul

Aug

Jun

May

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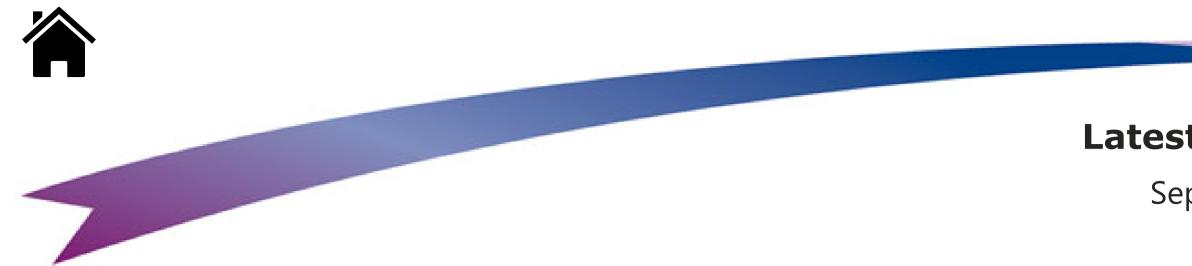
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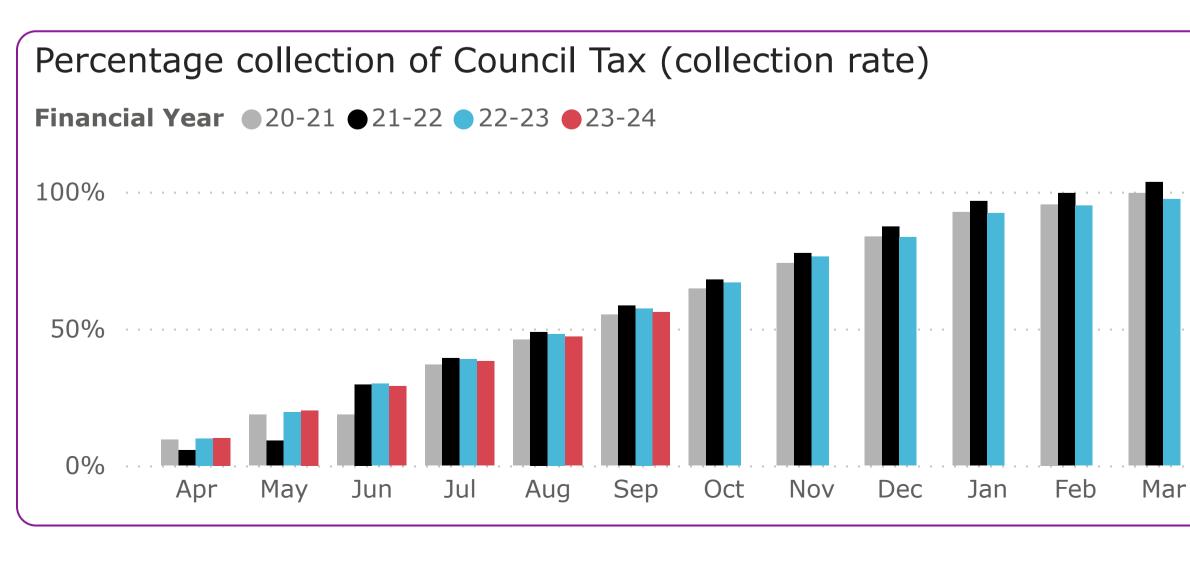
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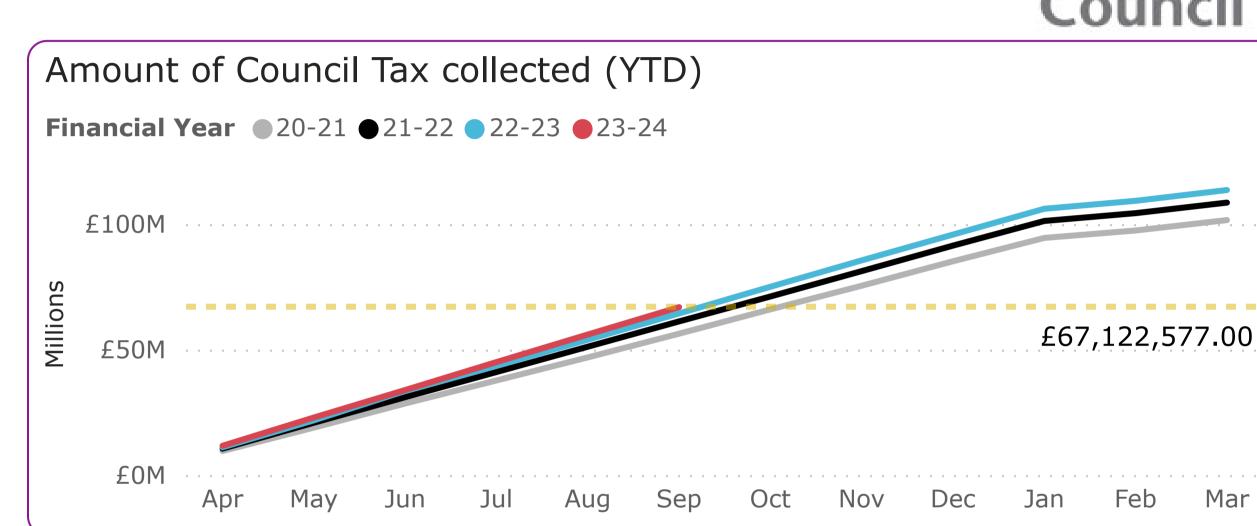


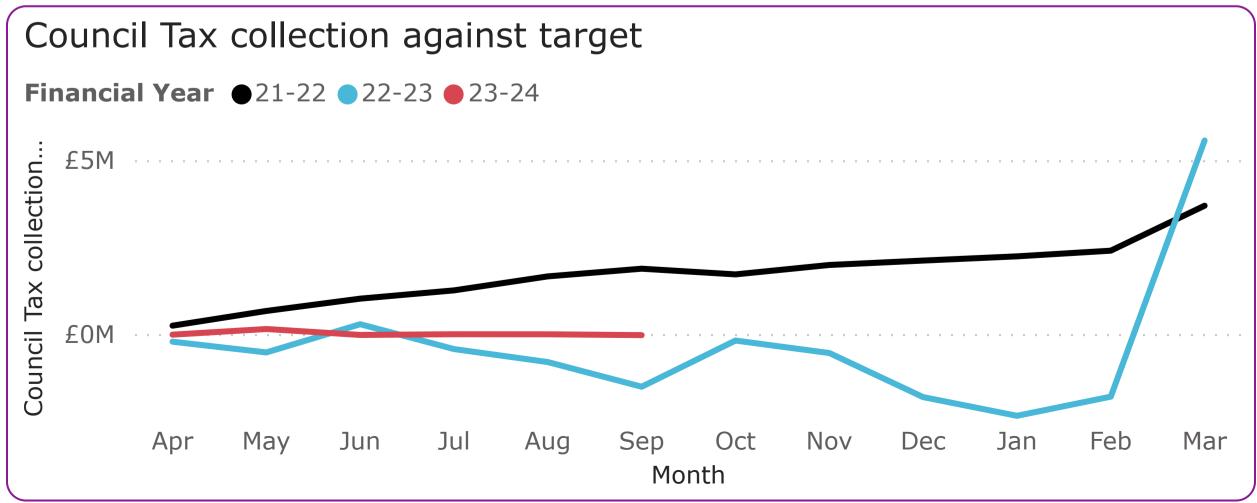
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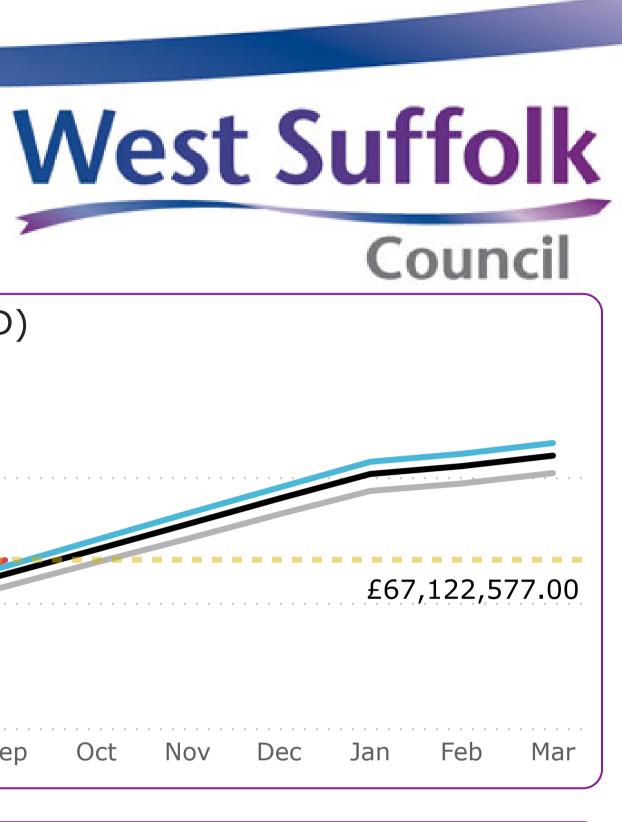
Benchmarking on Council Tax and business rate collection can be found in the Q2 Performance PASC report.

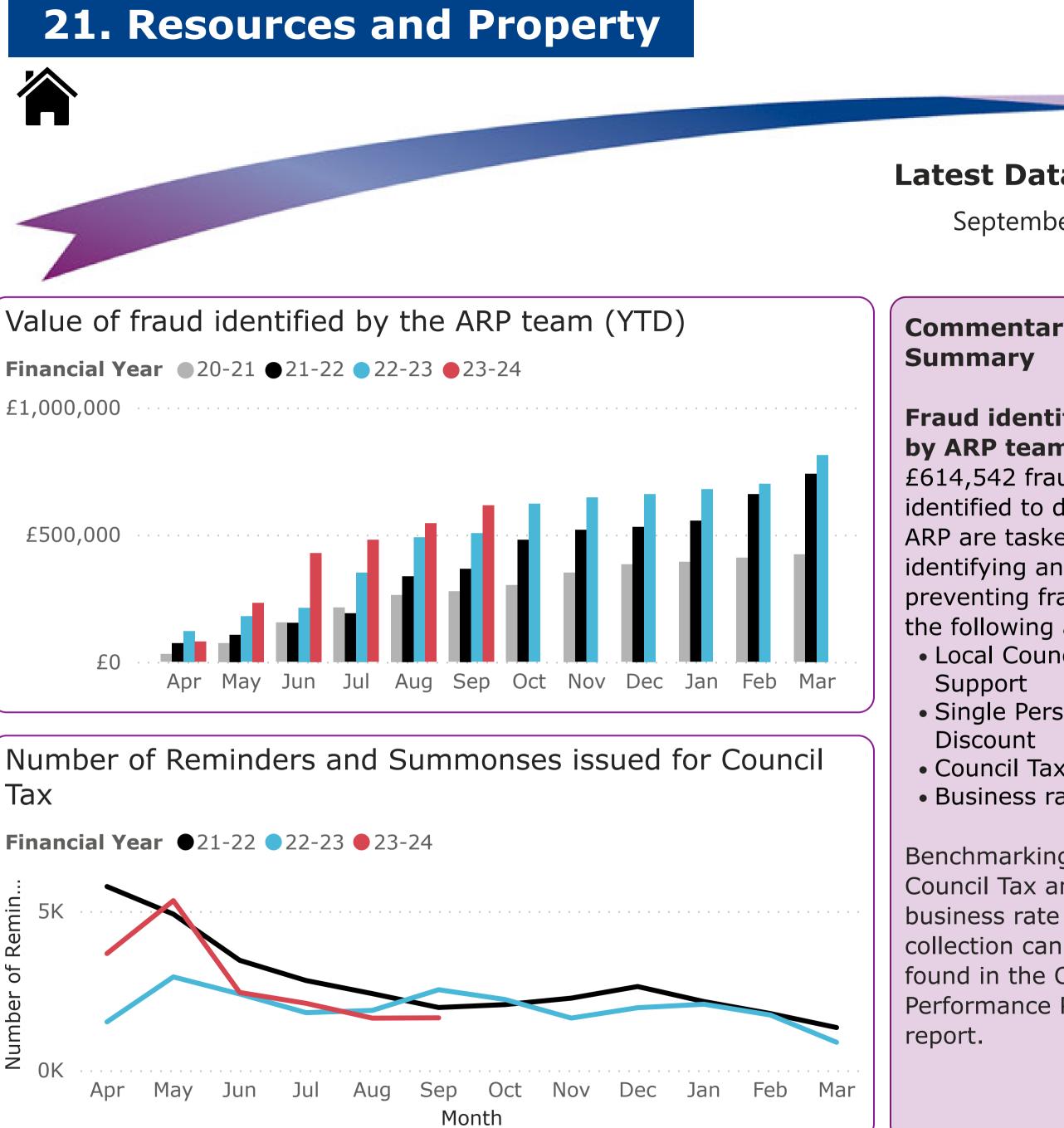


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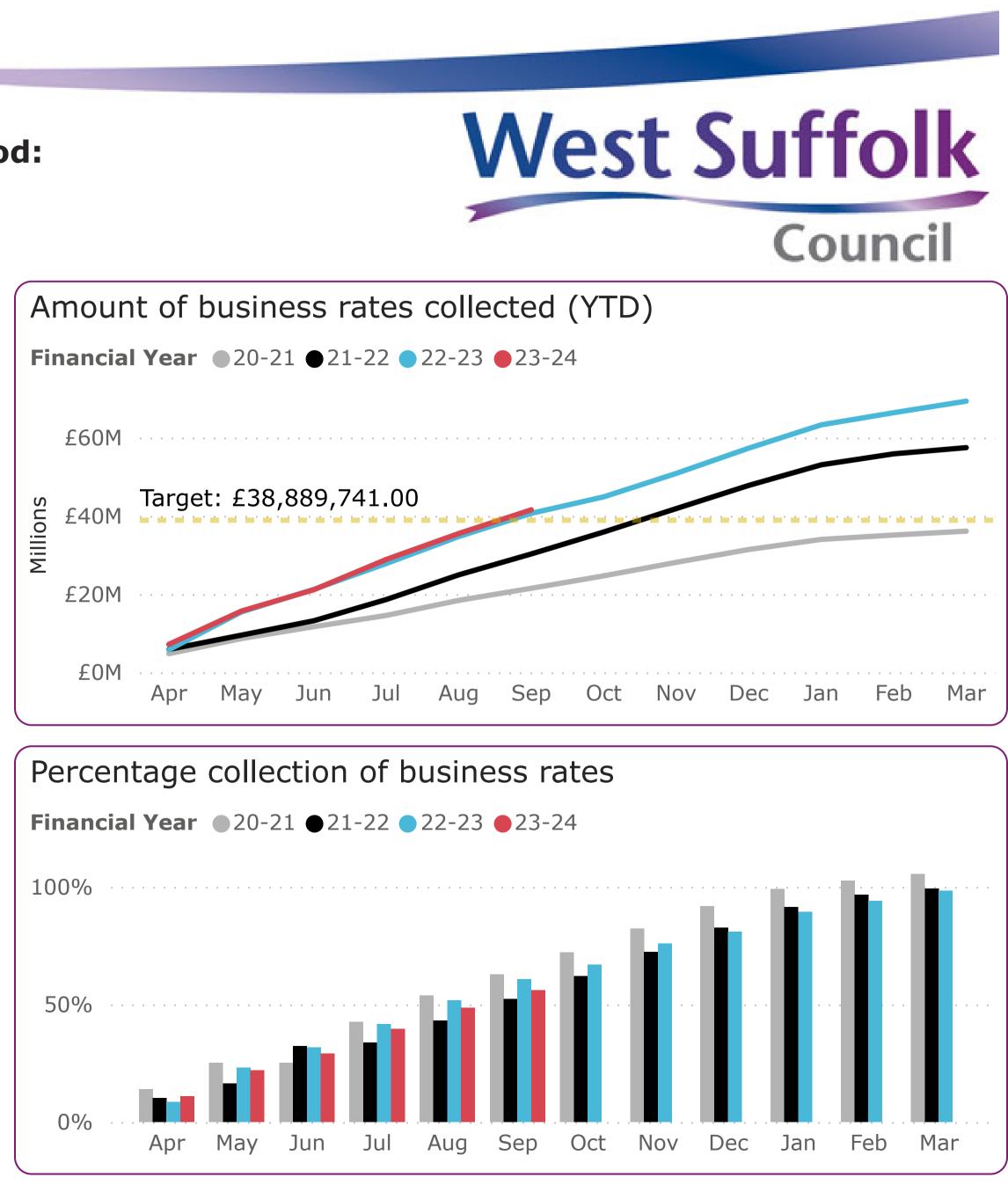
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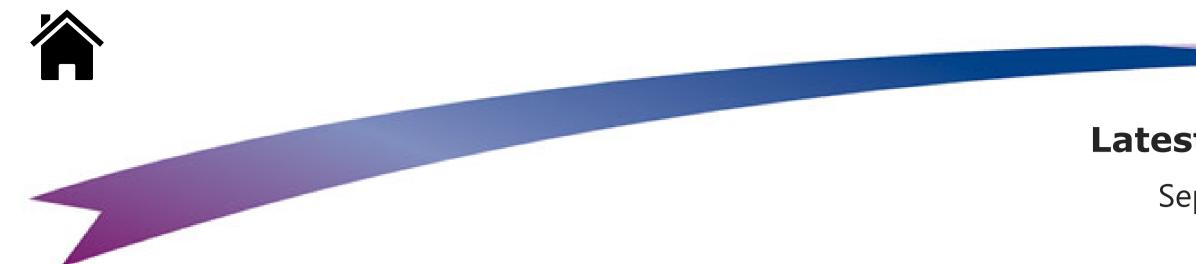
Fraud identified by ARP team:

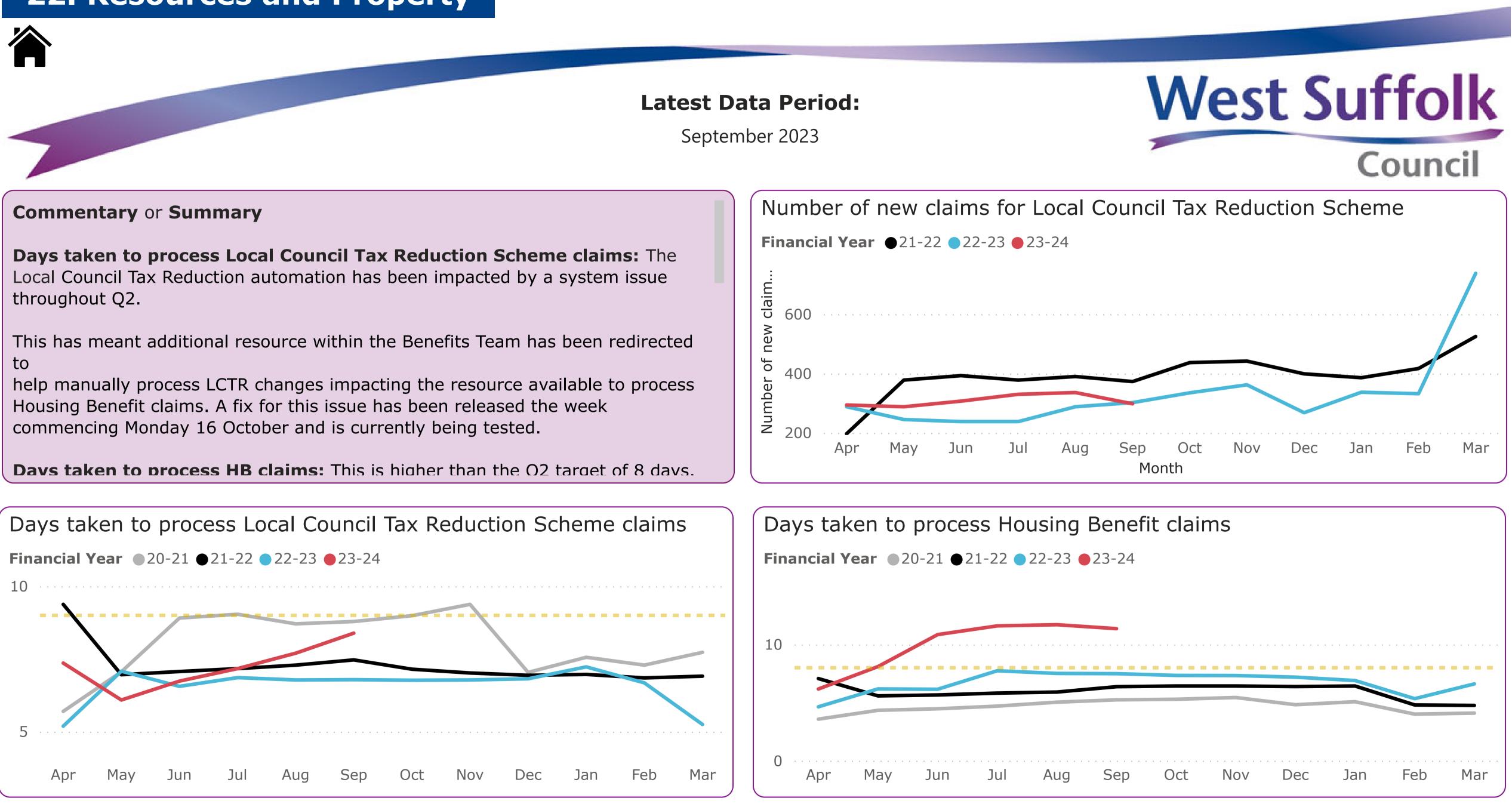
£614,542 fraud identified to date. ARP are tasked with identifying and preventing fraud in the following areas: • Local Council Tax • Single Person • Council Tax • Business rates

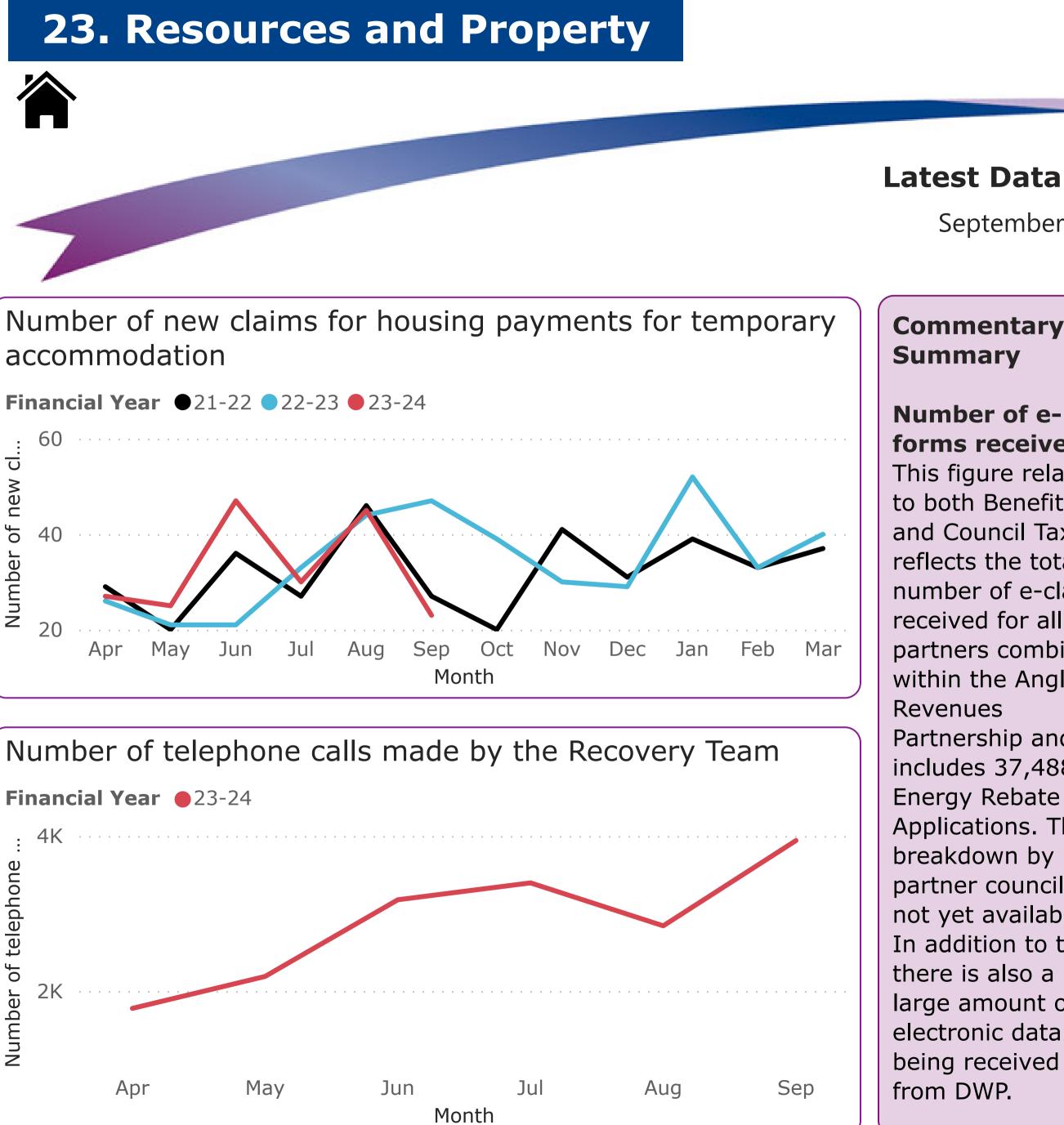
Benchmarking on Council Tax and collection can be found in the Q2 **Performance PASC**



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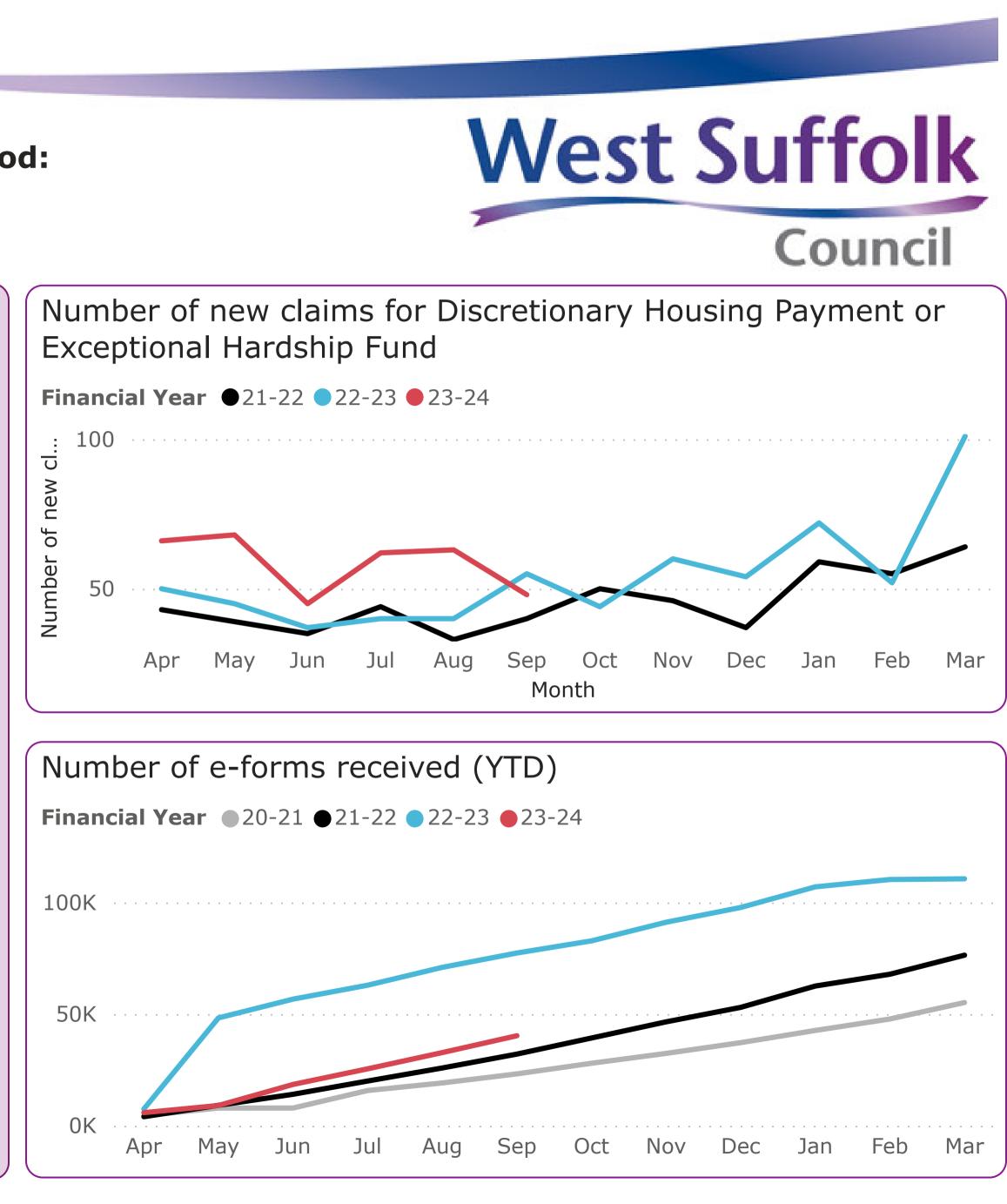
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Number of eforms received:

This figure relates to both Benefits and Council Tax. It reflects the total number of e-claims received for all partners combined within the Anglia Partnership and includes 37,488 Energy Rebate Applications. The partner council is not yet available. In addition to this, large amount of electronic data



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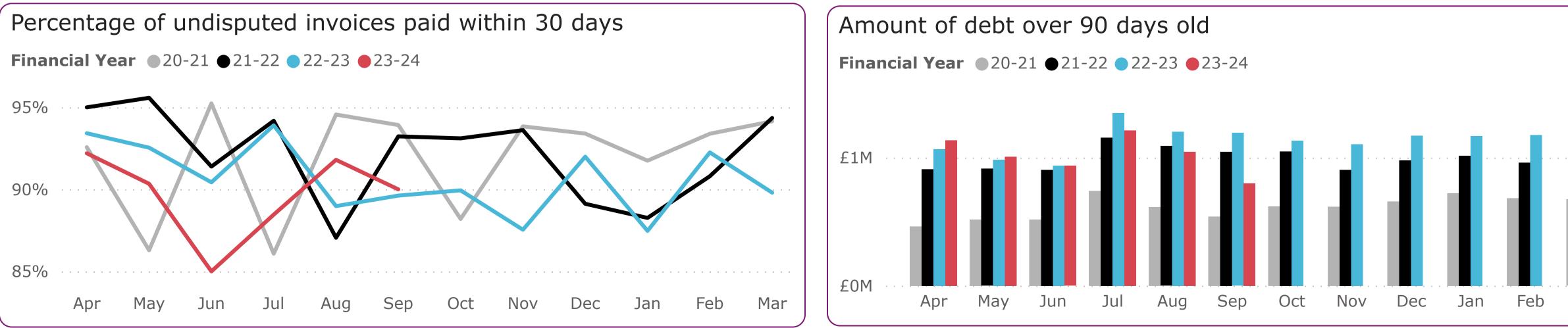
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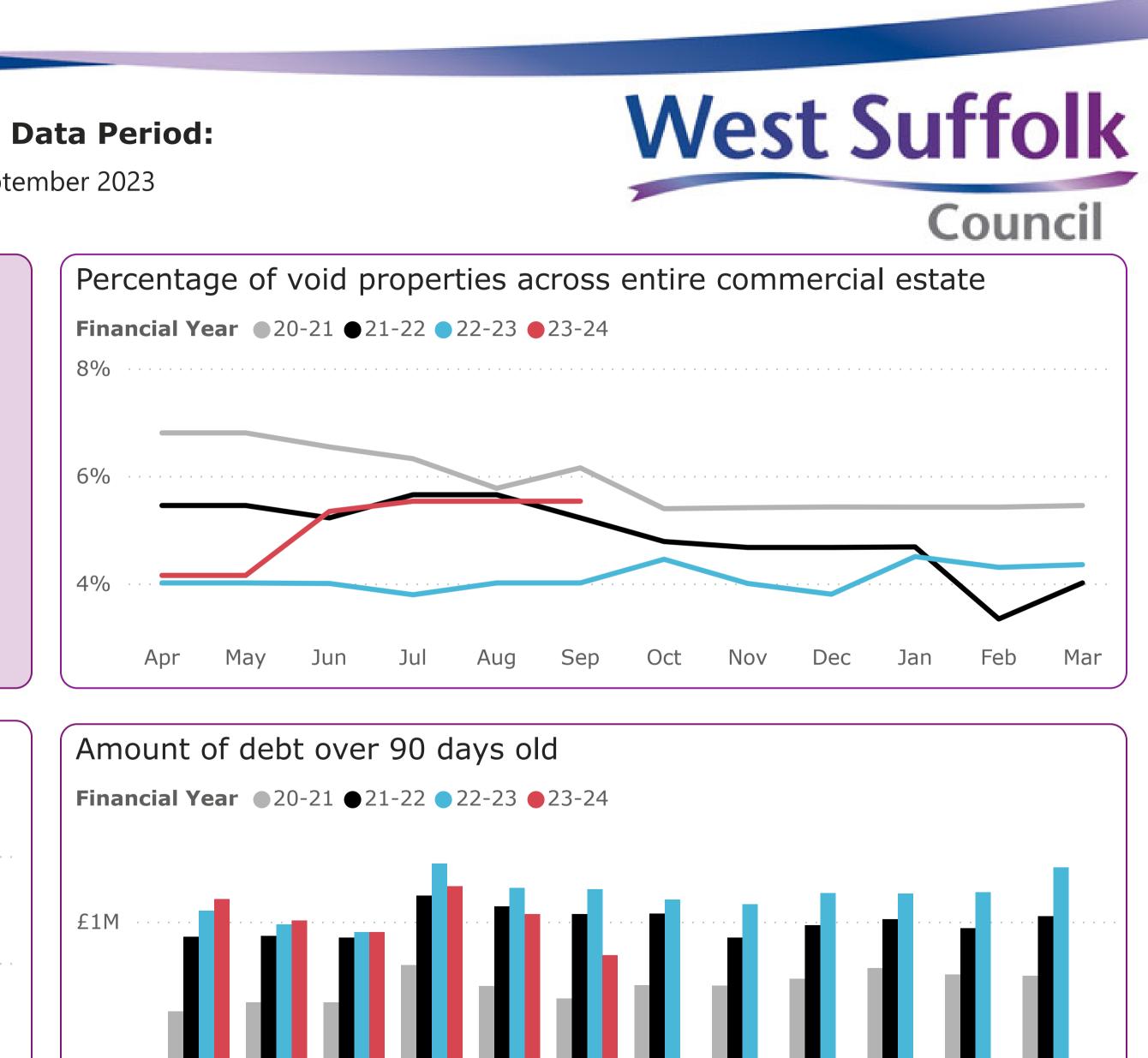
% voids across entire commercial estate: The void rate figure for September has remained the same at 5.53%.

Void rates remain comfortably below the market average for a commercial portfolio (10%) reflecting our robust and pro-active management approach, and the nature of a portfolio which comprises a significant number of industrial properties. There will be natural fluctuations from month to month as properties are vacated and relet, this period there has been 1 unit returned and 1 has been re-let.

Amount of debt over 90 days old: Reduction of £250k on the August 2023 position. This is driven by the receipt of one large invoice in Commercial Property.



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25. Governance

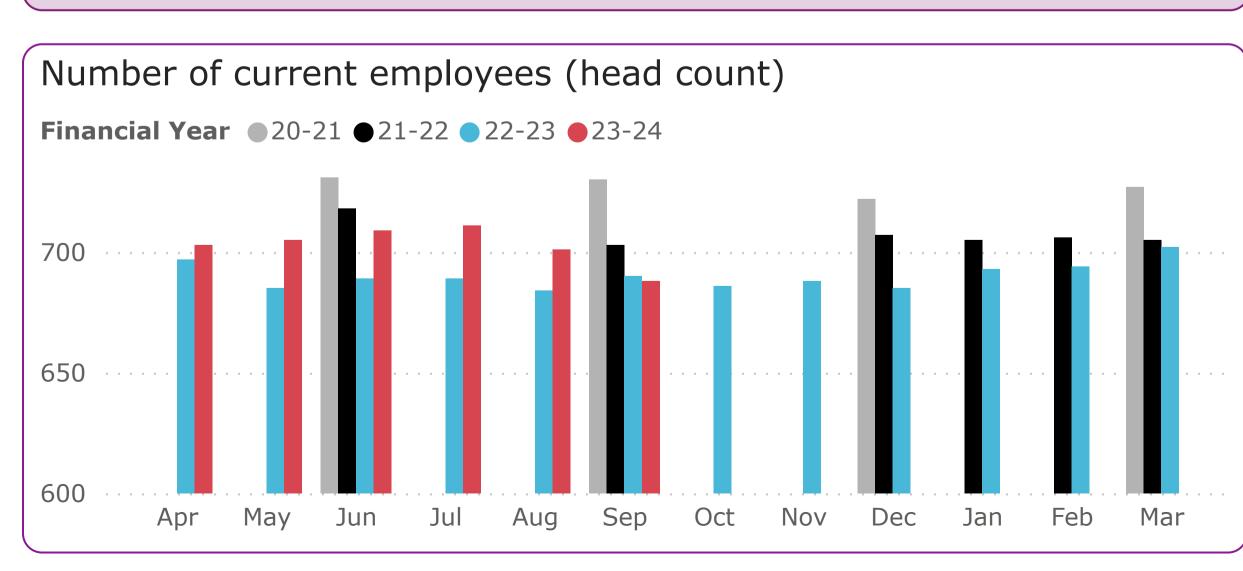


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Average number sick days lost per FTE: A further increase with long term absence rising more than short term absence.

Head count: Decrease of 13 due to a large number of leavers (15) since August, including 6 interns.

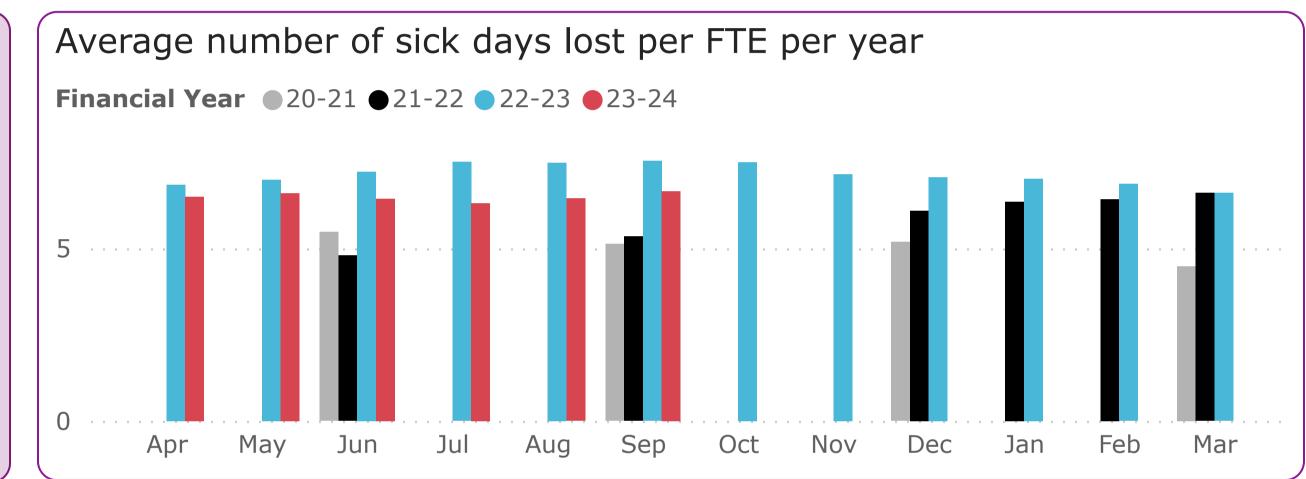
Number of new starters: Only 2 new starters in September 2023.

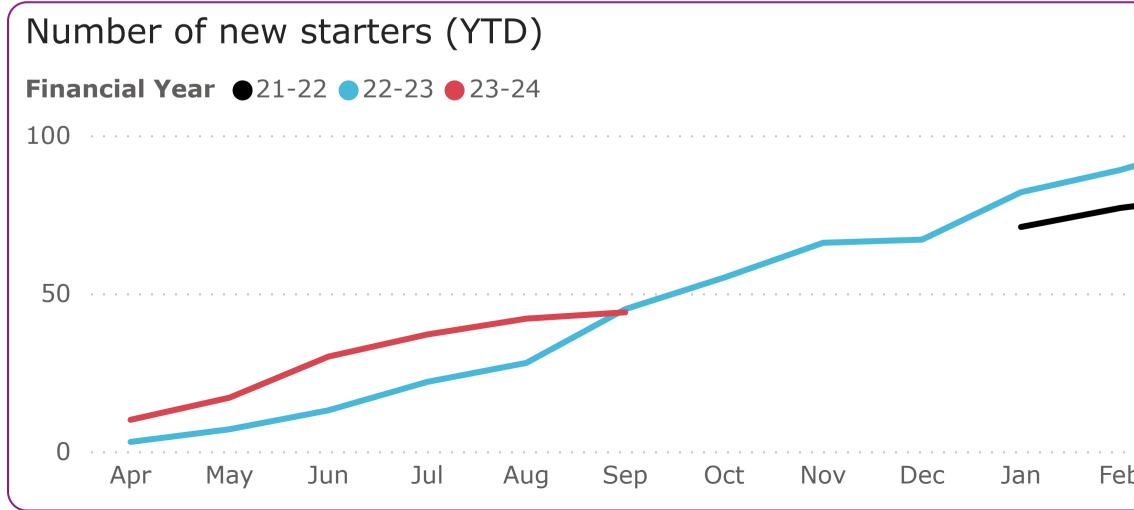


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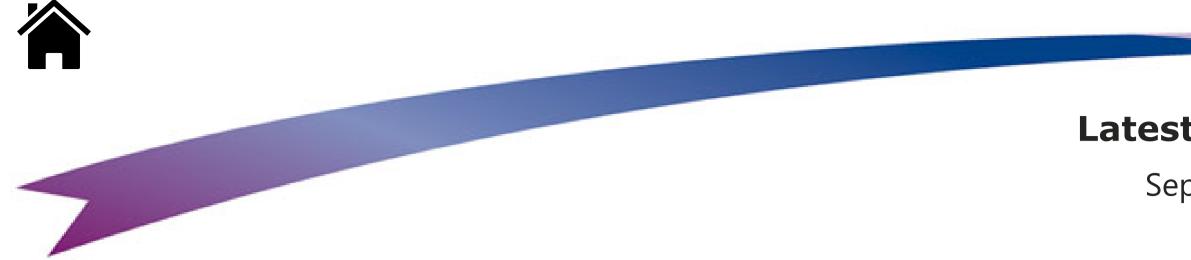






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26. Governance



Commentary or **Summary**

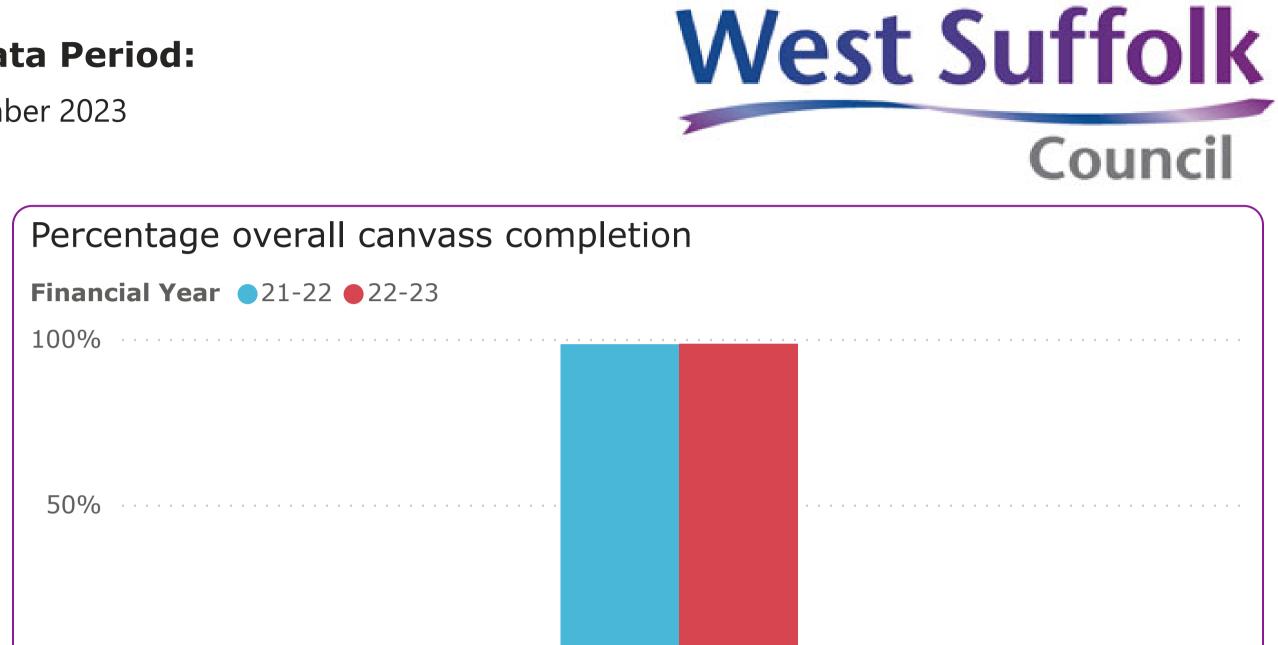
Canvass: A revised electoral register is published on 1 December each year following the annual canvass. In 2020 the canvass approach was reformed nationally and now involves national and local data matching, e-comms via text and email, postal forms, telephone canvassing and door knocking by canvassers.

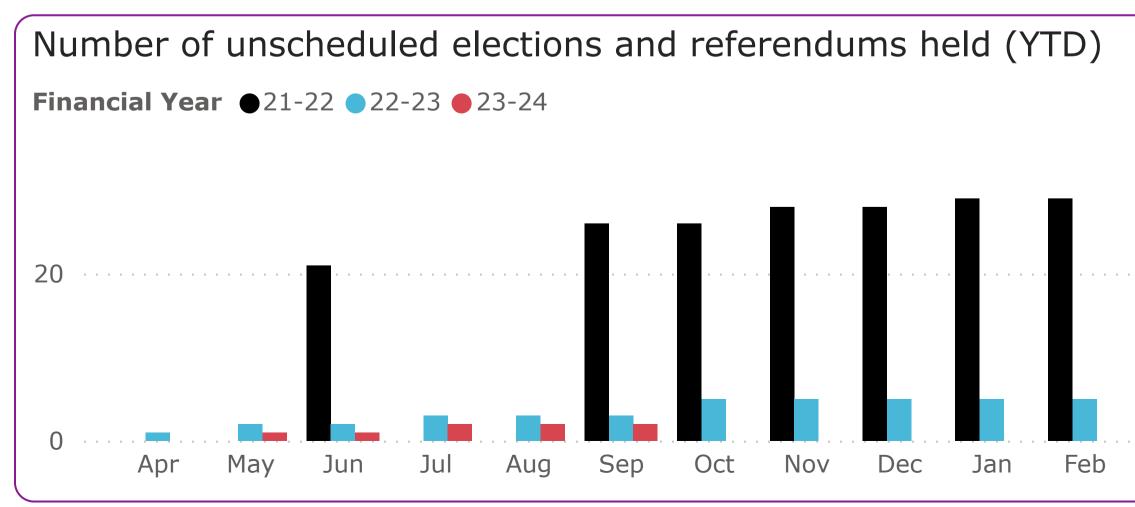
2021-22 elections were impacted by the COVID pandemic, as elections and referendums could not be held prior to May 2021.

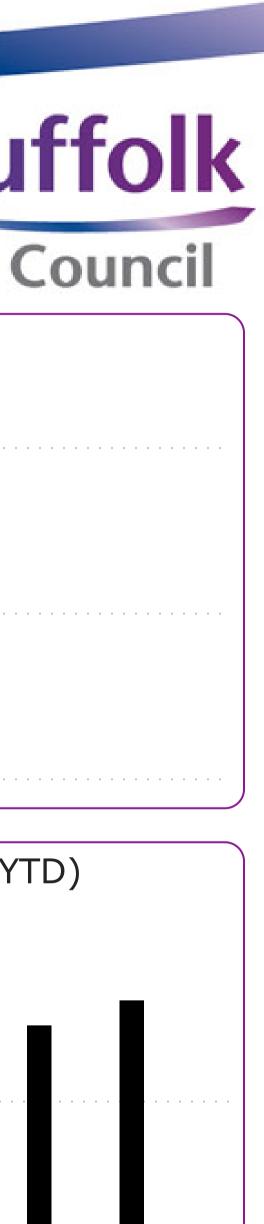
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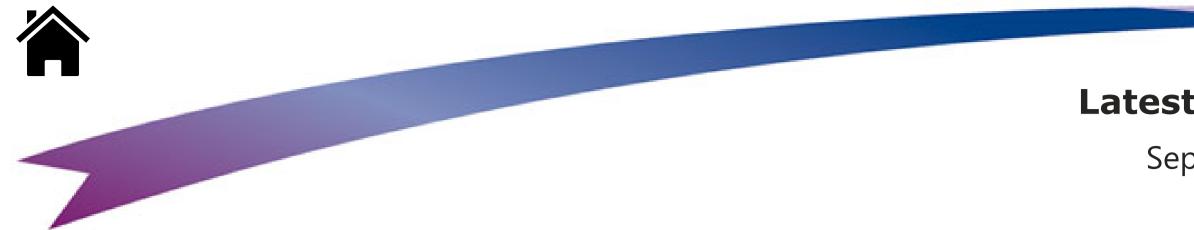






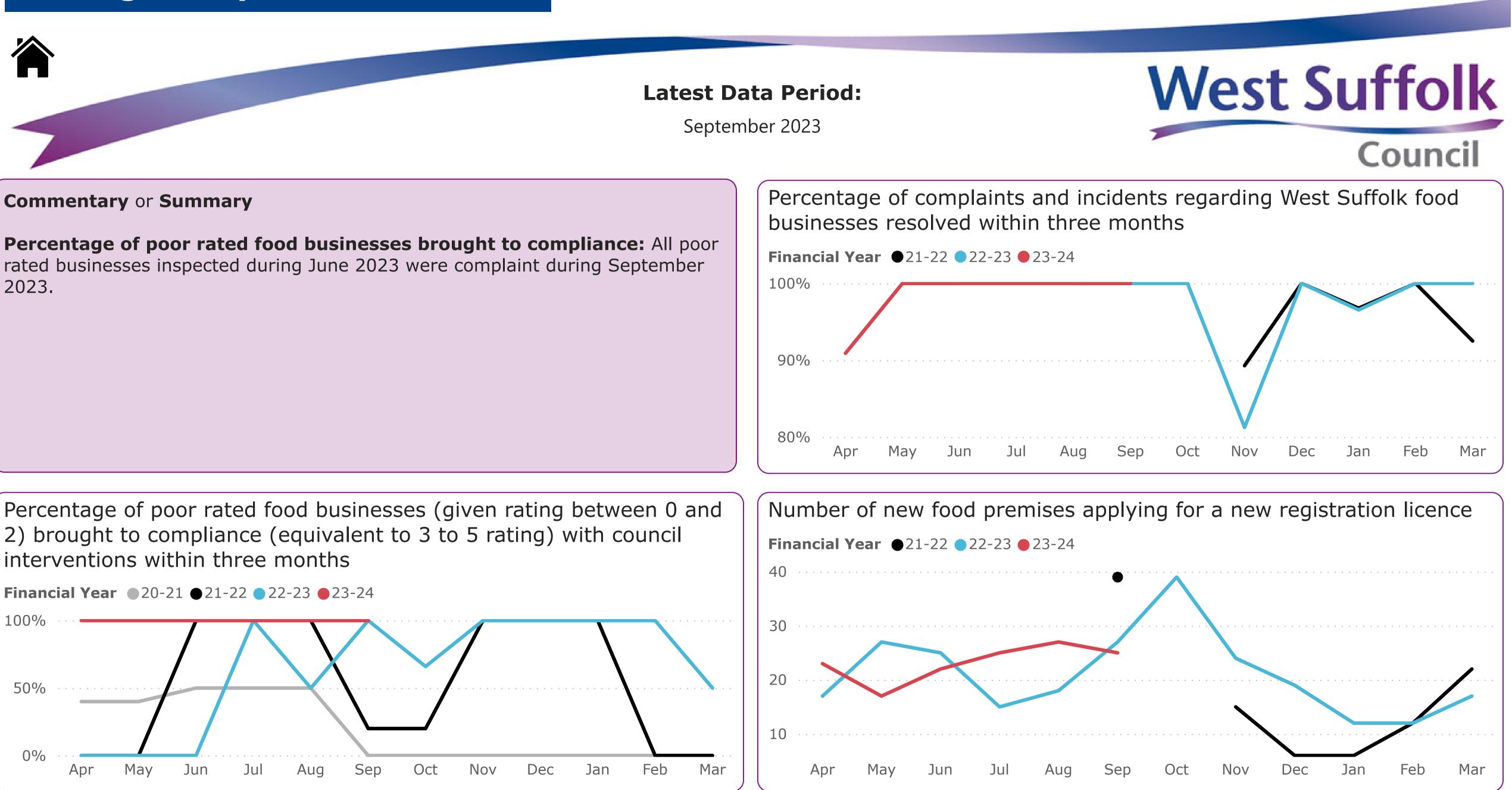
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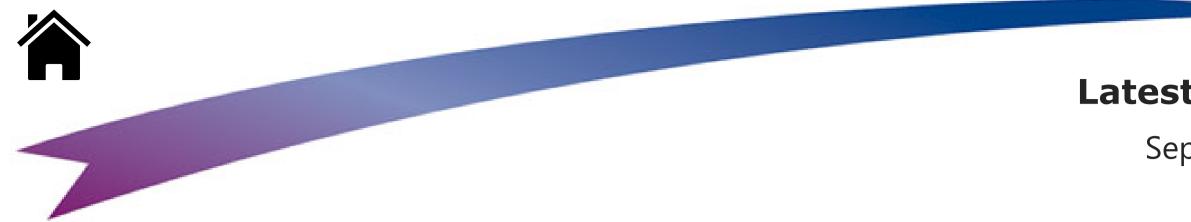


rated businesses inspected during June 2023 were complaint during September 2023.

2) brought to compliance (equivalent to 3 to 5 rating) with council interventions within three months



28. Regulatory and Environment



Commentary or **Summary**

Percentage of broadly compliant food businesses: This figure continues to compare favourably with both Regional (97.9%) and National (96.9%) figures.

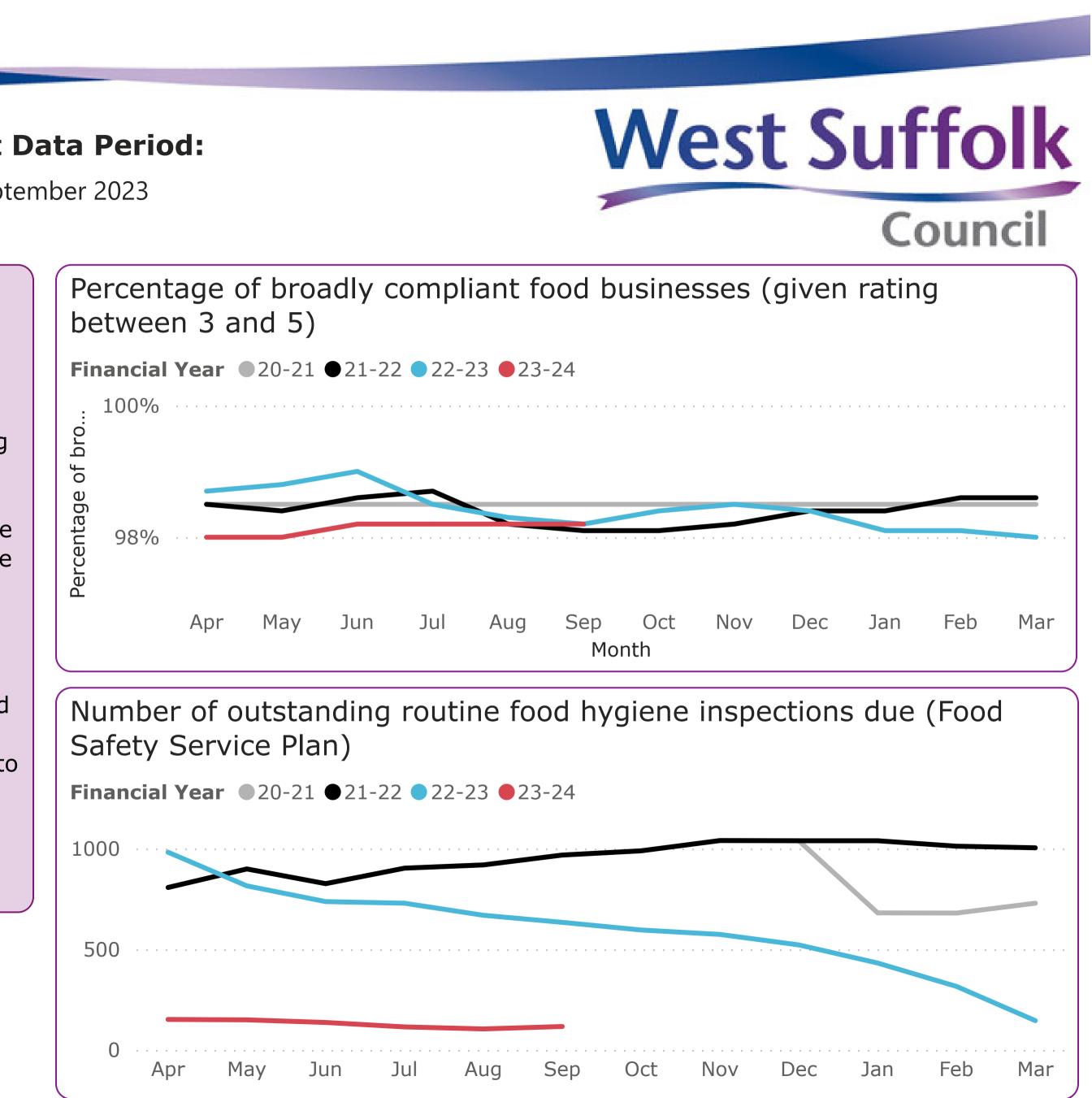
Number of outstanding route food hygiene inspections due: 117 outstanding inspections on 30 September 2023.

Food hygiene inspection activity by the CEH team is being carried out in accordance with the Food Standards Agency's Code of practice. With the plans we have in place for this year, the current backlog number above will be completed. However there will always be a small rolling number of outstanding inspections as every month new ones become due.

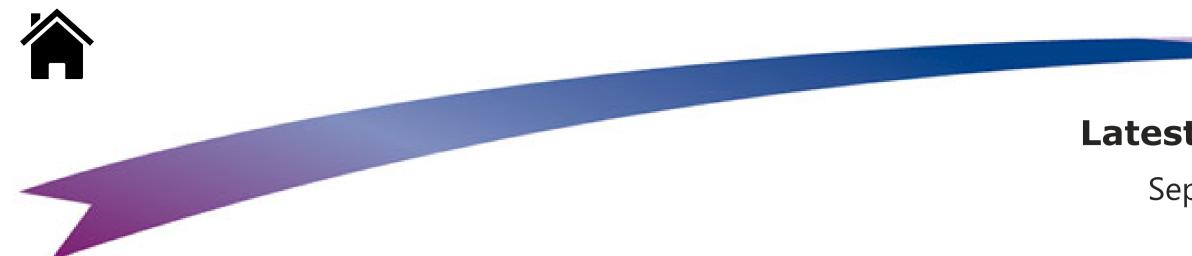
The team have been prioritising some health and safety accident investigations and this impacts the amount of time available to do inspections. We currently have a vacant FTE TO post at this time, work has been carried out to appoint, start likely to be in January 2024.

NB: From February 2023, this indicator only includes routine food hygiene inspections and not new unrated businesses due to system limitations.

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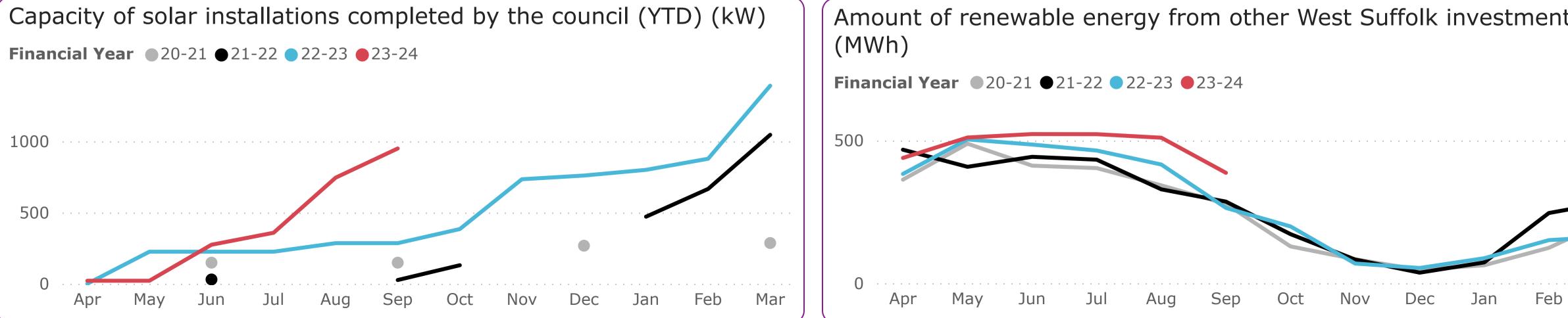


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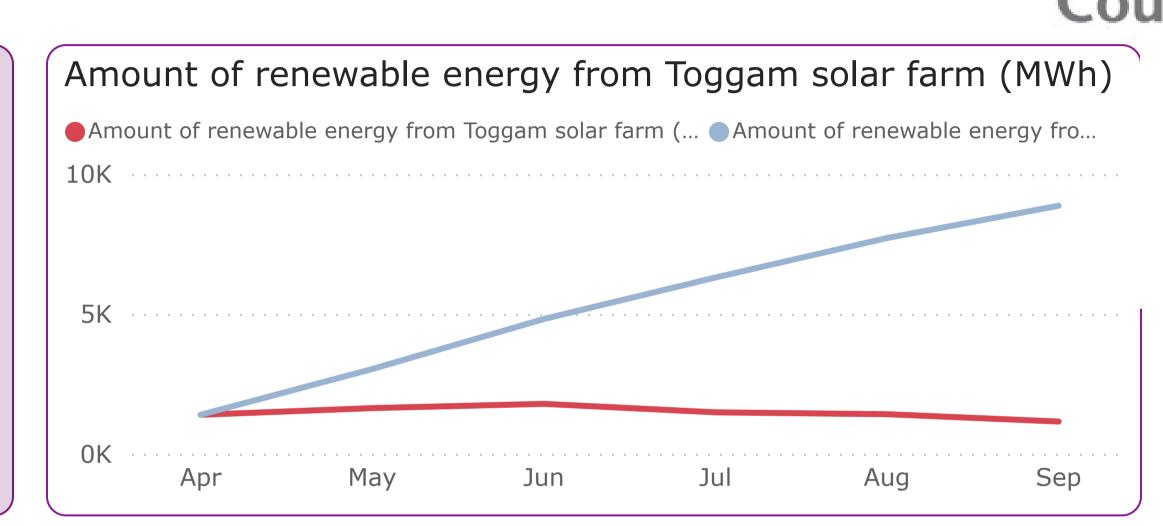


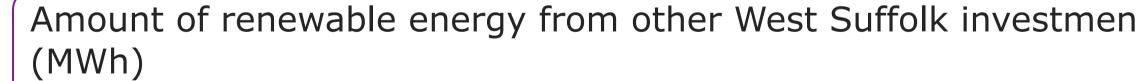
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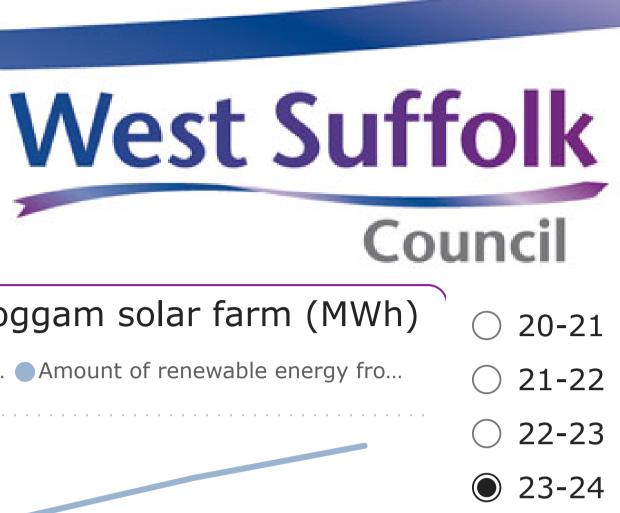
Completed a 205kW Solar for Business installation at West Suffolk College in September 2023.



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30. Families and Communities



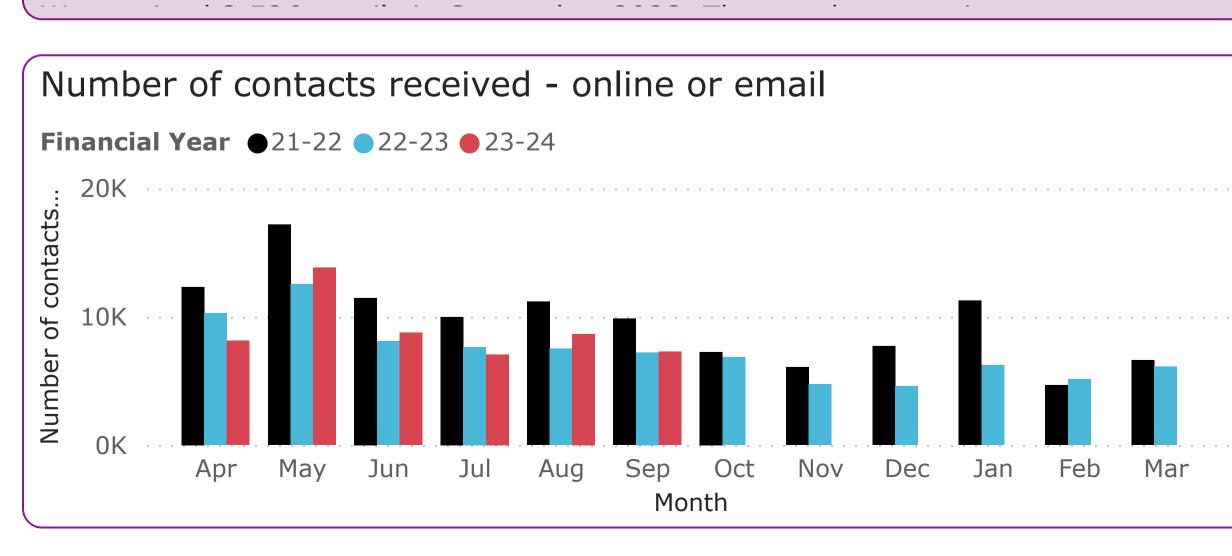


Commentary or **Summary**

Number of contacts - phone: During Q2, the three busiest lines were Waste, Housing and Planning, accounting for 54% of all calls received.

In September 2023, the busiest lines were Housing, Waste and Elections accounting for 53% of all calls received this month.

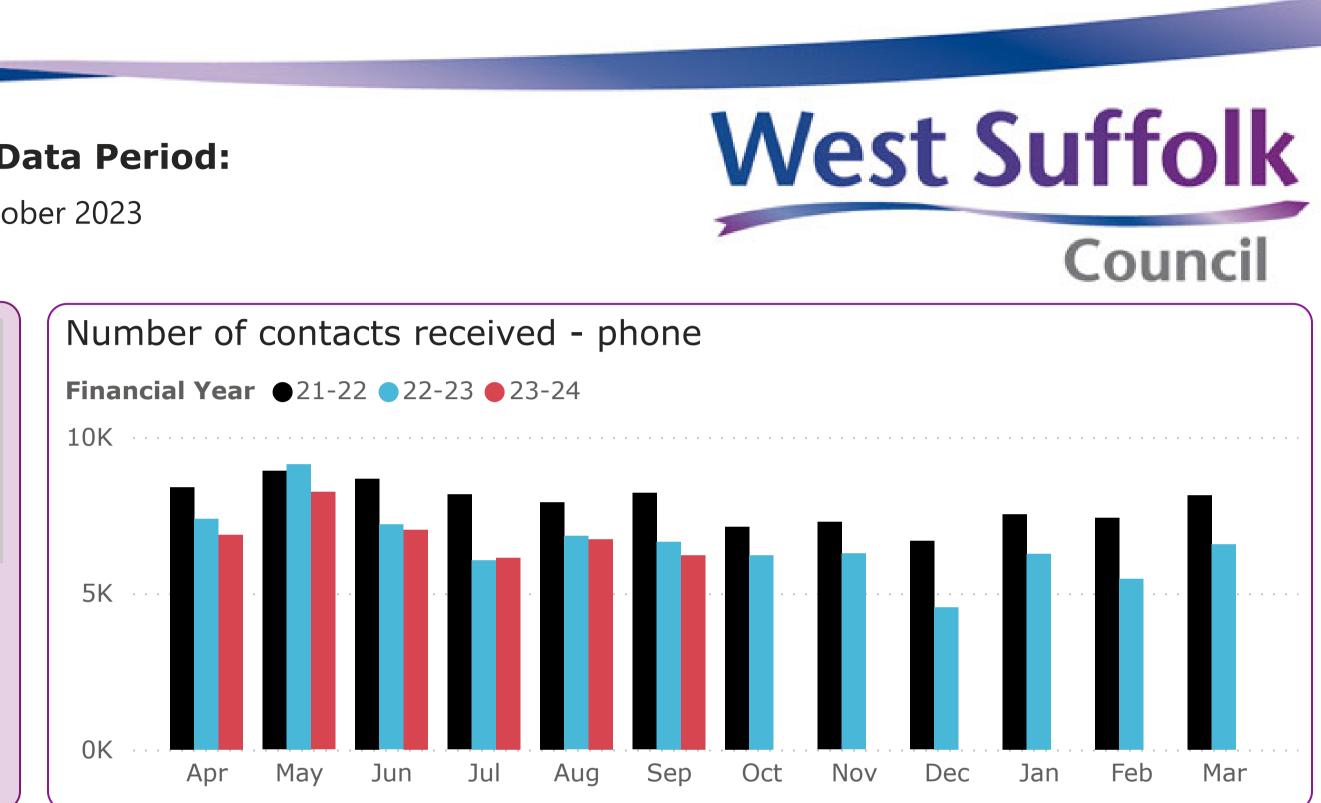
Number of contacts - email/online: During Q2, we received 8,202 emails. Housing, Planning and Parking permits accounted for 49% of all emails. 14,776 online forms were completed. Elections IER data, Residential Parking Permits and Garden Waste being the most frequently used.

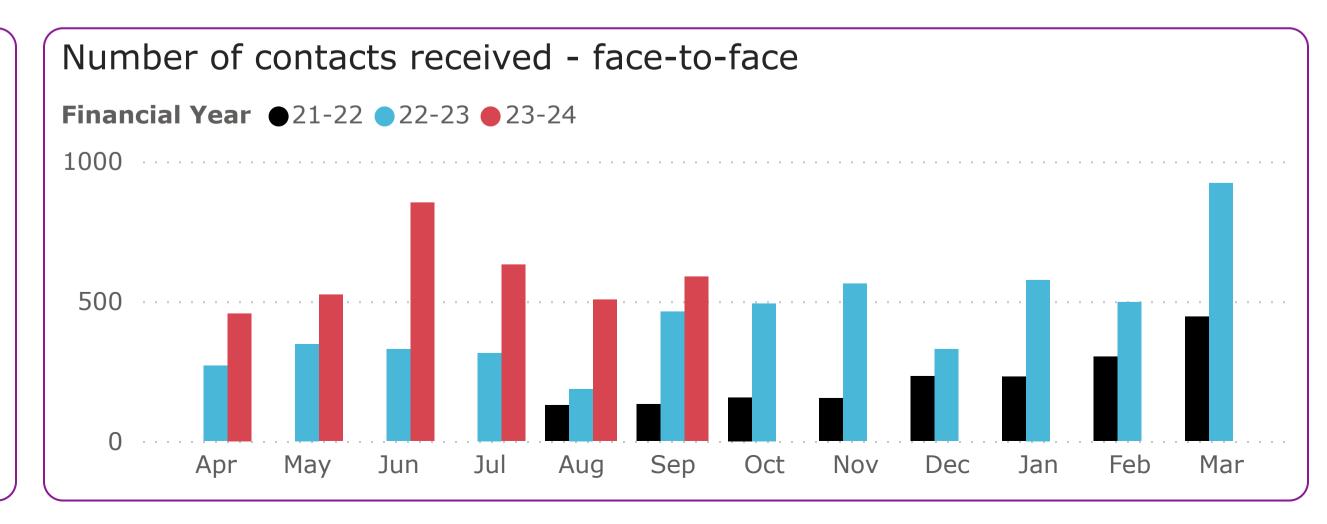


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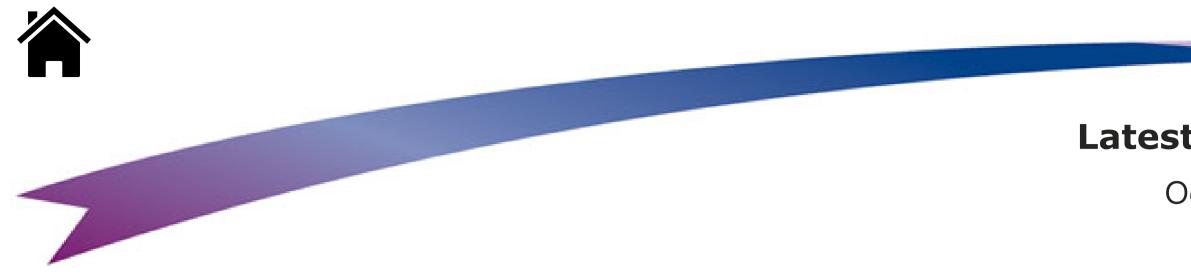
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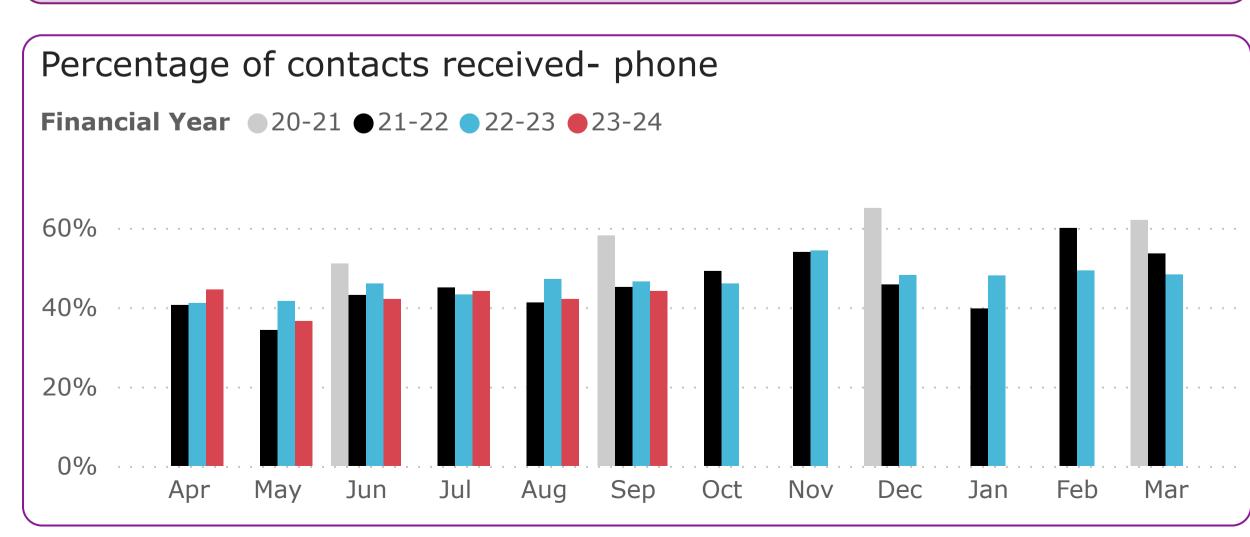




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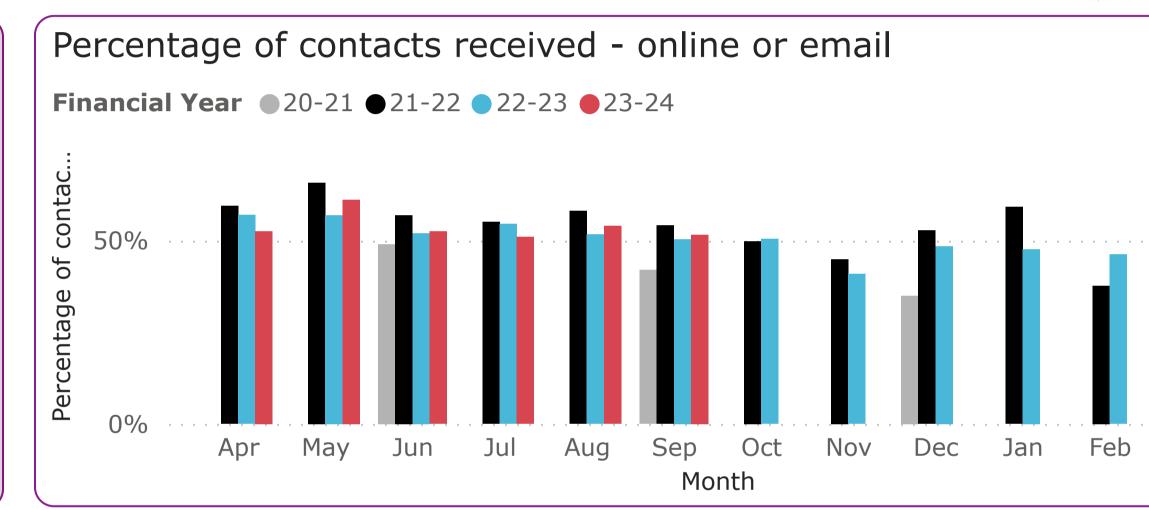
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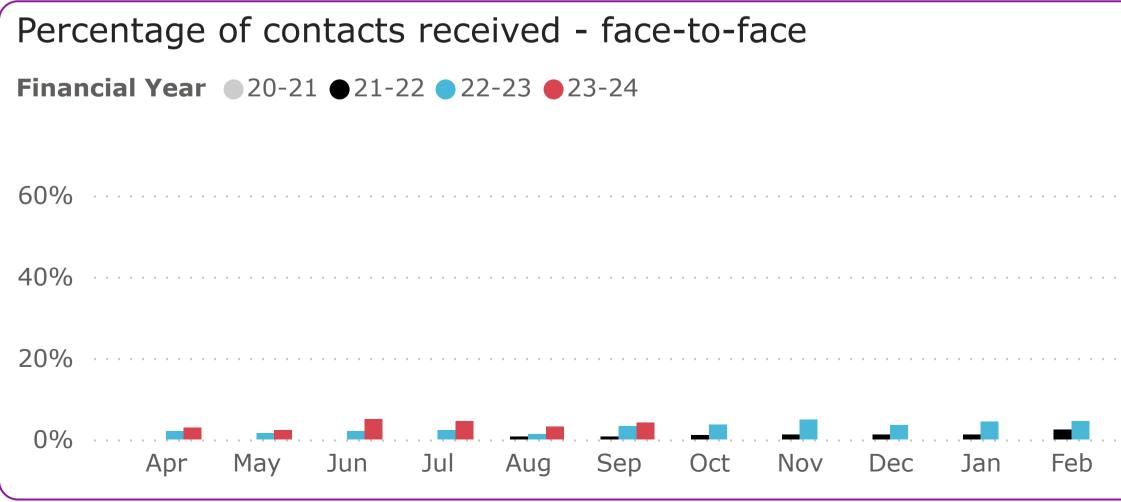


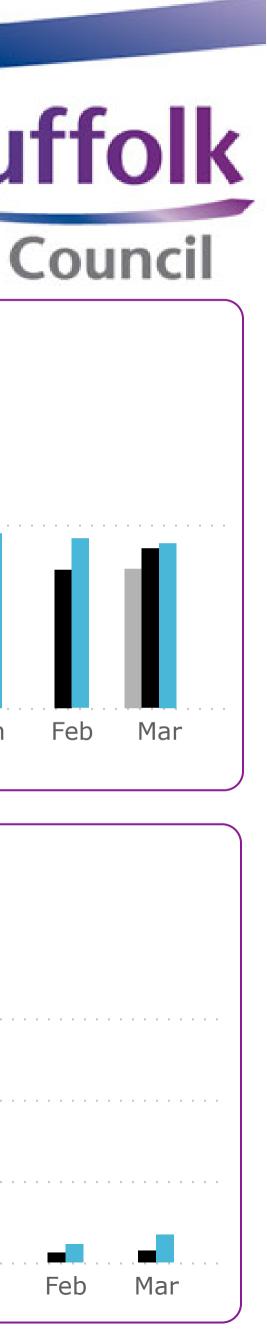
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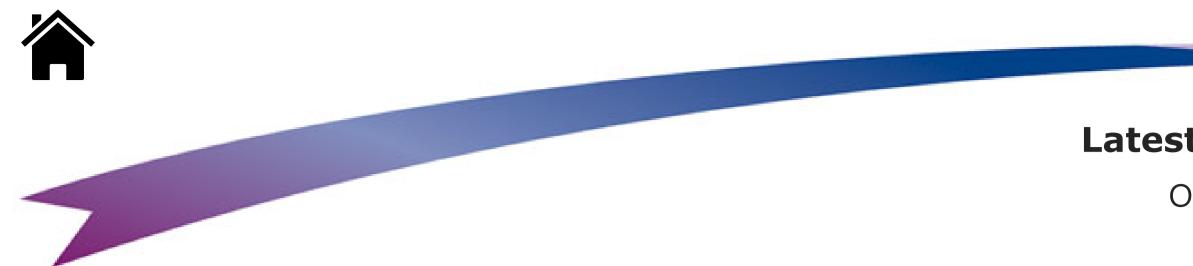
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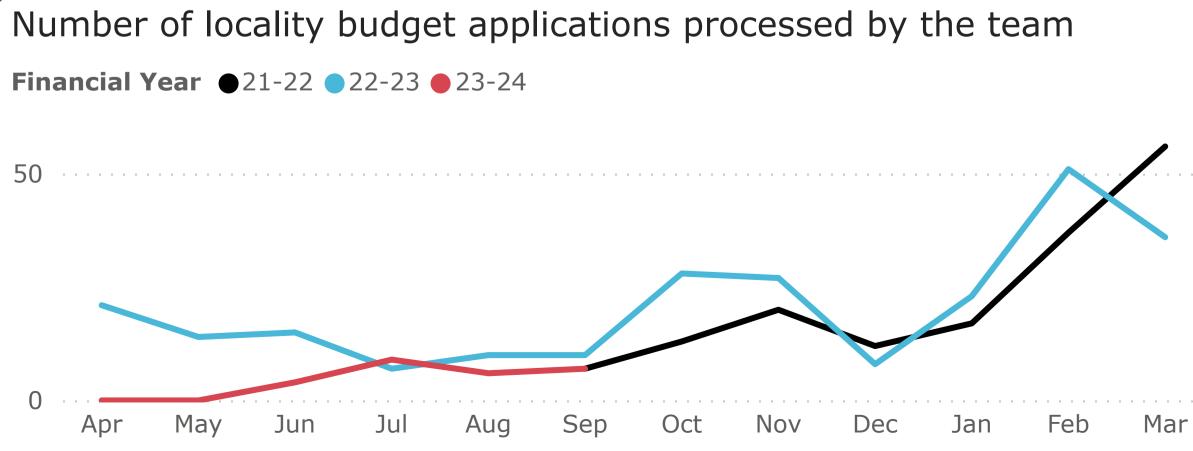


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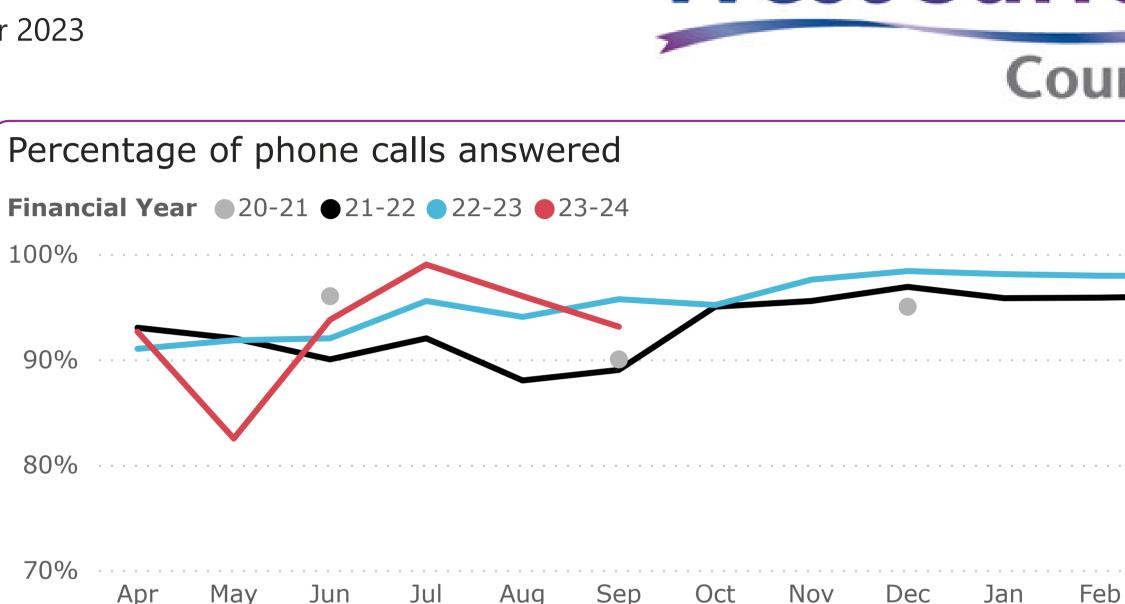
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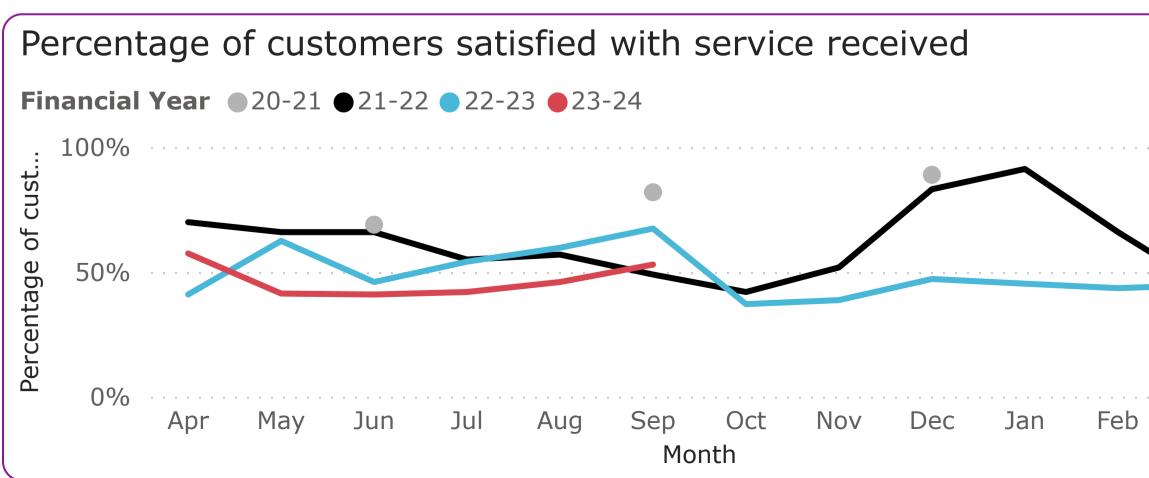
Percentage of customer satisfied with service received: 298 responses received over Q2. 141 were satisfied, 46 were neutral and 111 were dissatisfied.



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33. Growth



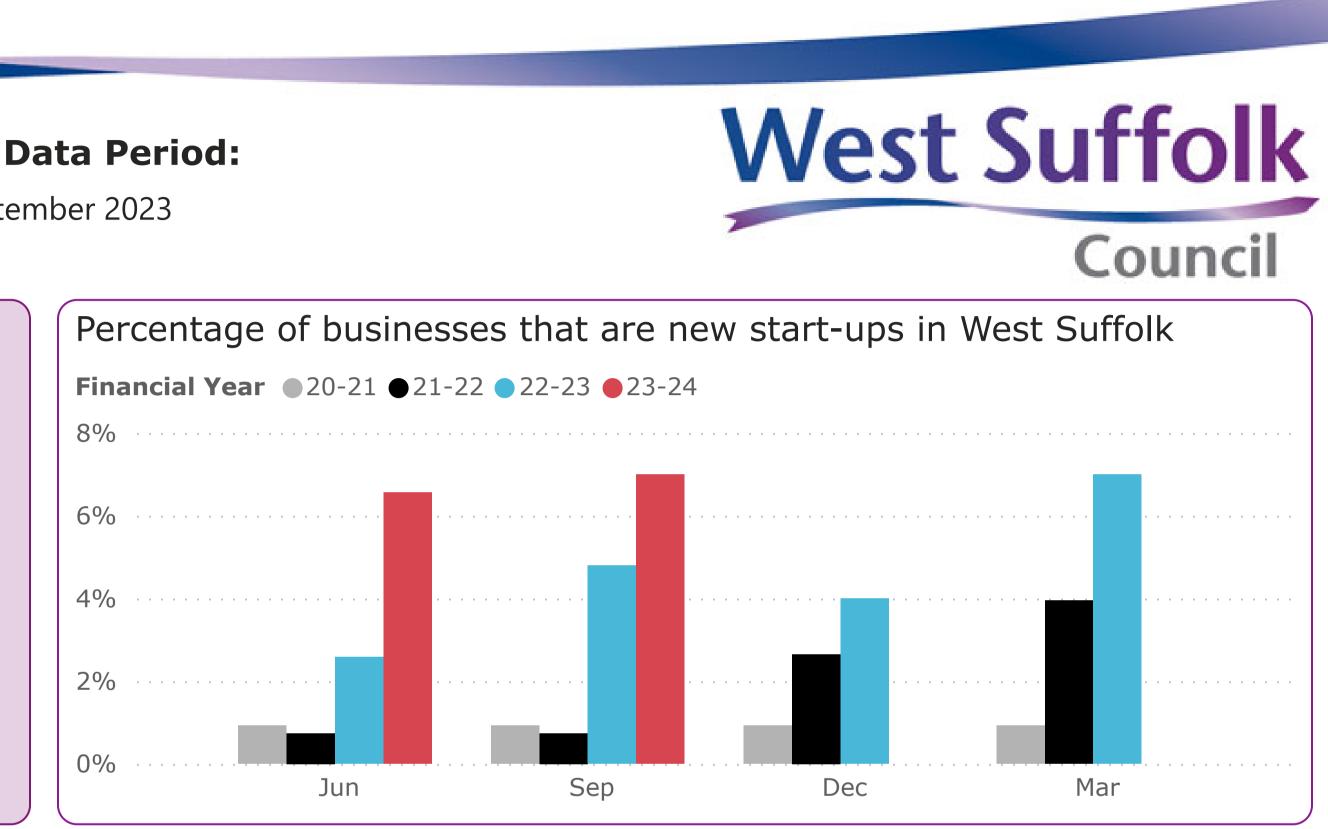
Commentary or **Summary**

Percentage of businesses that are new start ups in West Suffolk: The

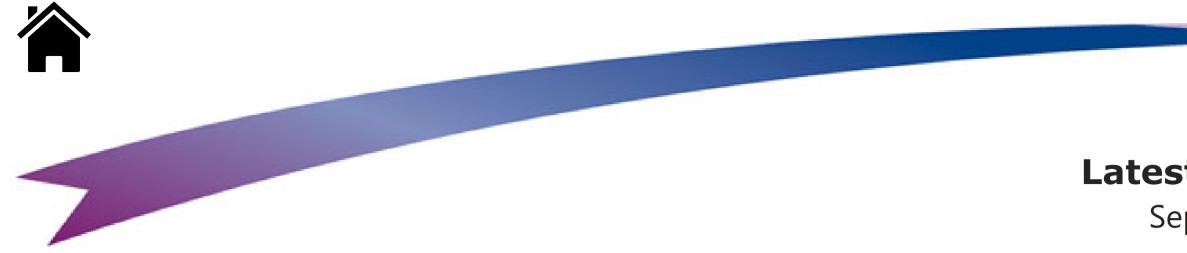
number of start-up businesses across West Suffolk is continuing to climb again in Q2 2023, showing 1,228 businesses compared to 1,056 in the previous Q1. Throughout Q2, September 2023 shows the highest number at 429 which is nearly double the number of start-ups in September 2022, at 218.

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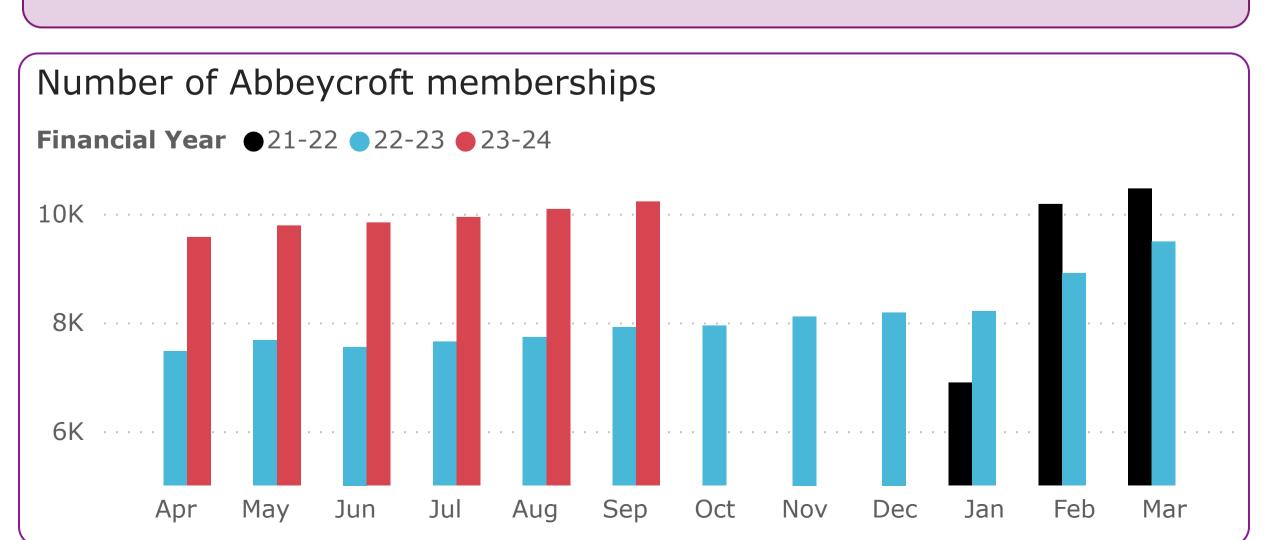




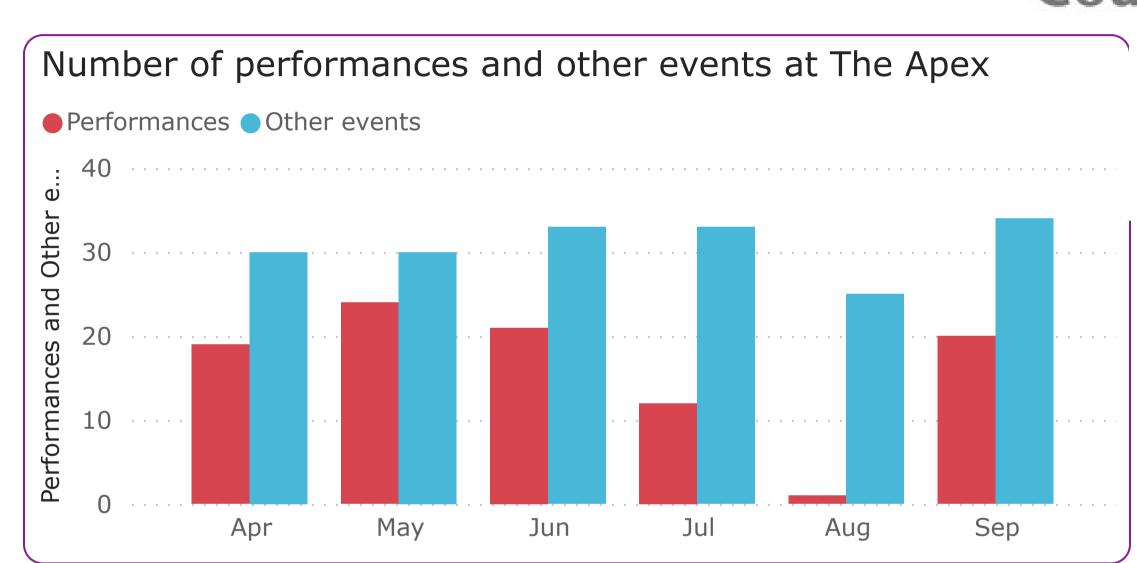
34. Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs



Commentary or **Summary**

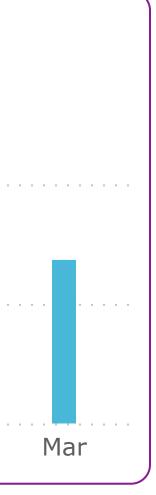


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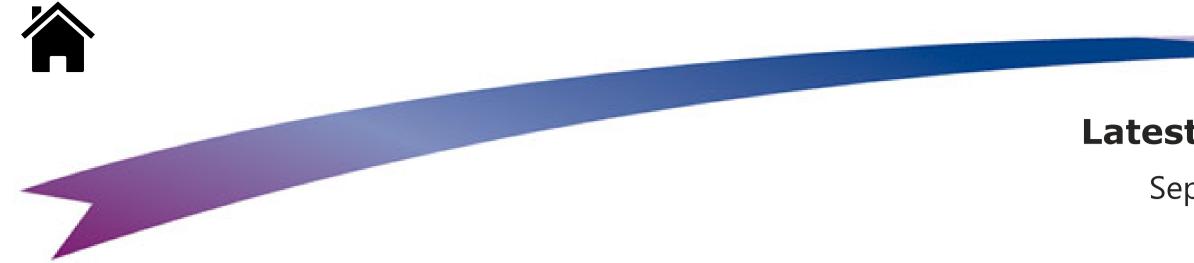


Number of non-membership admissions to Abbeycroft **Financial Year** • 21-22 • 22-23 • 23-24 200K 100K 0K • • • • • Sep May Jun Oct Nov Jan Feb Jul Aug Dec Apr





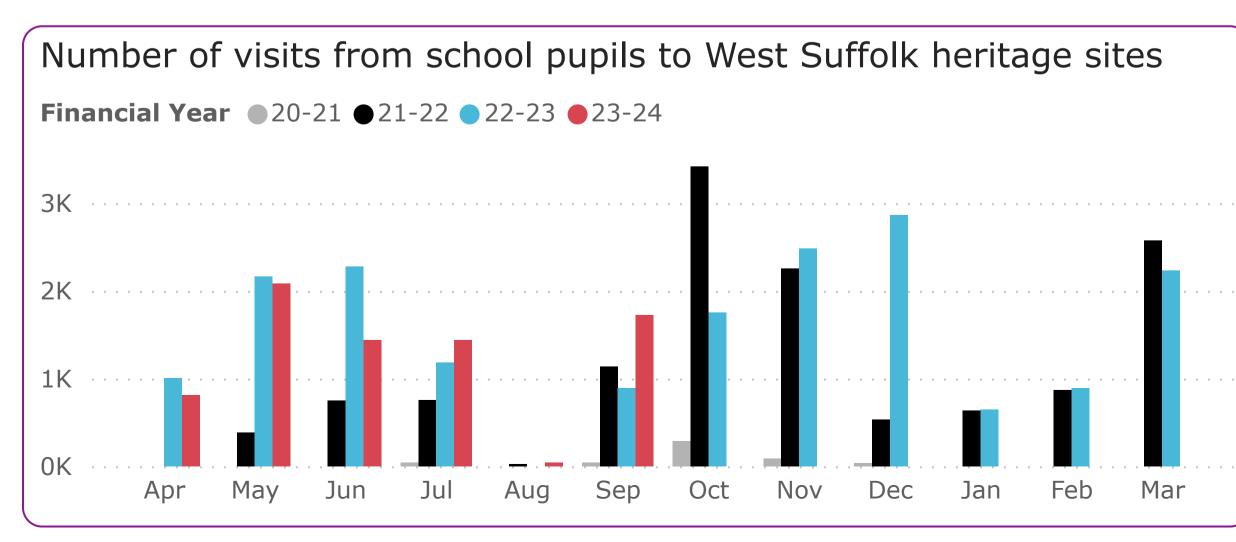
35. Leisure, Culture and Community Hubs



Commentary or **Summary**

Visitors to the Abbey Gardens, Moyse's Hall and West Stow are recorded by a pedestrian counter. Visitors to Brandon Country Park, East Town Park and Nowton Park are recorded by a traffic data device that assumes two people per car, this does not take account of visitors that use other methods of transport including on foot.

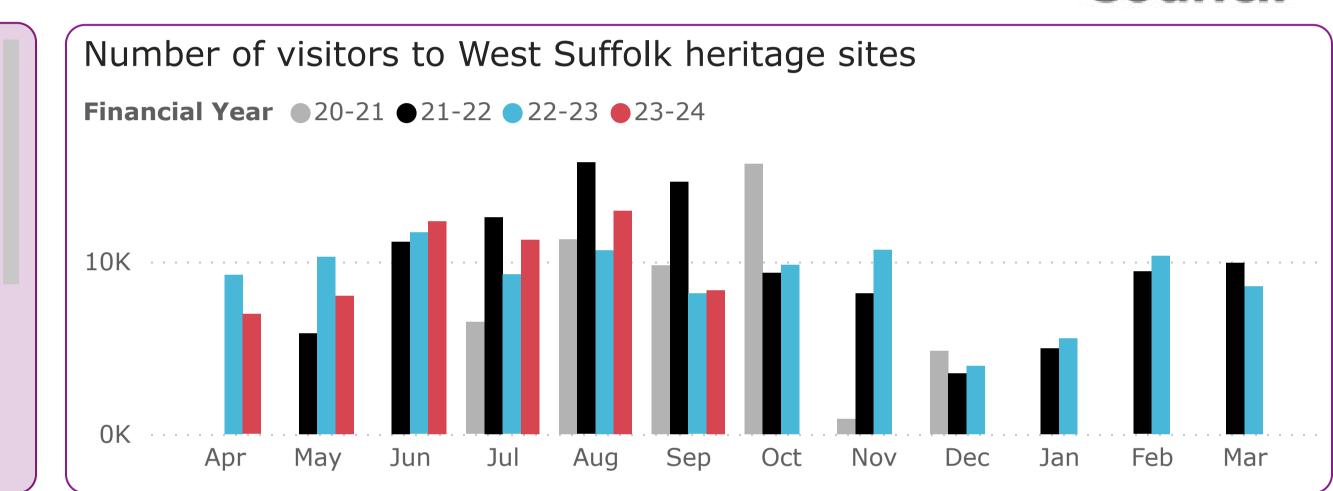
Number of visitors to West Suffolk parks: The combination of the good autumn weather and school holidays have contributed to an increase for Q2 in the overall number of visits to West Suffolk Parks compared to previous years.



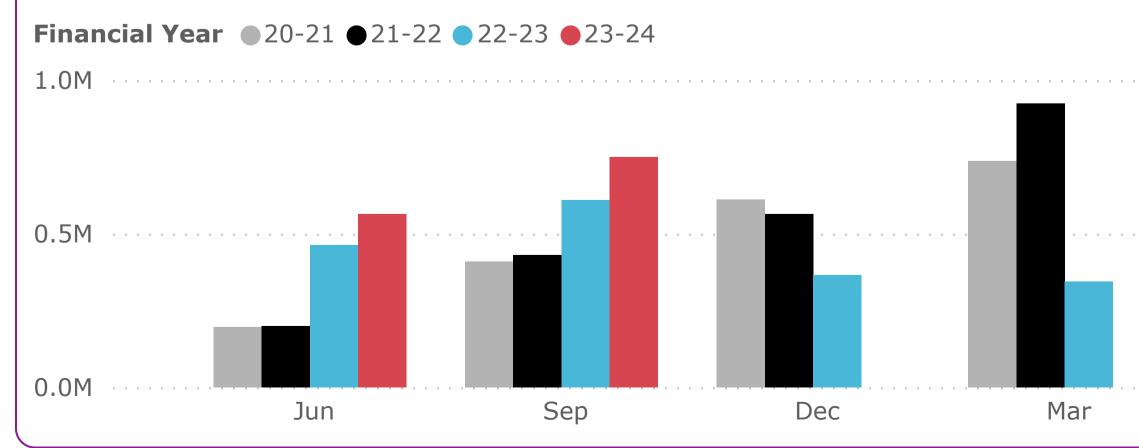
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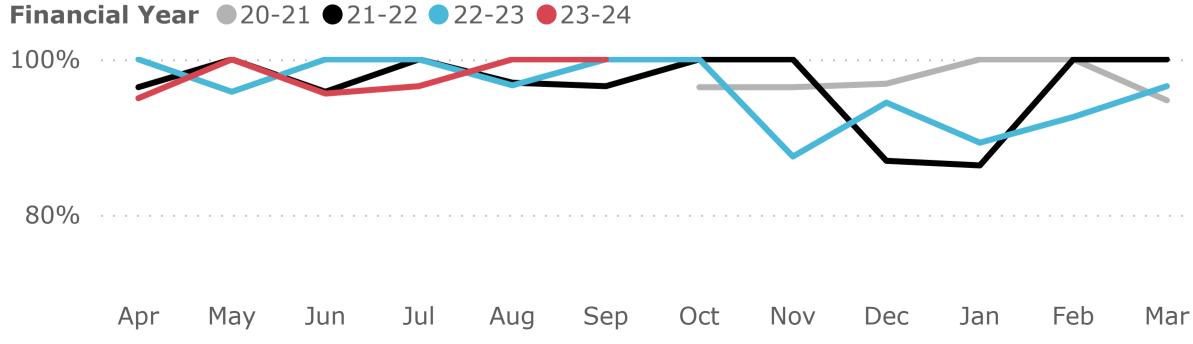
Commentary or **Summary**

3 major planning applications were determined in September 2023. All were determined in target and all required an extension of time.

18 minor planning applications were determined in September 2023, all were determined on target. 4 applications were determined within 8 weeks, 14 required an extension of time.

57 other planning applications were determined in September 2023. All were determined on target. 33 were determined within 8 weeks, 24 required an extension of time.

Percentage of minor planning applications determined within the agreed timescales

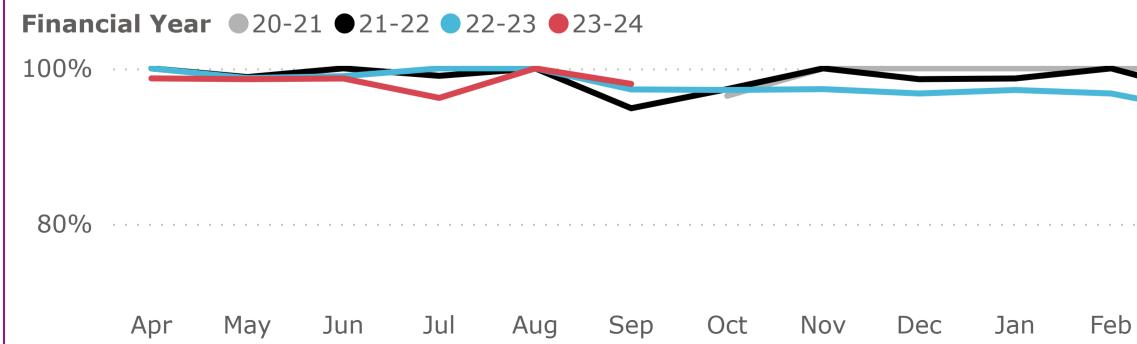


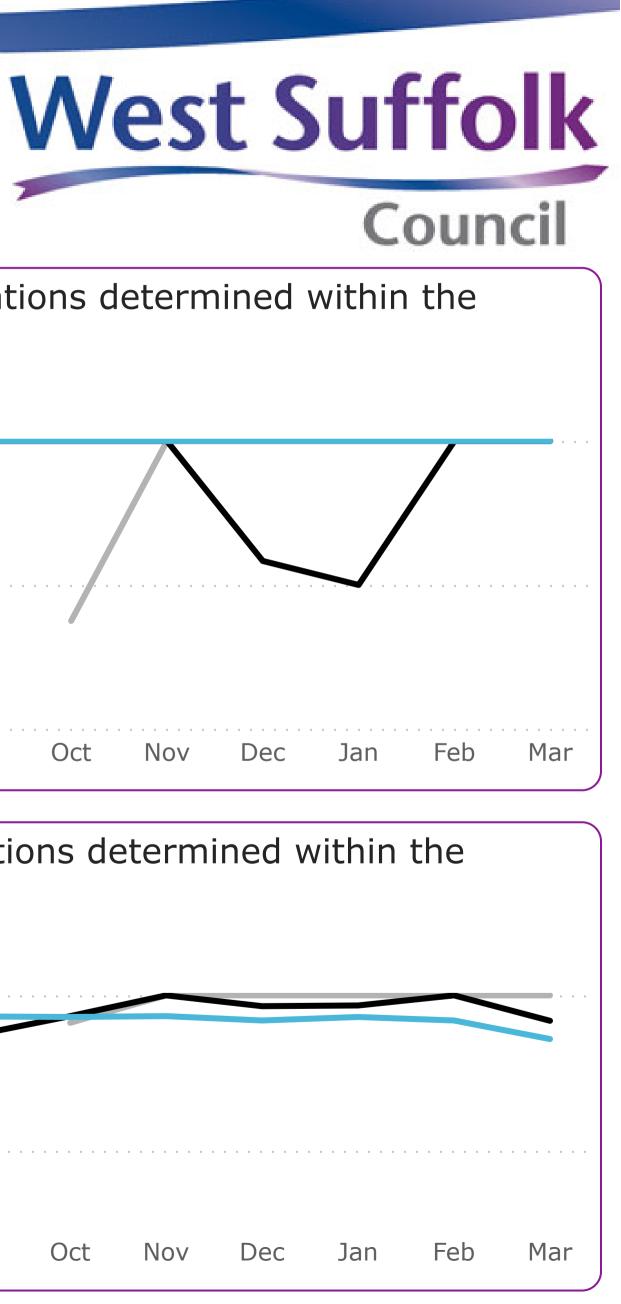
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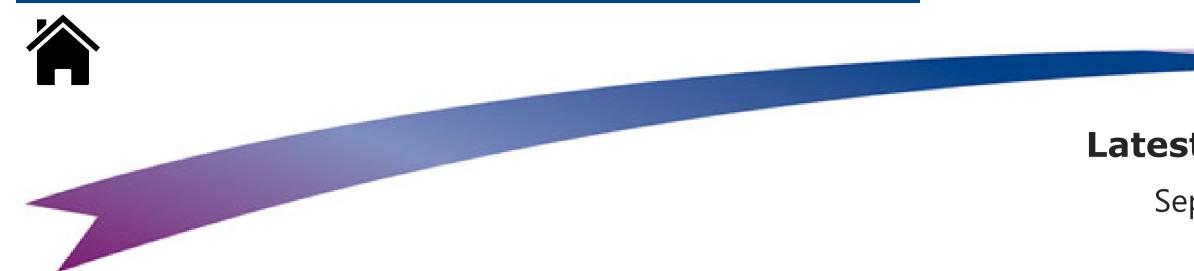
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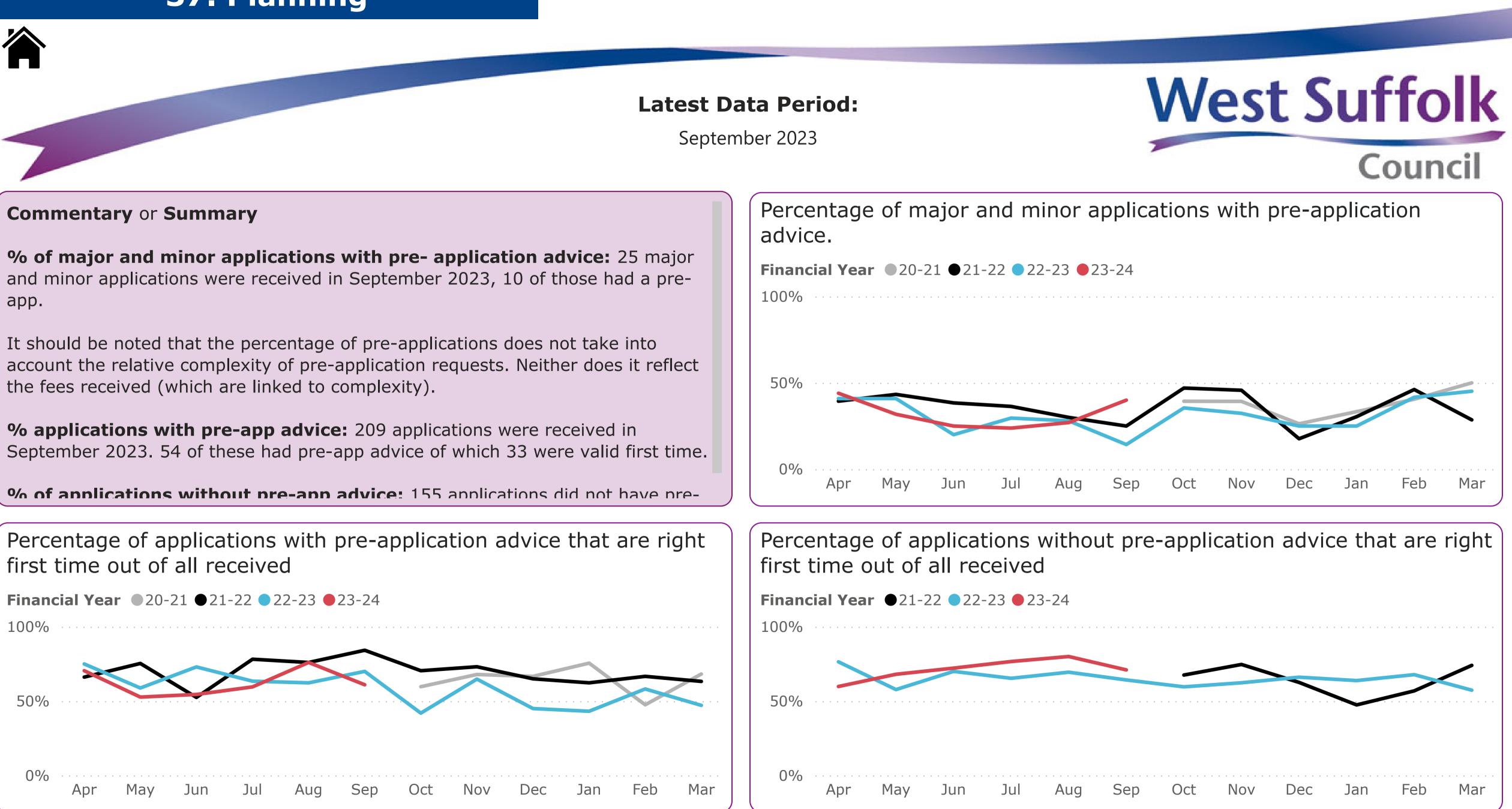
Percentage of major planning applications determined within the agreed timescales **Financial Year •**20-21 **•**21-22 **•**22-23 **•**23-24 100% 80% 60% Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Apr May

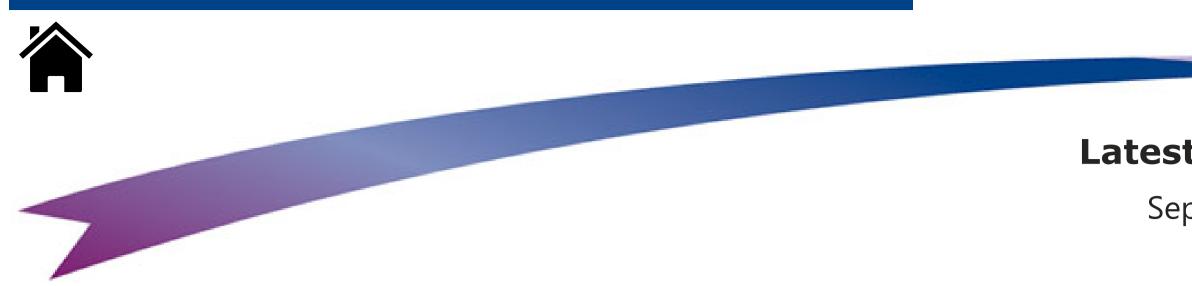
Percentage of other planning applications determined within the agreed timescales











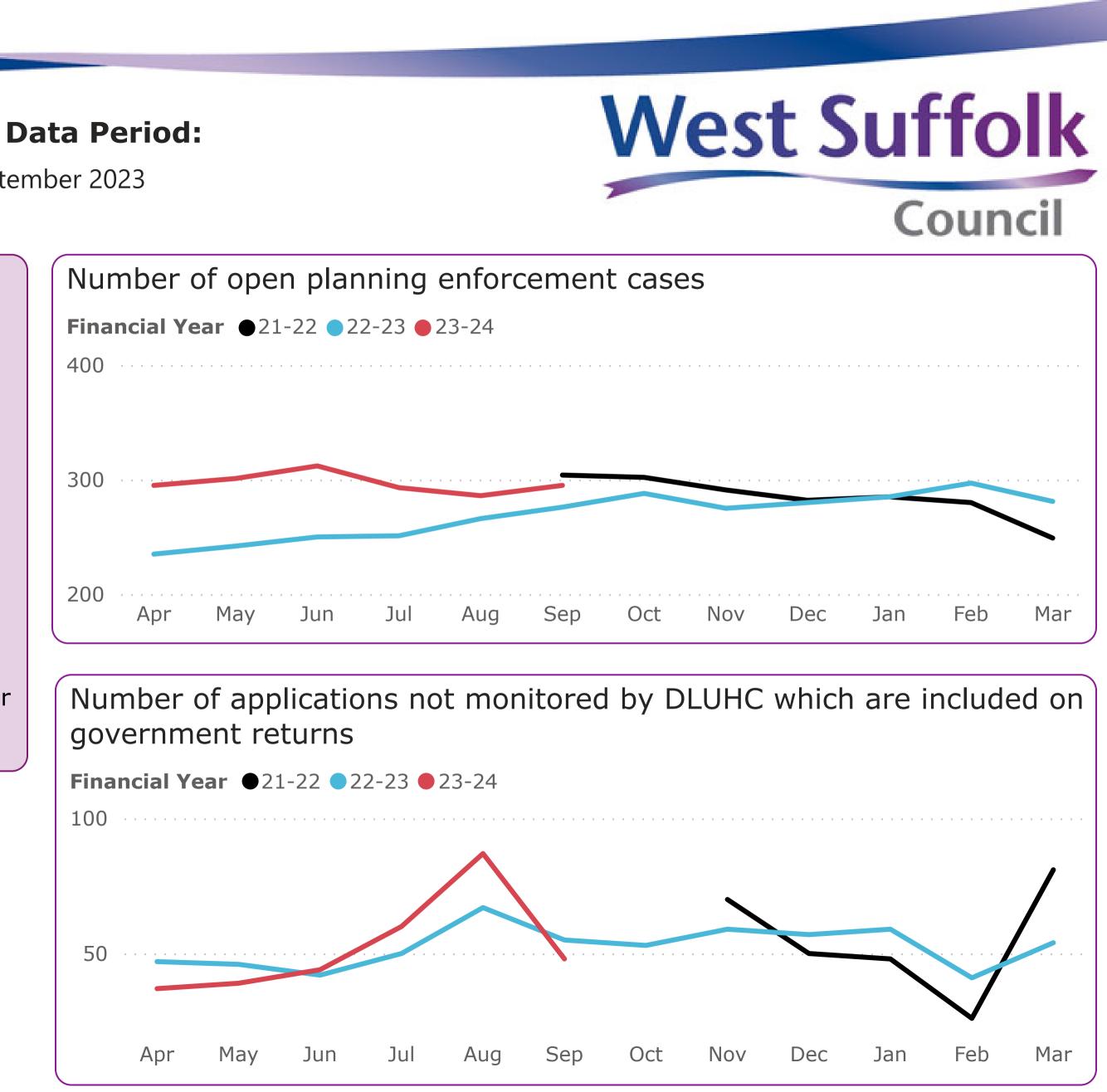
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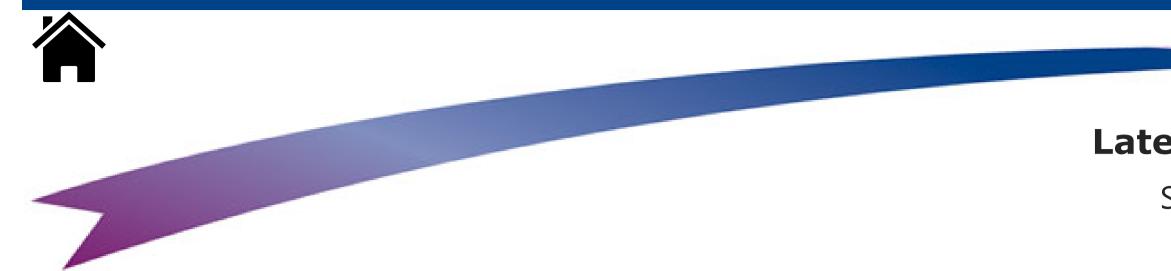
Planning enforcement cases: We have received 21 new cases in September 2023, we have resolved 13 cases. The reasons closed are detailed below:

- No breach established 7
- Not expedient to pursue 4
- Remedied following informal action 1
- Transferred to new case 1

Number of applications not monitored by DLUHC which are included on **government returns:** The majority of applications which are not included in the DLUHC return relate to works to TPO's trees or Trees in the Conservation Area. The trajectory appears to reflect a seasonal trend when applications are submitted to reflect tree work being planned to take place outside of the usual nesting season for birds.

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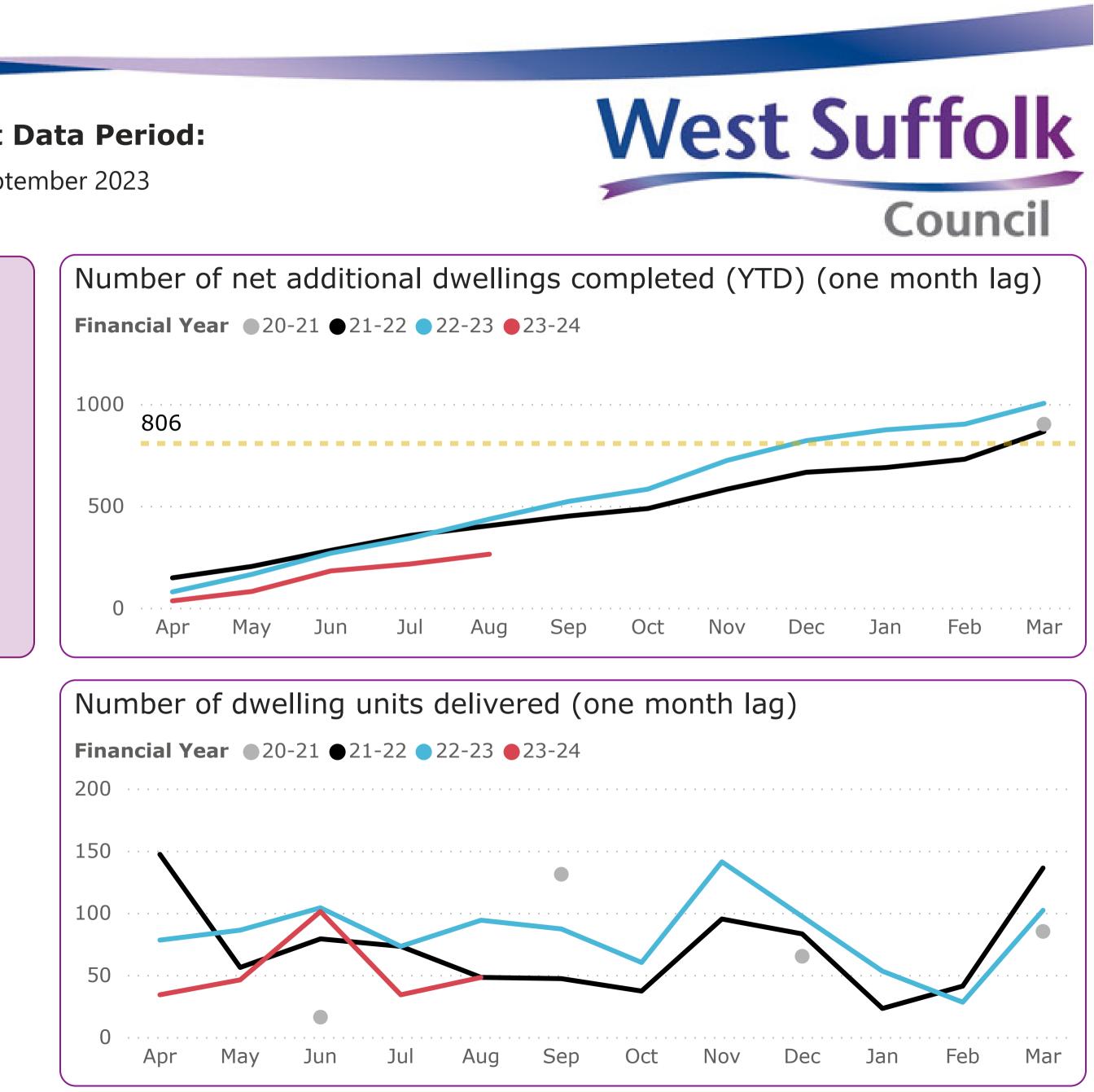


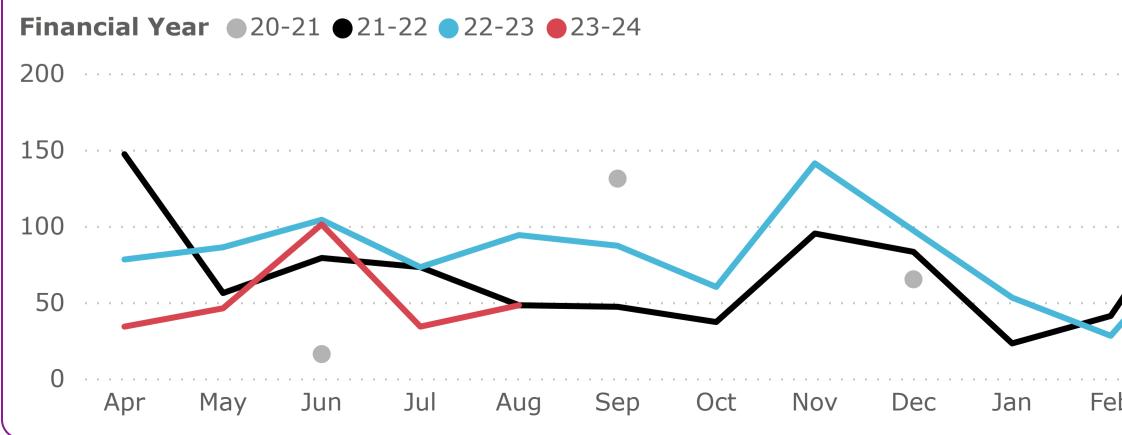
Commentary or **Summary**

The number of net additional dwellings completed (YTD): Lower than at an equivalent point in previous years as no major strategic sites are being delivered at a high rate.

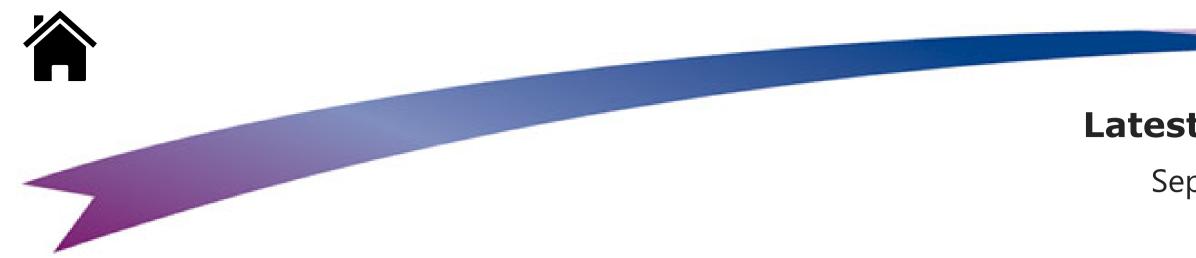
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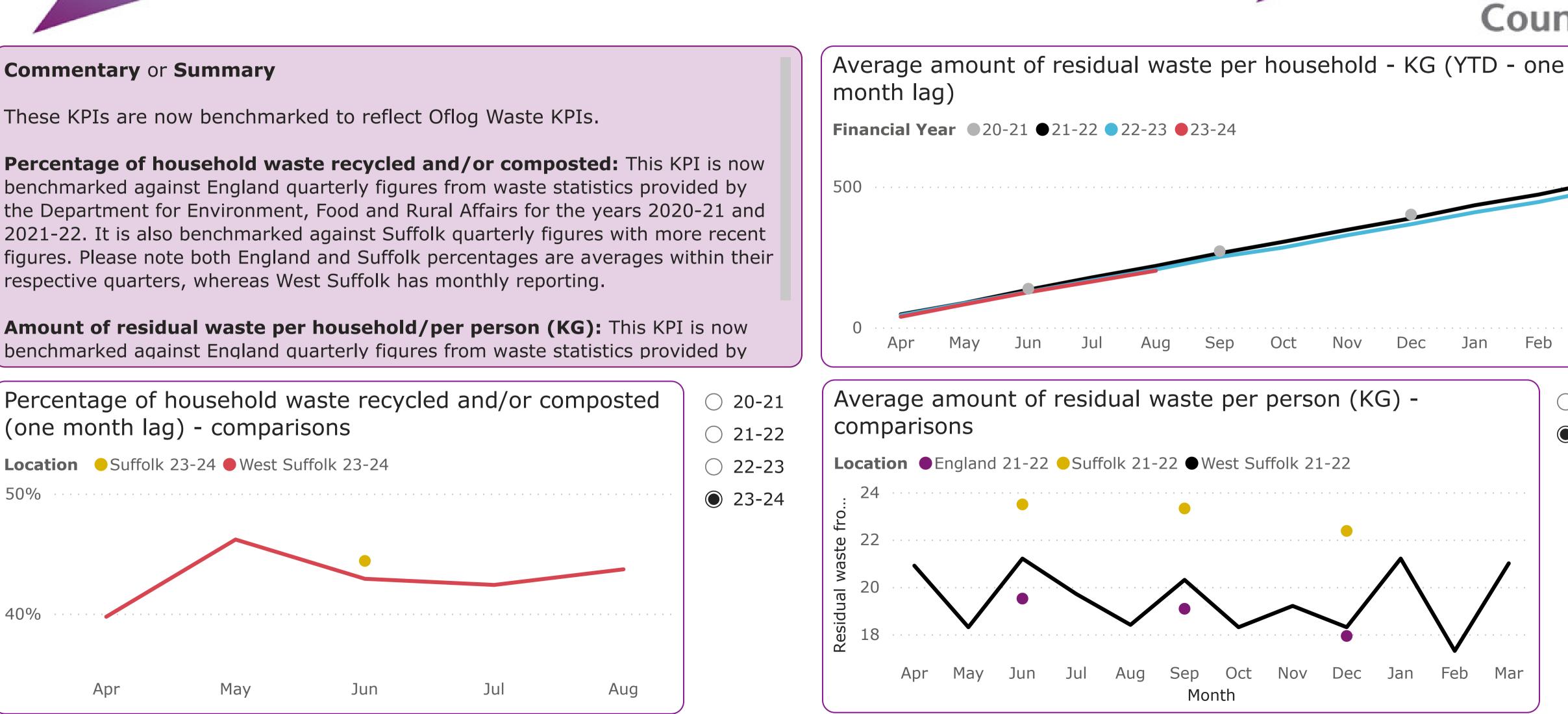




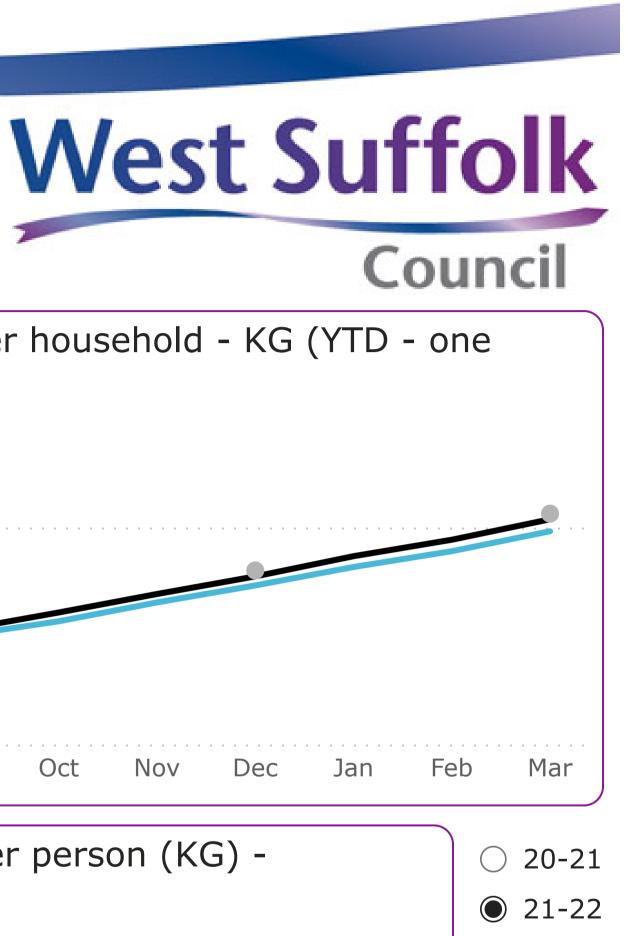


40. Operations

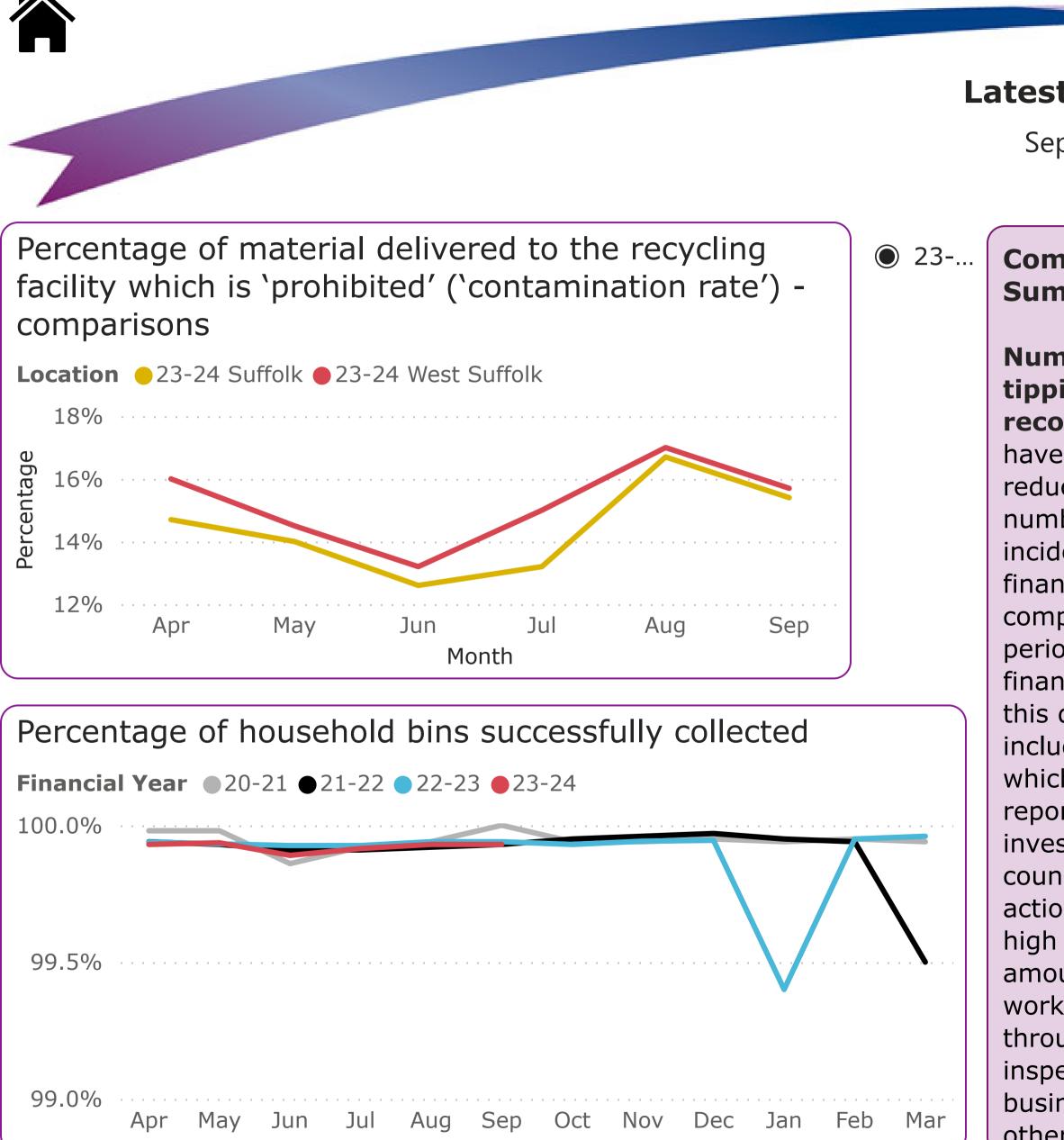




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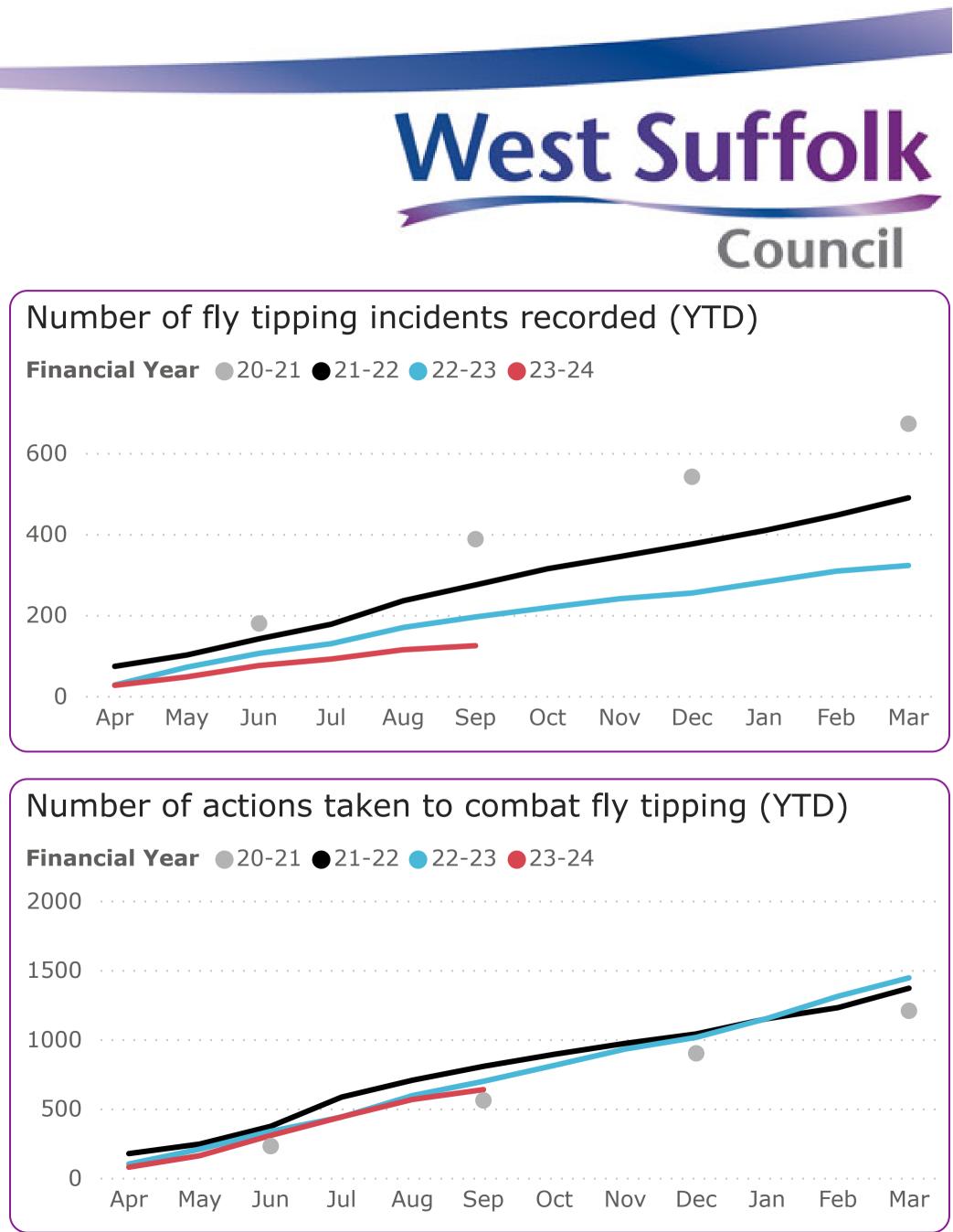


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Commentary or **Summary**

Number of fly tipping incidents recorded (YTD): We have seen a significant reduction in the number of reported incidents in Q2 of this financial year compared to the same period in the last financial year, although this data will only include those incidents which have been reported to and investigated by the council. The number of actions still remains high due to the amount of proactive work carried out through Duty of Care inspections on business premises and other enforcement

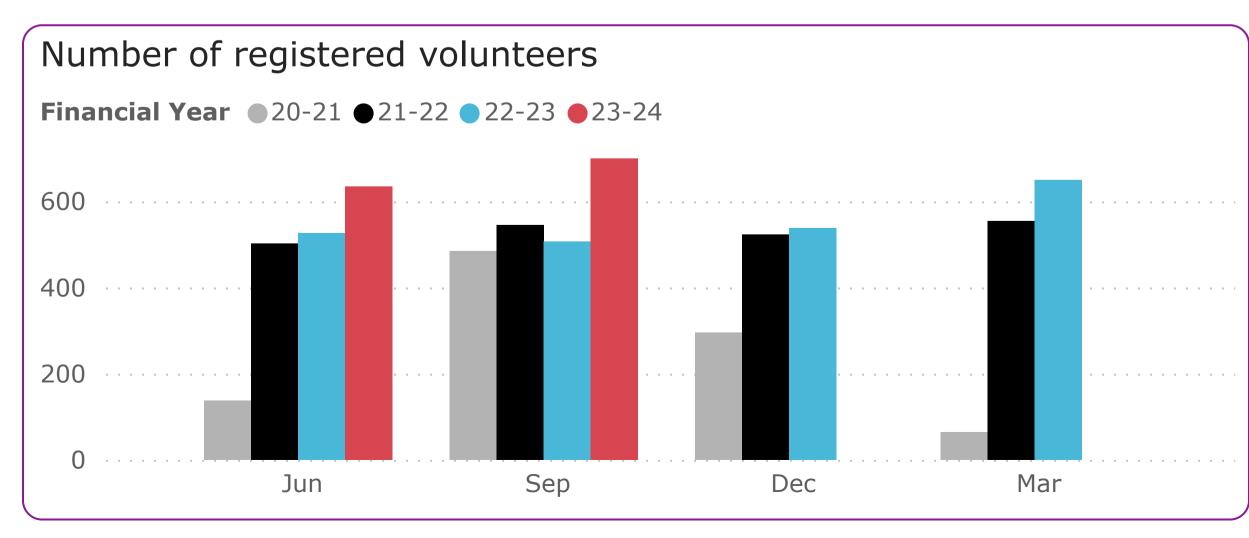


42. Operations



Commentary or **Summary**

Number of registered volunteers and number of hours contributed to green and heritage spaces by volunteers: The number of volunteer hours have increased for Q2 compared to previous years with our volunteers assisting with gardening activities and conservation tasks in our parks and green spaces.



Latest Data Period:

September 2023

Number of hours contributed to green and heritage spaces by volunteers Financial Year • 20-21 • 21-22 • 22-23 • 23-24 2K 1K 0K Jun Sep Dec Mar

