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# Lead Members Network Event

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# Welcome

- Introductions
- How much do you know about the role with regard to commissioning and safeguarding?
- What are your expectations?



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# Aims

- Collaborative
- Sharing information and experience
- Sharing approaches that work and those that haven't
- Explore theory, consider real life issues, think about application
- Confidentiality
- Spirit of inquiry



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# Agenda

- Introduction
  - The role of the Lead Member
  - Commissioning and Children's Trusts
- Lunch
- Safeguarding
  - Looking ahead



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# The policy context now

- Every Child Matters 5 outcomes
- The Children's Act 2004
  - Children's Trusts
- The Children's Plan 2007
- Since then focus in policy on:
  - Safeguarding
  - Children's Health
  - School improvement
  - Children with complex needs
  - 14 – 19 delivery
  - Tackling child poverty



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# The 5 Outcomes... five years on

***Be Healthy***

**Infant mortality down by 375  
children per year since 2003**

***Stay Safe***

**Over 2000 fewer children killed or  
injured on roads annually since 2003**

***Enjoy & Achieve***

**27,000 more children achieving 5  
A\*- C grades per year since 2003**

***Positive Contribution***

**9000 more young people taking part in  
residential activities than in 2003**

***Economic Wellbeing***

**600 thousand children lifted out of  
poverty between 1998 and 2007**



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## But the social class gap continues

Be Healthy

Five year olds in the 20% most deprived areas have double the number of decayed, missing or filled teeth than those in the least deprived

Stay safe

Children of parents who have never worked or are long term unemployed are 13 times more likely to die from unintentional injury and 37 times more likely to die from exposure to fire

Enjoy & achieve

36% pupils eligible for FSM achieved 5+GCSEs A\*-C as opposed to 63% non-FSM pupils in 2007

Make a positive contribution

Young people whose parents are in higher professional occupations are much more likely (82%) to participate in full-time education than those whose parents are in routine occupations (62%)

Achieve economic wellbeing

About 2 million children live in workless households



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## What does this region do well?

- Third region in country on 5xA-Cs (with Eng and Maths)
- 85% extended schools
- Good delivery of childcare guarantee and sufficiency
- Strong 14-19 delivery
- Good sub regional preparation for post 16 transfer
- Strong regional working across local authorities – thematic networks, RIEP
- A regional child health delivery structure and indicators

What else...?



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## Things we could do better ...

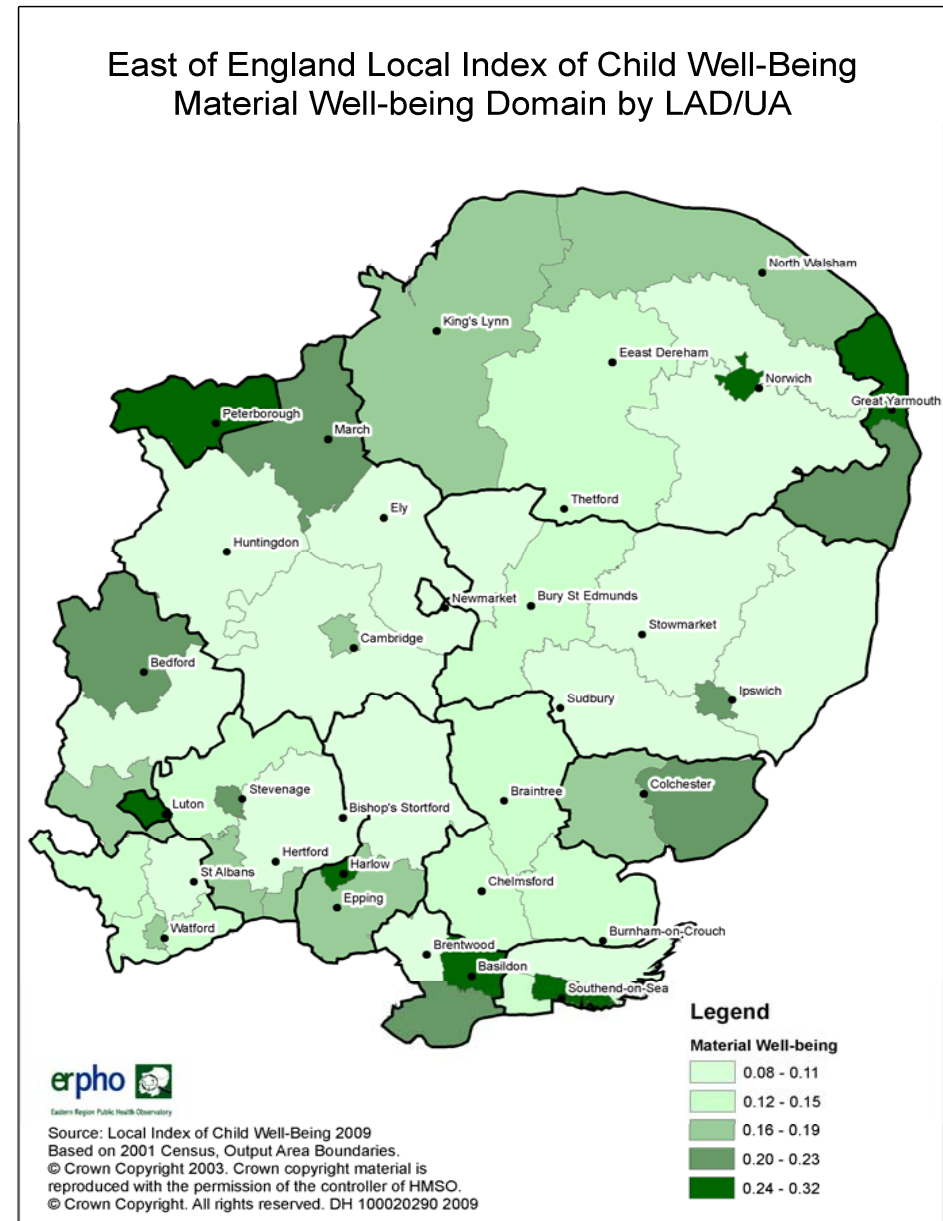
- Results are poor at KS2 compared to the rest of the country
- Child health concerns:
  - child obesity
  - CAMHS services
  - Teenage mums in education, employment or training
- Children in Care do particularly badly in education
- Some safeguarding concerns still
- Post 16 participation (NEET) getting worse
- Significant inequality gaps including in-county, in both rural and urban areas as well as in affluent areas
- Particular issues about educational aspiration and class
- Coasting ...?



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Despite a general perception that this is a relatively affluent area, over 880,000 people live below the poverty threshold

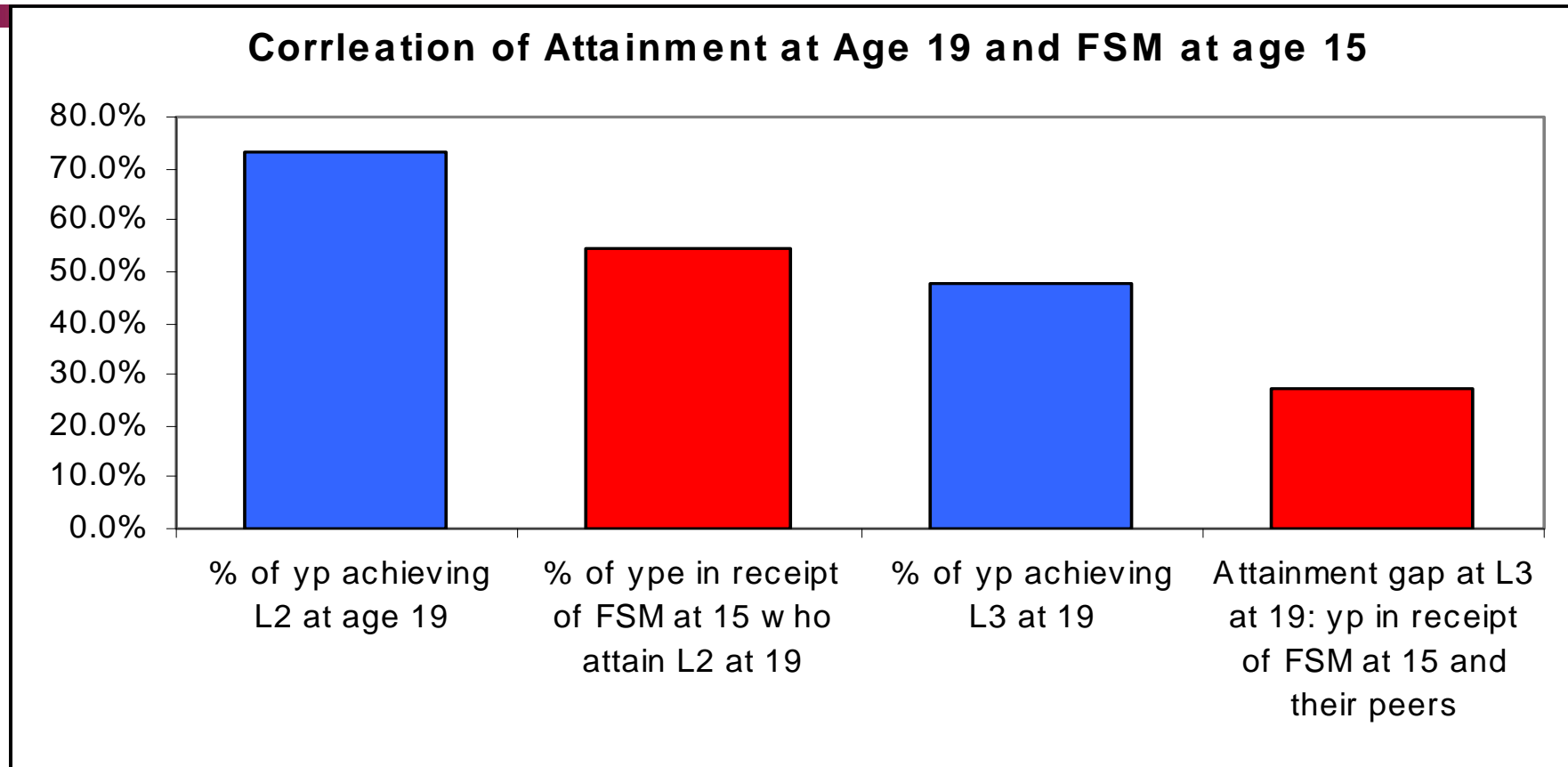
- 1 child in 6 is living in relative poverty
- This rises to 1 child in 3 in some areas.





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**If you suffer deprivation in this region, you are much less likely achieve compared to those who are more affluent**



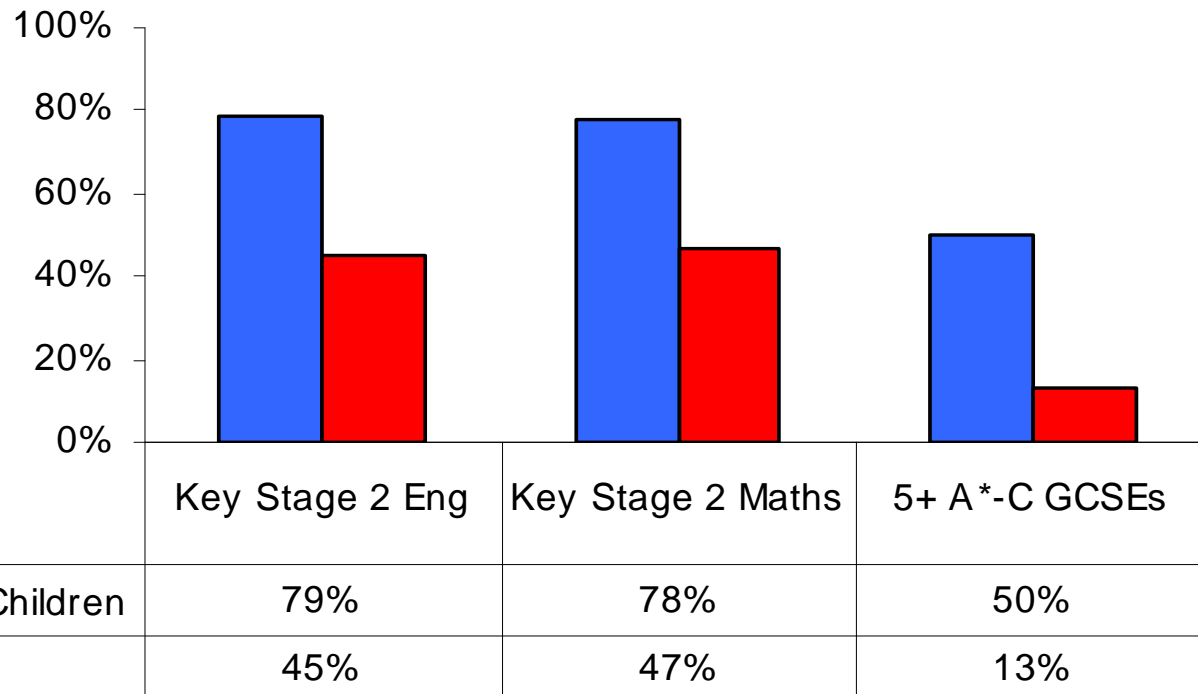
***For SEN pupils and their peers, the gap is still wider - 46.2 % points (NI 105).***



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## And you perform worst of all in education if you are in care

**Key Stage 2 & 4 Comparative Performance: All Children & Children in Care [2009]**





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And so...

- Your thoughts on the region?