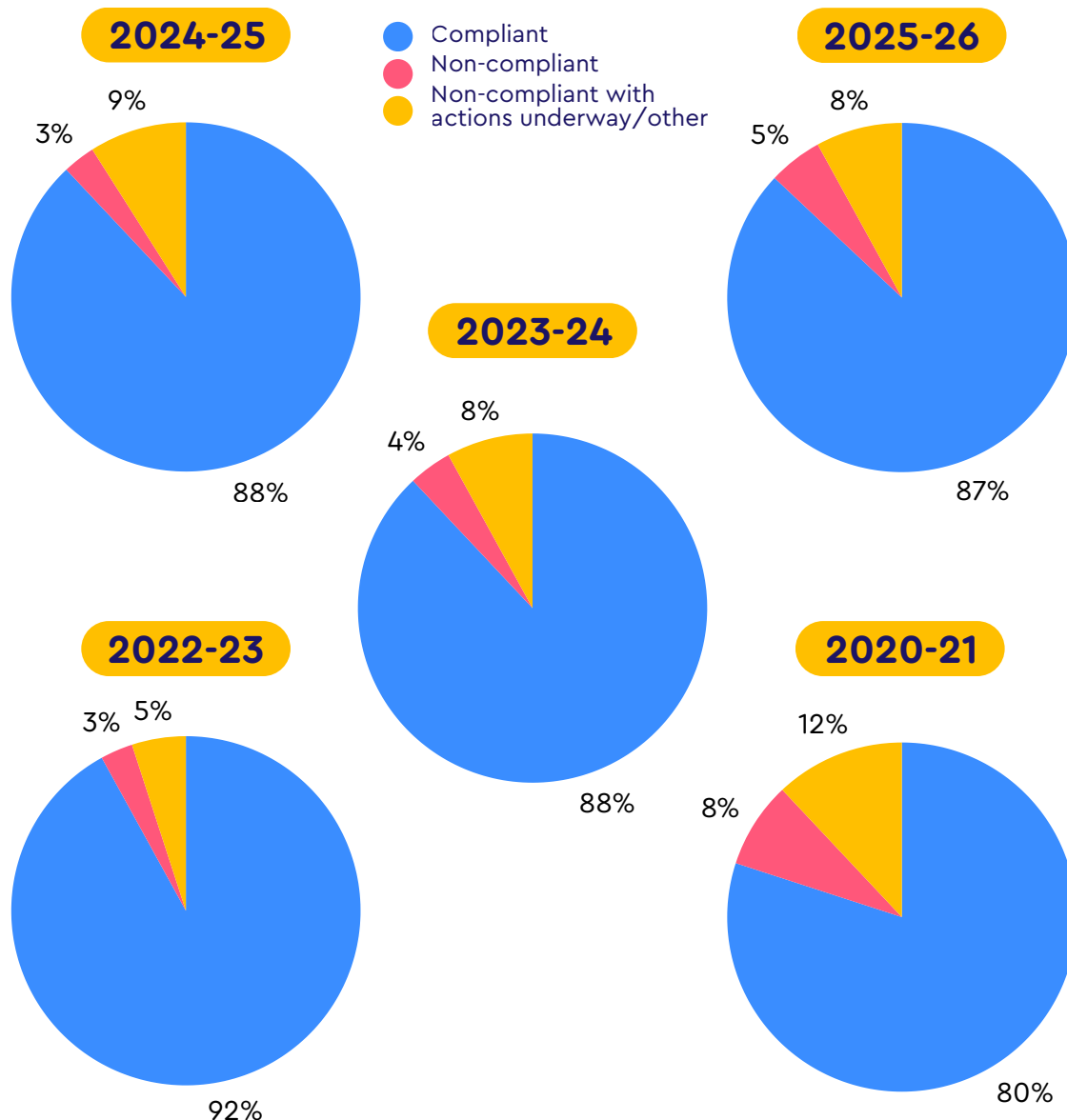


Information Advice and Support Service's Network Minimum Standards Benchmarking Report 2025-2026

This report is one of three key reports providing a snapshot of SENDIASSs current ability to be compliant with the minimum standards. The other two are our Service User Feedback Report and the Funding, Casework and Staffing Data Report.

Minimum Standards Benchmarking Data

Overall average percentage of services able to meet the standards



Top five standards services are **struggling** to meet (2025-26)

1.1

(46% fully compliant)

The SENDIAS service is jointly commissioned by education, health and social care in accordance with the CFA 2014. A formal agreement is set out in writing which refers directly to these Minimum Standards, whilst also considering the need for continuity and stability of the service.

1.2

(70% fully compliant)

The SENDIAS service is designed and commissioned with children, young people and parents, and has the capacity and resources to meet these minimum Standards and local needs. For smaller local authorities (LAs) this may involve commissioning across local areas.

1.8

(70% fully compliant)

The SENDIAS service has a development plan reviewed annually with the steering group/advisory body, which includes specific actions and improvement targets.

1.7

(75% fully compliant)

The Governance arrangements outline a clear management structure, encompassing a strategic manager within the SENDIAS service and a steering group or advisory body which includes representatives from service user groups and key stakeholders from education, social care and health.

1.4

(84% fully compliant)

There is a dedicated and ring-fenced budget held and managed by an IAS service manager located within a SENDIAS service.

Top five standards Services are **able** to meet (2025-26)

2.2

(99% fully compliant)

The SENDIAS service engages with regional and national strategic planning and training and demonstrates effective working with other IASSs to inform service development.

4.2

(97% fully compliant)

The service routinely requests feedback from service users and others, and uses this to further develop the work and practices of the service.

4.3

(97% fully compliant)

All SENDIAS service staff and volunteers have ongoing supervision and continuous professional development.

1.5

(97% fully compliant)

The SENDIAS service is, and is seen by service users to be, an arm's length, confidential, dedicated and easily identifiable service, separate from the LA, ICB and/or host organisation.

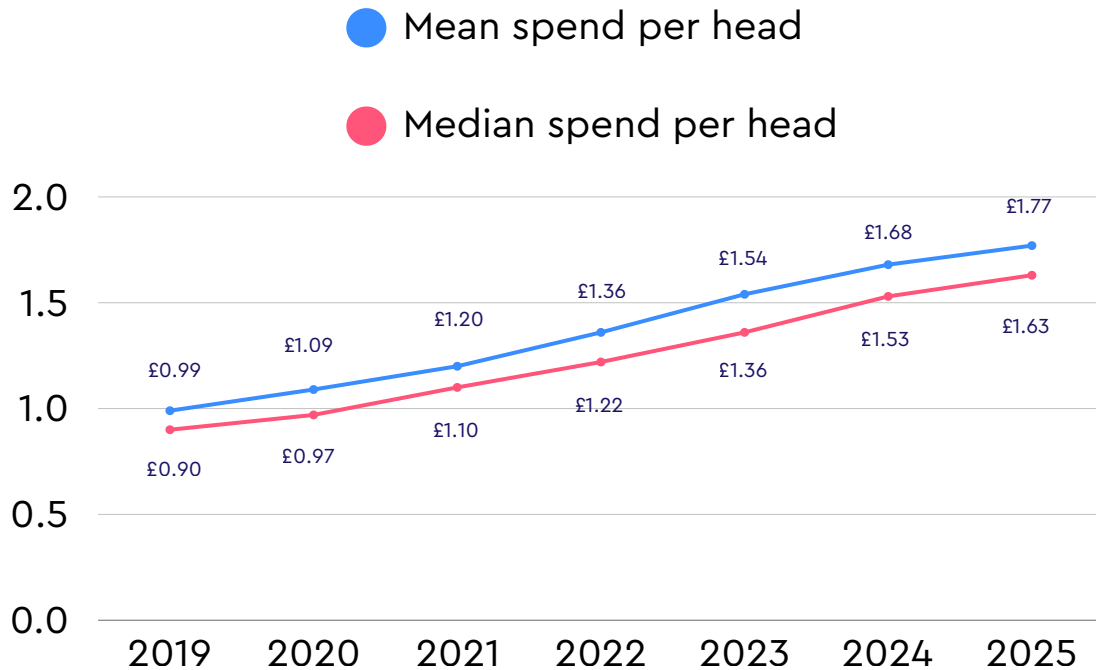
2.1

(96% fully compliant)

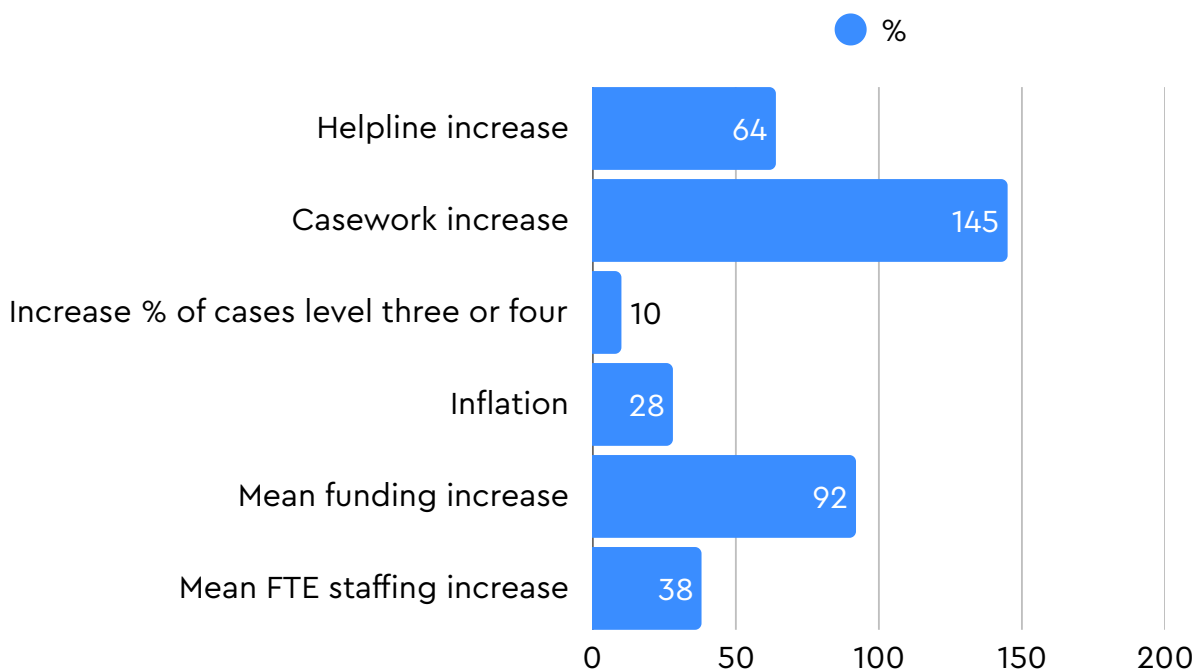
LA and SENDIAS service ensure that potential service users, Head teachers, FE principals, SENCos, SEND Teams, children's and adult social care, health commissioners and providers are made aware of the SENDIAS service, its remit and who the service is for.

Service Challenges

Funding per head of the 0-25 Population

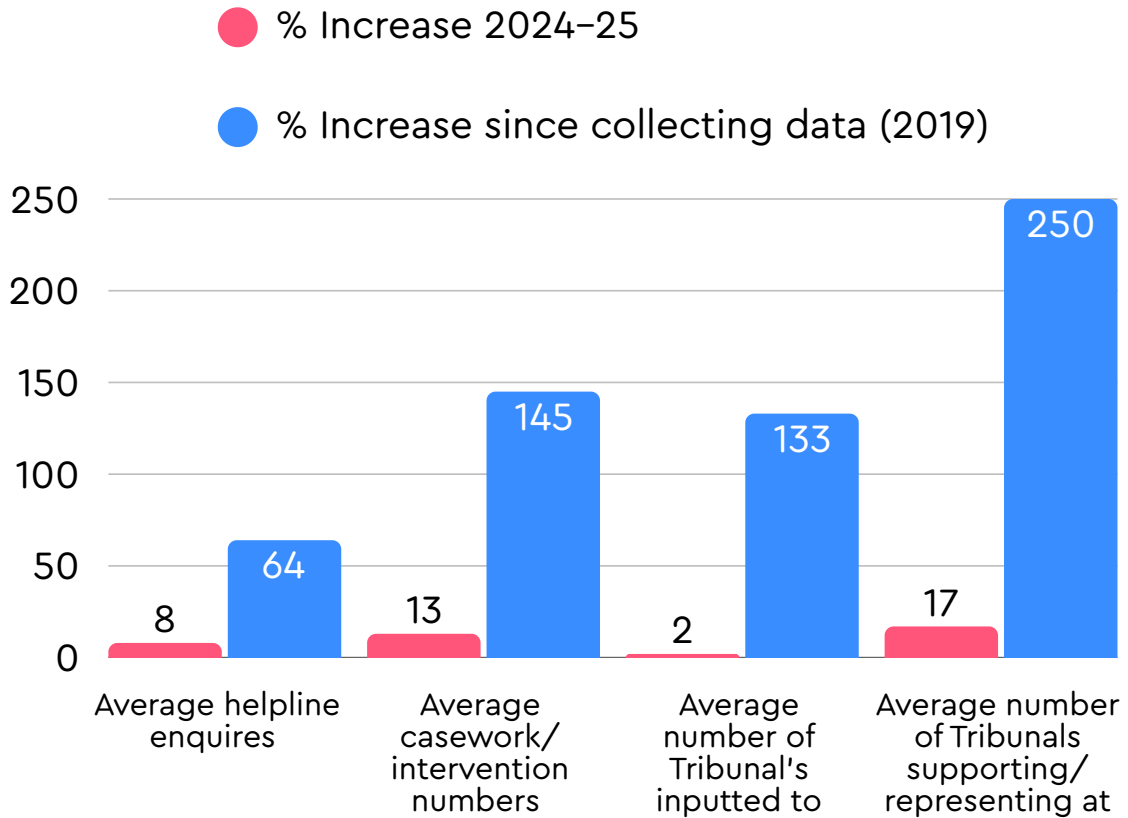


A growing challenge for SENDIAS services - 2019-25

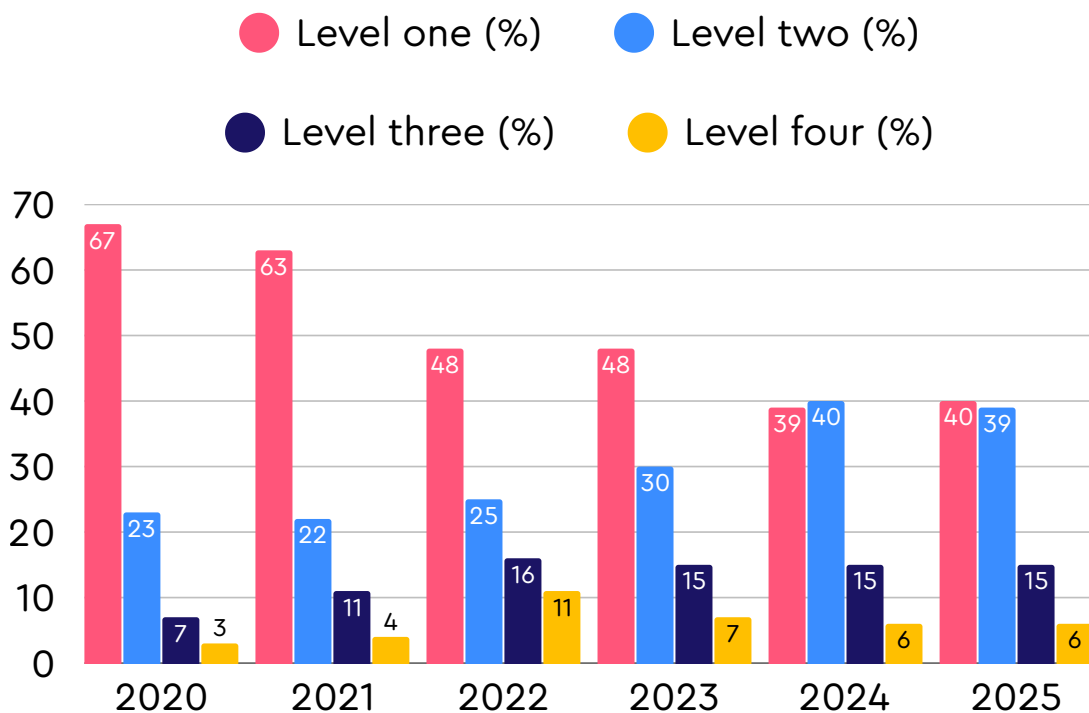


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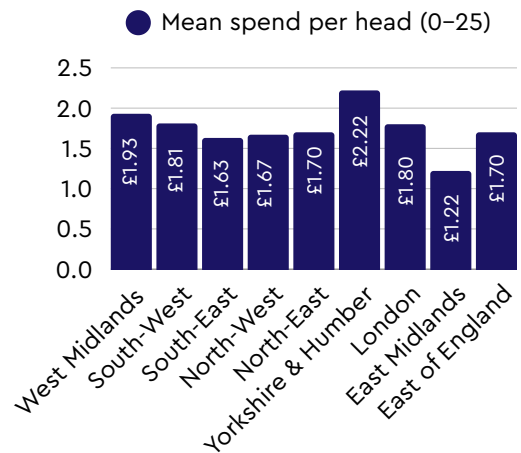
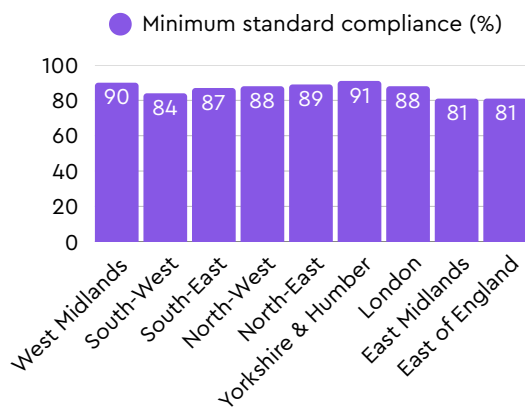
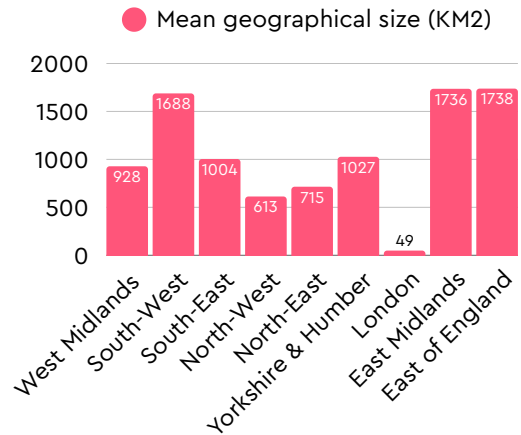
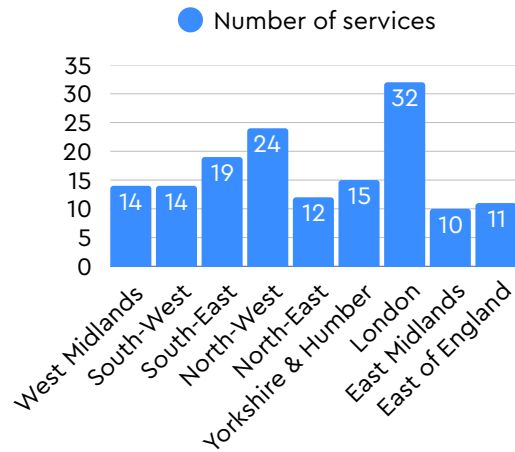
A growing number of people accessing SENDIAS services



Intervention levels

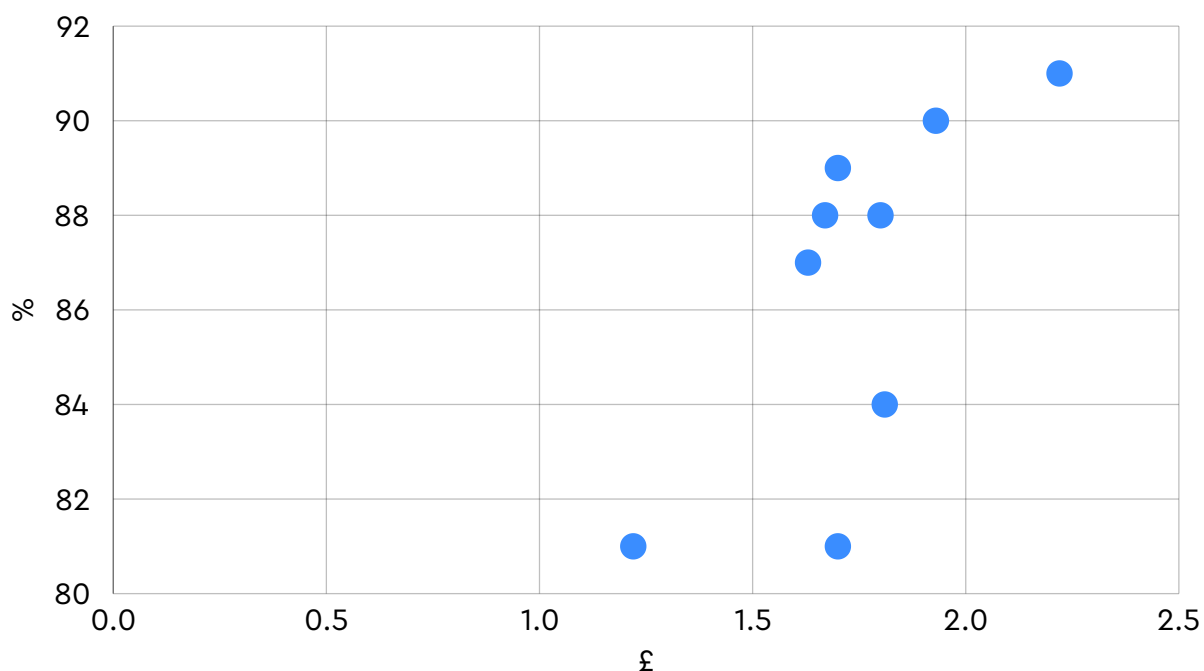


Regional difference



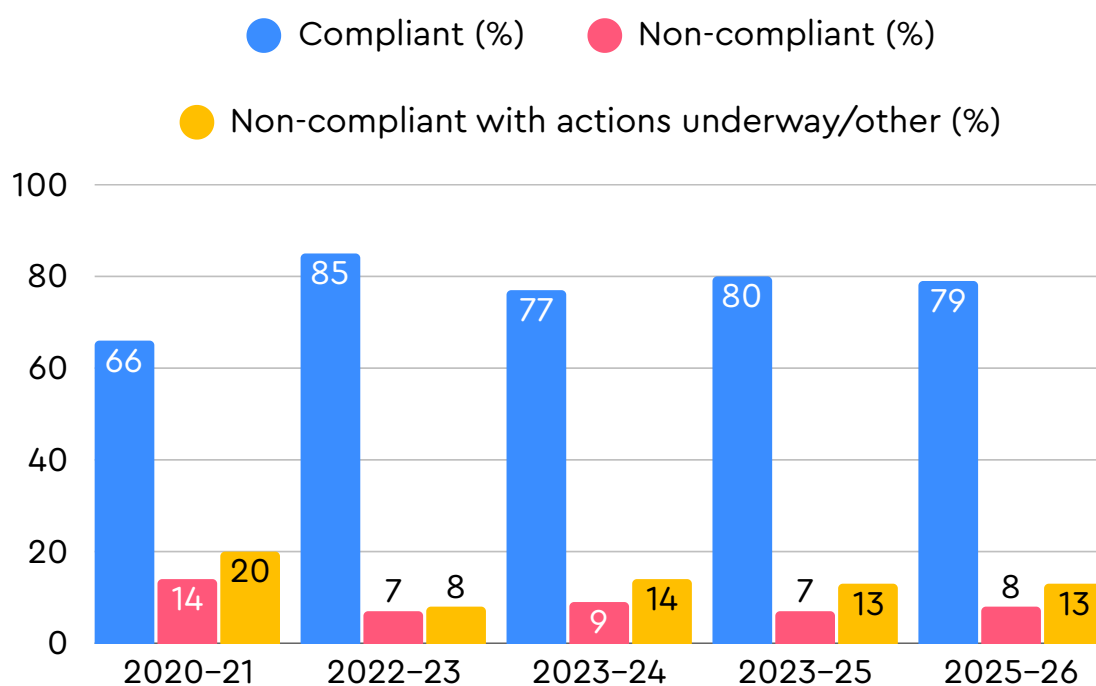
	Mean across all services
Number of services	17
Mean geographical size (KM2)	832
Mean population (0-25)	111,784
Mean spend per head (0-25)	£1.77
Minimum standard compliance	91%

Spend per head/ minimum standards compliance

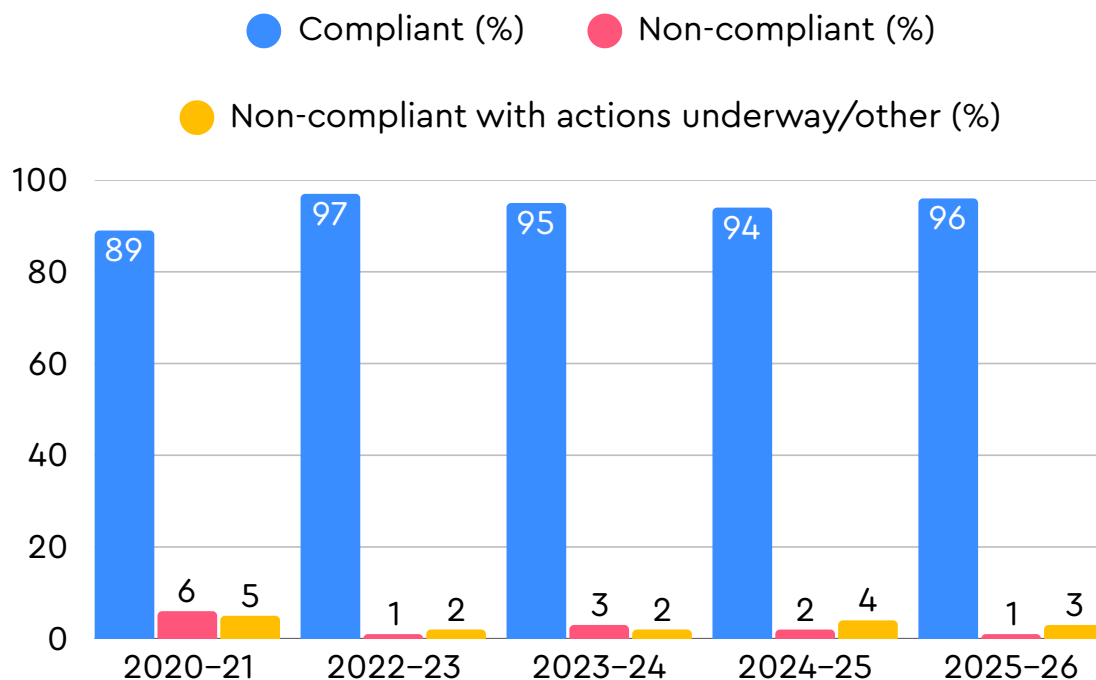


Minimum Standards Benchmarking

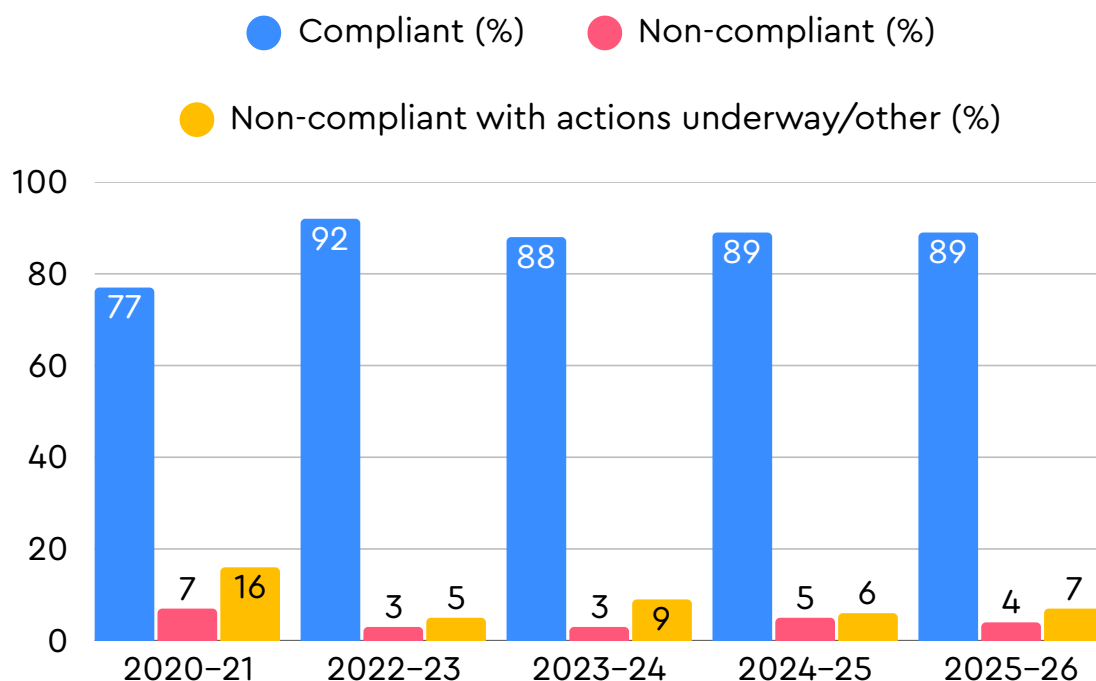
Overall averages for section one of the Minimum Standards



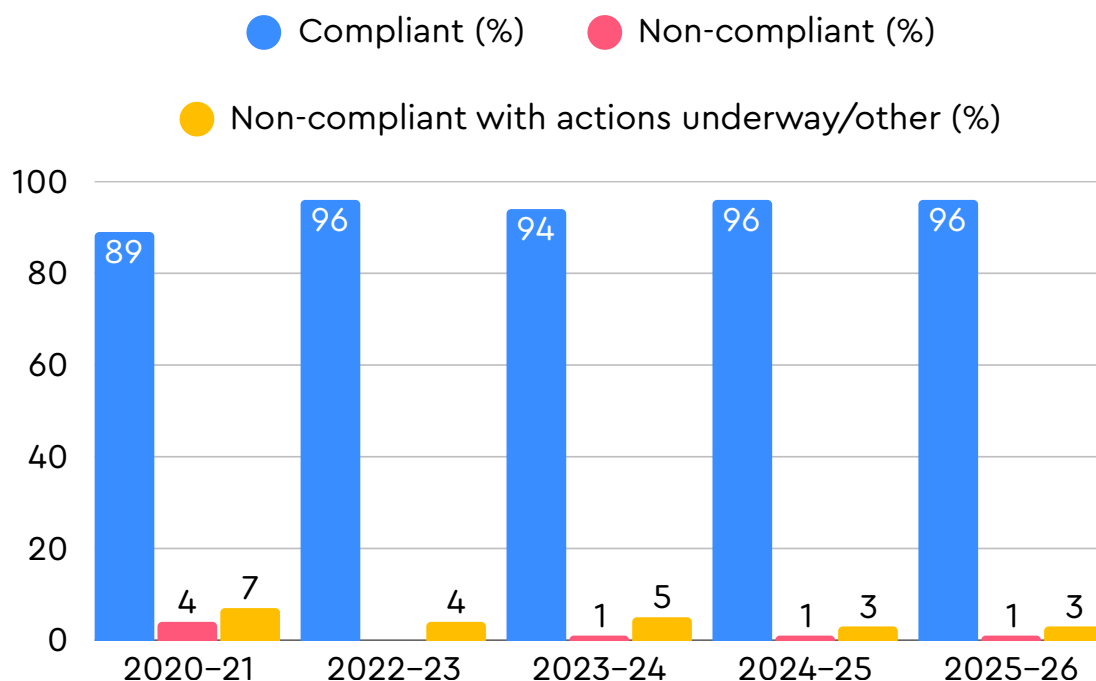
Overall averages for section two of the Minimum Standards



Overall averages for section three of the Minimum Standards



Overall averages for section four of the Minimum Standards



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