Bath & North East Somerset Council

Administration Service Improvement Plan update Q3 2023





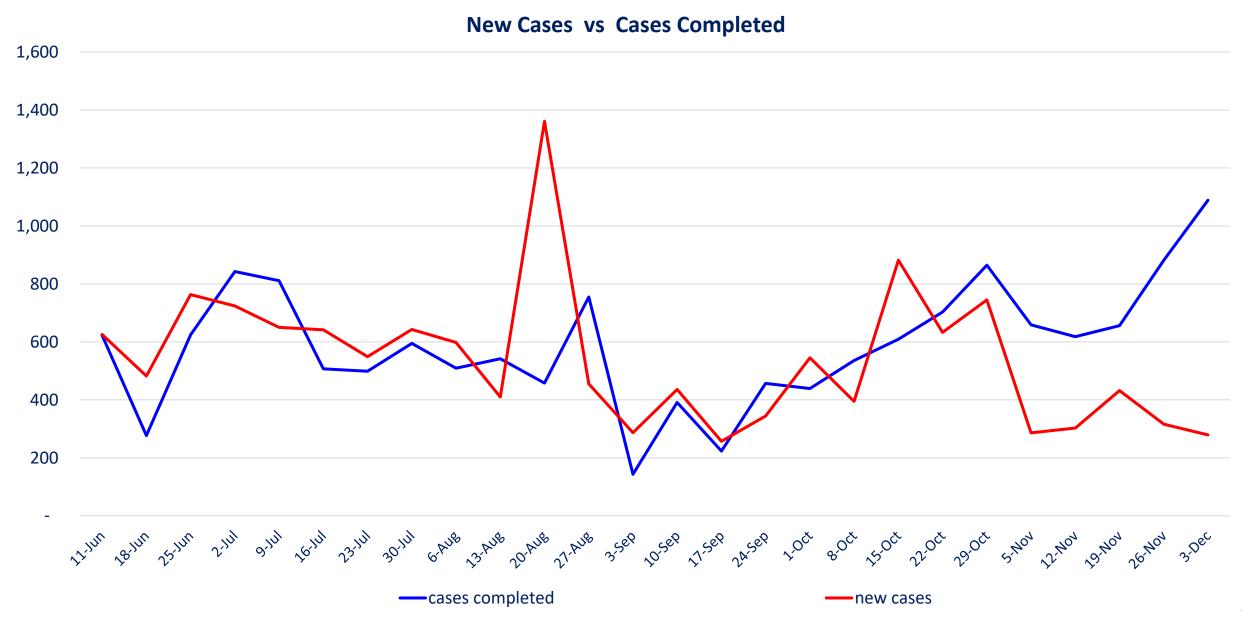
Current service state

The Data

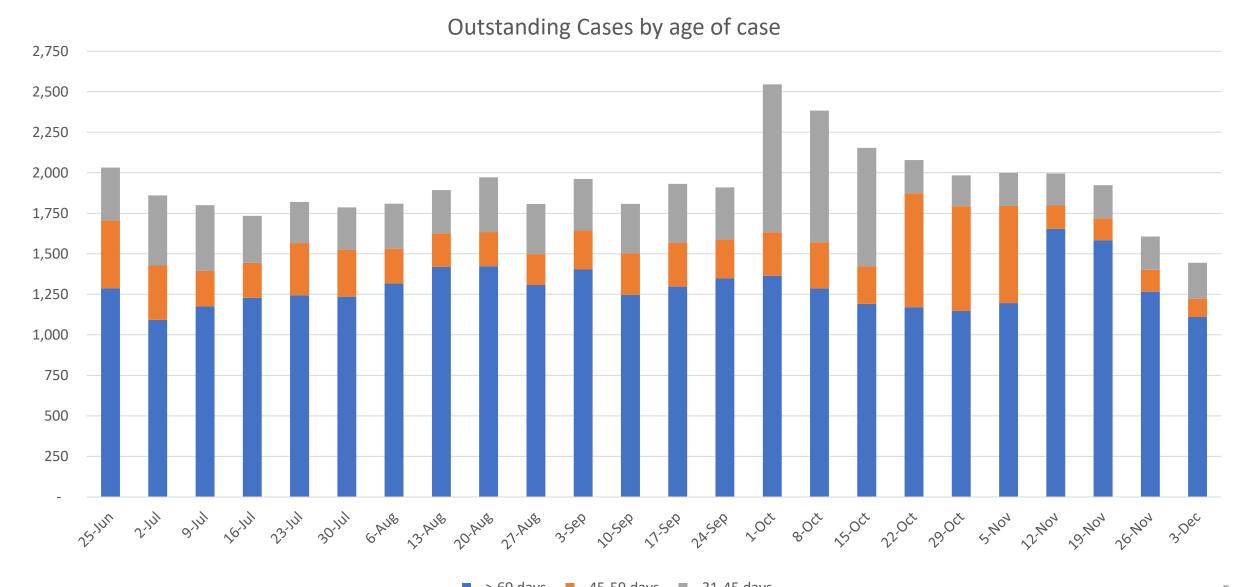
Aggregate performance is broadly stable – but insufficient

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	25-Jun	2-Jul	9-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	6-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	1-Oct	8-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct	5-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov
Death Notification	0%	0%	6%	0%	29%	92%	44%	55%	90%	47%	71%	64%	100%	36%	75%	88%	73%	69%	67%	42%	41%	94%	78%
Death - Payment	60%	50%	78%		67%	75%	67%	100%	100%	80%	0%	50%	88%	52%	78%	67%	47%	92%	100%	86%	100%	69%	60%
Retirement (Active) - Quote	53%	57%	59%	64%	91%	92%	9%	46%	53%	41%	40%	33%	32%	44%	52%	19%	27%	26%	26%	23%	23%	28%	26%
Retirement (Active) - Actual	67%	69%	89%	92%	93%	86%	64%	43%	67%	65%	100%	100%	75%	89%	61%	60%	64%	76%	77%	83%	59%	56%	96%
Divorce - Quote		100%	58%	70%	100%	83%	100%		100%		100%		100%	75%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%		0%	100%
Divorce - Actual			0%														100%						
Refund - Quotes		0%	20%	50%	0%	48%	56%	13%	0%	26%	33%	3%	22%	41%	0%	1%	10%	10%	6%	25%	40%	32%	7%
Refund - Actual	100%	0%	38%	39%		0%	100%	20%	29%	100%	100%	86%	100%	70%	50%	69%	88%	55%	100%	100%	78%	96%	100%
Deferred Benefits	60%	95%	84%	46%	65%	69%	85%	40%	62%	69%	60%	40%	60%	16%	74%	34%	19%	34%	10%	75%	100%	43%	75%
Transfer In - Quote			100%		0%				0%	13%	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%			0%		0%	0%	0%	38%
Transfer In - Actual			100%			0%	100%	0%	25%	100%	100%		100%	0%	20%	0%	0%	50%		100%	0%	17%	100%
Transfer Out - Quote		100%	17%	43%	0%	68%	65%	70%	27%	0%	0%		0%		0%	25%	0%	33%	50%	17%	0%	0%	0%
Transfer Out - Actual		100%		0%		33%	33%	50%	0%	75%			0%	0%	60%	100%		0%	60%	100%	75%	100%	100%
Employer Estimate - Quote	56%		100%	0%	100%				100%			100%	100%	38%	0%	100%	0%	100%	100%	78%		83%	0%
Member Estimate - Quote	46%	95%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		93%	71%	100%	78%	75%	75%	93%	57%	100%	90%	93%	100%	100%	75%
Joiner	50%	99%	99%	96%	99%	99%	99%	100%	97%	99%	97%	99%	94%	100%	97%	91%	90%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	98%
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Weighted Average	55%	69%	65%	56%	64%	68%	75%	59%	54%	57%	63%	68%	61%	45%	50%	61%	46%	58%	68%	67%	56%	54%	62%

Cases completed are starting to exceed new cases coming in



With consequent decline in outstanding cases



Greatest decline in 'older' outstanding cases

typically not captured by quarterly performance reporting

		days since case created										
	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-45	46-59	60+			
Death Notification	▼ 10	4		1		▼ 1			▼ 1			
Death - Act/Def/Pen - Payment	1 4	A 5	A 3	1	▼ 1	▼ 1		▼ 1	▼ 4			
Retirement (Active) - Quote	1 1	▼ 3	1 9	▲ 33	▲ 20	1 9	▲ 77	1 0	▲ 38			
Retirement (Active) - Actual	1 3		A 2	▼ 3	▼ 2	▼ 6	▼ 19	▼ 5	▼ 90			
Retirement (Deferred) - Quote												
Retirement (Deferred) - Actual	4 7	1 1		1	▼ 1		▼ 5	▼ 1	▼ 2			
Divorce - Quote	A 3	▼ 2	A 7	▲ 2	▼ 8	A 3	▼ 2	▼ 5				
Divorce - Actual									▼ 5			
Refund - Quotes	A 9	▼ 17	▼ 69	▼ 5	▼ 19	▼ 89	▼ 125	▼ 149	▲ 56			
Refund - Actual	1 6	1 1	1 4	▲ 85	▼ 3	▼ 4	▼ 7	▼ 23	▼ 17			
Deferred Benefits	▼ 53	▼ 7	▼ 43	4 0	A 5	▲ 52	▼ 12	▼ 33	▲ 66			
Transfer In (Active) - Quote		▼ 1	1 9	▼ 3	▼ 2	▼ 7	▼ 8	▼ 46	▼ 172			
Transfer In (Active) - Actual	A 7	1	1				1		▼ 7			
Transfer Out - Quote	A 5	▲ 12	A 7	4		▼ 14	▼ 8	▼ 39	▼ 72			
Transfer Out - Actual	▲ 2				▼ 1			▼ 2	▼ 2			
Employer Estimate - Quote	▼ 5	▼ 2	▼ 3	▼ 1		▼ 1			▼ 1			
Member Estimate - Quote		▼ 4	▼ 5			1	1	1	▼ 1			
Joiner	▼ 288	▲ 50	▼ 55	A 8	▼ 15	▼ 53	A 4	▼ 13	▲ 36			

Total	▼ 229	▲ 58	▼ 103	▲ 163	▼ 27	▼ 101	▼ 103	▼ 306	▼ 178
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Root causes affecting service







Processes



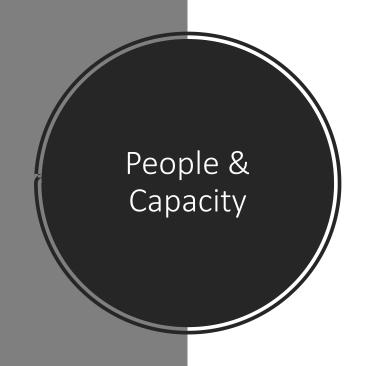
Regulatory Changes



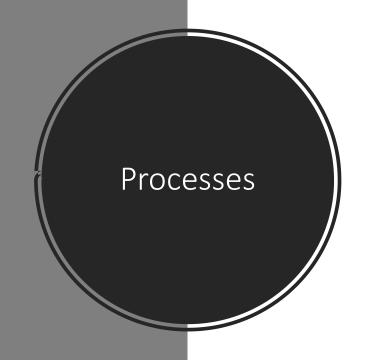
Spikes in work and project support



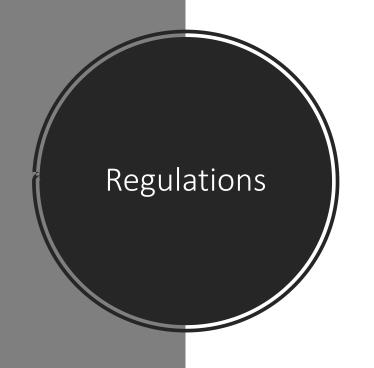
Increased demand



Root Cause	Improvement actions
Vacancy rate high – 10% (down from 15%)	 13 appointments made Digital Services Manager appointed Payroll staff appointed 7 ongoing campaigns Controlling internal movement of staff New Payroll structure agreed
Pay	 NJC Pay award Market Supplement appears to support stabilisation and attracting new candidates
Officer experience	 Ongoing training & development



Root Cause	Improvement actions					
Duplication of process and checking	 Started process review – duplications removed Guidance and training given Assurances on data and calculation engine given 					
Volume of Leaver work	 Implemented automated case allocation to buckets Reviewing tolerances and checks for refunds (reduced for refunds <£100) 					
Payroll processes	 Bank Account Validation in testing Mortality screening in testing New tasks to track pensioner deaths 					



Root cause

New McCloud regulations wef 1st October

Improvement actions

- Data collection project (2000 to date)
- System updates tested
- Switched on in Live
- Training for officers
- Process & Letter review
- Compliance with disclosure regulations
- Attending webinars & POG's
- Working within regs from 1st October

New Fire Scheme Sergeant/McCloud regulations wef 1st October

- As above
- Working with Avon Fire and Rescue to implement



Improvement actions Root cause Fire scheme exit (31/2/24) Temporary deployment of extra staff to assist project work • Should reduce workload by 1 FTE after 1st February ABS spike in work Task force to address incoming work **Pensions Increase errors** Officers working on cases manually

in advance of project



Increased demand	Improvement actions					
ABS spike in emails/phone calls	 Task force to address work spike 					
Increase in case work load	 Reduced phone service trial to create capacity for processing Ongoing website development to improve member servicing 					
Increase in Retirements & Deaths	 Weekly resources focused on these cases Officers from other teams supporting 					
Backlogs	Focus on clearance of older casesIdentify complex cases for review					



	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024			
People	Ongoing recruitment	Recruit Payroll Manager Target priority cases within KPI's	New Korn Ferry structure/pay implemented	Embedded structure Newly trained officers become effective			
Processes	Agree refund policy to streamline processing	Launch of new member website (improved "how to" and "tell us" content)	Start review of bulk processing Implement improvement for digital processes for new members				
Regulations		 KPI target review Review Customer Charter & Admin Strategy 	Begin McCloud Remedy				
Work spikes	Consultant support	Fire scheme exited (increase capacity)					
Demand	Task force with focus on priority cases		New staff working on backlogs	PI review complete Backlogs consistently reducing			

Future road map......

Meet KPI Levels

