

Our SEN Service

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Hampshire's SEN Service

The SEN Service's primary function is to fulfil the local authorities' statutory obligation to assess, meet and review the needs of children and young people with special educational needs, through engagement with families and support professionals.



Hampshire SEN Strategy 2020-2024

What we are aiming to do

Through our work we will ensure that:

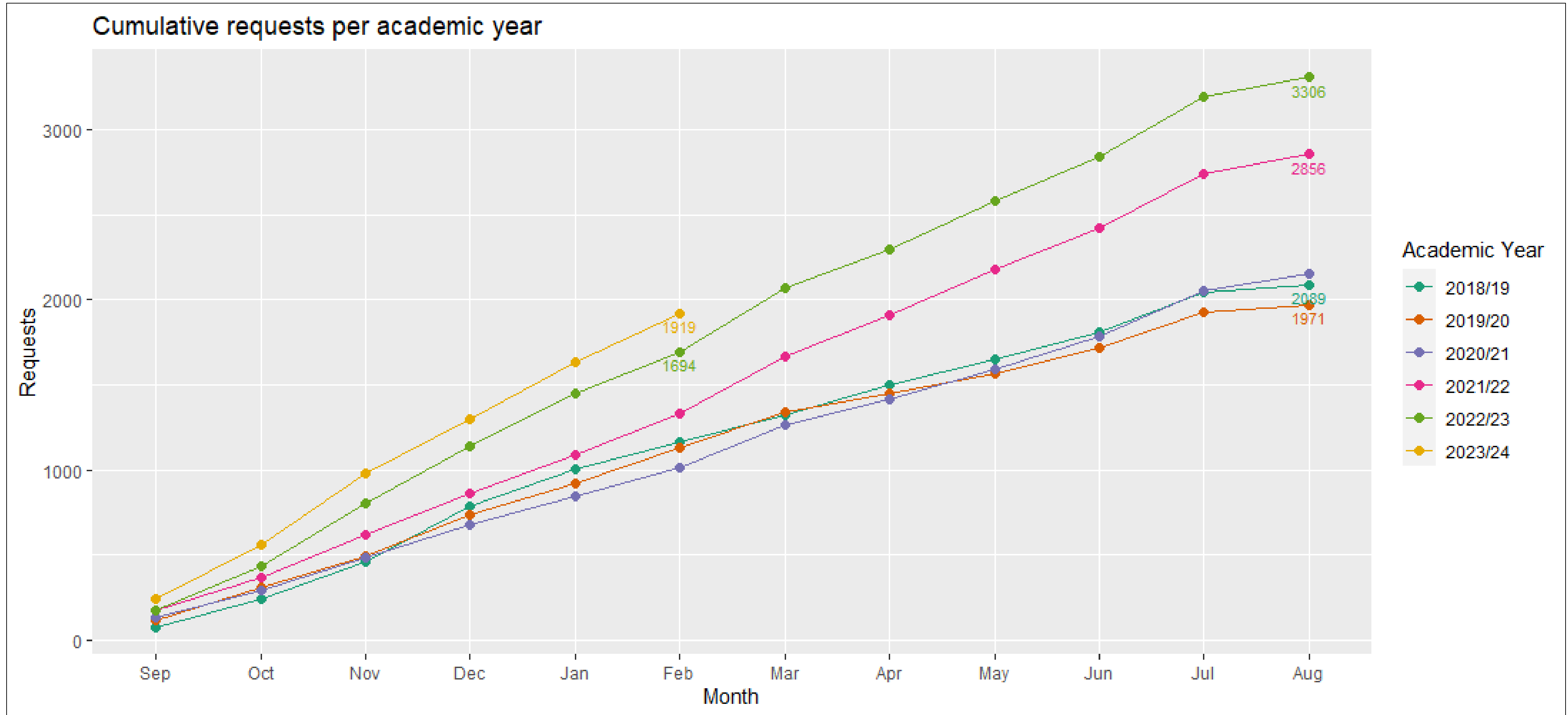
- Children's Special Educational Needs are picked up early and effective support is put into place quickly during the life or a problem or need.
- Staff have the knowledge, understanding and skills to provide the right support for children and young people who have SEN or are disabled.
- Parents and young people know what they can reasonably expect their local

school, college, Local Authority and local services to provide, without having to fight for it.

- There is sufficient and flexible provision to meet need.
- Aspirations for children and young people are raised through an increased focus on life outcomes including education, health and care.
- Children, young people and parents co-produce the provision for children and are engaged in the co-production of strategy.

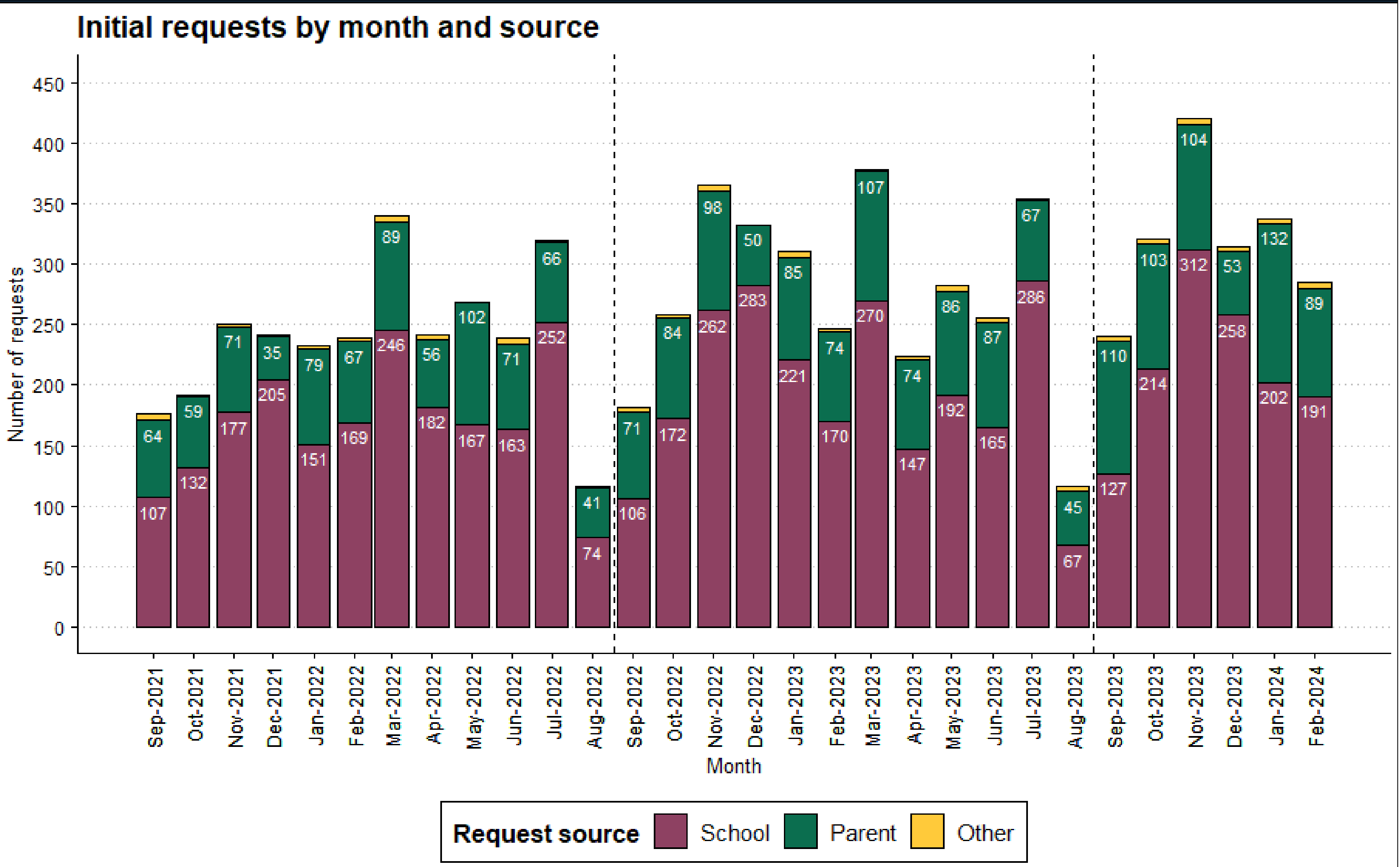
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Monitoring Demand – Academic Year



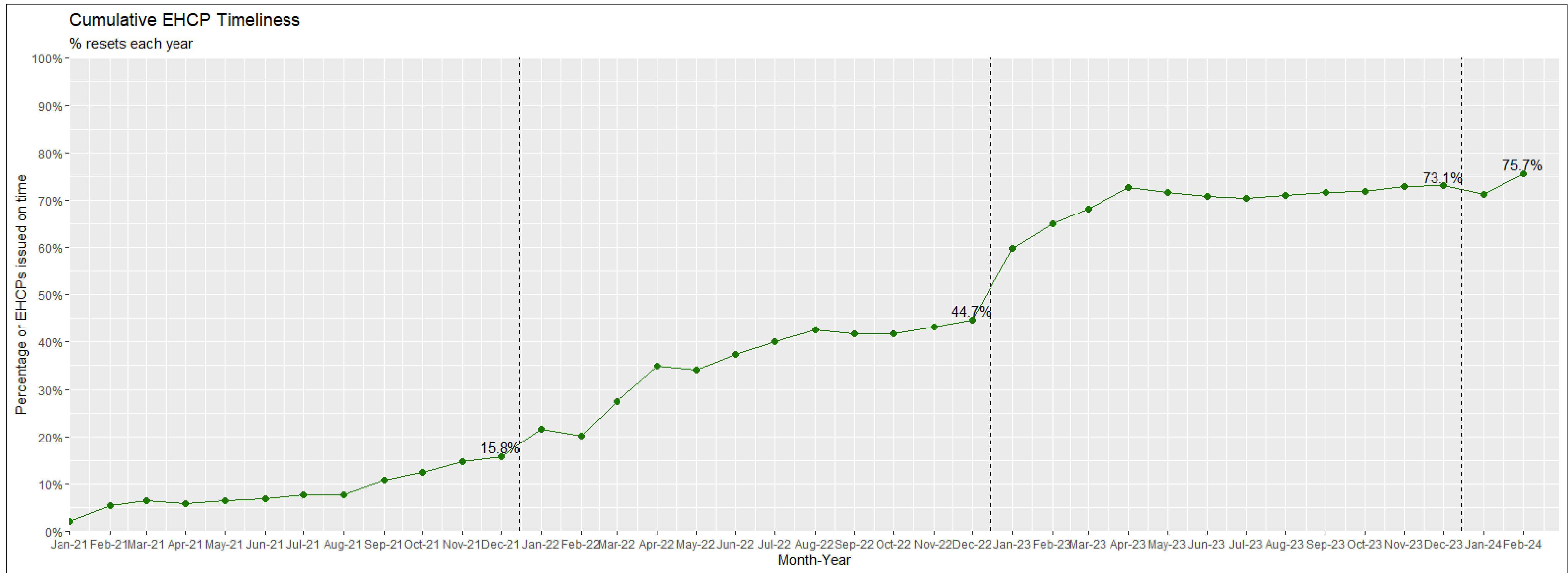
The trend of increasing demand has continued this academic year, with 225 more requests received between September and February than the previous academic year.

New requests by source and month



November 2023 was the highest volume of requests for EHC needs assessments the service has ever received in a month.

EHCP Timeliness Improvement



16,500+ plans maintained.

Helpdesk Data

1,539 contacts received, 73 per working day
12,980 emails received, 618 per working day

Current specialist placements in development

- 4 Special School Expansions for September 24 – 85 additional places
 - 3 New Resourced Provisions for September 24 – 38 additional places (opening in phases)
 - Range of new or expanded Resourced Provisions for September 25 being progressed.
 - New Eastleigh SEMH School for 2026 – 125 places
 - New Whiteley SLD Free School for 2026/7 - 135 places
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Reviews and actions

- Communication
- Data quality and compliance
- Payments
- TSEND
- Multi Agency and co-production – Local Area Partnership Board
- Specialist Place planning / EY specialist SEN review
- Reduction in agency staff
- SEN Staffing Structure