

Governors Briefing

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Our vision

“Giving every
child in
Hertfordshire the
chance to thrive...”

In their family

In their school

In their community



School Improvement

A new school improvement strategy was launched in April 2014

Priorities

Ensure a good or outstanding school for every child and young person

Closing the gap between underachieving groups and all Hertfordshire children and young people

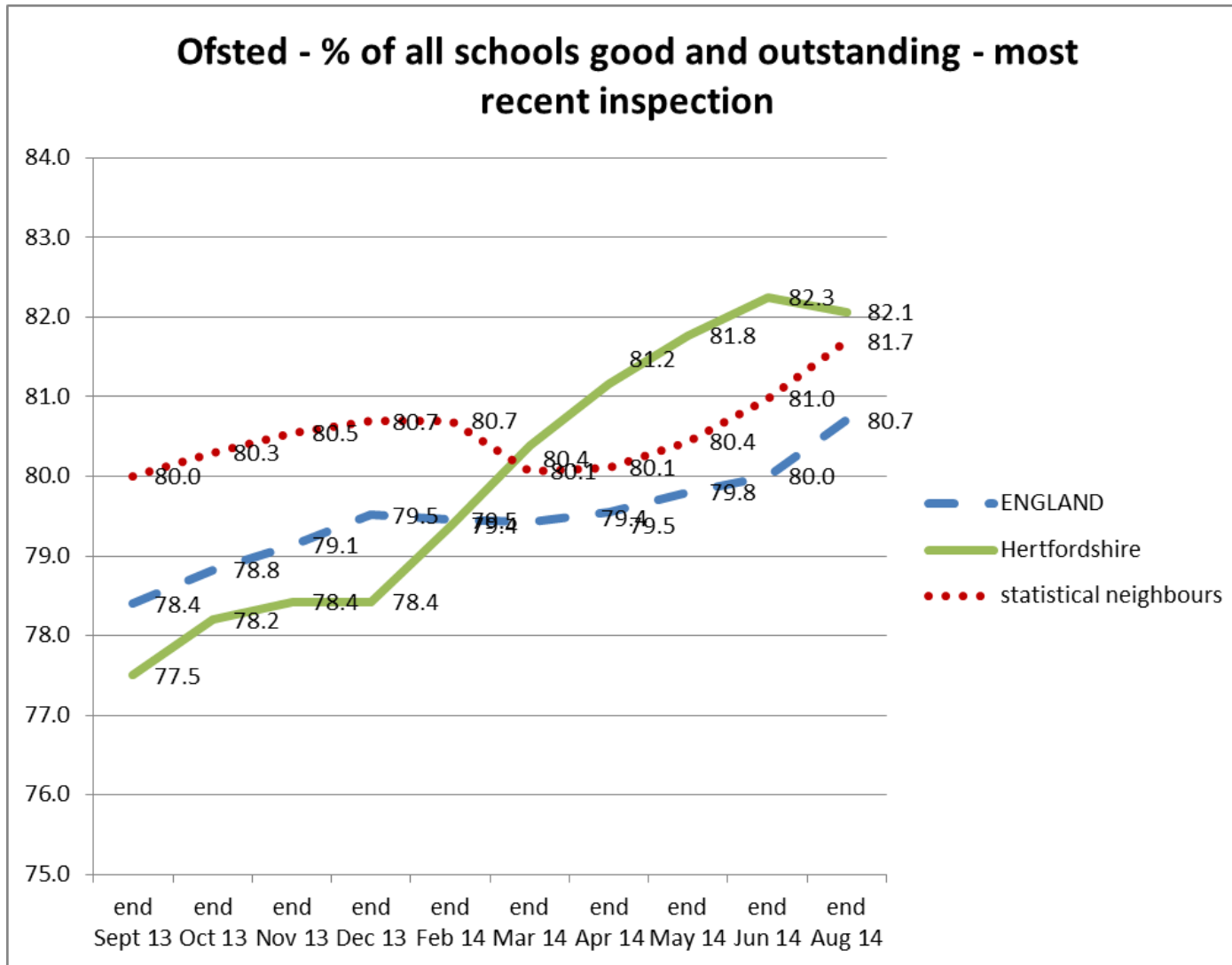
Eliminating the discrepancies in attainment at 'district' level



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Ofsted Inspection



Reaffirming the Contribution of Governors

- “Governors set their school’s vision, hold their head teacher to account and make sure its money is well spent. They are a pivotal part of our system of school leadership and accountability. Only if LA’s are confident in the professional standards of governance in the schools they maintain can they be fully confident in their systems for financial oversight, school improvement and child safety”

[Lord Nash Under Secretary of State October 2014]

Core Strategic Functions of Governing Body

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos & strategic direction
- Holding leadership to account for educational achievement
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure money is well spent

[Hertfordshire School Improvement Strategy 2014-17]

Local Authority Support for Schools

- Hertfordshire School Improvement Strategy
- Early years high priority and co-ordinated approach with health services
- Special Educational Needs & Disability: SEND Reforms, the “Local Offer” & Education Health & Care Plans
- Early intervention: Integrated Services for Learning – range of support services for behaviour, poor attendance
- Emotional Health & Well Being
- Virtual School and focus on Children Looked After