

Wirral Working Together

A Council Plan for 2023-2027

All Themes
Performance

Performance Report

Welcome to our Council Plan Performance Report

The Council Plan is the Council's key plan and sets out our main priorities between 2023-27. The Council Plan translates our vision 'working together to promote fairness and opportunity for people and communities' into a deliverable plan to turn this vision into a reality for the people of Wirral.

This performance report provides information related to the effectiveness of the delivery of our Council Plan. It will be updated on a quarterly basis. The plan identifies six delivery themes. This report provides a dashboard to view progress on delivery of the whole plan and a summary dashboard for each key theme.

For each theme a quarterly narrative report provides context on how the plan is being delivered, it highlights key areas of success and identifies areas where we need to do more to keep performance on track. The dashboard also reports on progress using our key performance measures.

You can also view delivery by theme by clicking on the buttons below.

**Efficient, effective and
accessible council**

**Early help for children and
families**

**Promote independence and
healthier lives**

People focused regeneration

Protect our environment

**Safe, resilient and engaged
communities**

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Improve Early Help for Children and Families

Areas of improvement

Both the children looked after rate and the rate of child protection plans has reduced compared to the same period last year showing improved performance. The percentage of looked after children in the same placement for at least two years or adopted has improved compared to the same period in the previous year and the Wirral figure is in line with North West and England benchmarks. The percentage of juvenile offenders that reoffended has also improved compared to the previous figure.

The latest data from Wirral schools for foundation stage and key stage 2 illustrates improved performance compared to the previous year. Performance for the percentage of care leavers in education employment or training both 17-18, and 12-21 years has improved, and both are higher than North West and England benchmarks. The percentage of 16–17-year-olds with SEND in education or training has also improved compared to previous year figure.

Areas of improvement

The percentage of child protection cases reviewed on time has reduced compared to the same period last year and are lower than North West and England benchmarks. Education, and Health Care Plans issued within 20-week timescale has reduced significantly to 21%, the annual completion figure in England is 50%. SEND is a key area of focus for the Council, a partnership SEND Board with sub-groups and a new SEND Governance Framework has been established to focus on improving performance in this area and across the partnership. A restructure of the SEND service is underway which will build in additional capacity to meet the ever-increasing demand for EHCPs. Roll out and implementation of the Graduated Response, providing schools with a clear framework to identify the correct level of support for their pupils is underway. A new case management for SEND was implemented in August 2024. SEND information will now sit in Liquidlogic alongside social care, early help and education records. The new system is easier to navigate compared to previous case management system and certain fields can be locked down to ensure complete data capture. A new suite of performance reports has been developed to support effective management and oversight.

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Green

Equal to or better than previous period or target

Amber

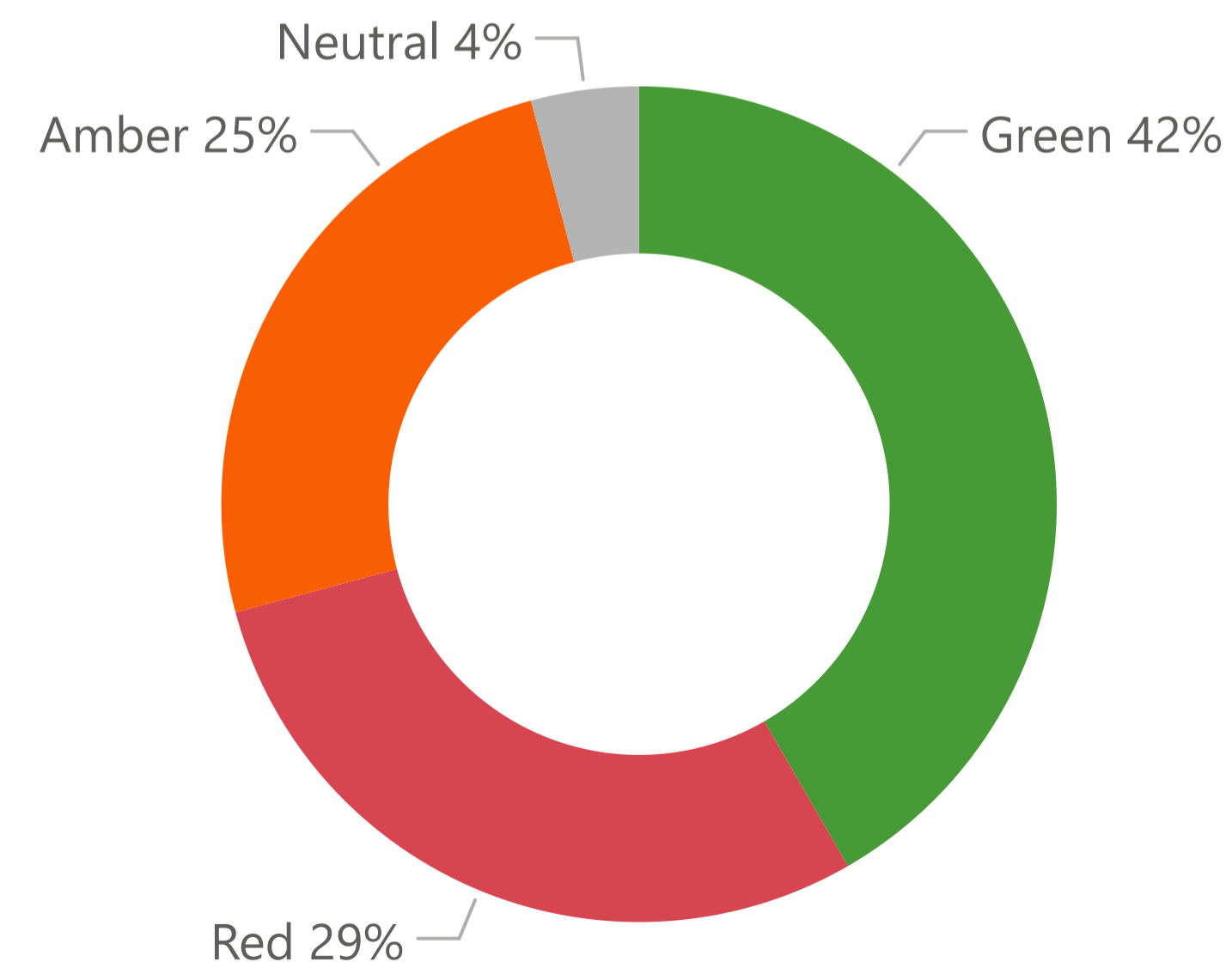
Within 5% or 5 percentage points of previous period or target

Red

Over 5% or 5 percentage points worse than previous period or target

Neutral

Information purposes - neither high or low is better



Areas requiring improvement (continued)

Juvenile entrants into the criminal justice system have increased compared to the same time last year, however Wirral is significantly lower than North West and England benchmarks. This increase equates to a small number of young people, and we are working to reduce this number with our partners Merseyside Police, Community Safety and Schools to identify young people who are at risk of offending and offer support before they are arrested. A turnaround programme that was in place over the past three years was due to cease in March 2025 however this has been extended by twelve months. Over the past three years the programme has worked with 75 young people to date none have gone on to re-offend.

The latest data from Wirral schools for attainment 8 score in year 10 shows reduced performance compared to the previous year for all pupils and those from disadvantaged background, this mirrors the national performance in England for both measures. In 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, the attainment 8 score was based teacher level assessment due to COVID-19, it is important comparisons to these years are not made. When comparing the gap between dis-advantaged and advantaged for 2018/2019 and 2022/2023 – this has remained static without a statistical change.

To support our education system, we are working closely with secondary schools to see what further support can be offered with a focus around attendance at school and addressing any barriers that may exist. We are also working closely with schools to look post-16 destinations to support aspirations for Wirral young people. To support outcomes at Key Stage 4, we are offering significant continuous professional development for primary schools in the areas of maths and writing to support more young people transitioning to secondary school at the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2.

The percentage of 16–17-year-olds who are not in education, employment or training has reduced slightly compared to the previous measure however performance is still better than North West and England benchmarks. The limiting factor for this metric is the availability of sufficient and appropriate local post-16 education and training which is a national issue. Representations to the Department for Education are being formed by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and Core Cities Group. Locally Council Officers are working with Wirral Met College on the introduction of a new entry engagement provision, an Aspiring Professionals Programme which will provide access to mainstream study programmes for NEET young people and those with low or no attainment.

More Wirral children are becoming home educated compared to previous figures, however the rate is still lower than North West and England benchmarks. The Attendance Service is carrying out work in this area and a detailed report was presented to the Children, Young People & Education Committee in September 2024.

Legend - RAG rating

Green

Equal to or better than previous period or target

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Over 5% or 5 percentage points worse than previous period or target

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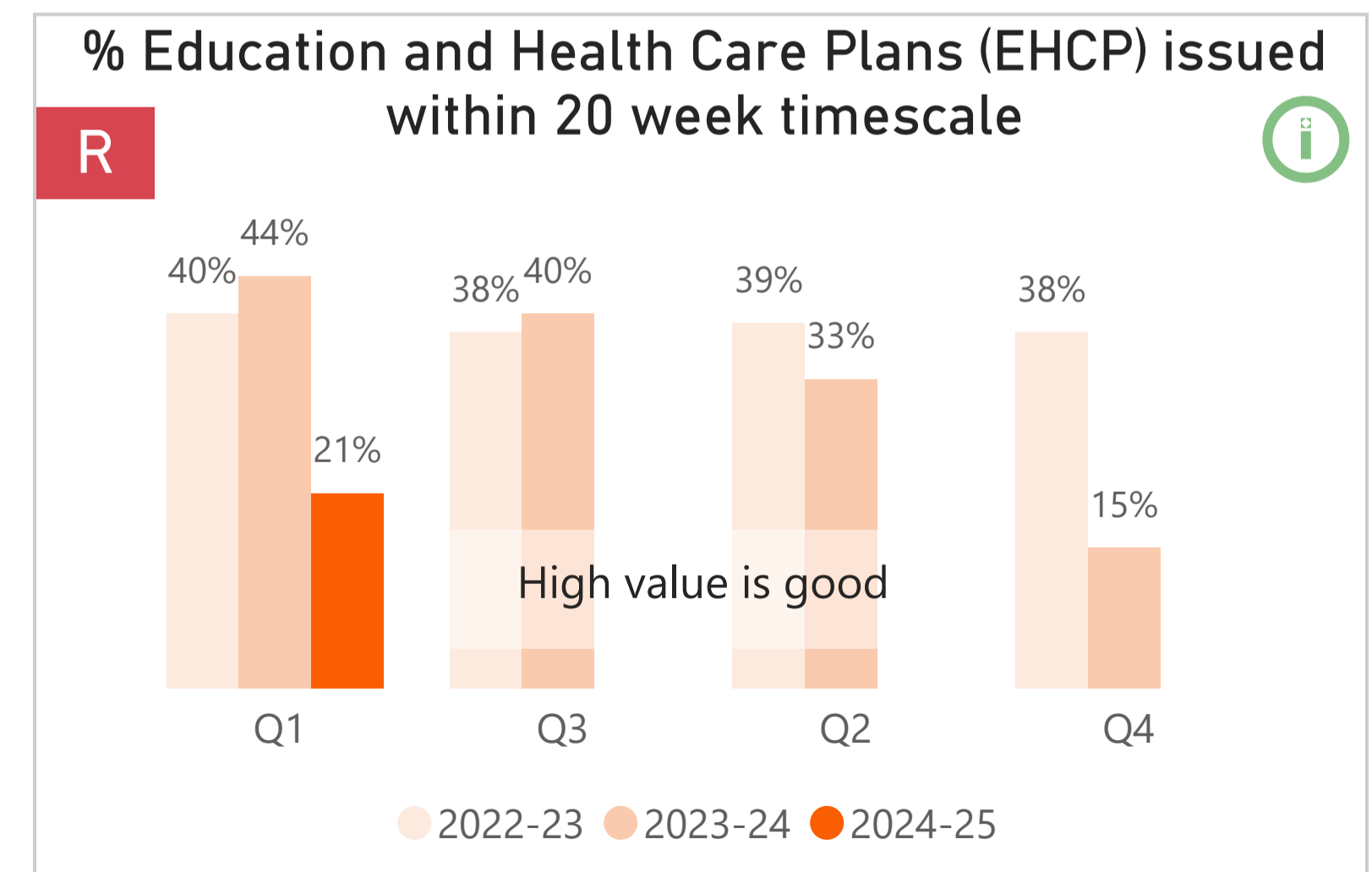
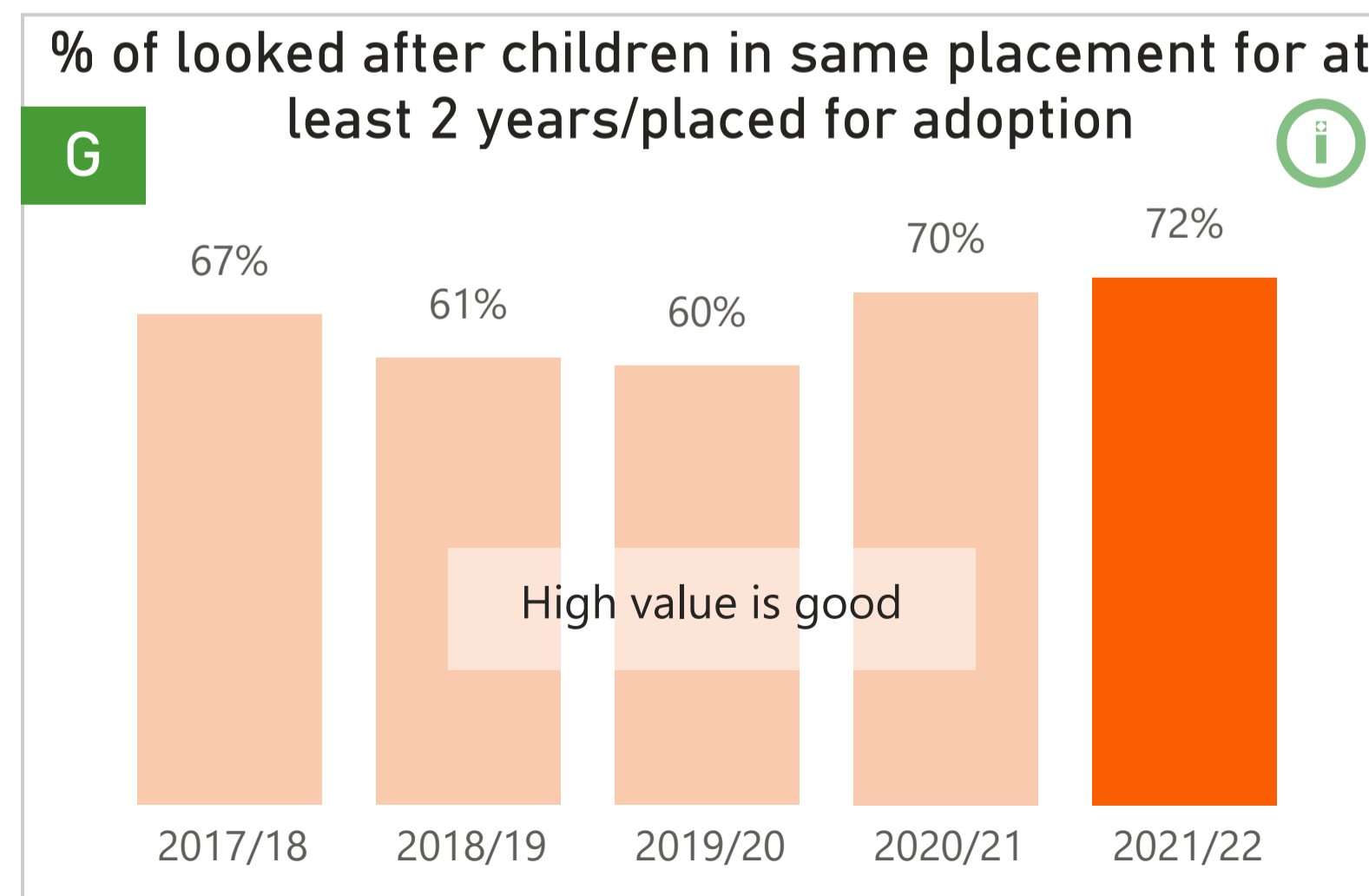
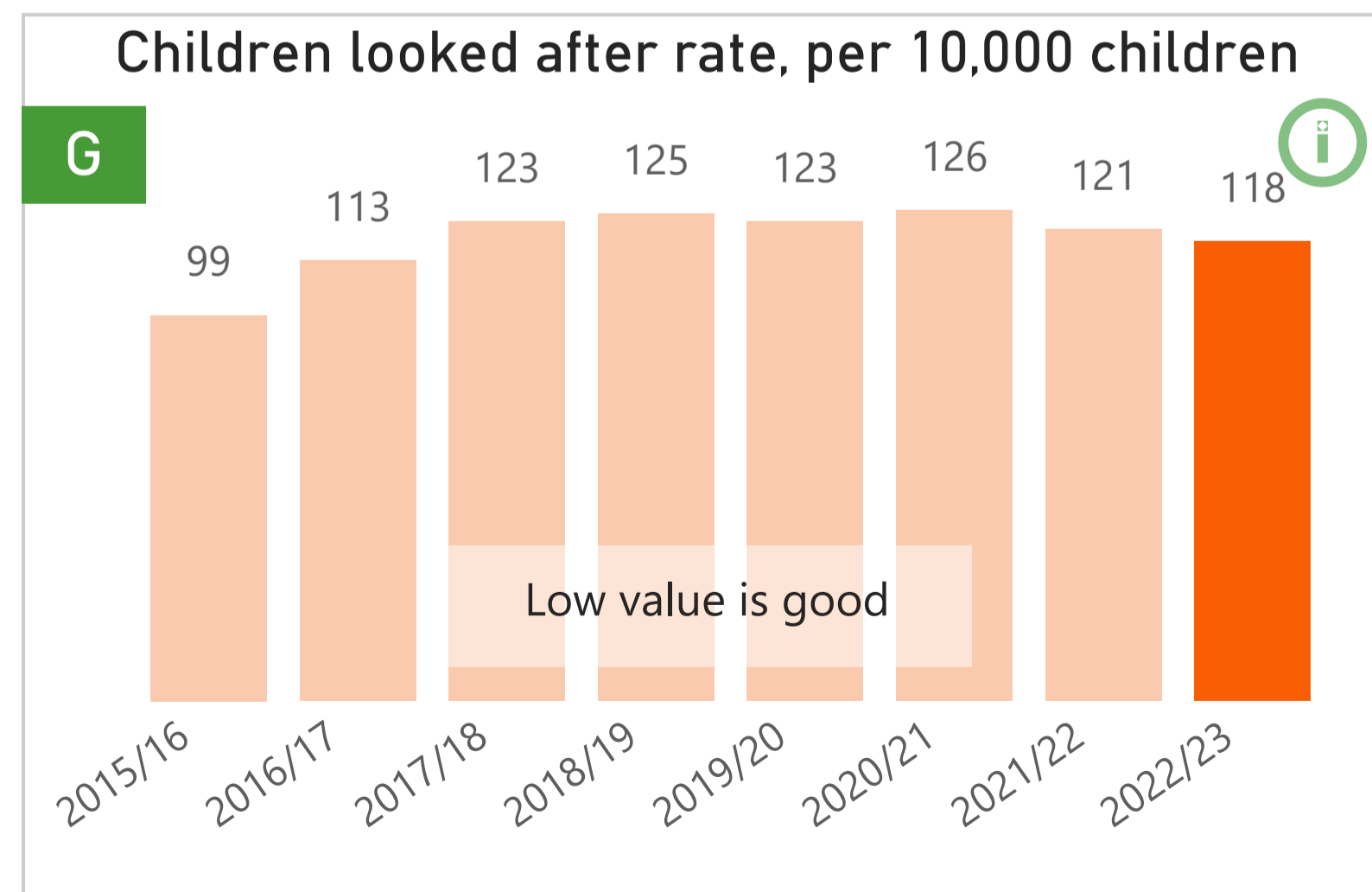
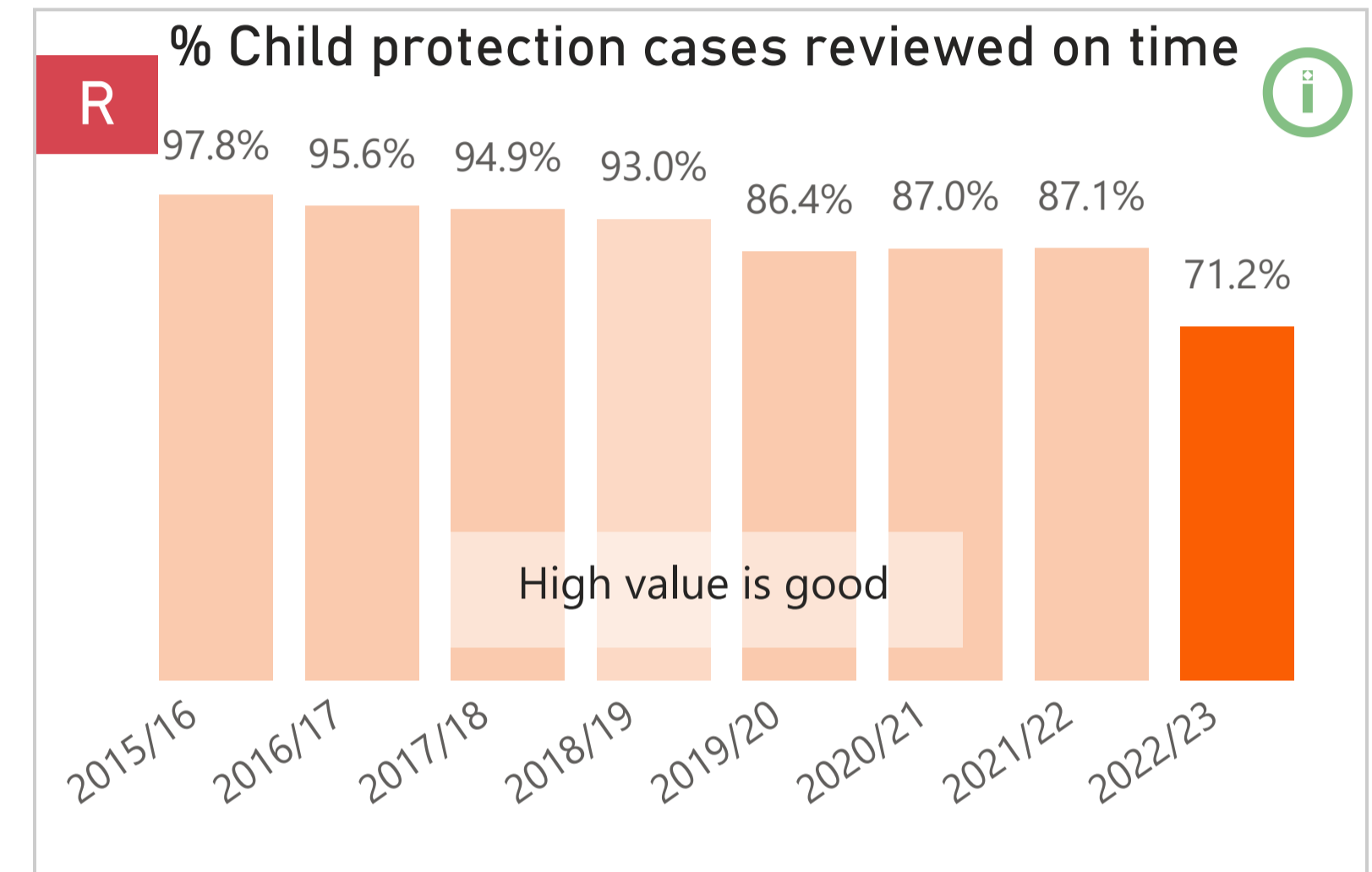
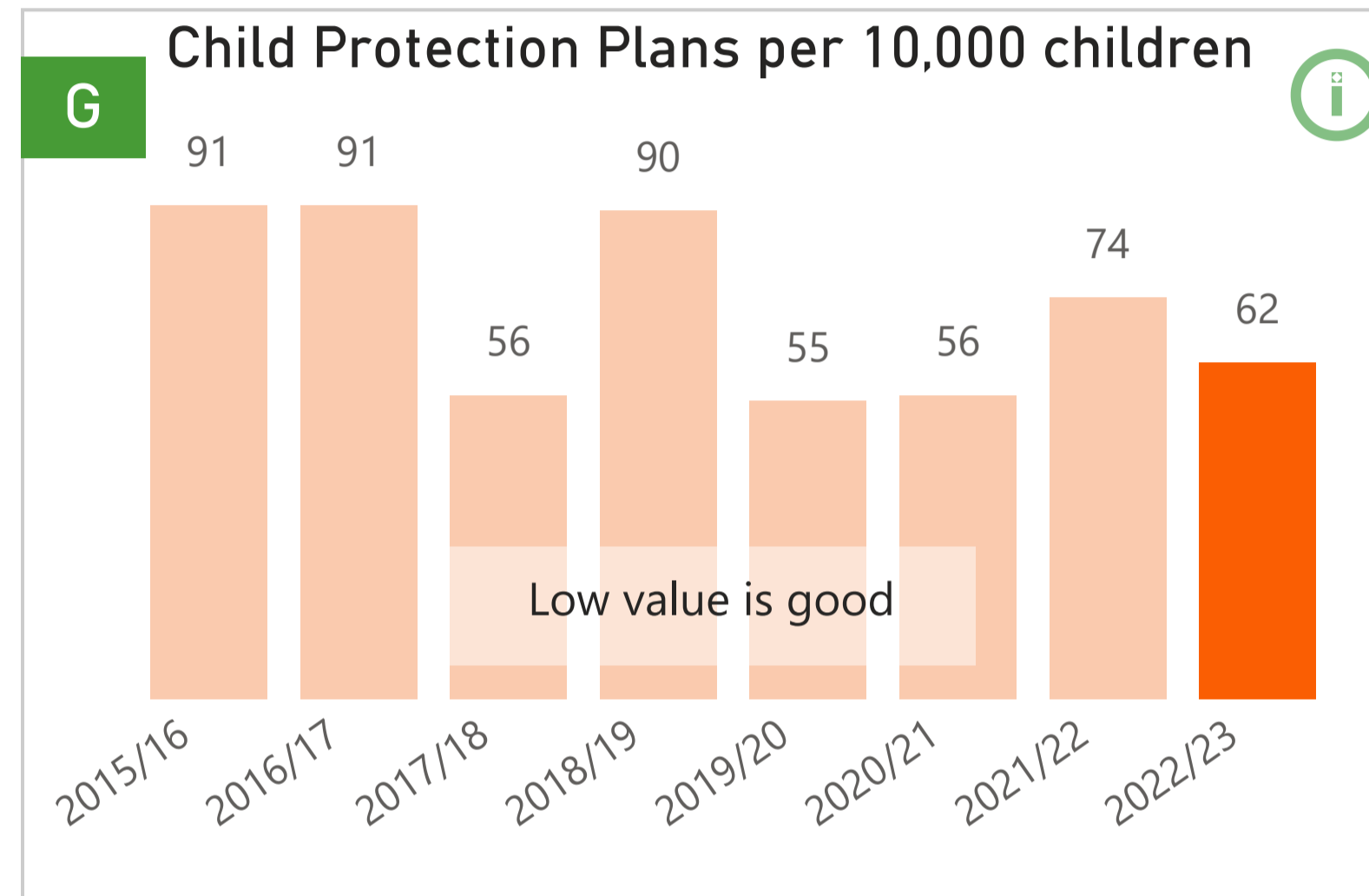
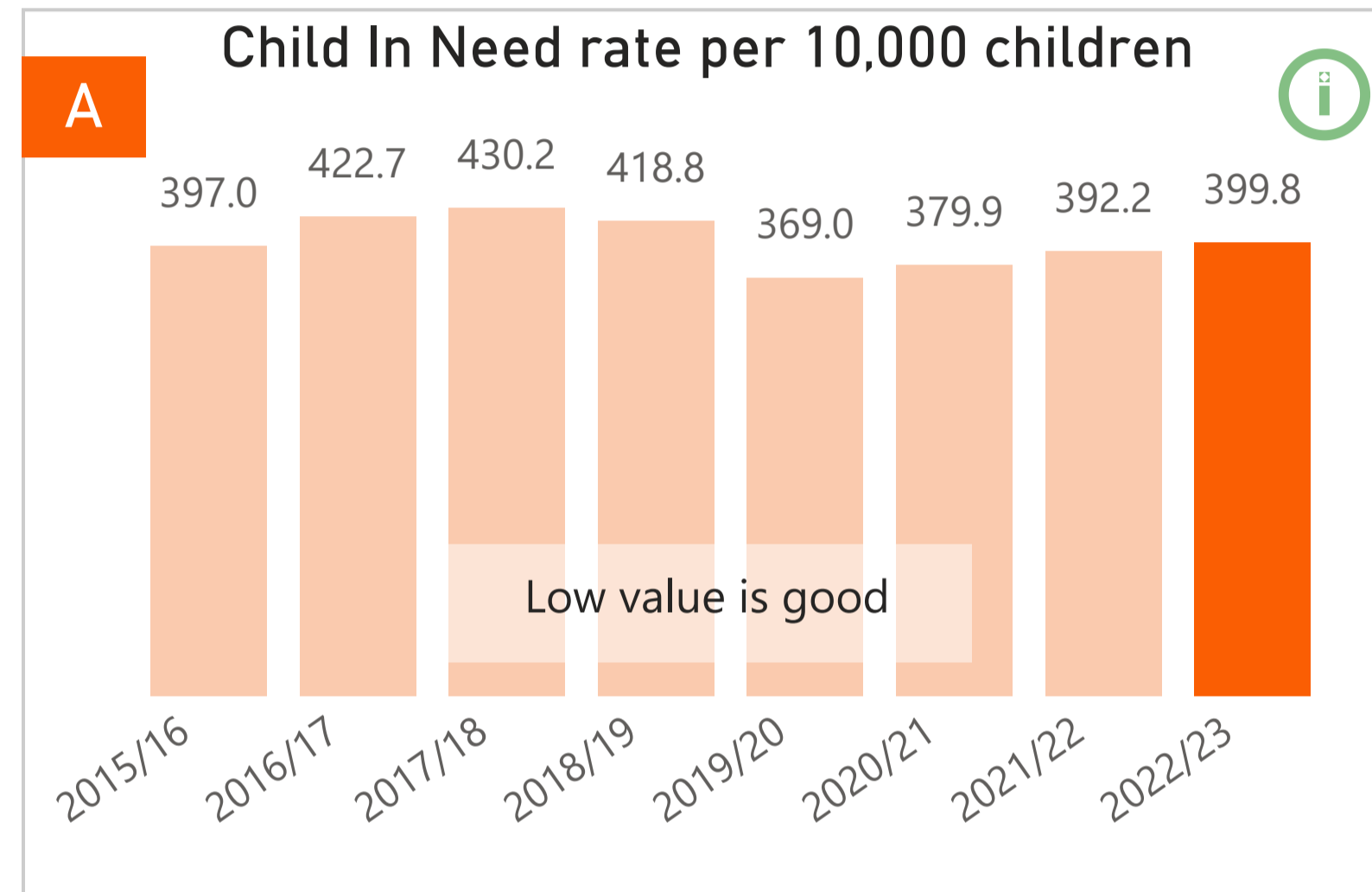
Delivery Theme	Measures	Neutral	Green	Amber	Red
Improve Early Help for Children and Families	24	1	10	6	7

Outcome	Measures	Neutral	Green	Amber	Red
Children and young people have their needs met early	9		3	4	2
Children and young people stay safe and are protected from harm	4	1	1	1	1
Children and young people achieve their potential and are prepared for adulthood	11		6	1	4

Improve early help for children and families.

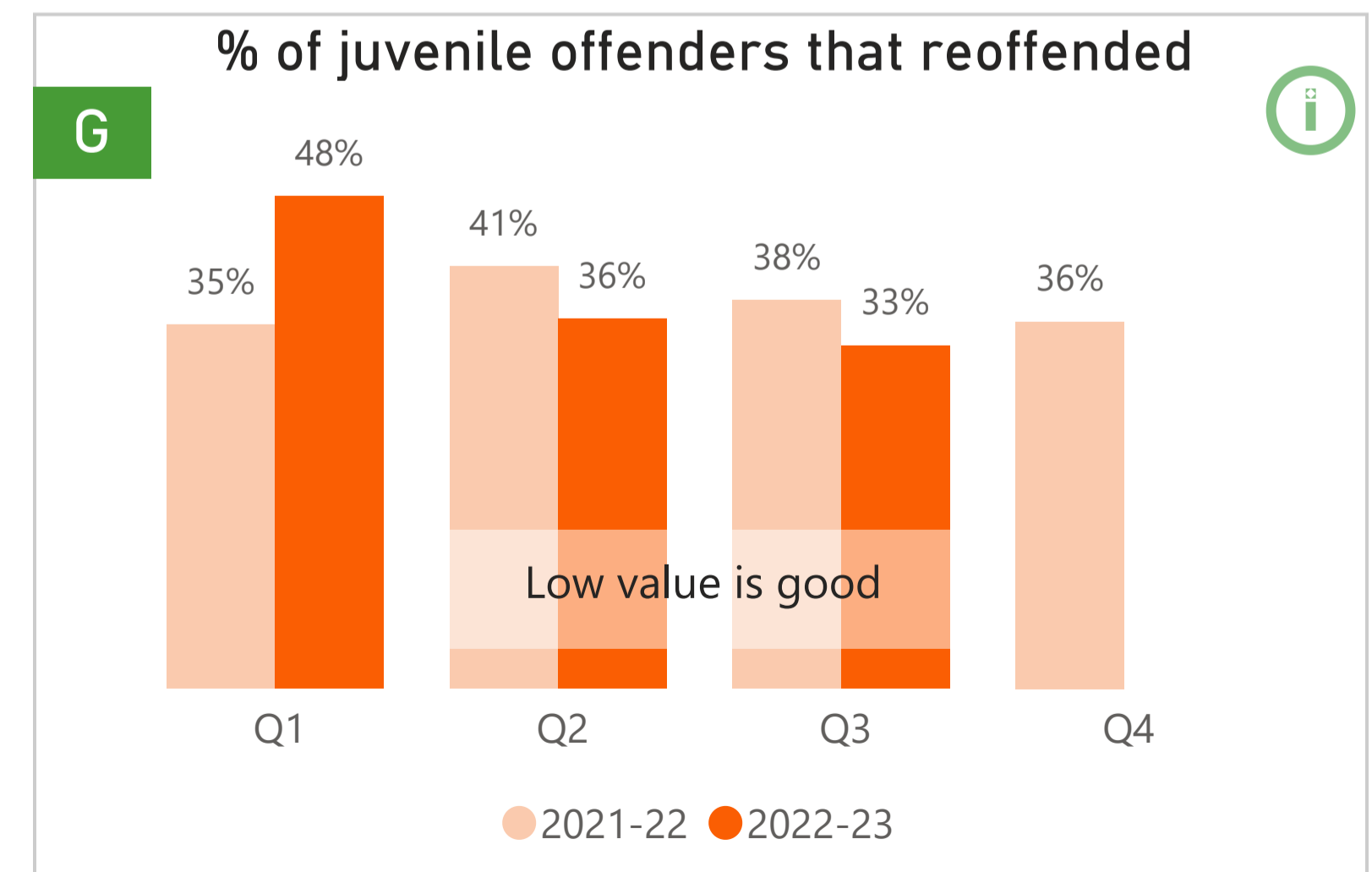
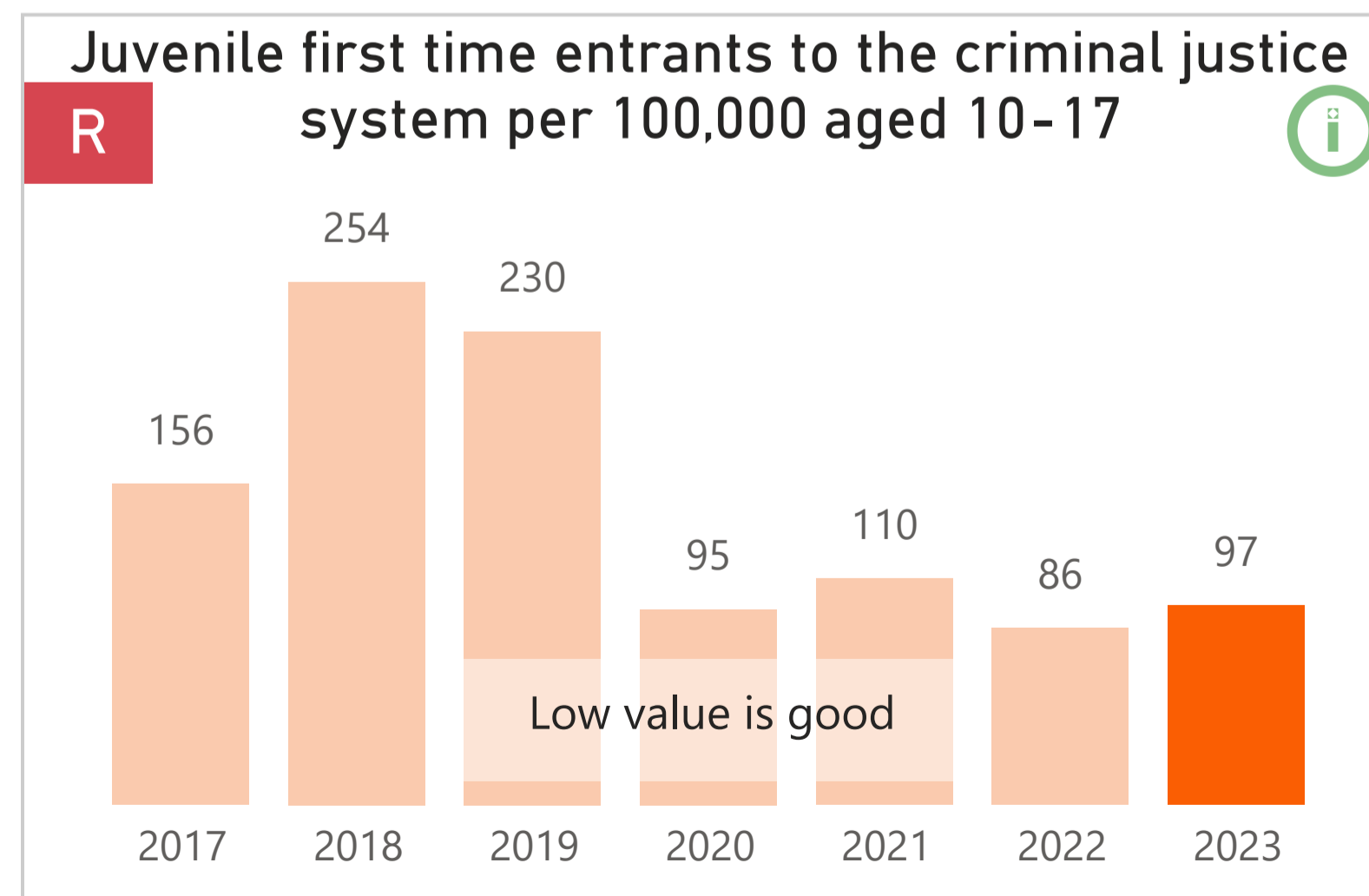
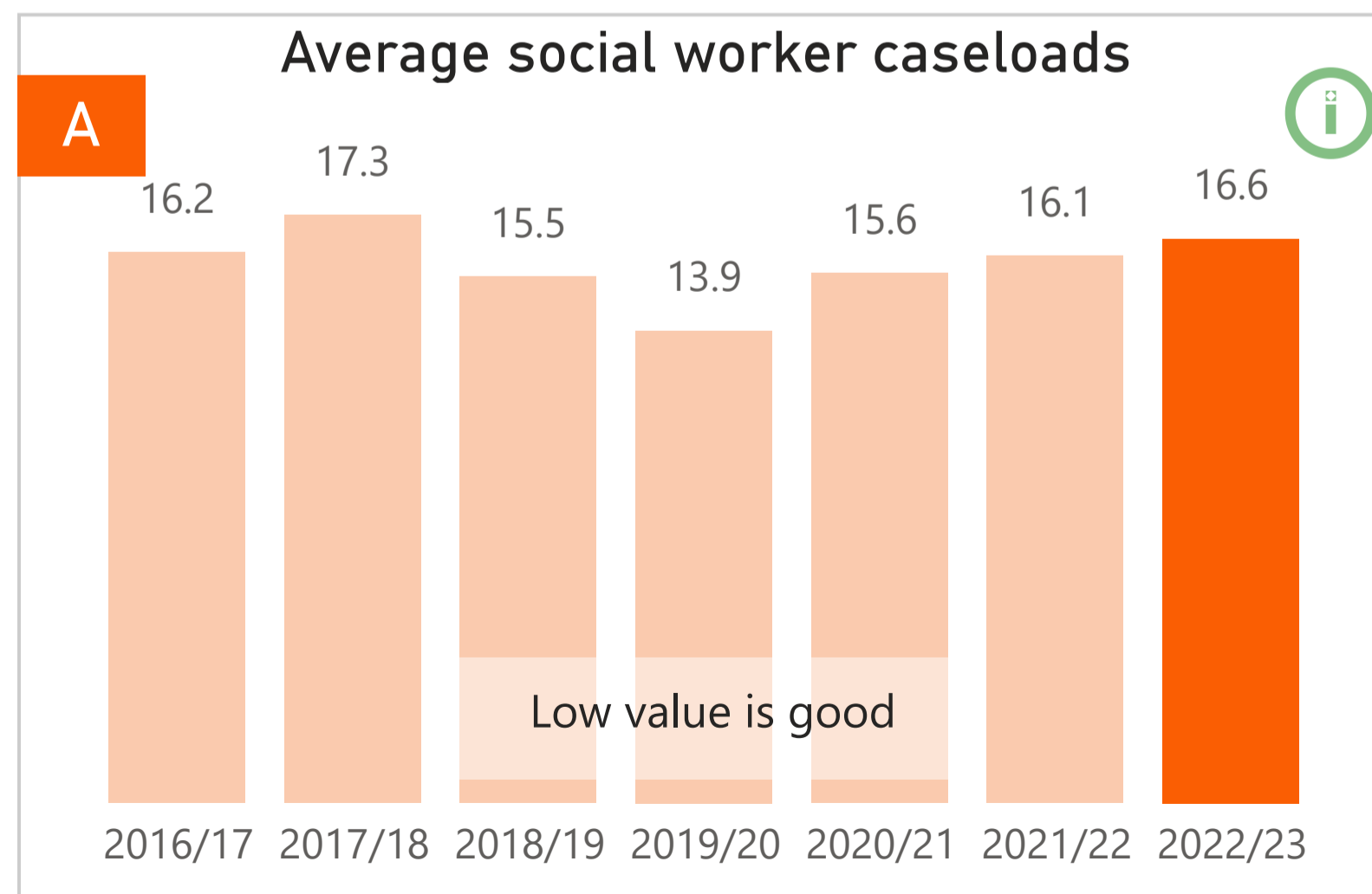
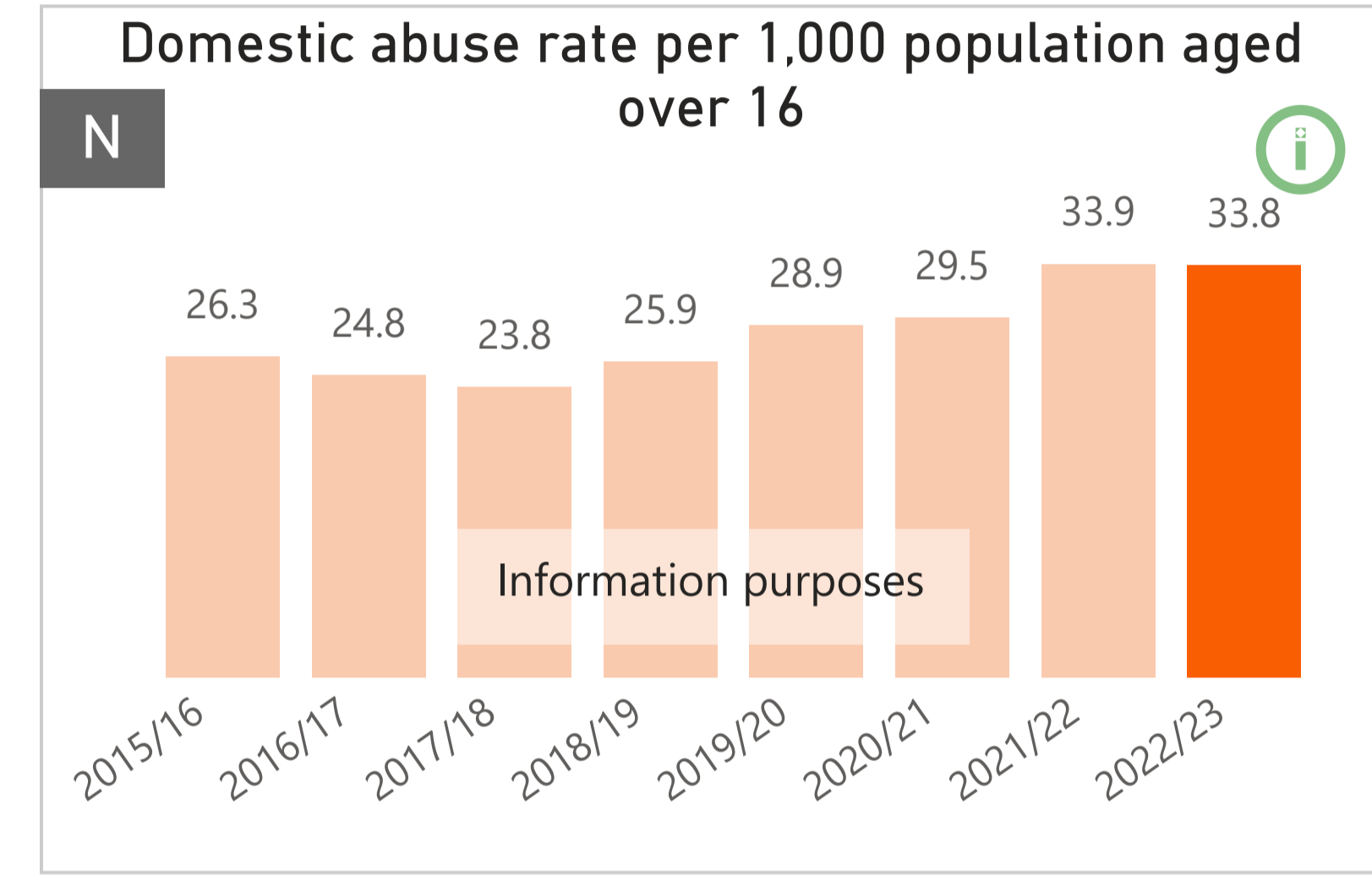
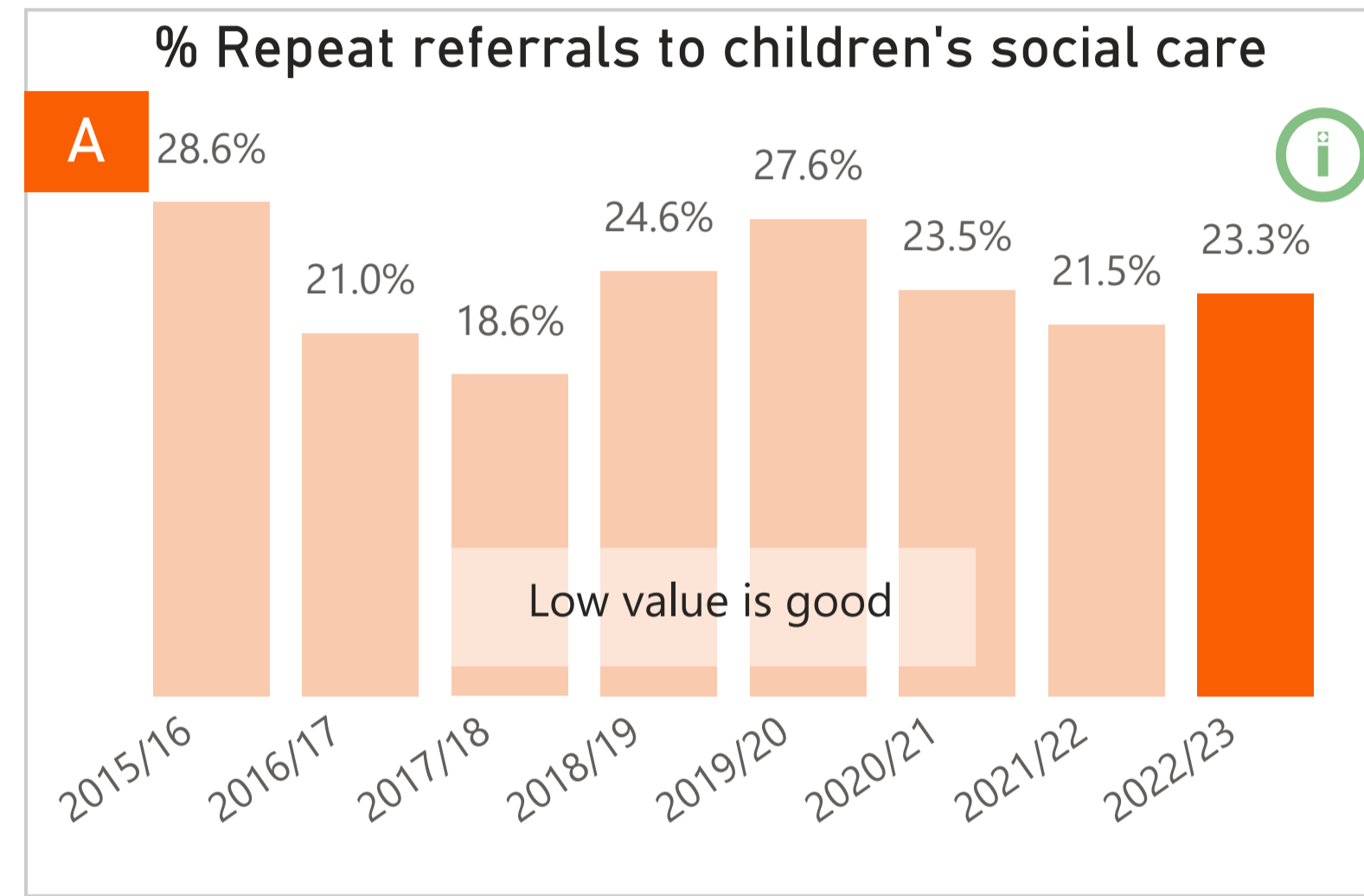
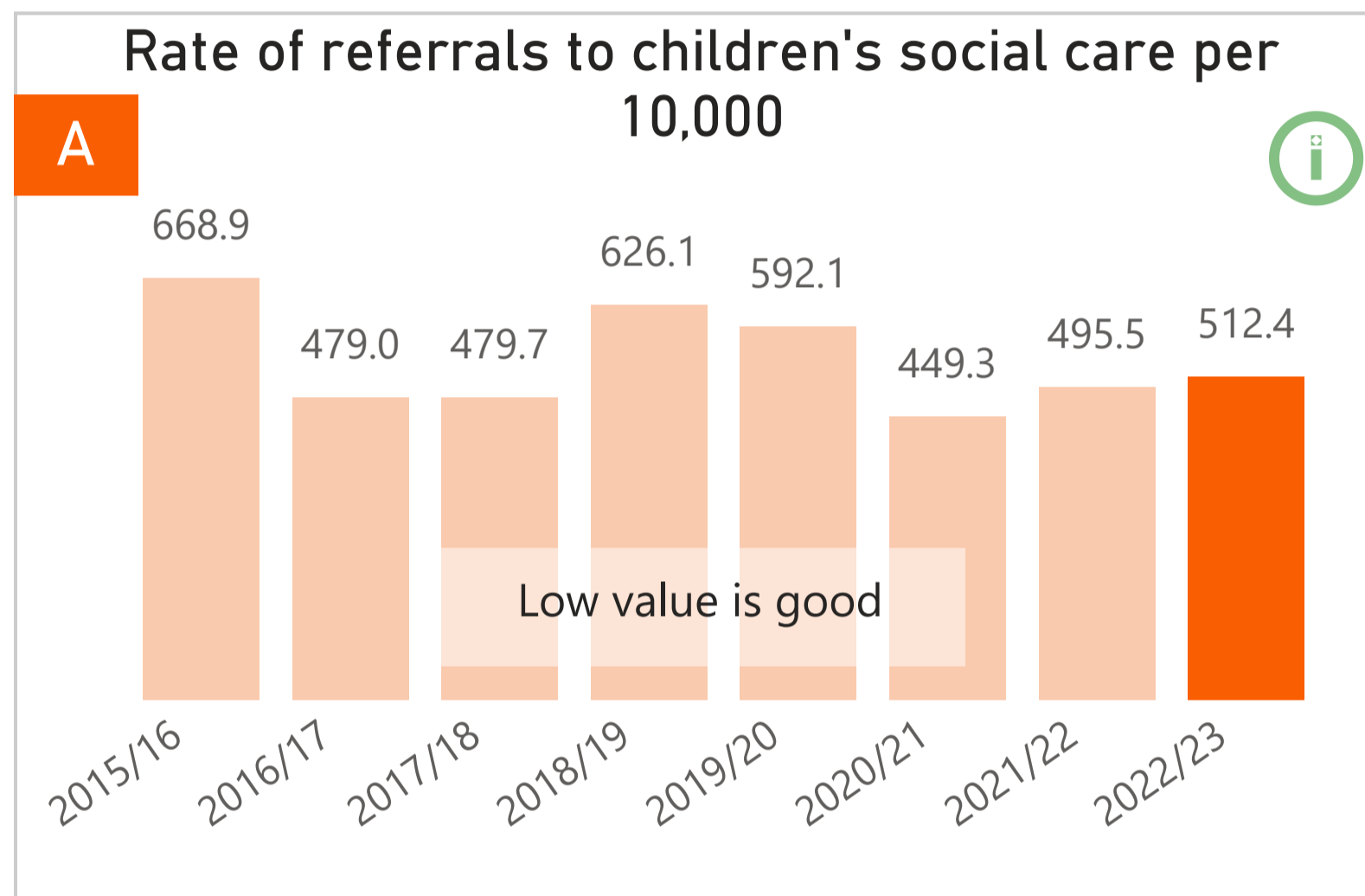
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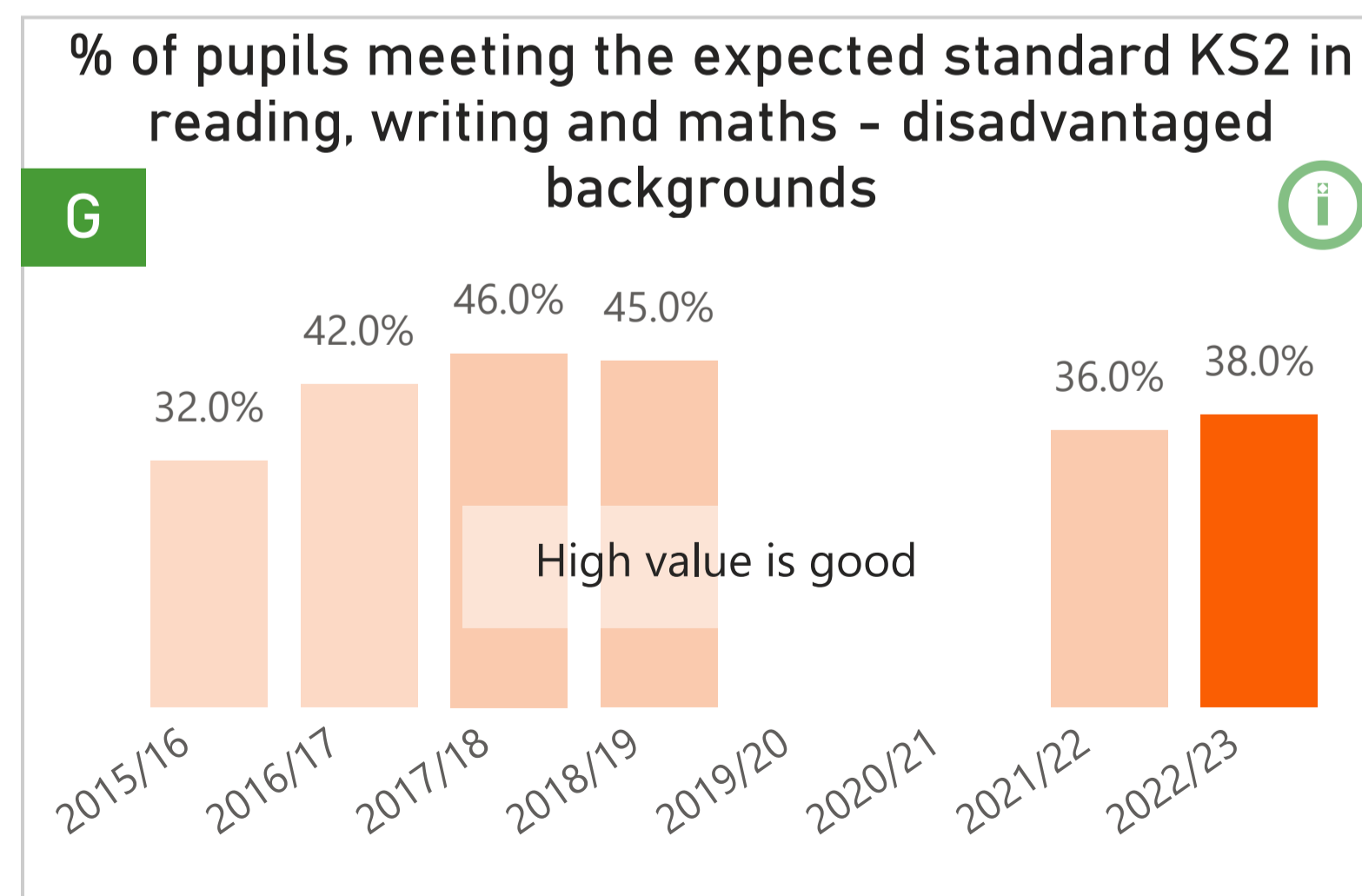
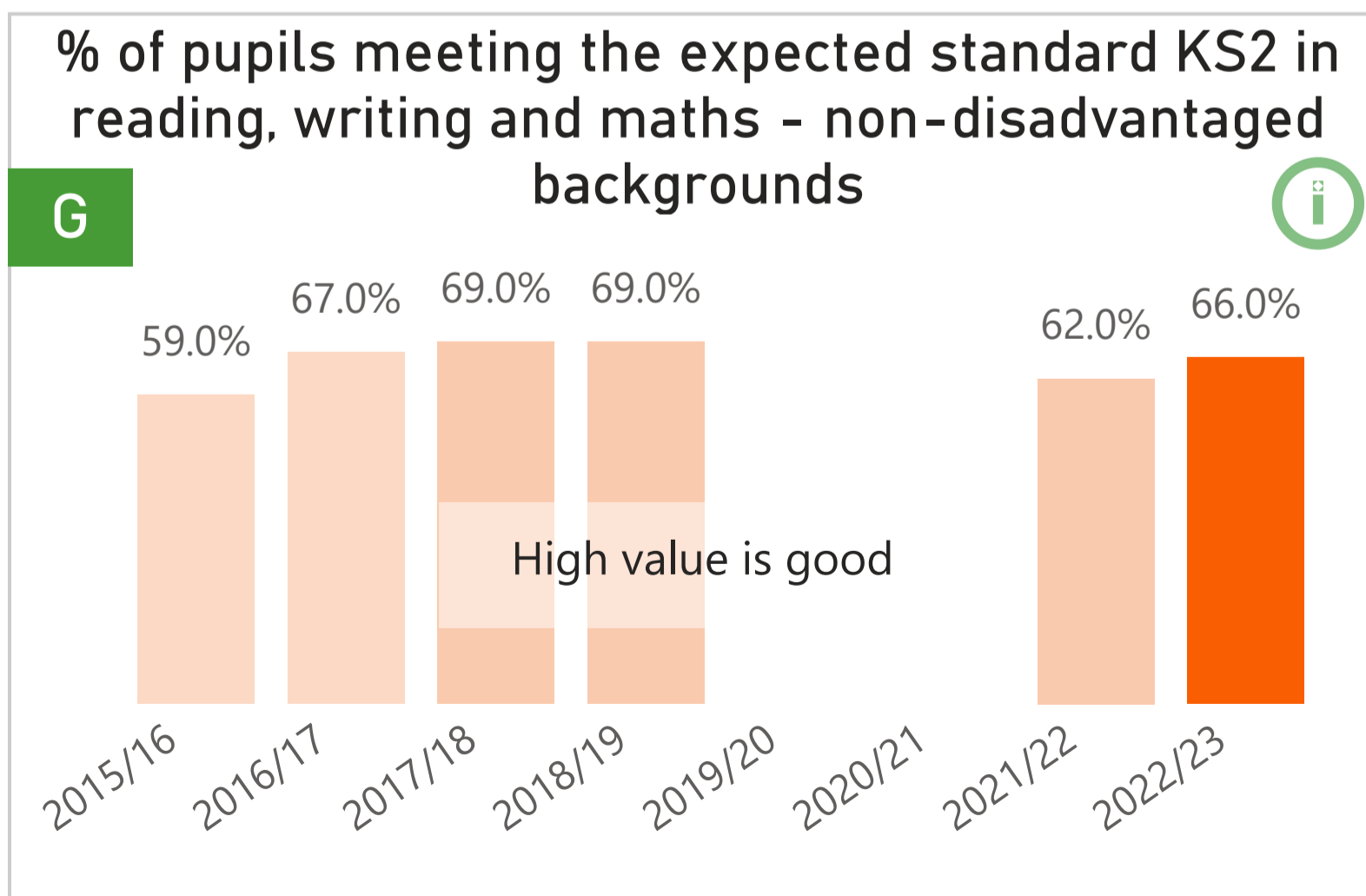
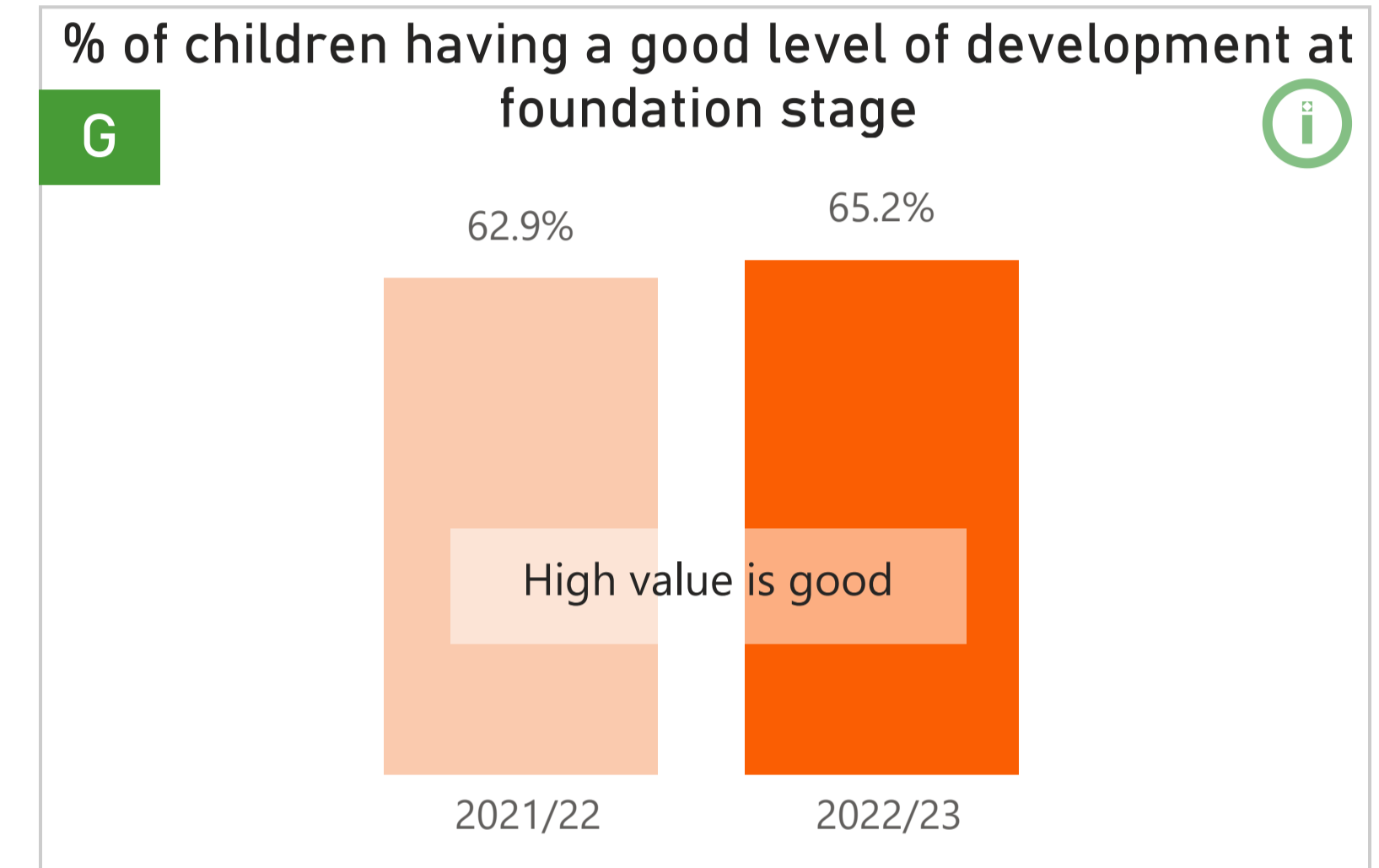
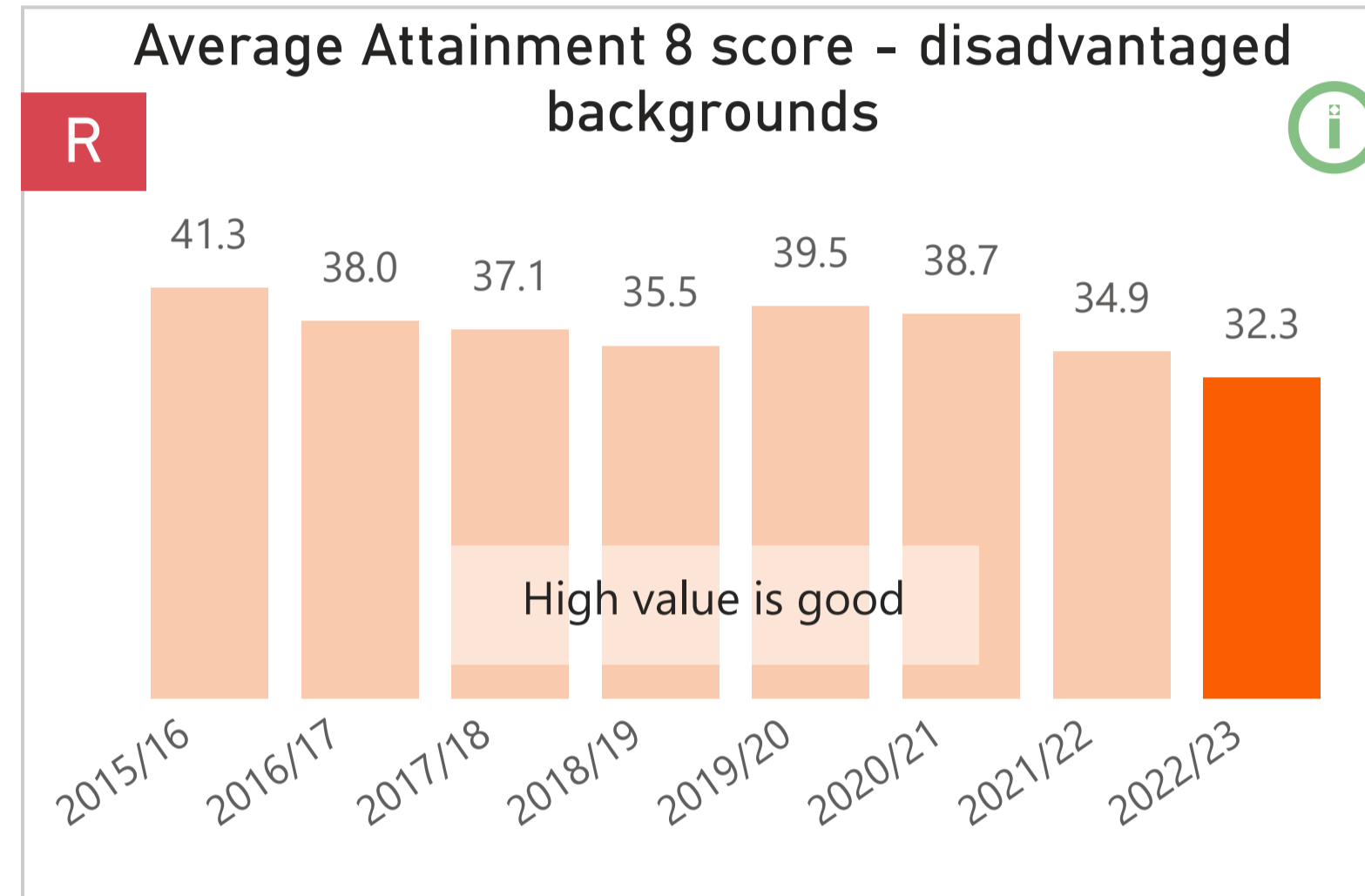
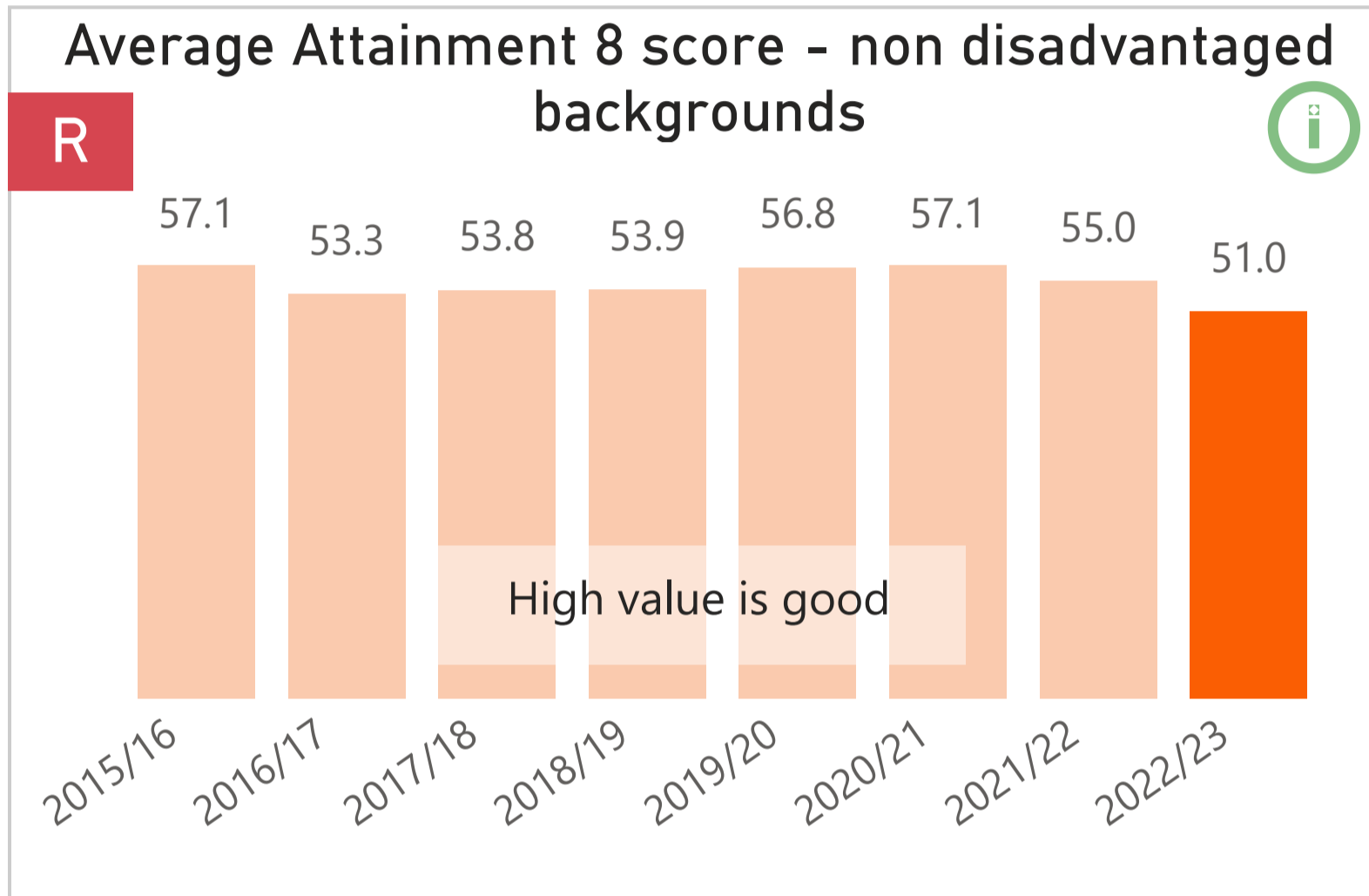
Improve early help for children and families. Children and young people have their needs met early / Children and young people stay safe and are protected from harm

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