

# Feedback from Attendance Conference

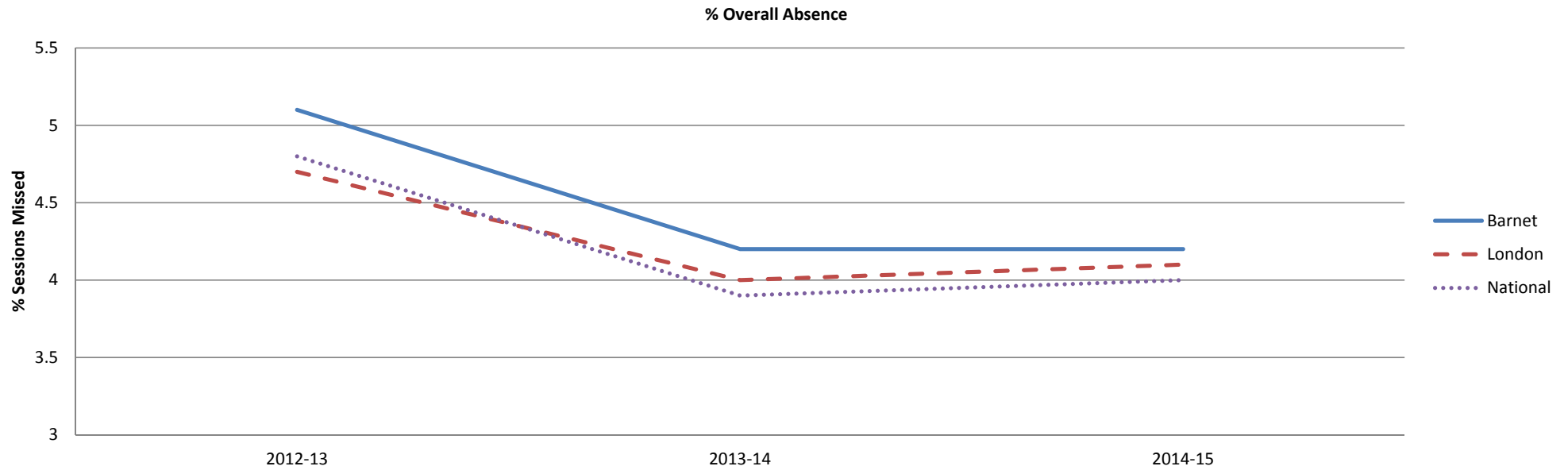
# Why the Conference?

- Compelling evidence to demonstrate achievement linked to attendance:

‘1.6 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above, and 4.7 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above’

- Even more reason now!!!!
- In 2013 – 2014, we were 120th out of 152 other LAs
- In 2014 – 2015, we were 98th – need to be in top 10%
- Our attendance is also lower than other outer London authorities

# Overall Absence



Barnet's absence improved from 5.1% to 4.2% between 2012-13 and 2014-15

Barnet's ranking improved from 114 in 2012-13 to 98 in 2014-15

# Types of Absence

Reason for Absence	Barnet 2012-13	National 2012-13	Barnet 2013-14	National 2013-14	Barnet 2014-15	National 2014-15
Authorised - Illness	3.2	3.2	2.4	2.5	2.8	2.8
Authorised - Appointments	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Authorised - Religious	0.2	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0
Authorised - Study	0	0	0	0	0	0
Authorised - Traveller	0	0	0	0	0	0
Authorised - Holiday	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Authorised - Extended Holiday	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Authorised - Excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0
Authorised - Other	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
<b>Authorised - Total Reasons</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Authorised - Unclassified	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
Unauthorised - Holiday	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Unauthorised - Late	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unauthorised - Other	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
Unauthorised - No Reason	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Unauthorised - Total Reasons</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Unauthorised - Unclassified	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
<b>Overall Absence - Total Reasons</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4</b>

'Appointments, 'religious', 'other reason', have been above national for 3 years

Authorised absence code 'C': "This code should only be used in exceptional circumstances"

'Unauthorised - no reason' has been above national for 3 years

Would 'cleaning' the attendance data result in **even higher** authorised absence for Barnet?

# Appointments

- Support for schools:
  - Media campaign
  - Working with partners eg NHS
  - Headteacher/Deputy working party

# Feedback from the Conference

- Sharing of good practice – thanks to those schools who presented
- Q and A session with Trevor
- Chance to action plan

# Key Points


- Whole school culture
- Leadership
- An attendance champion in school/partnerships
- Persistence and staying firm
- Involvement of children

# Website Links and Documents

- **Working with Children in Barnet:**
- <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/wwc-home/information-for-schools/support-for-improving-attendance/Tips-for-Managing-and-Improving-Arrival.html>
- hints and tips
- policies and guidelines from schools
- if you have a document that has had an impact – please send it to us and we can then put this here for others to use
- **DfE:**
- <https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance>
- Various documents to support schools with attendance – including some hints and tips for parents
- **Ofsted:**
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>
- Link to the latest framework handbook – with grade descriptors



# Examples of Useful Resources



**Getting your child to school really matters.  
Did you know ...**

If your child's attendance during the school year is ...	your child would have lost approximately ...	or they would have missed approximately ...
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

**You should not take your child on holiday during term time.  
REMEMBER: ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY**

# More support – some suggestions...

- Use the EWO service – really plan how you want them to support
- Use Trevor – BPSI advisor
- We will actively identify school staff to be advisors
- Use your partnerships