

The North of England has a relatively high number of underperforming schools. The available capacity to need ratio in the region is amongst the lowest of all RSC regions, and finding new sponsors could be a challenge.

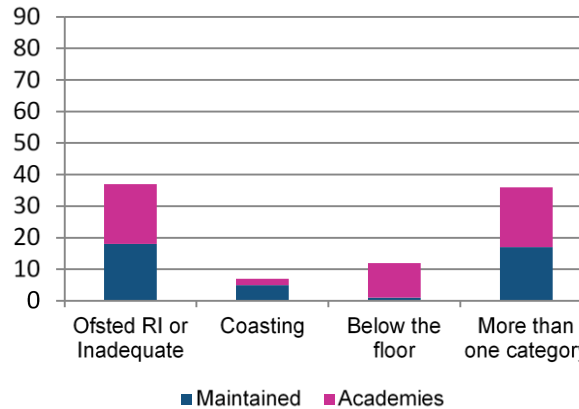
1. The North of England has 275 underperforming schools, the lowest number of all RSC regions, albeit that this region has the smallest number of schools.
2. There are low to average proportions of schools in each category of underperformance (poor Ofsted outcomes, coasting schools and below the floor) in the primary sector, but higher proportions amongst secondary schools.
3. The region has 59 underperforming schools identified as having an immediate need, which the RSC may soon need to find new sponsors for.
4. There are 49 MATs that are ready for expansion with capacity to take on 63 underperforming schools. The ratio of available capacity to immediate need is the second lowest at 1.1 to 1.

Key facts:

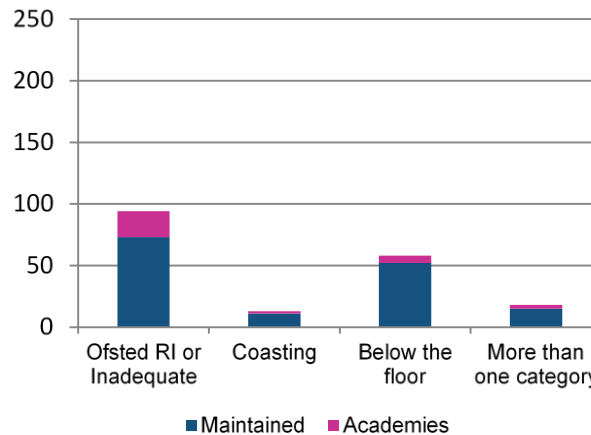
16.1% of schools are underperforming → **3.5%** Schools need immediate help

187 Trusts operating in the region → **49** MATs have available capacity

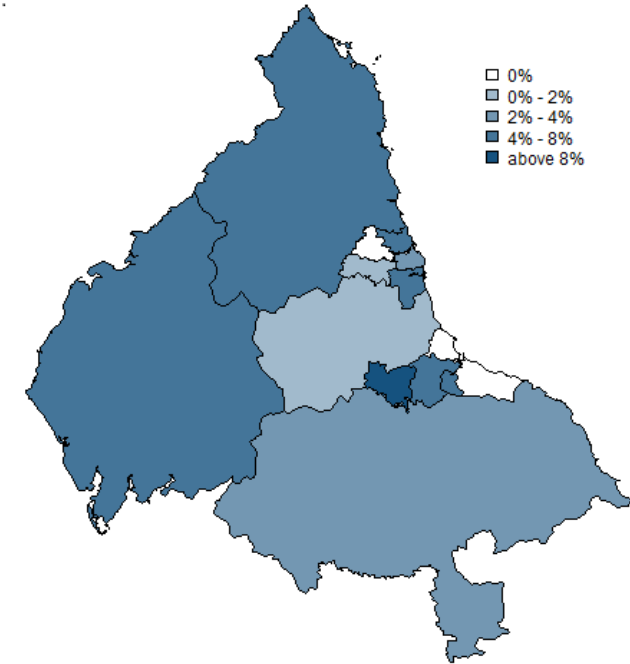
The North of England has 92 secondary schools that are underperforming, which is a third of its total stock.



However, the region has the lowest number and proportion of underperforming primary schools of any RSC region.



The region contains the LA with the highest proportion of immediate need schools, but also has three LAs with no immediate need schools.



The region has low available capacity and relatively few high-performing SATs that the RSC might approach to find new trusts to help.

