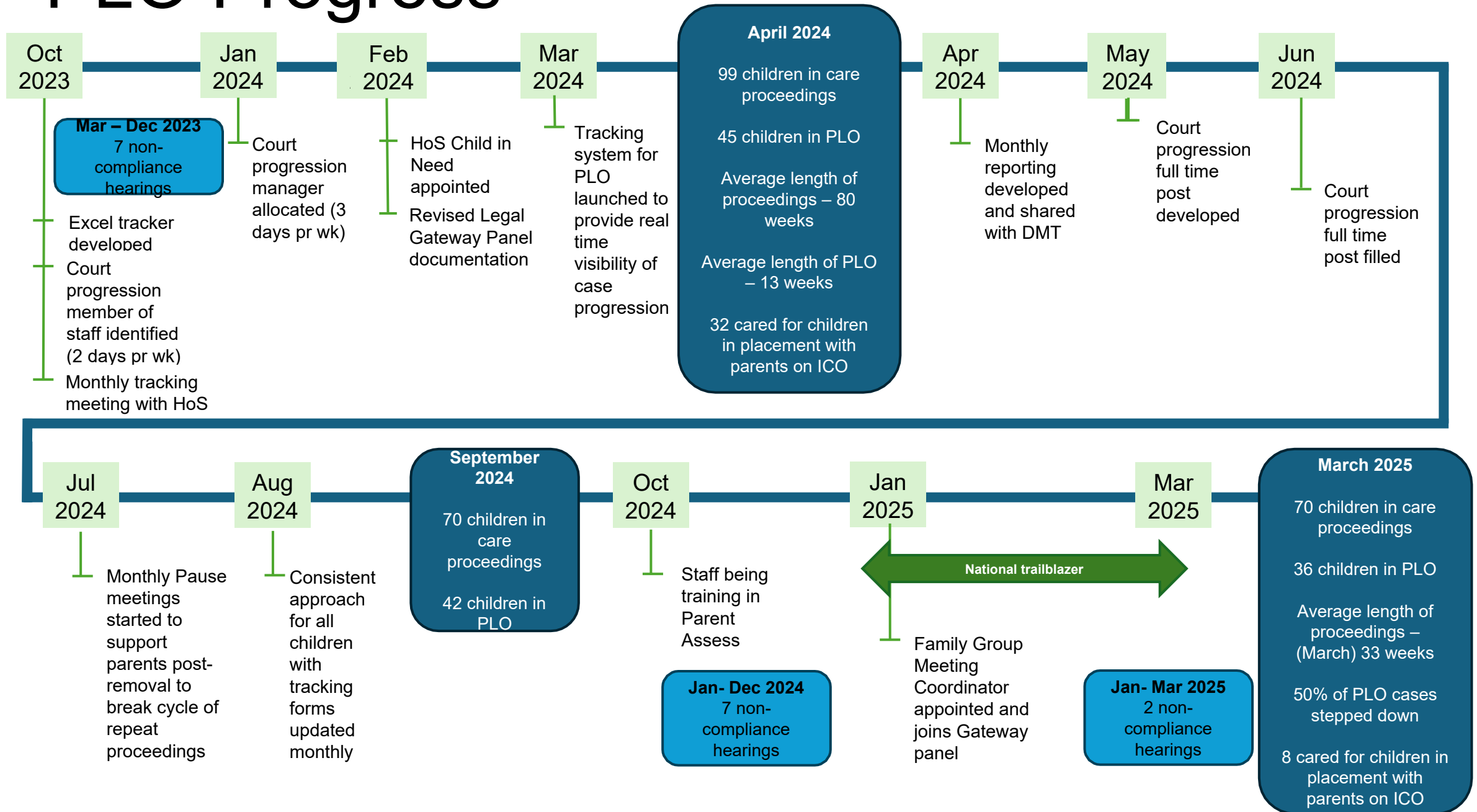


PPB Progress on Agency and court costs

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PLO Progress





Progress

- Between December 2023 and April 2025 the number of children in pre-proceedings rose by 50%.
- Over same period our care proceedings reduced by 40% for children.
- This is a positive impact of frontloading at pre-proceedings, leading to more timely planning and a reduced need for court intervention.
- The effective use of pre-proceedings is helping more children and families avoid the need for care proceedings.
- Between April 2024-April 2025 52 families involving 98 children concluded their pre-proceedings work. Of these, 25 families (54 children) were successfully supported to step down without the need to issue care proceedings.
- The increased use of pre-proceedings is also having a positive impact on the timeliness of care proceedings.
- April 2024 – March 2025 a significant reduction in the average duration of concluded care proceedings. Monthly duration 2024 ranged between 52 and 87 weeks prior to October 2024. Consistent and sustained progress since October 2024 with average duration between 29 and 32 weeks reflecting improved case management and earlier decision-making

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Progress

- Numbers of children coming into care is reducing 44.0 in 23/24 to 39.0 24/25.
- Actual numbers of CIC rose to over 400 last year and reduced to 355 this year, there continues to be fluctuations, but the trajectory is downwards.
- Placement expenditure is coming down.
- EOC is live in June

Areas of focus

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Reduce the number of C2 applications made to court

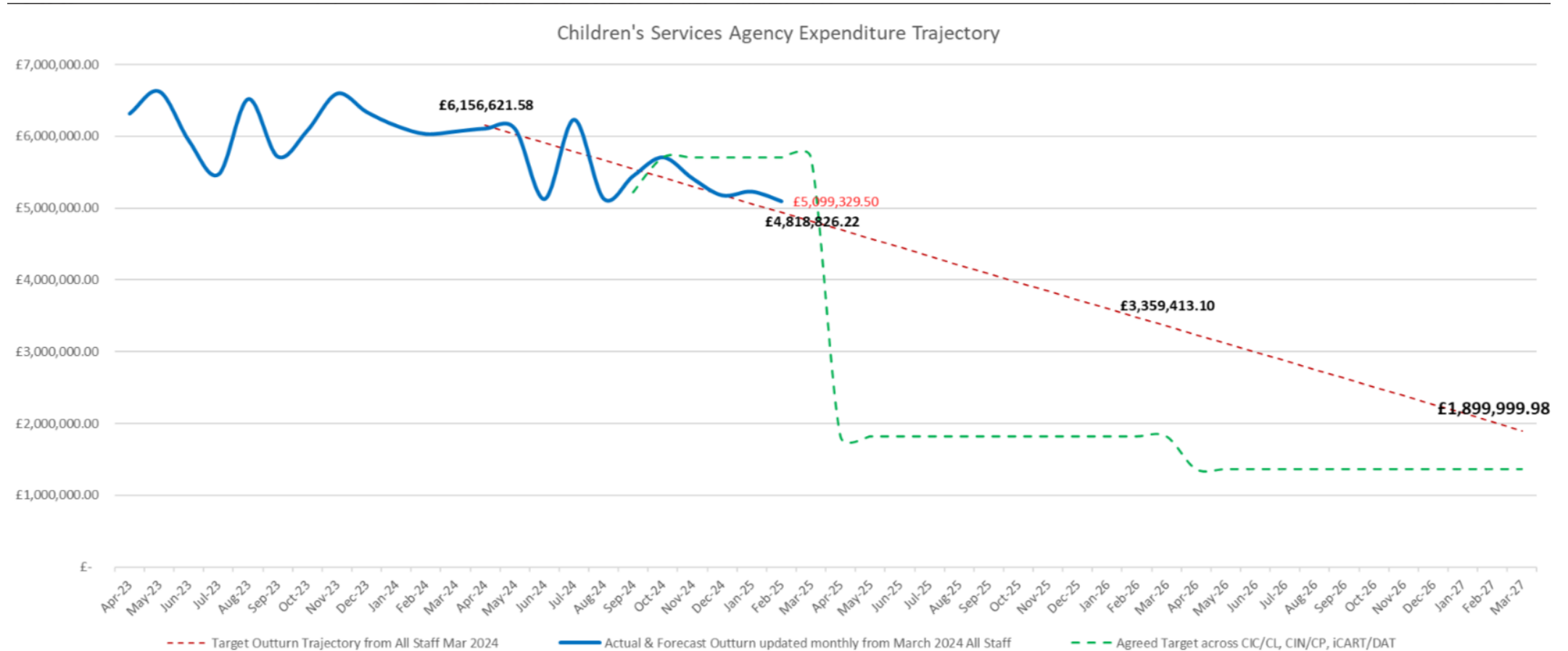
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Continue to strengthen the quality of assessment, plans and Planning

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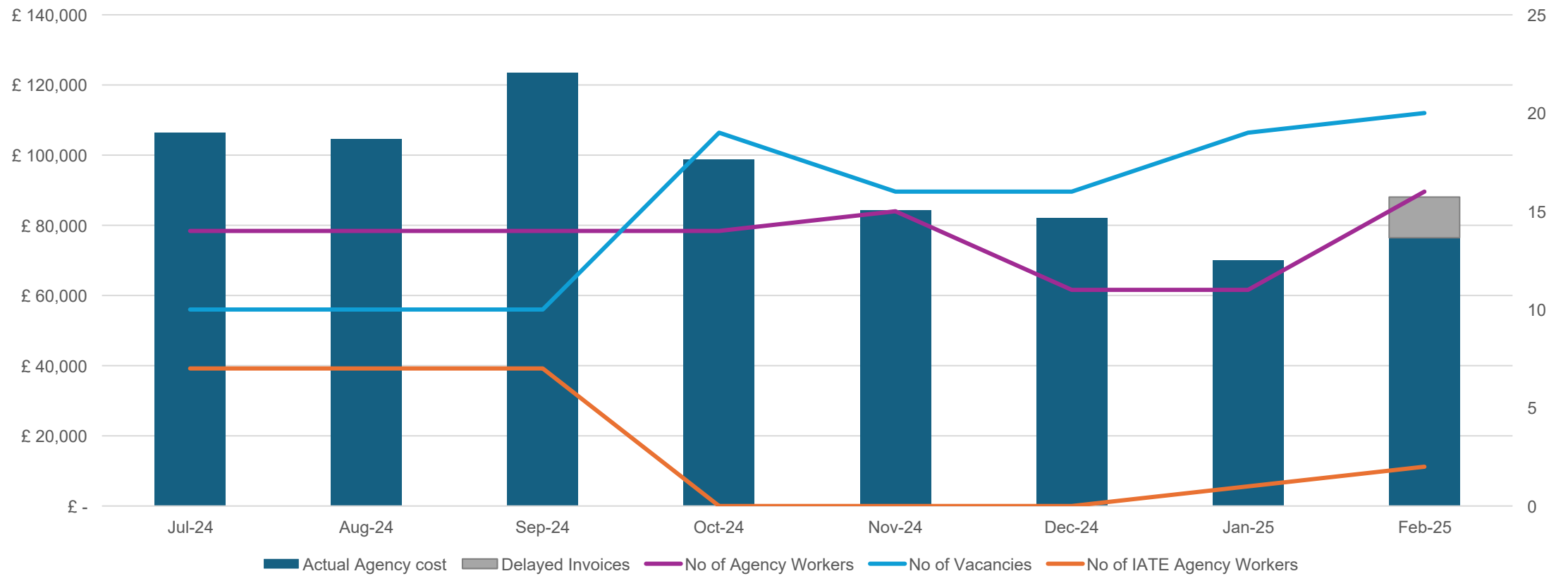
Continue to progress families through PLO providing opportunity for progress and step down

Agency trajectory

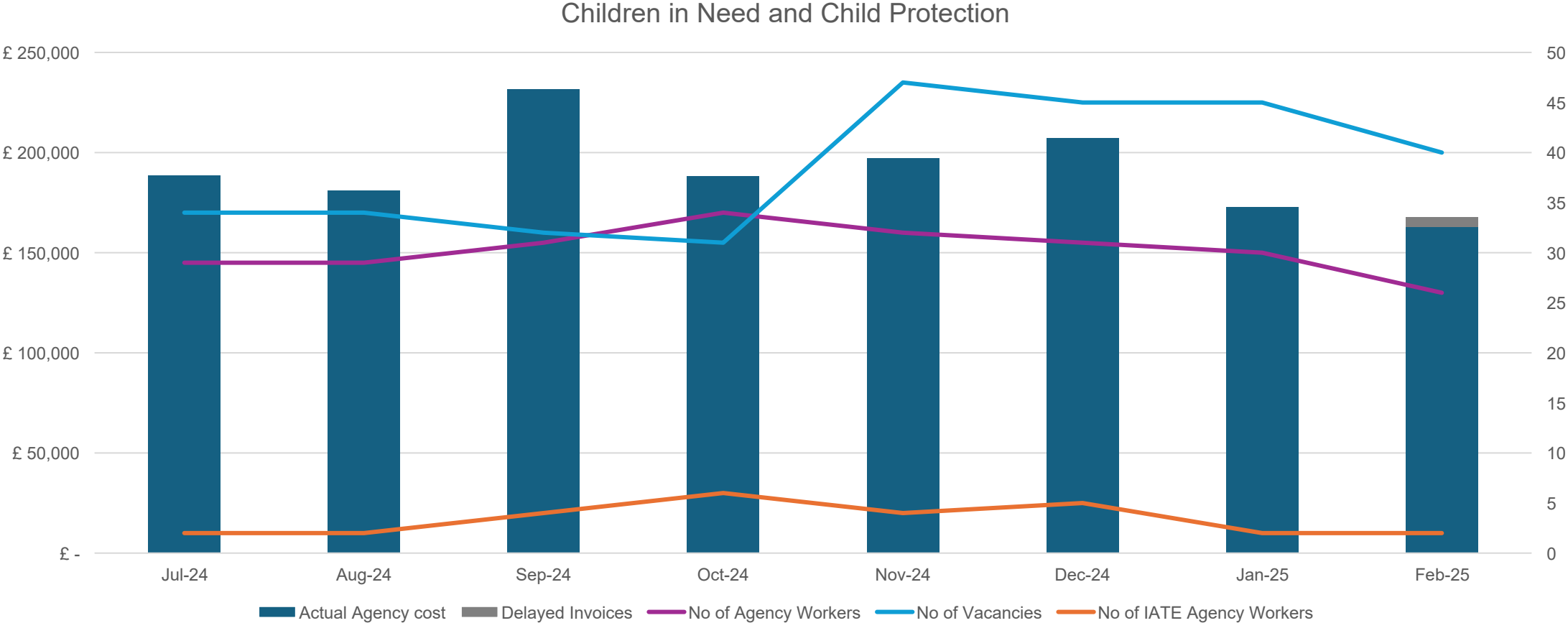


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