

YOU MATTER TO US - CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

Date: Thursday, 3 October 2024
Time: 5.00 p.m.
Venue: Mandela Room, Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes - You Matter to Us - Corporate Parenting Board - 18 April 2024 3 - 4
4. You Matter to Us - Performance 5 - 16
5. Educational Outcomes for Children who are Looked After
6. Discussion Item - Training for Members and Officers
7. Discussion Item - You Matter to Us Membership and Attendance
8. Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

Charlotte Benjamin
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Town Hall
Middlesbrough
Wednesday, 25 September 2024

MEMBERSHIP

Mayor C Cooke (Chair) and Councillors P Storey (Vice-Chair), E Clynch, L Henman, D Jackson, L Mason, J McTigue, M Nugent, Z Uddin and L Young.

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A meeting of the You Matter to Us - Corporate Parenting Board was held on Thursday 18 April 2024.

PRESENT: Councillors C Cooke - Elected Mayor (Chair), M Nugent, A Romaine and Z Uddin

OFFICERS: T Dunn, R Hamer, hart, Peacock, D Alaszewski and J Tynan

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors J Walker, D Jackson, J Kabuye, T Livingstone, G Wilson, M Storey, P Storey, R Brown, K Dargue, G Nicholson and C Heaphy

23/2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at this point in the meeting.

23/3 **MINUTES- CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD- 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

The minutes of the Corporate Parenting Board meeting held on 29 February 2024 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

23/4 **CARE EXPERIENCED YOUTH VOICE UPDATE- MARCH 2024- APRIL 2024**

Members were provided with a Care Experienced Youth Voice update. A report was presented to update the Members on activity during the period December March 2024 to April 2024.

Members were advised that the membership of the "We Matter" (Middlesbrough Children and Care Council) included five young people in foster care, two young people in residential care and five Care Ambassadors.

The Care Ambassadors support the work of "We Matter" and many other engagement activities that take place with young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the fortnightly Youth Council.

Members heard that pledges had been assigned and covered different topics on how change can continue to happen. A meeting had taken place between the Older Care and Experienced Young People and Corporate Parents in March to develop the pledges.

A training event had been held on 2 April 2024 with managers, social workers and personal advisors to look at how to improve how they work with children and young people.

The Older Care Experienced Young People had attended the Regional Children in Care Conference "Lets Talk Change" on 3 April 2024 running a workshop on budget busting.

Members were advised that planned action over the coming months included:

- Attend the Regional Children in Care Residential
- Work with the regional Children in Care Forum to improve support across the region
- Continue meeting with Corporate Parents and monitor progress with Pledges
- Continue to work with the "We Matter" and put on more events to engage with more Children Looked After
- Engage with more older care experienced young people through the Forum and encourage them to become Care Ambassador's
- Have all of our care experienced young people/adults set up as volunteer's
- Create ASDAN awards to provide accreditation for their work and the young people they work with
- Work with the commissioning team to create "Young Commissioners"
- Meet more care experienced young people who live in residential care

A discussion took place around the £3000 setting up home allowance and if the amount was the same at other Local Authorities and if it was spent differently it was advised that some

Local Authorities use cash. Members felt that the use of the allowance needed parity and flexibility.

The Executive Director of Children's Services thanked the Care Ambassadors for the training that they had delivered to managers, social workers and personal advisors he stated that he was very proud and that the training was professional and impactful. It was also advised that he would be meeting with Care Ambassadors on a monthly basis.

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CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD- PERFORMANCE DATA

The Director of Children's Care presented the latest You Matter To Us Performance Data. The information provided had been compiled using the Children's Services Analysis Tool (ChAT) based on OFSTED's inspecting local authority services for children (ILACS) Annex A dataset (2020)/Inspection Report.

The following were highlighted:

- 82 children were no longer in care
- Dental checks had increased to 79%
- 89% of visits had taken place
- NEET – best performing area in the region

The children who were no longer in care had either been adopted, were under special guardianship or a care order or interim care order had been put in place.

It was advised that a working group had been established to look at improving dental checks.

Additional staff and a new Head of Service were in place in Pathways which would provide accurate numbers of pathway plans.

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CHILDREN IN CARE HEALTH UPDATE

Molly Larkin, Designated Nurse for Safeguarding at the Integrated Care Board attended the meeting and introduced herself as she is new to post. Members were advised that she would be attending future meetings of the You Matter To Us Board and advised that she would provide update reports going forward.

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ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.

A Member commented on the low attendance at the meeting and reiterated that all members and officers are Corporate Parents.

Children's services Analysis Tool (ChAT)

Based on Ofsted's ILACS Annex A dataset (2020) / Inspection Report

Middlesbrough

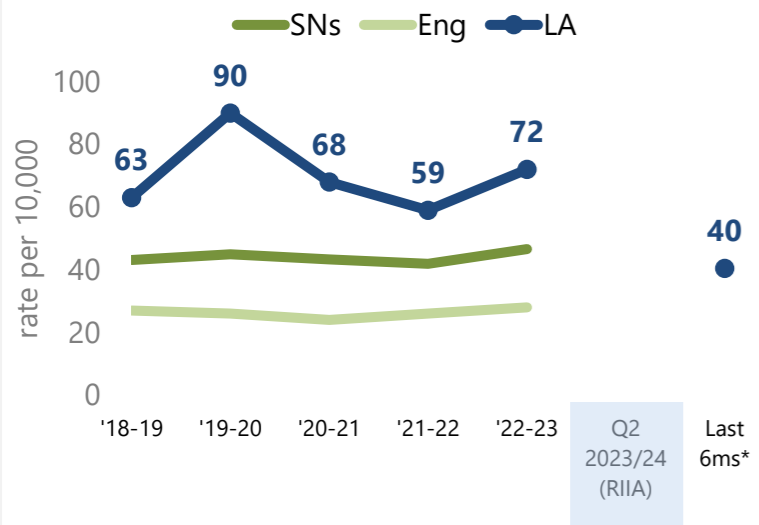
24 September 2024

Children Looked After (CLA) started and ceased in the last 6 months

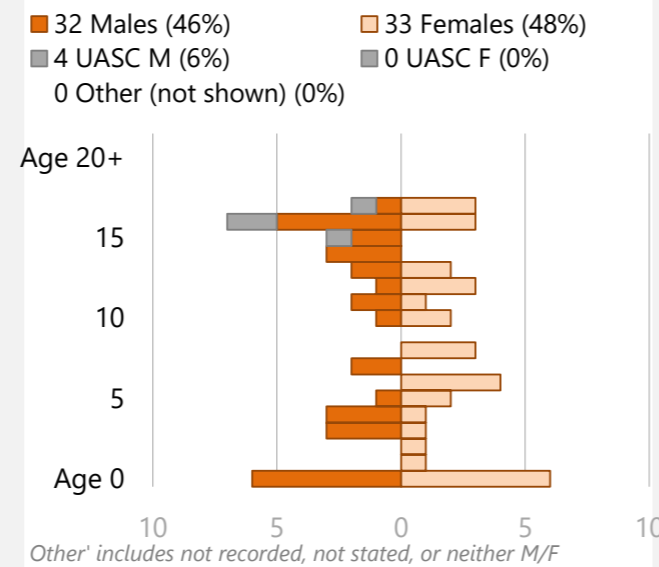
from 25/03/2024
to 24/09/2024

69 CLA started in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA started per 10,000 children

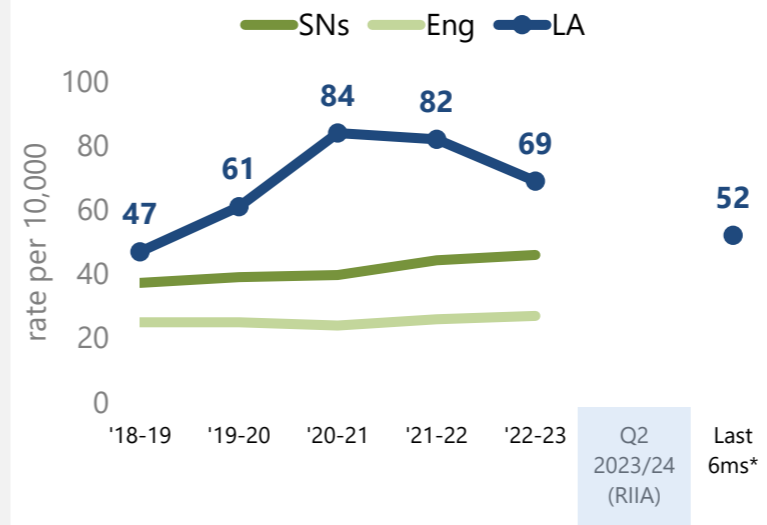


Age and gender

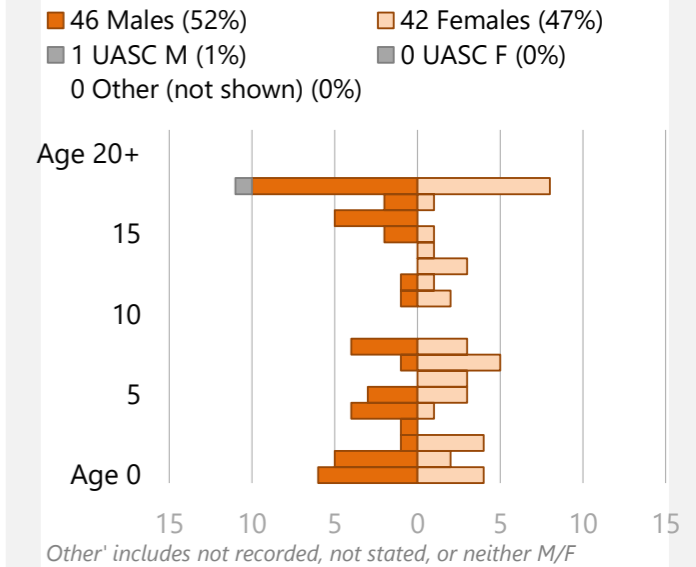


89 CLA ceased in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA ceased per 10,000 children



Age and gender



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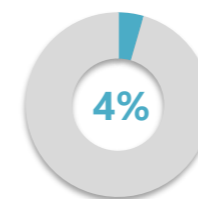
4 of the 69 CLA starters were unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)

6%

1 of the 69 CLA starters have previously been looked after

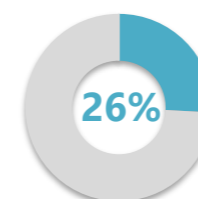
Reason episode of care ceased

Adopted



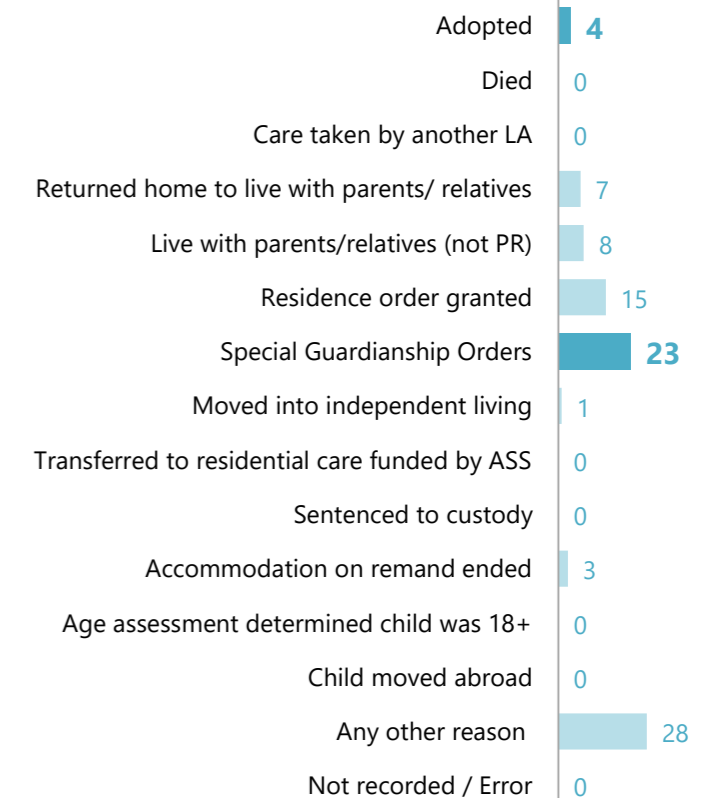
Last 6 months 4%

Special Guardianship Order

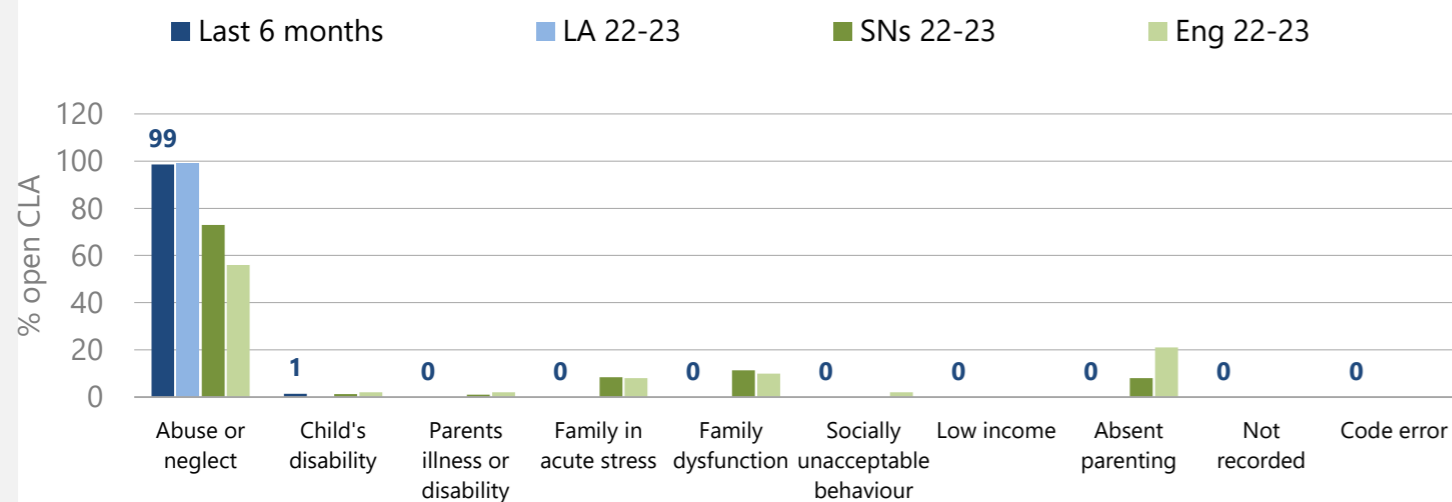


Last 6 months 26%

Number of CLA ceased by reason in the period



Comparing the primary need of CLA starters

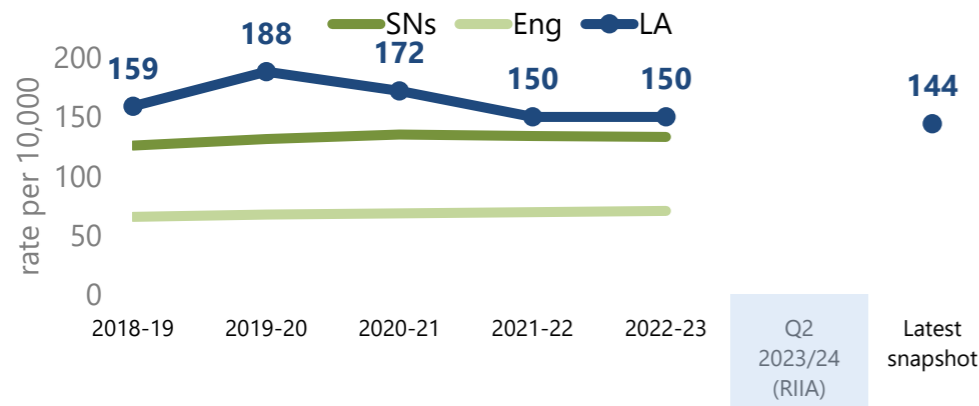


Children Looked After (CLA) with an open episode of care

Snapshot 24/09/2024

493 Children Looked After (CLA) with an open episode of care

Rate of CLA per 10,000 children (snapshot)



Ethnic background

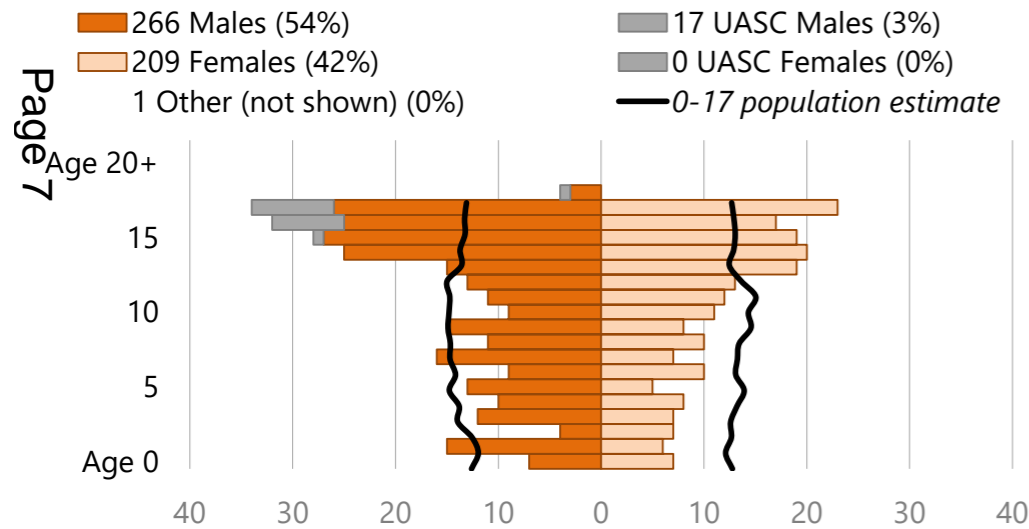
	All CLA	Not UASC	UASC
White	81%	84%	6%
Mixed	9%	9%	0%
Asian or Asian British	2%	2%	18%
Black or black British	3%	3%	12%
Other ethnic group	4%	2%	65%
Not stated	0%	0%	0%
Not recorded	0%	0%	0%

43 children (9%) with a disability

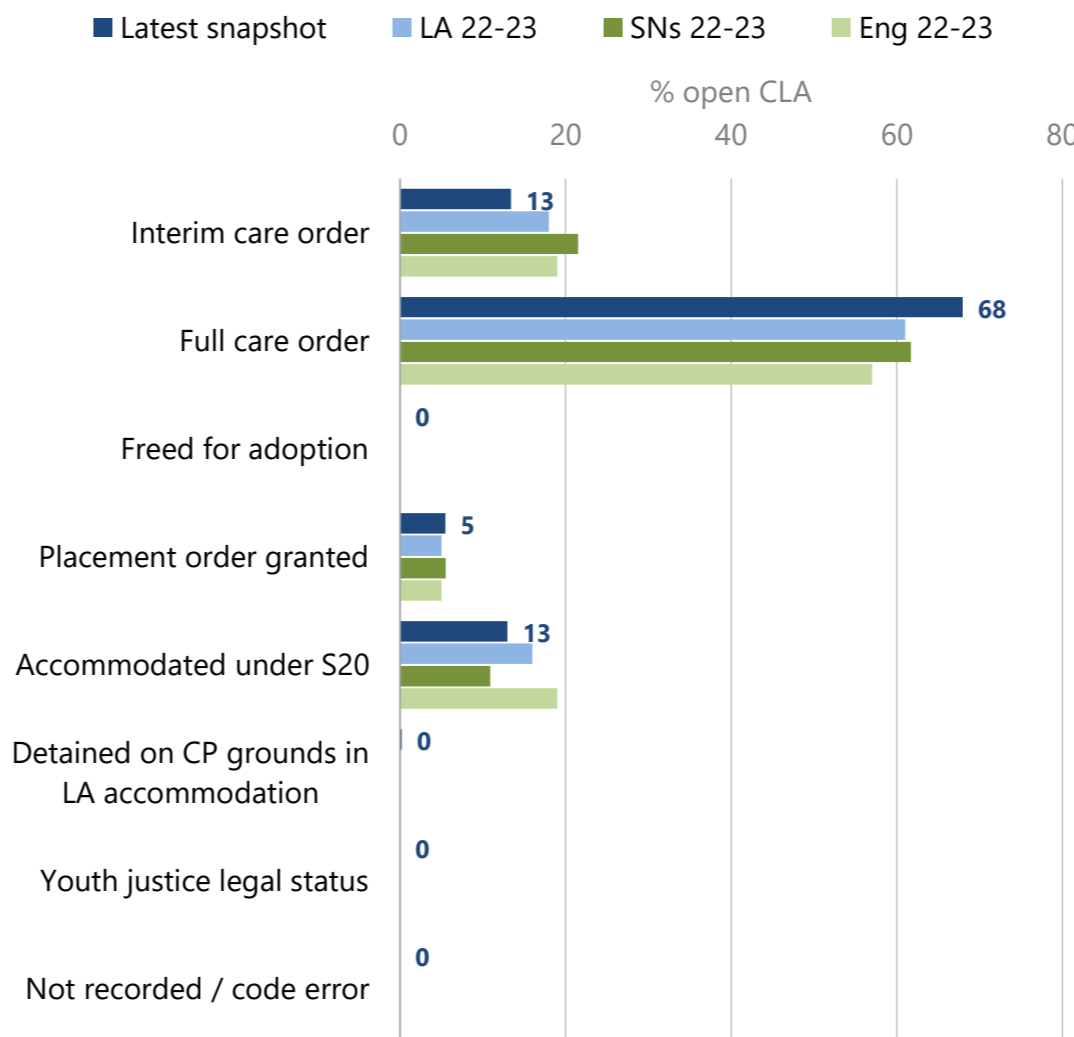
Permanence plan

	Number	%
Return to family	75	15%
Adoption	26	5%
SGO/CAO	38	8%
Supported living	23	5%
L/T residential	50	10%
L/T fostering	210	43%
Other	70	14%
Not recorded	1	0%

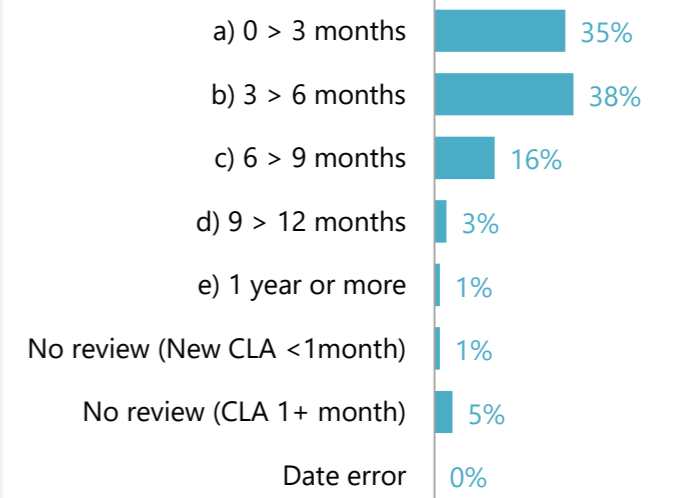
Age and gender



Comparing legal status of open CLA (snapshot)

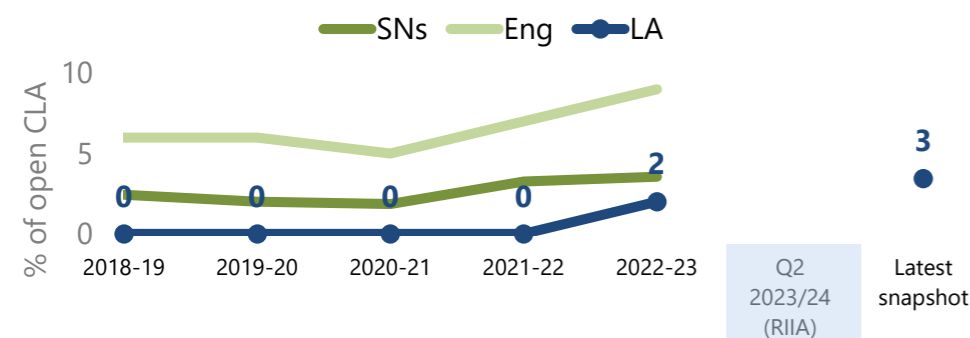


Time since latest review



17 open unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)

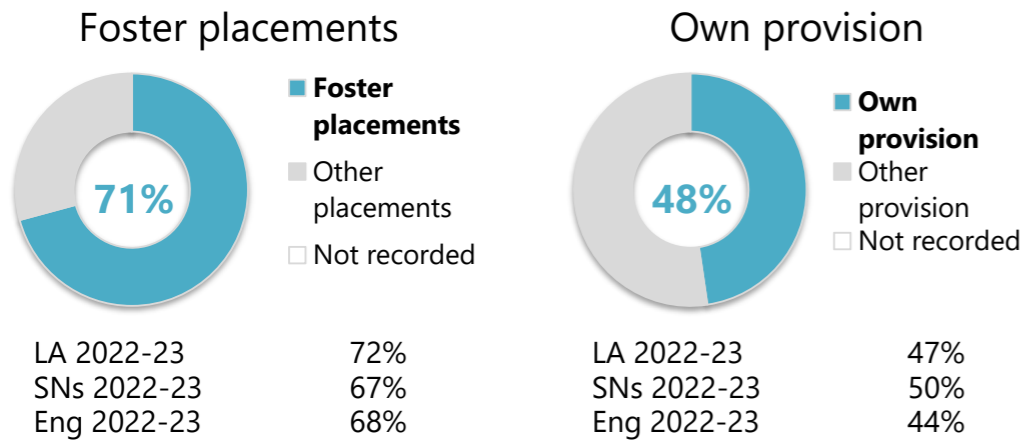
UASC as a percentage of CLA (snapshot)



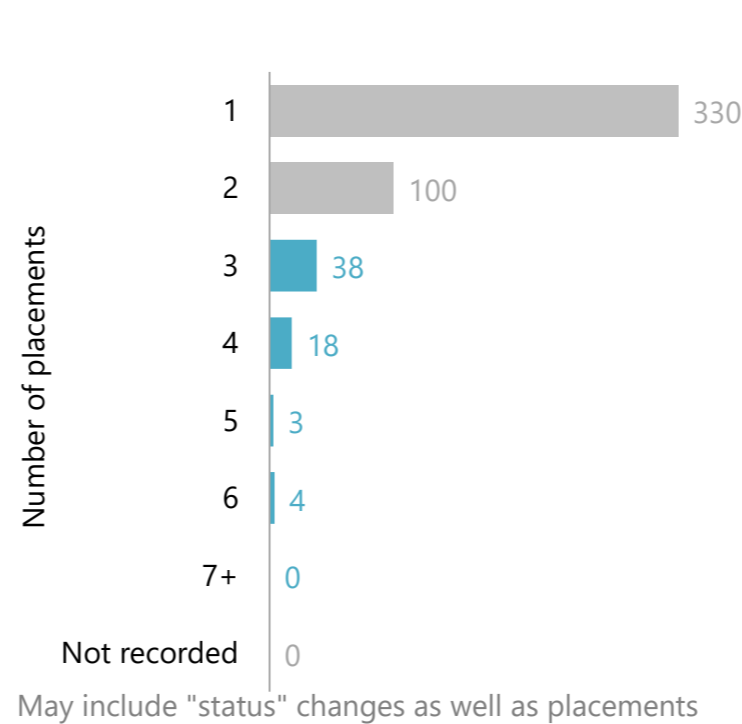
Children Looked After (CLA) placements

Snapshot 24/09/2024

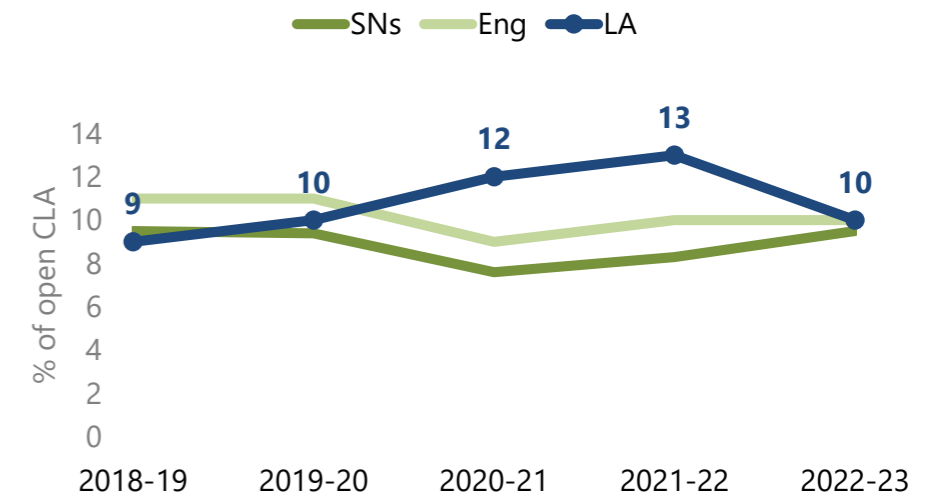
CLA placements by type and provision



Number of placements in the last 12 months



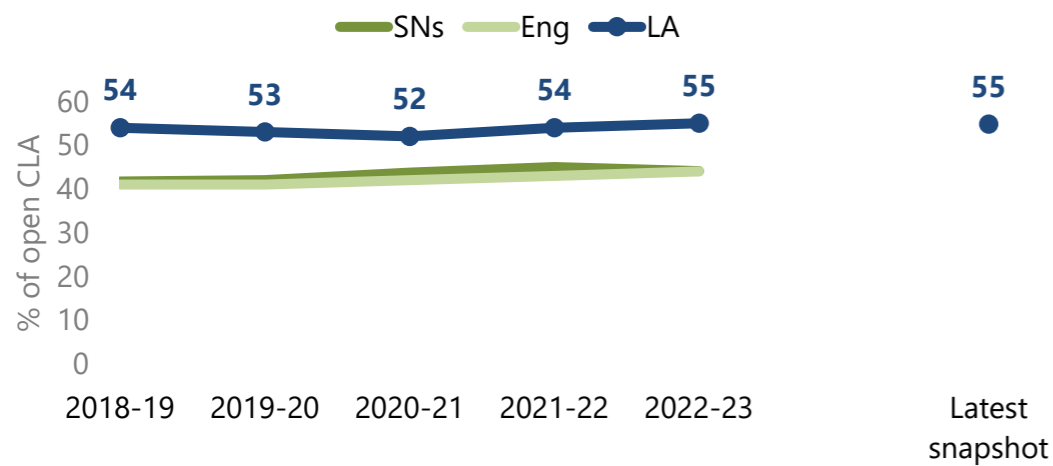
Comparing short term placement stability



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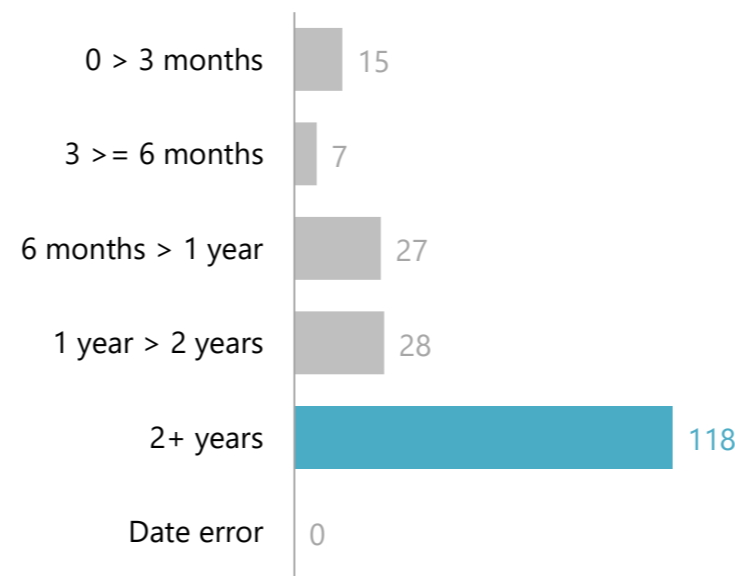
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CLA placements out of borough



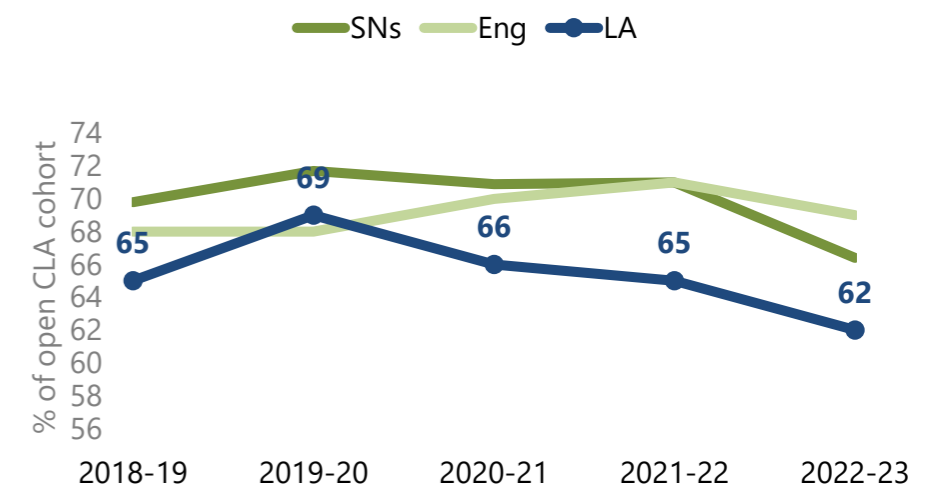
Duration of placements

Duration of latest placement for each current CLA aged under 16 who have been looked after for 2½ years or more



May include "status" changes as well as placements

Comparing long term placement stability



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Children Looked After (CLA) health and missing/absent from placement

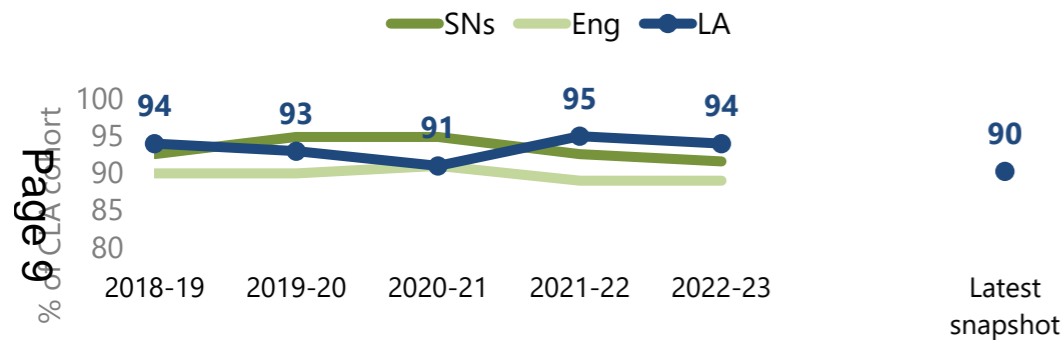
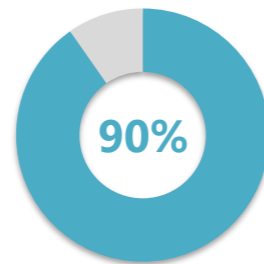
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Health

381 current open CLA looked after for at least 12 months

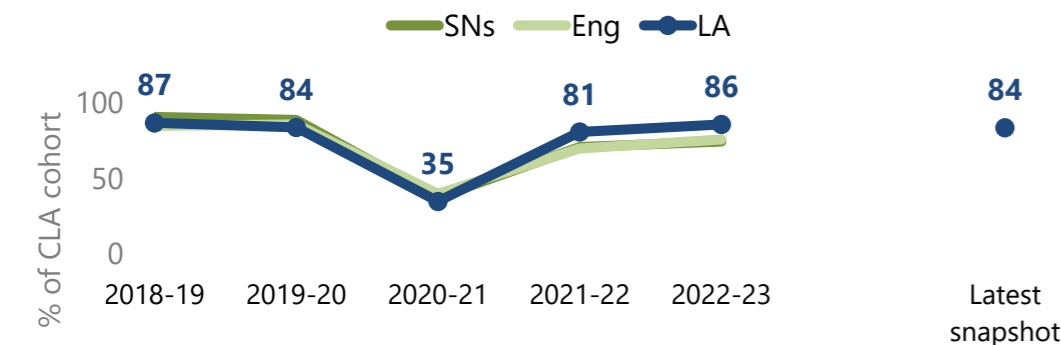
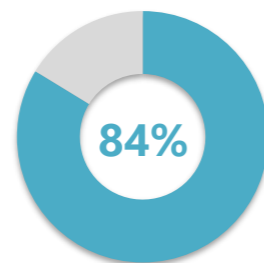
Health assessments

Current open CLA who have been looked after for at least 12 months with an up to date health assessment (in the last 6 months for CLA aged under 5, and in the last 12 months for CLA aged 5-plus)



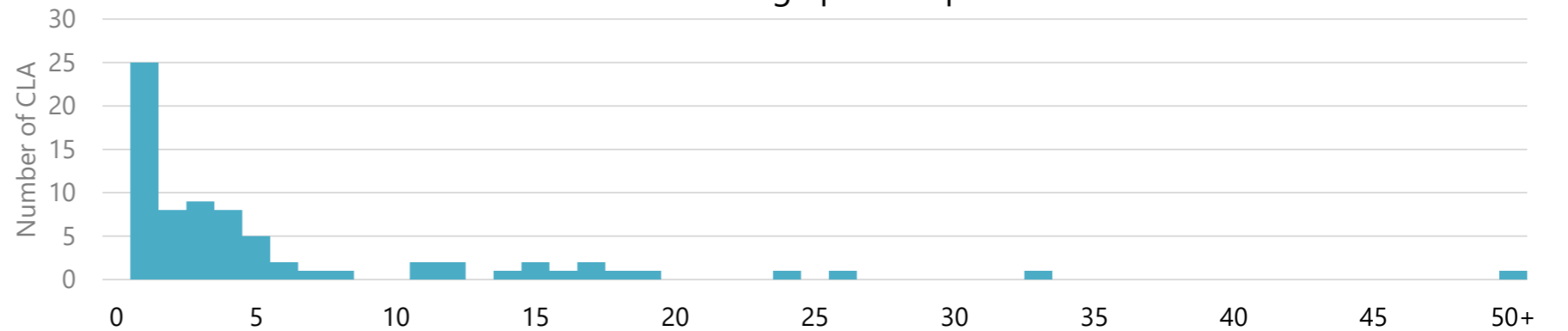
Dental checks

Current open CLA who have been looked after for at least 12 months who have had a dental check in the last 12 months.



Missing from placement

Number of missing episodes per CLA

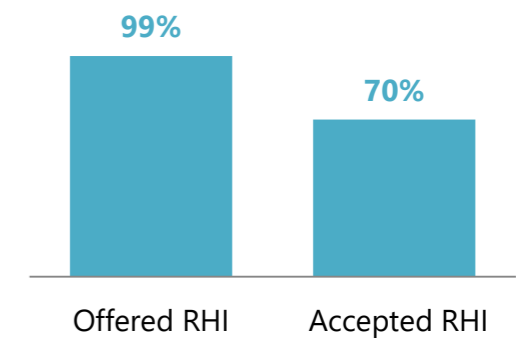


75 of 582 looked after children had a missing incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 22-23	SNs 22-23	Eng 22-23
Number of all CLA with a missing incident	75 of 582	79		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	13%	11%	12%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	471	596		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	6.3	7.5	6.8	6.4

Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	74 of 75	99%
Missing children not offered return interview	0 of 75	0%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	1 of 75	1%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	0 of 75	0%



	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	52 of 74	70%
Missing children not accepted return interview	16 of 74	22%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	6 of 74	8%

Absent from placement

7 of 582 looked after children had an absent incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 22-23	SNs 22-23	Eng 22-23
Number of all CLA with an absent incident	7 of 582	0		
Percentage of all CLA with an absent incident	1%	0%	1%	2%
Total number of absent incidents for all CLA	16	0		
Average number of incidents per CLA who were absent	2.3	0.0	1.0	4.0

Care leavers eligibility, PA allocation and pathway plans

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460 care leavers who have reached the threshold for receiving leaving care services

Care leavers by age and eligibility

(where highlighted, please check eligibility/age criteria)

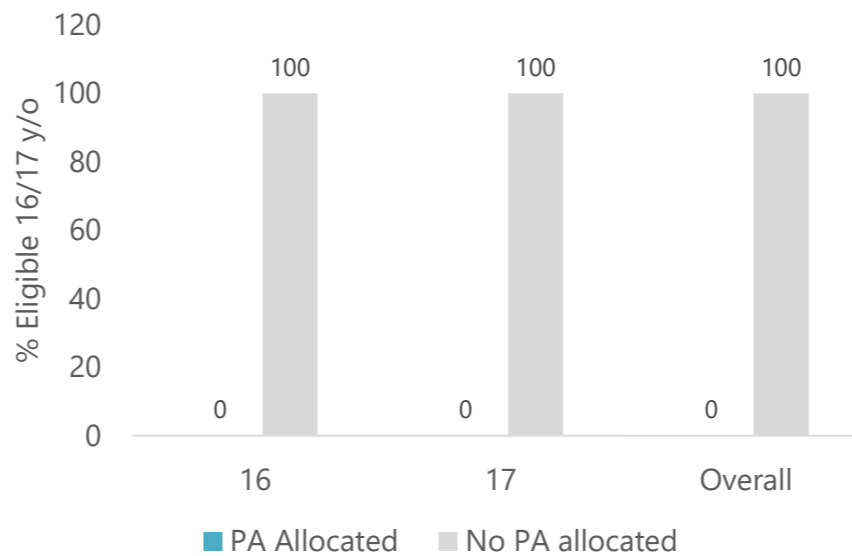
	Eligible	Relevant	Former Relevant	Qualifying	Other	Total
16	46	2	0	2	0	50
17	56	2	0	7	0	65
18	0	0	59	0	0	59
19	0	0	54	4	0	58
20	0	0	62	1	0	63
21	0	0	54	0	0	54
22	0	0	36	0	0	36
23	0	0	44	0	0	44
24	0	0	31	0	0	31
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	102	4	340	14	0	460

Care leaver eligibility summary (please refer to DfE guidance for full eligibility criteria)

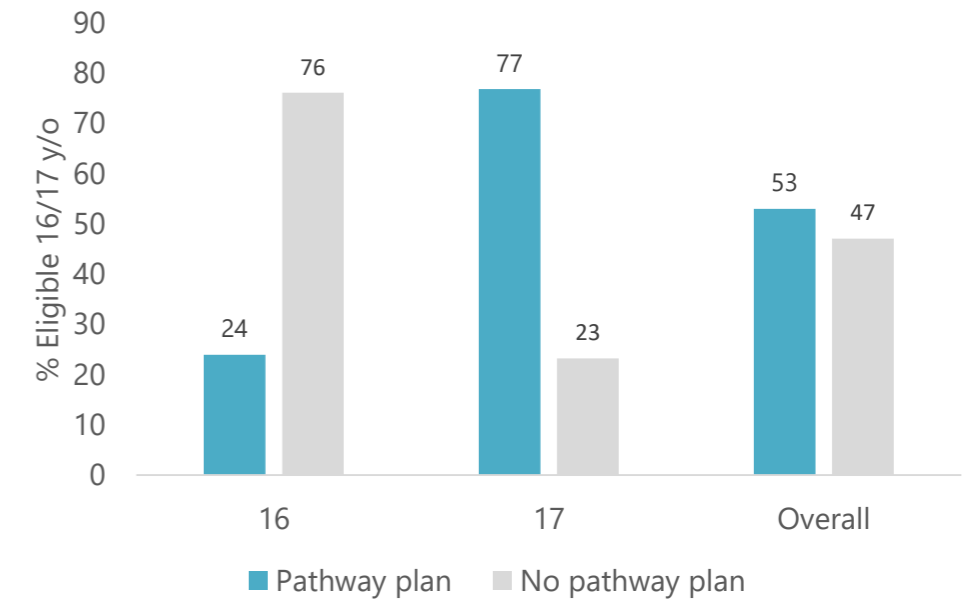
Page 10 of 10 Eligible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Age 16 or 17 ~ Has been looked after for at least 13 weeks since age 14 (can be multiple periods) ~ Currently looked after
Relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Age 16 or 17 ~ Has been looked after for at least 13 weeks since age 14 (can be multiple periods) ~ Looked after on or after their 16th birthday ~ No longer looked after
Former Relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Aged between 18 and 25 ~ Previously an eligible or relevant child (see above definitions)
Qualifying (Annex A requires only those requesting and receiving a service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Aged between 16 and 21 (or 25 if in education) ~ Looked after on or after their 16th birthday ~ Not looked after for at least 13 weeks since age 14 or ~ privately fostered after the age of 16 but before the age of 18 or ~ were looked after prior to becoming subject to a SGO

Eligible Children (16/17 year olds) - comparing personal advisor allocation and pathway plans

Eligible 16/17 year olds by personal advisor allocation

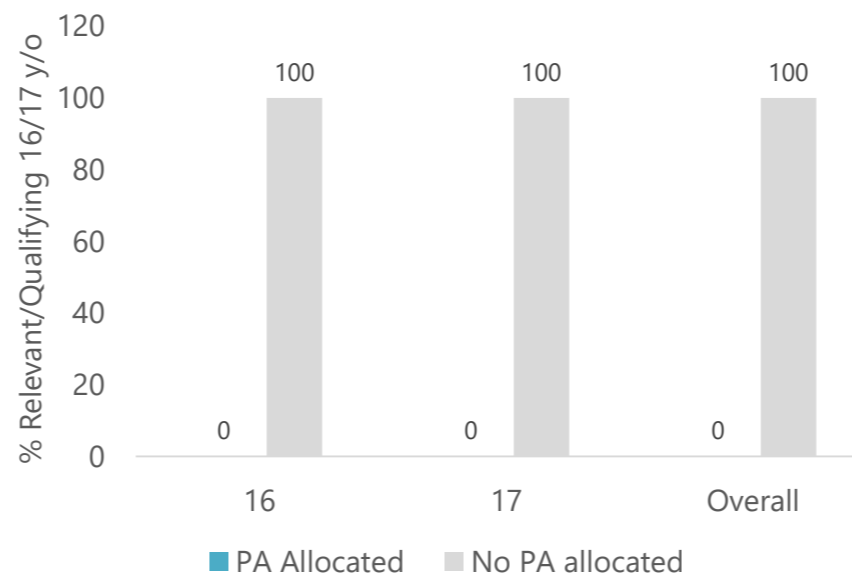


Eligible 16/17 year olds by pathway plan

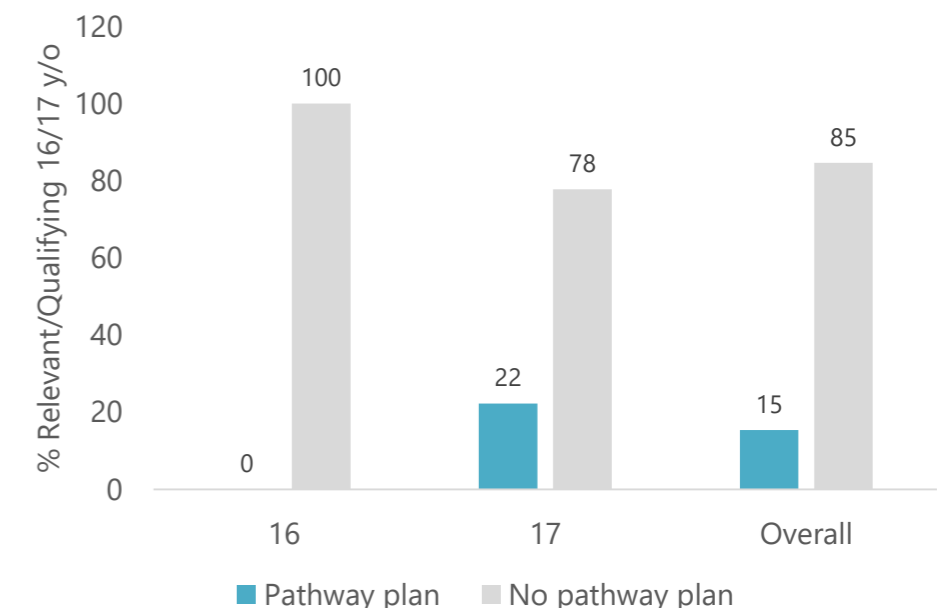


Relevant and Qualifying Children (16/17 year olds) - comparing personal advisor allocation and pathway plans

Relevant/Qualifying 16/17 year olds by personal advisor allocation



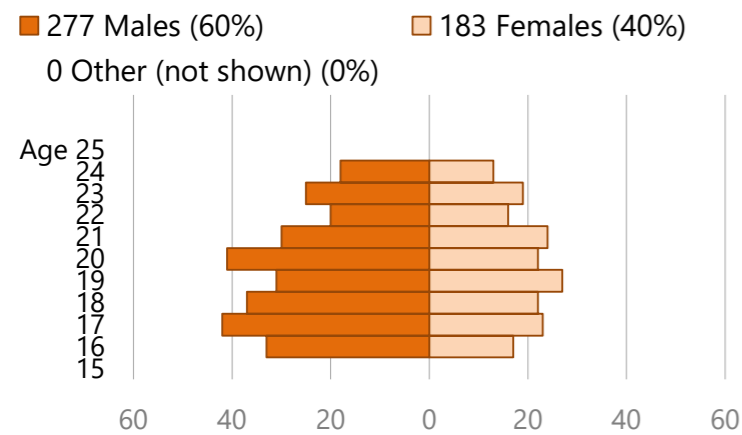
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Care leavers demographics and UASC

Snapshot 24/09/2024

Age and gender



Ethnic background

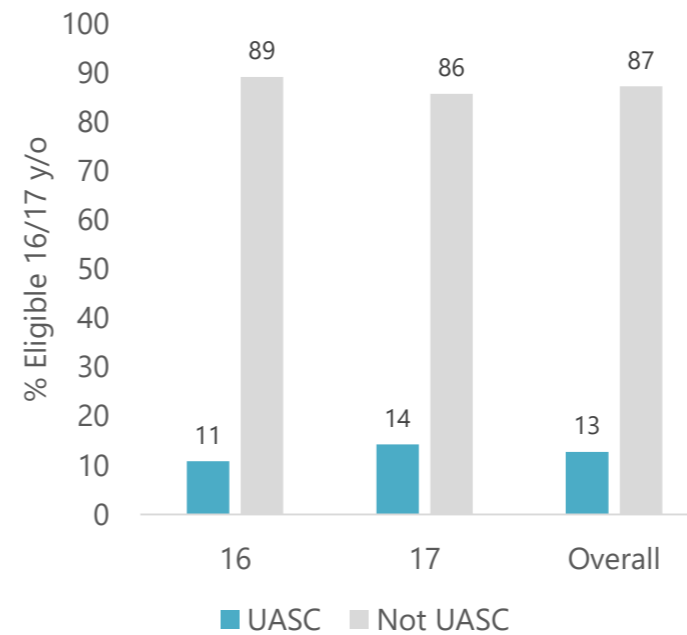
White	75%
Mixed	7%
Asian or Asian British	6%
Black or black British	6%
Other ethnic group	6%
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46 (10%) care leavers with a disability

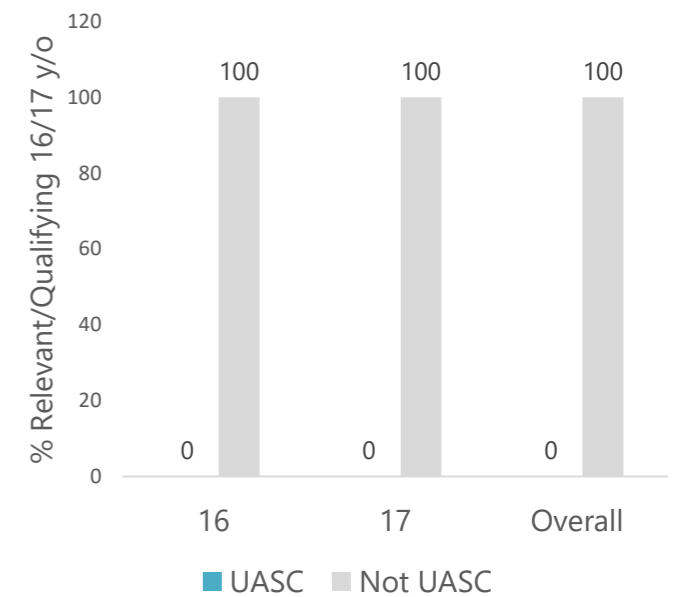
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Care leavers - UASC/Former UASC (16/17 year olds)

Eligible 16/17 year olds by UASC Status



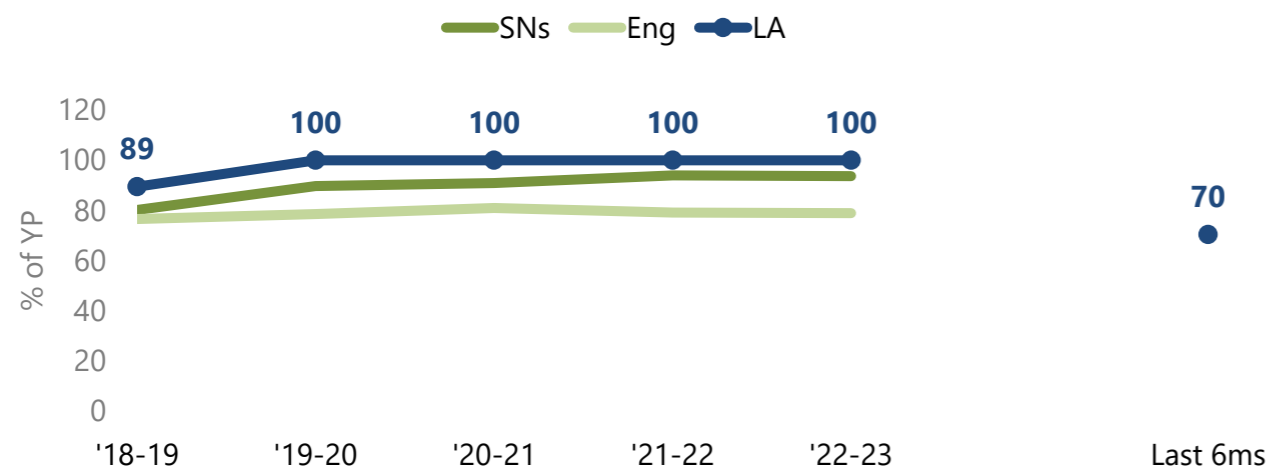
Relevant/qualifying 16/17 year olds by UASC Status



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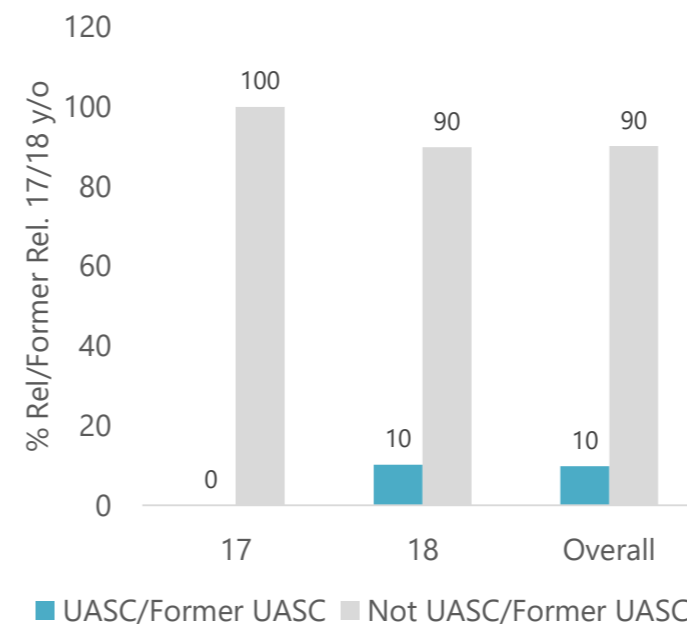
YP who ceased to be looked after aged 16-plus who were looked after until their 18th birthday

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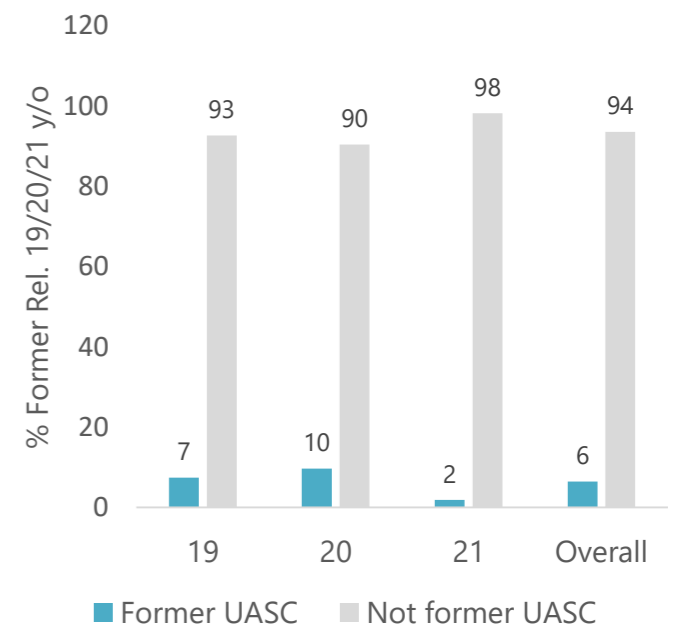


Care leavers - UASC/Former UASC (17/18 & 19/20/21 year olds)

Relevant/former relevant 17/18 year olds by UASC Status

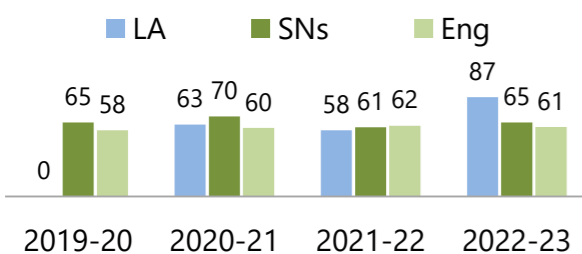


Former relevant 19/20/21 year olds by UASC Status

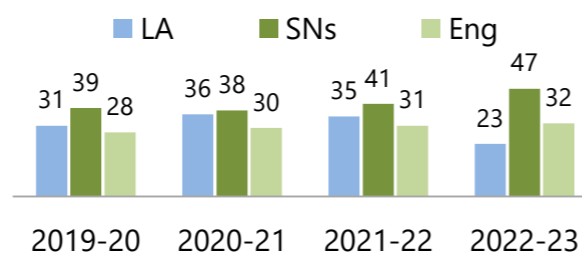


Remain with former foster carer

Aged 18



Aged 19-20

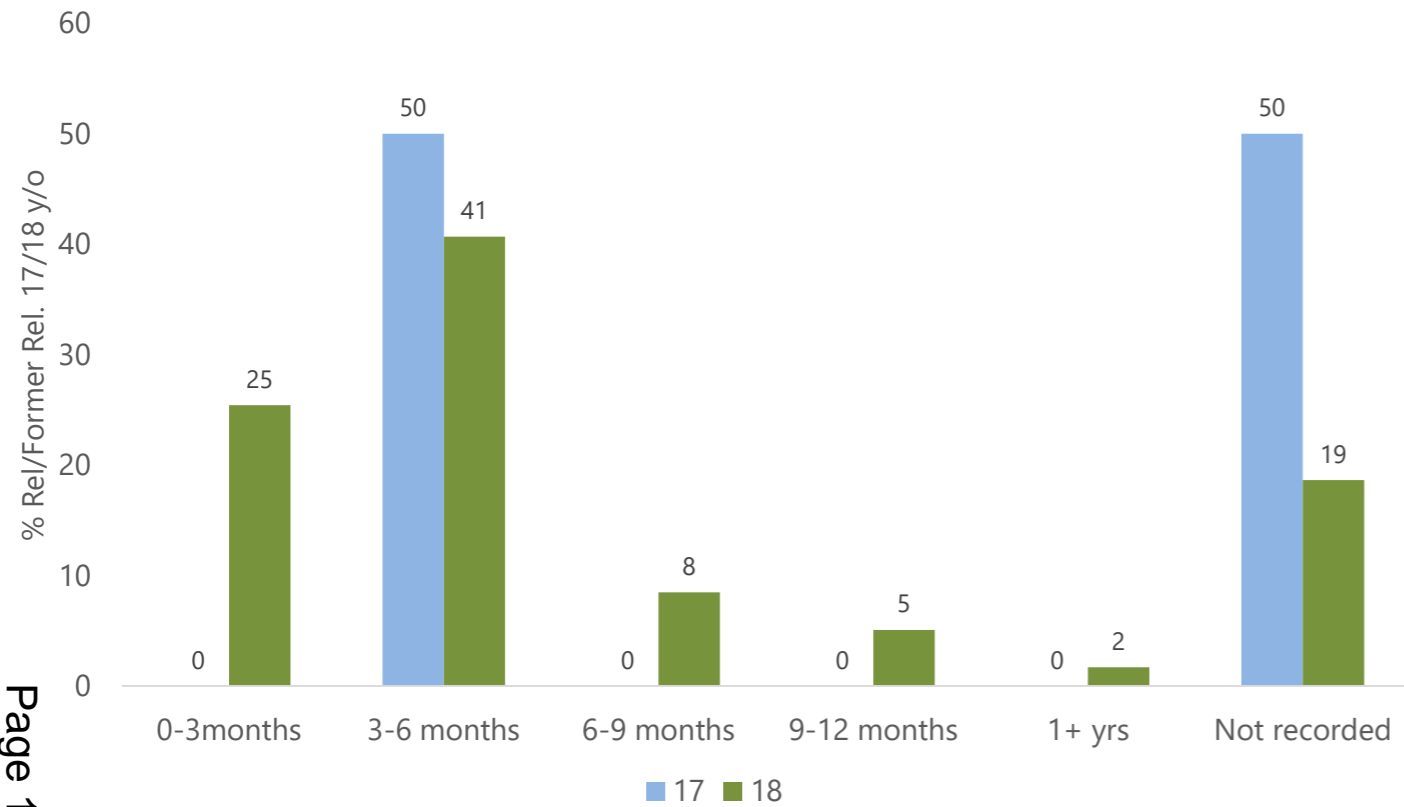


Care leavers pathway plan and contact timescales

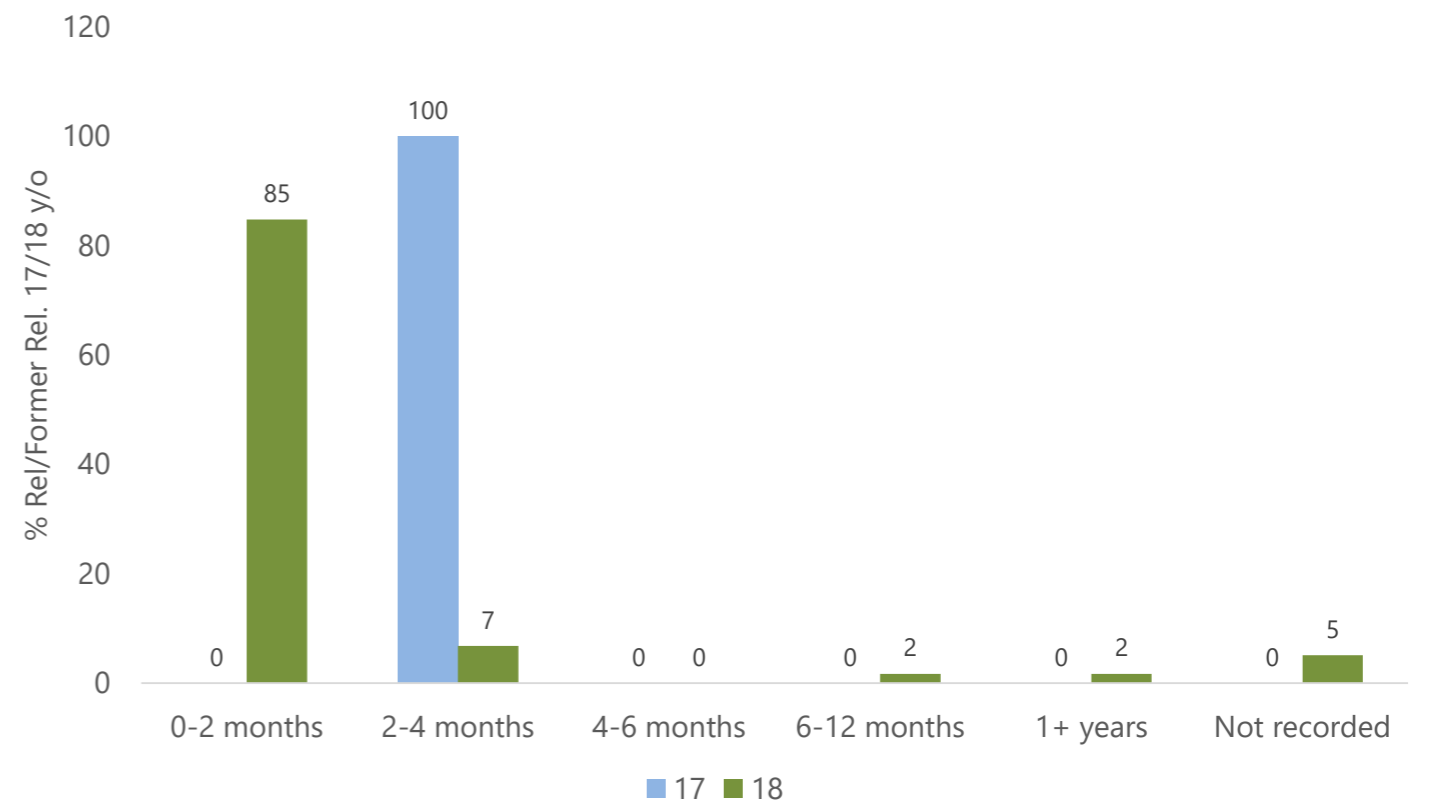
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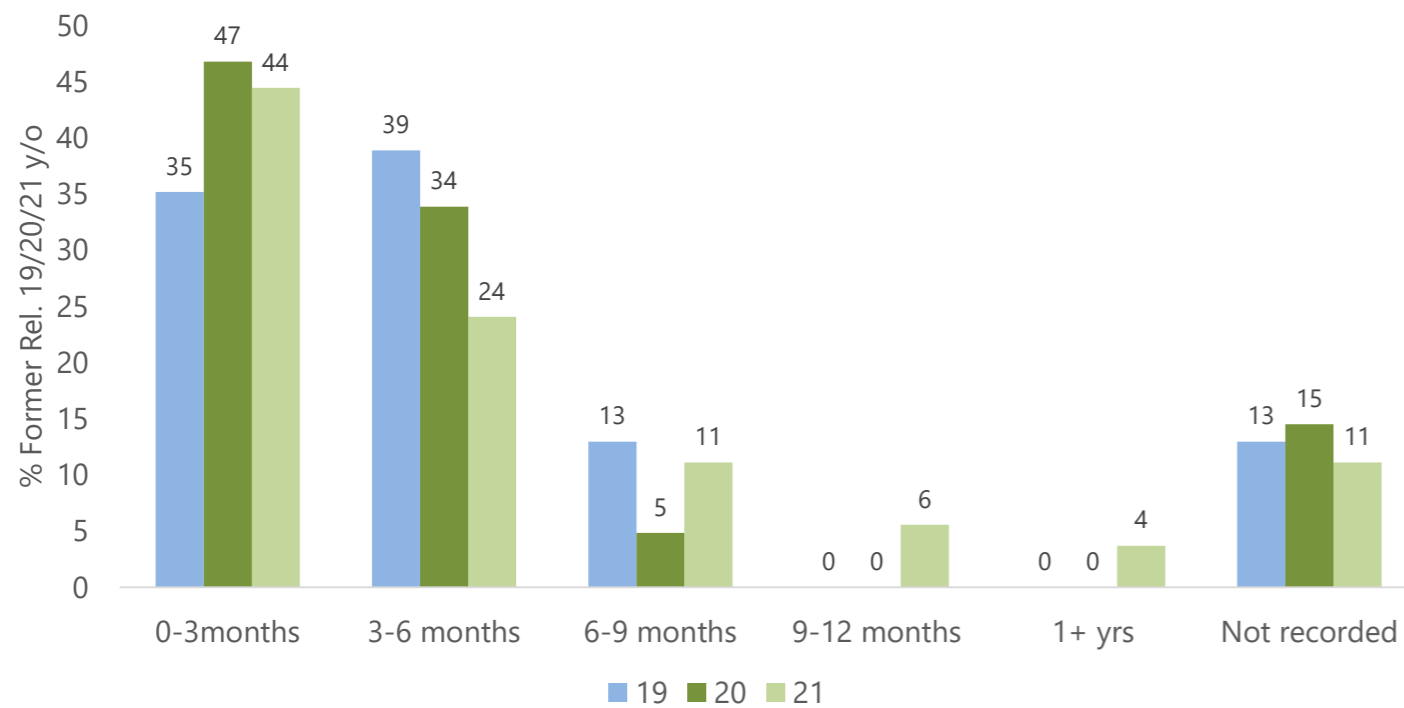
Pathway Plan last updated - 17/18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)



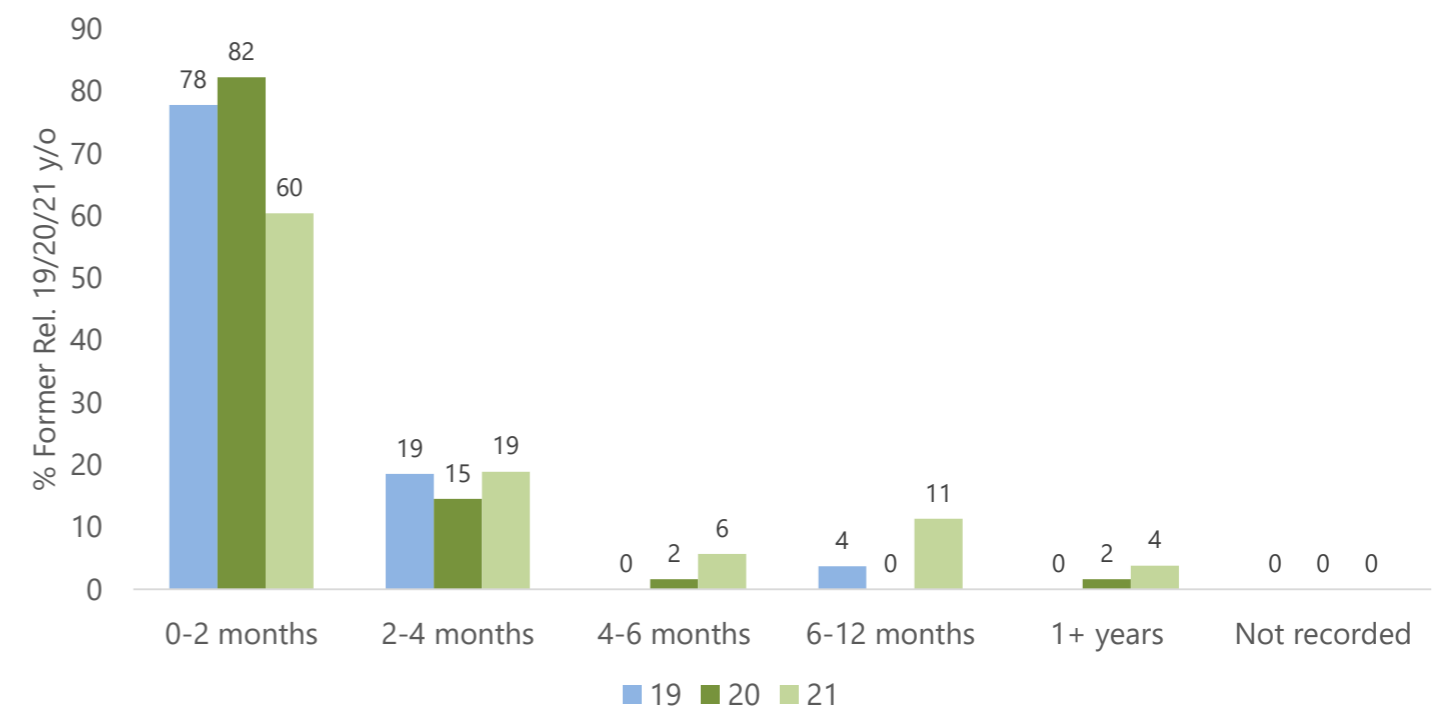
Time since last contact - 17/18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)



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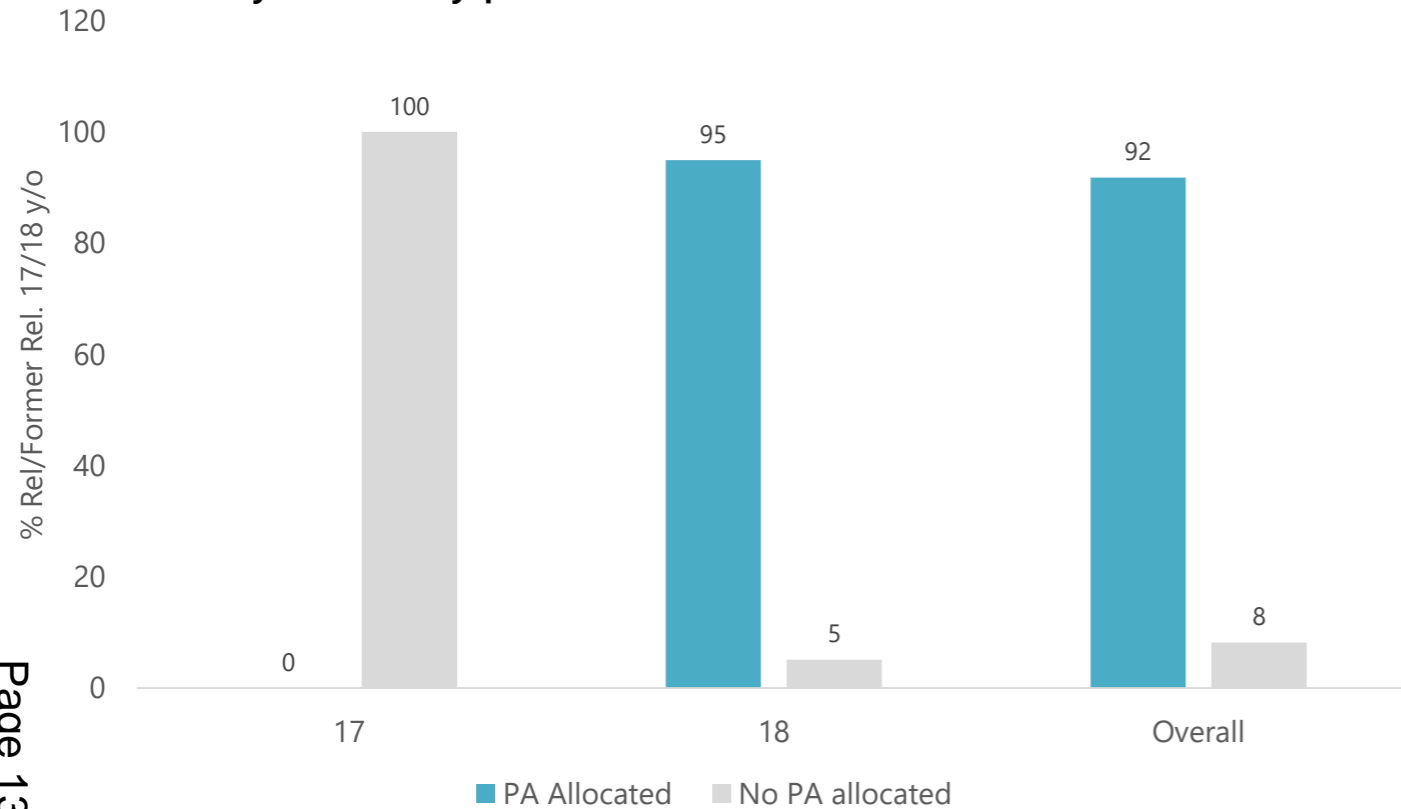


Care leavers PA allocation and in touch

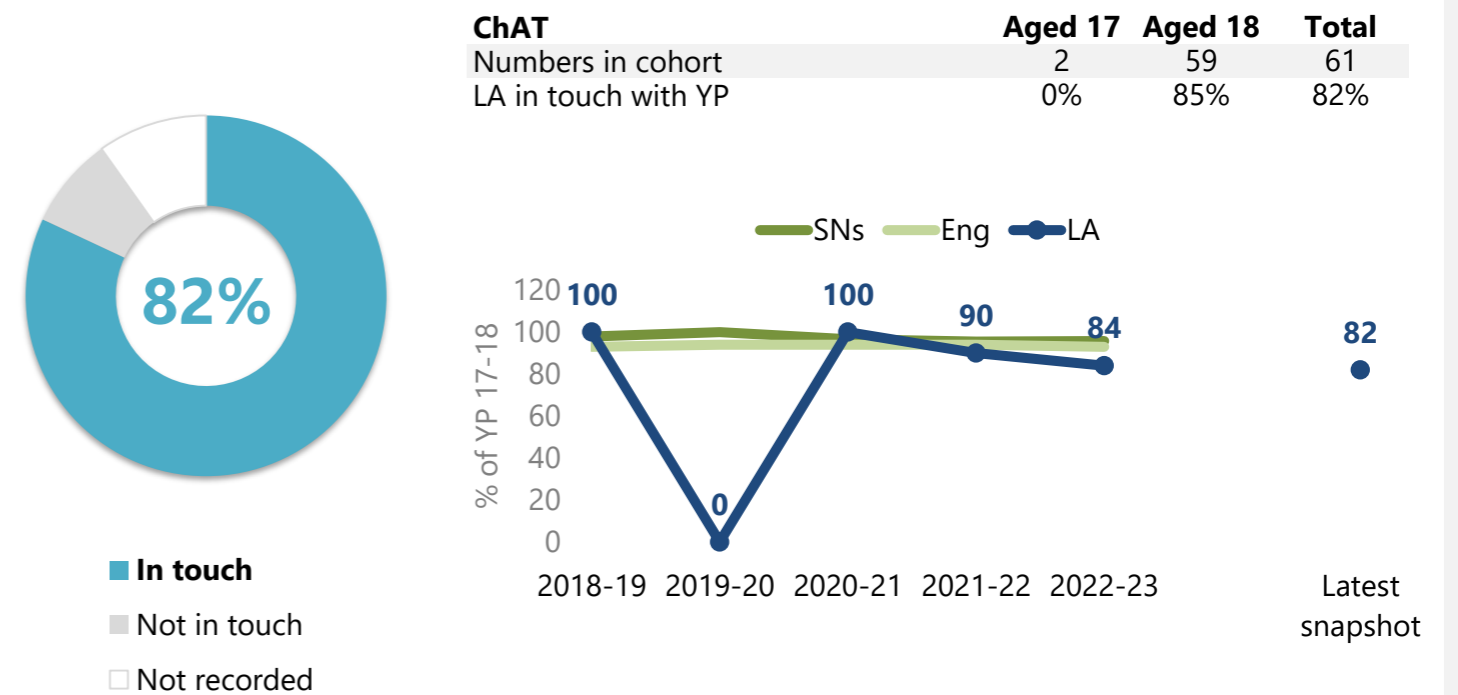
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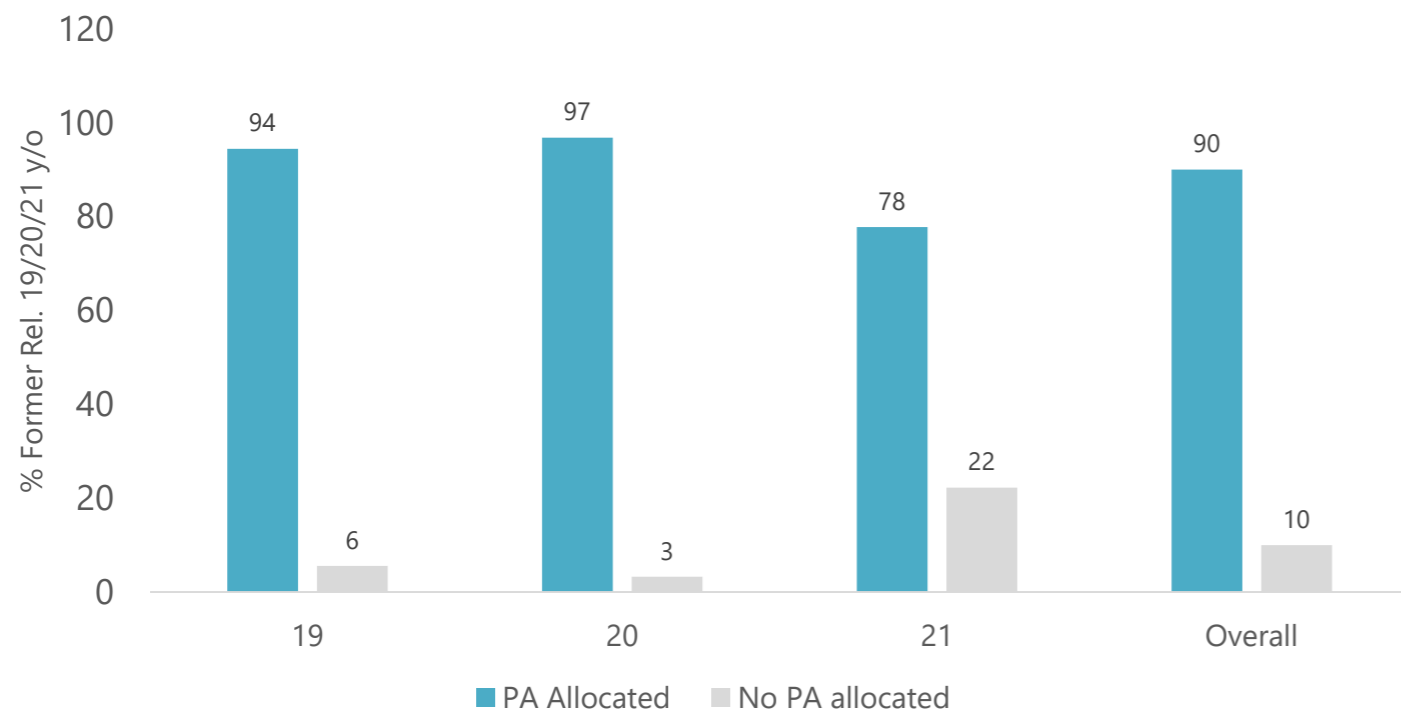
17/18 year olds by personal advisor allocation (relevant/former relevant)



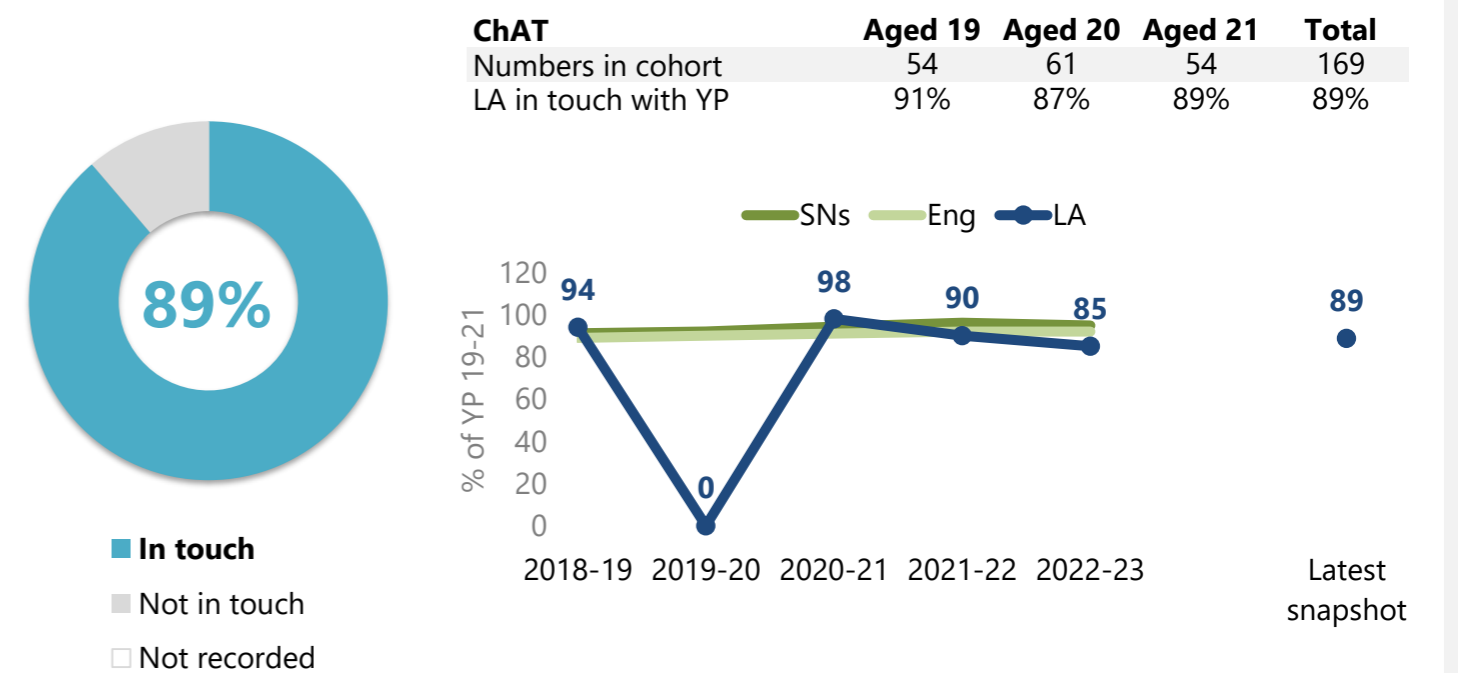
LA in touch with 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)



19/20/21 year olds by personal advisor allocation (former relevant)



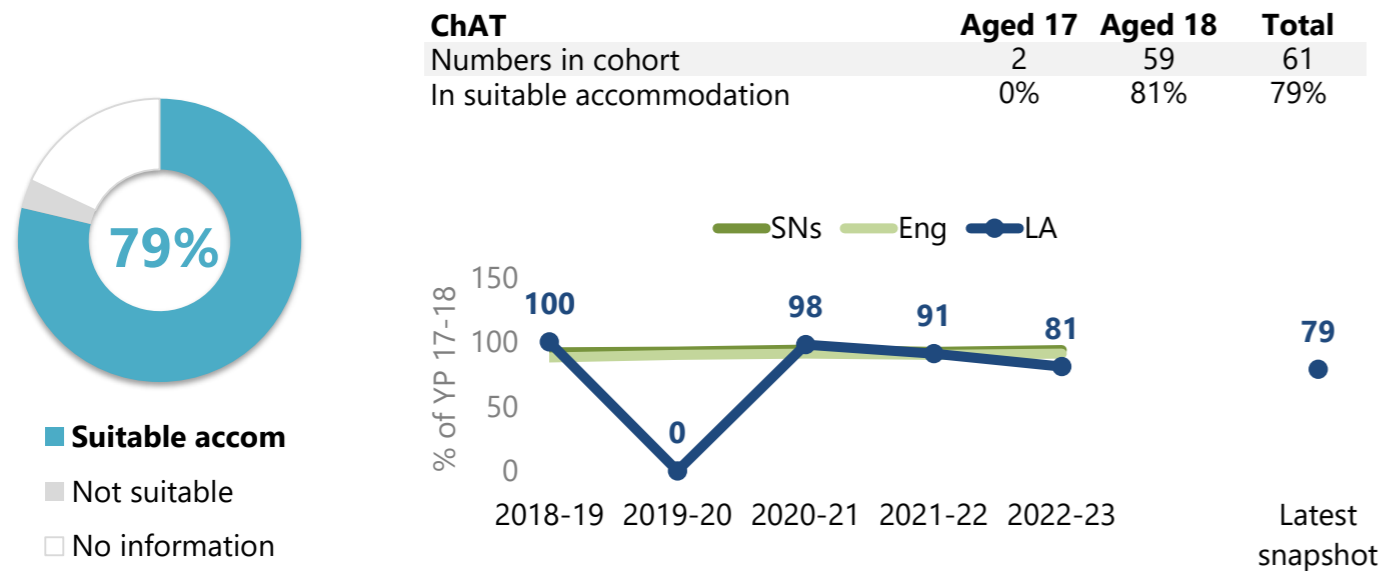
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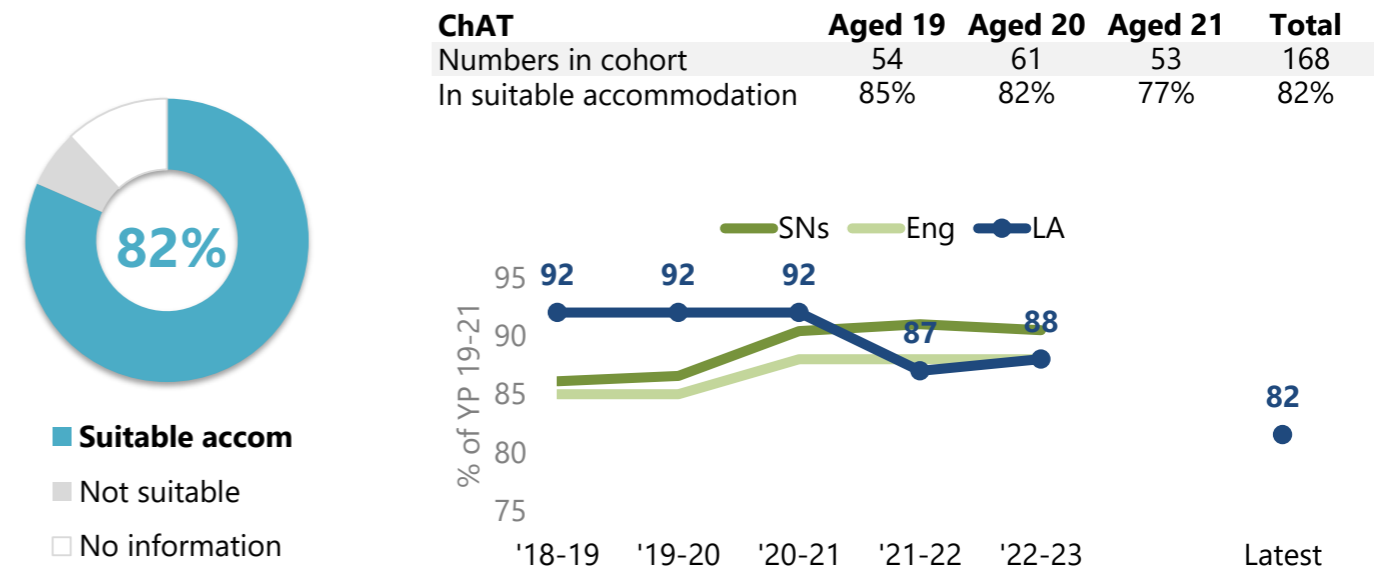
Care leavers accommodation suitability and type

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Accommodation suitability of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

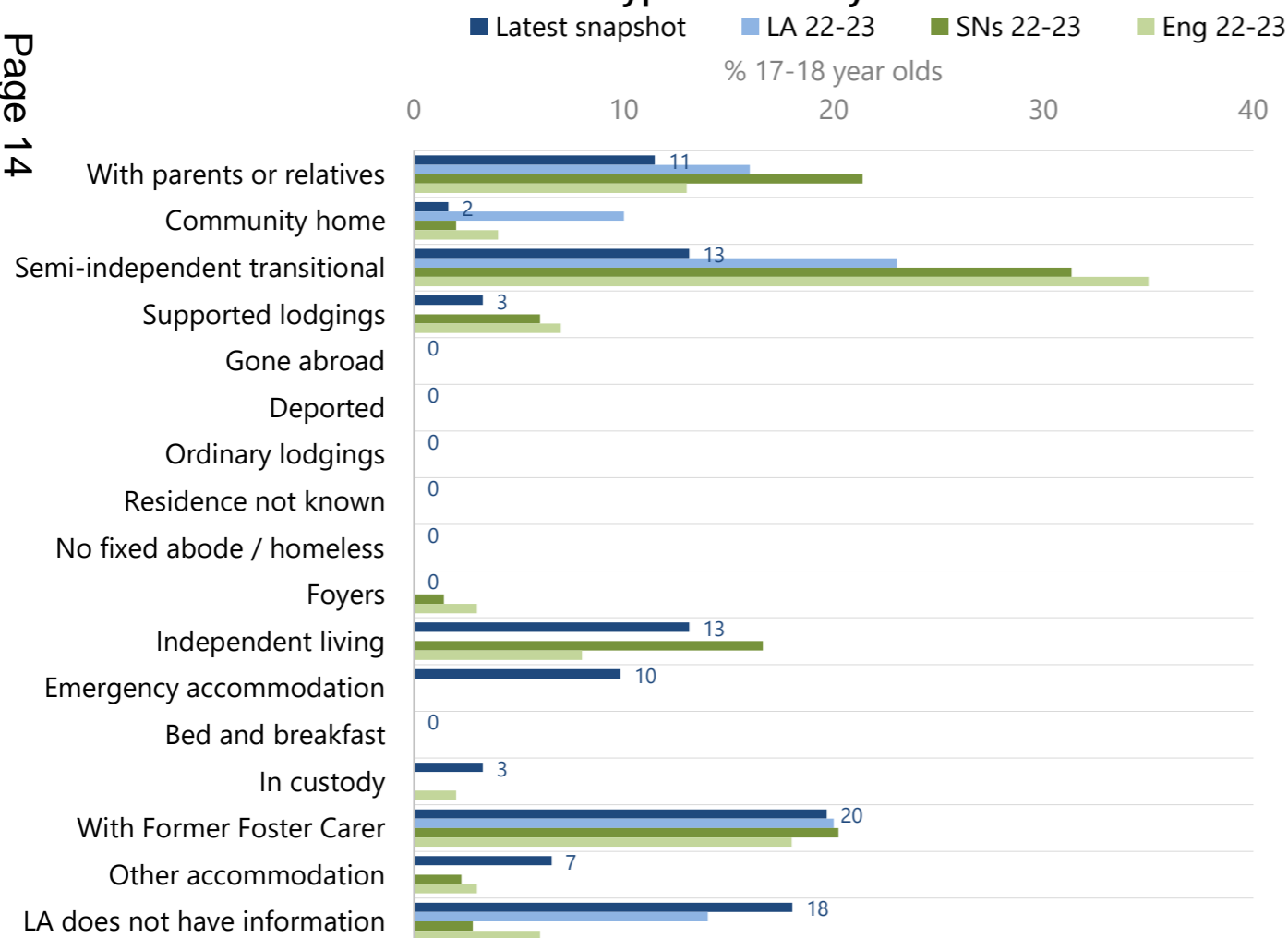


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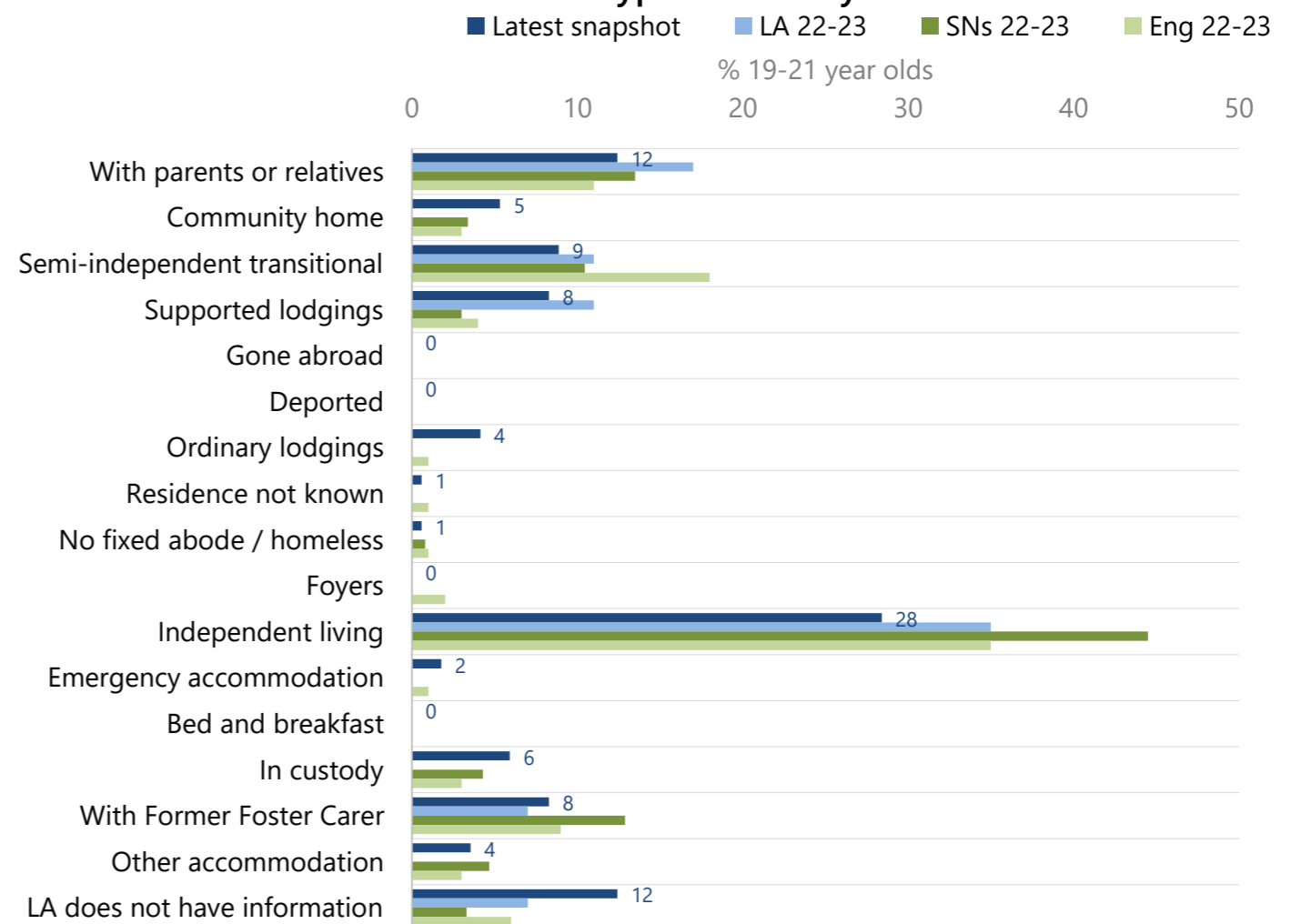


Accommodation types of 17-18 year olds

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Accommodation types of 19-21 year olds

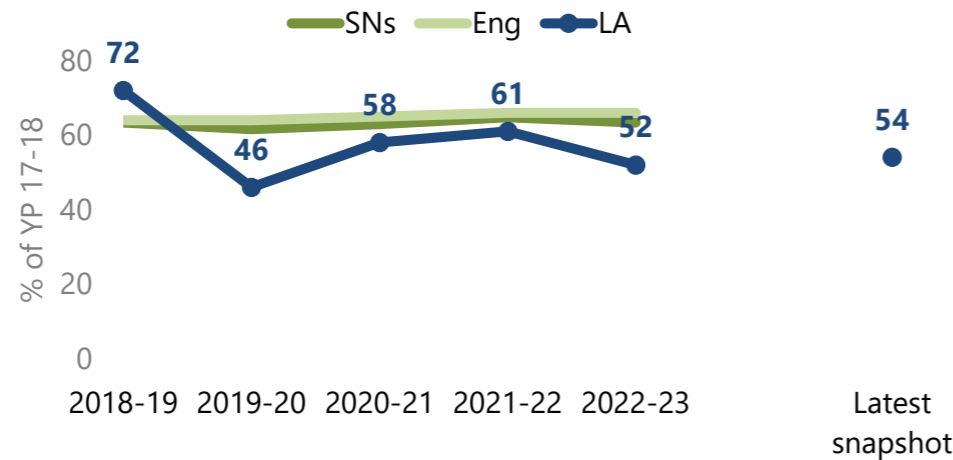
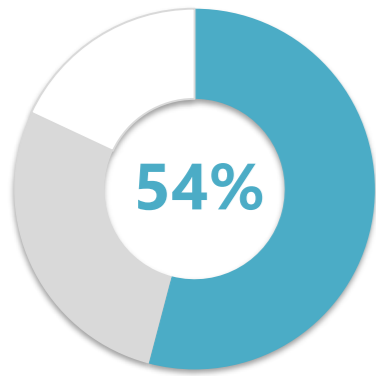


Care leavers activity (Education, Employment, or Training)

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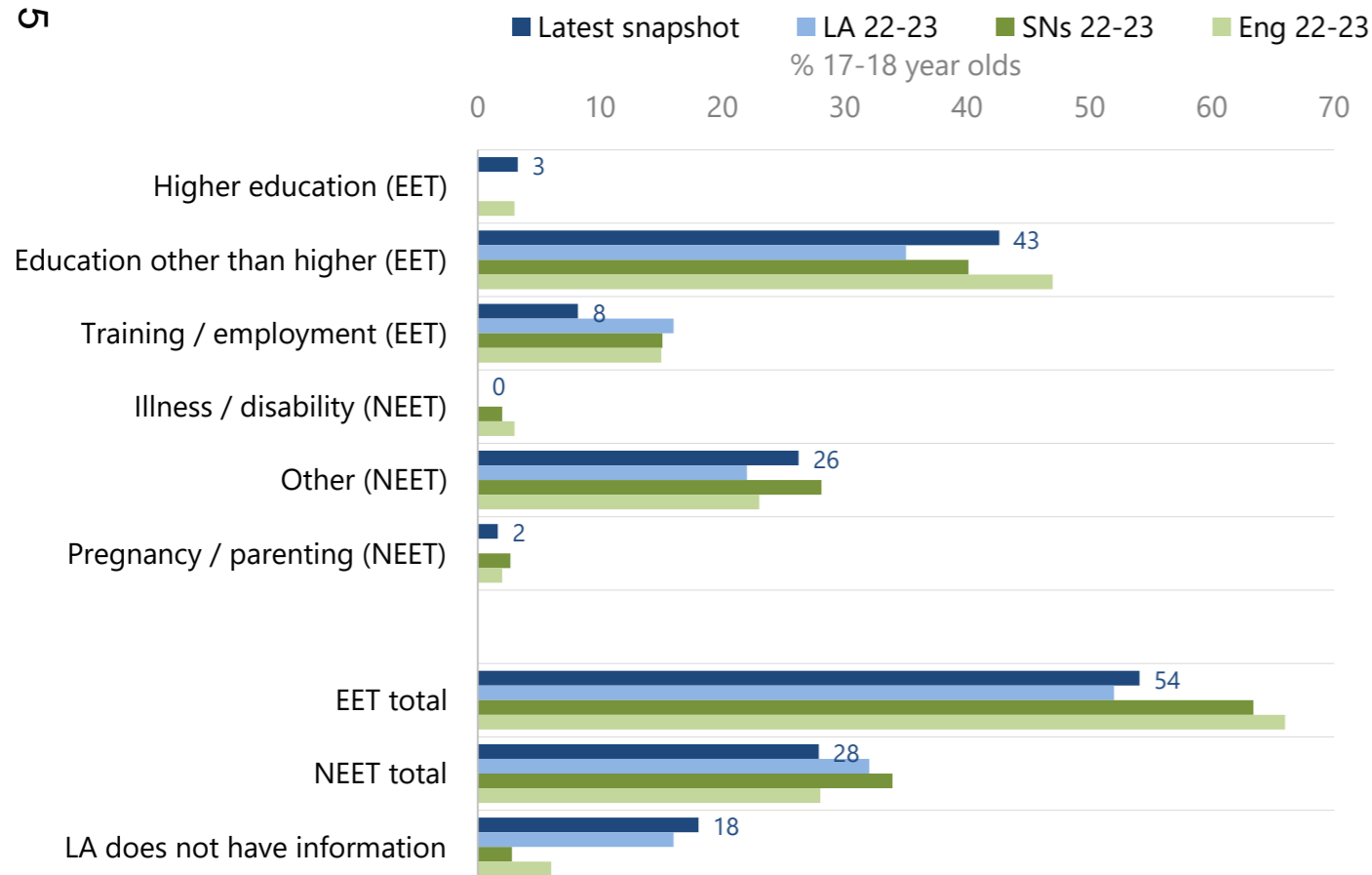
Education, Employment, or Training (EET) of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	2	59	61
In EET	0%	56%	54%



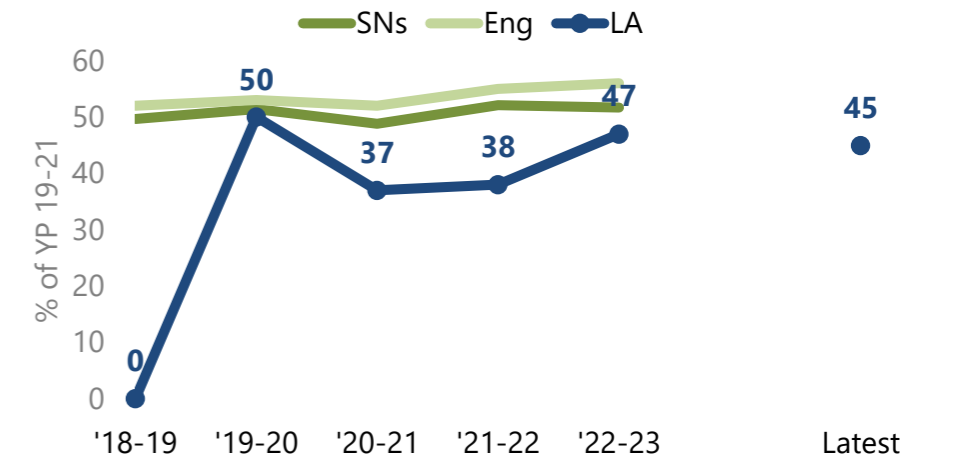
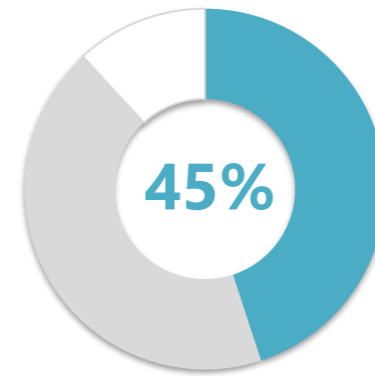
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Activity types of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)



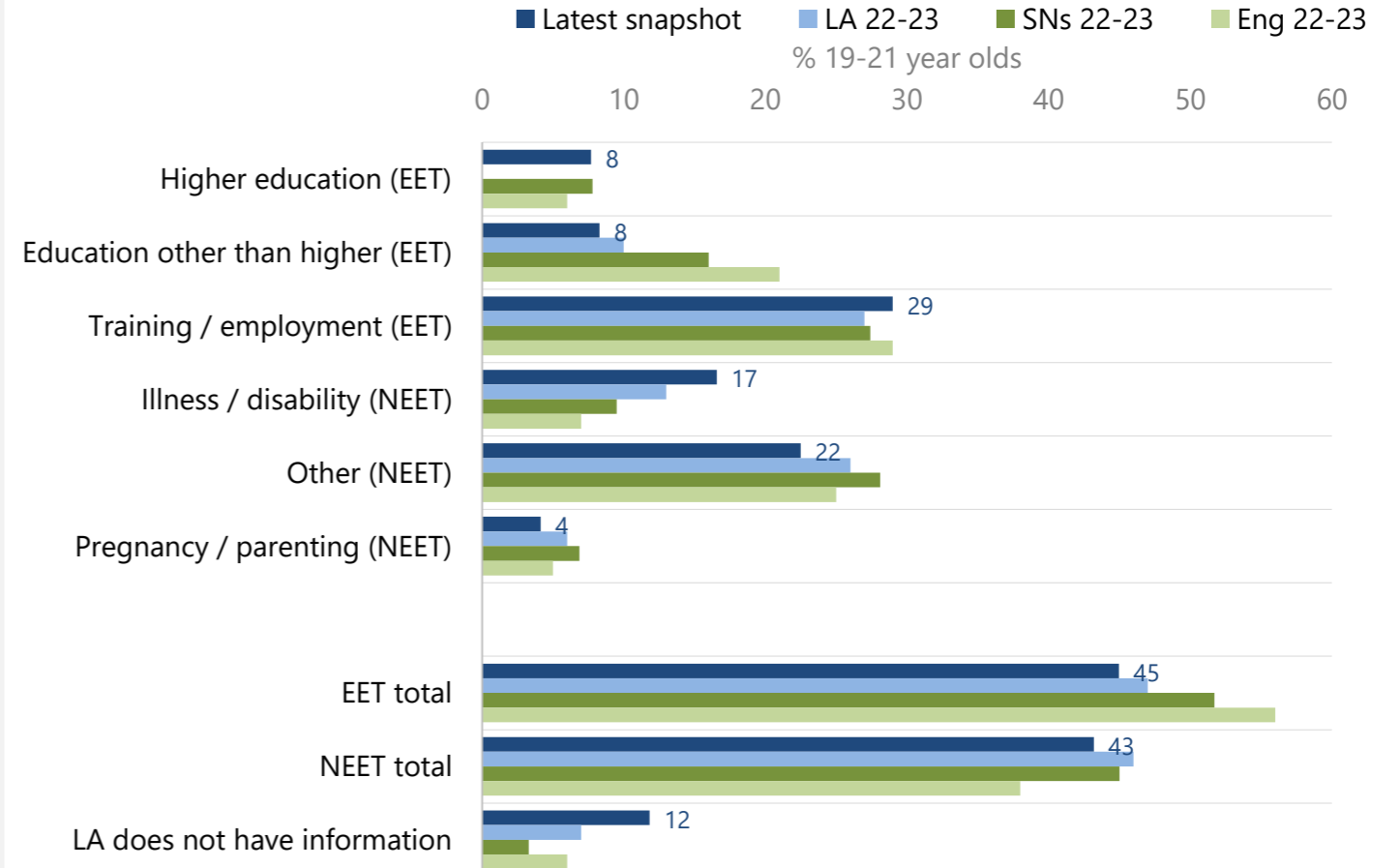
Education, Employment, or Training (EET) of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	54	61	54	169
In EET	41%	46%	48%	45%



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Activity types of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)



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