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Children's services Analysis Tool (ChAT)

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

Shropshire

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Headline figures

Contacts

Contacts in the last 6 months	6,405
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Early Help / Common / Targeted Assessments

Early Help in the last 6 months	1,035
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Referrals

Referrals in the last 6 months	571
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Social Care Assessments

Total assessments in the last 6 months	1,148
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Assessments completed in the last 6 months	913
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Ongoing assessments	235
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Section 47 enquiries and Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCS)

Section 47 enquiries in the last 6 months	364
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ICPCs that started from an S47 in the last 6 months	116
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Children in Need (CIN)

Total CIN in the last 6 months	1,743
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CIN started in the last 6 months	467
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CIN ceased in the last 6 months	404
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Current children in need (snapshot)	1,335
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Child Protection Plans (CPP)

Total CPP in the last 6 months	350
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CPP started in the last 6 months	148
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CPP ceased in the last 6 months	137
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Current children subject of a child protection plan (snapshot)	213
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Children Looked After (CLA)

Total CLA in the last 6 months	761
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CLA started in the last 6 months	62
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CLA ceased in the last 6 months	95
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Current children looked after (snapshot)	666
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Care leavers

Care leavers who have reached the threshold for receiving leaving care services	599
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Adoptions

Children adopted, waiting to be adopted, or had an adoption decision reversed in the last 12 months	171
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Children adopted in the last 12 months	32
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Children waiting to be adopted (snapshot)	29
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Children with decision reversed in the last 12 months	14
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Adopters

Prospective adopters in the last 12 months	162
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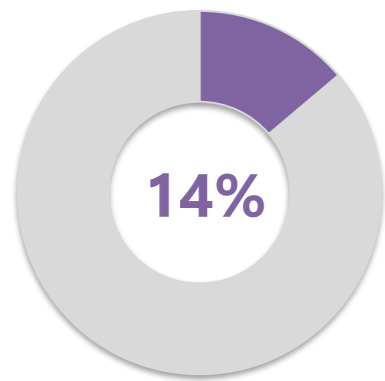
Contacts in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025 to 31/03/2026

6405 contacts

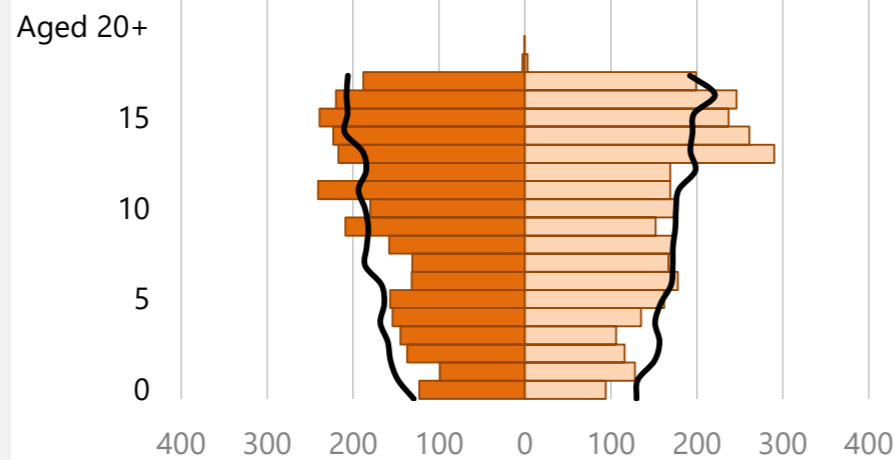
Contacts for children who also appear on Referrals list

Yes No



Age and sex

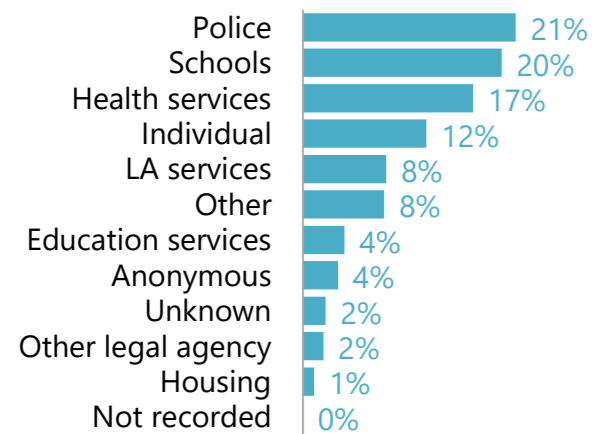
3144 Males (49%) 100 Other (not shown) (2%)
3161 Females (49%) 0-17 population estimate



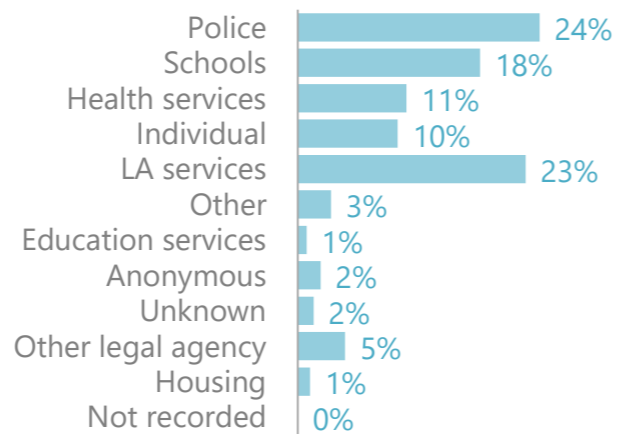
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Source of contacts compared to source of referrals

Contact source



Referral source comparison



Children with multiple contacts in period



Ethnic backgrounds

White	78%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	17%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

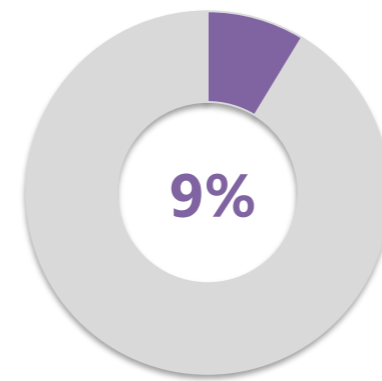
Early Help in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025 to 31/03/2026

1035 Early Help / Common / Targeted Assessments

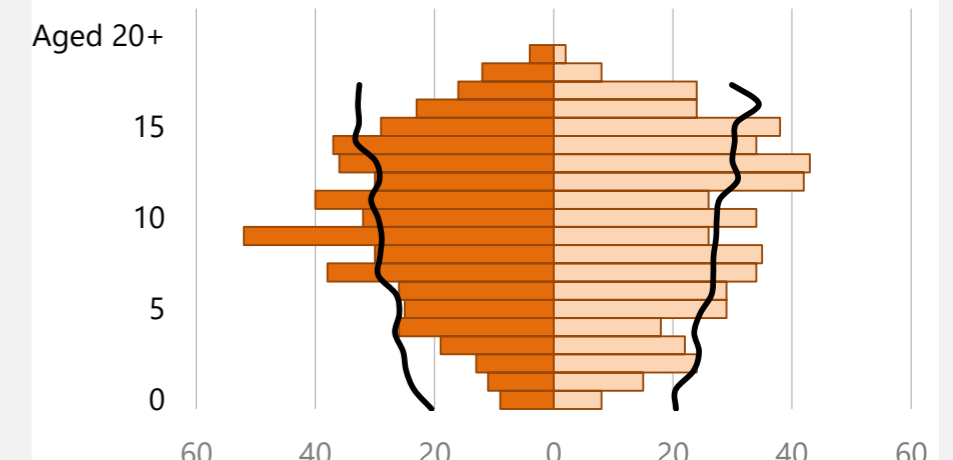
Early Help cases that also appear on the Referrals list

Yes No



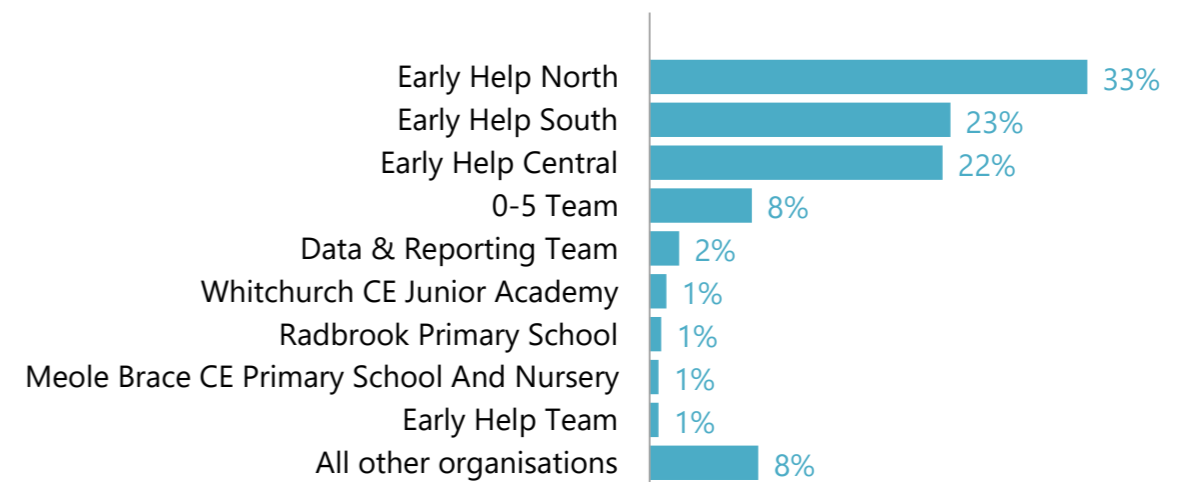
Age and sex

508 Males (49%) 12 Other (not shown) (1%)
515 Females (50%) 0-17 population estimate

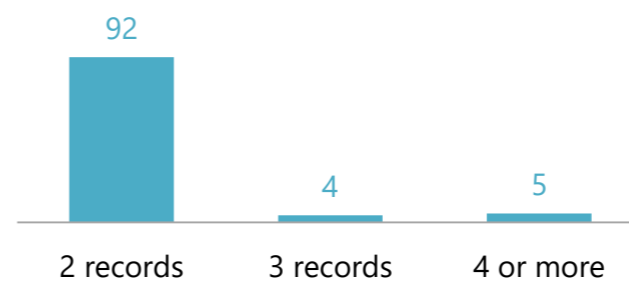


Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Organisation completing assessment



Children with multiple records in period



Ethnic backgrounds

White	92%
Mixed	2%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	0%
Other ethnic group	0%
Not stated	5%
Not recorded	0%

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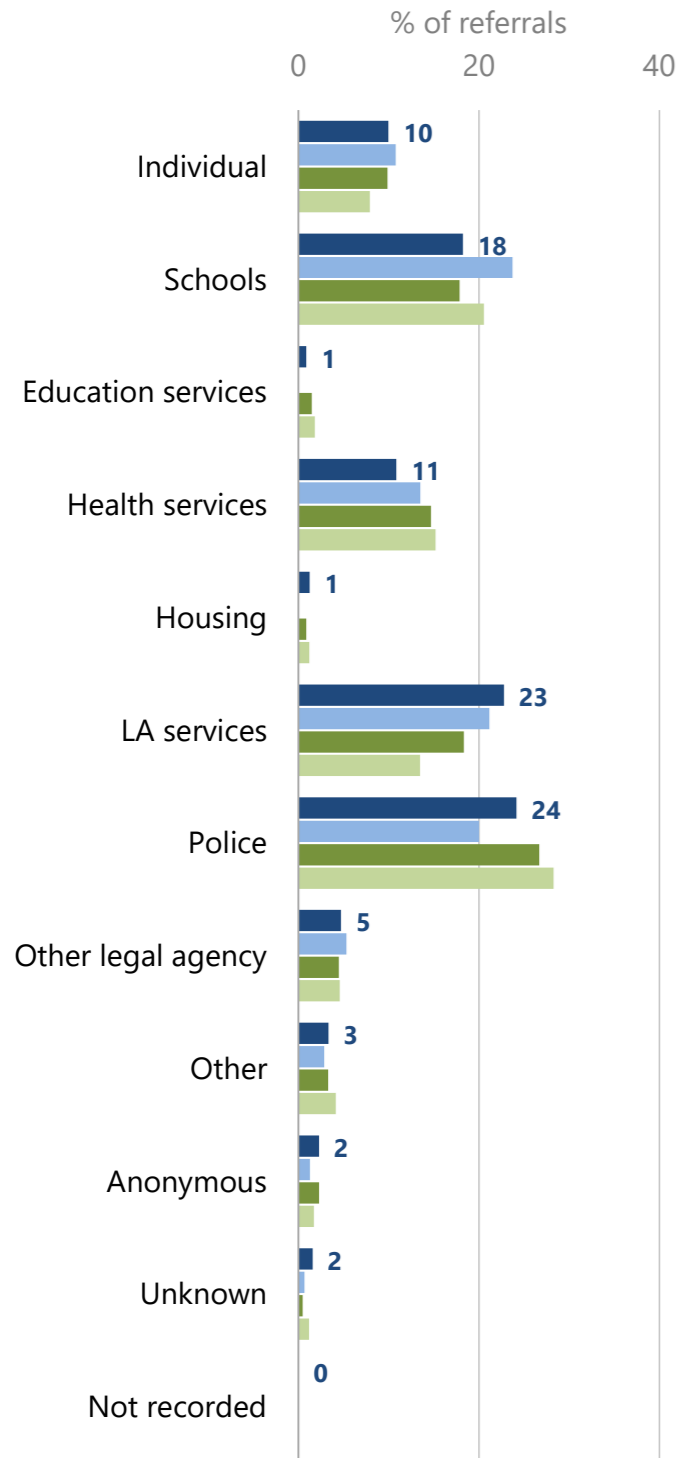
Referrals in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025
to 31/03/2026

571 referrals

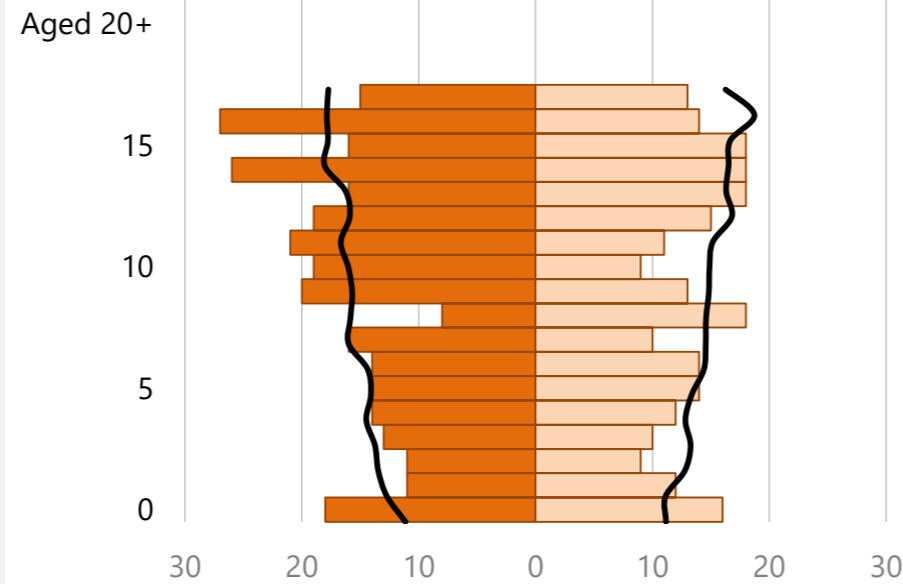
Source of referral

■ Last 6 months ■ LA 24-25 ■ SNs 24-25 ■ Eng 24-25



Age and sex

■ 298 Males (52%) ■ 244 Females (43%) ■ 29 Other (not shown) (5%)
— 0-17 population estimate



Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Ethnic backgrounds

White	83%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	2%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	2%
Not stated	8%
Not recorded	0%

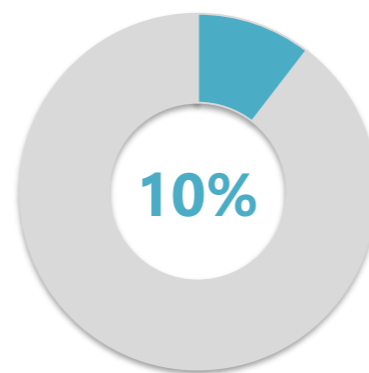
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Re-referrals: children with a previous referral within 12 months of their latest referral

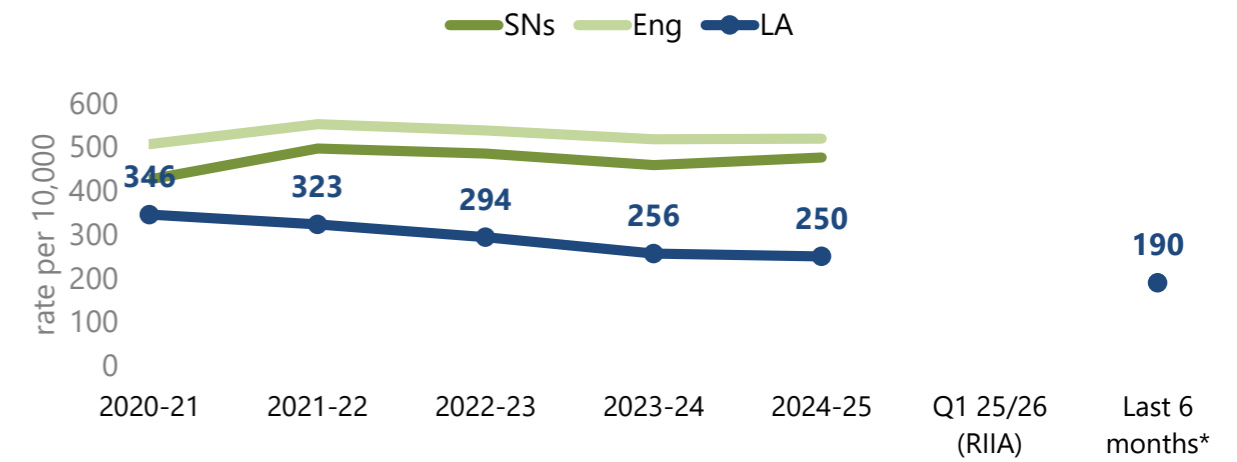
58 children with previous referrals within 12 months of latest referral

■ Re-referral ■ First referral ■ Not recorded

First referral	497
1 prev referral	56
2 prev referrals	2
3 prev referrals	0
4+ prev referrals	0
Not recorded	0

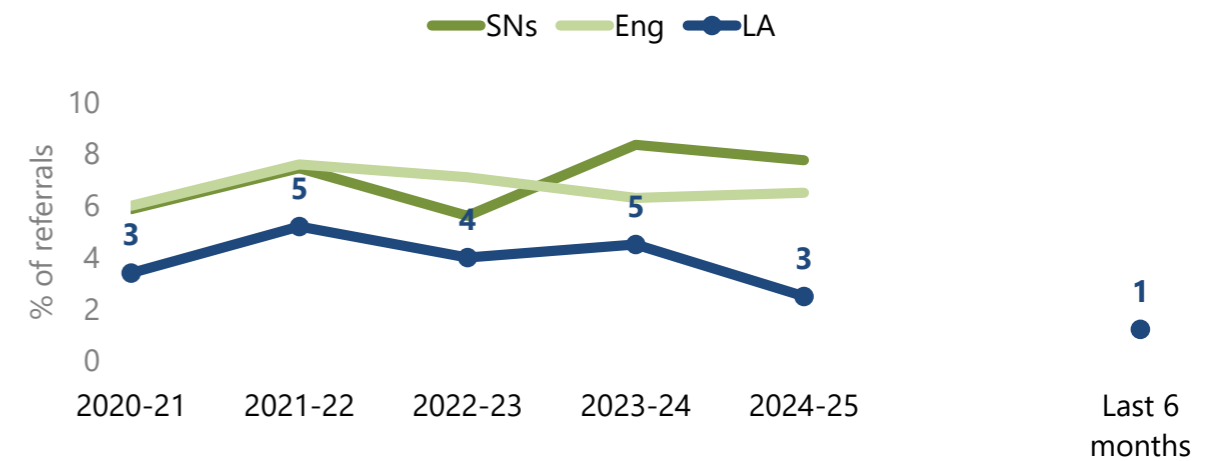


Rate of referrals per 10,000 children aged 0-17

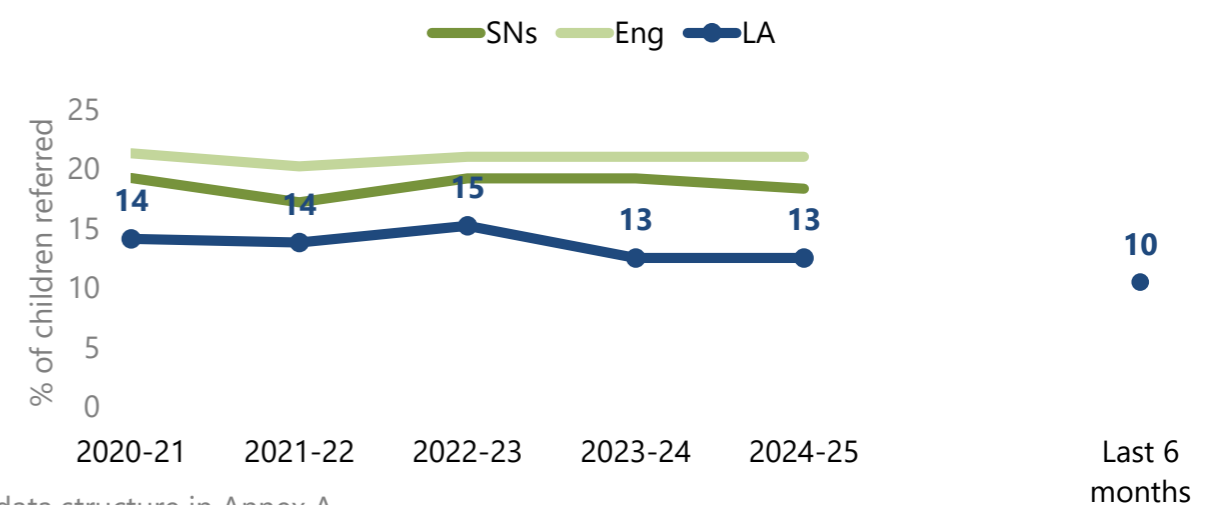


*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Referrals with No Further Action (NFA)



Re-referrals: children with a previous referral within 12 months of their latest referral

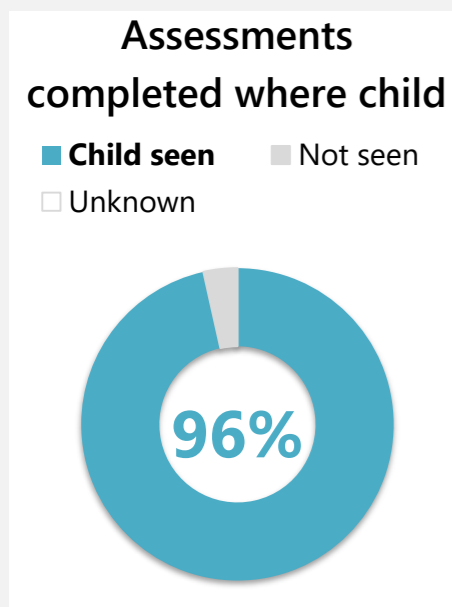
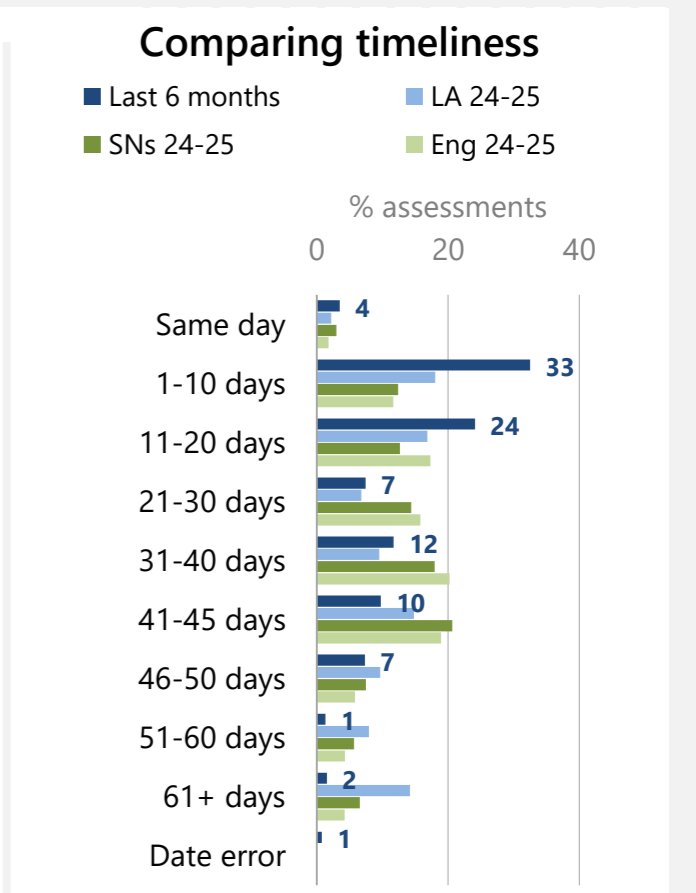
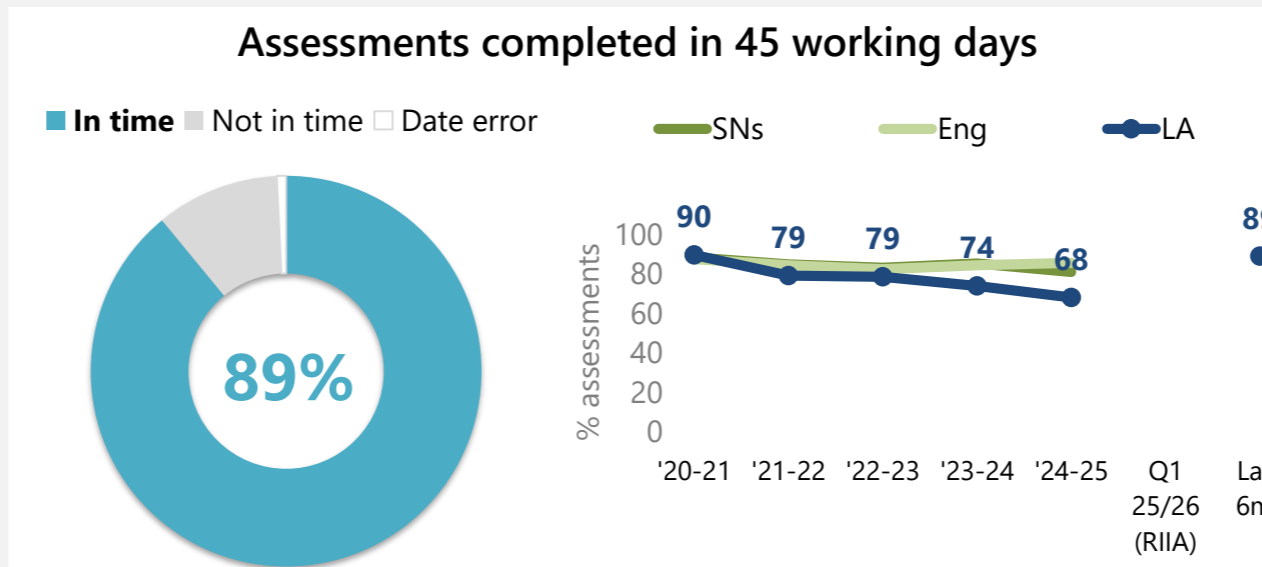
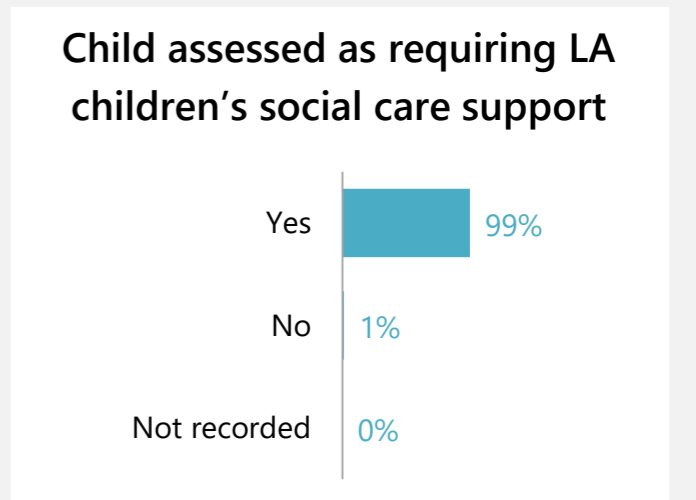
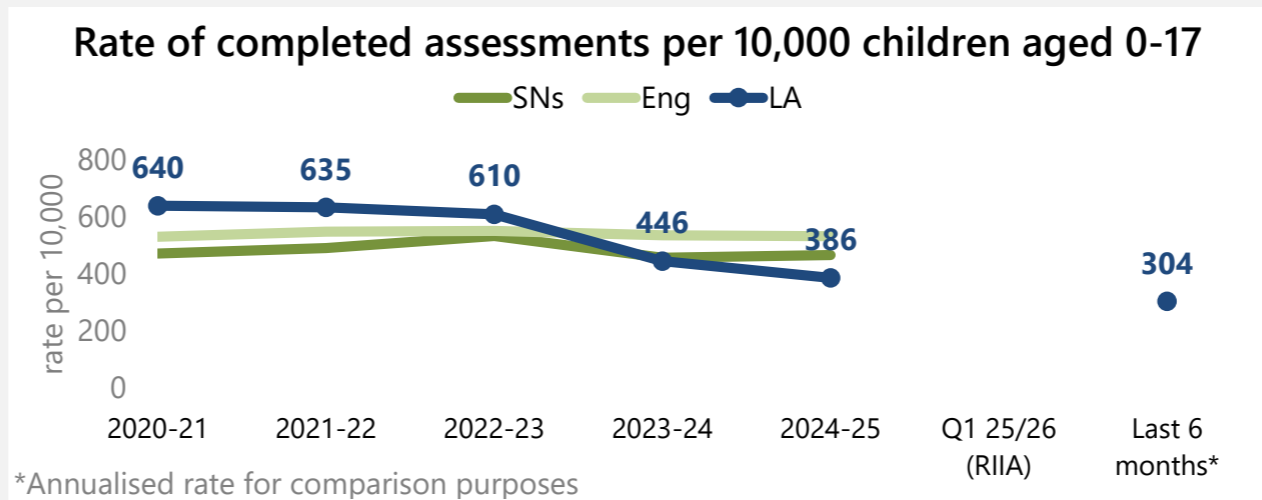
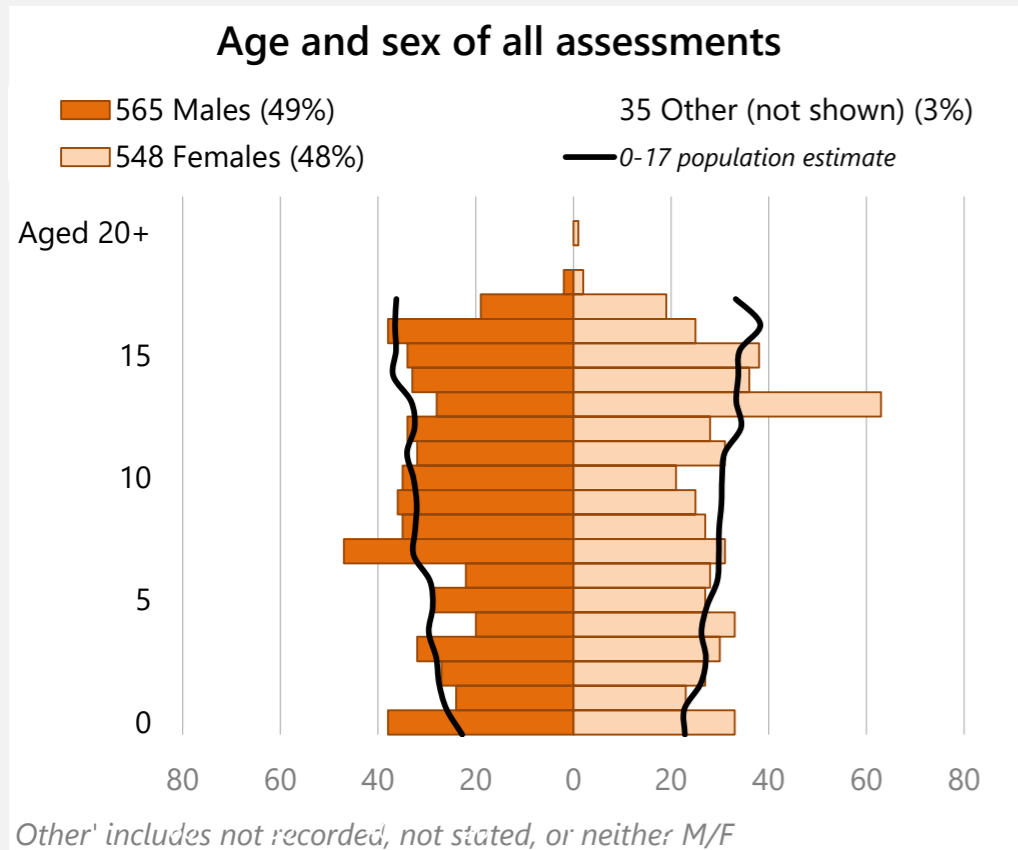


*"Last 6 months" calculation differs slightly from national statistics, due to data structure in Annex A

Assessments in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025
to 31/03/2026

1148 total assessments
235 open assessments
913 completed assessments

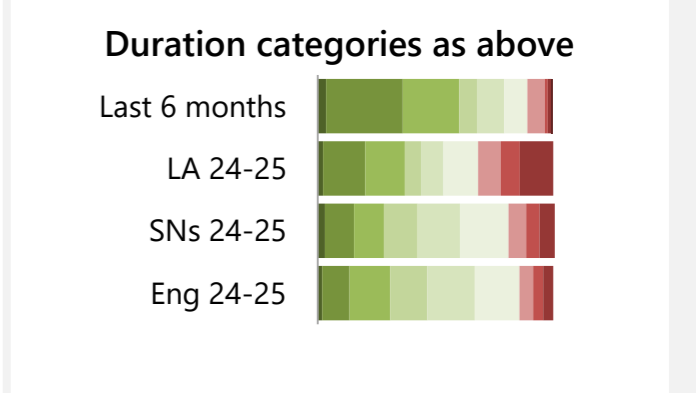
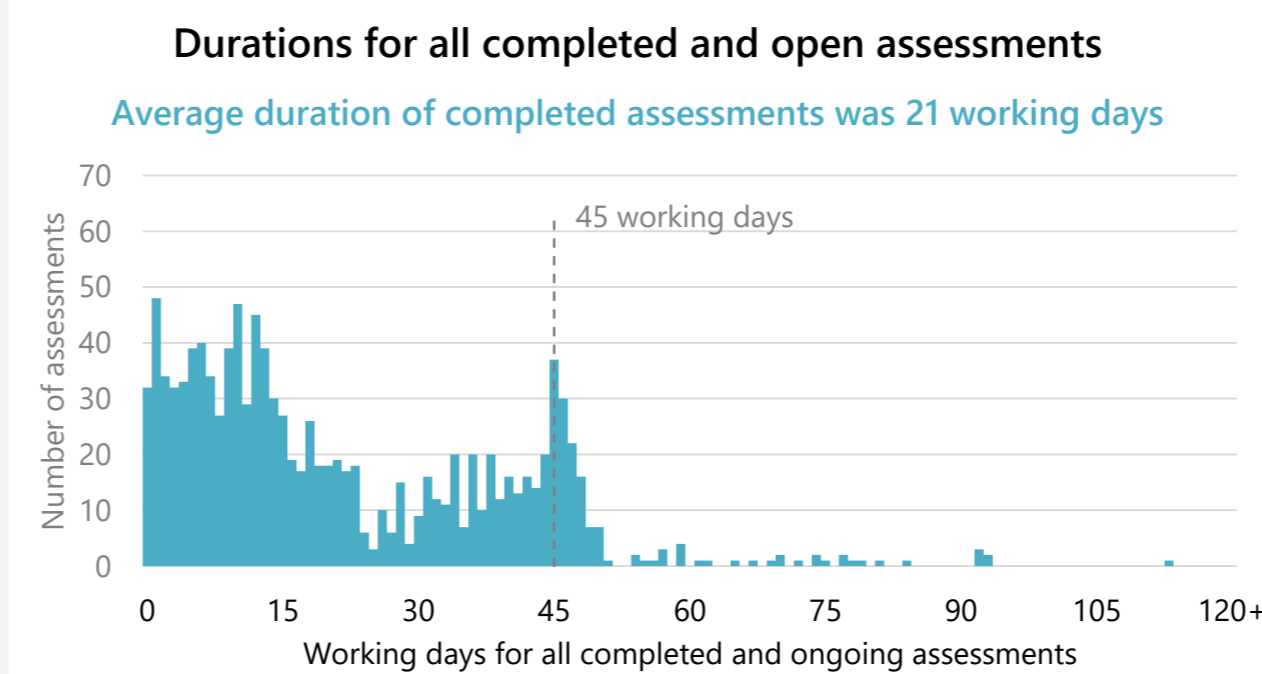


Ethnic background

White	90%
Mixed	5%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	2%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

136 assessments (12%) for children with a disability

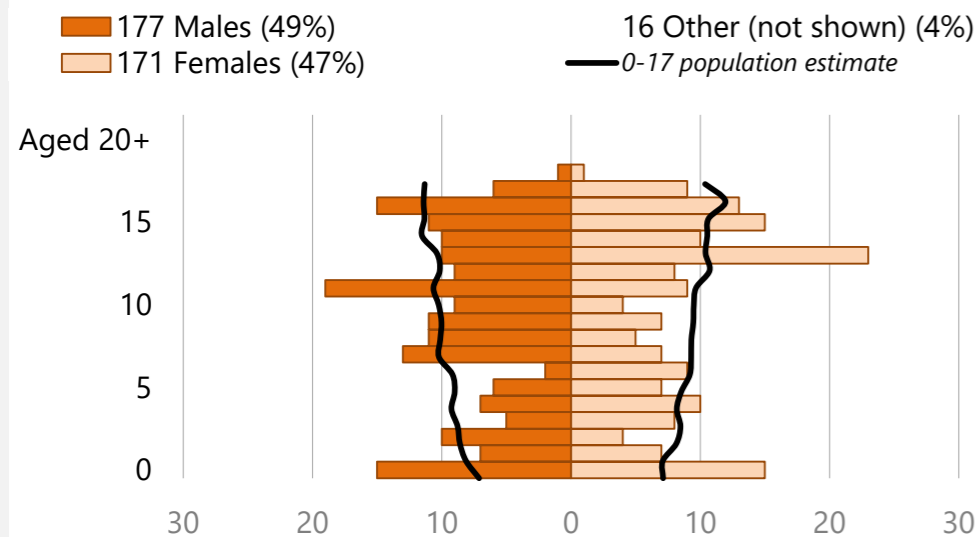


Section 47 enquiries in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025 to 31/03/2026

364 Section 47 enquiries

Age and sex

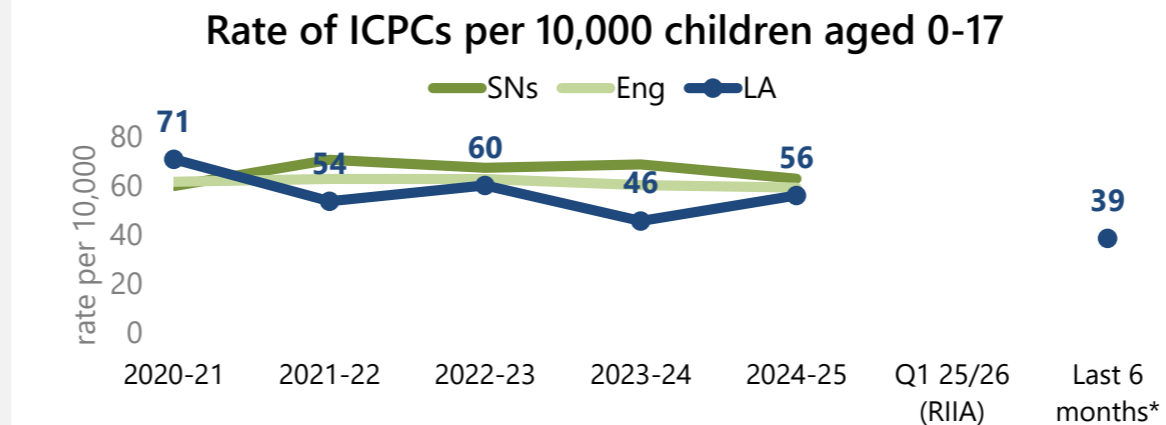


Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

116 Initial Child Protection Conferences (from S47 in period)

58% of completed S47s **did not require an ICPC**

ICPC not required may include S47s for open CPP where ICPC was not required, and may exclude children where an ICPC was required but has not yet occurred



*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

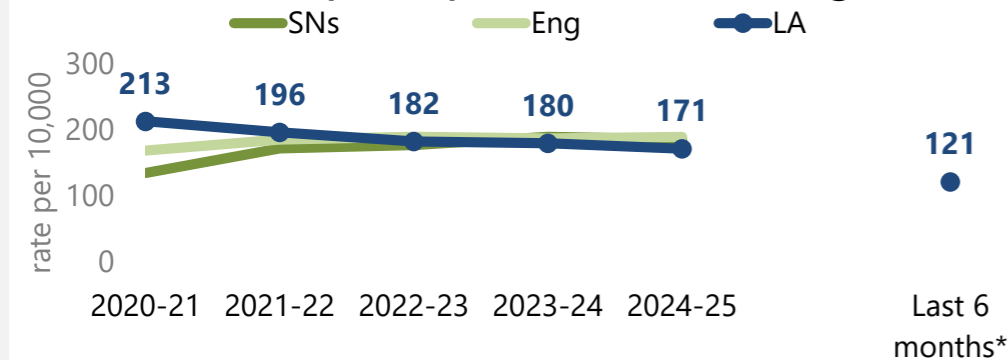
63 child(ren) with an ICPC in the 12 months preceding the latest S47*

*Including where latest S47 did not result in ICPC

89%

of ICPCs resulted in a child protection plan

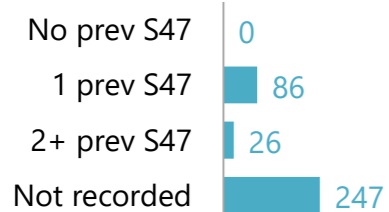
Rate of S47 enquiries per 10,000 children aged 0-17



*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

25 S47s (7%) for children with a disability

Children with a S47 in the 12 months preceding the latest

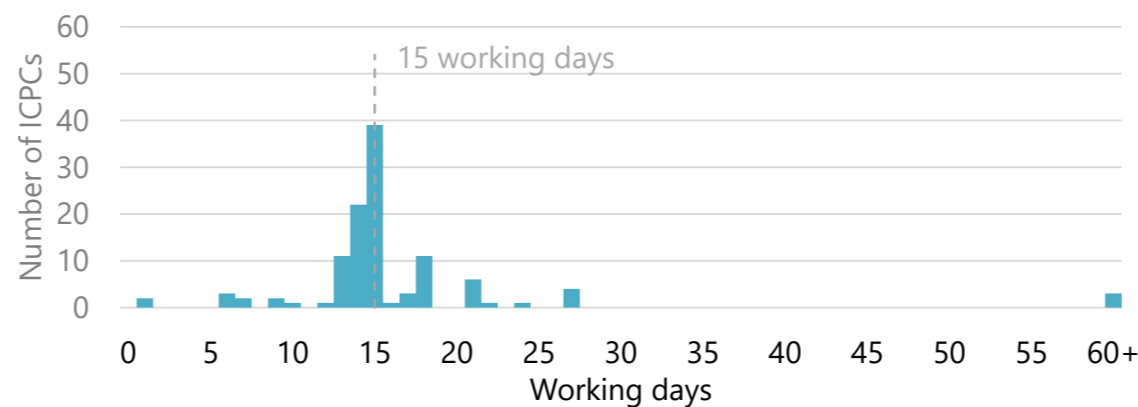


Ethnic background

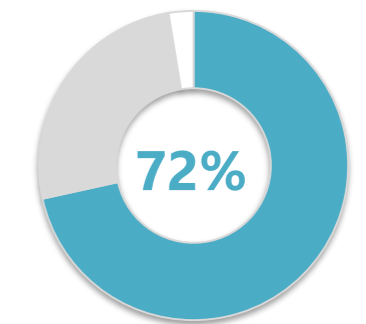
White	86%
Mixed	7%
Asian or Asian British	2%
Black or black British	2%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	2%
Not recorded	0%

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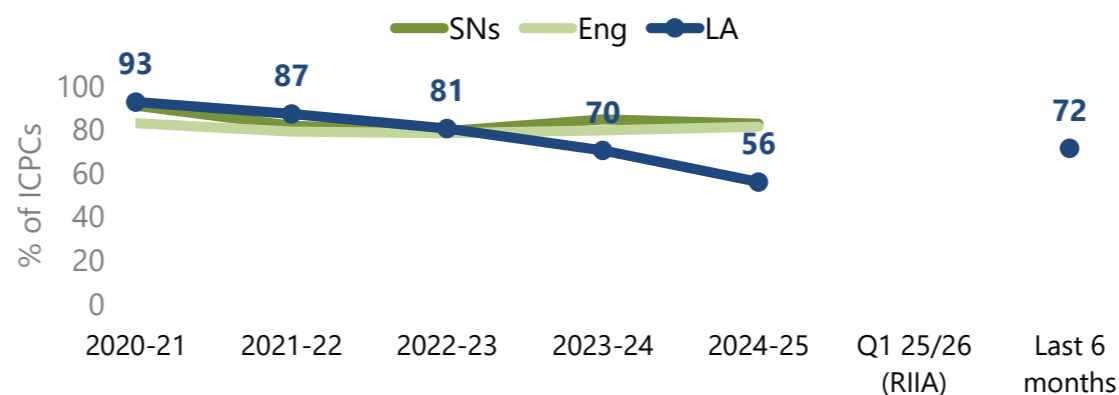
ICPCs occurred within 15 working days of the strategy discussion date



In time
Not in time
Date error

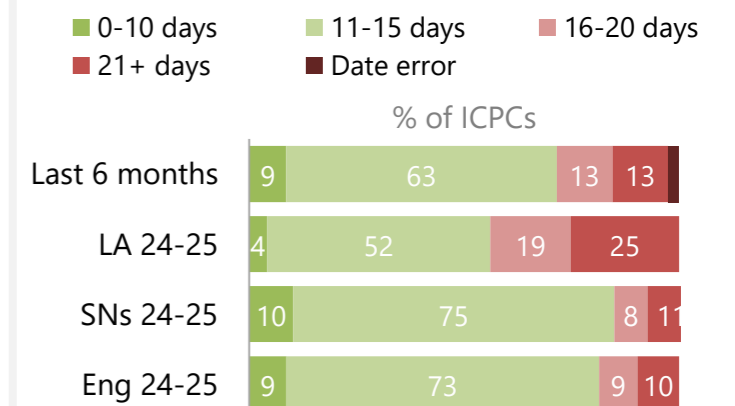


Trend of ICPC timeliness (within 15 days of S47 start)



* Published comparator data includes transfer-in conferences

Comparing ICPC durations



Children in Need (CIN) - total, started, and ceased in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025
to 31/03/2026

1743 total CIN in 6 months*

*Note: the numbers of children in need reported in ChAT are not directly comparable to published CIN census statistics due to an undercount of referrals and care leavers.

The children in need census includes any child referred to children's social care services in the year as well as any open case for whom the local authority was providing services. Ofsted's Annex A List 6 largely covers this cohort, with the exception of those with only an open referral and care leavers.

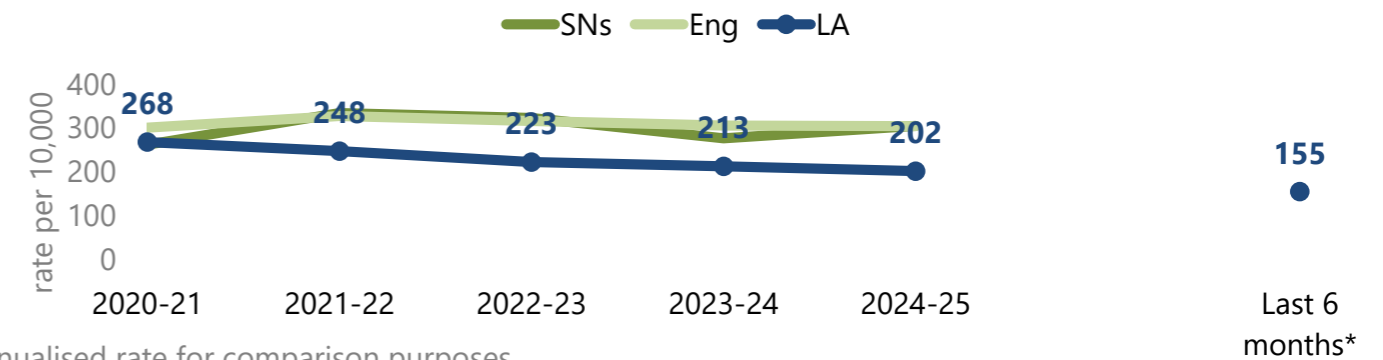
For this reason the published children in need census statistics are not directly comparable to ChAT, however there is considerable overlap with ChAT undercounting the true value as it excludes open referrals and care leavers. Additionally the CiN Census only include RC1-7 codes where here LAs may include additional codes i.e. RC8 (see FAQ row 14).

Cases included in Annex A / ChAT

Case status of children on CIN list	Number	Percentage
Looked after child	666	38%
Child protection plan	213	12%
Child in need plan	341	20%
Open assessment	115	7%
Closed episode	408	23%
Case status not recorded	0	0%
Total (excluding case status unknown)	1,743	100%

467 CIN started in 6 months

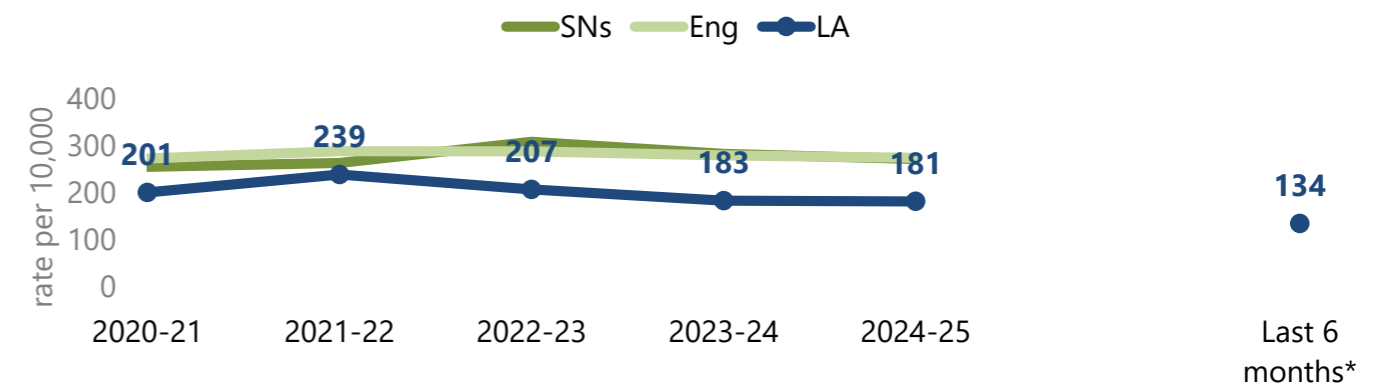
Rate of children who started an episode of need per 10,000 children aged 0-17



*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

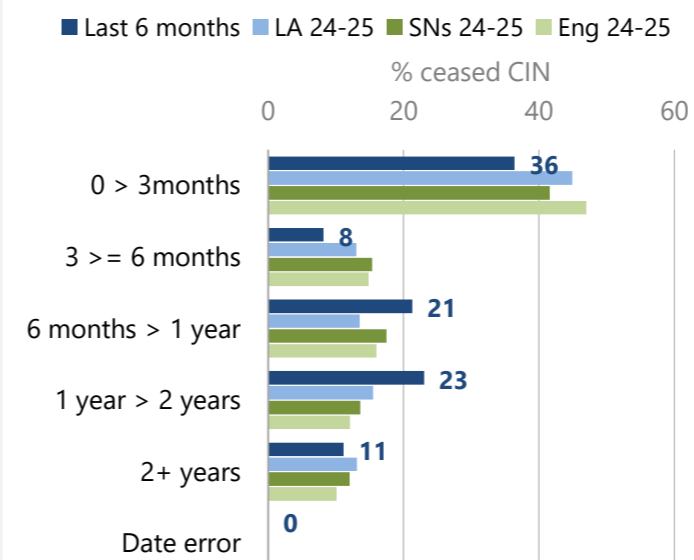
404 CIN ceased in 6 months

Rate of children who ended an episode of need per 10,000 children aged 0-17

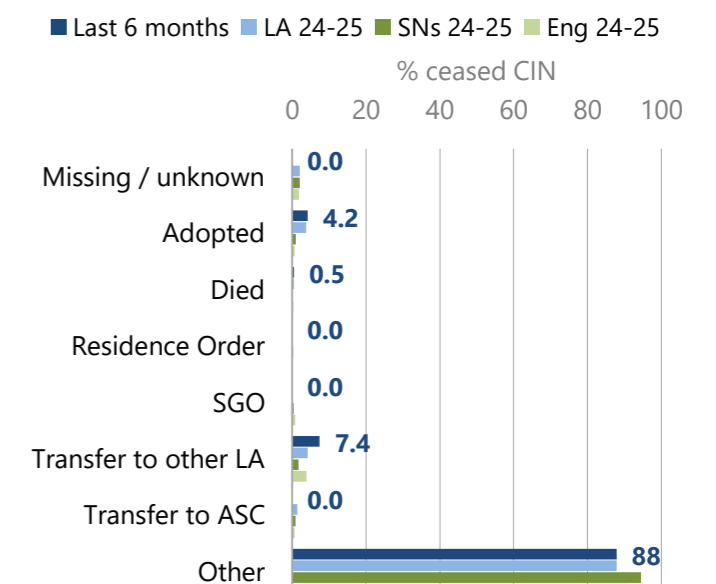


*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Comparing CIN ceased durations



Comparing CIN ceased reasons

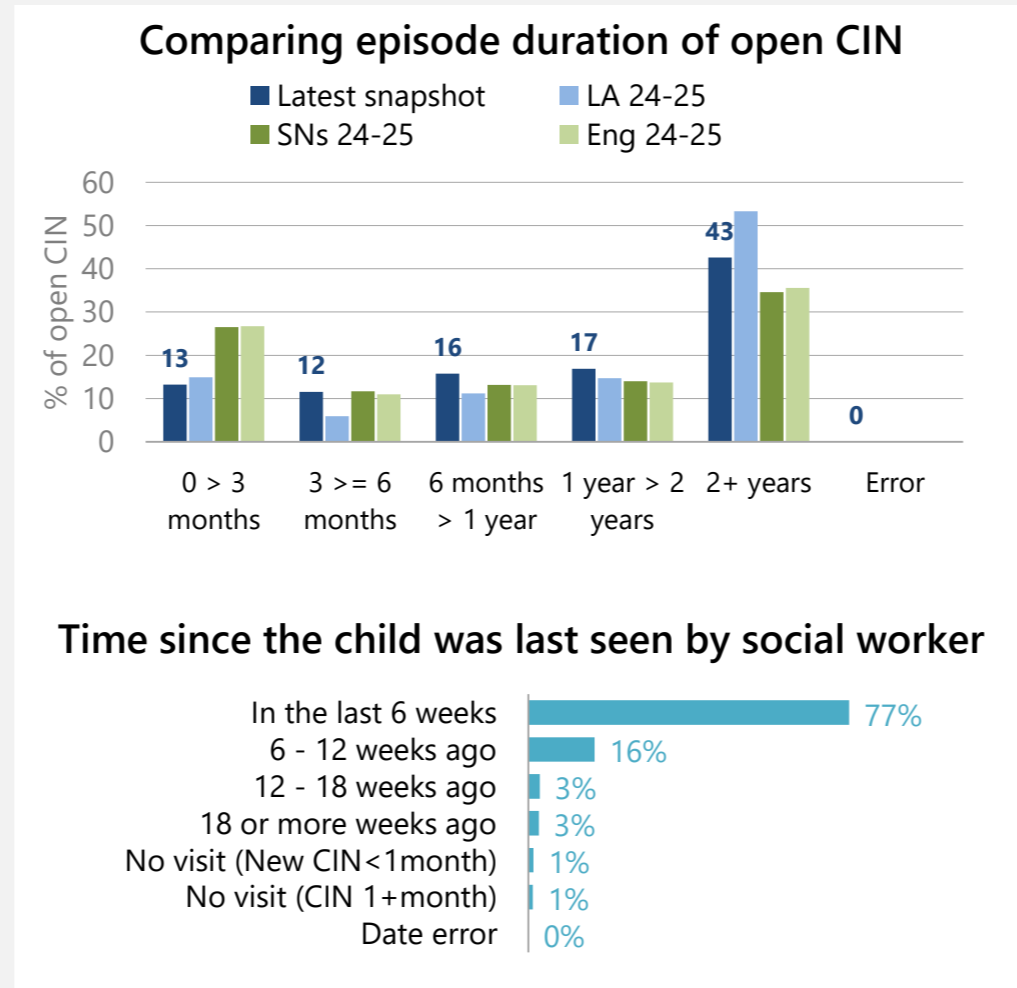
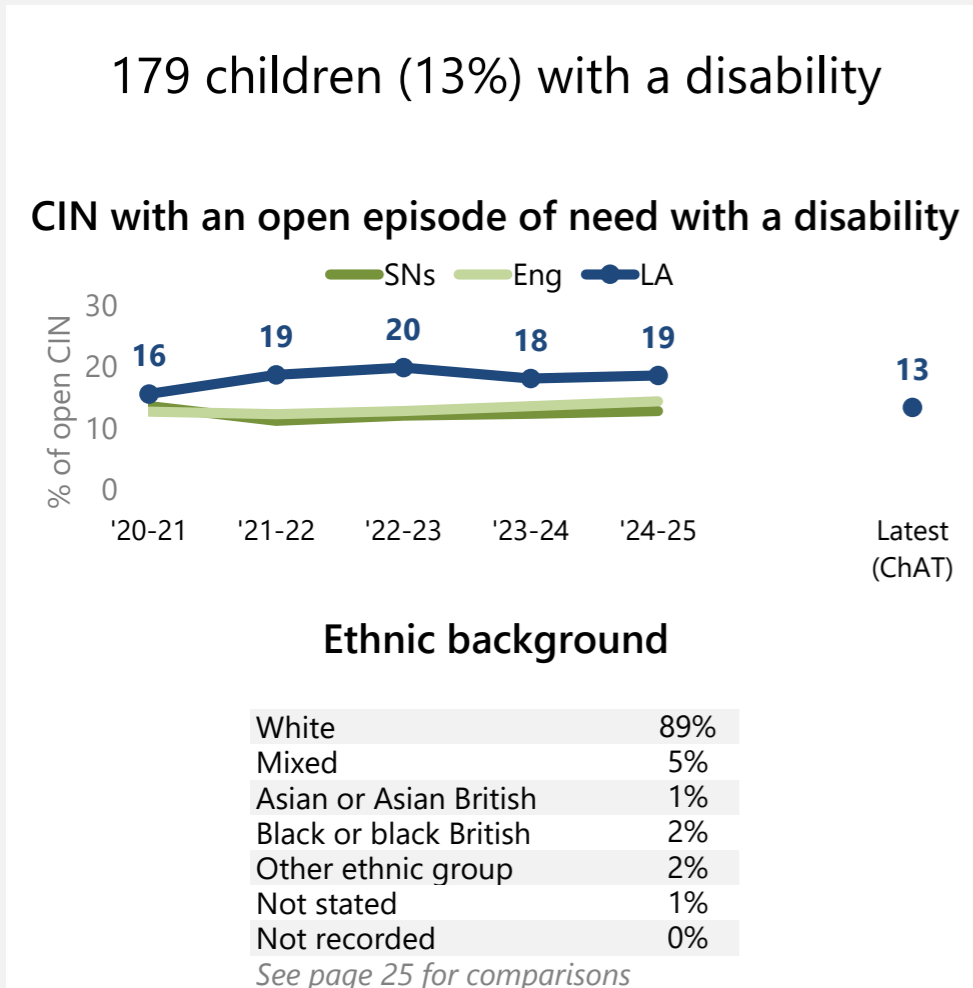
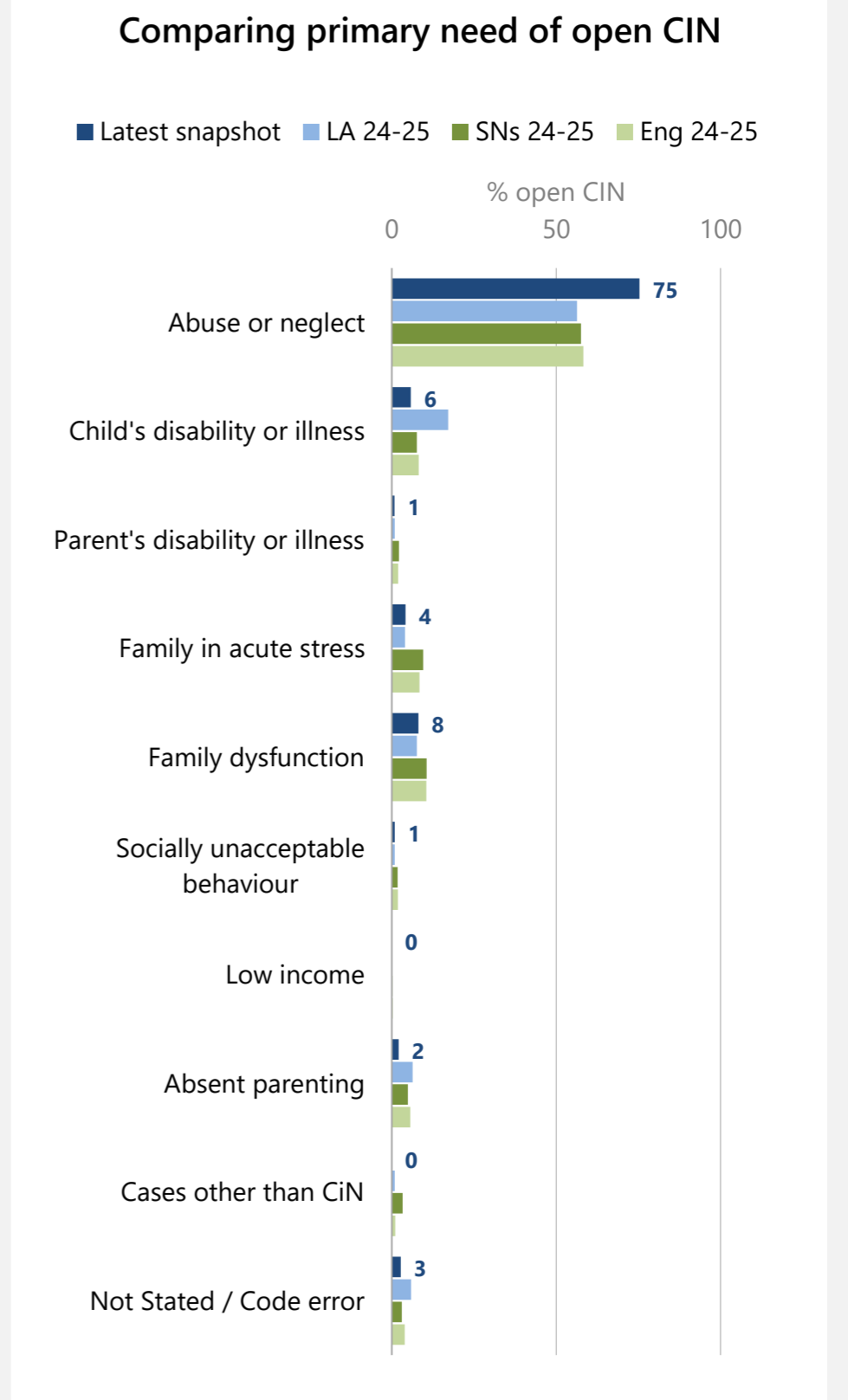
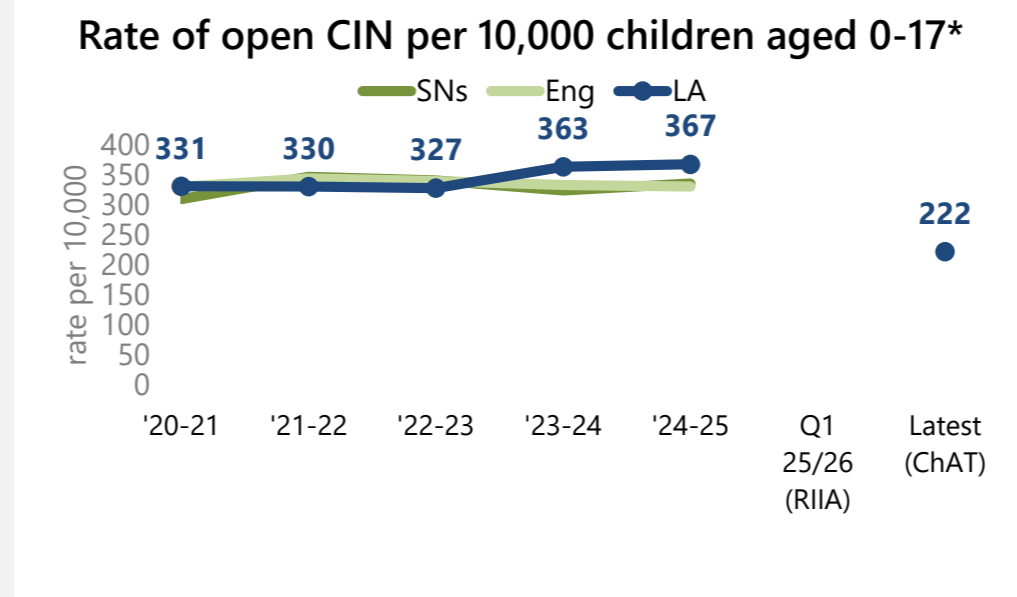
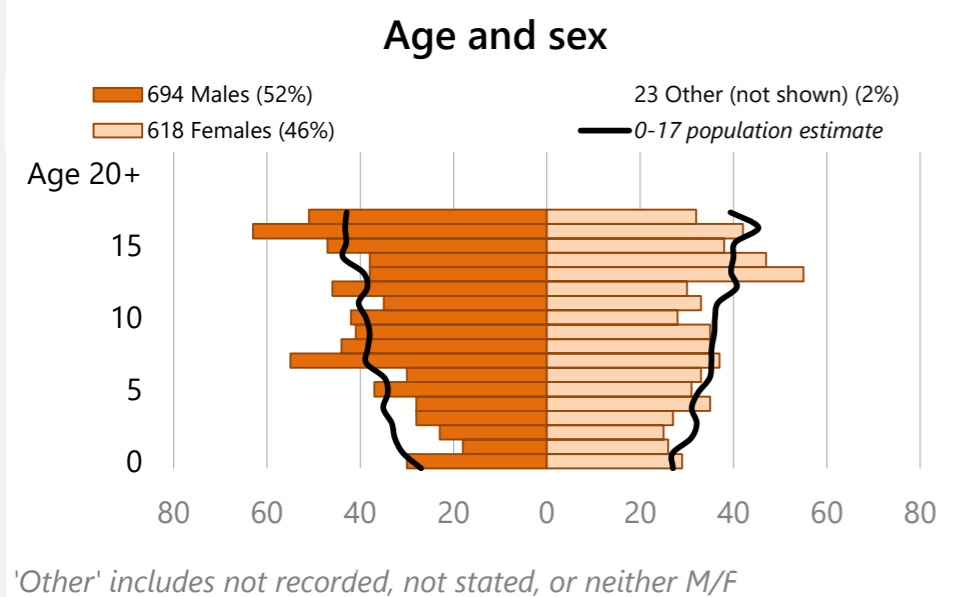


Children in Need (CIN) with an open episode of need

Snapshot 31/03/2026

1335 Children in Need with an open episode of need*

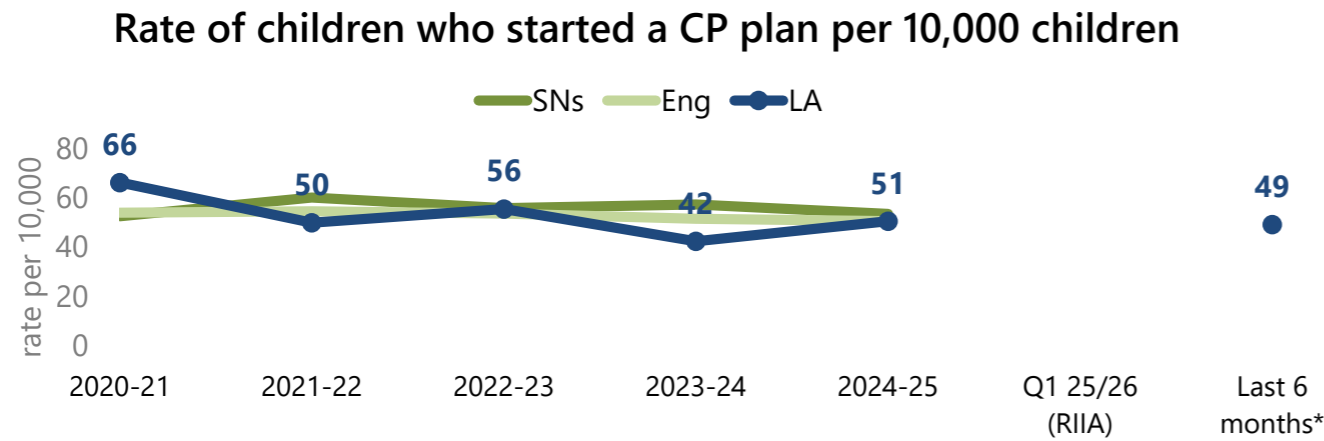
*Note: Annex A figures in this section are not directly comparable to the published Children in need census statistics (see note on page 8)



Child Protection Plans (CPP) started and ceased in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025
to 31/03/2026

148 CPP started in 6 months

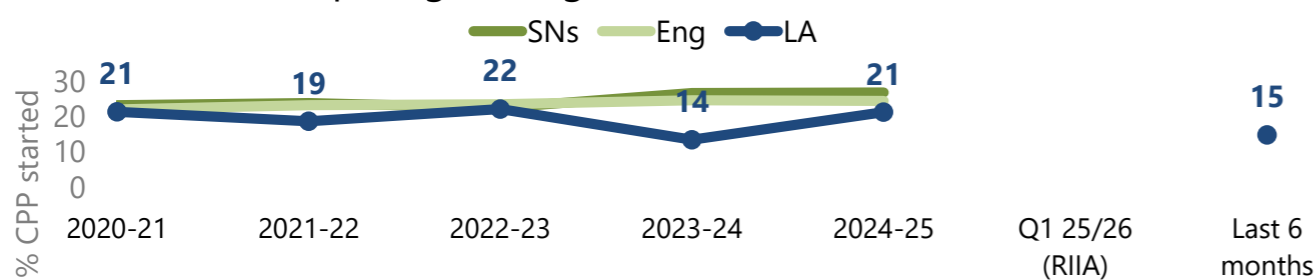


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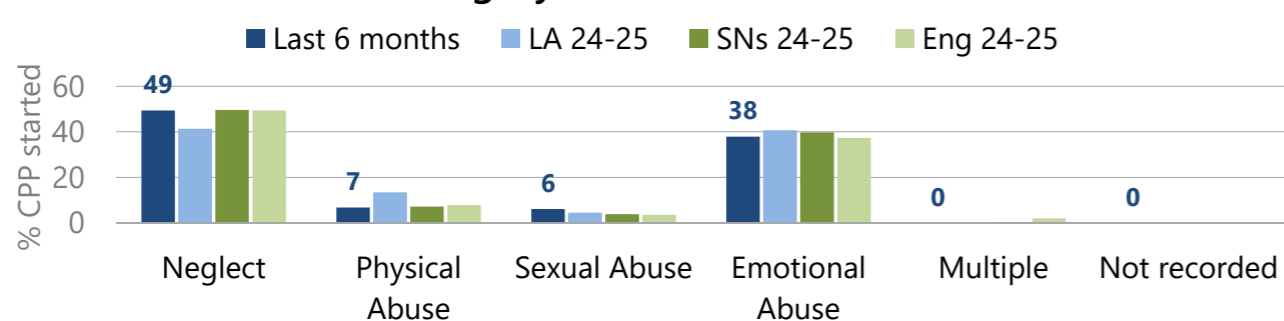
"Re-registrations" for children who started on a CP plan (ever)



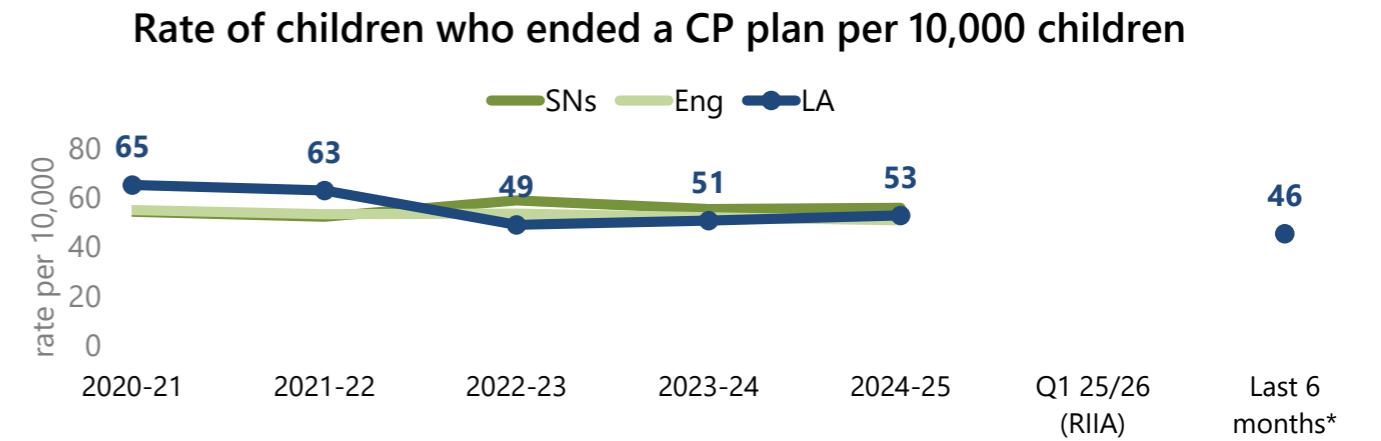
Comparing "re-registrations" for CPP started



Initial category of abuse for CPP started

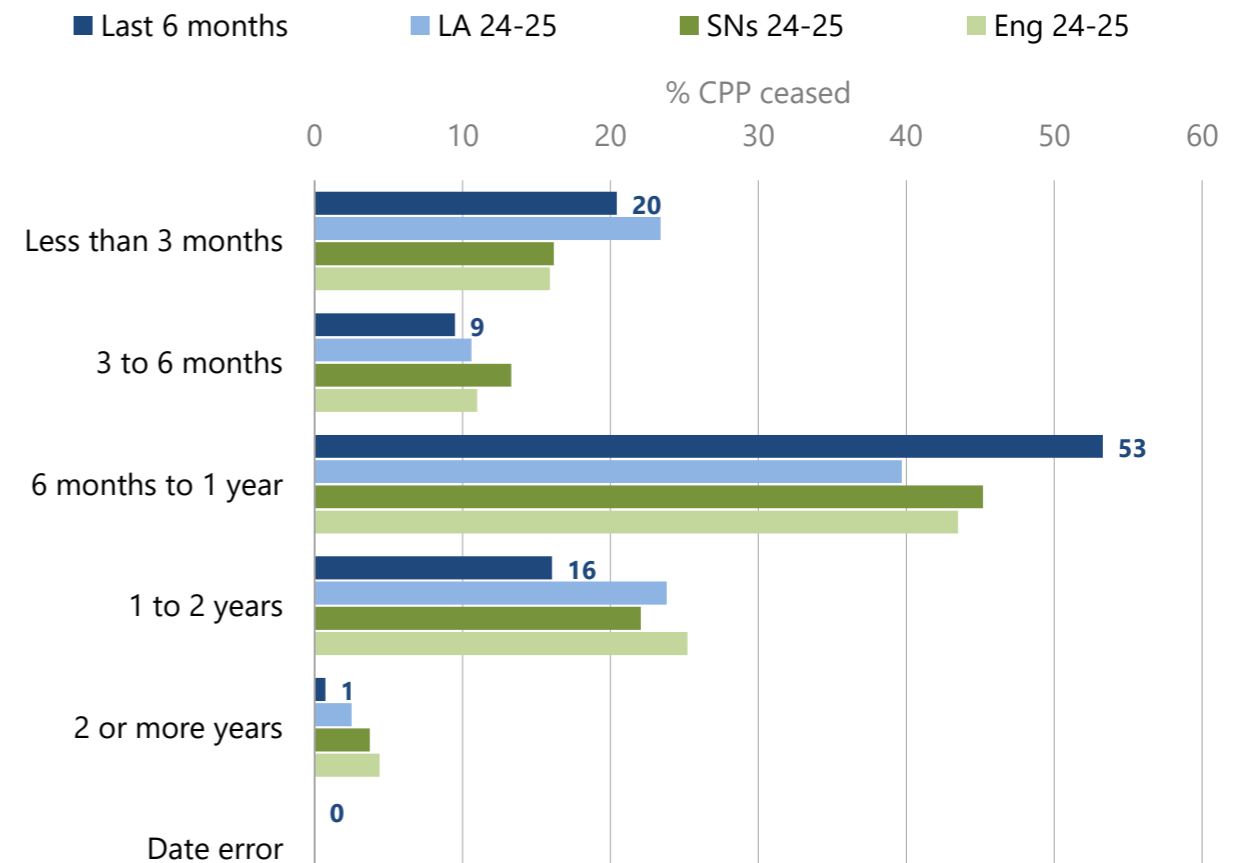


137 CPP ended in 6 months



*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Comparing plan durations for CPP ended



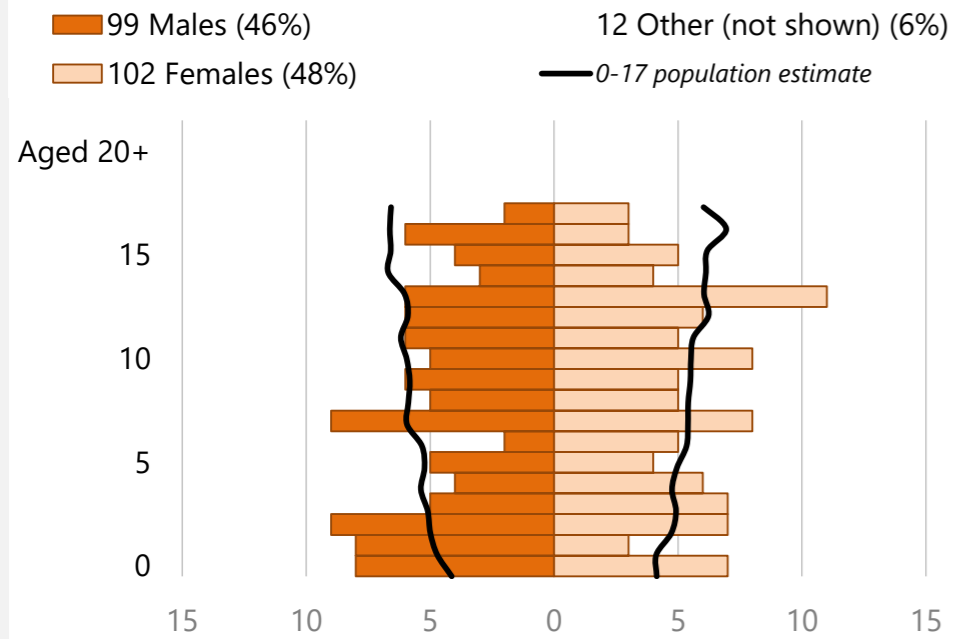
1 of 137 children ended a CP plan after 2 years or more

Child Protection Plans (CPP) currently open

Snapshot 31/03/2026

213 children currently subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP)

Age and sex



Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Ethnic background

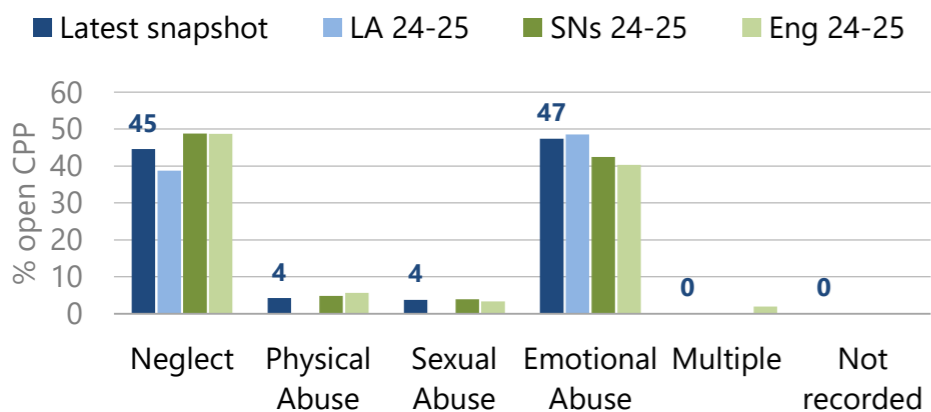
White	89%
Mixed	6%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	0%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	2%
Not recorded	0%

See page 20 for comparisons

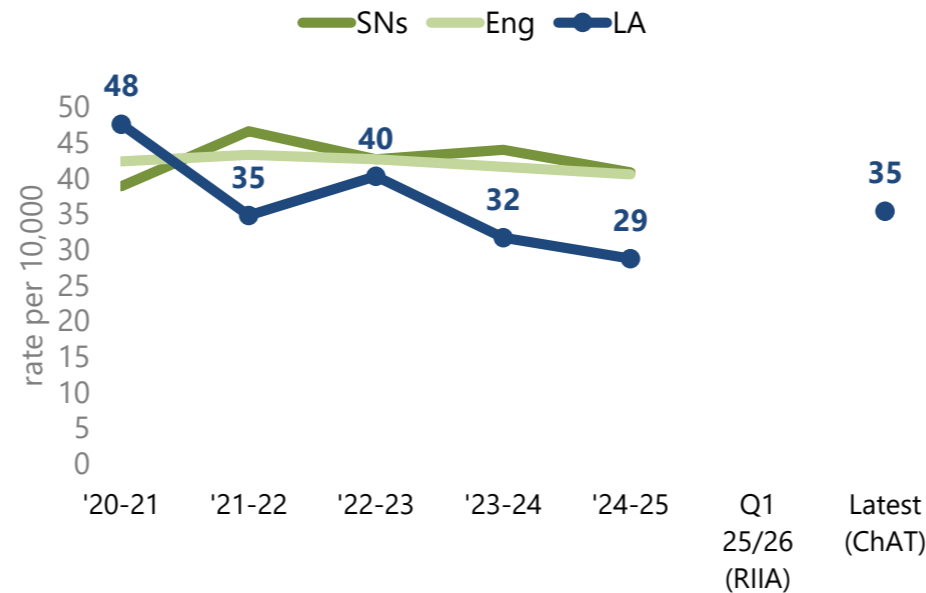
10 children (5%)
with a disability

3 open CP subject to
Emergency Protection Order
or Protected Under Police
Powers in last 6 months

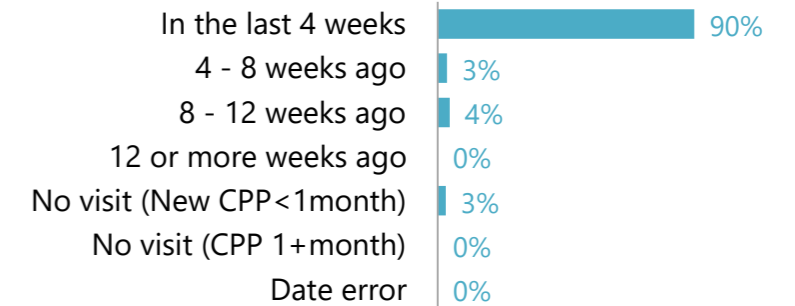
Latest category of abuse for current CP plans



Rate of CPP per 10,000 children aged 0-17

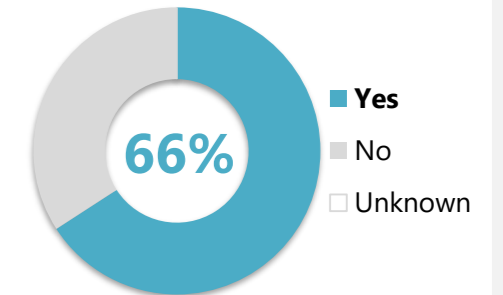


Time since the child was last seen

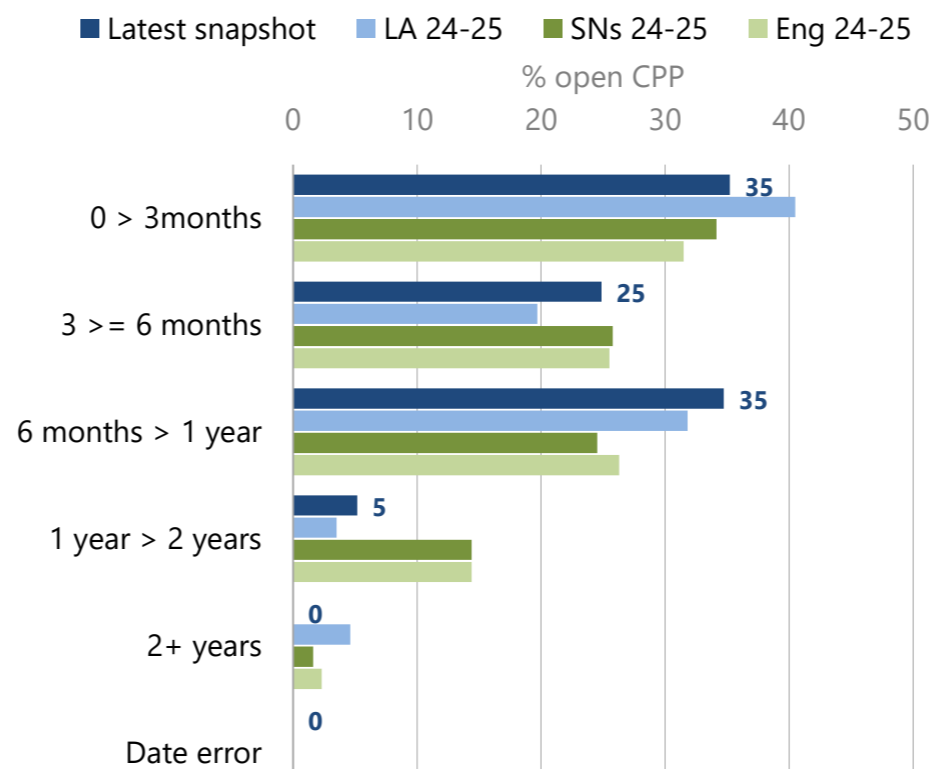


Open CPP **seen alone** at their last social work visit

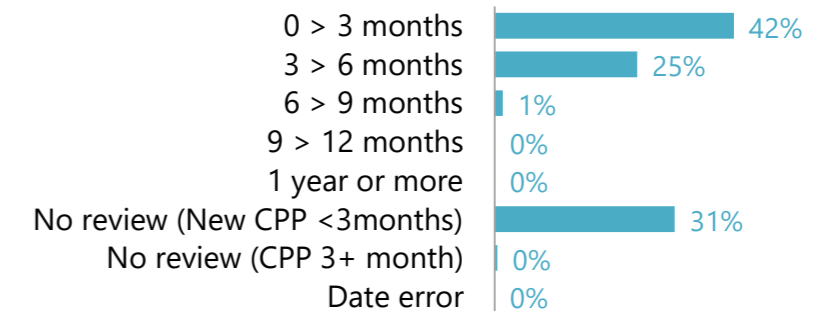
(excludes Not recorded or N/A)



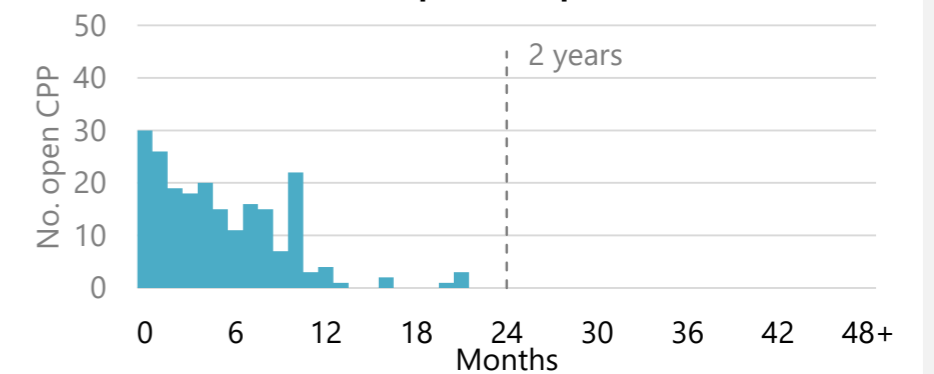
Comparing duration of open CP plans



Time since the child's latest review



Duration of current open CP plans (in months)

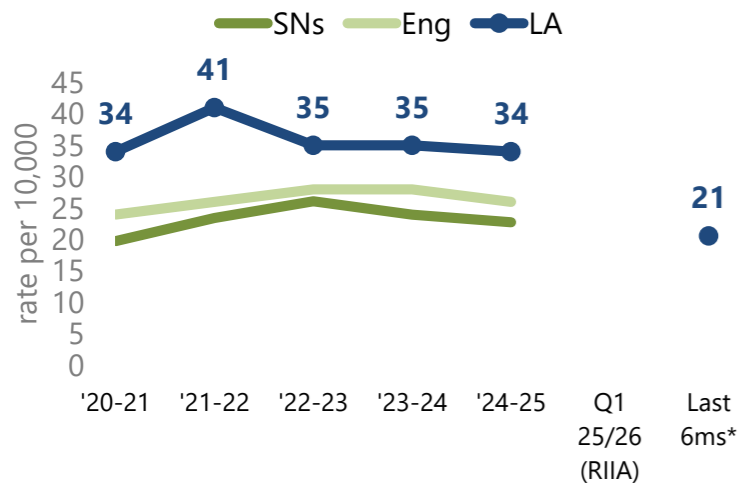


Children Looked After (CLA) started and ceased in the last 6 months

from 01/10/2025
to 31/03/2026

62 CLA started in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA started per 10,000 children

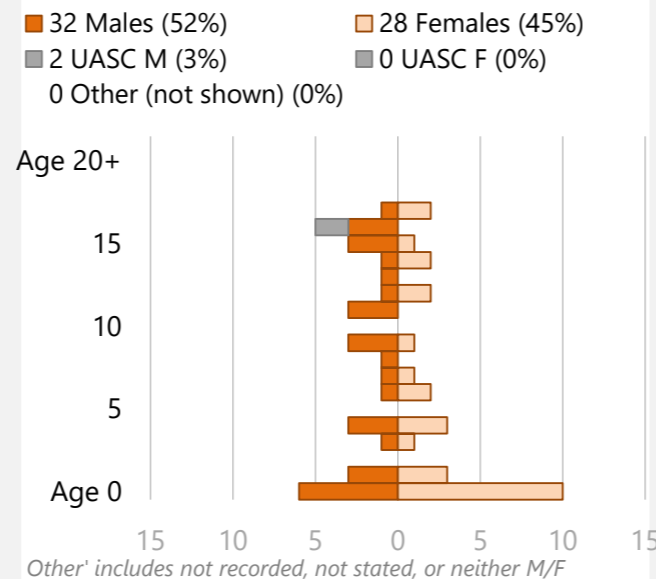


*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

2 of the 62 CLA starters were unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UAS)

3%

Age and sex

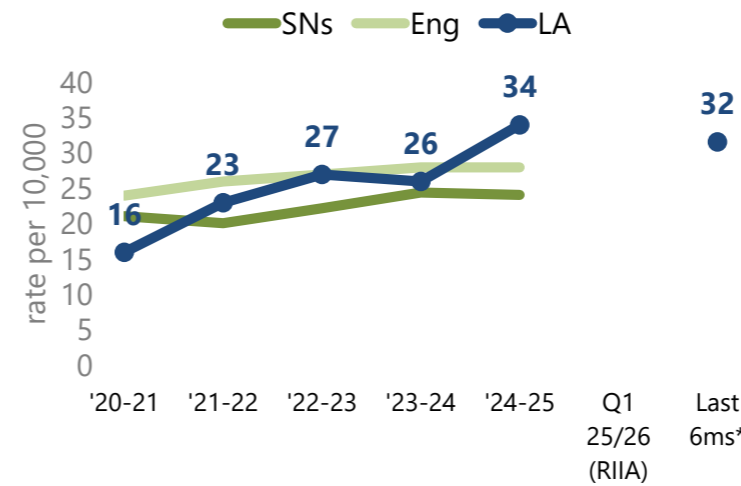


2 of the 62 CLA starters have previously been looked after

3%

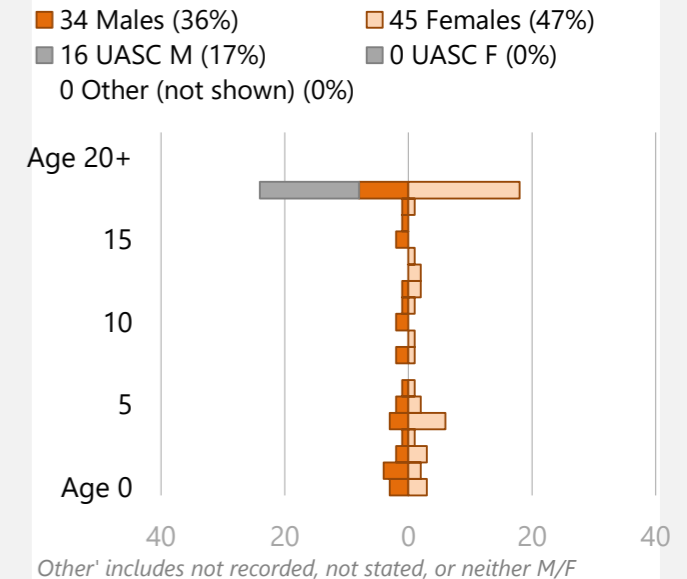
95 CLA ceased in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA ceased per 10,000 children



*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

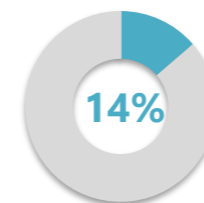
Age and sex



*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Reason episode of care ceased

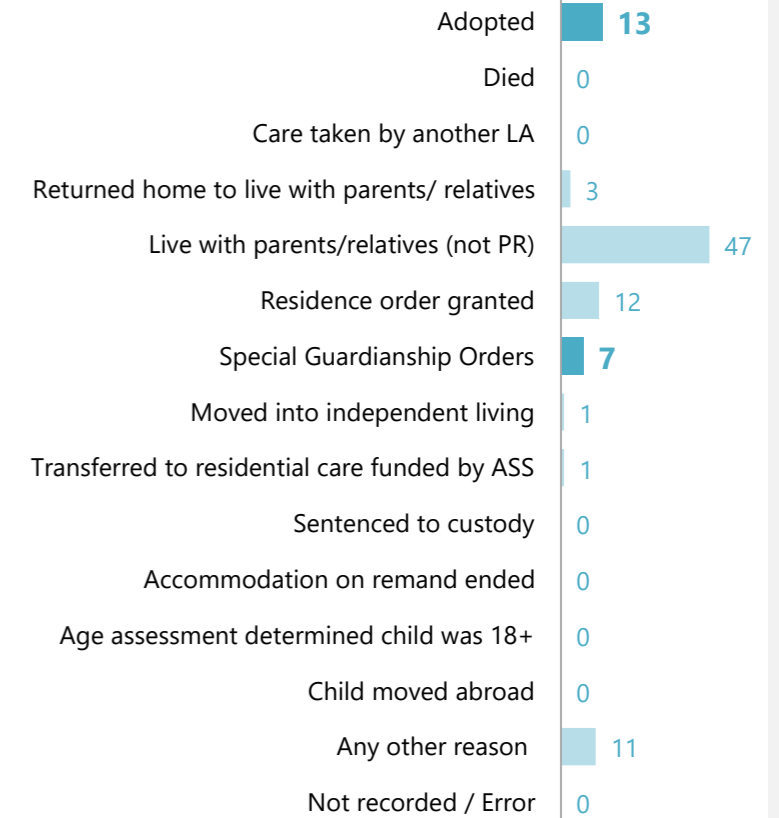
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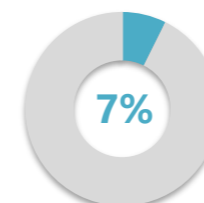
Last 6 months
14%

Category	2024-25 (published)
LA	9%
SNs	12%
Eng	9%

Number of CLA ceased by reason in the period



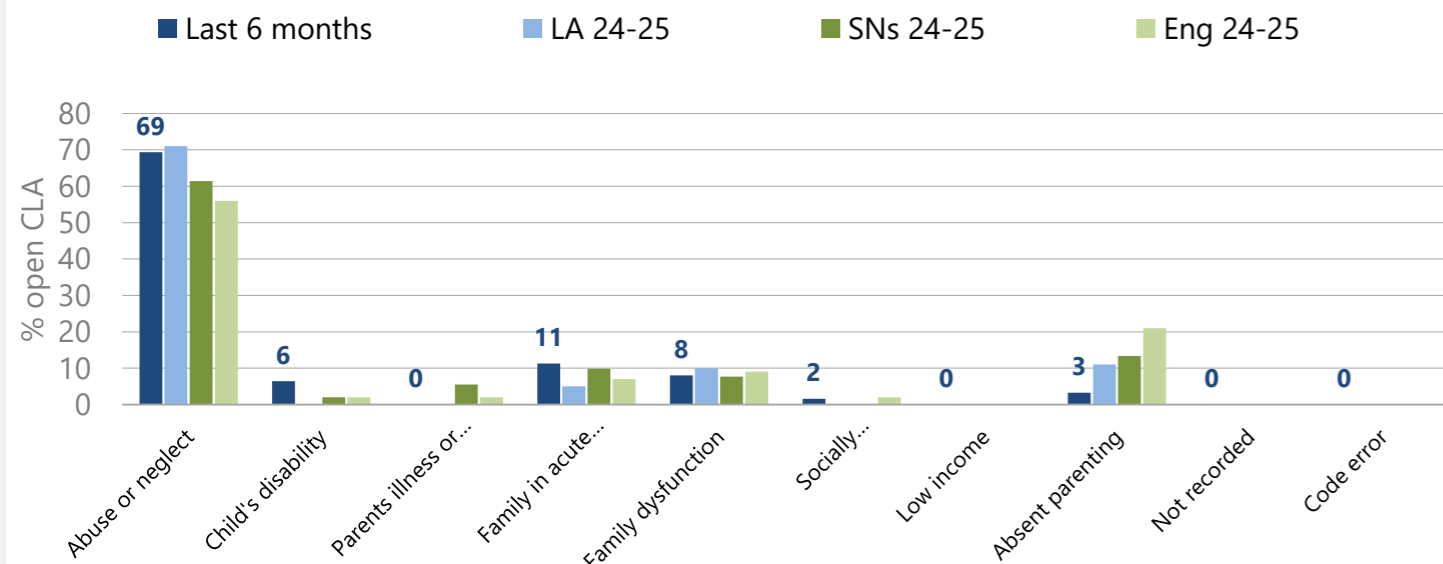
Special Guardianship Order



Last 6 months
7%

Category	2024-25 (published)
LA	11%
SNs	13%
Eng	12%

Comparing the primary need of CLA starters

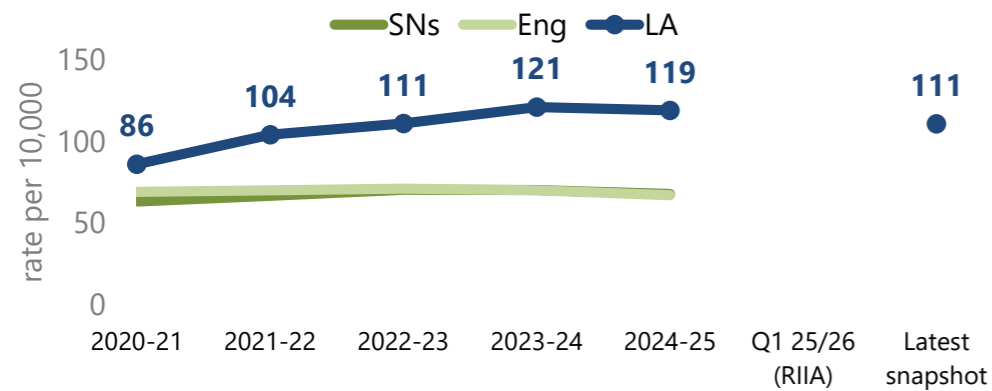


Children Looked After (CLA) with an open episode of care

Snapshot 31/03/2026

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

Rate of CLA per 10,000 children (snapshot)



Ethnic background

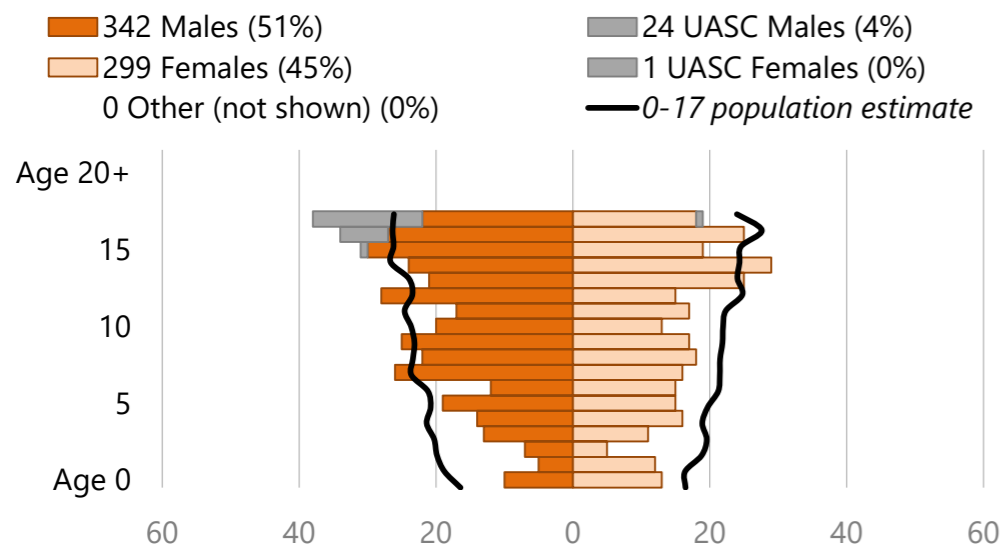
	All CLA	Not UASC	UASC
White	88%	91%	0%
Mixed	6%	6%	0%
Asian or Asian British	0%	0%	8%
Black or black British	3%	1%	44%
Other ethnic group	3%	1%	48%
Not stated	0%	0%	0%
Not recorded	0%	0%	0%

78 children (12%) with a disability

Permanence plan

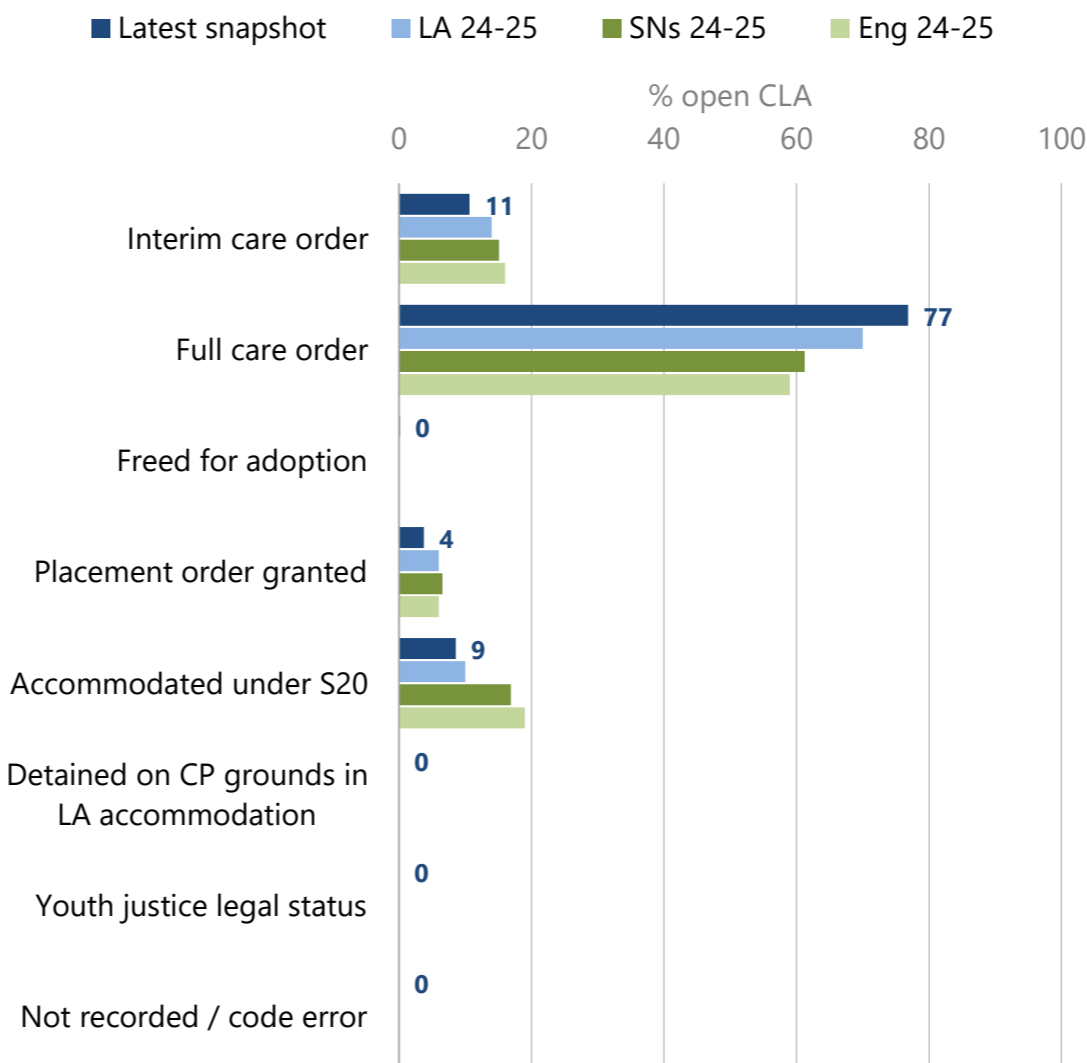
	Number	%
Return to family	109	16%
Adoption	22	3%
SGO/CAO	33	5%
Supported living	27	4%
L/T residential	84	13%
L/T fostering	356	53%
Other	30	5%
Not recorded	5	1%

Age and sex



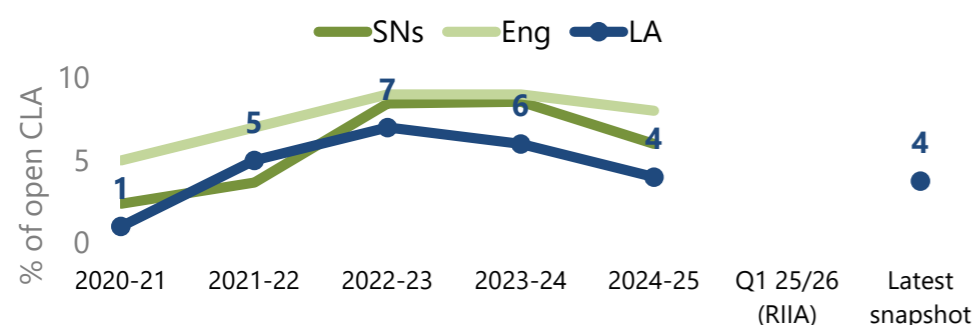
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Comparing legal status of open CLA (snapshot)

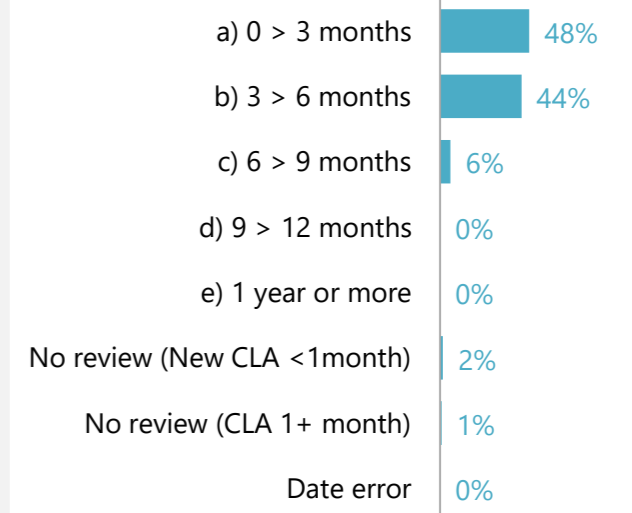


25 open unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UAS)

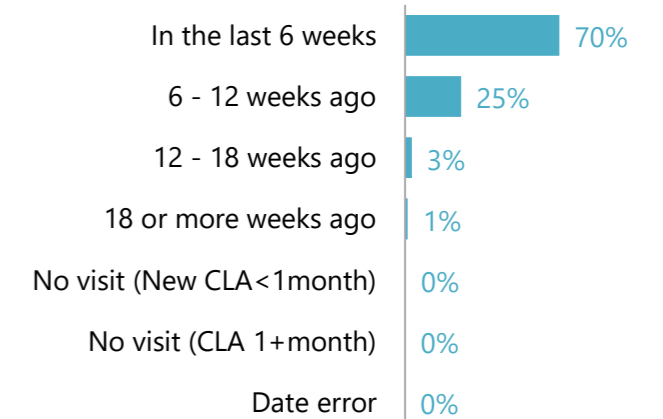
UAS Children as a percentage of CLA (snapshot)



Time since latest review



Time since the child was last seen

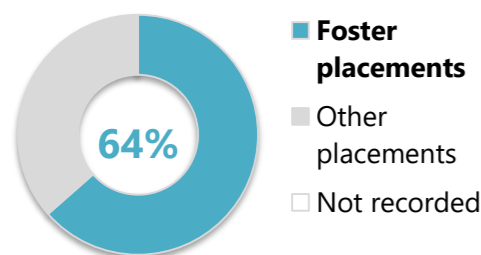


Children Looked After (CLA) placements

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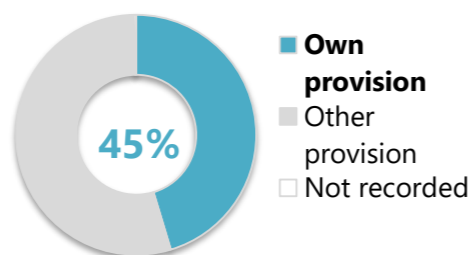
CLA placements by type and provision

Foster placements



LA 2024-25 64%
SNs 2024-25 69%
Eng 2024-25 67%

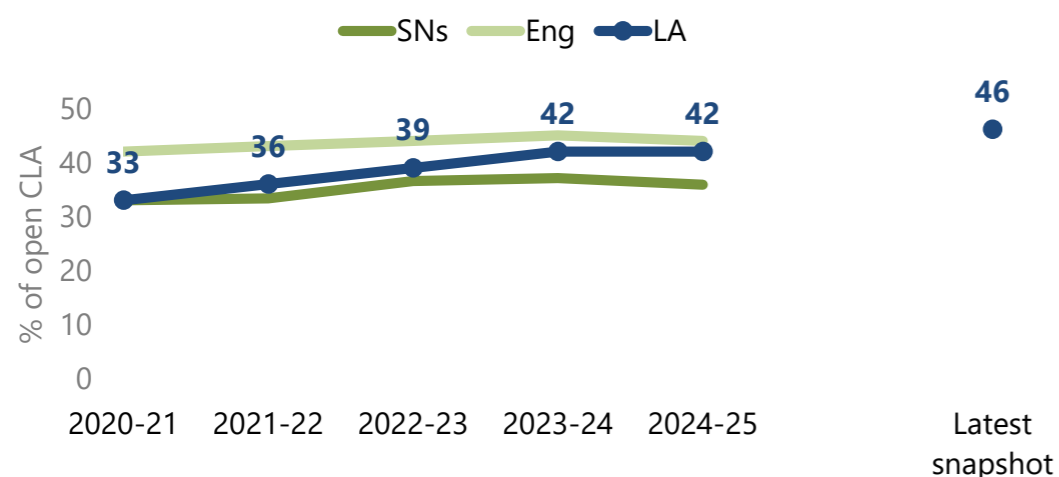
Own provision



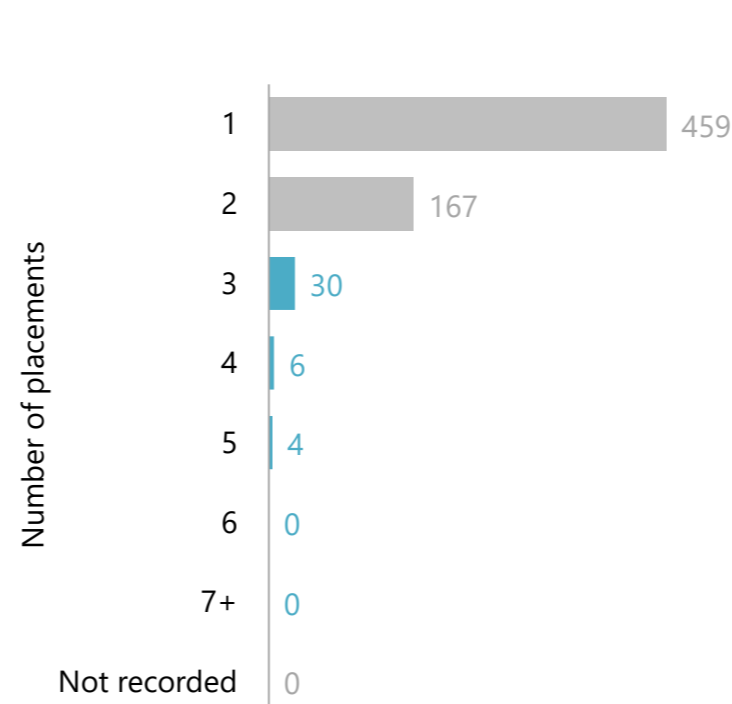
LA 2024-25 45%
SNs 2024-25 48%
Eng 2024-25 43%

Placement type (open CLA)	Own LA	Private	Other	Total
Foster placement	277	137	9	423
Placed for adoption	7	0	2	9
Placed with parents	0	0	50	50
Independent living	0	0	0	0
Residential employment	0	0	0	0
Residential accommodation	2	29	0	31
Secure Children's Homes	0	0	0	0
Children's Homes	10	119	3	132
Residential Care Home	0	0	0	0
NHS/Health Trust	0	0	0	0
Family Centre	0	5	0	5
Young Offender Institution	0	0	0	0
Residential school	0	1	0	1
Other placements	6	1	7	14
Temporary placement	0	0	0	0
Total placements	302	292	71	665

CLA placements out of borough

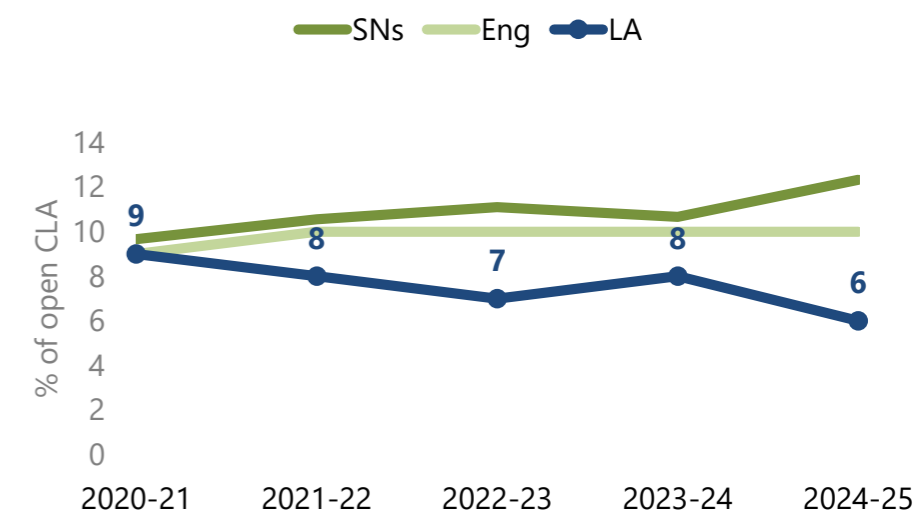


Number of placements in the last 12 months



May include "status" changes as well as placements

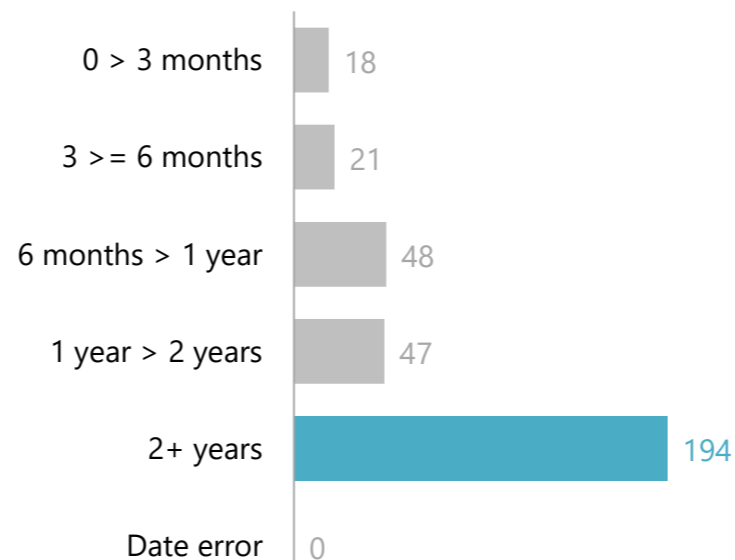
Comparing short term placement stability



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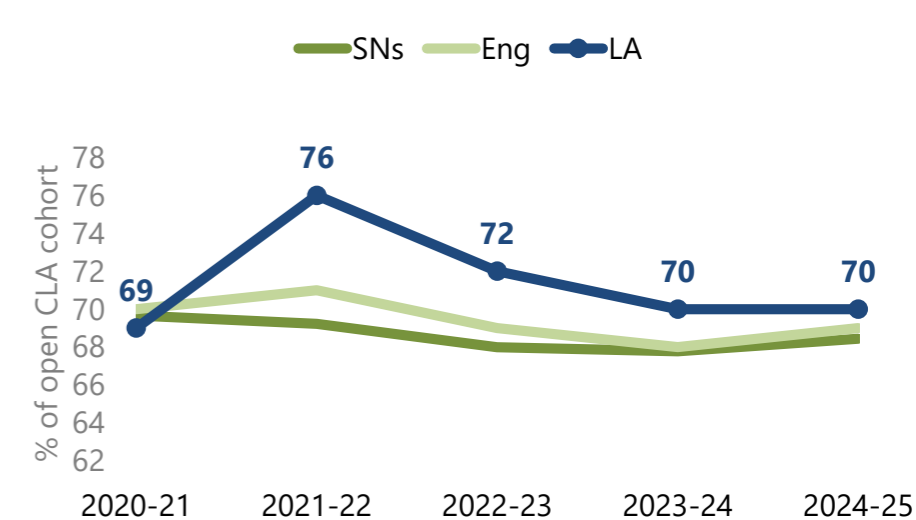
Duration of placements

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

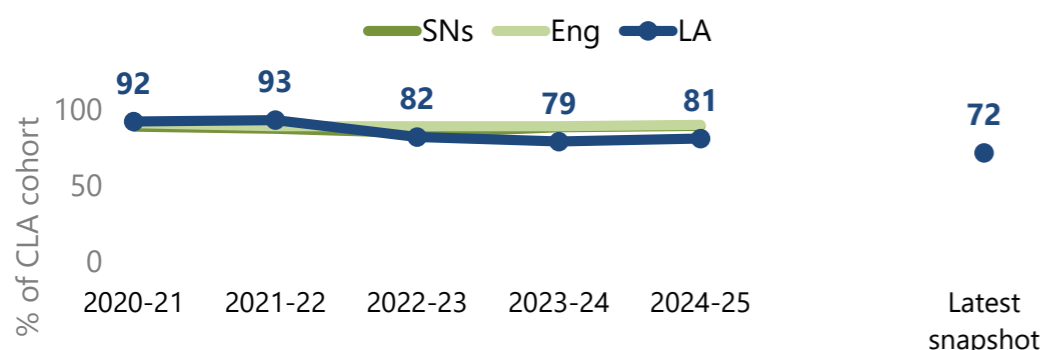
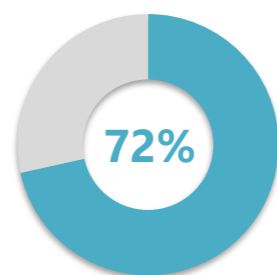
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Health

548 current open CLA looked after for at least 12 months

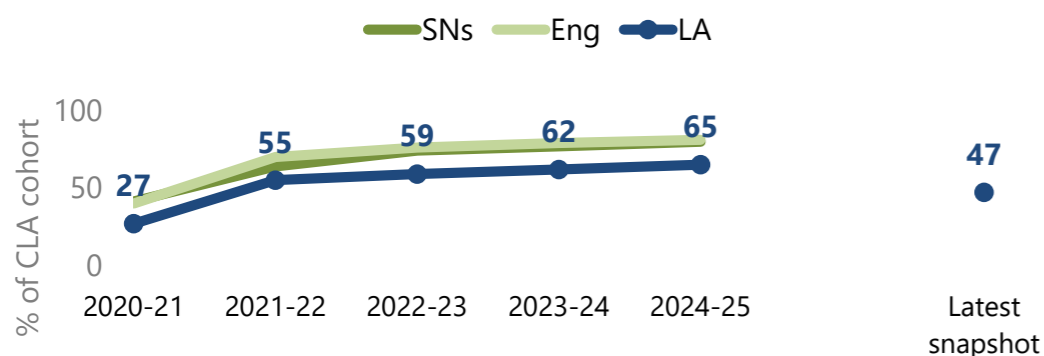
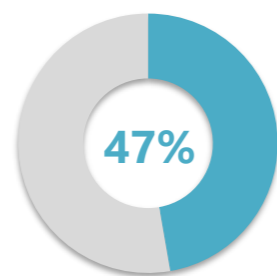
Health assessments

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)



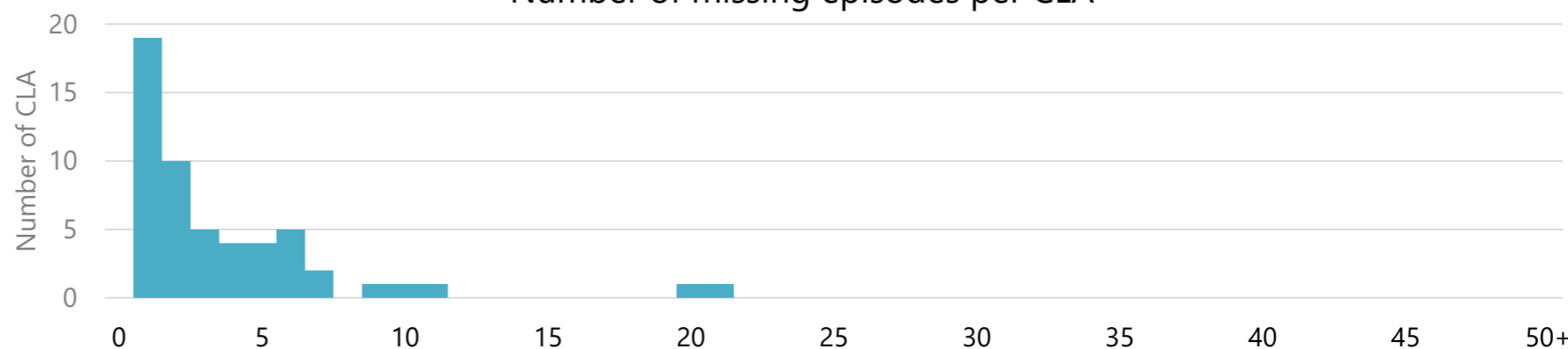
Dental checks

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

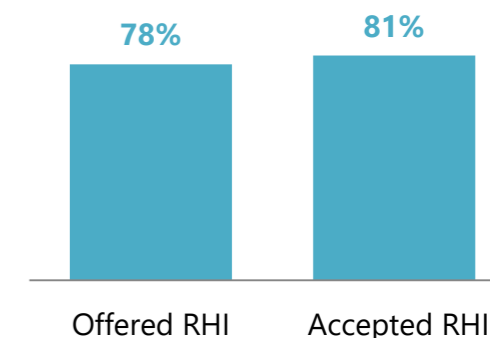


54 of 761 looked after children had a missing incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 24-25	SNs 24-25	Eng 24-25
Number of all CLA with a missing incident	54 of 761	53		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	7%	6%	9%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	205	165		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	3.8	3.1	4.3	6.8

Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	42 of 54	78%
Missing children not offered return interview	0 of 54	0%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	12 of 54	22%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	0 of 54	0%



	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	34 of 42	81%
Missing children not accepted return interview	8 of 42	19%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	0 of 42	0%

Absent from placement

2 of 761 looked after children had an absent incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 24-25	SNs 24-25	Eng 24-25
Number of all CLA with an absent incident	2 of 761	0		
Percentage of all CLA with an absent incident	0%	0%	1%	3%
Total number of absent incidents for all CLA	2	0		
Average number of incidents per CLA who were absent	1.0	0.0	0.6	4.5

Care leavers - Demographics and Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking (UAS) Children

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

Care leavers by age and eligibility

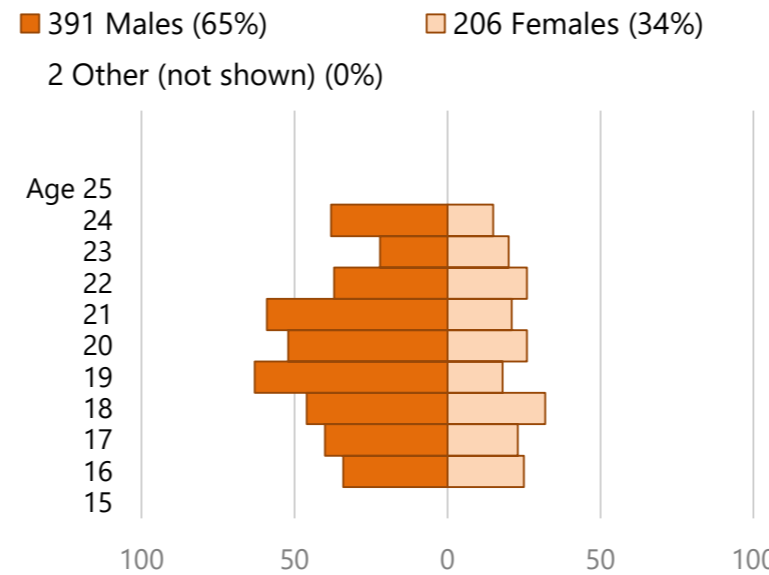
(where highlighted, please check eligibility/age criteria)

	Eligible	Relevant	Former Relevant	Qualifying	Other	Total
16	56	1	0	2	0	59
17	56	6	0	1	0	63
18	0	0	76	2	0	78
19	0	0	80	1	0	81
20	0	0	76	2	0	78
21	0	0	80	0	0	80
22	0	0	61	2	0	63
23	0	0	41	1	0	42
24	0	0	51	2	0	53
25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total	112	7	465	15	0	599

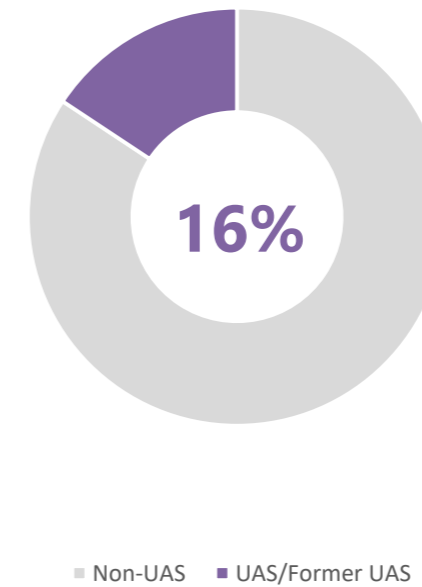
Care leaver eligibility summary (please refer to DfE guidance for full eligibility criteria)

Eligible	~ Age 16 or 17 ~ Has been looked after for at least 13 weeks since age 14 (can be multiple periods) ~ Currently looked after
Relevant	~ 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	~ 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)	~ 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

Age and sex



All Care Leavers by UAS/Former UAS Status



Ethnic background

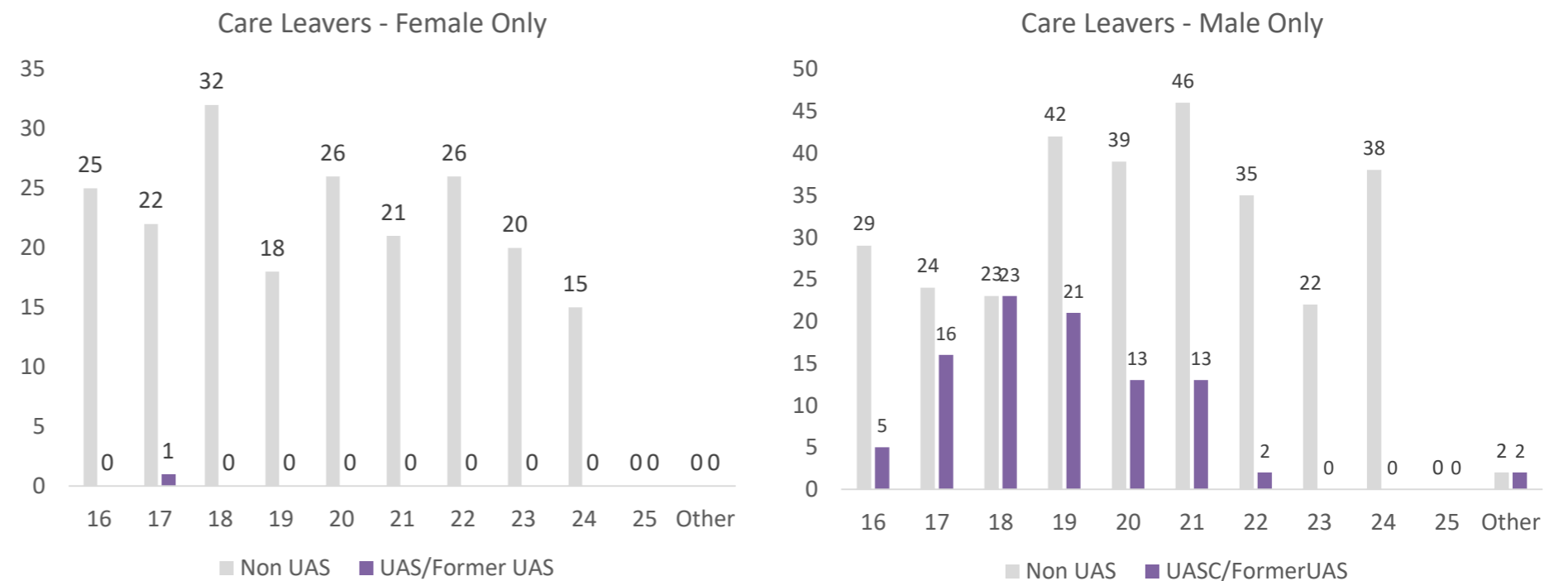
White	63%
Mixed	5%
Asian or Asian British	4%
Black or black British	7%
Other ethnic group	20%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

65 (11%) care leavers with a disability

Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

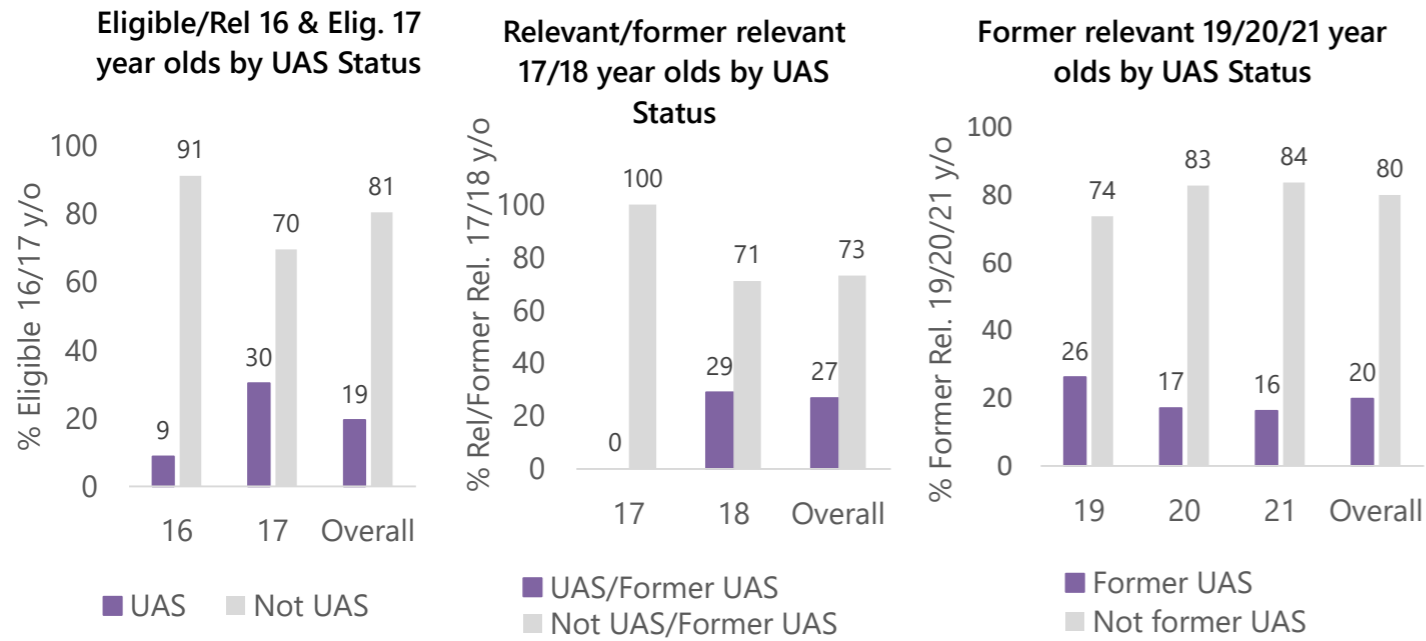
Care Leavers, by Age, Sex and UAS/Former UAS Status



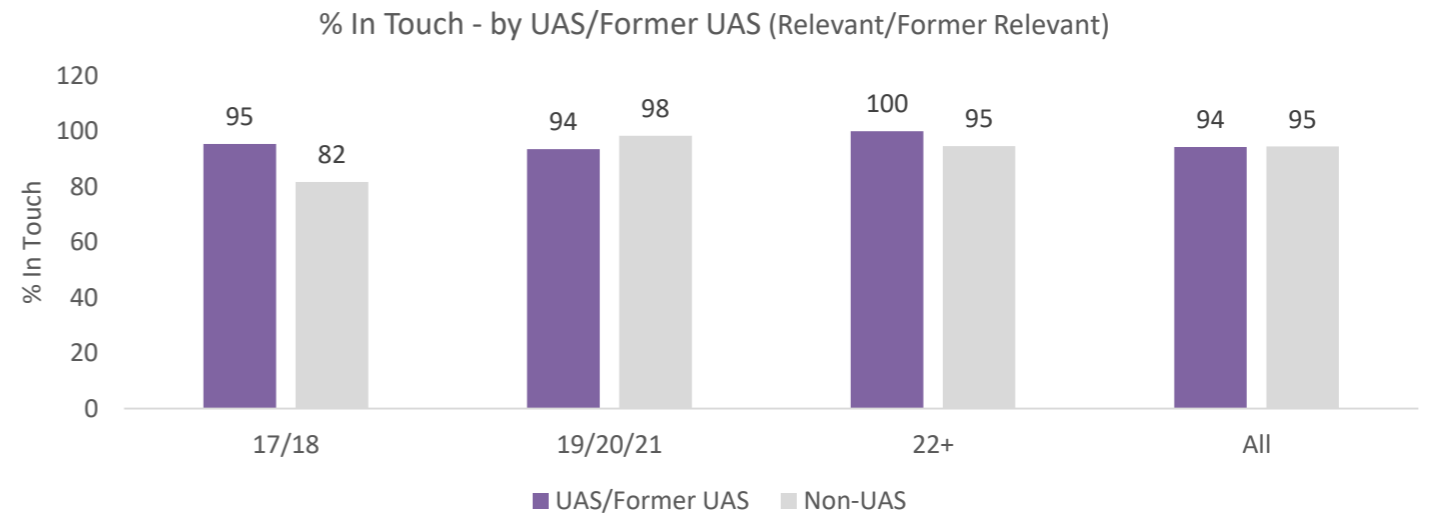
Care leavers demographics and UAS Children continued.

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% Care Leavers UAS/Former UAS by Eligibility

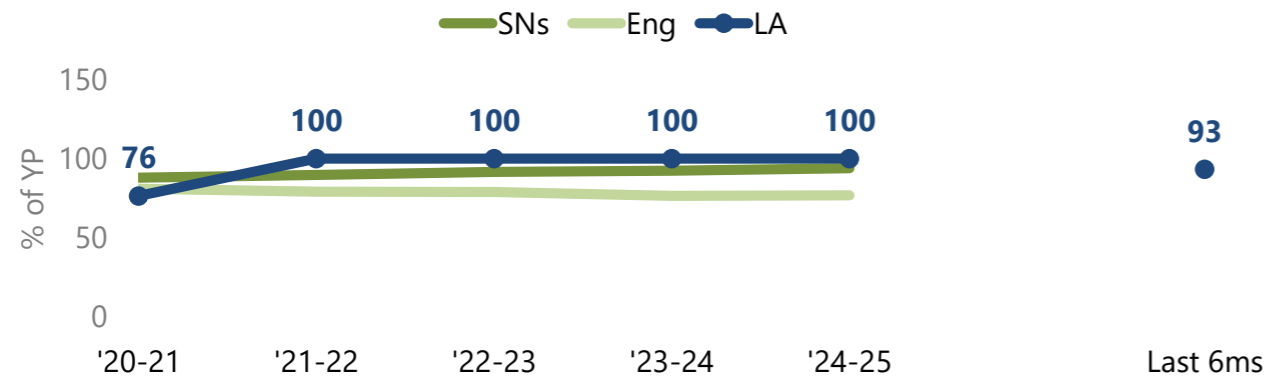


Care Leavers in Touch by UAS/Non-UAS

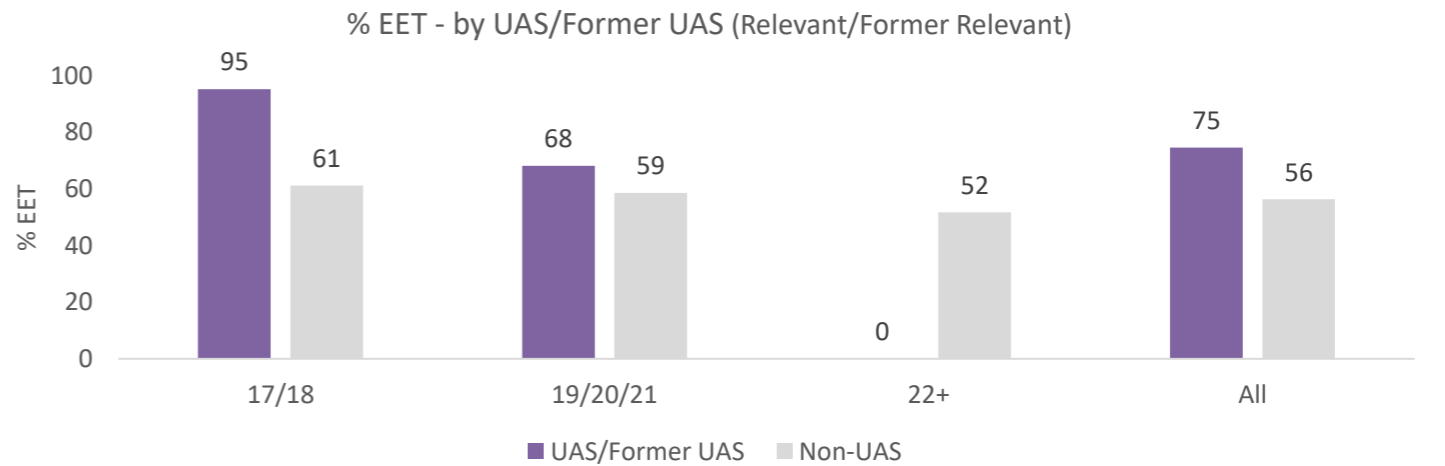


Remained in care until aged 18

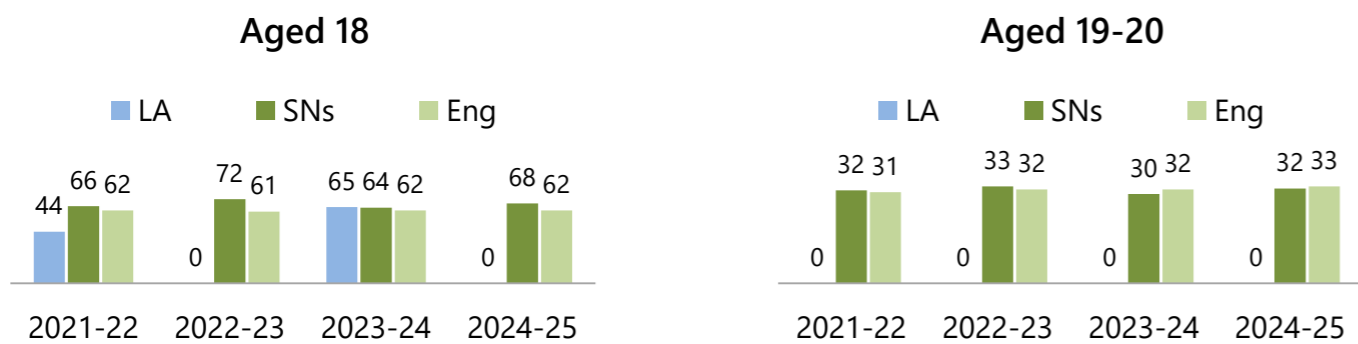
YP who ceased to be looked after aged 16-plus who were looked after until their 18th birthday



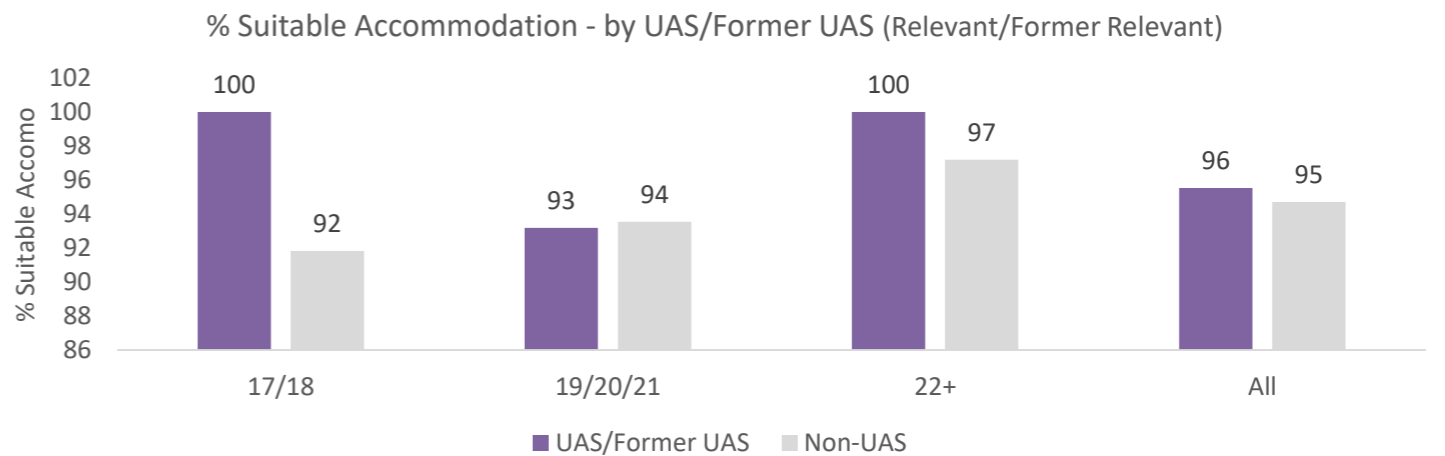
Care Leavers EET by UAS/Non-UAS



Remain with former foster carer



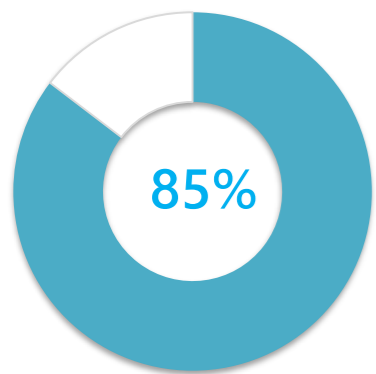
Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation by UAS/Non-UAS



Care Leavers in touch and contact timescales

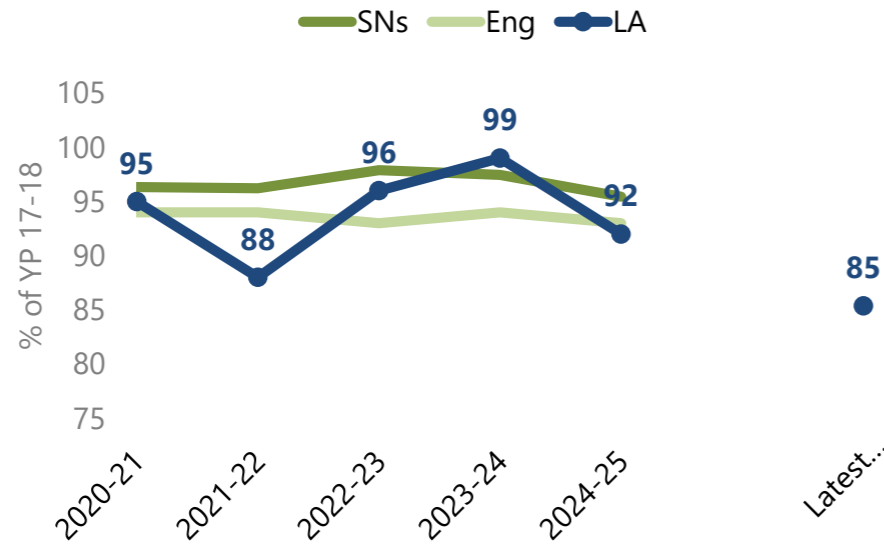
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LA in touch with 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

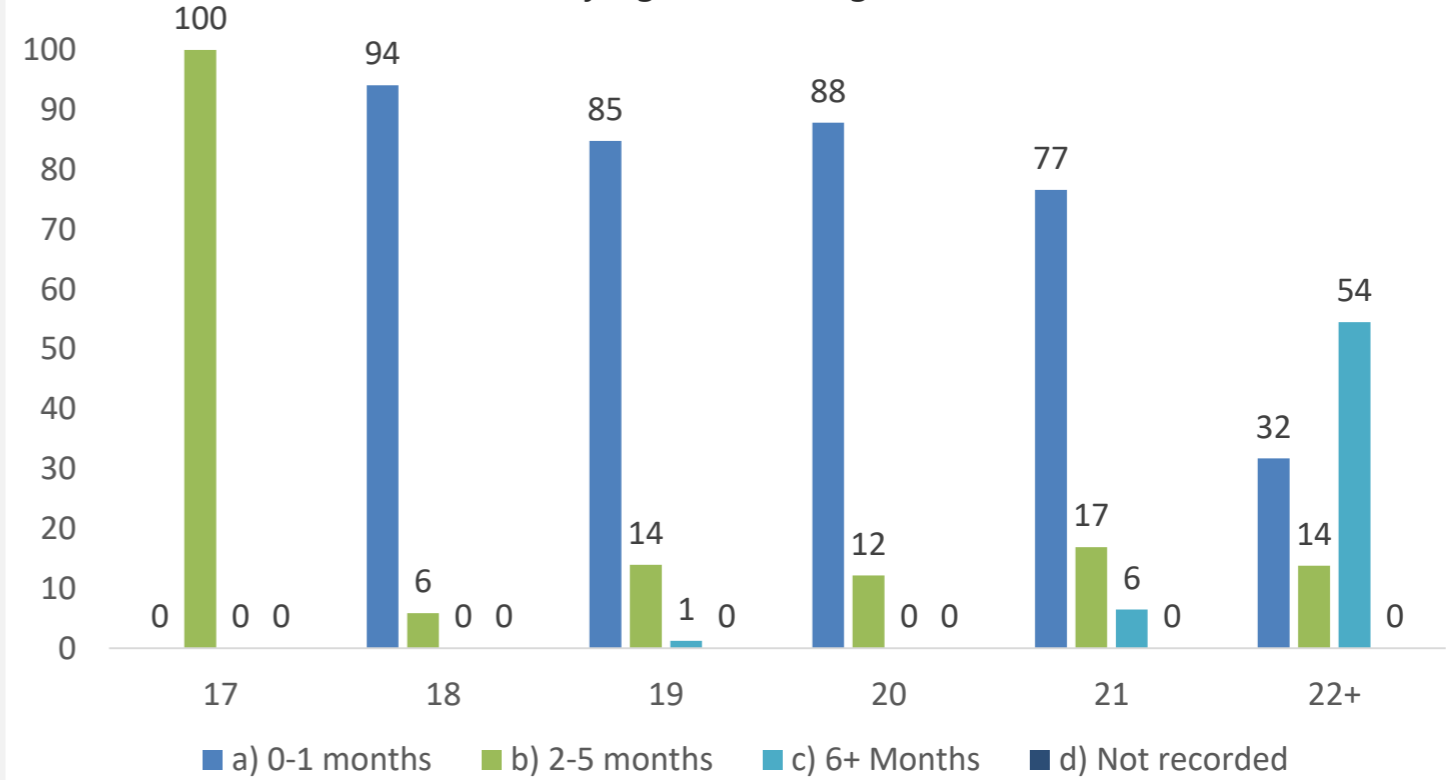


- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded

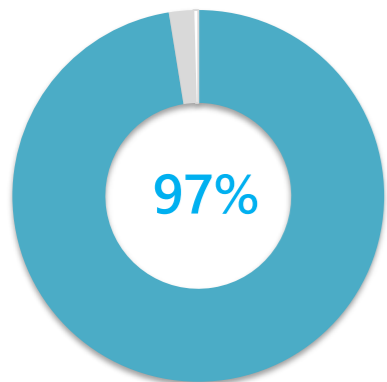
ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	6	76	82
LA in touch with YP	33%	89%	85%



Time Since Last Contact by Age - Percentage (Relevant/Former Relevant)

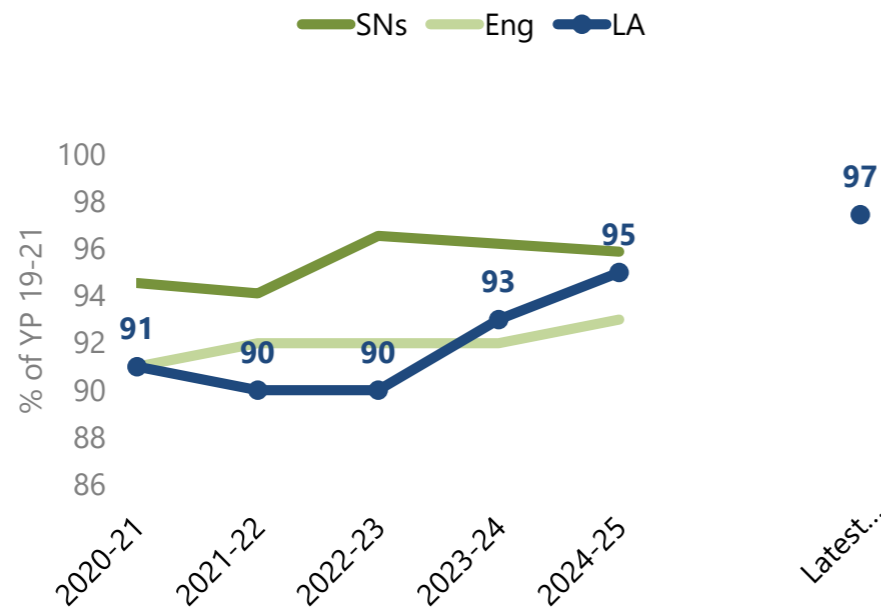


LA in touch with 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

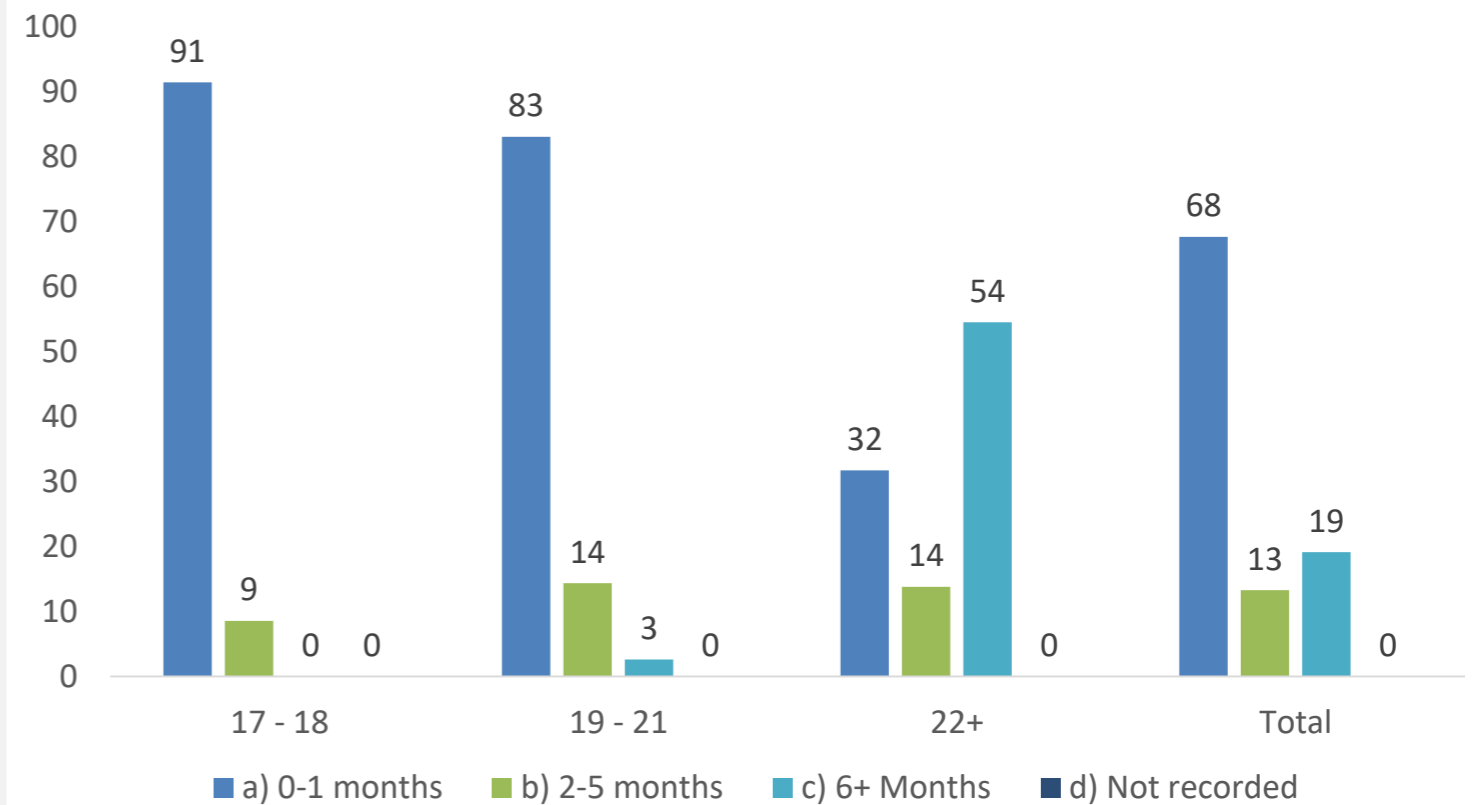


- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	80	76	80	236
LA in touch with YP	99%	97%	96%	97%

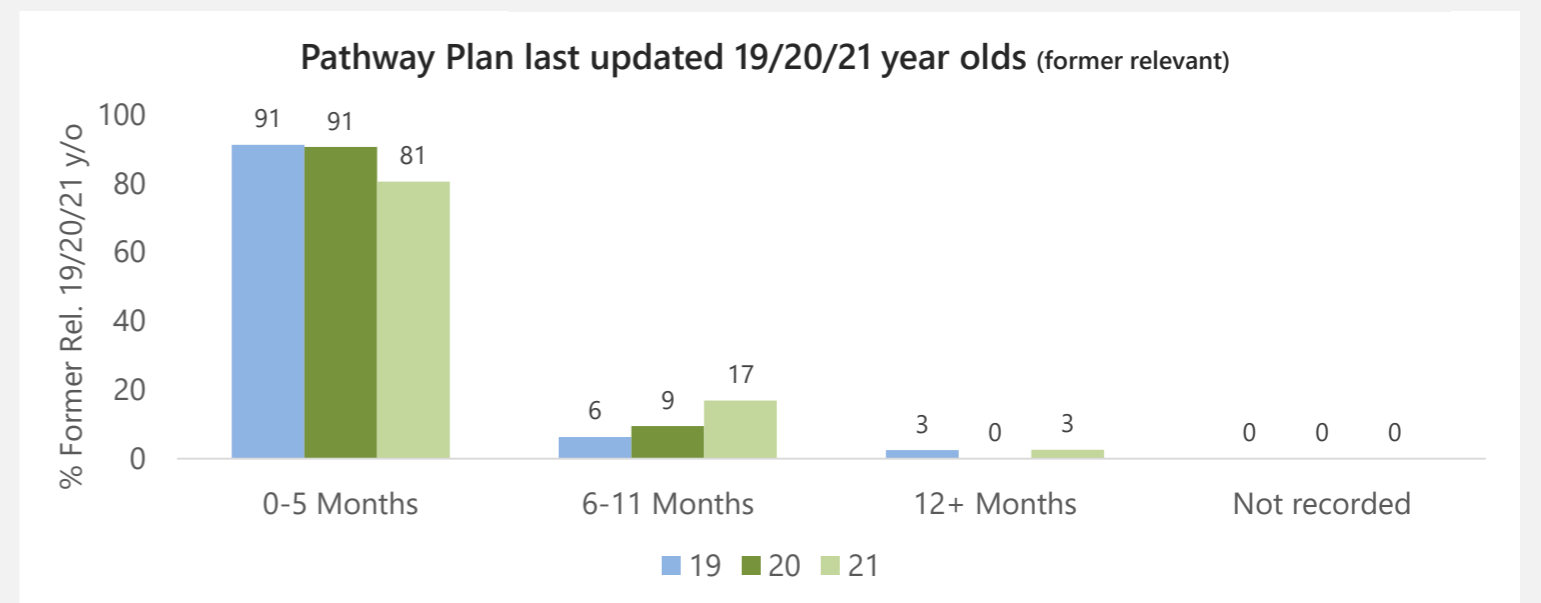
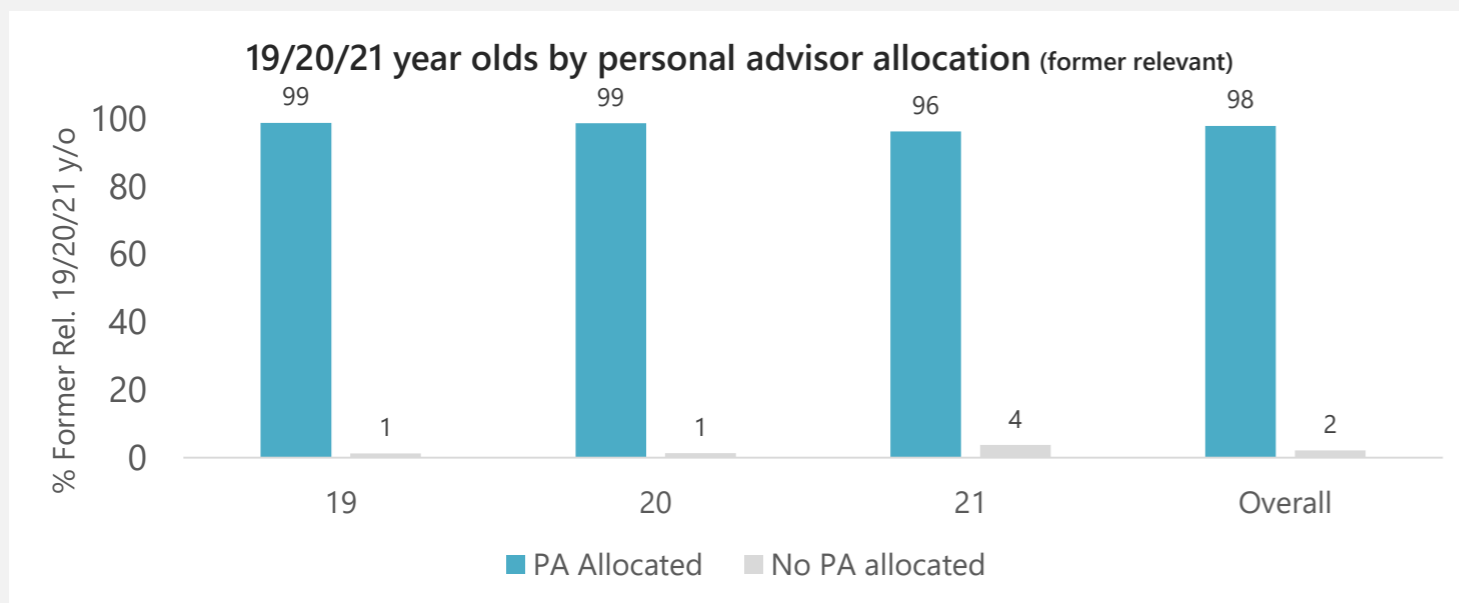
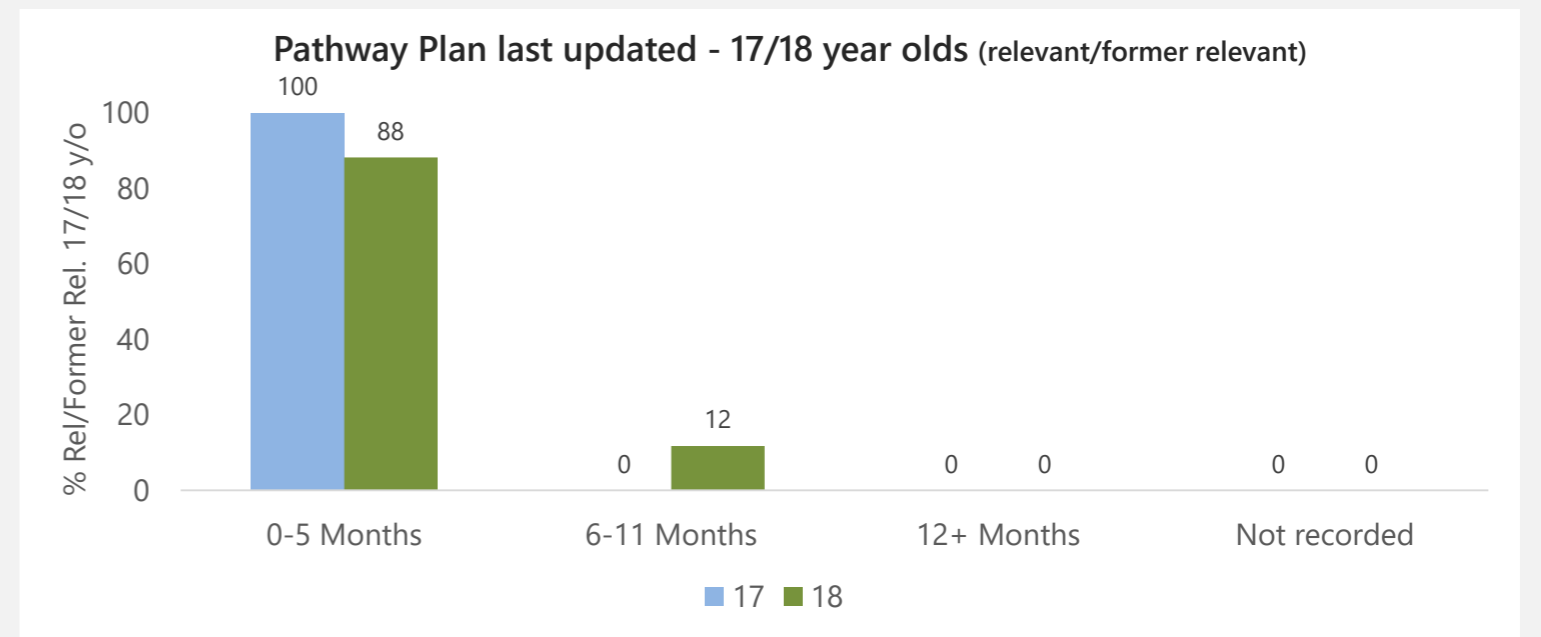
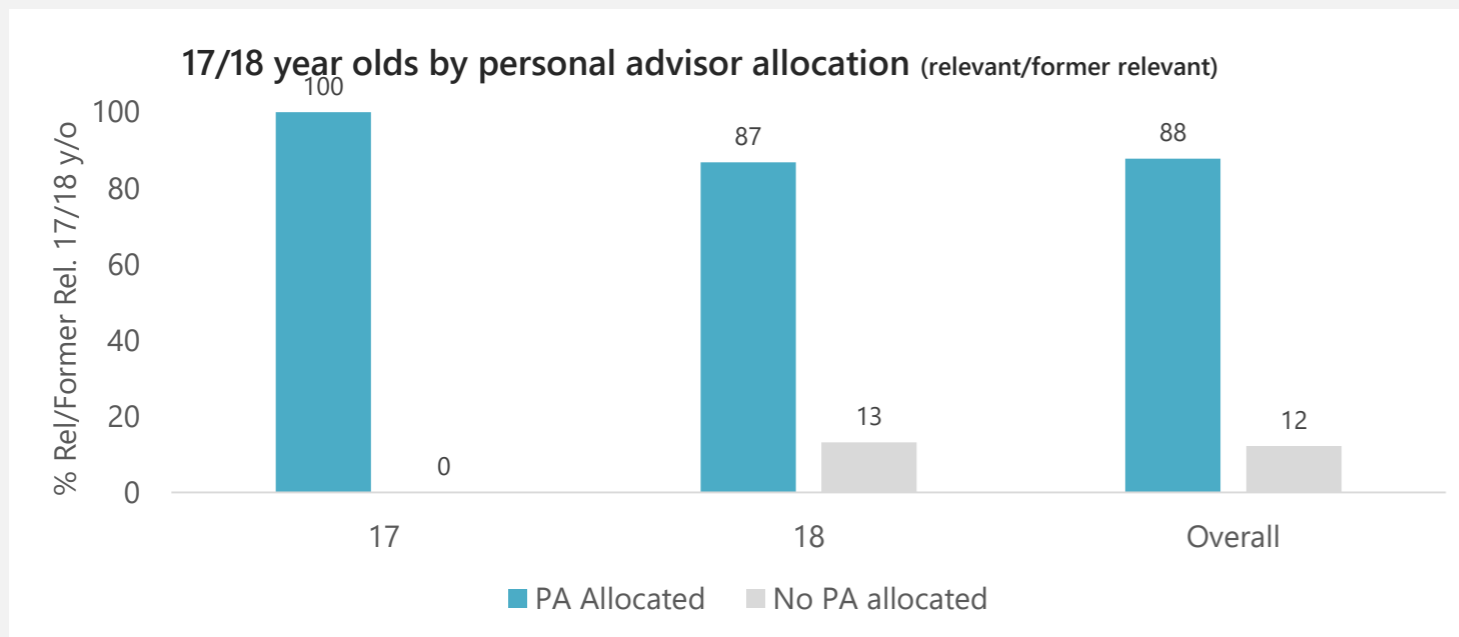
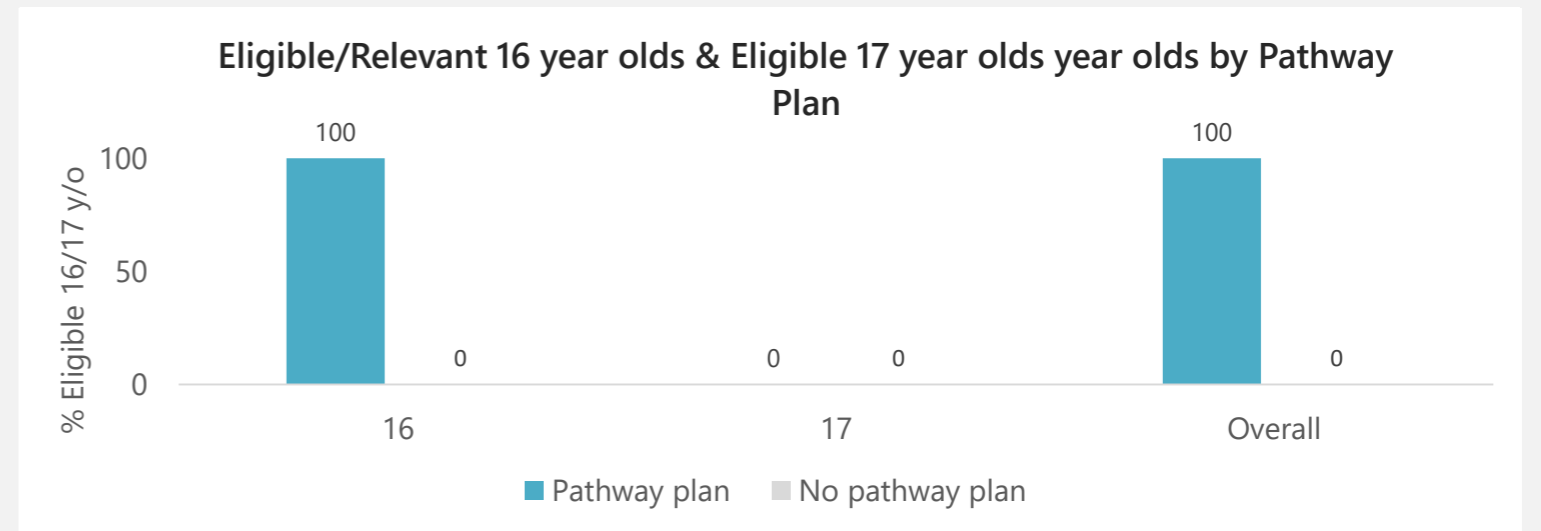
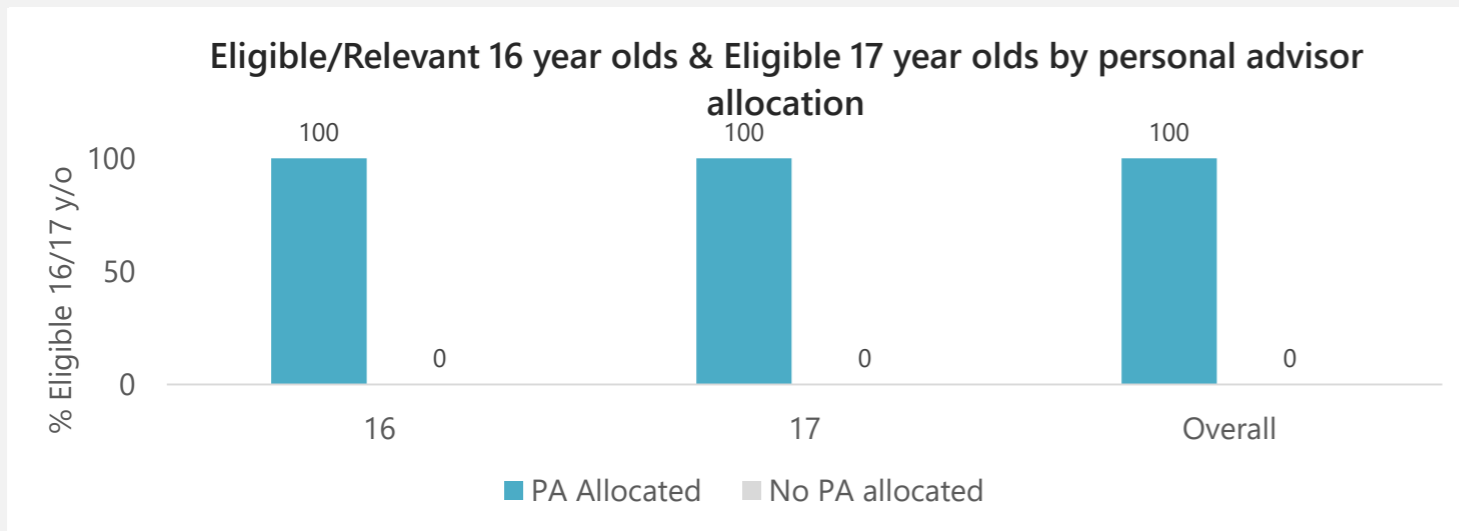


Time Since Last Contact by Age Group - Percentage (Relevant/Former Relevant)



Care leavers PA allocation and Pathway Plans

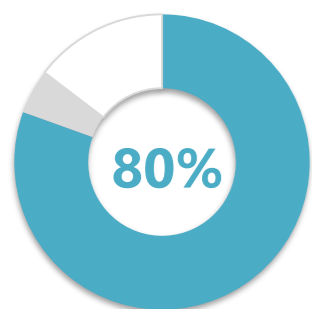
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Care leavers accommodation suitability and type

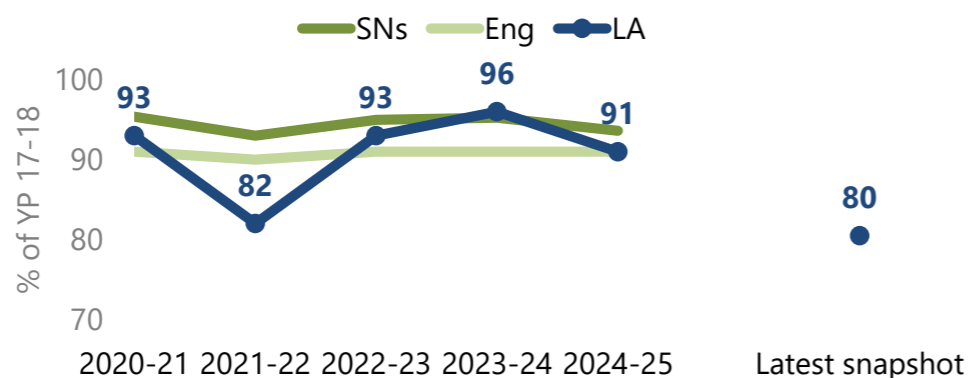
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Accommodation suitability of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

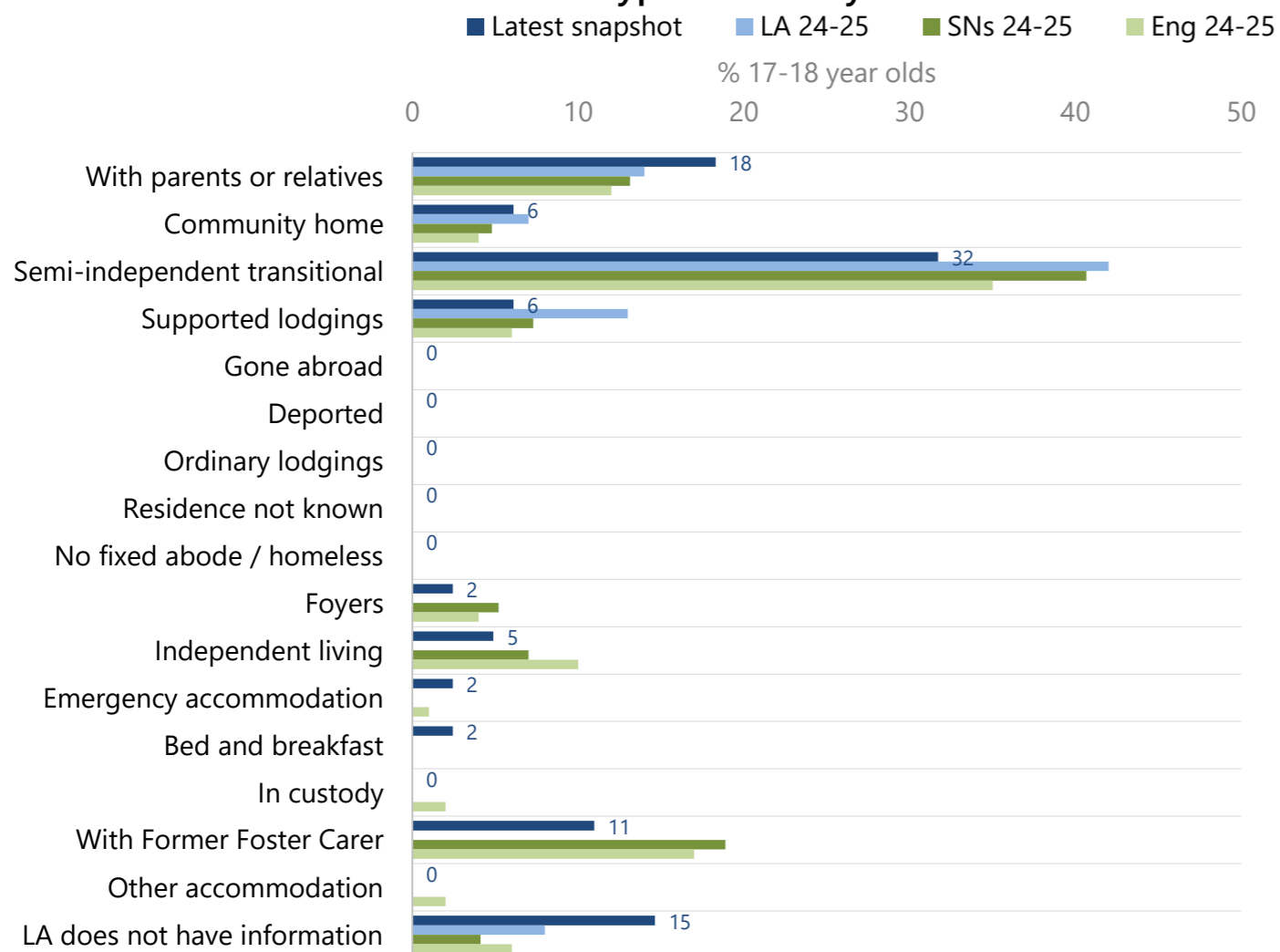


■ Suitable accom
■ Not suitable
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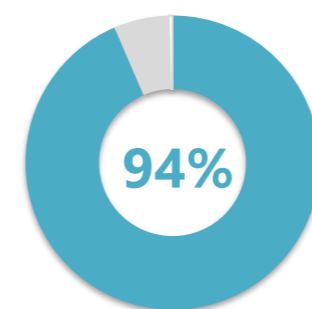
ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	6	76	82
In suitable accommodation	33%	84%	80%
In suit accomm (In touch only)	100%	94%	94%



Accommodation types of 17-18 year olds

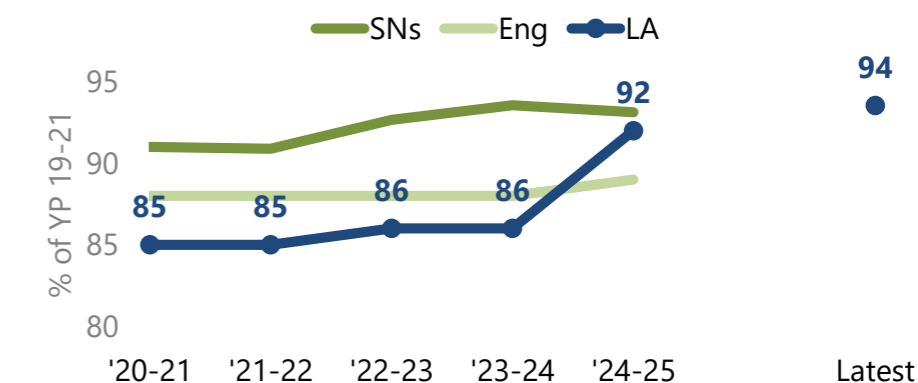


Accommodation suitability of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

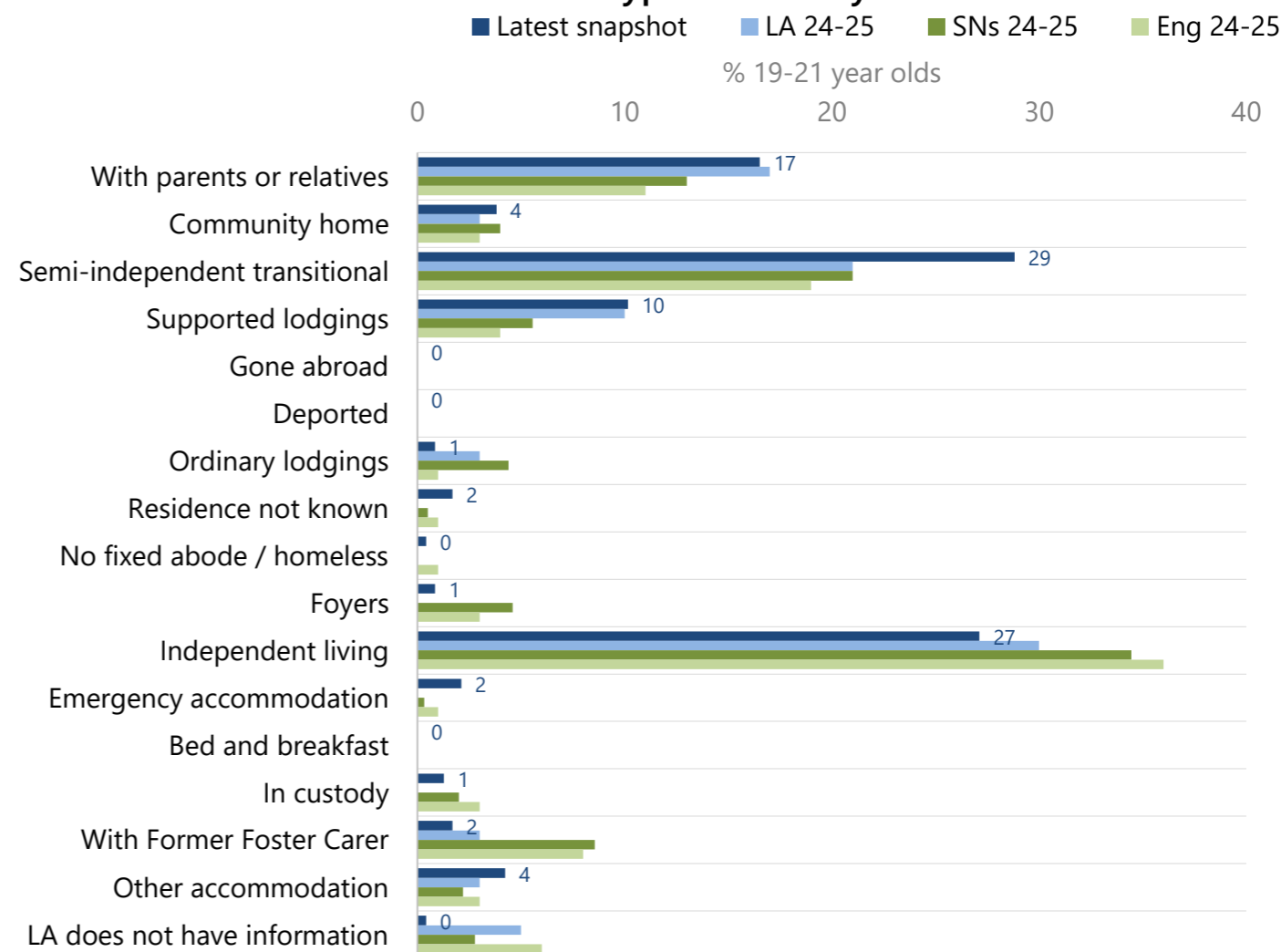


■ Suitable accom
■ Not suitable
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ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	80	75	77	232
In suitable accommodation	94%	93%	94%	94%
In suit accomm (In touch only)	94%	93%	95%	93%



Accommodation types of 19-21 year olds

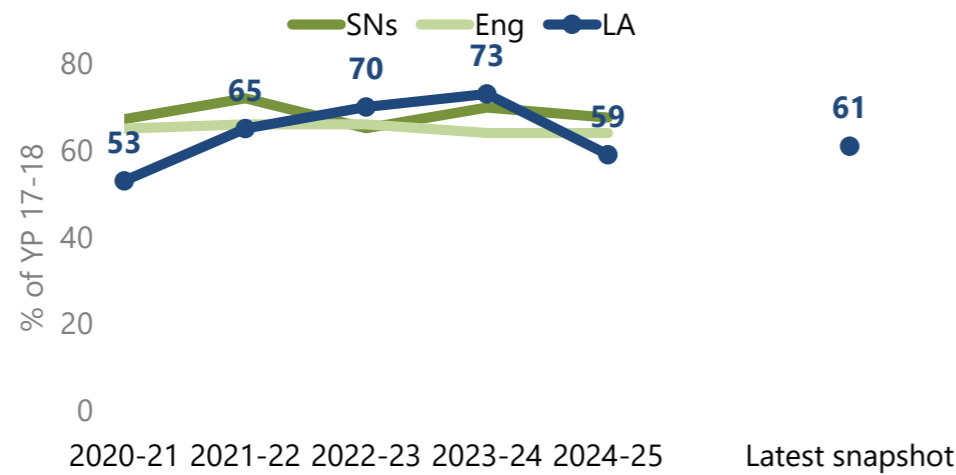
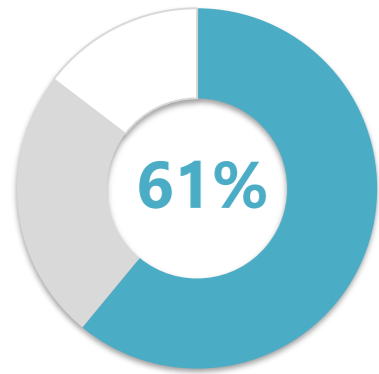


Care leavers activity (Education, Employment, or Training)

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

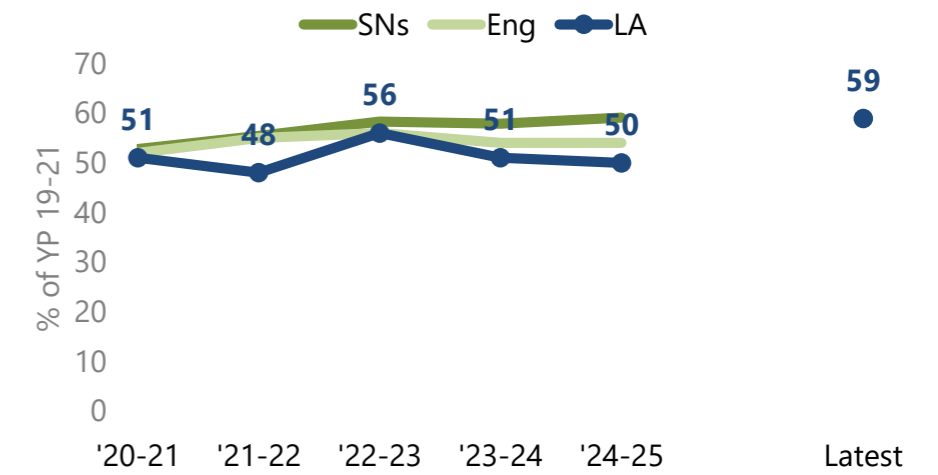
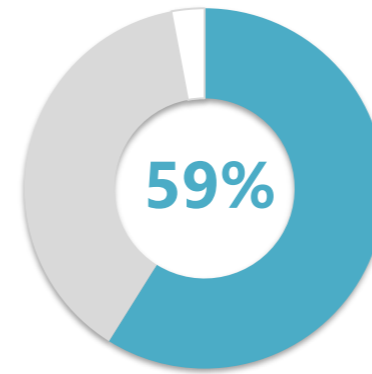
ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	6	76	82
In EET	33%	63%	61%
In EET (In Touch Only)	100%	71%	71%



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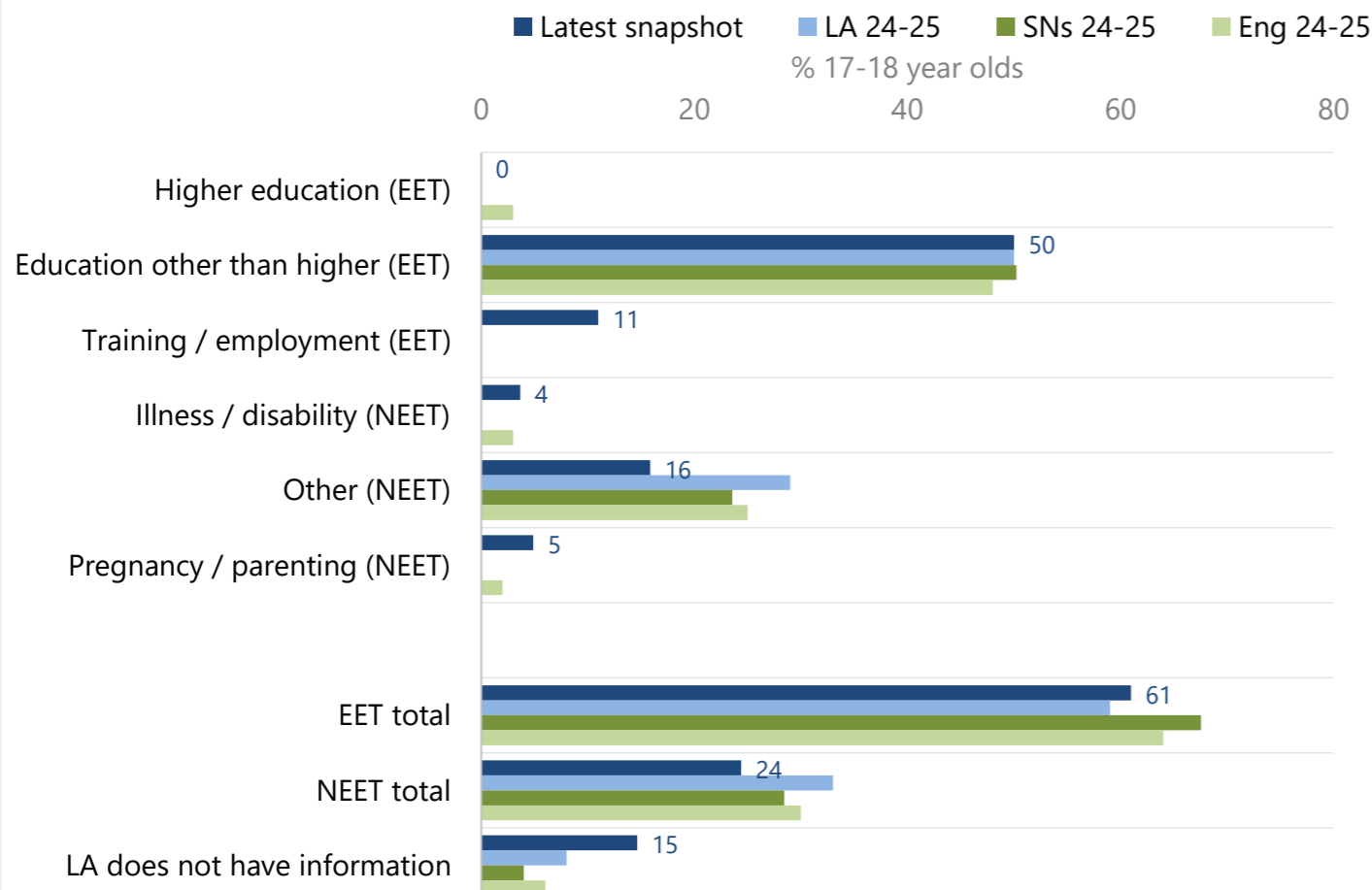
Education, Employment, or Training (EET) of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	80	76	80	236
In EET	66%	63%	48%	59%
In EET (In Touch Only)	67%	65%	49%	60%

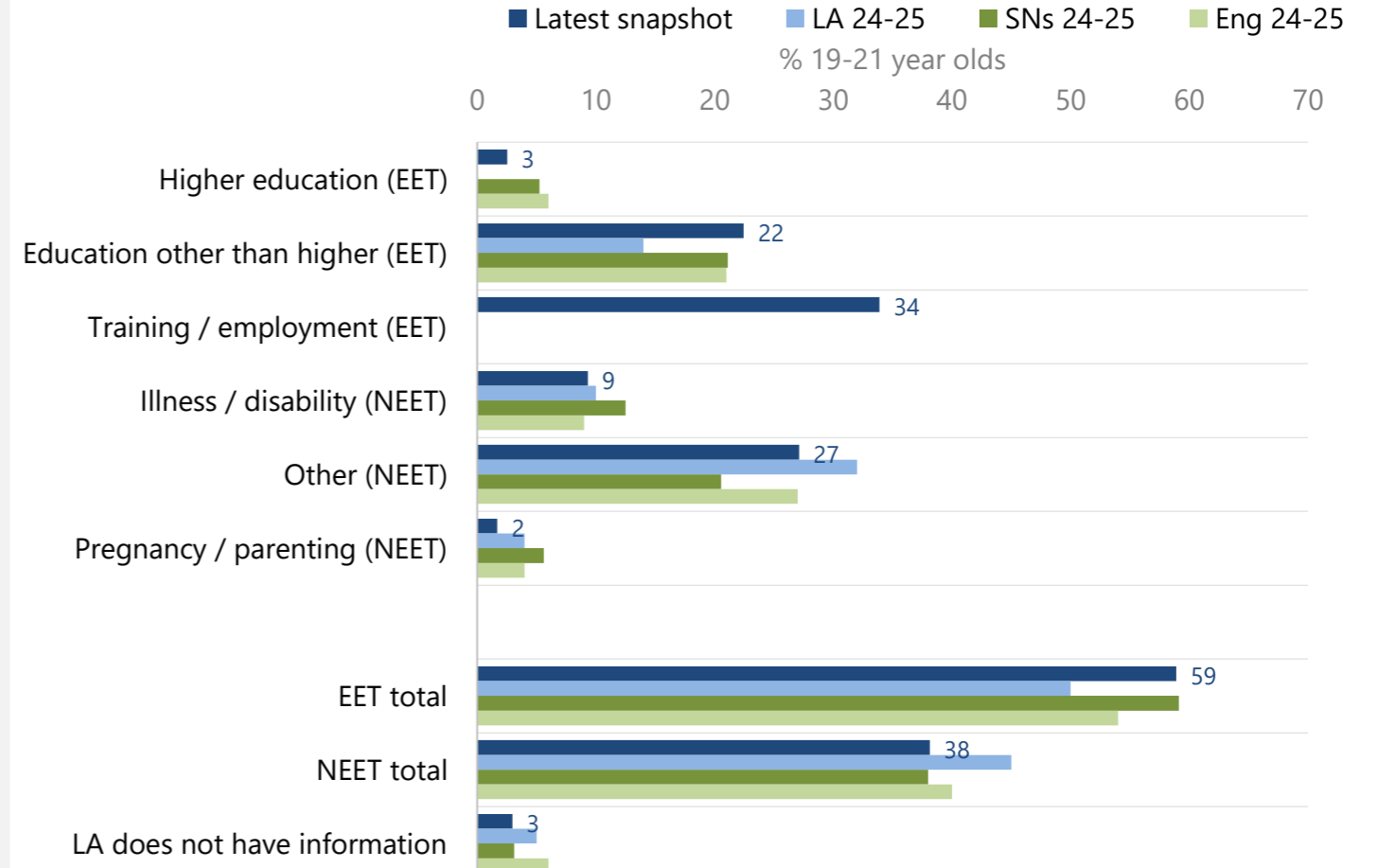


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Activity types of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)



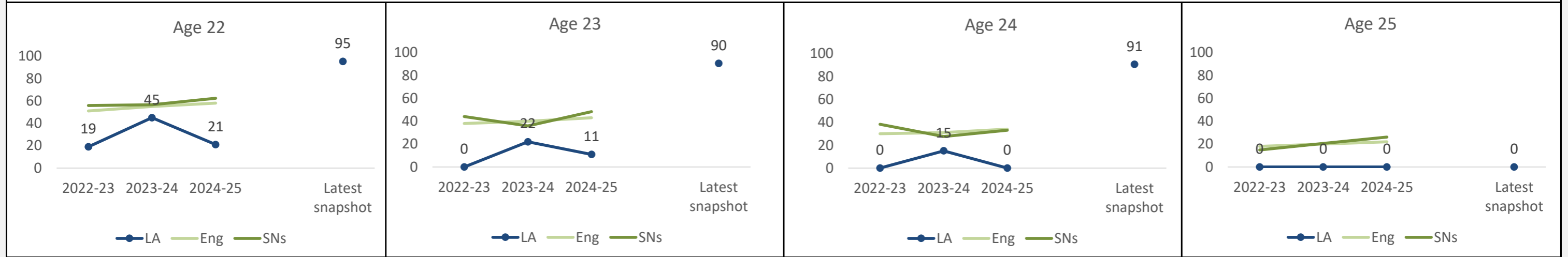
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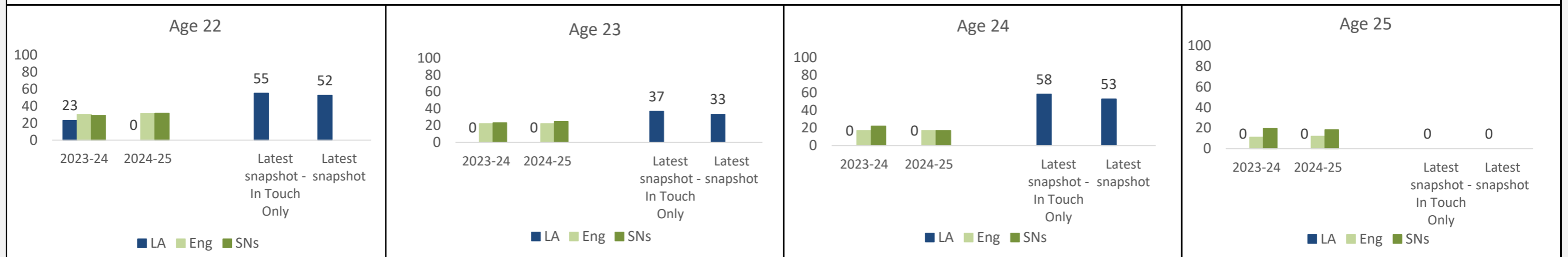
are leavers 22-25 In Touch, Activity and Suitable Accommodatic

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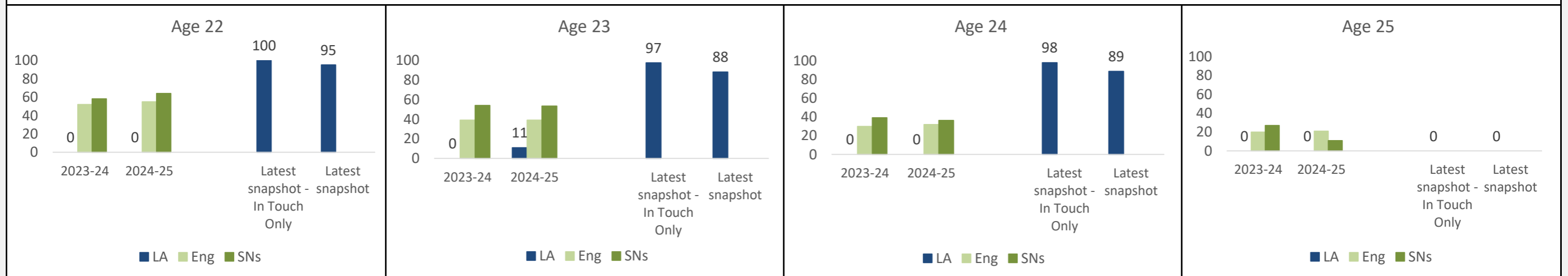
Care Leavers 22-25 - % In Touch (benchmarking for this measure uses 'Young person has requested and received support' from *Children looked after in England including adoptions*)



Care Leavers 22-25 - % EET (In touch snapshot uses list 9 definition)



Care Leaver 22-25 - % Suitable Accommodation (In touch snapshot uses list 9 definition)



Children adopted, waiting to be adopted, or had an adoption decision reversed in the last 12 month from 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026

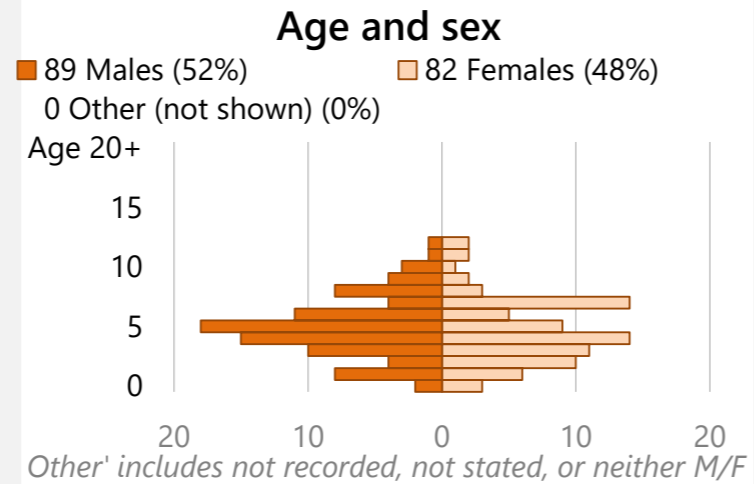
171 children

- 32 Child/ren adopted last 12 months
- 29 Child/ren waiting to be adopted
- (24 Child/ren waiting with placement order)
- 14 Child/ren with decision reversed

Ethnic background

White	92%
Mixed	6%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

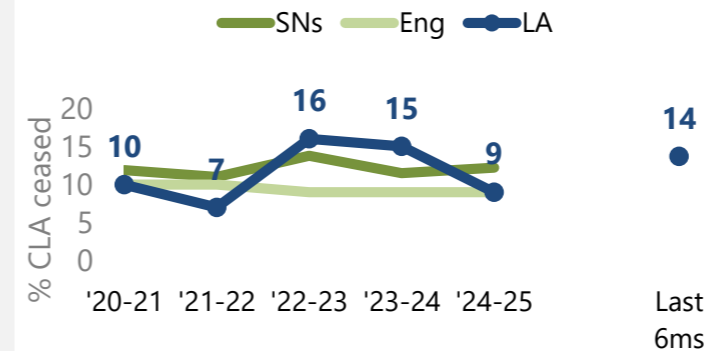
See page 25 for comparisons



5 children (3%) with a disability

Of the 95 children who ceased to be looked after in the last 6 months, 13 was/were adopted (14%)

Children ceased who were adopted



Children aged 5-plus who were adopted

3%

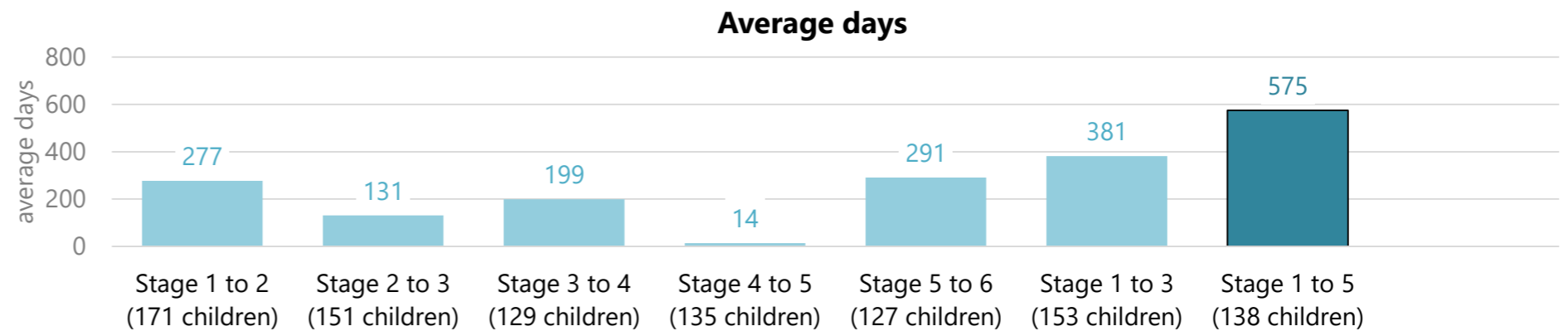
2 of the 67 children aged 5-plus who ceased to be looked after in the last 6 months were adopted

Comparing 5-plus adoptions

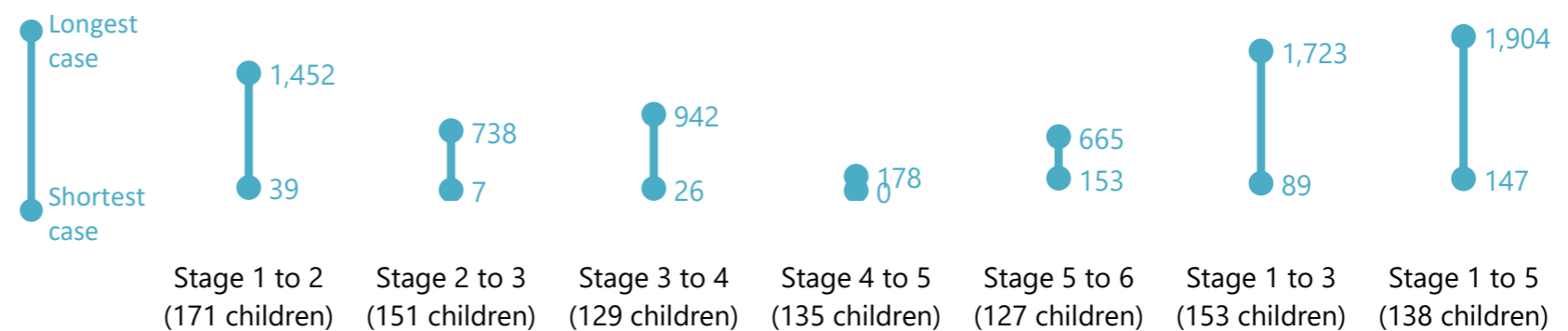
LA last 6 months	3.0%
LA 2024-25	c
SNs 2024-25	16.7%
Eng 2024-25	16.6%

Timeliness of each stage of the adoption process

Average duration of each stage (number of days)



Range in days between shortest and longest cases at each stage

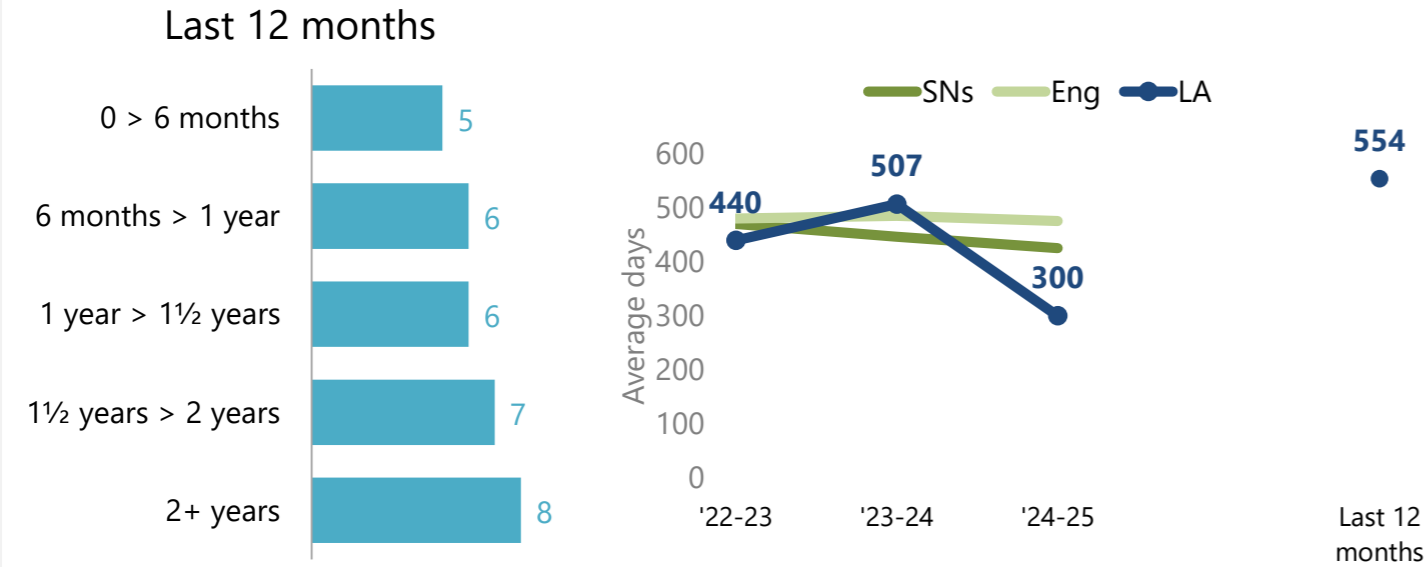


Adoption benchmarking

from 01/04/2025
to 31/03/2026

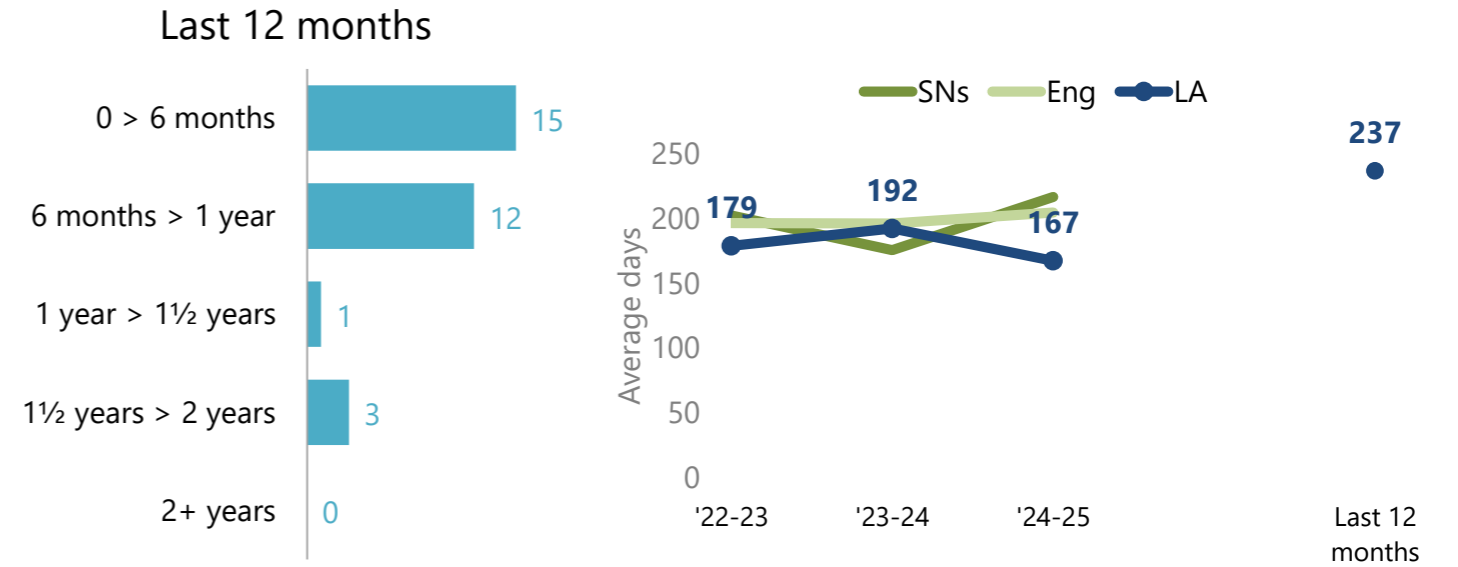
(A10) Time between entering care and placed with family for adopted children

554 days Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)
32 children



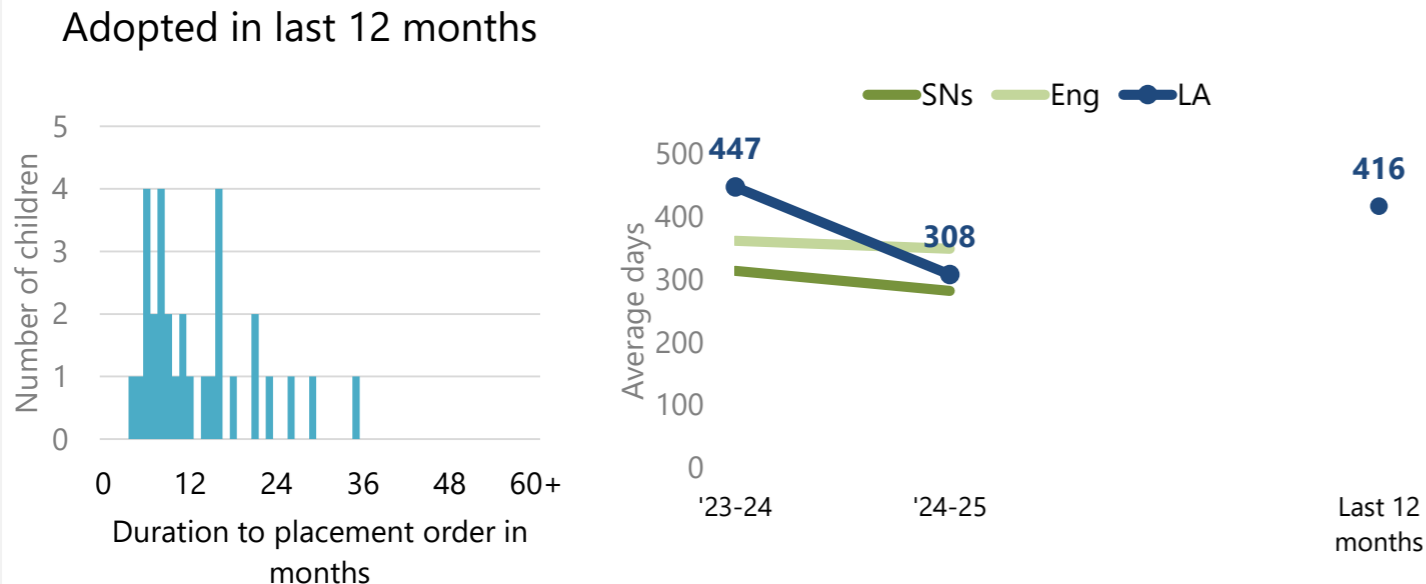
(A2) Time between placement order and deciding on a match

237 days The average number of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters
31 children



(A20) Time between entering care and placement order

416 days Average time between a child entering care and a local authority receiving court authority to place a child, for children who have been adopted (days)
31 children



Permanence decision changed away from adoption

8% Children where there was a decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption
14/171 children



Adoption Benchmarking

Adoption benchmarking has been imported from the CORAM ASG dataset. The full dataset, which contains more detailed LA and RAA data is available at www.coram.org.uk

Prospective adopters in the last 12 months

from 01/04/2025
to 31/03/2026

162 prospective adopters (83 families)

Prospective adopter current status

	Adults	Families
Child adopted	65	33
Child placed	24	12
Child matched	0	0
Application	59	31
Enquiry	0	0
Withdrawn	14	7

Ethnic breakdown

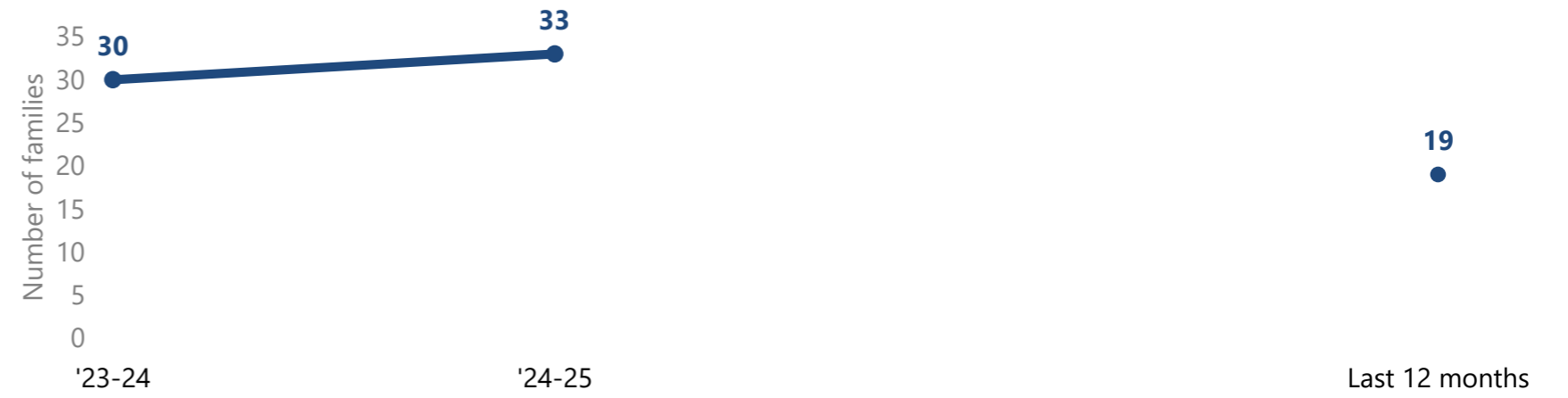
	Adults %	Children %
White	96%	92%
Mixed	1%	6%
Asian or Asian British	3%	0%
Black or black British	0%	1%
Other ethnic group	0%	1%
Not stated	0%	0%
Not recorded	0%	0%

New two-stage adoption process

- Stage 1 start** Registration of interest
- Stage 1 end** Decision of suitability to adopt
- Stage 2 start** Adopter's wish to proceed
- Stage 2 end** Agency Decision-Maker (ADM decision)
- Matched** Family matched with child(ren)
- Placed** Child(ren) placed with family
- Adopted** Adoption order granted

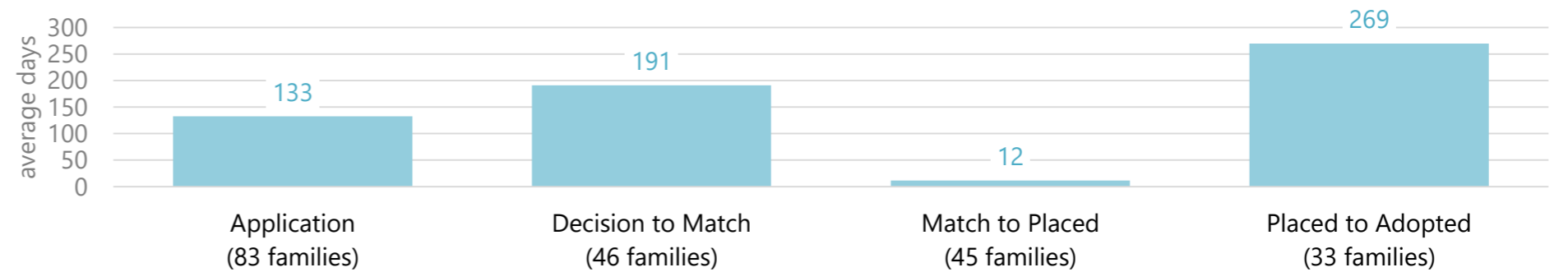
Adoption Scorecard A15 - new ADM decisions

Number of new ADM decisions for children in the year
(ADM = Agency Decision-Maker)

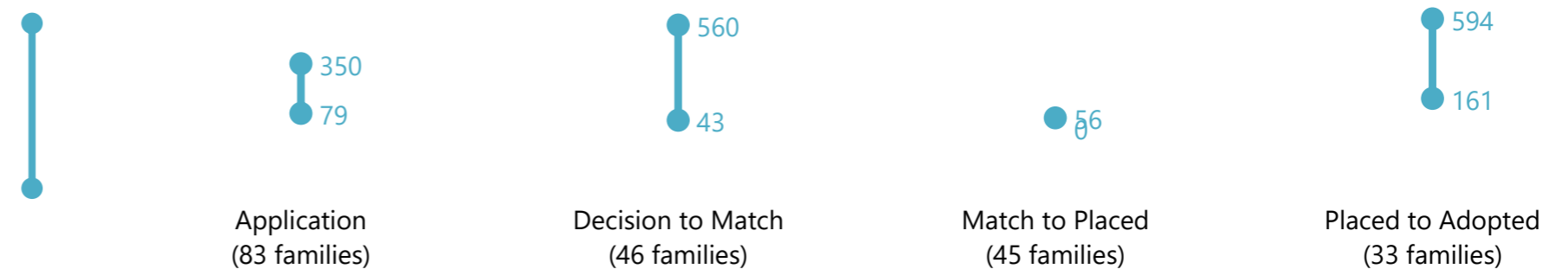


Duration of each stage of the adoption process

Average duration of each stage (number of days)



Range in days between shortest and longest cases at each stage



Demographics of children across all areas of children's social care

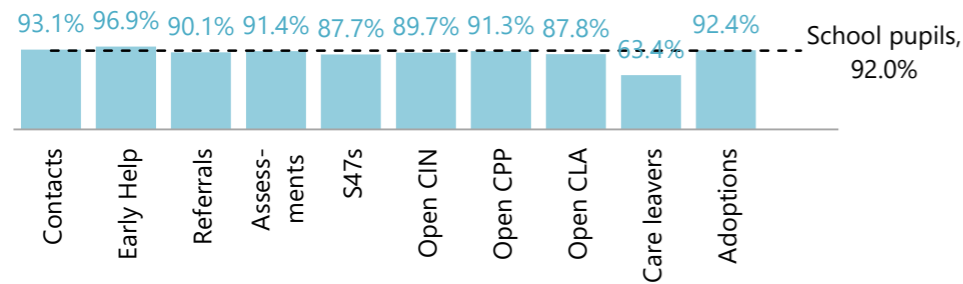
Snapshot 31/03/2026

Ethnicity

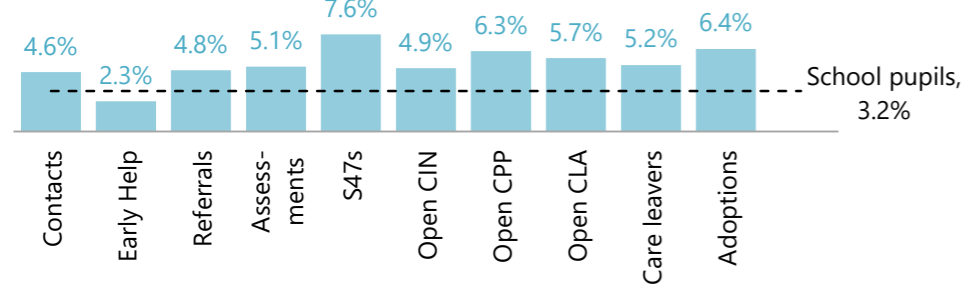
ChAT* compared to pupils in the LA schools (Jan-25)

*percentage of known ethnicity only

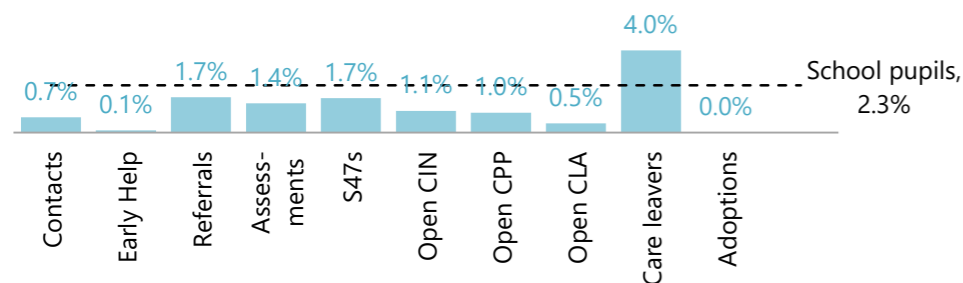
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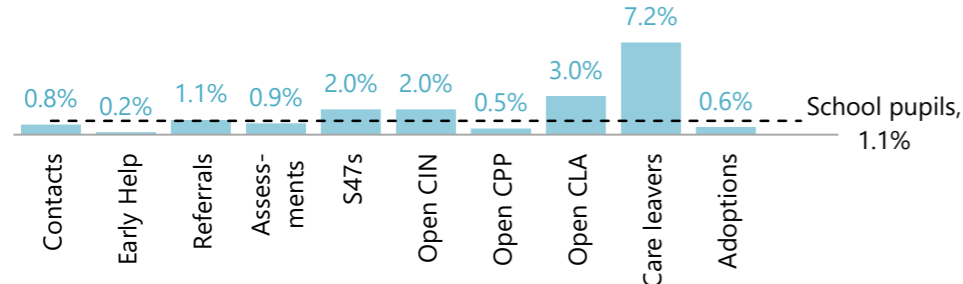
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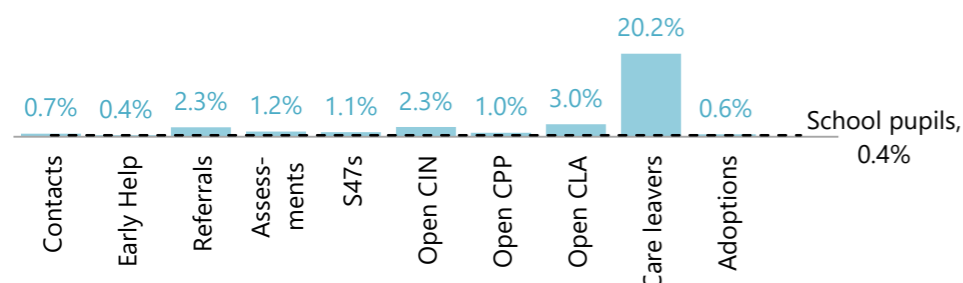
Asian



Black



Other

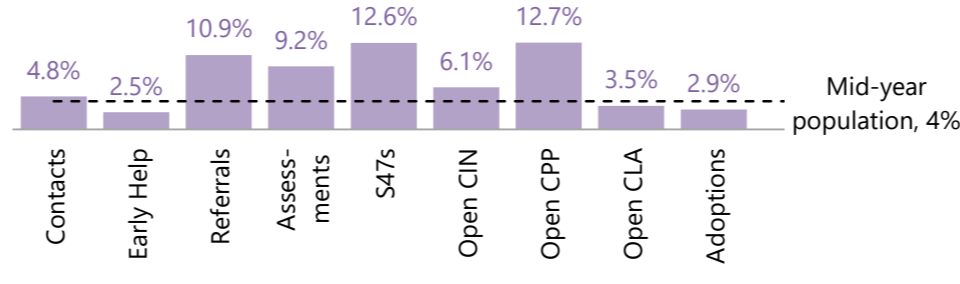


Age

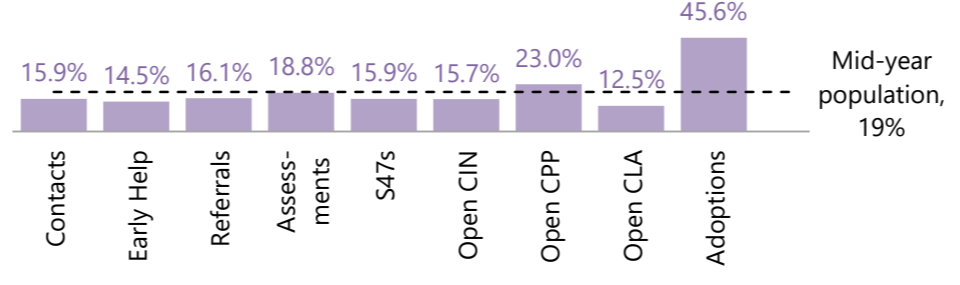
ChAT* compared to mid-year (2024) population estimates (ONS)

*percentage of known age only

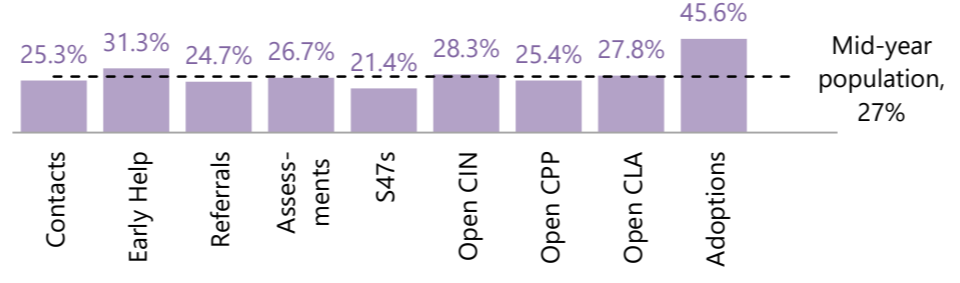
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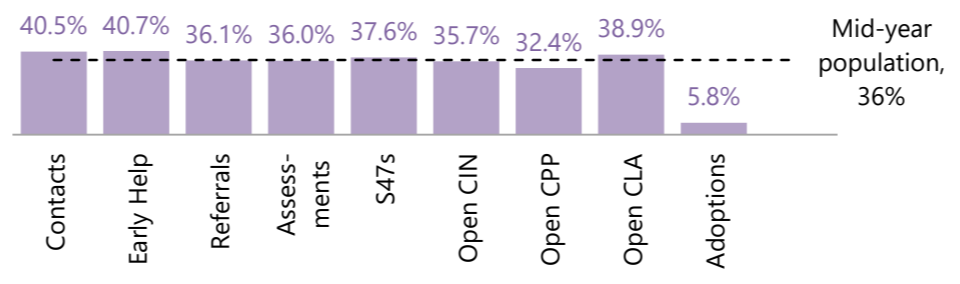
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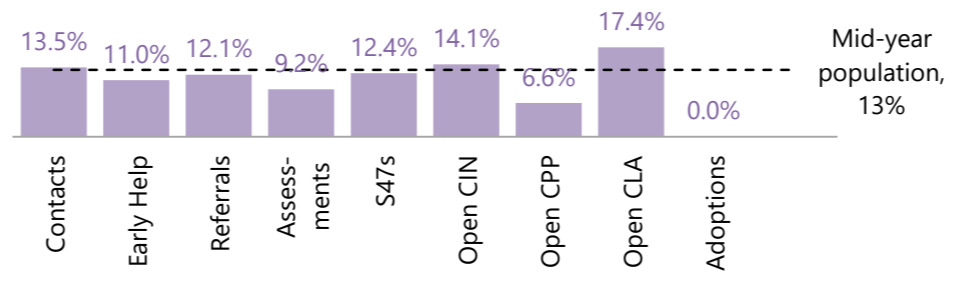
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10 to 15



16 and over

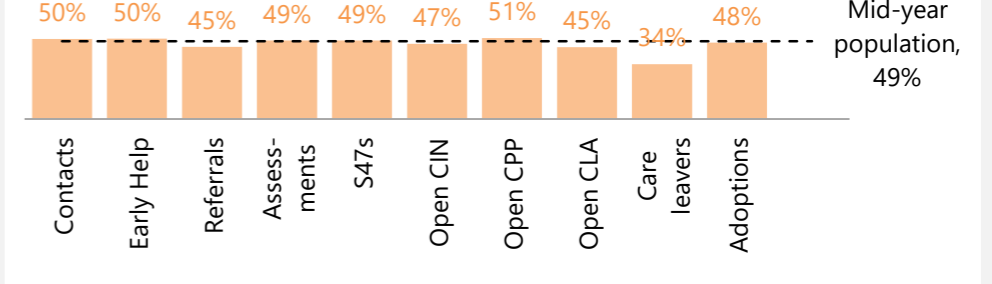


sex

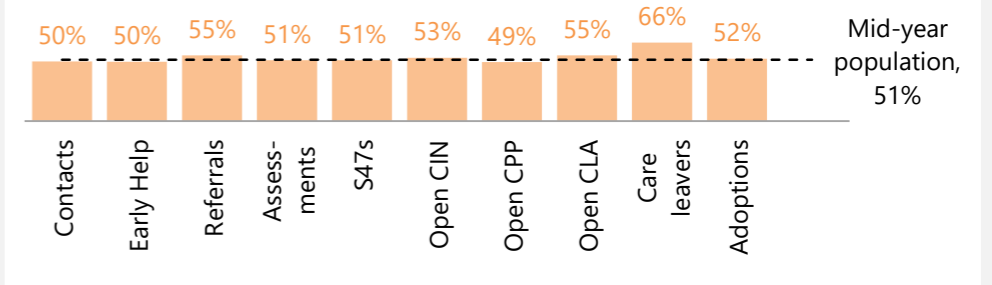
ChAT* compared to mid-year (2024) population estimates (ONS)

*percentage of Male / Female only, excludes Other

Female



Male



Comparing CLA demographics

CLA figures compared to published population statistics

Ethnicity

* compared to school census

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2025			Eng 2025		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
White	88	92	lower -5%	87	92	lower -5%	71	68	higher 4%
Mixed	6	3	higher 81%	6	3	higher 90%	11	7	higher 53%
Asian	0	2	lower -80%	1	2	lower -57%	5	14	lower -64%
Black	3	1	higher 179%	3	1	higher 722%	8	7	higher 16%
Other	3	0	higher 723%	3	0	higher 722%	4	3	higher 59%

Age

* Comparator is ONS mid-year population estimates

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2024			Eng 2024		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Under 1	3	4	lower -16%	3	4	lower -27%	4	5	lower -15%
1 to 4	12	19	lower -35%	17	19	lower -12%	12	21	lower -41%
5 to 9	28	27	higher 2%	27	27	lower -1%	18	28	lower -36%
10 to 15	39	36	higher 7%	38	36	higher 5%	38	35	higher 8%
16-plus	17	13	higher 34%	16	13	higher 23%	27	12	higher 133%




sex




* Comparator is ONS mid-year population estimates

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2024			Eng 2024		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Male	55	51	higher 7%	54	51	higher 5%	56	51	higher 9%
Female	45	49	lower -8%	46	49	lower -6%	44	49	lower -10%

Comparisons of headline figures and performance data to published statistics

The table below shows the Local Authority's latest data for each indicator as calculated in ChAT, and the direction of travel since the latest published statistics (where available).

Decreasing, low is good 
 Increasing, high is good 
 No change, not RAG rated 

Lowest 25% quartile, low is good 
 Highest 25% quartile, high is good 
 Mid 50% range, not RAG-rated 

Indicator	Latest data (ChAT)			Latest published statistics for all local authorities					
	LA	Direction of travel		LA	SNs	Eng	LA compared to mid-50% range of all LAs		Date
Referrals received (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	190	Decrease	◀	250	477	519	Lower	○	2024-25
Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)	10	Decrease	◀	13	18	21	Lower	○	2024-25
Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	304	Decrease	◀	386	466	533	Lower	○	2024-25
Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)	89	Increase	▶	68	81	86	Lower	○	2024-25
Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	121	Decrease	◀	171	186	189	In range	○	2024-25
Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	39	Decrease	◀	56	63	59	In range	○	2024-25
Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%)	72	Increase	▶	56	83	81	Lower	○	2024-25
Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	222	Decrease	◀	367	335	330	In range	○	2024-25
Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	35	Increase	▶	29	41	41	Lower	○	2024-25
Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	15	Decrease	◀	21	27	25	In range	○	2024-25
Children who ceased to be on a CP plan whose plan lasted 2 years or more (%)	1	Decrease	◀	3	4	4	Lower	○	2024-25
Children who are looked after (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	111	Decrease	◀	119	68	67	Higher	○	2024-25
Children looked after who had a missing incident in the period (%)	7	Increase	▶	6	9	11	Lower	○	2024-25
Children looked after who were away without authorisation in the period (%)	0	Increase	▶	0	1	3	In range	○	2024-25
Children looked after who had their teeth checked by a dentist in the last 12 months (%)	47	Decrease	◀	65	80	81	Lower	○	2024-25
Children looked after who had their annual health assessment (%)	72	Decrease	◀	81	89	90	Lower	○	2024-25
Children who ceased to be looked after in the period who were adopted (%)	14	Increase	▶	9	12	9	In range	○	2024-25
Children who ceased to be looked after in the period due to a Special Guardianship Order (%)	7	Decrease	◀	11	13	12	In range	○	2024-25
Children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday (%)	93	Decrease	◀	100	94	77	In range	○	2024-25
Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%)	94	Increase	▶	92	93	89	In range	○	2024-25
Care leavers aged 19-21 in education, employment, or training (%)	59	Increase	▶	50	59	54	In range	○	2024-25
A10 - Time between entering care and placed with family for adopted children	554	Increase	▶	300	425	475	Lower	○	2024-25
A2 - Time between placement order and deciding on a match	237	Increase	▶	167	217	205	In range	○	2024-25