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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	6,491
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**Early Help / Common / Targeted Assessments**

Early Help in the last 6 months	936
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**Referrals**

Referrals in the last 6 months	633
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**Social Care Assessments**

Total assessments in the last 6 months	1,193
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Assessments completed in the last 6 months	920
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Ongoing assessments	273
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**Section 47 enquiries and Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCS)**

Section 47 enquiries in the last 6 months	436
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ICPCs that started from an S47 in the last 6 months	154
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**Children in Need (CIN)**

Total CIN in the last 6 months	1,845
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CIN started in the last 6 months	547
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CIN ceased in the last 6 months	485
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Current children in need (snapshot)	1,360
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**Child Protection Plans (CPP)**

Total CPP in the last 6 months	366
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CPP started in the last 6 months	170
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CPP ceased in the last 6 months	138
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Current children subject of a child protection plan (snapshot)	224
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**Children Looked After (CLA)**

Total CLA in the last 6 months	772
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CLA started in the last 6 months	73
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CLA ceased in the last 6 months	106
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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	597
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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	23
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Children waiting to be adopted (snapshot)	26
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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	138
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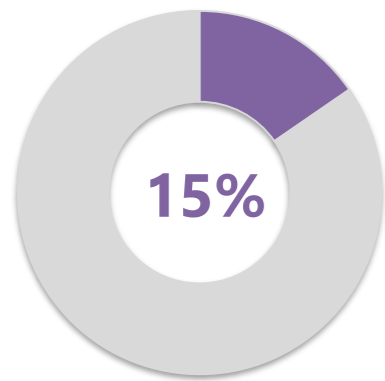
Contacts in the last 6 months

from 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

6491 contacts

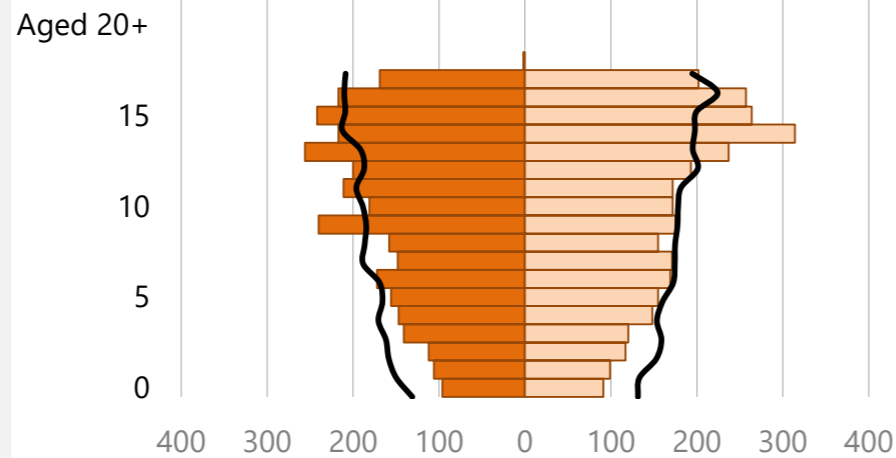
Contacts for children who also appear on Referrals list

Yes No



Age and sex

3171 Males (49%)  
3211 Females (49%)  
109 Other (not shown) (2%)  
— 0-17 population estimate



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

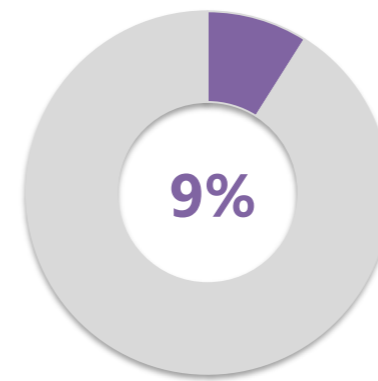
Early Help in the last 6 months

from 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

936 Early Help / Common / Targeted Assessments

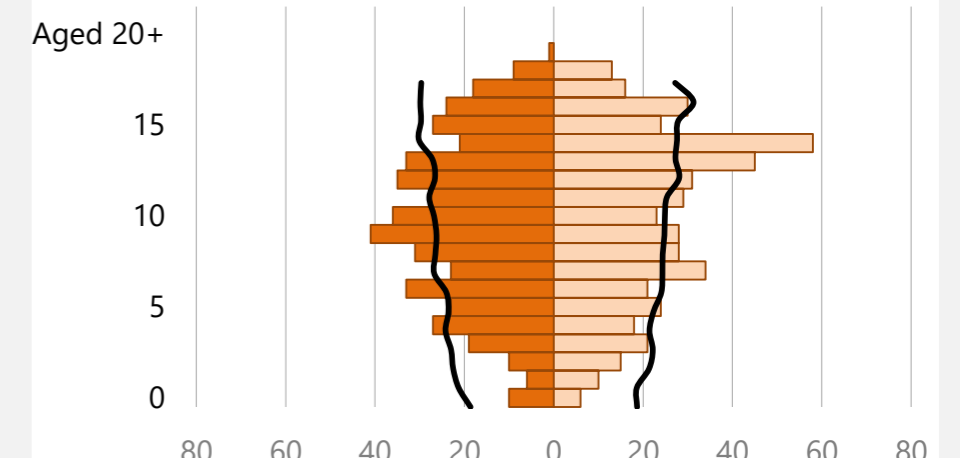
Early Help cases that also appear on the Referrals list

Yes No



Age and sex

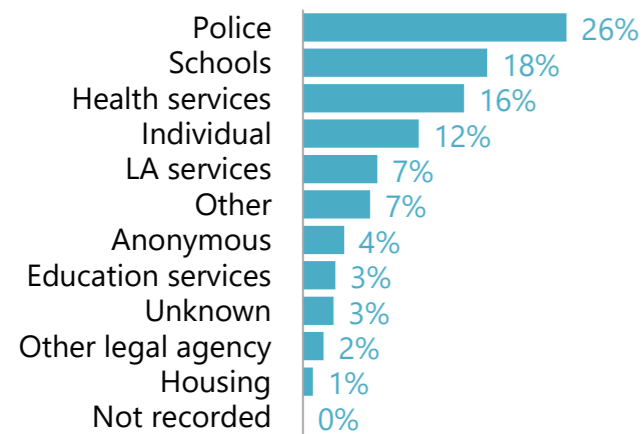
455 Males (49%)  
474 Females (51%)  
7 Other (not shown) (1%)  
— 0-17 population estimate



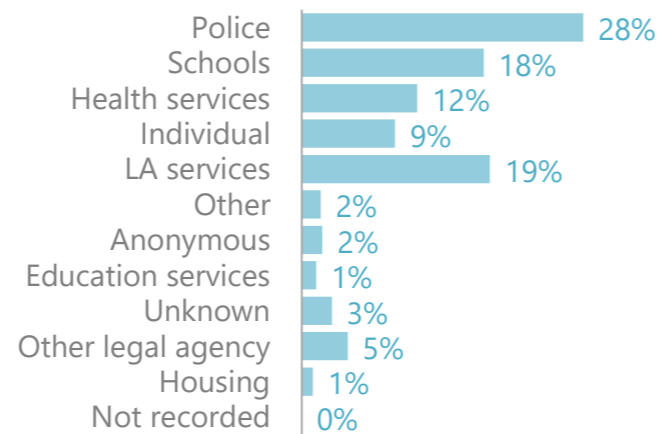
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Source of contacts compared to source of referrals

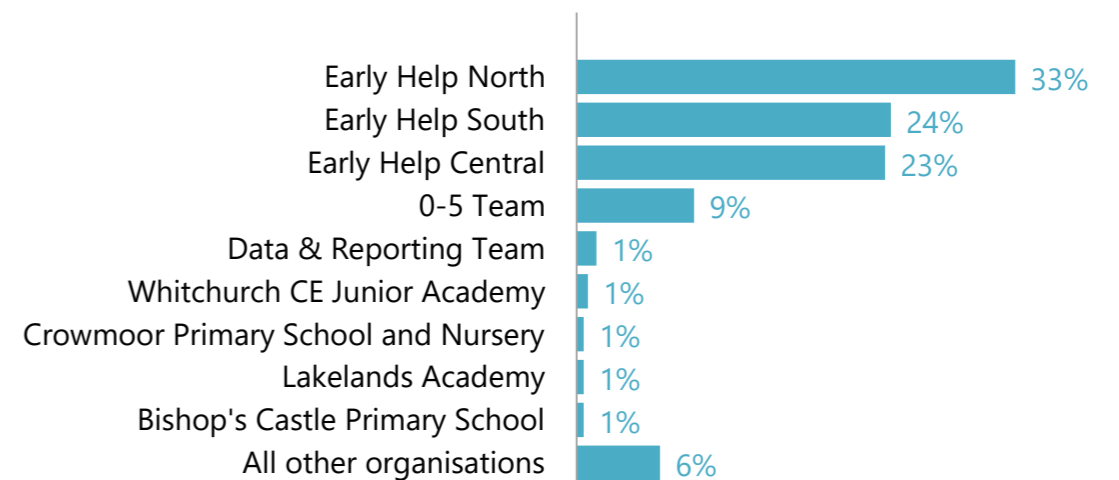
Contact source



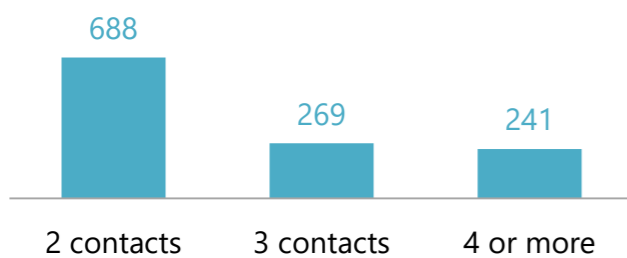
Referral source comparison



Organisation completing assessment



Children with multiple contacts in period

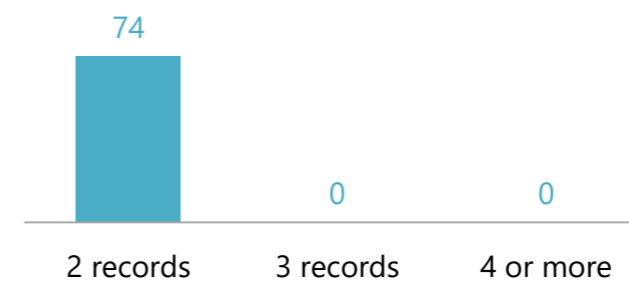


Ethnic backgrounds

White	79%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	0%
Not stated	15%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

Children with multiple records in period



Ethnic backgrounds

White	91%
Mixed	2%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	0%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	6%
Not recorded	0%

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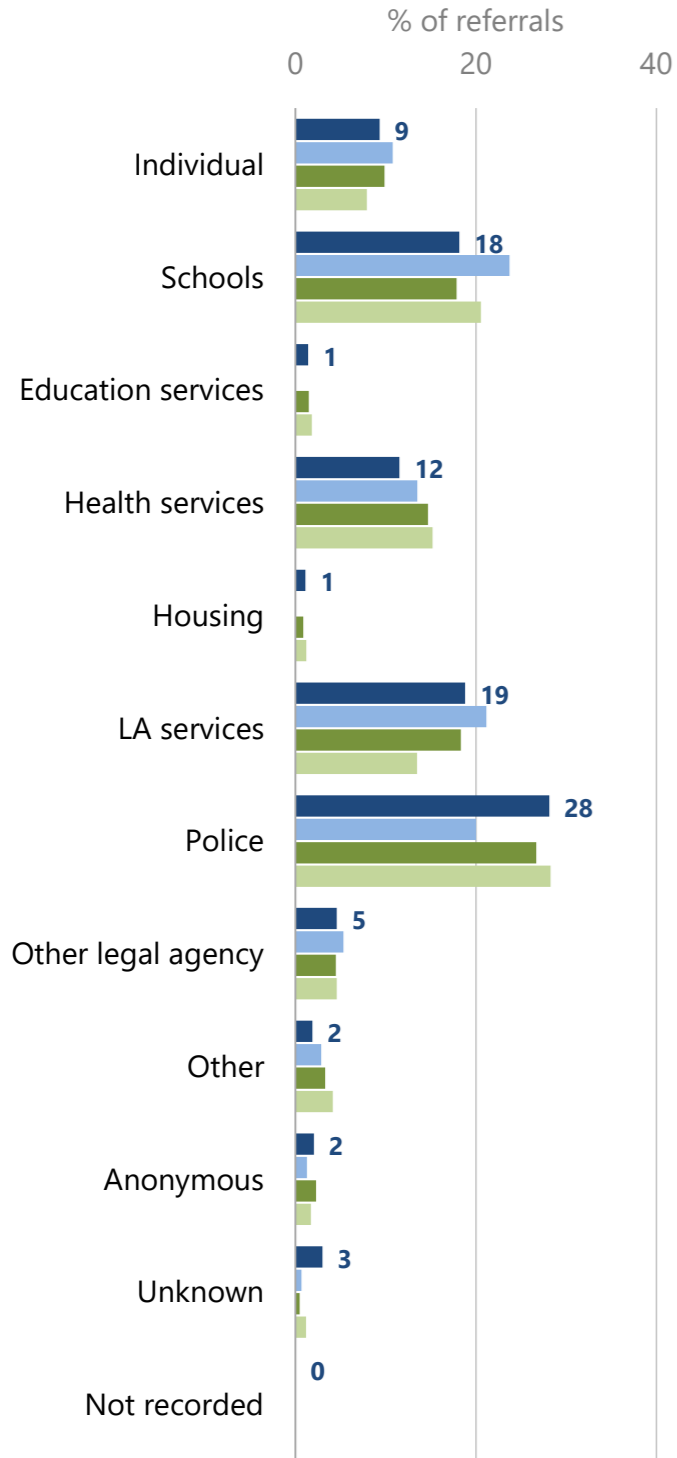
Referrals in the last 6 months

from 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

633 referrals

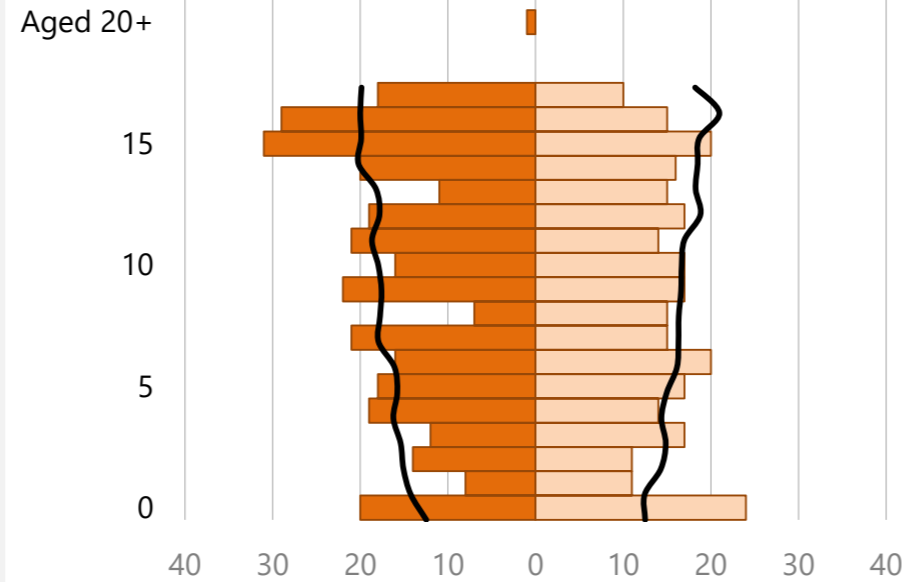
Source of referral

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



Age and sex

■ 323 Males (51%) ■ 285 Females (45%) ■ 25 Other (not shown) (4%)  
— 0-17 population estimate



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Ethnic backgrounds

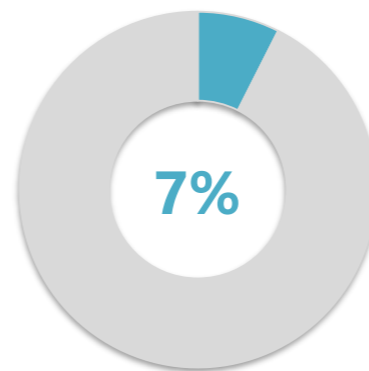
White	82%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	2%
Other ethnic group	2%
Not stated	9%
Not recorded	0%

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

46 children with previous referrals within 12 months of latest referral

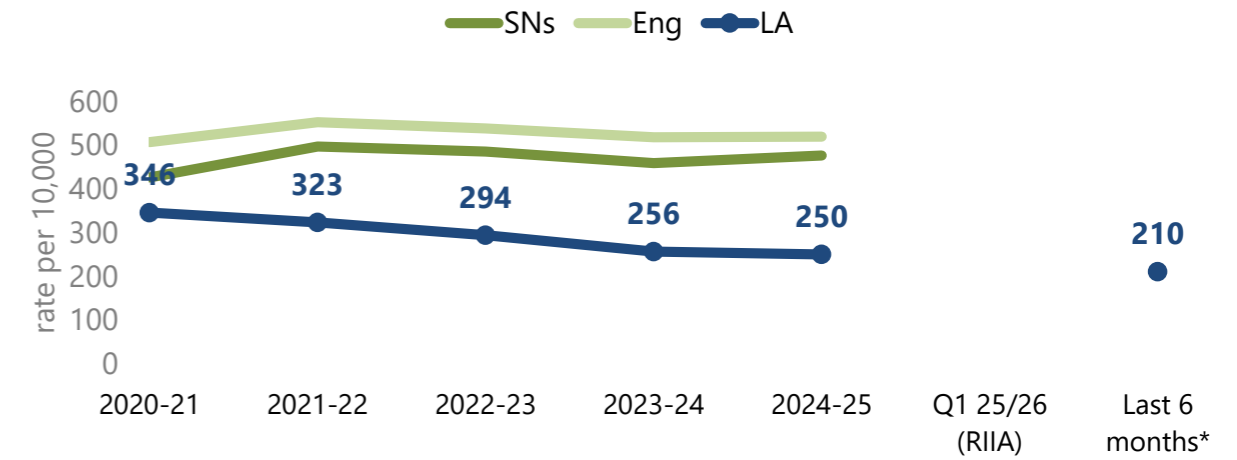
■ Re-referral ■ First referral ■ Not recorded



First referral	571
1 prev referral	43
2 prev referrals	3
3 prev referrals	0
4+ prev referrals	0
Not recorded	0

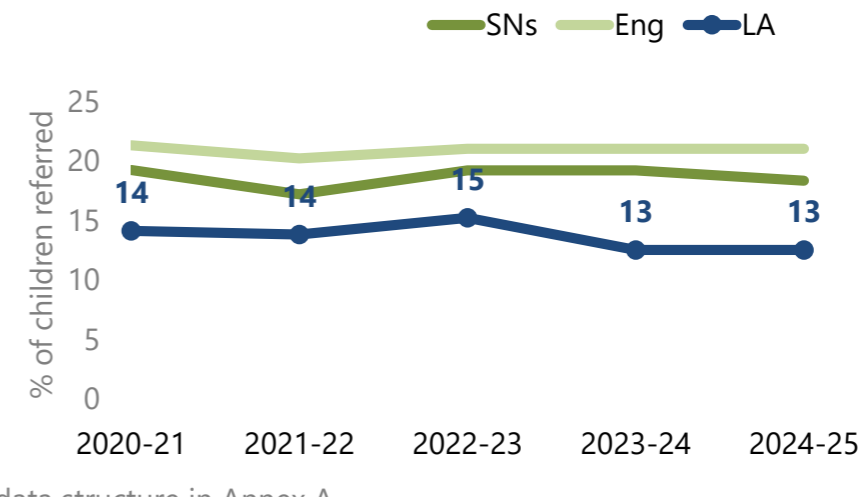
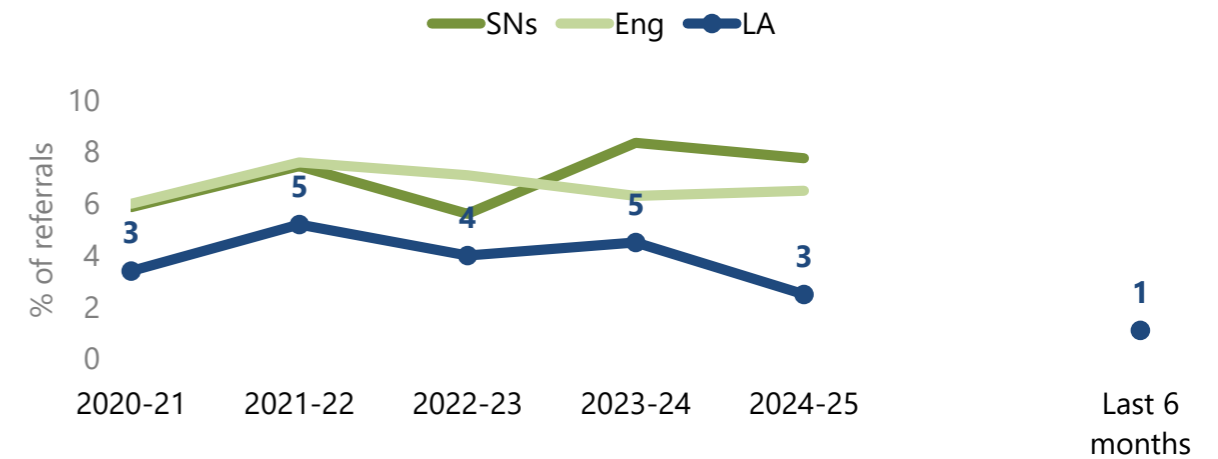
\*\*"Last 6 months" calculation differs slightly from national statistics, due to data structure in Annex A

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



\*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Referrals with No Further Action (NFA)



Assessments in the last 6 months

from 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

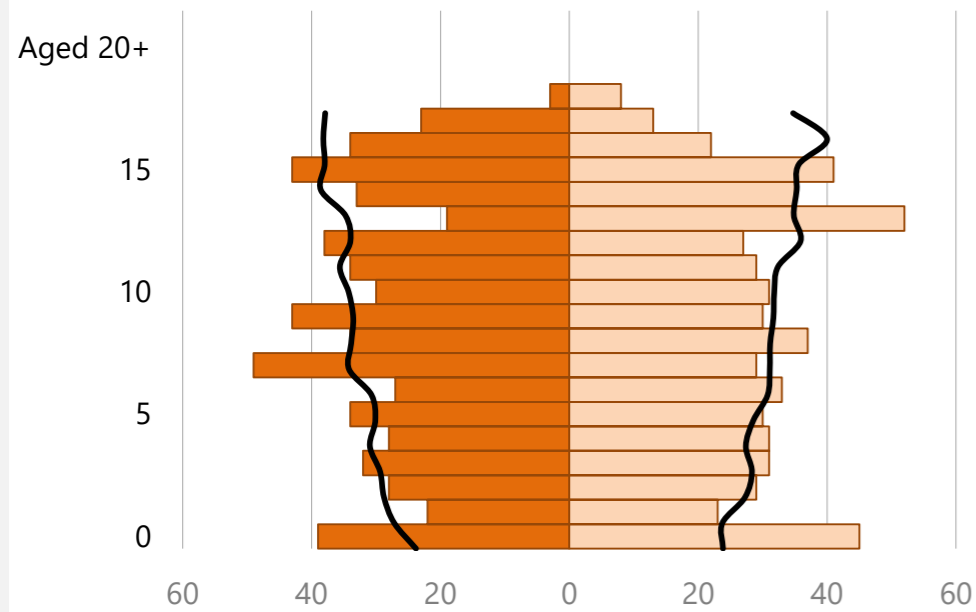
1193 total assessments

273 open assessments

**920 completed assessments**

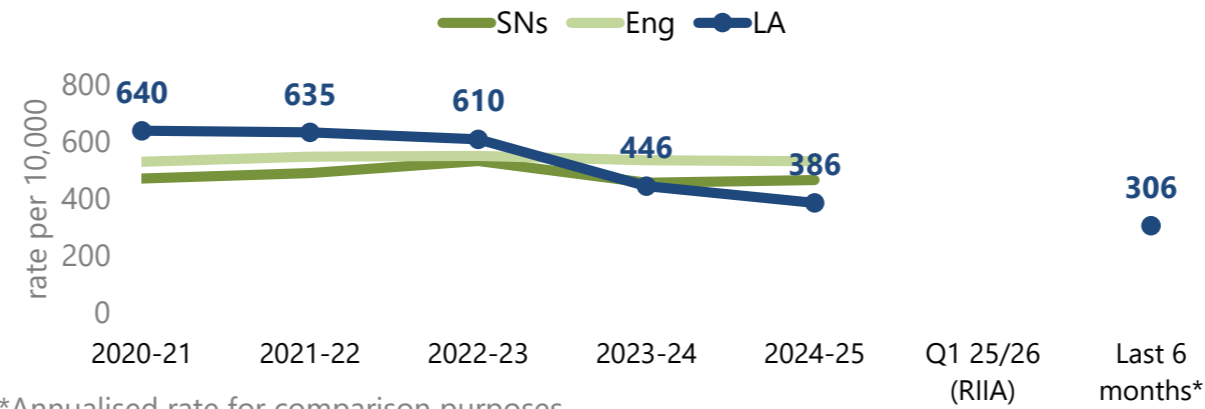
Age and sex of all assessments

593 Males (50%)  
576 Females (48%)  
24 Other (not shown) (2%)  
— 0-17 population estimate



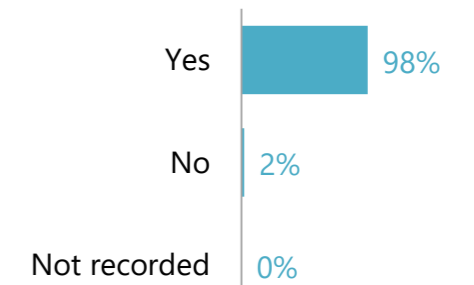
Other includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Rate of completed assessments per 10,000 children aged 0-17

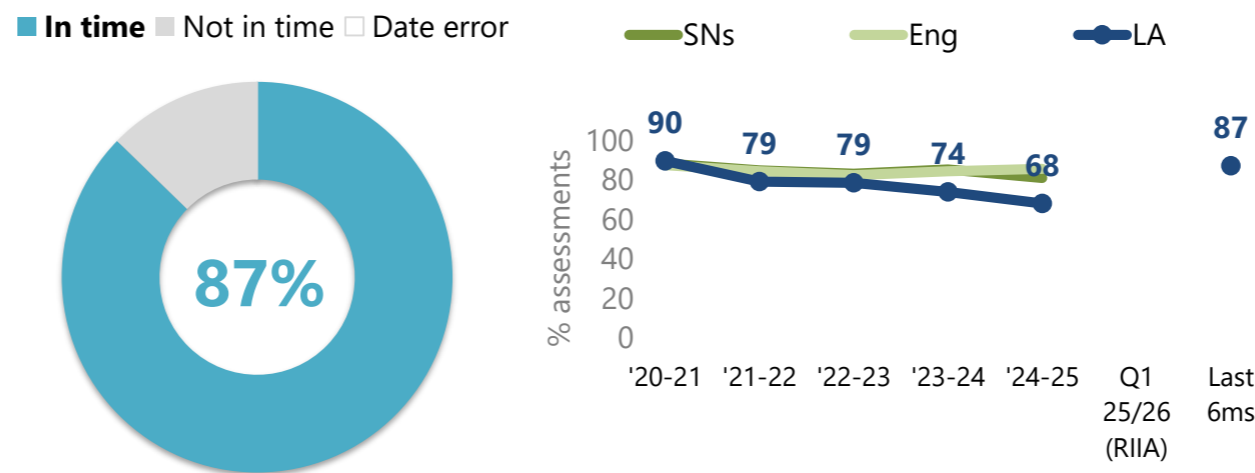


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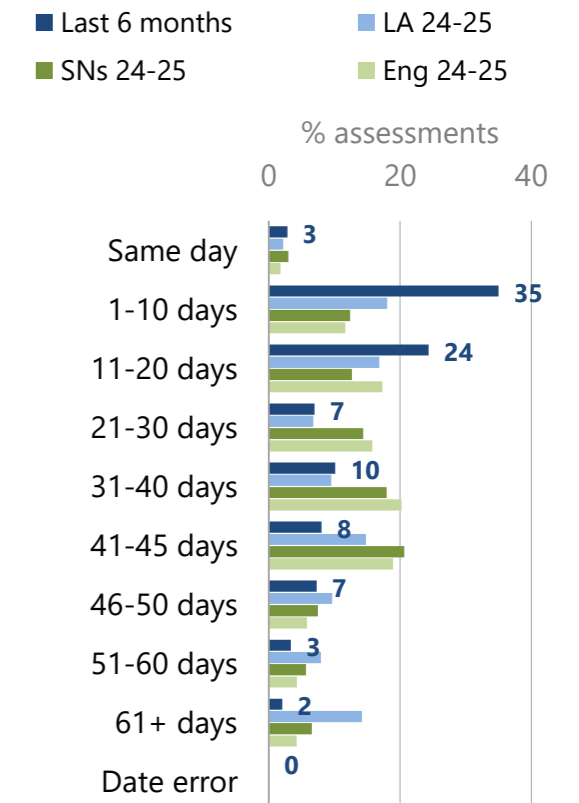
Child assessed as requiring LA children's social care support



Assessments completed in 45 working days

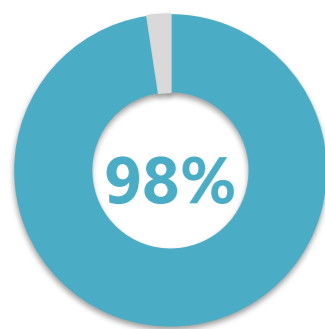


Comparing timeliness



Assessments completed where child

Child seen (98%)  
Not seen  
Unknown



Ethnic background

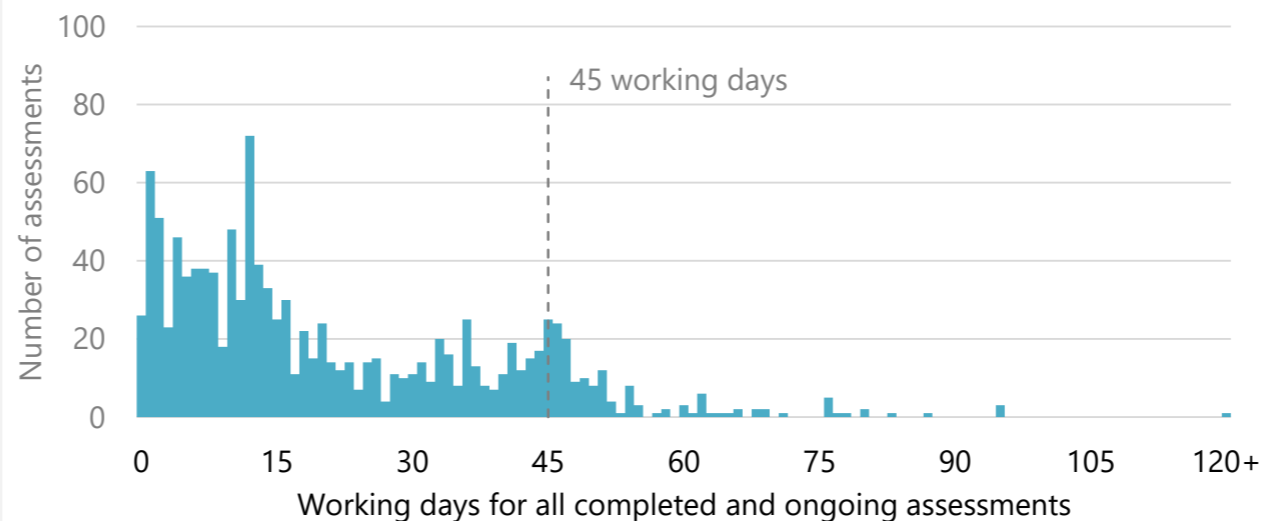
White	89%
Mixed	5%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	2%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	2%
Not recorded	0%

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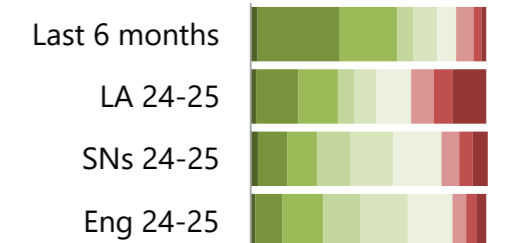
135 assessments (11%) for children with a disability

Durations for all completed and open assessments

Average duration of completed assessments was 21 working days



Duration categories as above

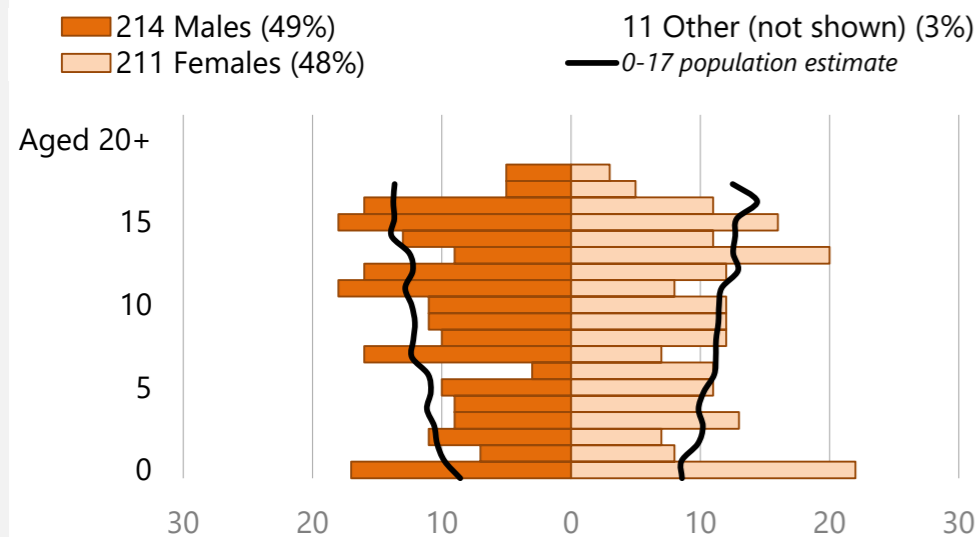


Section 47 enquiries in the last 6 months

from 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

### 436 Section 47 enquiries

#### Age and sex



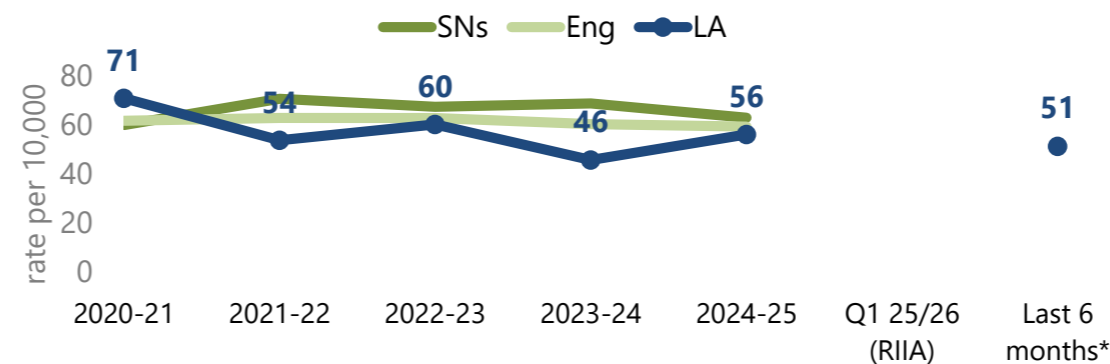
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### 154 Initial Child Protection Conferences (from S47 in period)

**55%** 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

#### Rate of ICPCs per 10,000 children aged 0-17



\*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

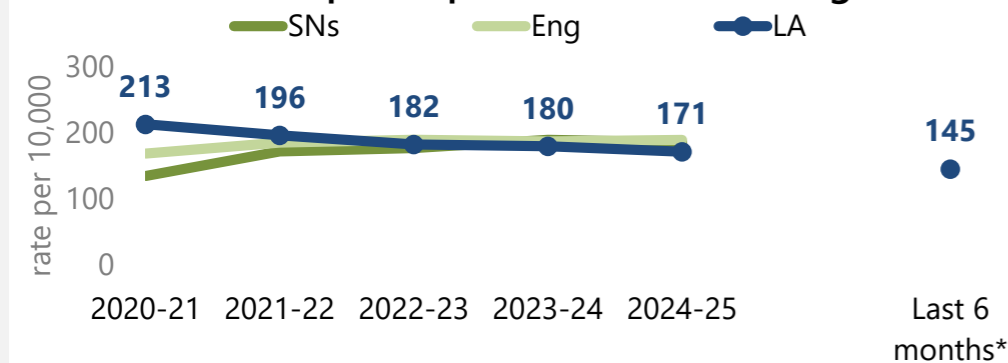
79 child(ren) with an ICPC in the 12 months preceding the latest S47\*

\*Including where latest S47 did not result in ICPC

**90%**

of ICPCs resulted in a child protection plan

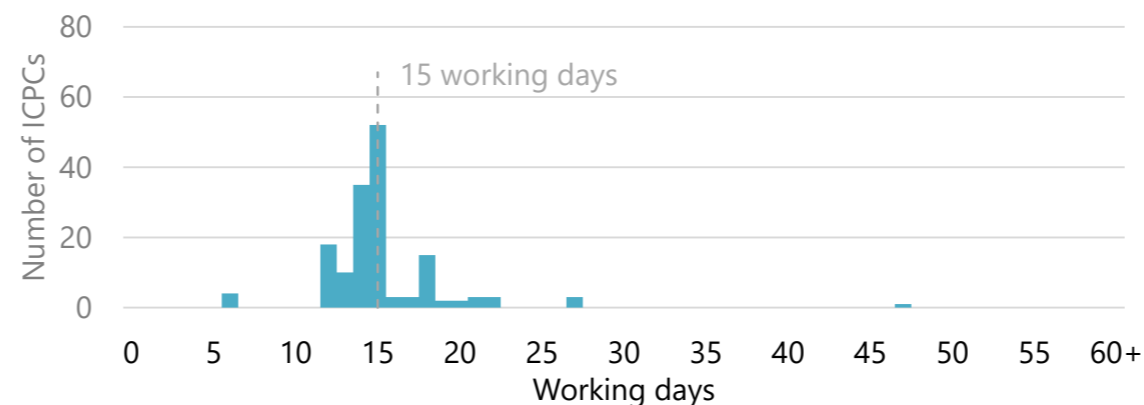
#### Rate of S47 enquiries per 10,000 children aged 0-17



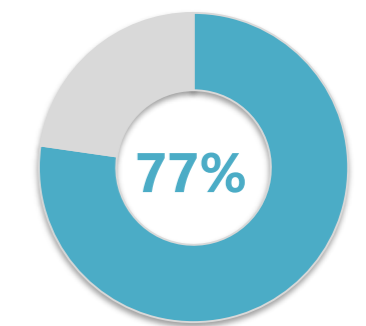
\*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

29 S47s (7%) for children with a disability

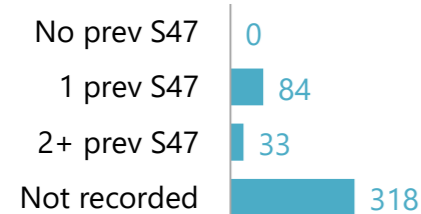
#### ICPCs occurred within 15 working days of the strategy discussion date



In time  
Not in time  
Date error



#### Children with a S47 in the 12 months preceding the latest

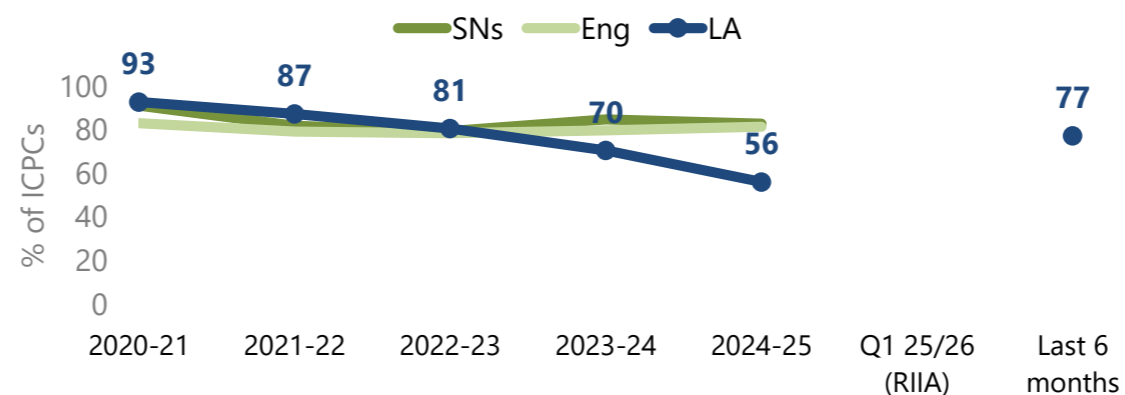


#### Ethnic background

White	87%
Mixed	6%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	3%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	3%
Not recorded	0%

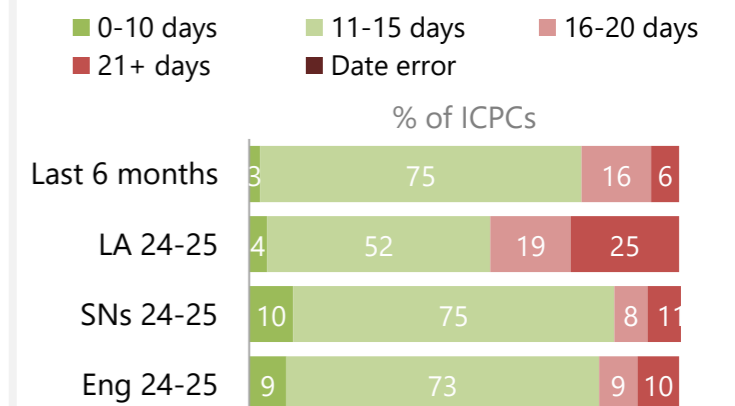
See page 25 for comparisons

#### 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 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

### 1845 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.

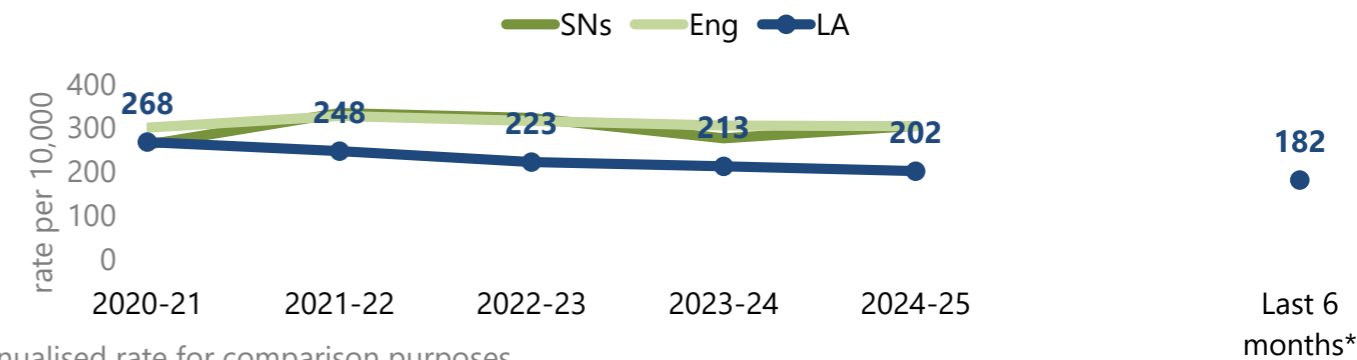
For this reason the published children in need census statistics are not directly comparable to ChAT, however there is considerable overlap with ChAT undercounting the true value as it excludes open referrals and care leavers. Additionally the CiN Census only include RC1-7 codes where here LAs may include 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	664	36%
Child protection plan	224	12%
Child in need plan	293	16%
Open assessment	179	10%
Closed episode	485	26%
Case status not recorded	0	0%
<b>Total (excluding case status unknown)</b>	<b>1,845</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 547 CIN started in 6 months

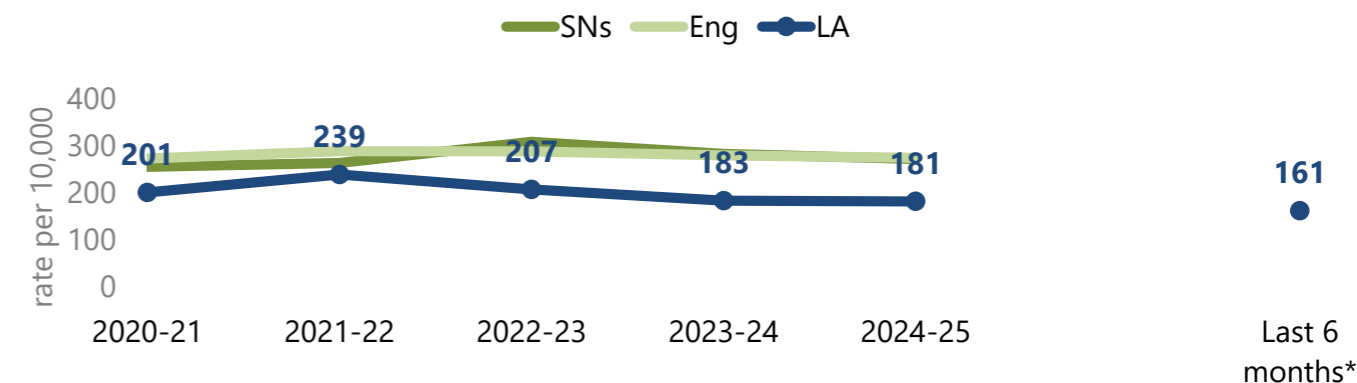
Rate of children who started an episode of need per 10,000 children aged 0-17



\*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

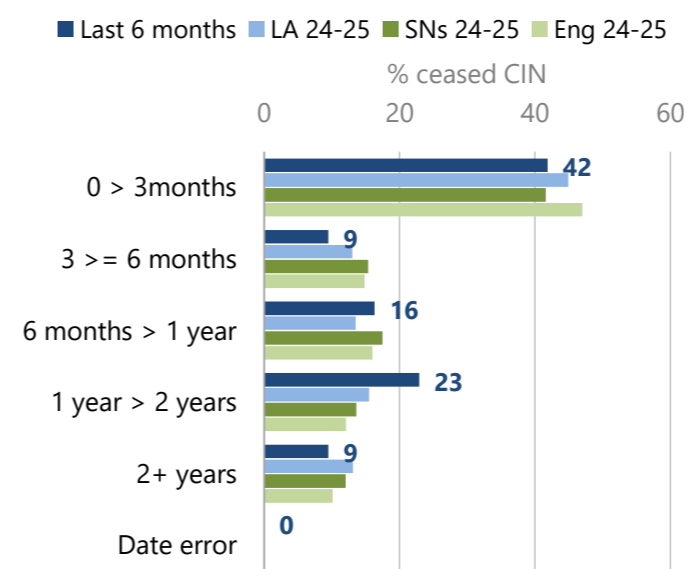
### 485 CIN ceased in 6 months

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

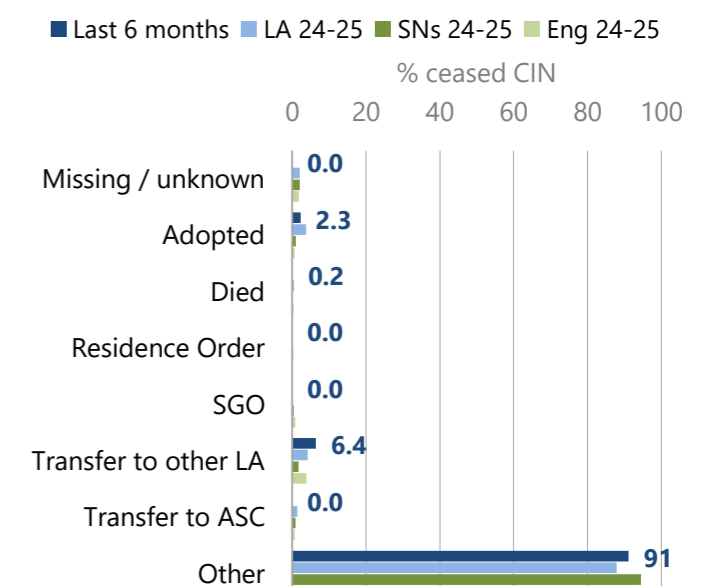


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#### Comparing CIN ceased durations



#### Comparing CIN ceased reasons

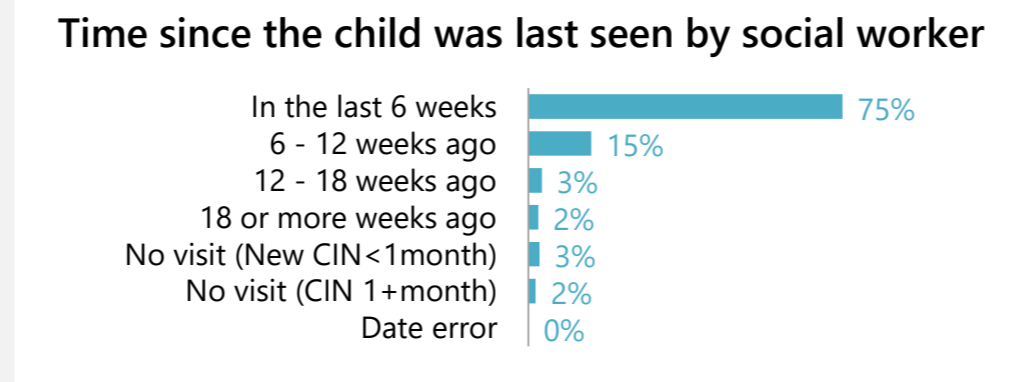
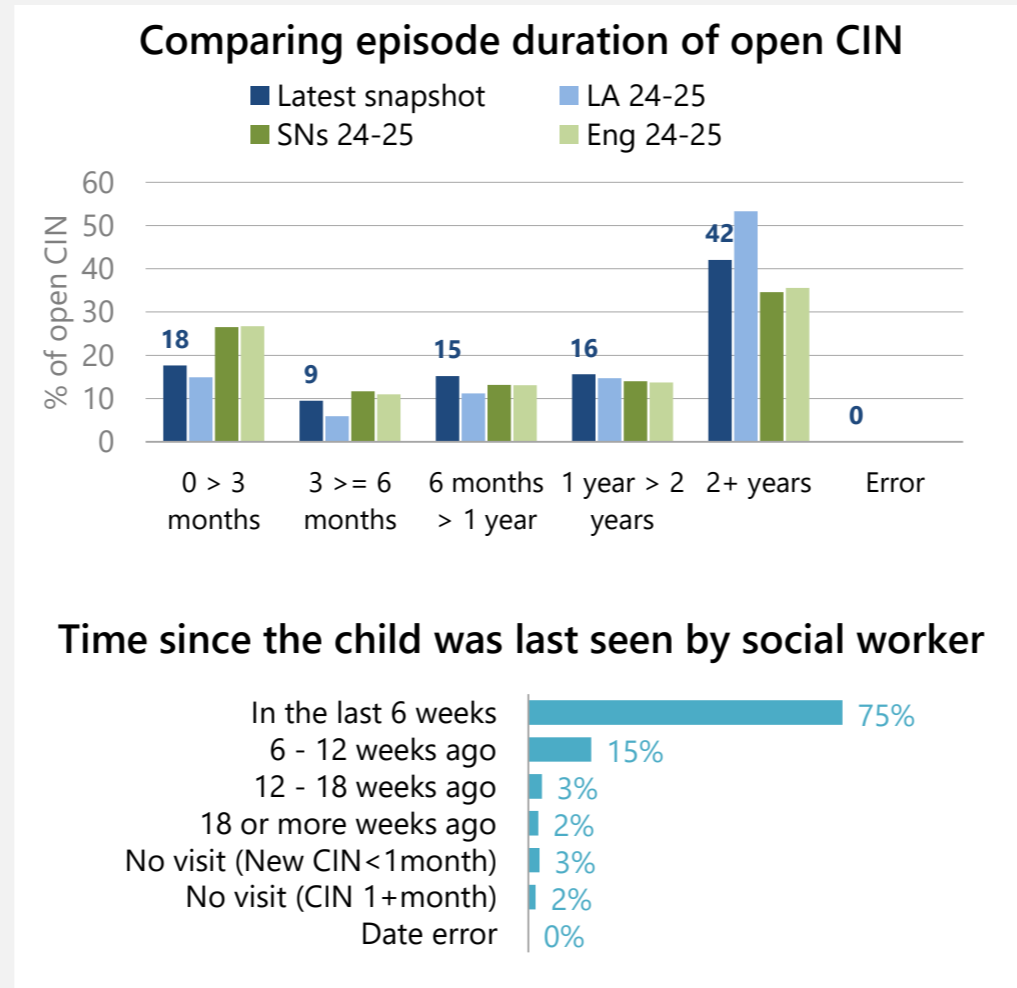
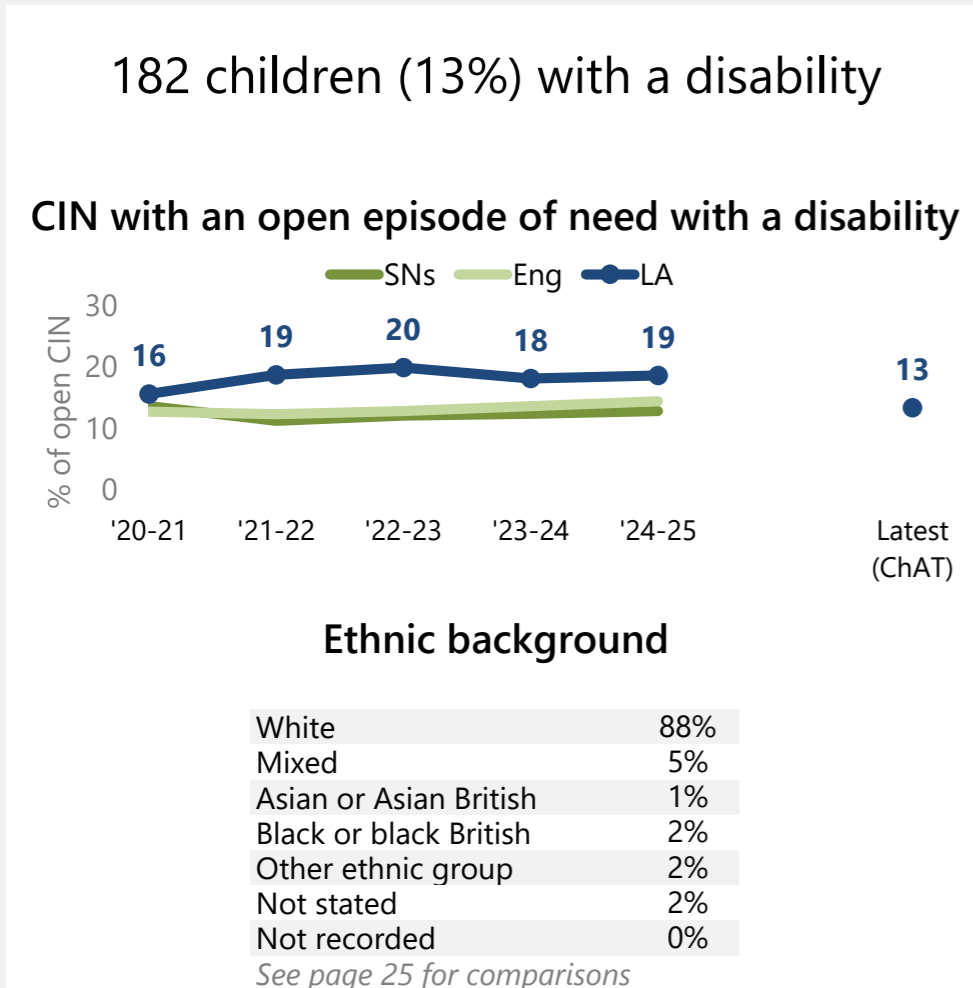
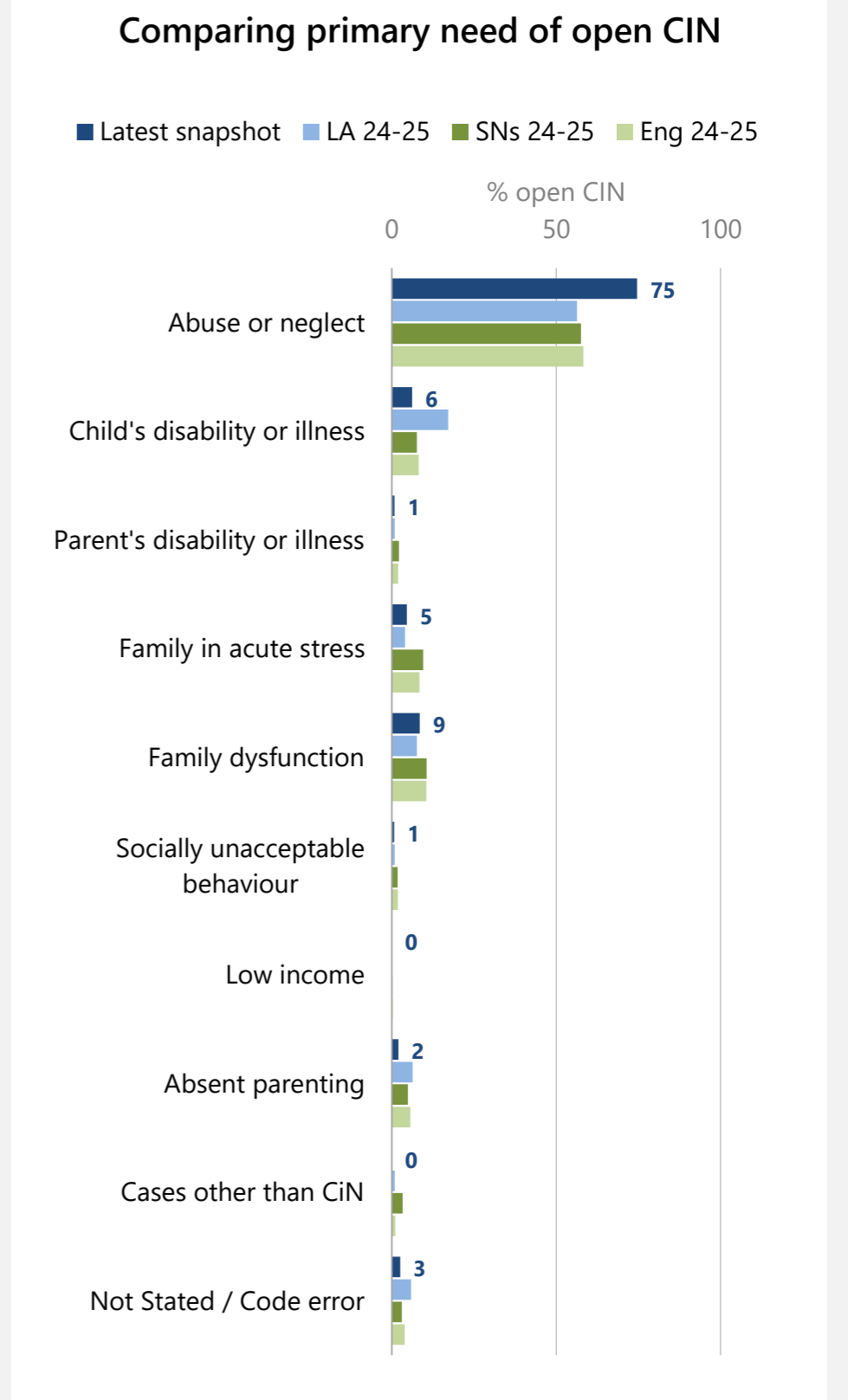
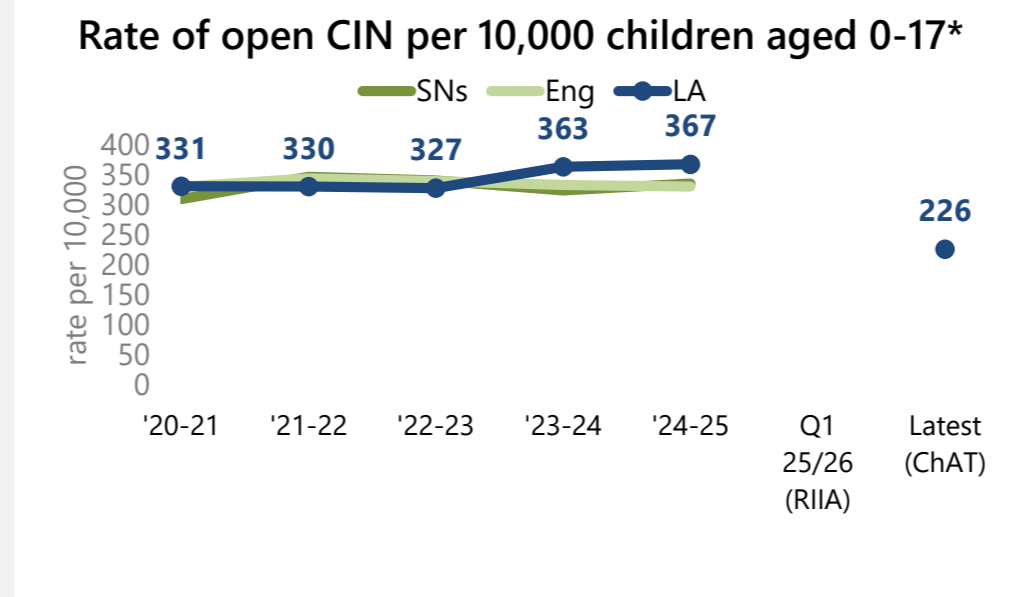
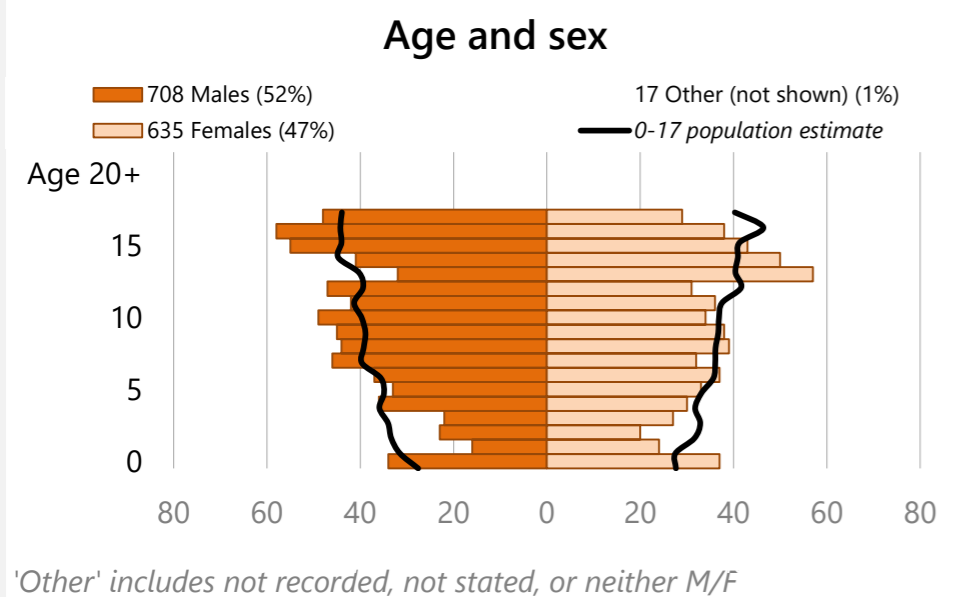


Children in Need (CIN) with an open episode of need

Snapshot 18/06/2026

# 1360 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

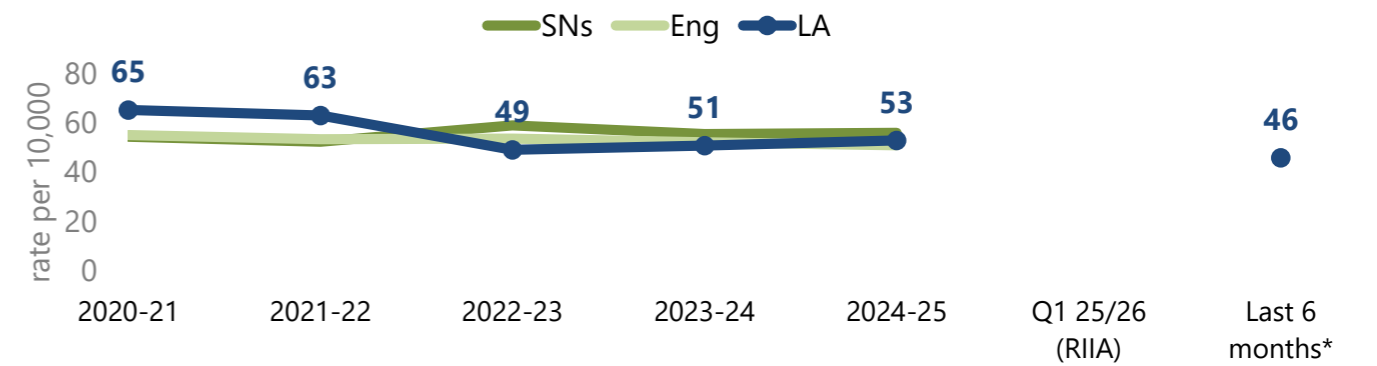
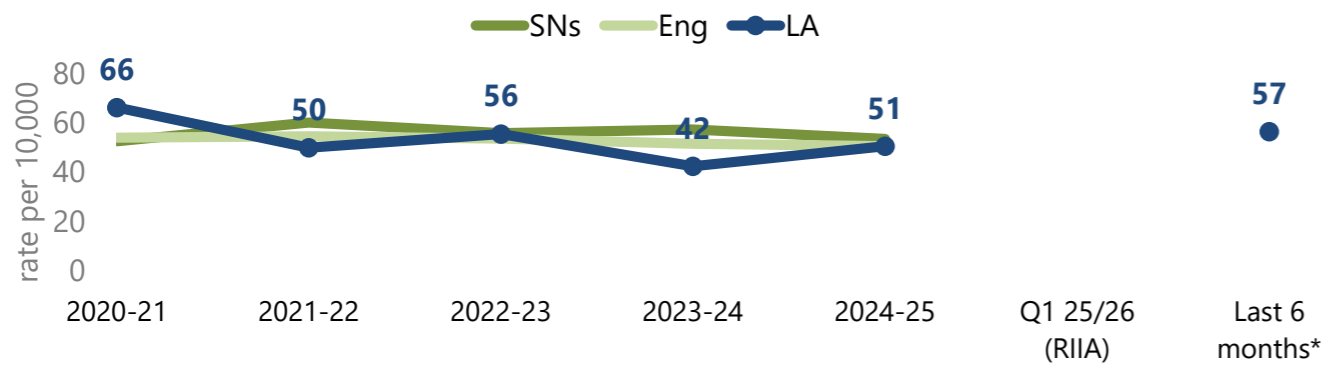
from 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

### 170 CPP started in 6 months

### 138 CPP ended in 6 months

Rate of children who started a CP plan per 10,000 children

Rate of children who ended a CP plan per 10,000 children



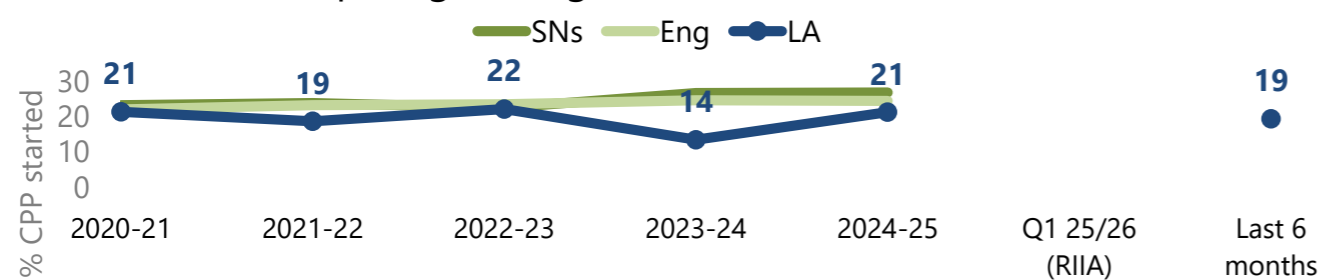
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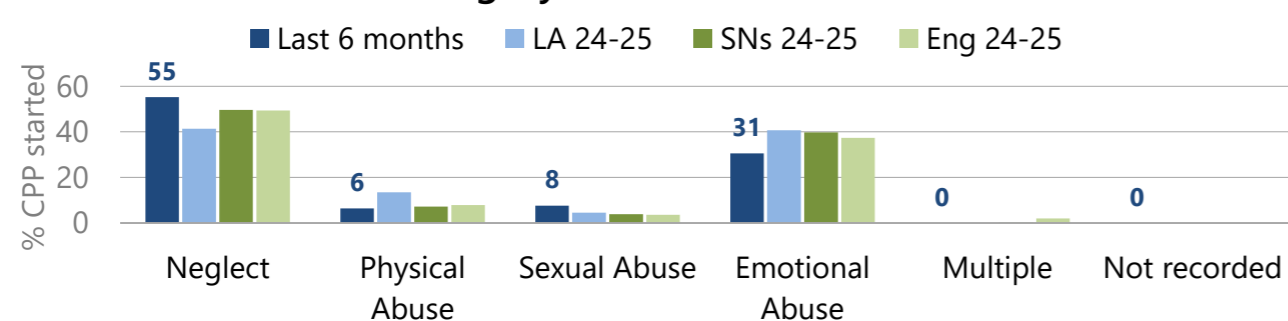
#### "Re-registrations" for children who started on a CP plan (ever)



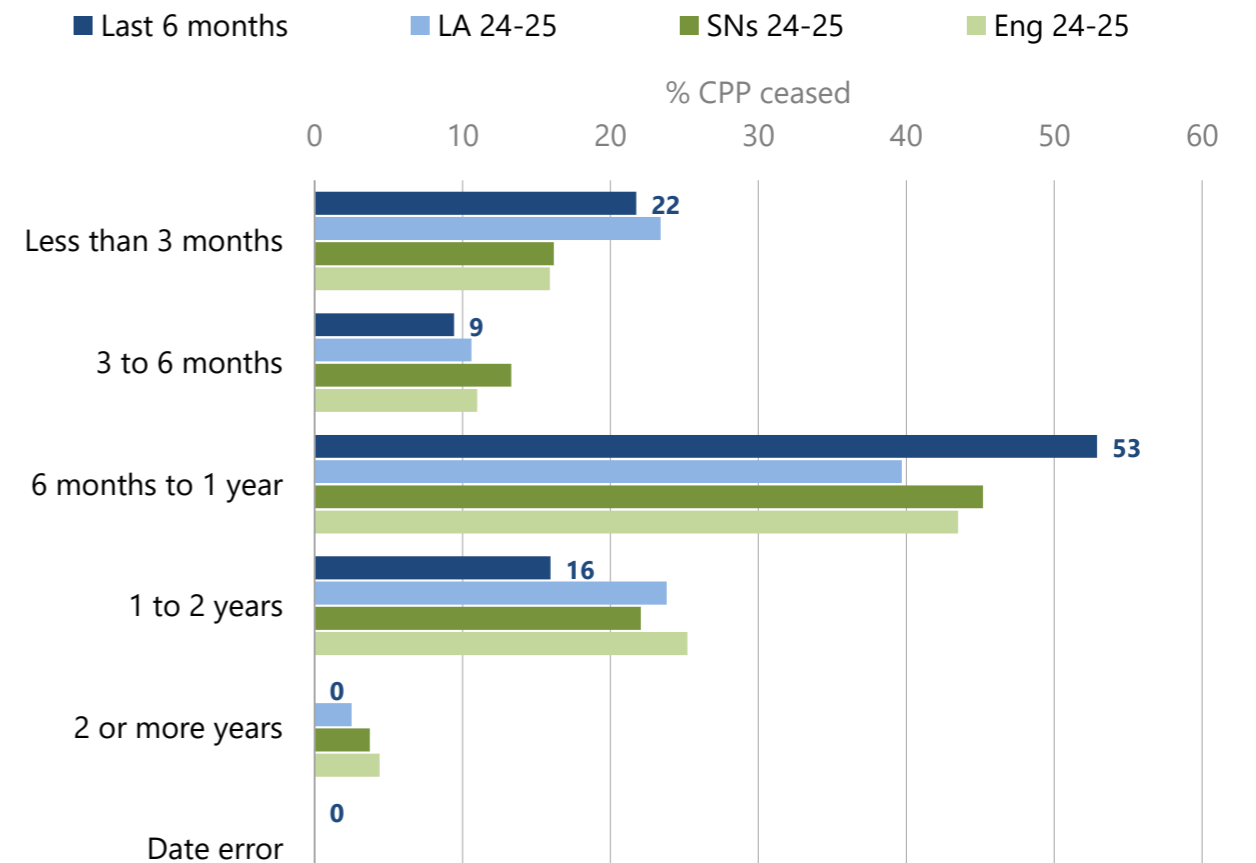
#### Comparing "re-registrations" for CPP started



#### Initial category of abuse for CPP started



#### Comparing plan durations for CPP ended



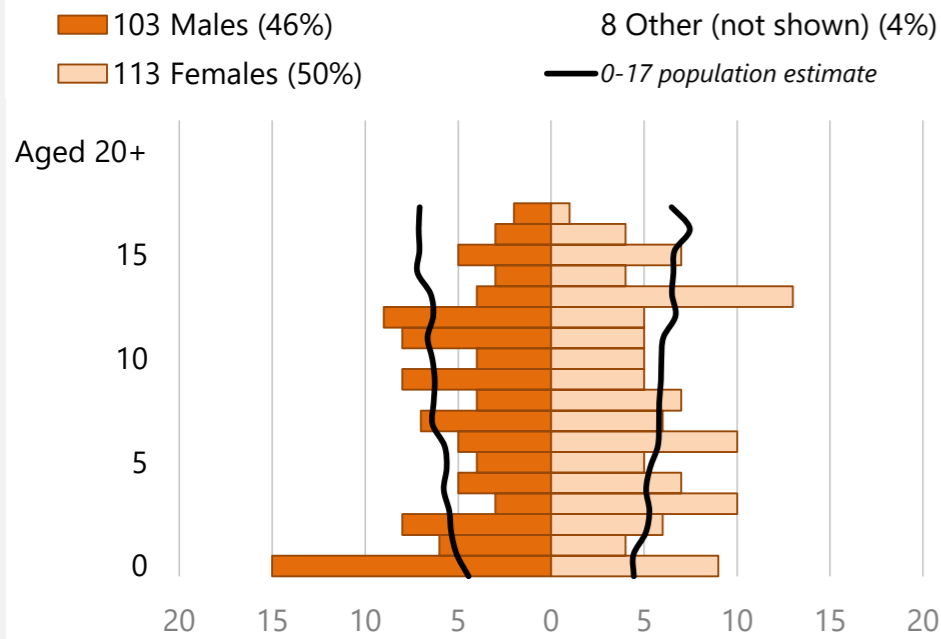
0 of 138 children ended a CP plan after 2 years or more

Child Protection Plans (CPP) currently open

Snapshot 18/06/2026

## 224 children currently subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP)

### Age and sex



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

### Ethnic background

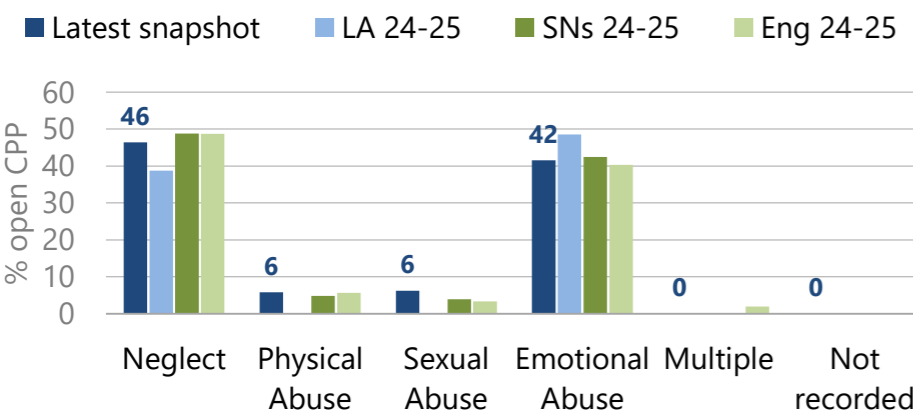
White	87%
Mixed	8%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	2%
Not recorded	0%

See page 20 for comparisons

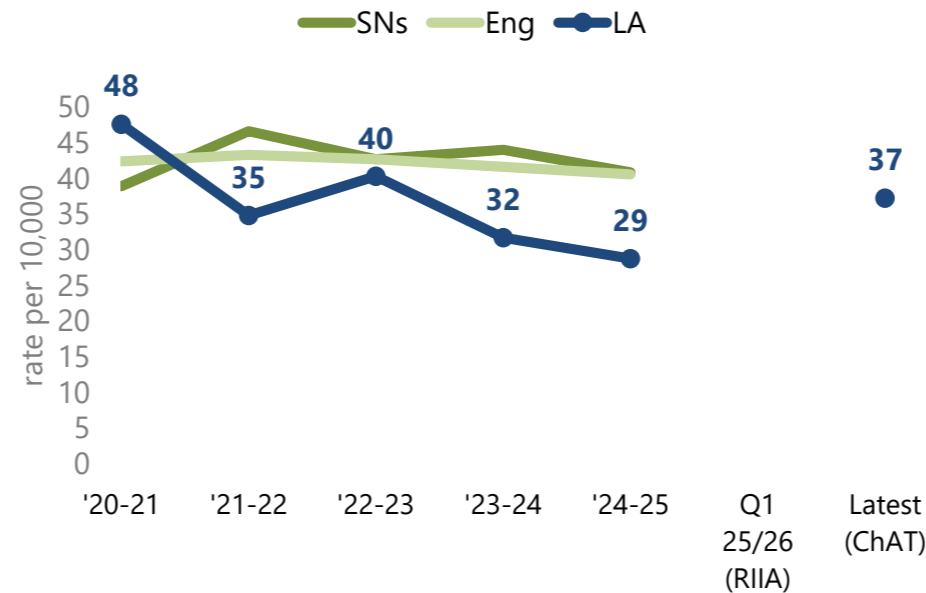
11 children (5%)  
with a disability

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

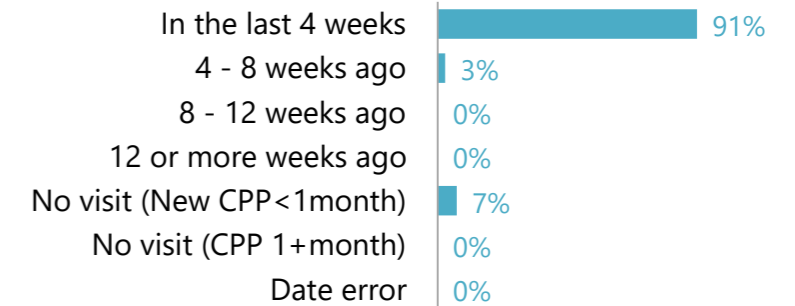
### Latest category of abuse for current CP plans



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

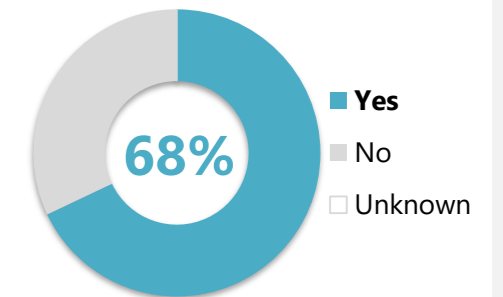


### Time since the child was last seen

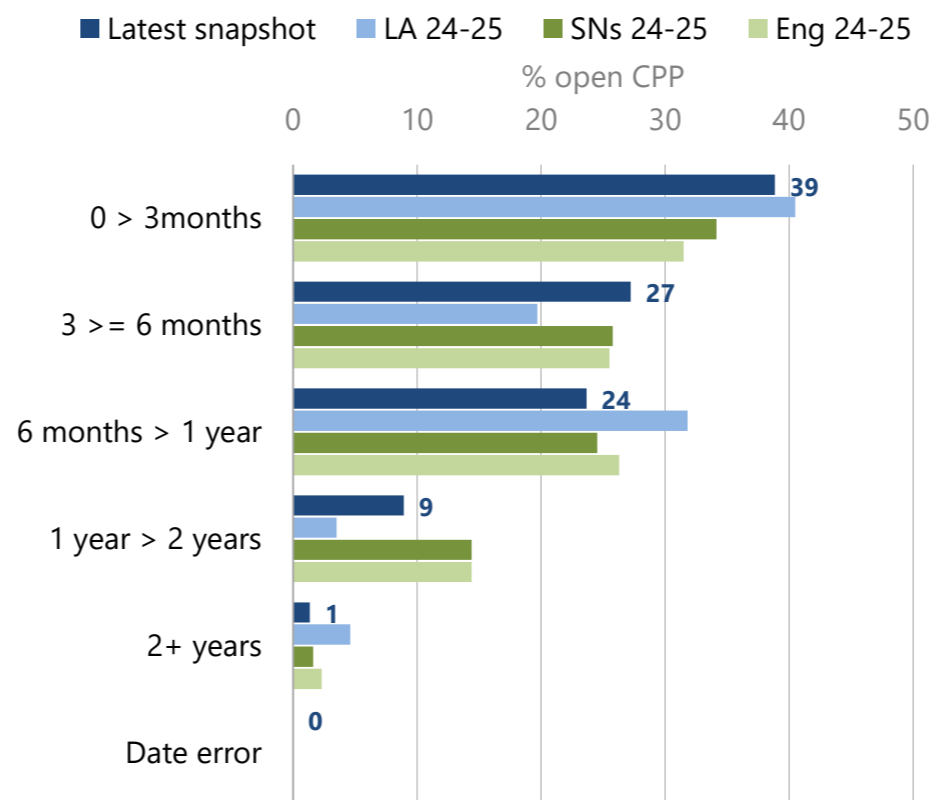


Open CPP **seen alone** at their last social work visit

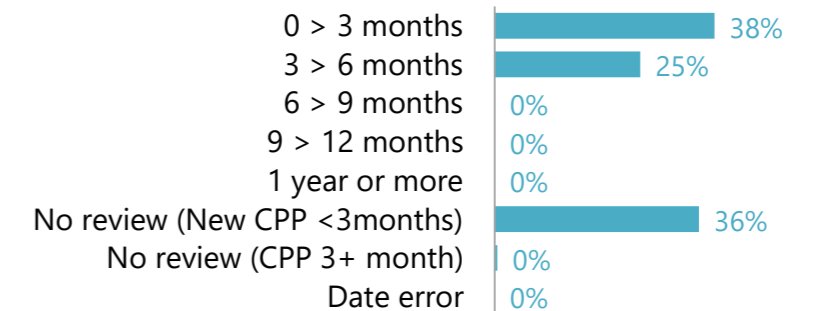
(excludes Not recorded or N/A)



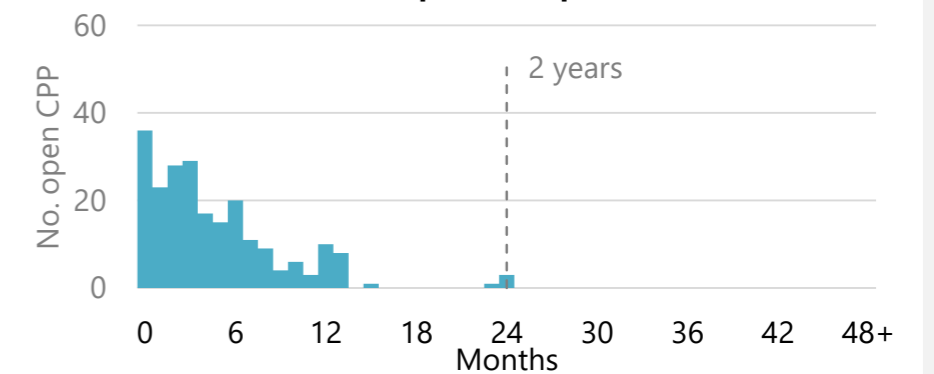
### Comparing duration of open CP plans



### Time since the child's latest review



### Duration of current open CP plans (in months)

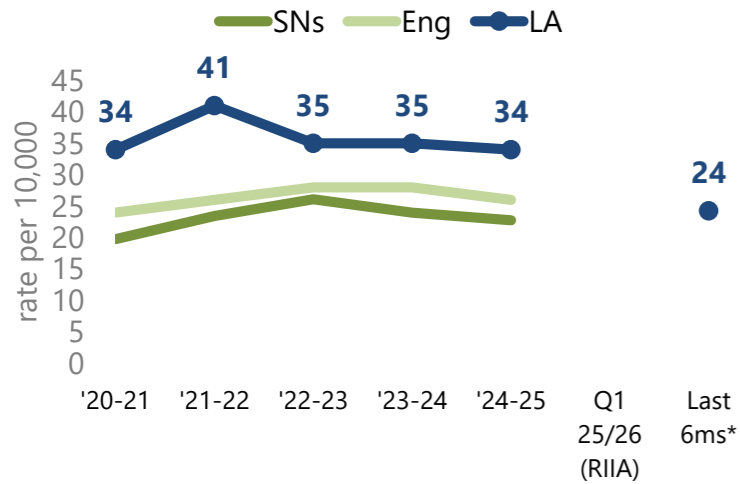


Children Looked After (CLA) started and ceased in the last 6 months

from 19/12/2025  
to 18/06/2026

### 73 CLA started in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA started per 10,000 children

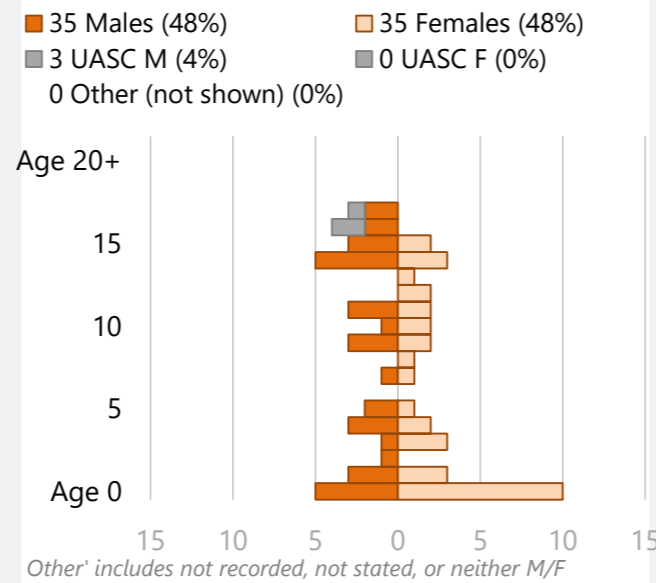


\*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

3 of the 73 CLA starters were unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UAS)

4%

Age and sex

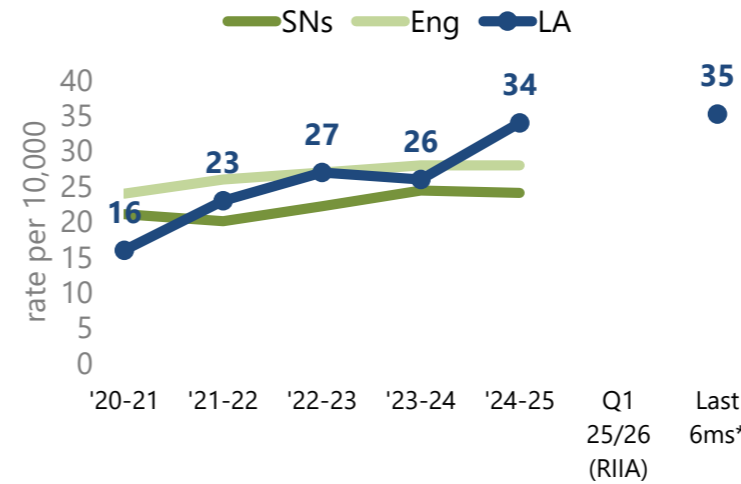


1 of the 73 CLA starters have previously been looked after

1%

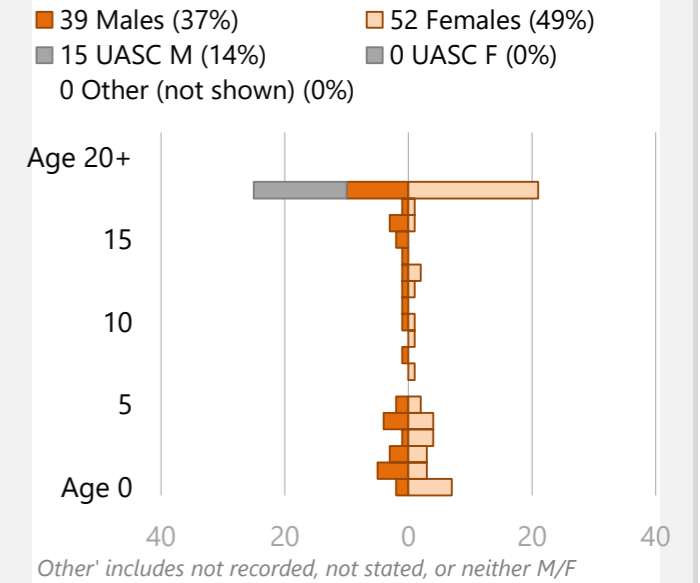
### 106 CLA ceased in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA ceased per 10,000 children



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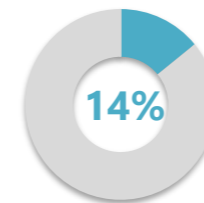
Age and sex



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### Reason episode of care ceased

Adopted

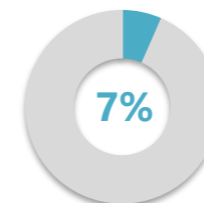


Category	2024-25 (published)
Last 6 months	14%
LA	9%
SNs	12%
Eng	9%

Number of CLA ceased by reason in the period

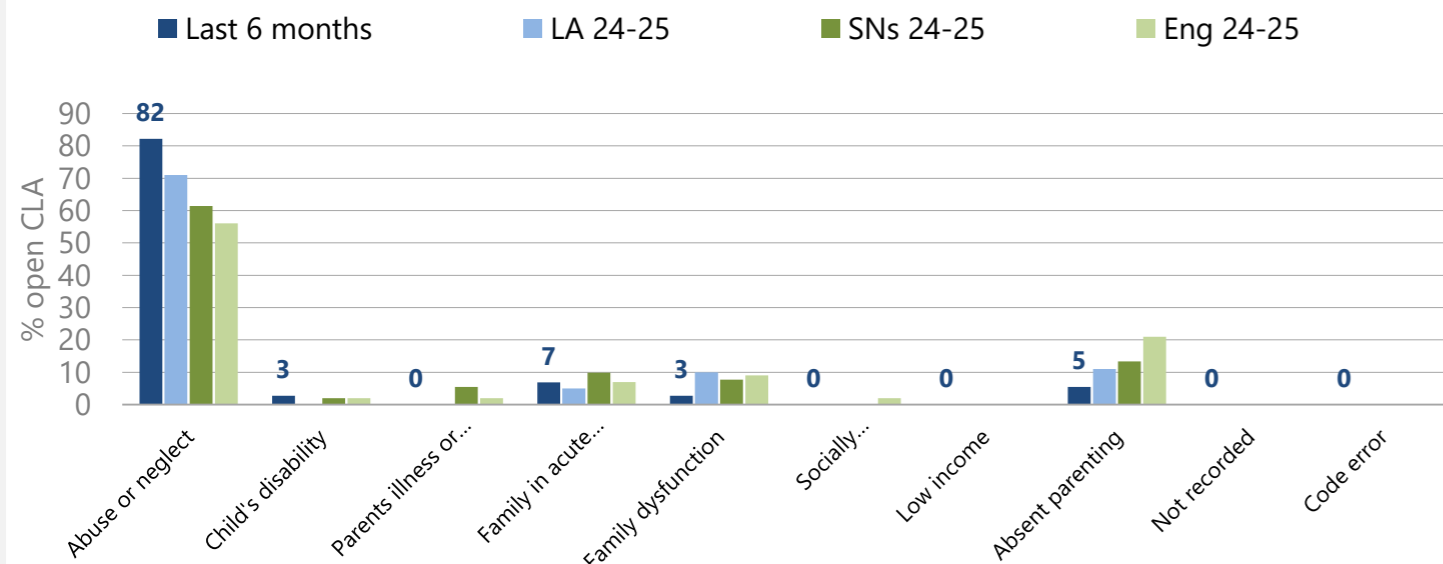
Adopted	15
Died	0
Care taken by another LA	2
Returned home to live with parents/ relatives	2
Live with parents/relatives (not PR)	51
Residence order granted	9
Special Guardianship Orders	7
Moved into independent living	2
Transferred to residential care funded by ASS	0
Sentenced to custody	0
Accommodation on remand ended	0
Age assessment determined child was 18+	0
Child moved abroad	0
Any other reason	18
Not recorded / Error	0

Special Guardianship Order



Category	2024-25 (published)
Last 6 months	7%
LA	11%
SNs	13%
Eng	12%

### Comparing the primary need of CLA starters

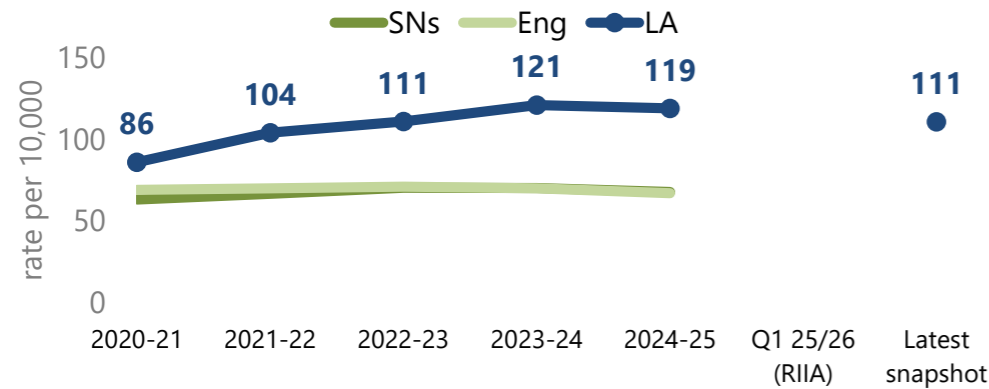


Children Looked After (CLA) with an open episode of care

Snapshot 18/06/2026

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

Rate of CLA per 10,000 children (snapshot)



Ethnic background

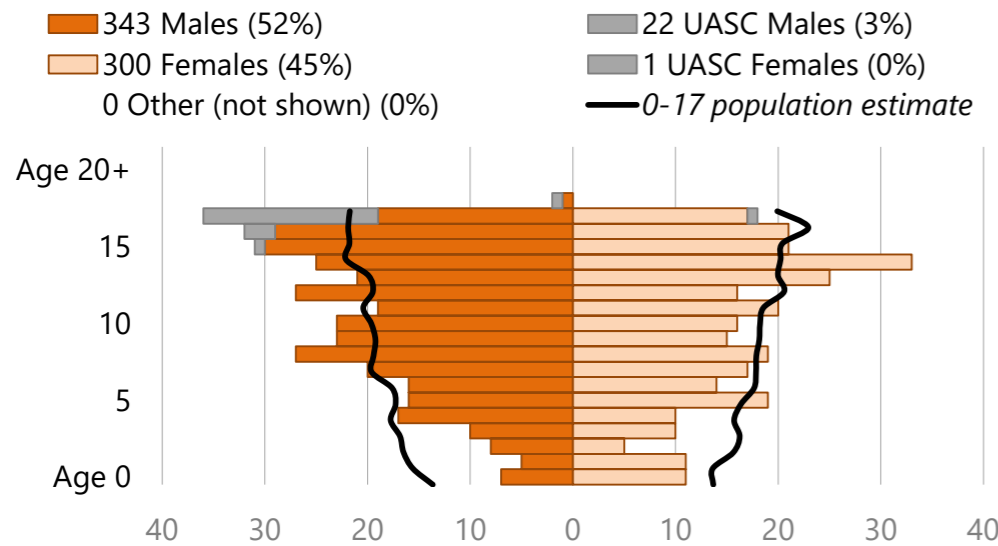
	All CLA	Not UASC	UASC
White	88%	91%	0%
Mixed	6%	6%	0%
Asian or Asian British	0%	0%	9%
Black or black British	3%	1%	35%
Other ethnic group	3%	1%	57%
Not stated	0%	0%	0%
Not recorded	0%	0%	0%

78 children (12%) with a disability

Permanence plan

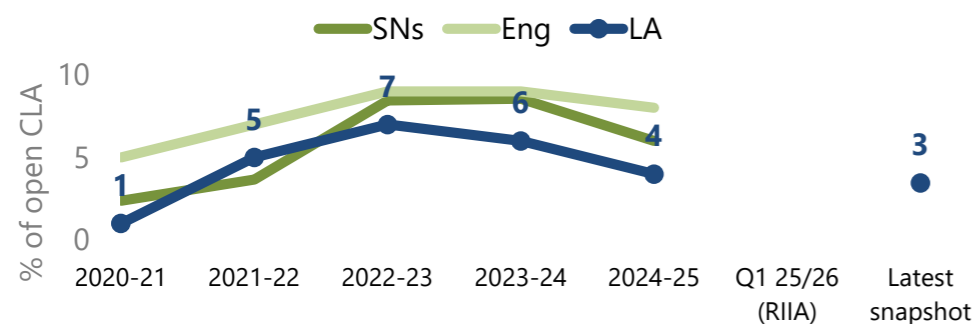
	Number	%
Return to family	121	18%
Adoption	19	3%
SGO/CAO	38	6%
Supported living	26	4%
L/T residential	83	12%
L/T fostering	349	52%
Other	26	4%
Not recorded	4	1%

Age and sex

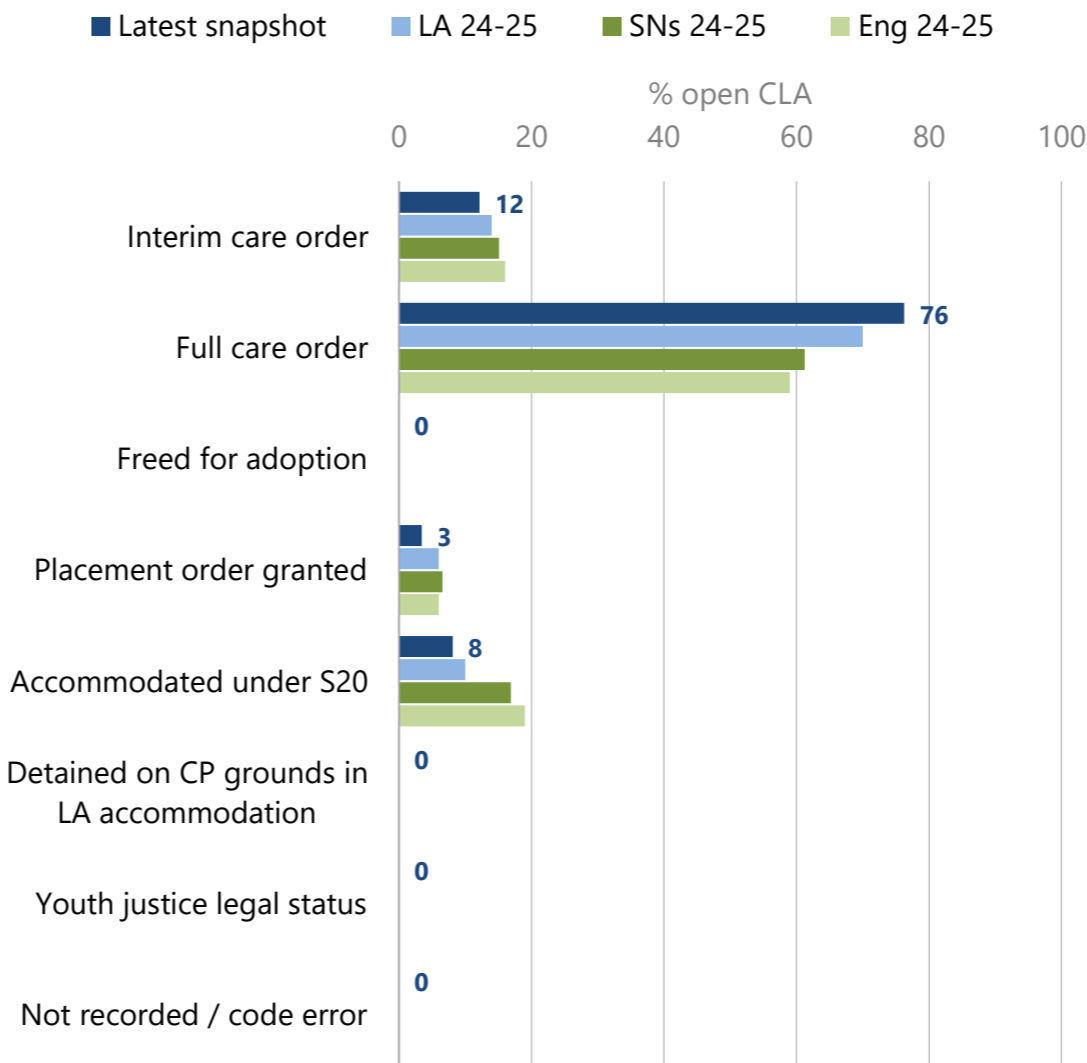


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23 open unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UAS)  
UAS Children as a percentage of CLA (snapshot)



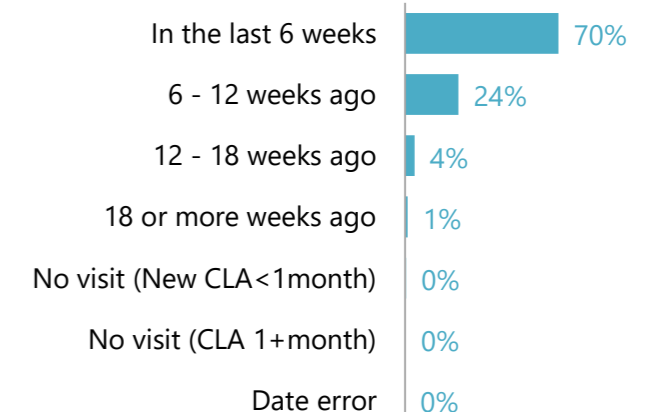
Comparing legal status of open CLA (snapshot)



Time since latest review



Time since the child was last seen

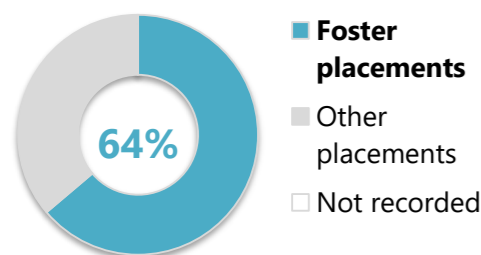


Children Looked After (CLA) placements

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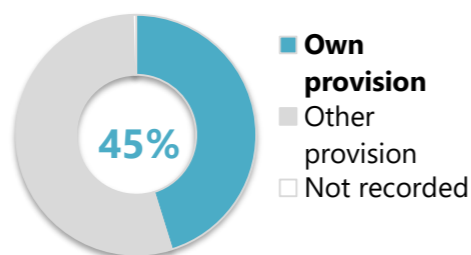
CLA placements by type and provision

Foster placements



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

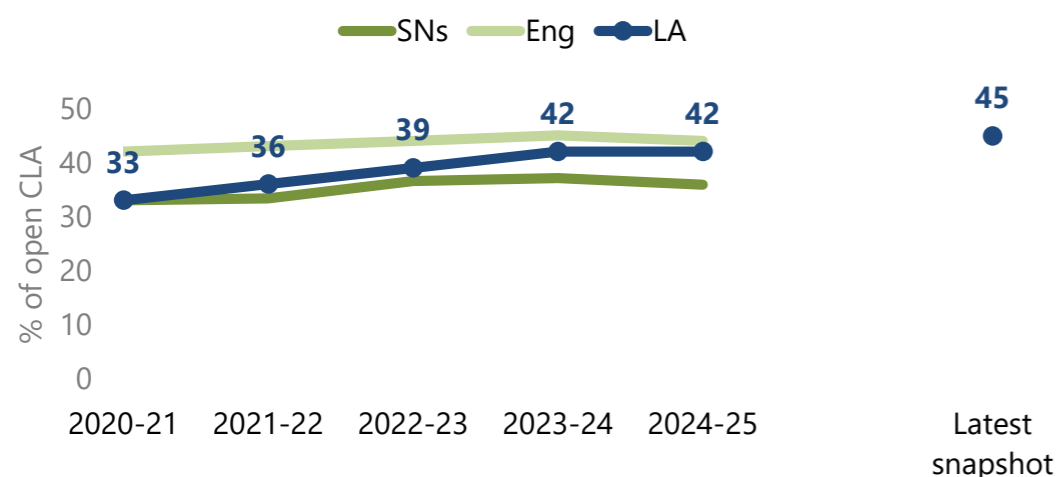
Own provision



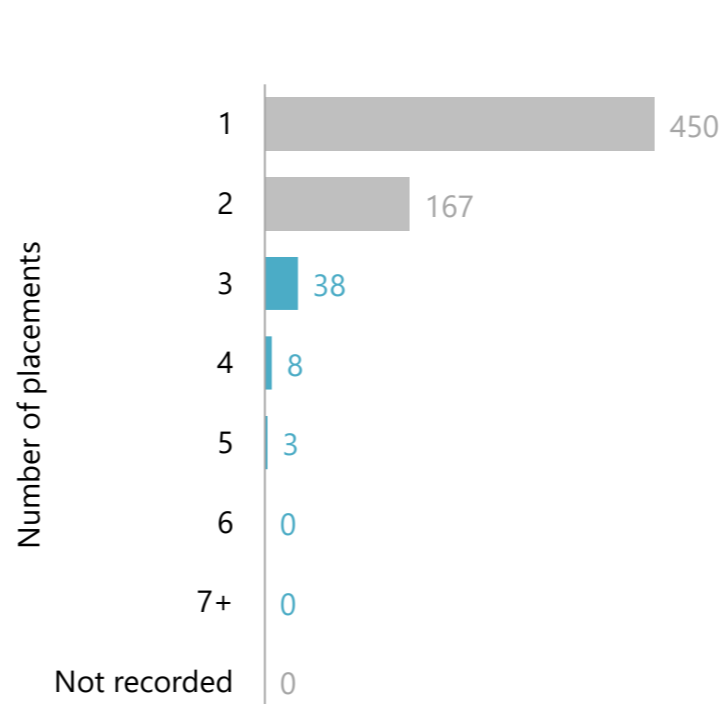
LA 2024-25 45%  
SNs 2024-25 48%  
Eng 2024-25 43%

Placement type (open CLA)	Own LA	Private	Other	Total
Foster placement	278	138	9	425
Placed for adoption	6	0	1	7
Placed with parents	0	0	47	47
Independent living	0	0	0	0
Residential employment	0	0	0	0
Residential accommodation	1	29	0	30
Secure Children's Homes	0	0	0	0
Children's Homes	9	120	2	131
Residential Care Home	0	0	0	0
NHS/Health Trust	0	0	0	0
Family Centre	0	1	0	1
Young Offender Institution	0	0	0	0
Residential school	0	1	0	1
Other placements	7	1	15	23
Temporary placement	0	0	0	0
Total placements	301	290	74	665

CLA placements out of borough

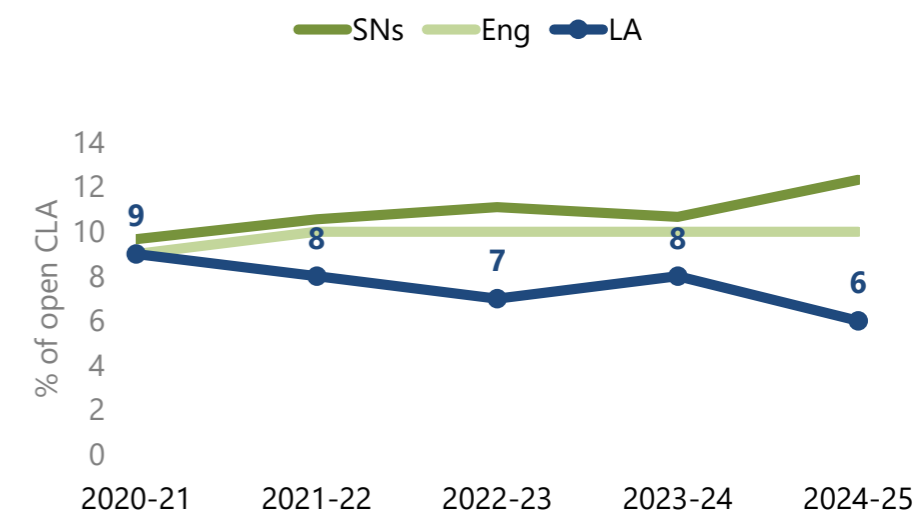


Number of placements in the last 12 months



May include "status" changes as well as placements

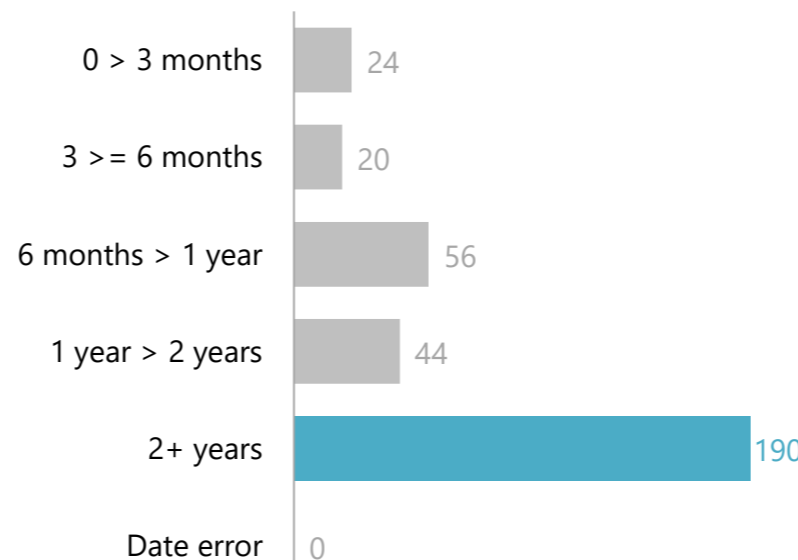
Comparing short term placement stability



Due to limited data in the Annex A dataset, ChAT does not present short-term stability alongside published statistics

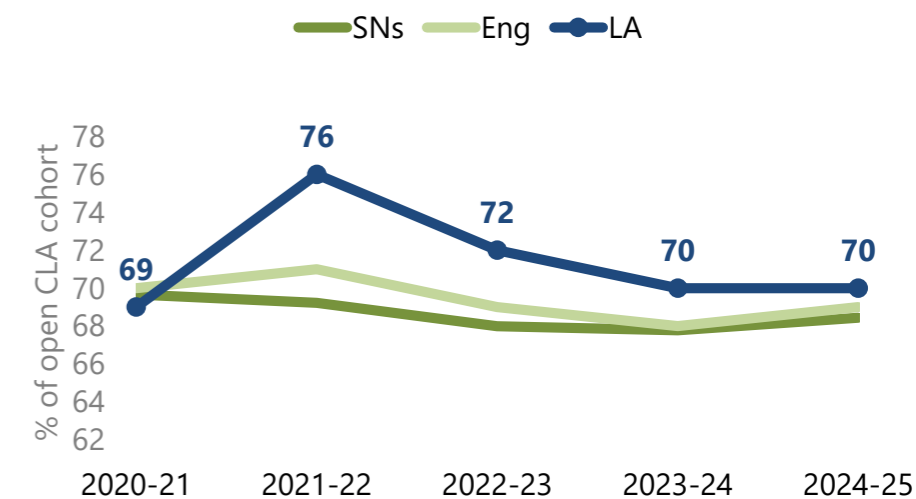
Duration of placements

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



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Comparing long term placement stability



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

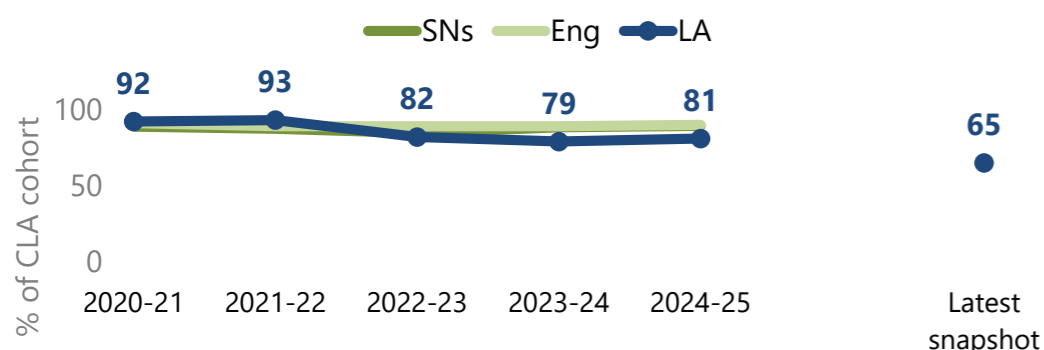
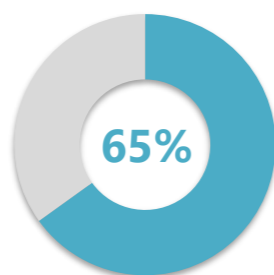
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### Health

547 current open CLA looked after for at least 12 months

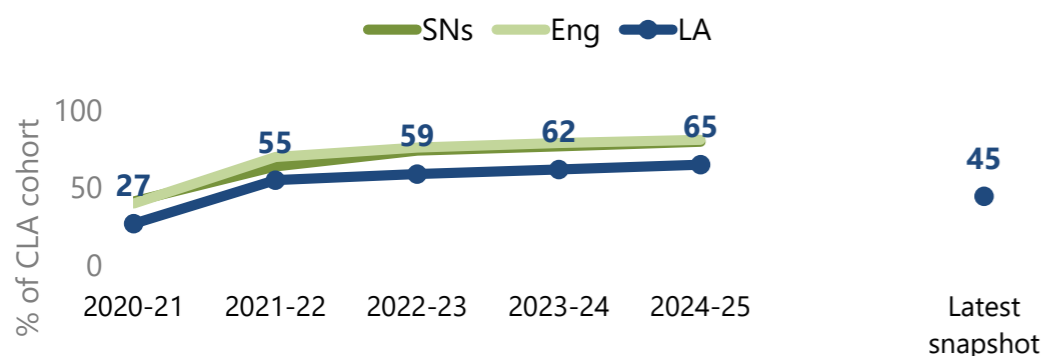
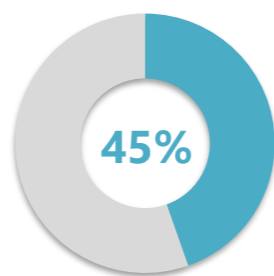
#### Health assessments

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)



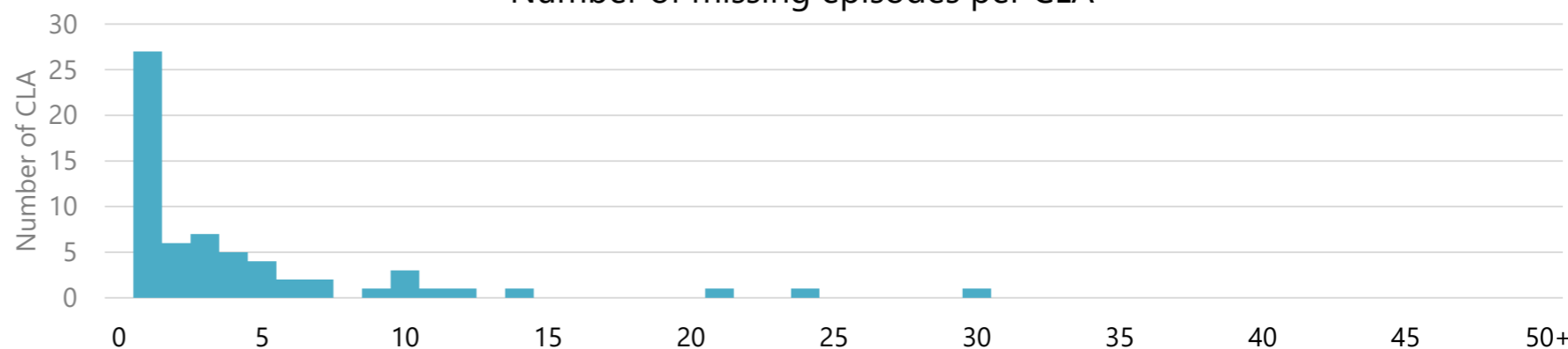
#### Dental checks

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

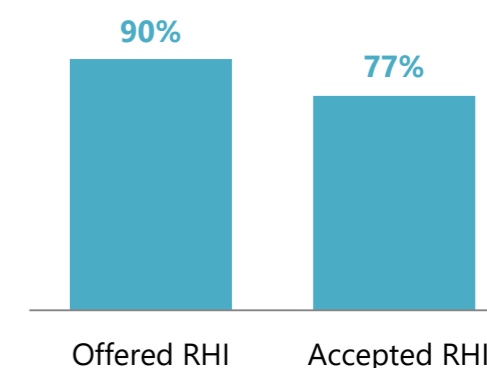


63 of 772 looked after children had a missing incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 24-25	SNs 24-25	Eng 24-25
Number of all CLA with a missing incident	63 of 772	53		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	8%	6%	9%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	277	165		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	4.4	3.1	4.3	6.8

#### Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	57 of 63	90%
Missing children not offered return interview	0 of 63	0%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	6 of 63	10%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	0 of 63	0%



	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	44 of 57	77%
Missing children not accepted return interview	13 of 57	23%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	0 of 57	0%

### Absent from placement

2 of 772 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 772	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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# 597 care leavers who have reached the threshold for receiving leaving care services

## Care leavers by age and eligibility

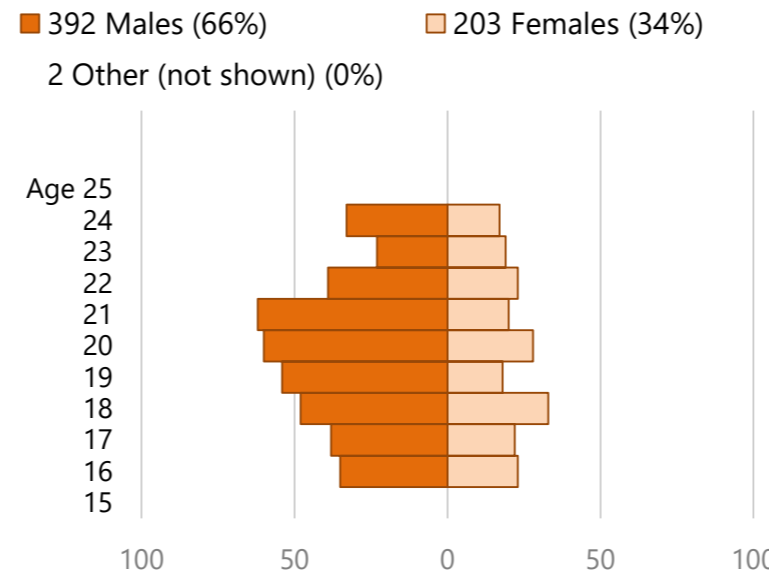
(where highlighted, please check eligibility/age criteria)

	Eligible	Relevant	Former Relevant	Qualifying	Other	Total
16	52	3	0	3	0	58
17	52	7	0	1	0	60
18	0	0	79	2	0	81
19	0	0	71	1	0	72
20	0	0	86	2	0	88
21	0	0	82	0	0	82
22	0	0	60	2	0	62
23	0	0	41	1	0	42
24	0	0	48	2	0	50
25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>597</b>

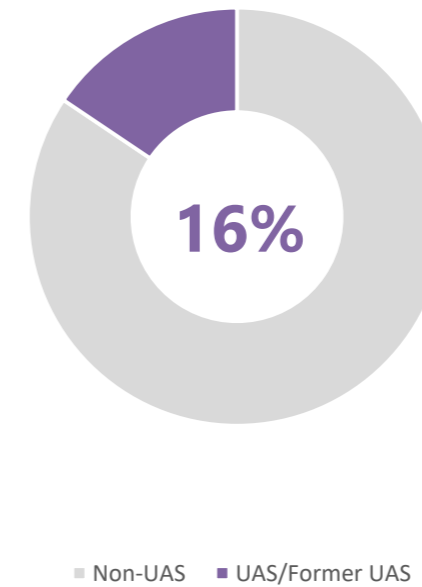
### Care leaver eligibility summary (please refer to DfE guidance for full eligibility criteria)

<b>Eligible</b>	~ Age 16 or 17 ~ Has been looked after for at least 13 weeks since age 14 (can be multiple periods) ~ Currently looked after
<b>Relevant</b>	~ 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
<b>Former Relevant</b>	~ Aged between 18 and 25 ~ Previously an eligible or relevant child (see above definitions)
<b>Qualifying (Annex A requires only those requesting and receiving a service)</b>	~ Aged between 16 and 21 (or 25 if in education) ~ Looked after on or after their 16th birthday ~ <b>Not</b> 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

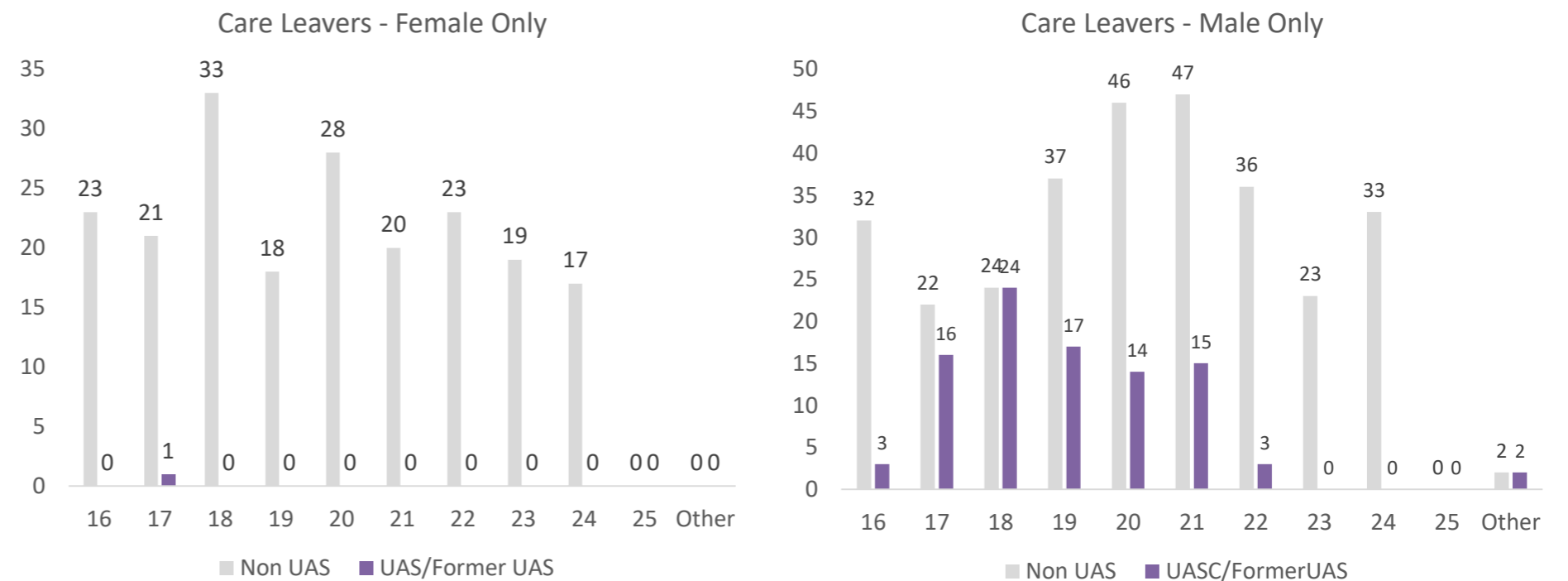
White	64%
Mixed	5%
Asian or Asian British	4%
Black or black British	7%
Other ethnic group	20%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

67 (11%) care leavers with a disability

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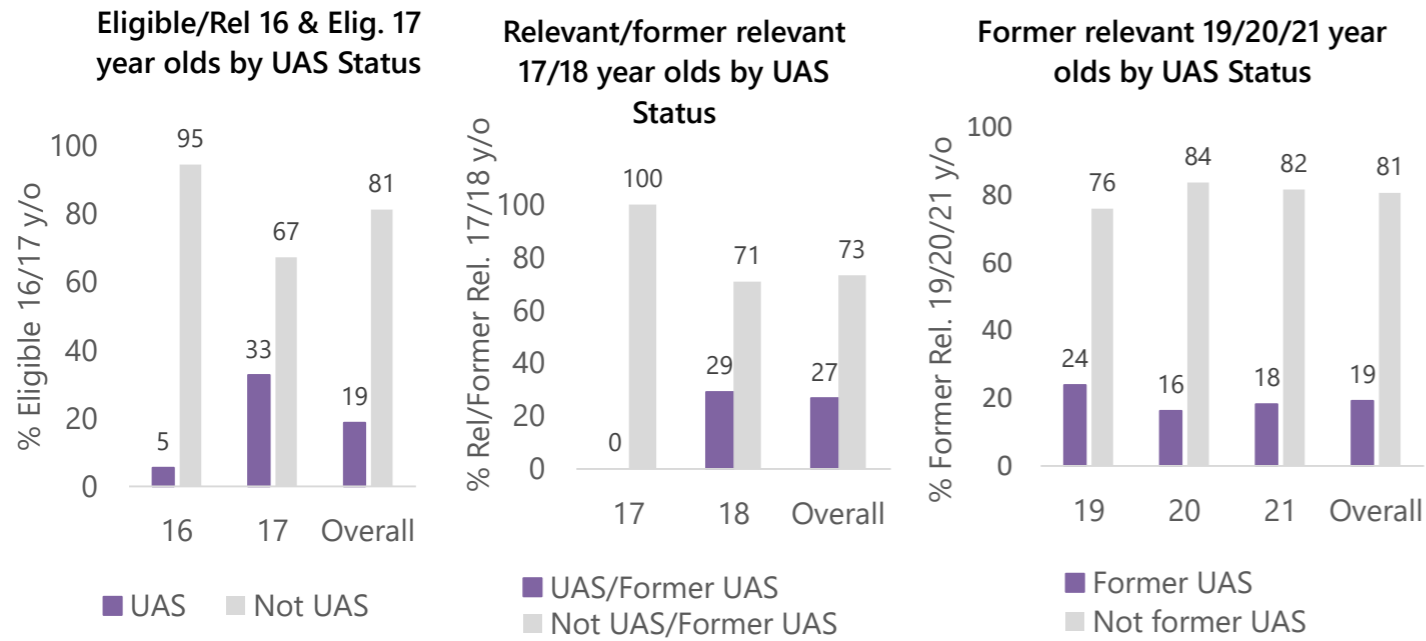
## Care Leavers, by Age, Sex and UAS/Former UAS Status



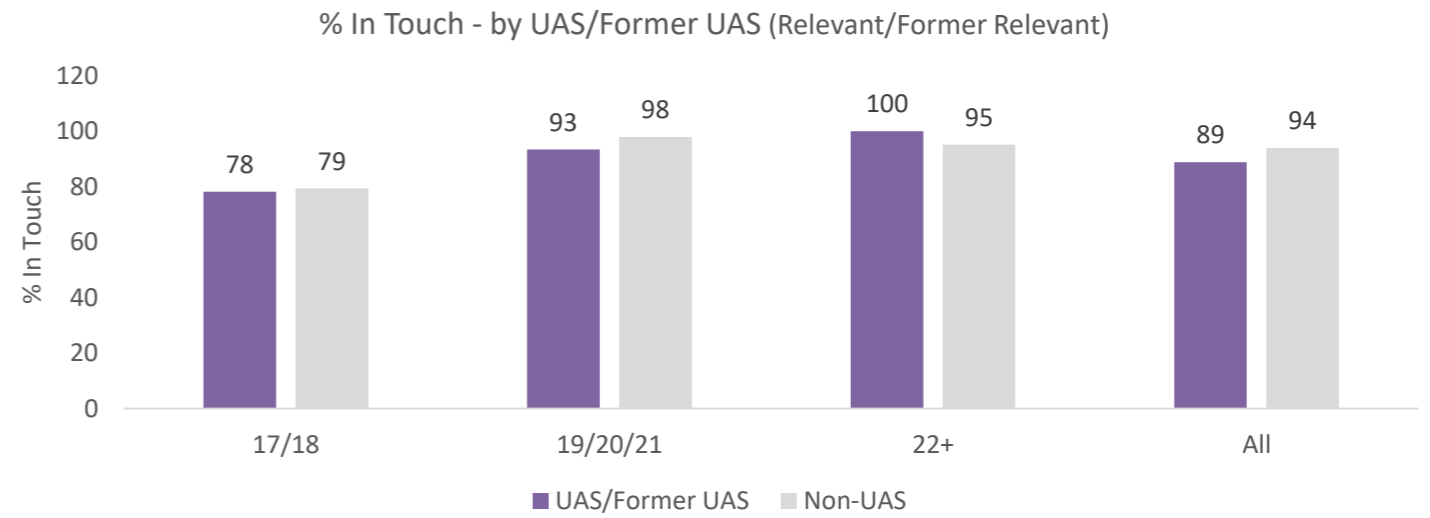
Care leavers demographics and UAS Children continued.

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**% Care Leavers UAS/Former UAS by Eligibility**

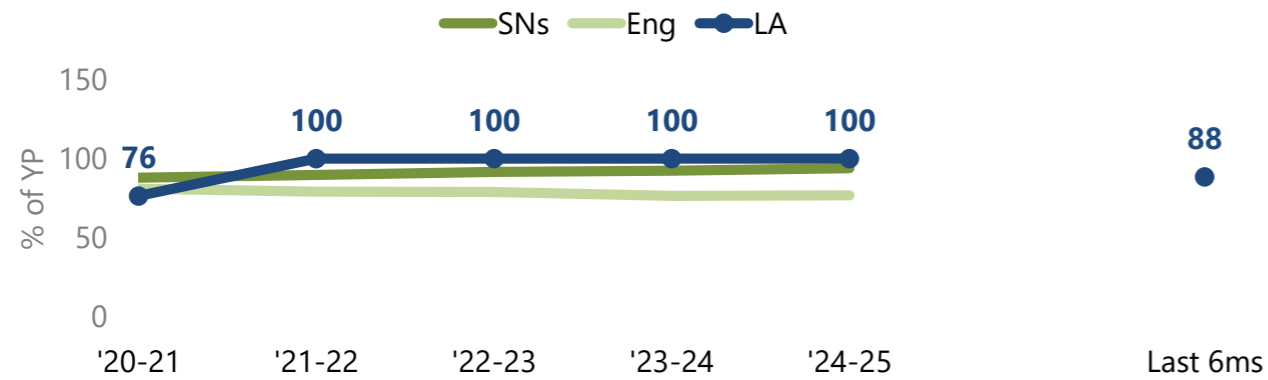


**Care Leavers in Touch by UAS/Non-UAS**

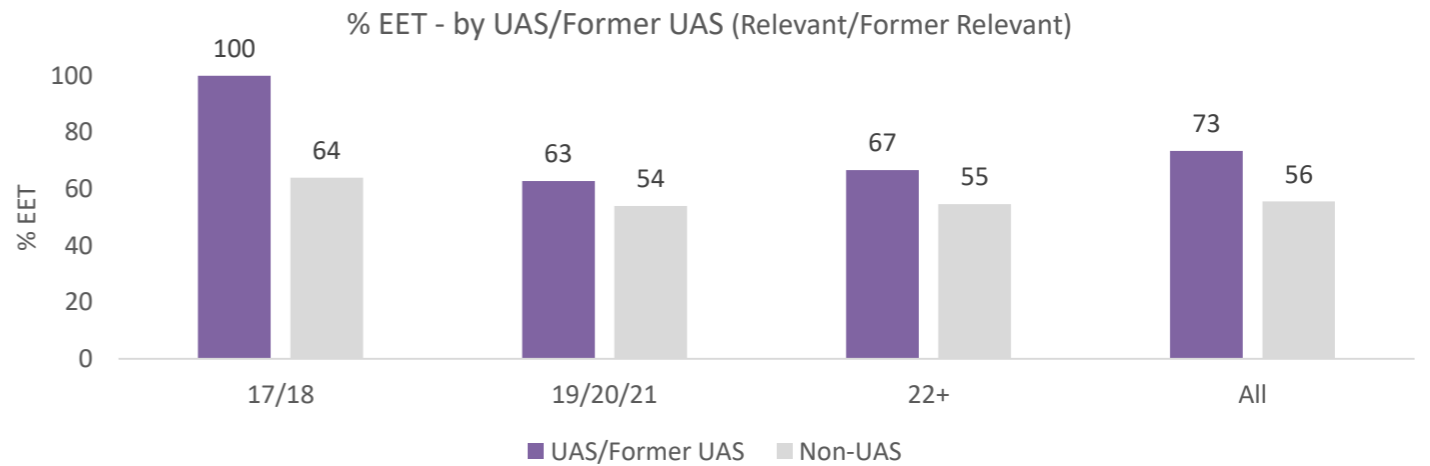


**Remained in care until aged 18**

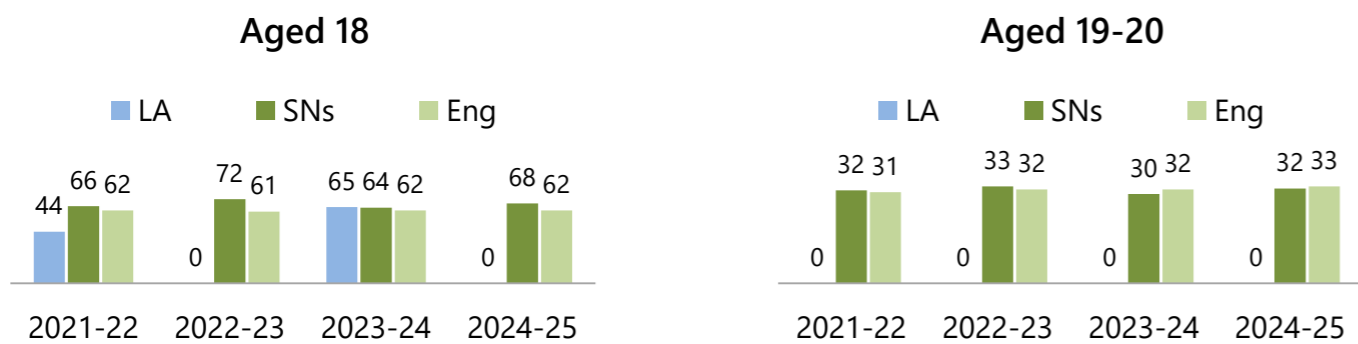
YP who ceased to be looked after aged 16-plus who were looked after until their 18th birthday



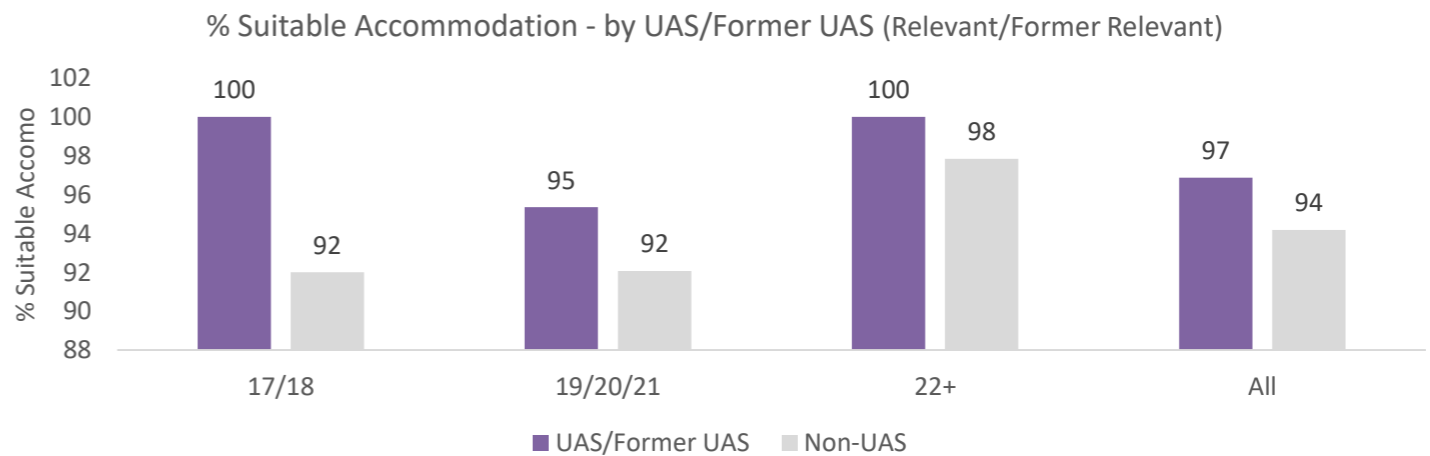
**Care Leavers EET by UAS/Non-UAS**



**Remain with former foster carer**



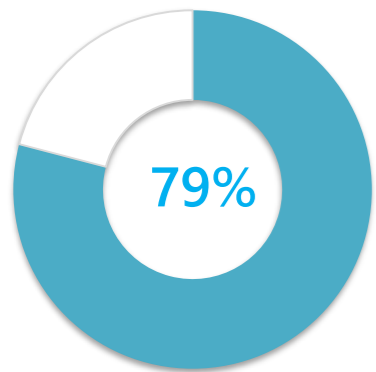
**Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation by UAS/Non-UAS**



Care Leavers in touch and contact timescales

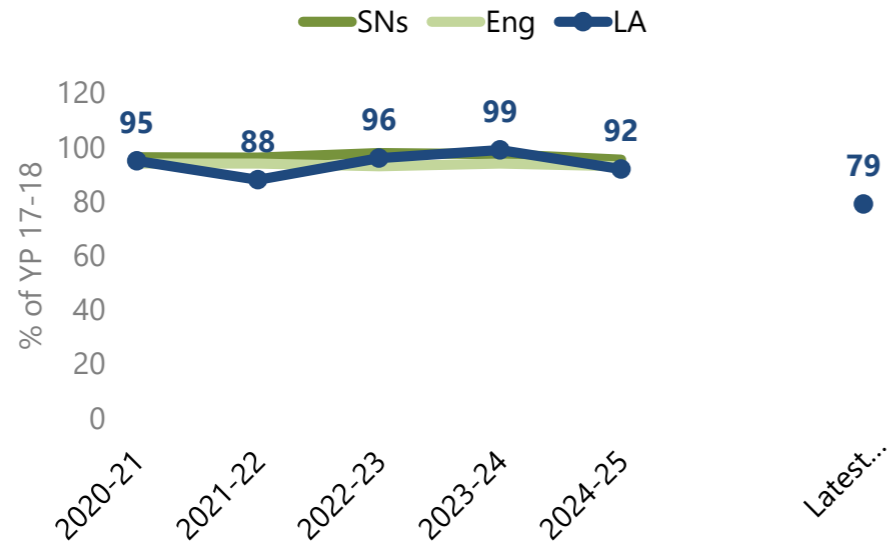
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LA in touch with 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

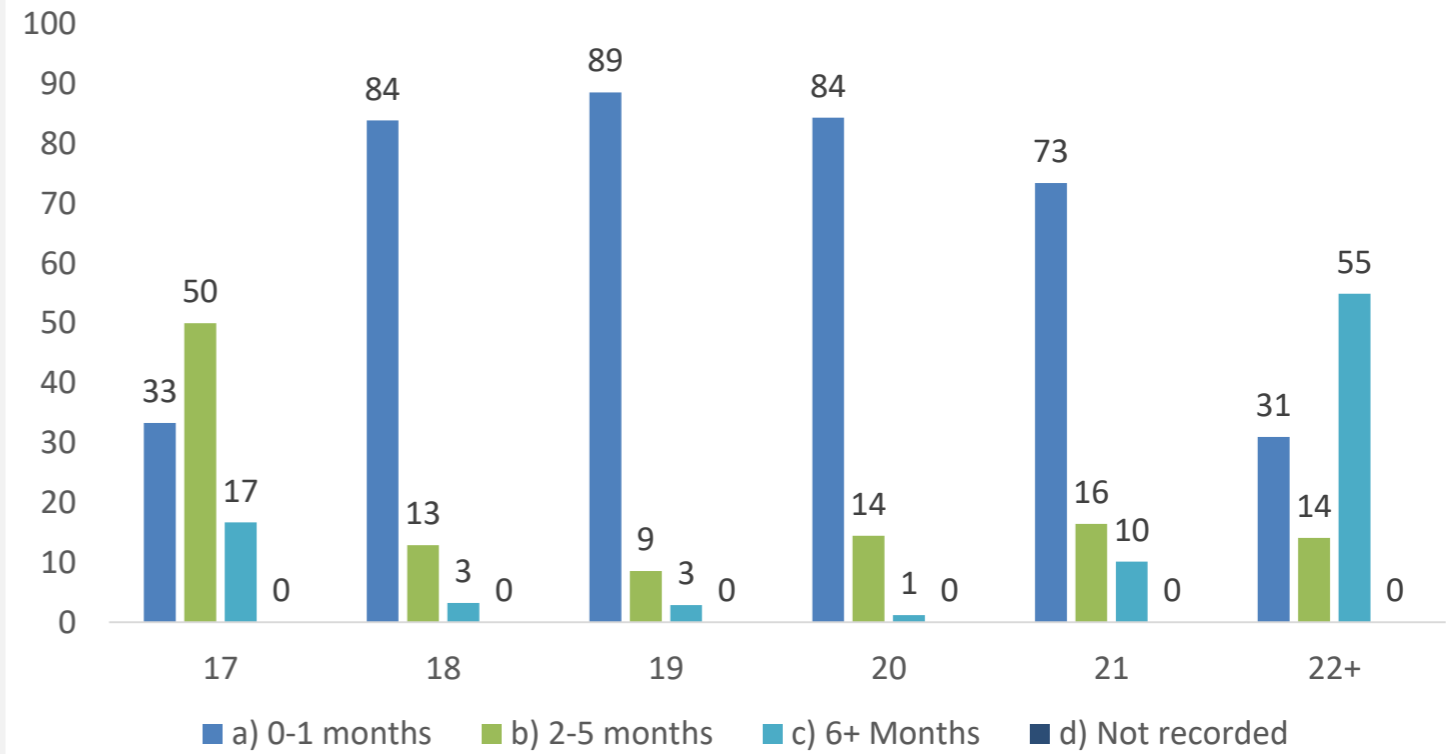


- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded

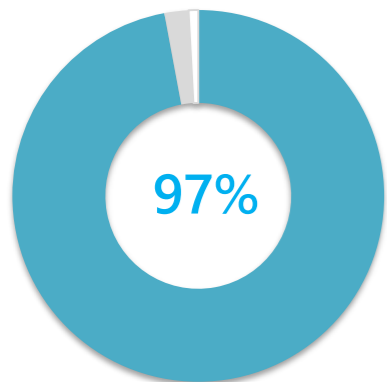
ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	7	79	86
LA in touch with YP	86%	78%	79%



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

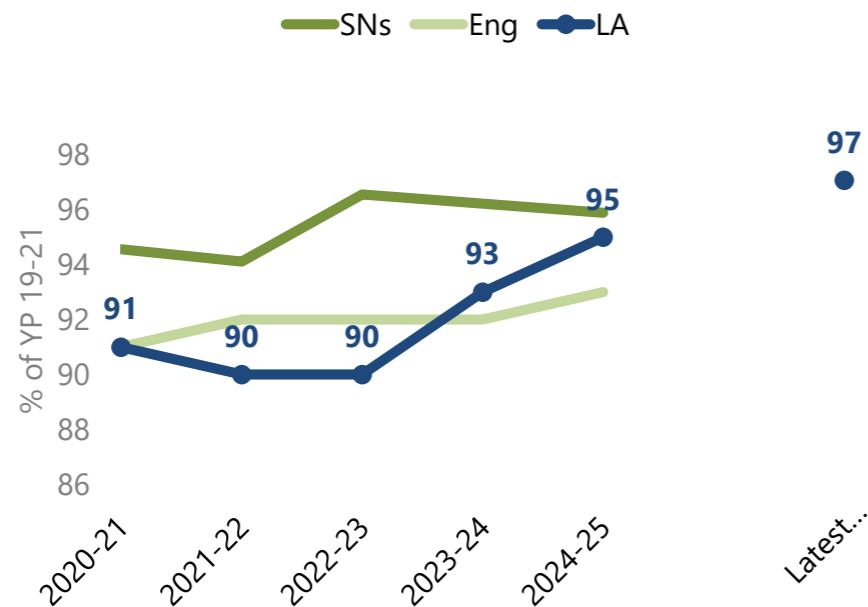


LA in touch with 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

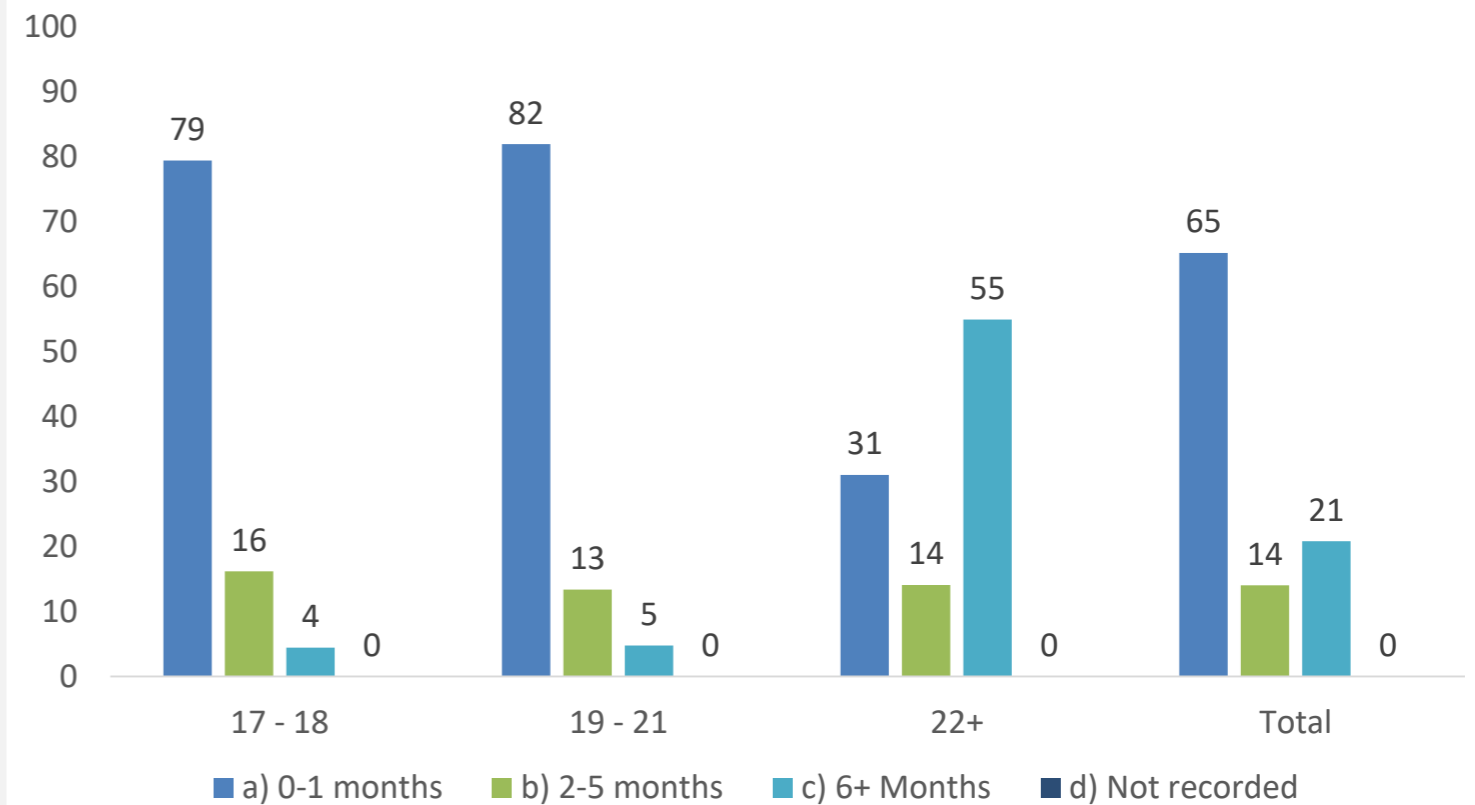


- In touch
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- Not recorded

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	71	86	82	239
LA in touch with YP	99%	97%	96%	97%

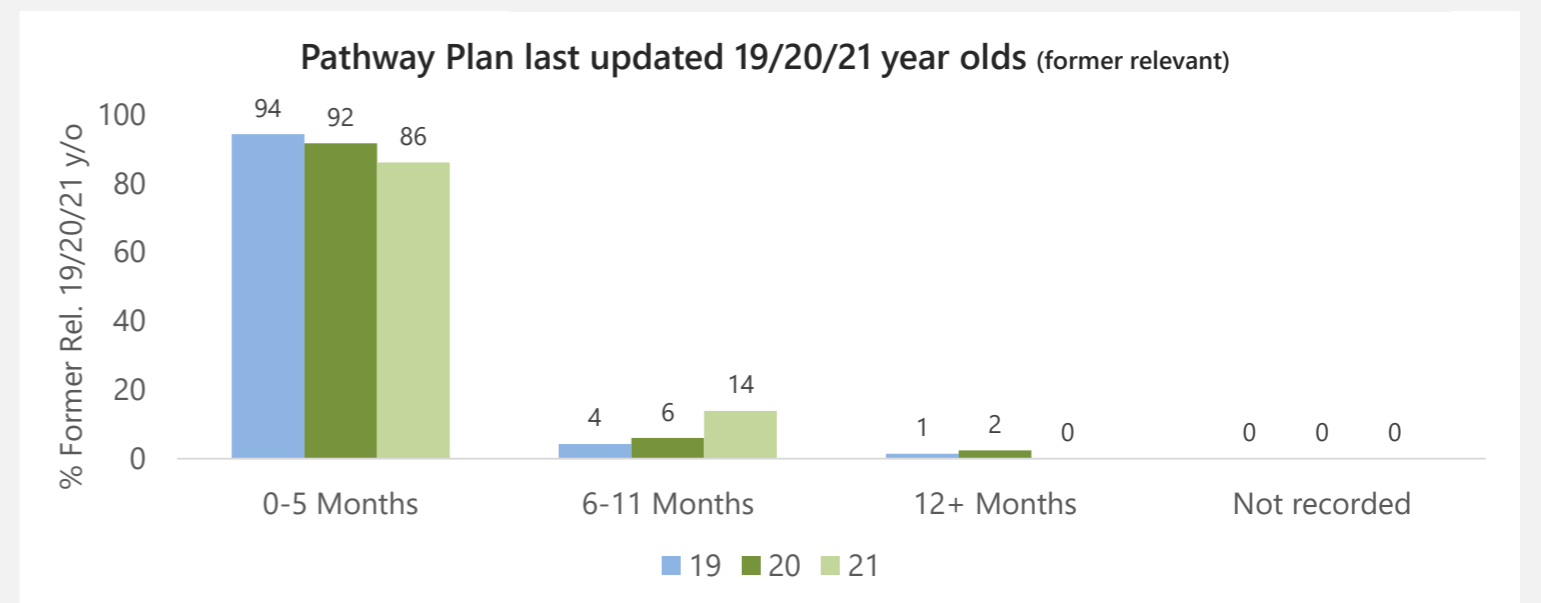
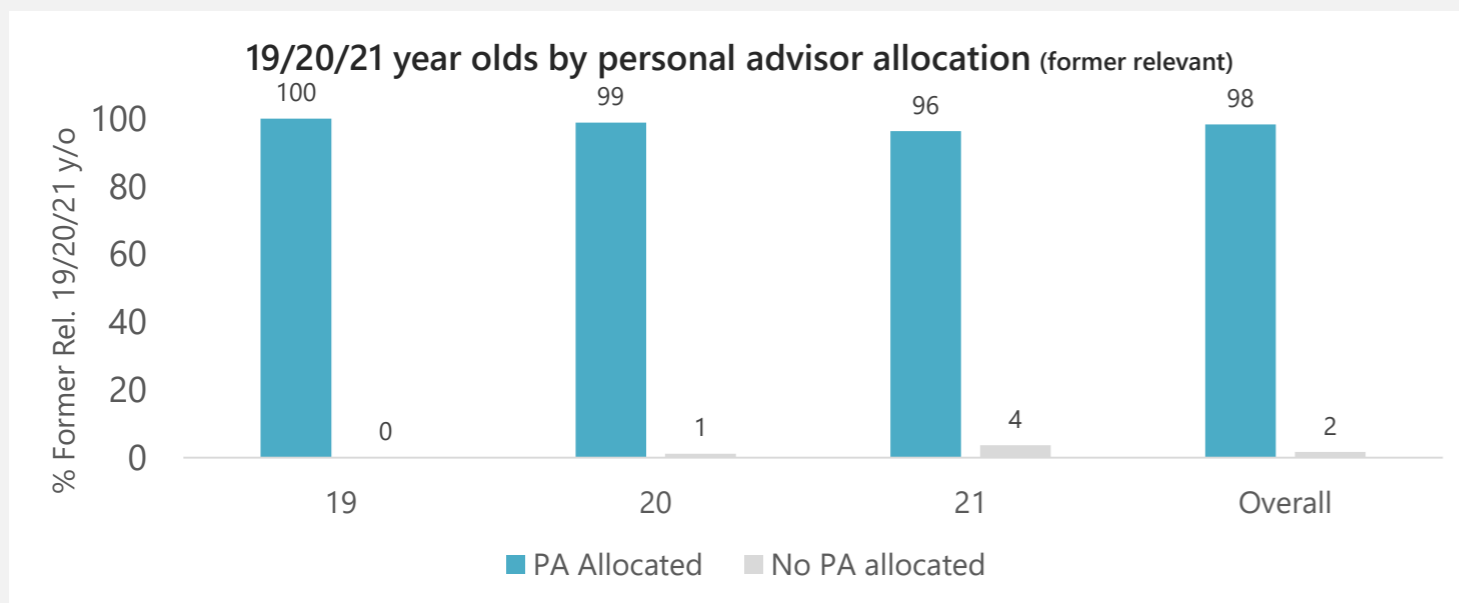
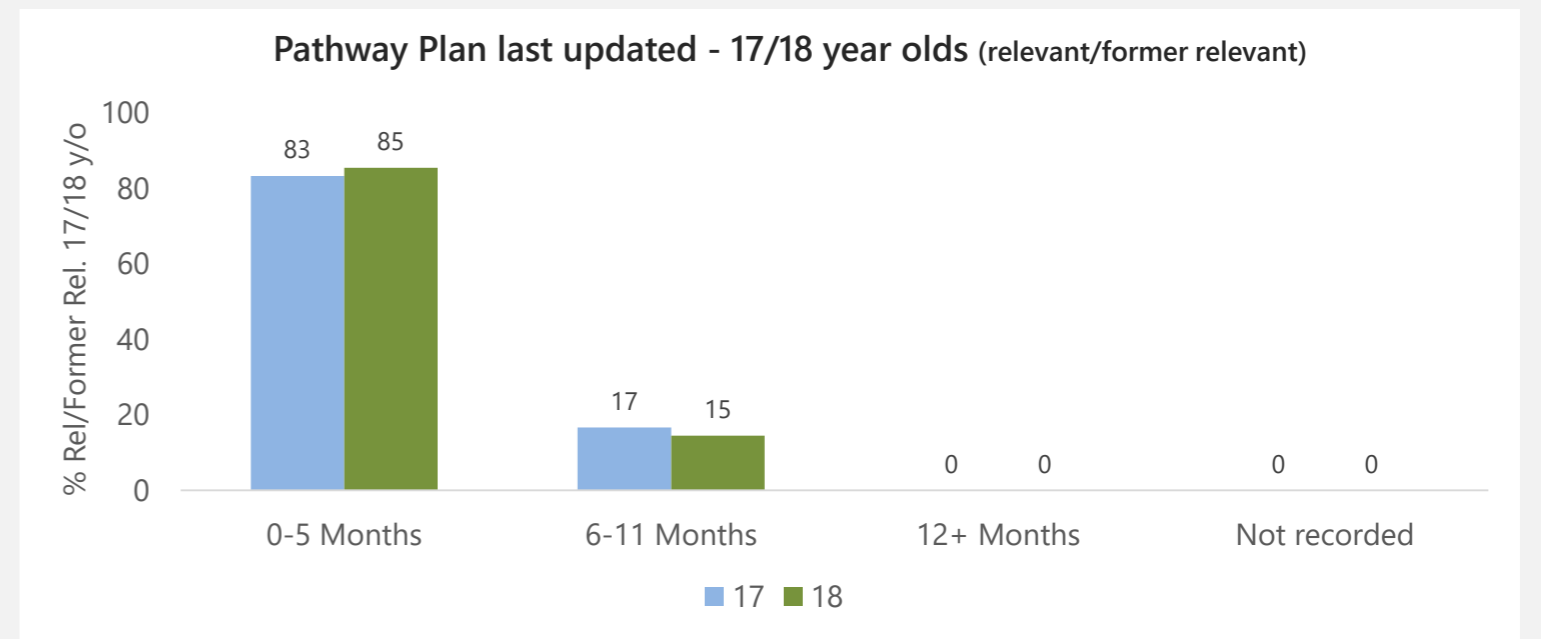
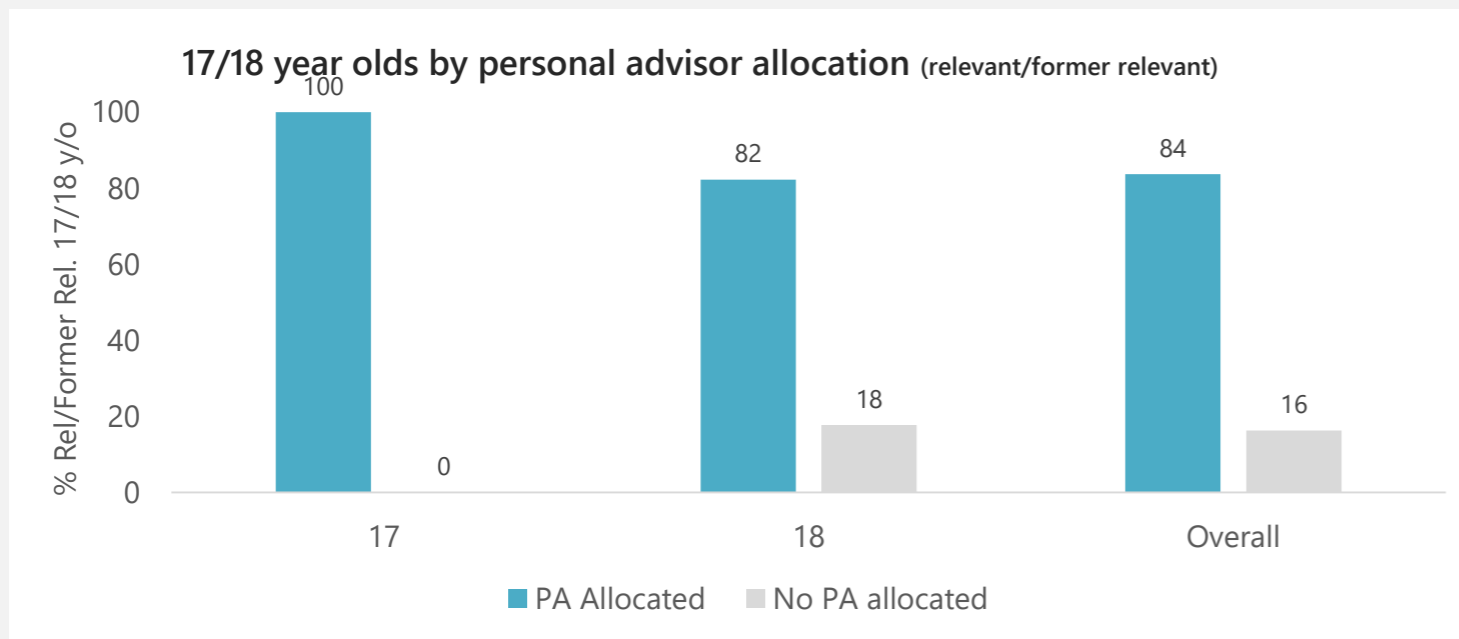
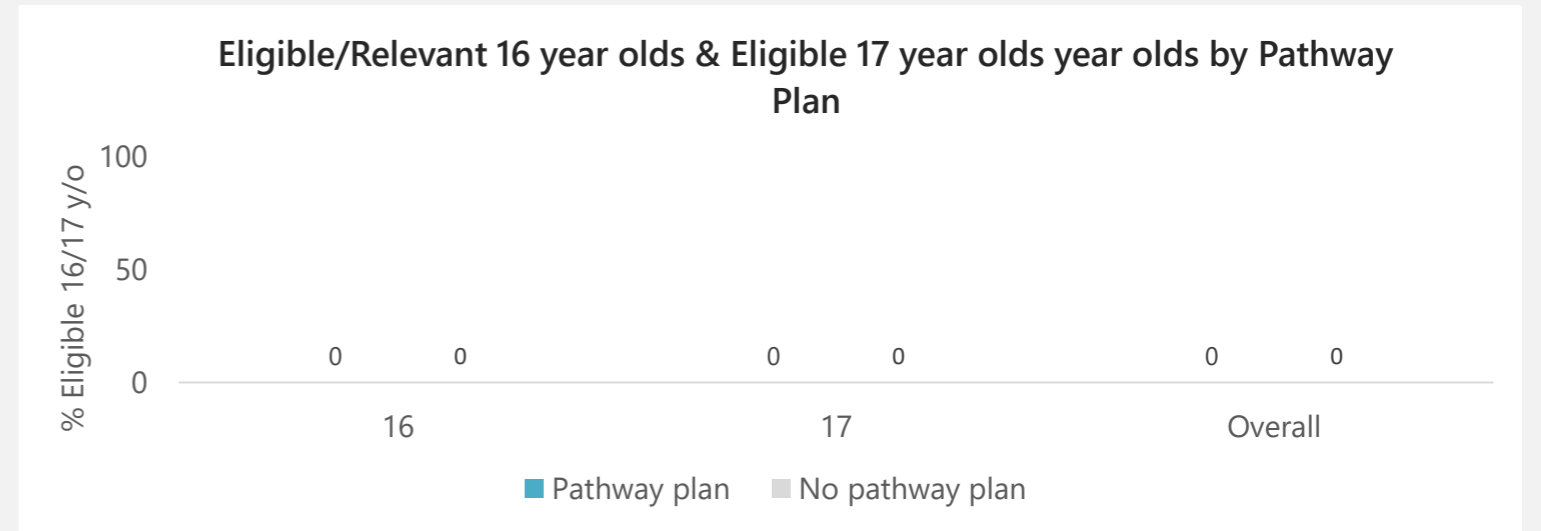
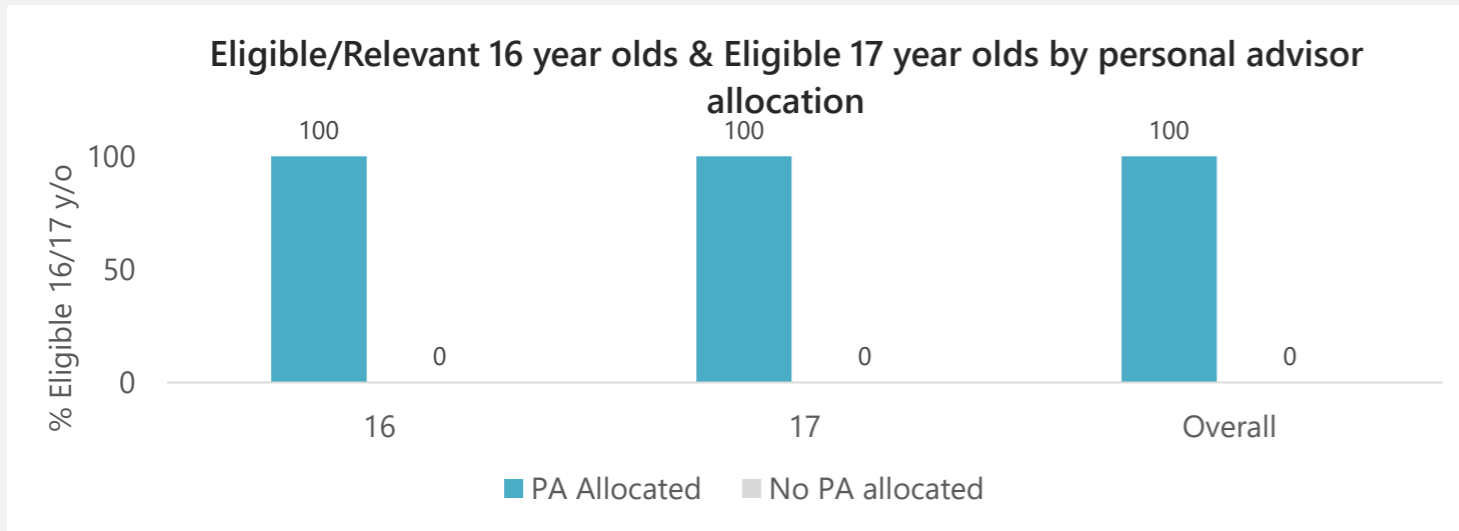


Time Since Last Contact by Age Group - Percentage (Relevant/Former Relevant)



Care leavers PA allocation and Pathway Plans

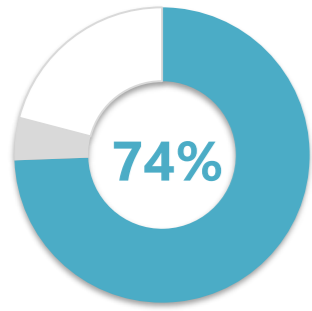
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Care leavers accommodation suitability and type

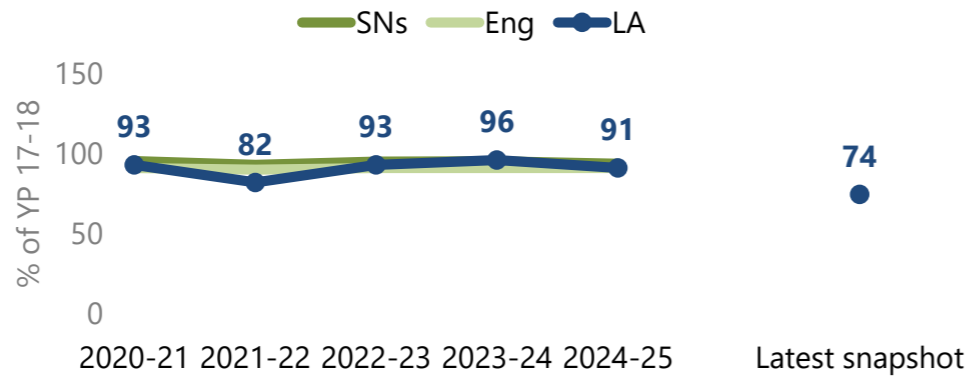
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Accommodation suitability of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

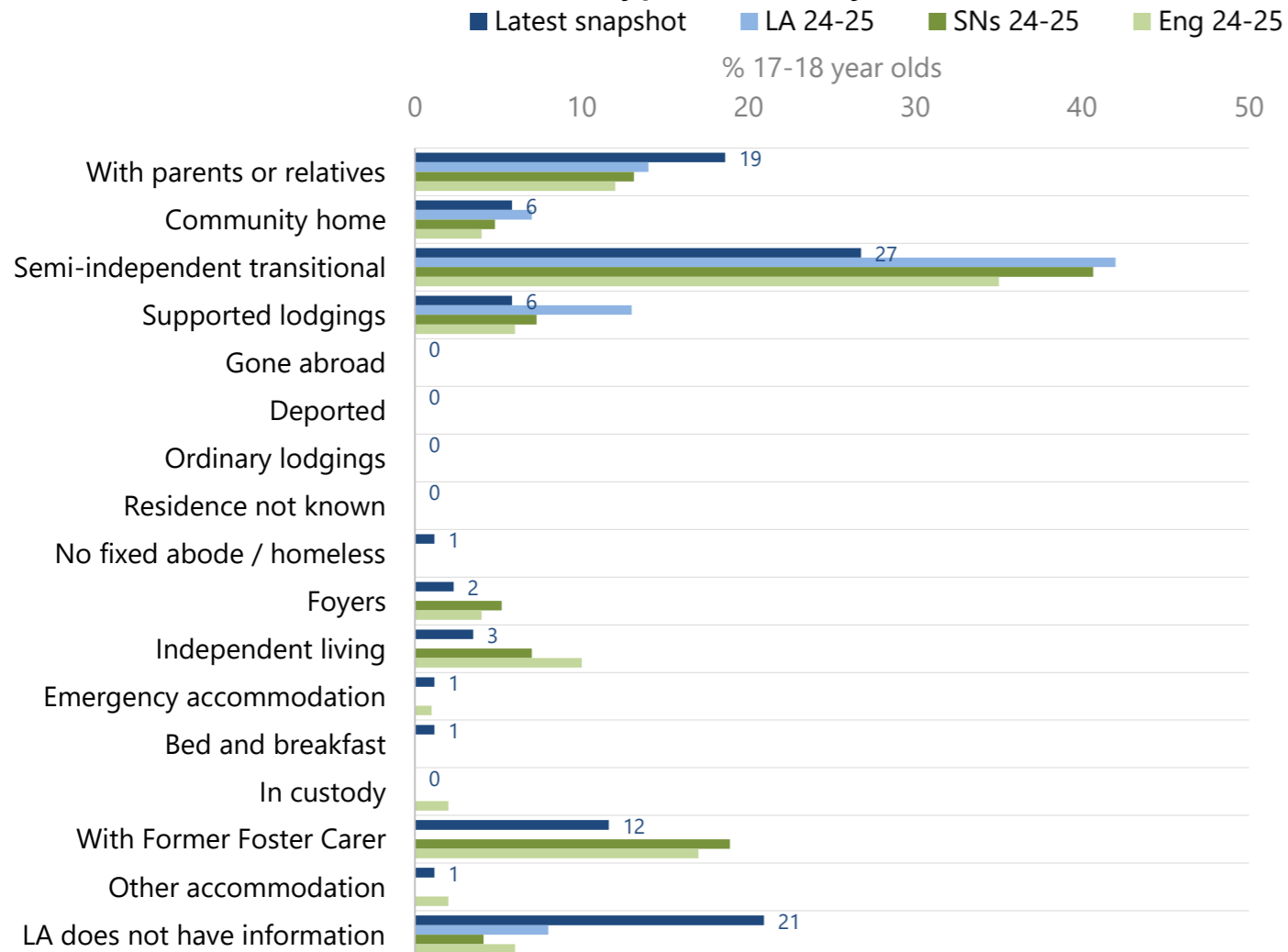


■ Suitable accom  
■ Not suitable  
□ No information

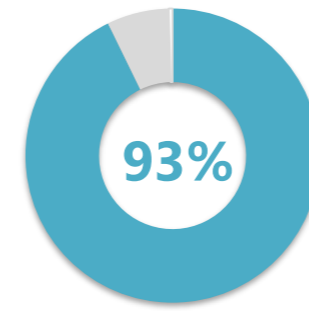
ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	7	79	86
In suitable accommodation	86%	73%	74%
In suit accomm (In touch only)	100%	94%	94%



Accommodation types of 17-18 year olds

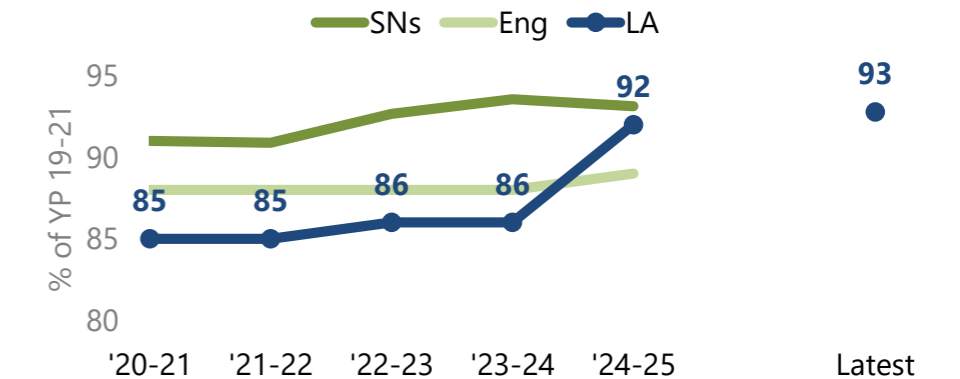


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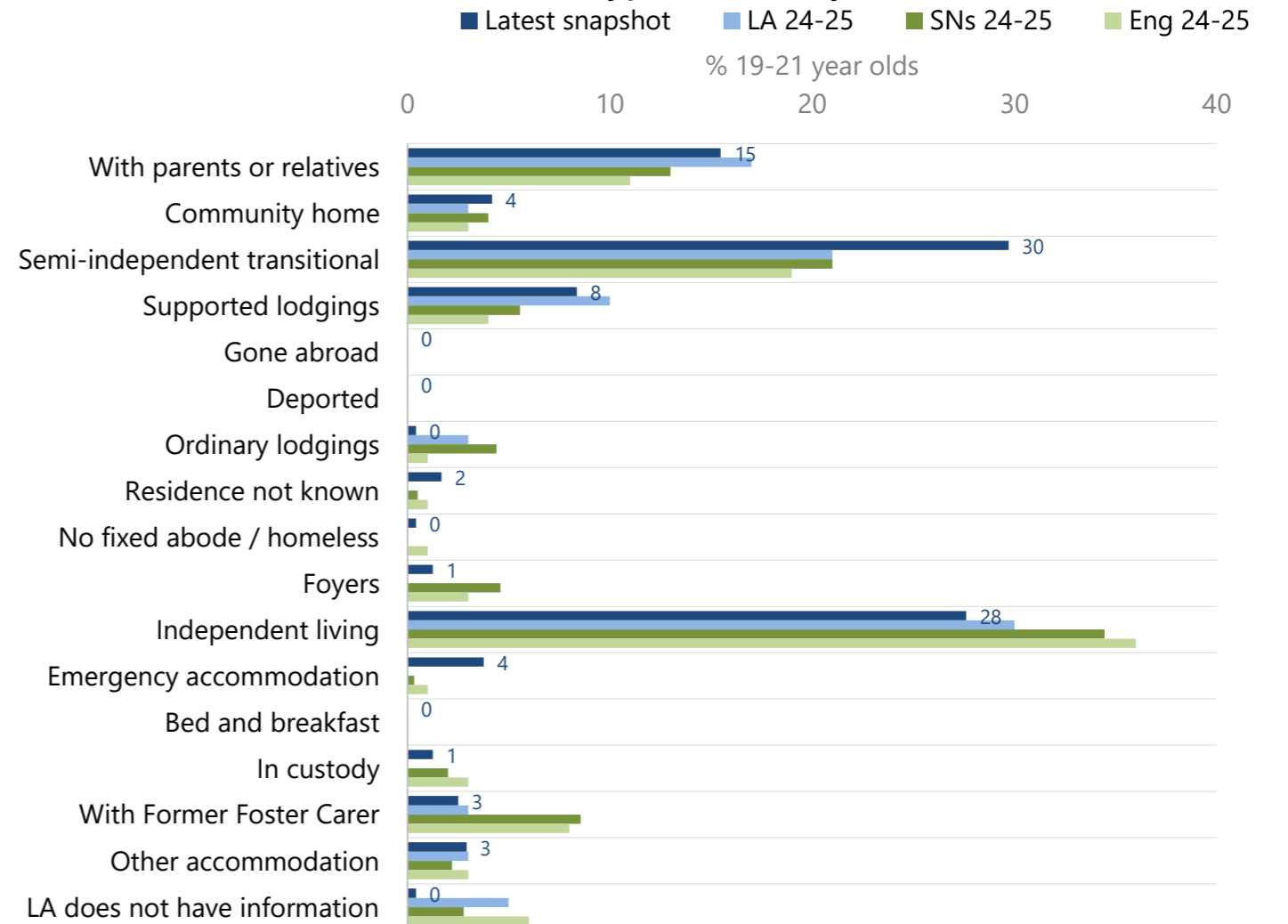


■ Suitable accom  
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ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	71	85	79	235
In suitable accommodation	96%	93%	90%	93%
In suit accomm (In touch only)	96%	93%	91%	93%



Accommodation types of 19-21 year olds

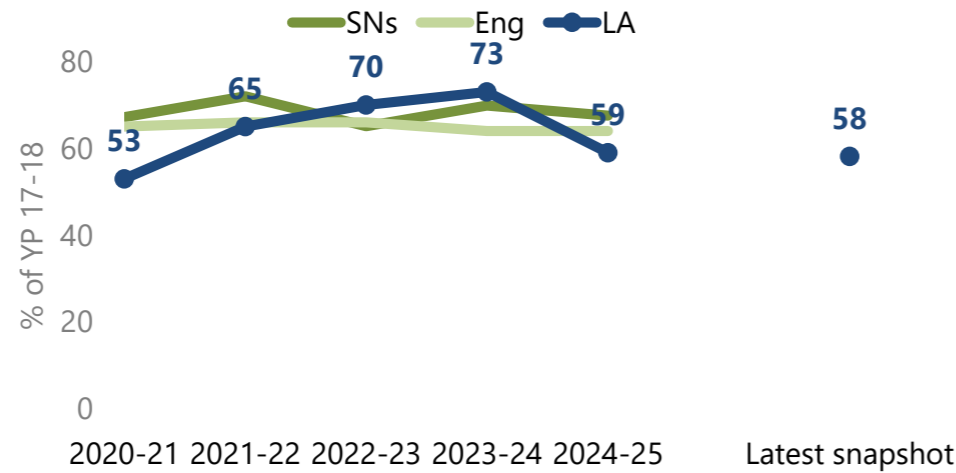
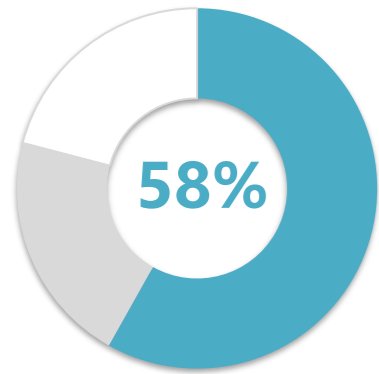


Care leavers activity (Education, Employment, or Training)

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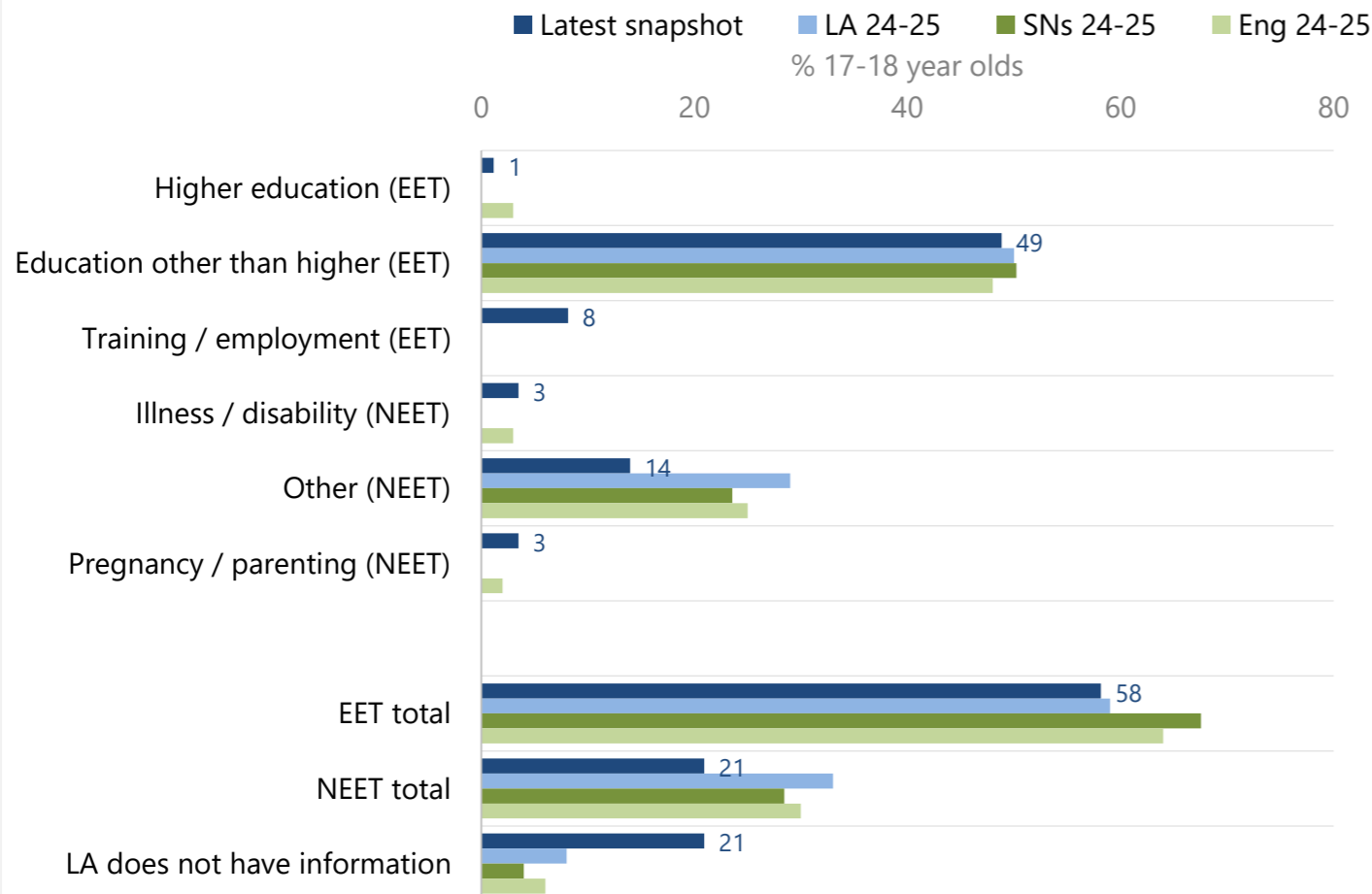
Education, Employment, or Training (EET) of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	7	79	86
In EET	86%	56%	58%
In EET (In Touch Only)	100%	71%	74%



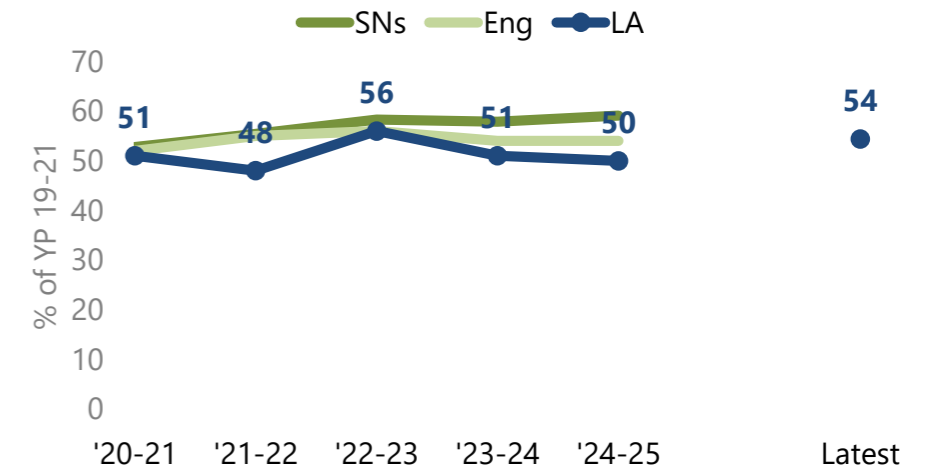
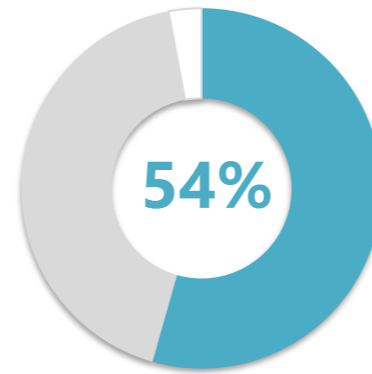
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Activity types of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)



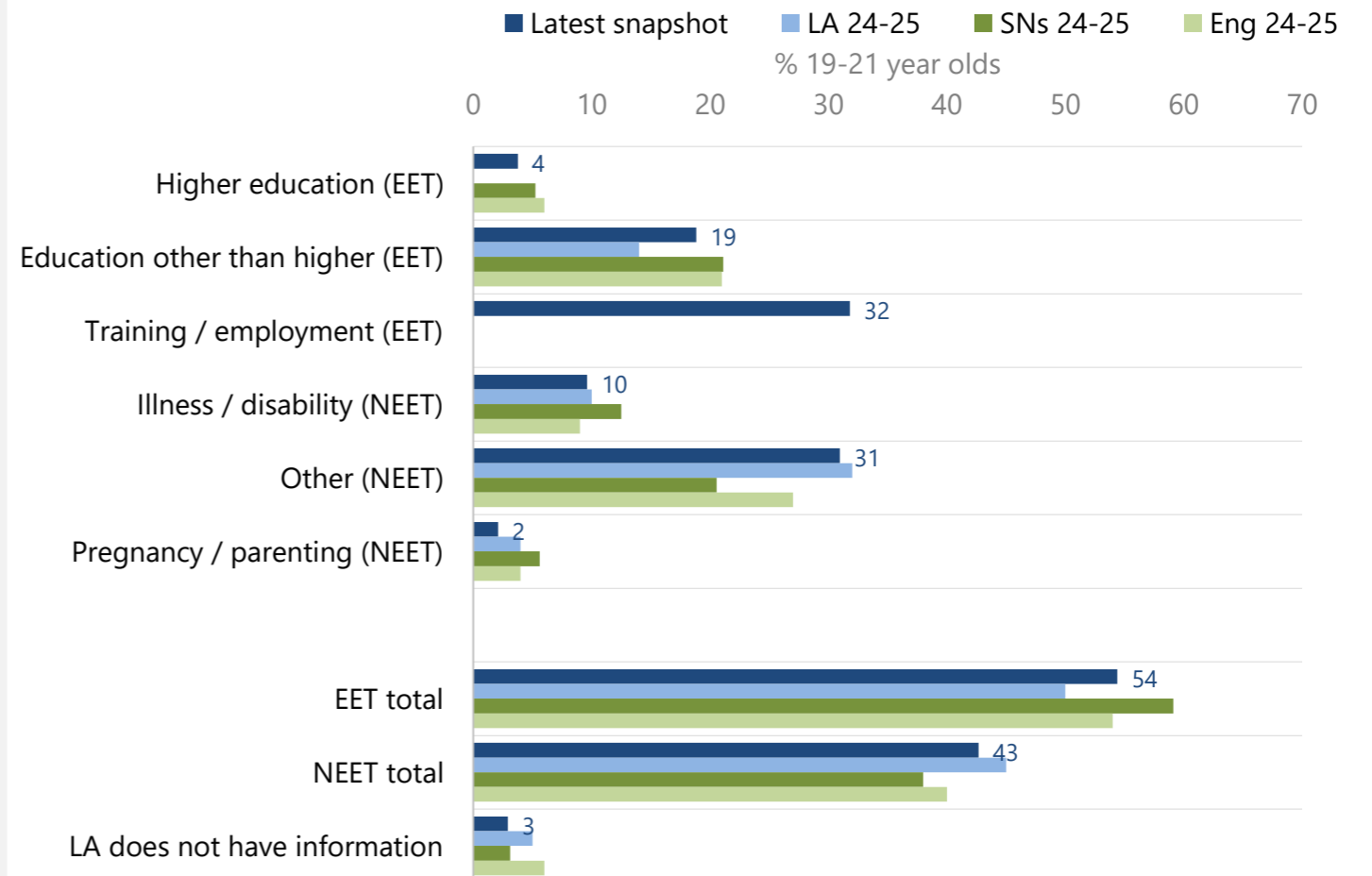
Education, Employment, or Training (EET) of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	71	86	82	239
In EET	54%	64%	45%	54%
In EET (In Touch Only)	54%	65%	47%	56%



■ YP in EET ■ NEET  
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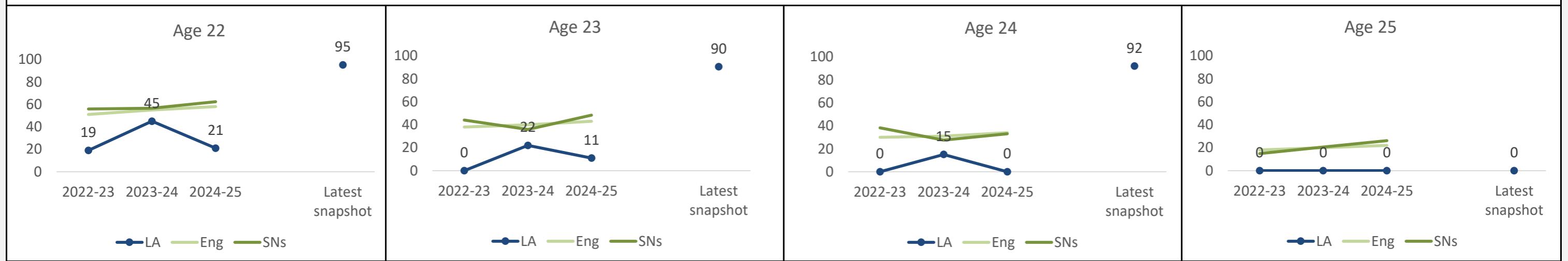
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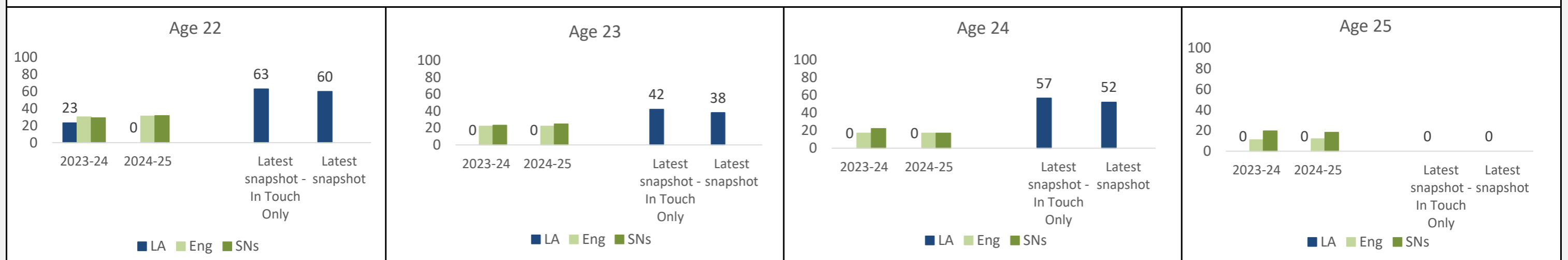
are leavers 22-25 In Touch, Activity and Suitable Accommodatic

Snapshot 18/06/2026

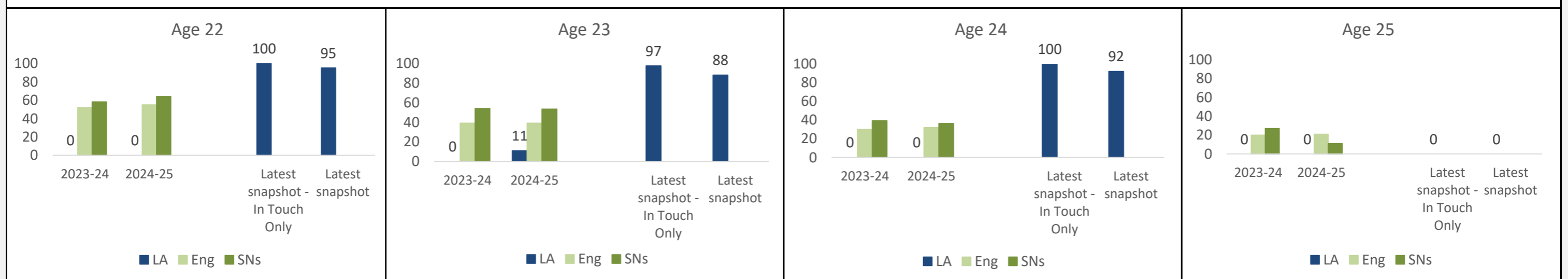
**Care Leavers 22-25 - % In Touch** (benchmarking for this measure uses 'Young person has requested and received support' from *Children looked after in England including adoptions*)



**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 19/06/2025 to 18/06/2026

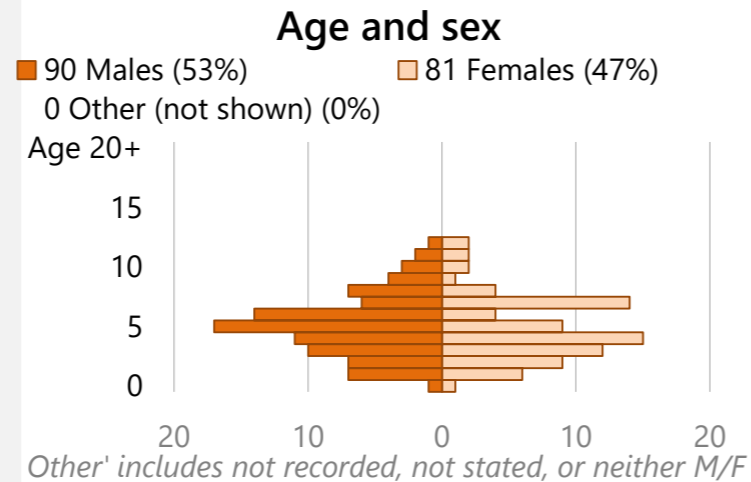
# 171 children

- 23 Child/ren adopted last 12 months
- 26 Child/ren waiting to be adopted
- (21 Child/ren waiting with placement order)
- 14 Child/ren with decision reversed

## Ethnic background

White	93%
Mixed	6%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

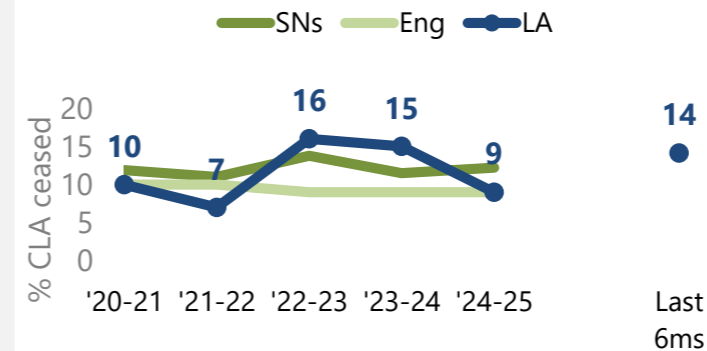
See page 25 for comparisons



5 children (3%) with a disability

## Of the 106 children who ceased to be looked after in the last 6 months, 15 was/were adopted (14%)

### Children ceased who were adopted



### Children aged 5-plus who were adopted

2.9%

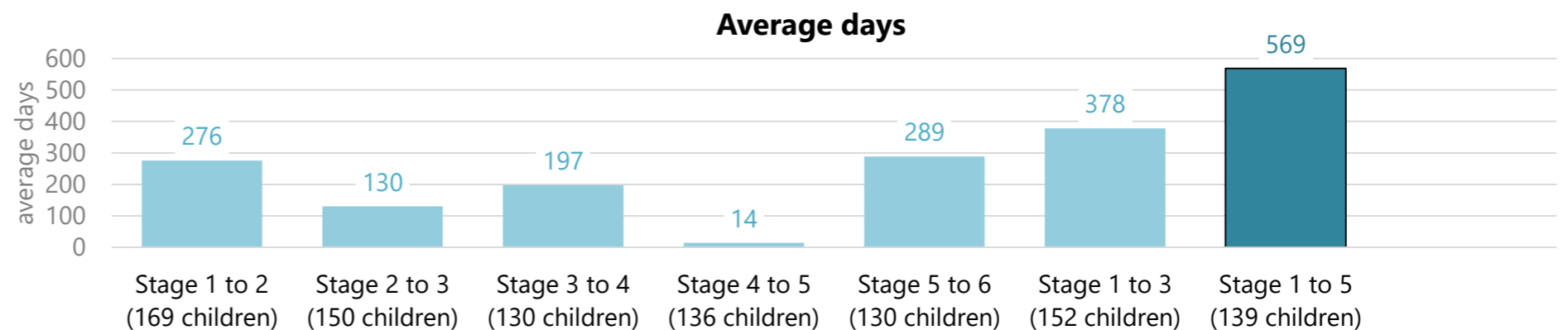
2 of the 70 children aged 5-plus who ceased to be looked after in the last 6 months were adopted

### Comparing 5-plus adoptions

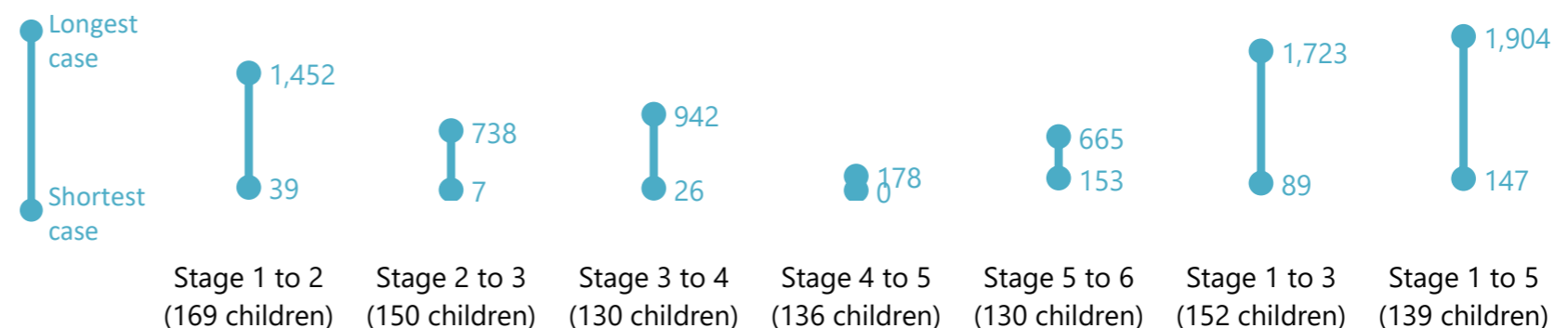
LA last 6 months	2.9%
LA 2024-25	c
SNs 2024-25	16.7%
Eng 2024-25	16.6%

## 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

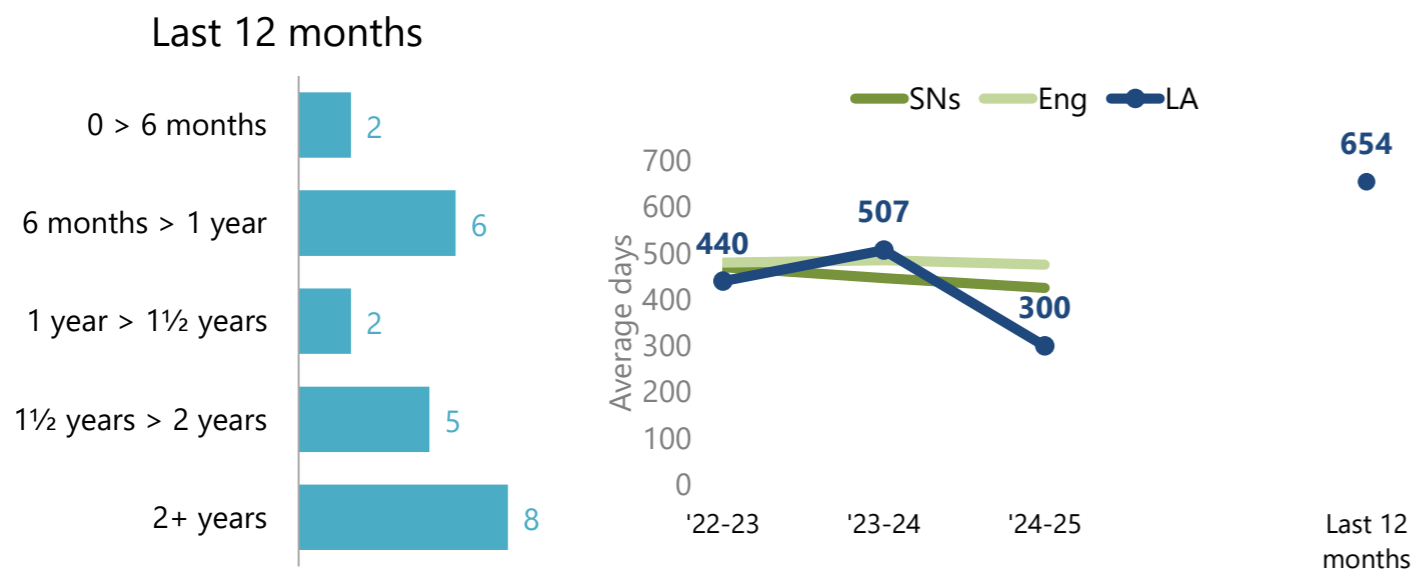


Adoption benchmarking

from 19/06/2025  
to 18/06/2026

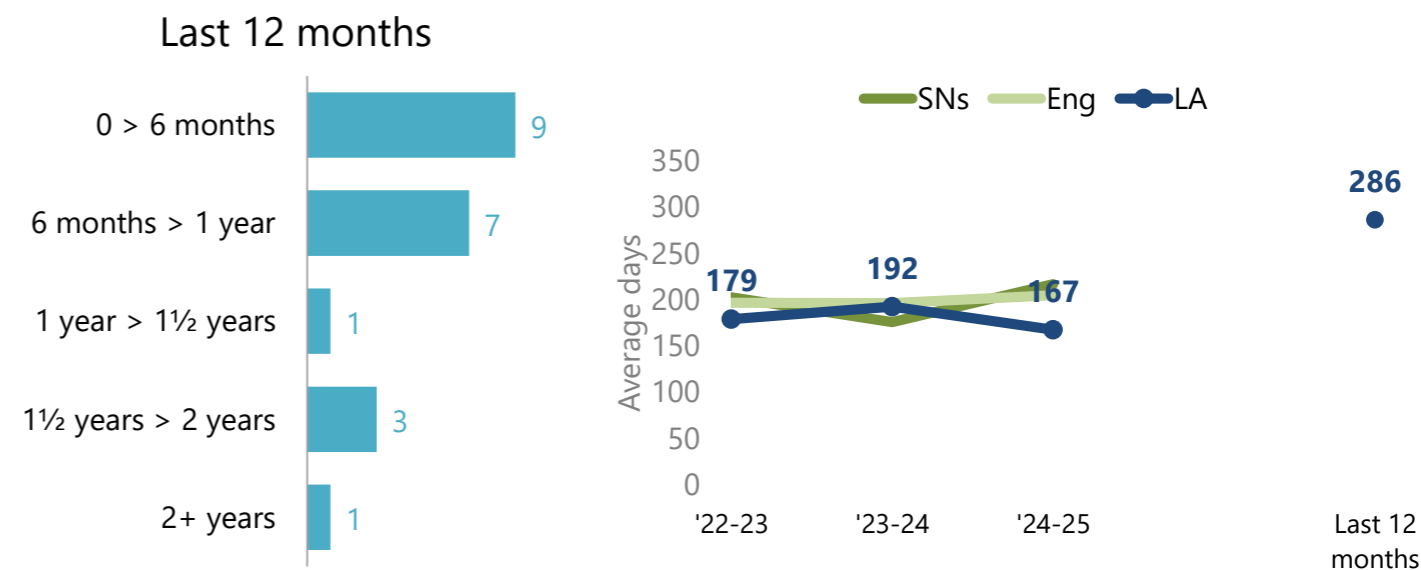
(A10) Time between entering care and placed with family for adopted children

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



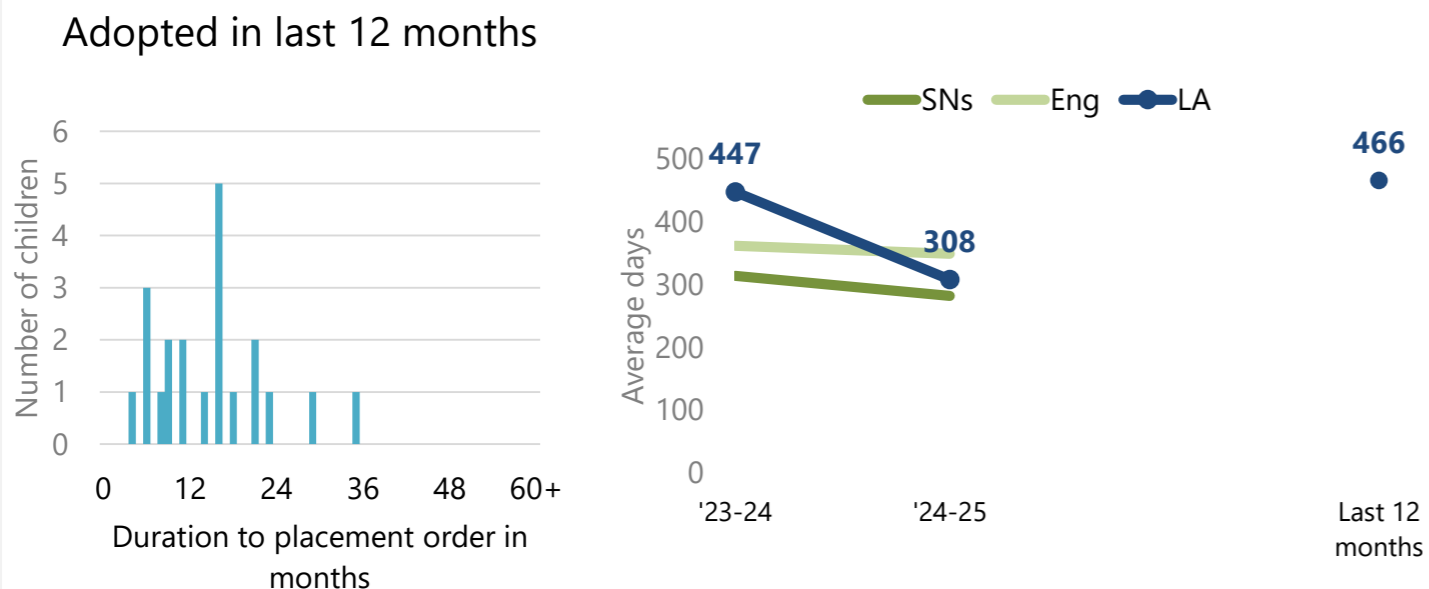
(A2) Time between placement order and deciding on a match

**286 days** The average number of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters  
**21 children**



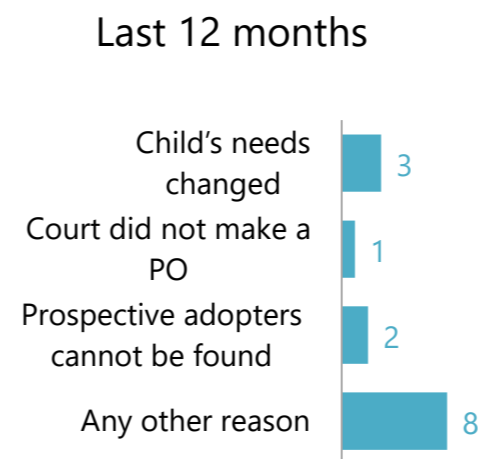
(A20) Time between entering care and placement order

**466 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)  
**21 children**



Permanence decision changed away from adoption

**8%** Children where there was a decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption  
**14/169 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](http://www.coram.org.uk)

Prospective adopters in the last 12 months

from 19/06/2025  
to 18/06/2026

## 138 prospective adopters (71 families)

### Prospective adopter current status

	Adults	Families
Child adopted	36	18
Child placed	20	10
Child matched	0	0
Application	66	34
Enquiry	0	0
Withdrawn	16	9

### Ethnic breakdown

	Adults %	Children %
White	94%	93%
Mixed	1%	6%
Asian or Asian British	4%	0%
Black or black British	1%	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

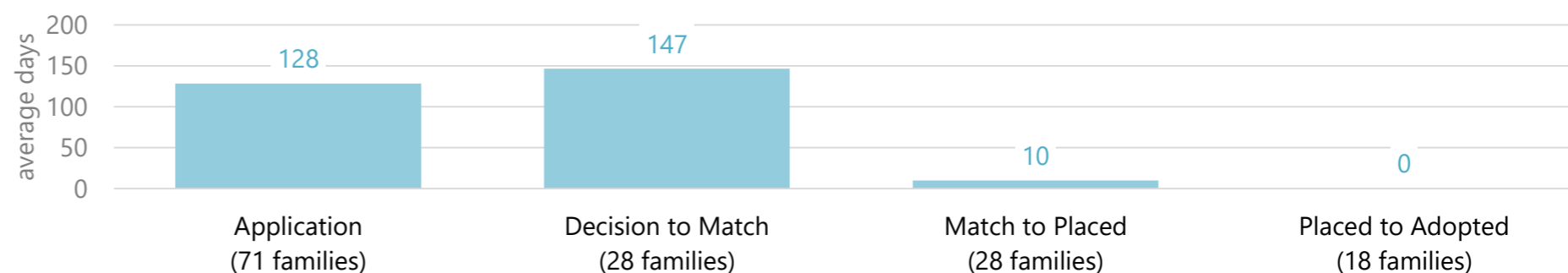
### Adoption Scorecard A15 - new ADM decisions

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

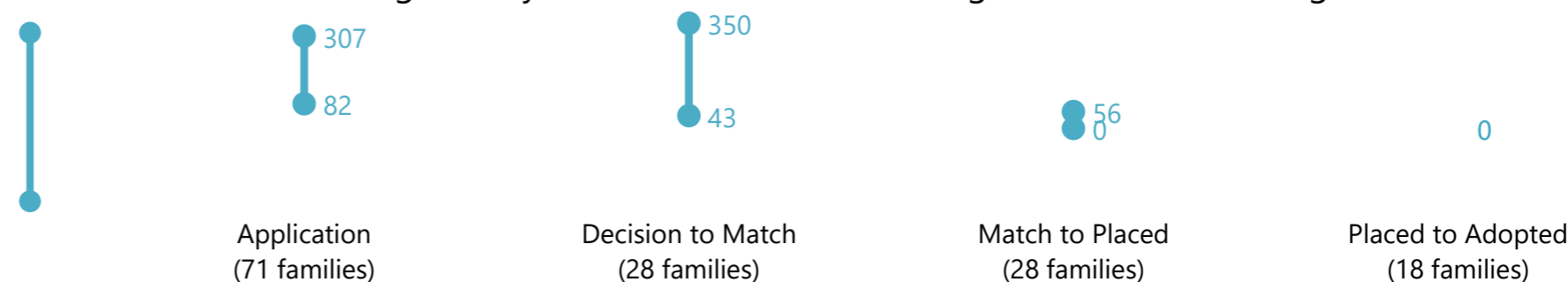


### Duration of each stage of the adoption process

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

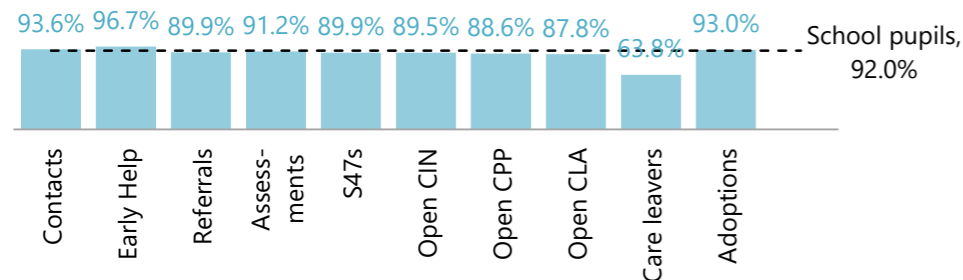
Snapshot 18/06/2026

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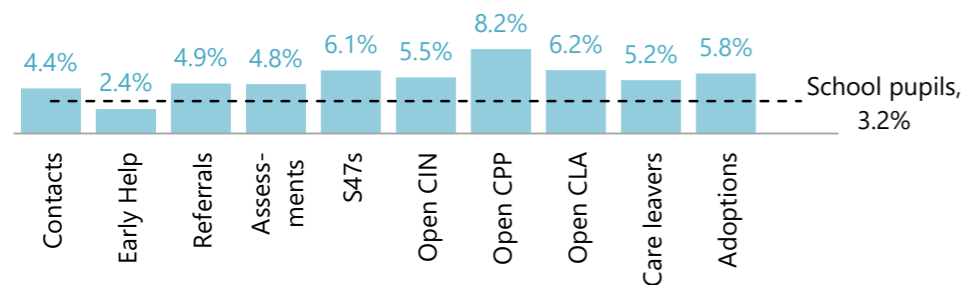
ChAT\* compared to pupils in the LA schools (Jan-25)

\*percentage of known ethnicity only

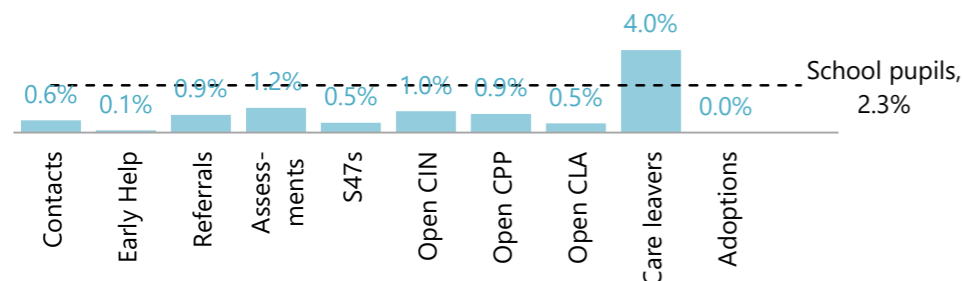
**White**



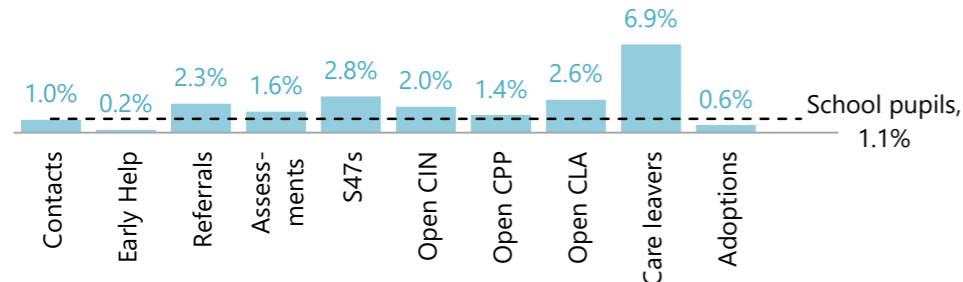
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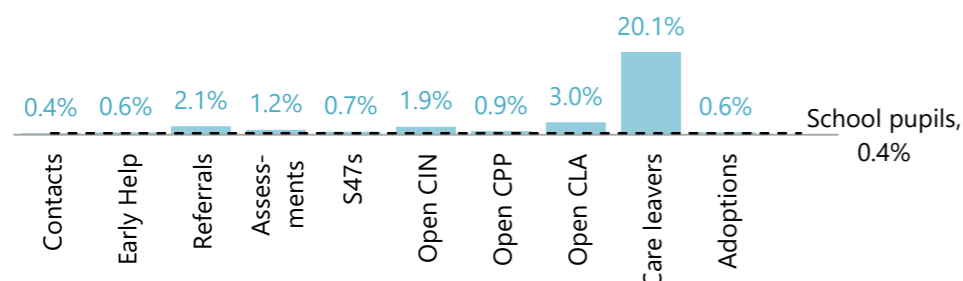
**Asian**



**Black**



**Other**

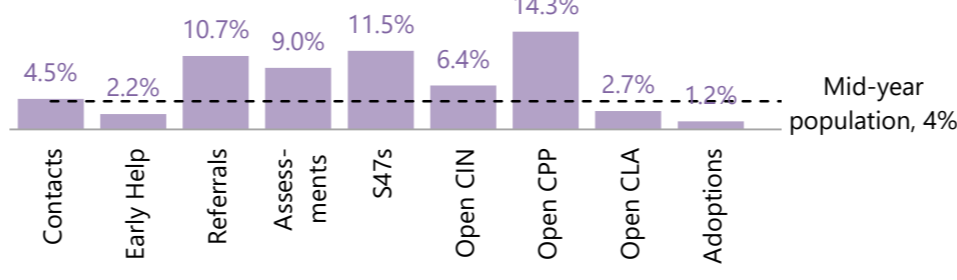


**Age**

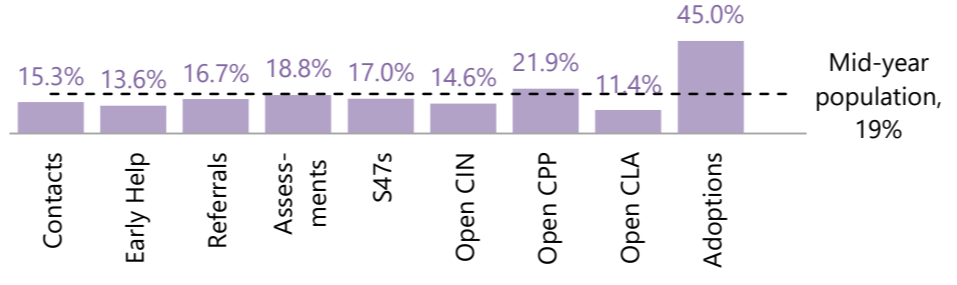
ChAT\* compared to mid-year (2024) population estimates (ONS)

\*percentage of known age only

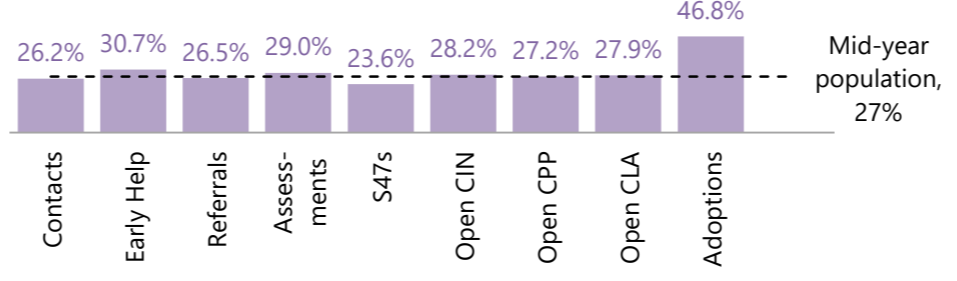
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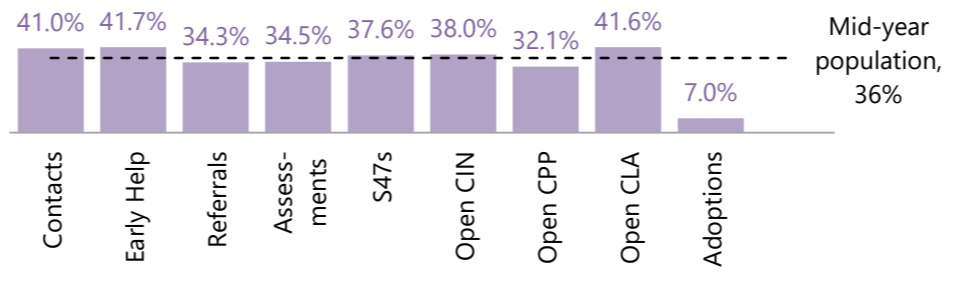
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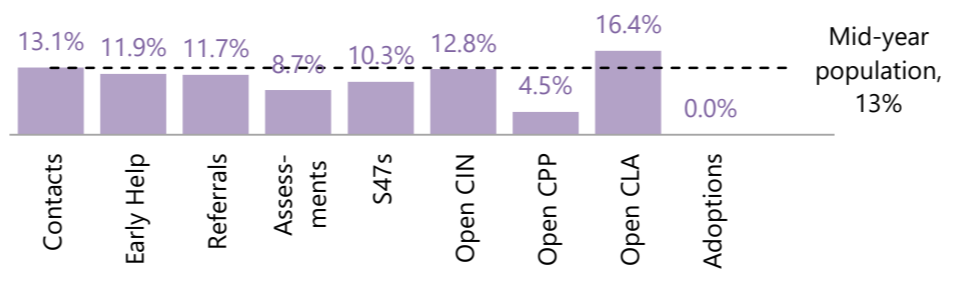
**5 to 9**



**10 to 15**



**16 and over**

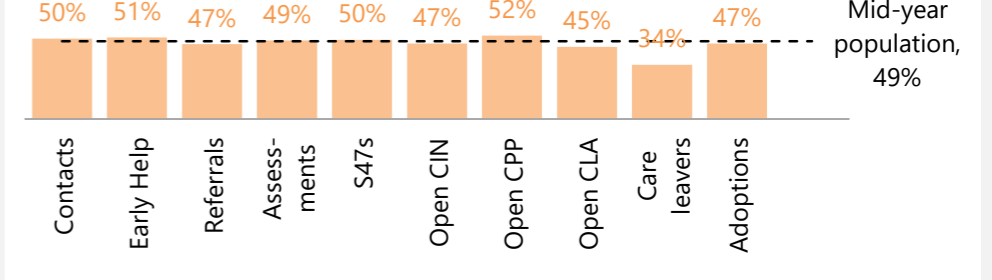


**sex**

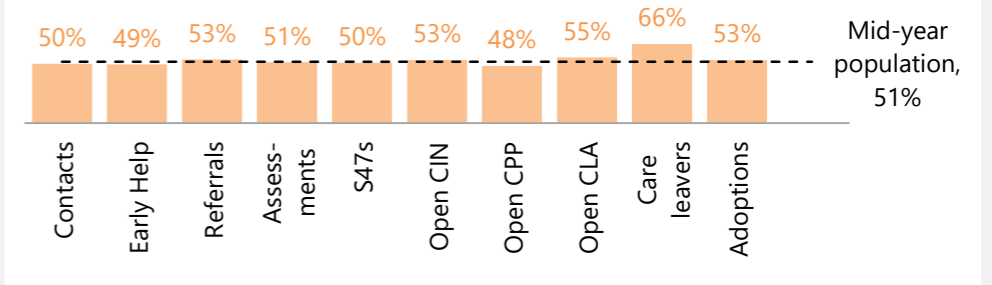
ChAT\* compared to mid-year (2024) population estimates (ONS)

\*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 95%	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 137%	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 -34%	3	4	lower -27%	4	5	lower -15%
1 to 4	11	19	lower -41%	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	42	36	higher 14%	38	36	higher 5%	38	35	higher 8%
16-plus	16	13	higher 26%	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 -7%	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)	210	Decrease		250	477	519	Lower		2024-25
Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)	7	Decrease		13	18	21	Lower		2024-25
Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	306	Decrease		386	466	533	Lower		2024-25
Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)	87	Increase		68	81	86	Lower		2024-25
Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	145	Decrease		171	186	189	In range		2024-25
Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	51	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 (%)	77	Increase		56	83	81	Lower		2024-25
Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	226	Decrease		367	335	330	In range		2024-25
Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	37	Increase		29	41	41	Lower		2024-25
Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	19	Decrease		21	27	25	In range		2024-25
Children who ceased to be on a CP plan whose plan lasted 2 years or more (%)	0	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 (%)	8	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 (%)	45	Decrease		65	80	81	Lower		2024-25
Children looked after who had their annual health assessment (%)	65	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 (%)	88	Decrease		100	94	77	In range		2024-25
Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%)	93	Increase		92	93	89	In range		2024-25
Care leavers aged 19-21 in education, employment, or training (%)	54	Increase		50	59	54	In range		2024-25
A10 - Time between entering care and placed with family for adopted children	654	Increase		300	425	475	Lower		2024-25
A2 - Time between placement order and deciding on a match	286	Increase		167	217	205	In range		2024-25