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PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TO FOLLOW REPORT (S)

8 **Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 2** (Pages 1 - 54)

To scrutinise performance at quarter 2 and identify issues that may require further investigation by an overview and scrutiny committee. (Report to Follow).

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People Directorate Demand Activity and Performance

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Synopsis

The report provides an update to The People Scrutiny Committee on areas of demand activity and performance across the People Directorate. The performance captured in the report aligns to the Shropshire Plan to help inform the committees understanding of current activity, challenges and an opportunity to assess local performance and impact.

Executive Summary

This report will highlight areas of demand for Children's Social Care (CSC) and Adults Social Care (ASC), and in addition, will identify growth in demand for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) for 0–25-year-olds. We aim to illustrate current demand, trends and pressures across the service. This will include Transformation programmes of work to evidence impact and performance across ASC and CSC. The work detailed within the report aims to meet The Shropshire Plan priorities and improve outcomes across all ages. This report should be considered alongside the dashboard of performance measures that are being developed.

Recommendations

The committee considers the report and dashboards and
- Triangulates the information and key messages against the information in financial reporting
- Identifies specific areas of focus that it may want to explore in more detail, to be included in their work programme

Report

Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

1. Risk table

Risk	*Mitigation*
Demographic demand pressure in ASC	Transformation programme to support people earlier in the customer journey
Gap in funding to support hospital discharge	Transformation programme on reablement to ensure the right pathway for the individual. Additional funding has been secured from health; further external funding will also help mitigate the current gap.
Increased complexity of people needing support.	Partnership working on health on jointly funded packages of care and support.
Demand for support for children and young people.	Refocus on prevention and early intervention. Increased support through Stepping Stones programme.
Demand for EHC plans is increasing and impacting pressure on SEND Team Officers, Educational Psychologists, Social Workers (CSC and ASC) and health providers.	Development of the Shropshire Ordinarily Available Provision (SOAP) framework, in partnership with schools and parent carers, to outline the support that should be provided before an EHC plan is requested. Engagement and implementation of the SEND and AP National Change Programme policies to explore new ways of working and enhance the ability of mainstream schools to meet a wider range of SEND needs.

Financial Implications

The People Directorate is currently on target with its savings plan with the total currently at £11,475,463m as at period 6.
The demand across Children's and Adults continues to present challenges with the current budget pressure as detailed within that narrative of this report.

The table below details the current Qtr 2 financial monitoring cabinet report and provides the current position for the People Directorate and current pressures.

Directorate / Service	Forecast Outturn Variance at Q1	Budget at Q2	Forecast Outturn at Q2	Forecast Variance at Q2	Movement from Q1 to Q2	Reasons for Movement
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
People	Overall £25.4m budget pressure in People Directorate continues to be driven by higher than anticipated demand for social care services, often with more complex needs. However, this position is <u>after</u> improvement arising from rapid delivery of agreed spending reductions (currently £17.7m). Other linked mitigations include expanded use of Direct Payments to promote autonomy and support people to be at home where possible. This level of demand and cost increase is being experienced across the local government social care sector.					
Children's Social Care and Safeguarding	10,400	51,364	64,464	13,100	2,700	**Overall pressure changes from Q1 to Q2 amount to £2.700m increase and are summarised below.** • £2.376m - External Residential Placements - Increase in External Residential Placements (14 new external placements) • £0.248m - Staffing - Increased agency social workers and social worker retention payments. The service has experienced difficulties in recruiting qualified social workers to vacant posts. • £0.178m - PLO Support Packages, caused by an increase in items ordered by the Court (e.g. medical assessments and social worker assessments)
Adult Social Care	11,552	129,873	139,574	9,701	(1,851)	**Overall pressure changes from Q1 to Q2 represent a £1.9m reduction and are summarised below.** Purchasing Costs: net reduction of £1.547m • (£2.398m) increase in CHC (NHS) income and improved joint working arrangements. • (£1.414m) increase in one-off grant funding applied (additional Market Sustainability Improvement Grant and Emergency Care Support Grant above previously advised levels) • (£1.211m) forecast increase in income from client contributions reflecting increased activity levels • £3.086m expenditure increase in forecast placement costs. The majority of this is within care homes (£2.372m), but also in the Direct Payments and Domiciliary Care (£0.936m). Increased direct payments and domiciliary care is positive as these are more efficient ways to deliver suitable care and result in more people being supported at home. Non-purchasing Reduction - (£0.304m) • (£0.200m) additional reserves applied • (£0.219m) planned expenditure reduction across Internal Day Services, Four Rivers and START • £0.171m forecasted increase in Passenger Transport Costs (mitigation plans being explored).
Learning and Skills	181	22,347	22,643	296	115	• Home to School Transport costs increased further above budget, due largely to Statutory and Post 16 SEND. Mitigating actions are being developed.
Directorate Management	2,702	553	2,956	2,403	(299)	• Housing Services have been moved to the Place Directorate, leading to some changes to income, spending, and target savings (£0.151m)

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						• 5% target reduction in staffing for Early Help now achieved through a (one-off) contribution from Supporting Families Grant Reserve (£0.161m)
Children's Early Help, Partnerships and Commissioning	25	3,629	3,506	(123)	(148)	• -£0.056m – Spending reductions now achieved through (one-off) contribution from the Supporting Families Grant Reserve • -£0.082m - Increased underspend on Family Hubs Staffing (vacancies extended through Q2 as the service is redesigned)
People Total	**24,860**	**207,767**	**233,143**	**25,377**	*517*	

Climate Change Appraisal

The People's directorate is working to support people within their communities to reduce the need to travel and therefore reduce carbon emissions.

Climate consideration is embedded in all commissioning reviews.

Background

Adult Social Care

Adult Social Care monitor performance through a range of measures. The Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) measure how well care and support services achieve outcomes which are reported nationally.

The new CQC assessment framework for local authority assurance has launched and will seek assurance in 4 areas; how we work with people, providing support, ensuring safety within the system and leadership. Preparation for that is taking place with support from West Midlands ADASS who have identified common challenges across the West Midland authorities including rises in new requests for support and higher long-term admissions to residential care.

We monitor and review performance through governance arrangements by having monthly Director and Senior Management focus sessions on Performance and Finance. There are monthly Finance and Performance Business partner meetings, and Quality assurance reports presented quarterly to Director Assurance meetings.

For the purposes of this report, we have selected key areas that highlight demand trends and the performance activity to meet that demand.

Recruitment and Retention

We understand the recruitment challenge currently facing the sector. 94% of the budget in Adults Social Care is on employed staff and 6% on agency staff.

We explore ways of advertising posts and engaging people who may wish to come and work with Shropshire Council. This includes identifying and contacting people who are interested in completing an application; redesigning the advert to emphasise the benefits of working with Shropshire Council and using rolling adverts for the vacancies we have.
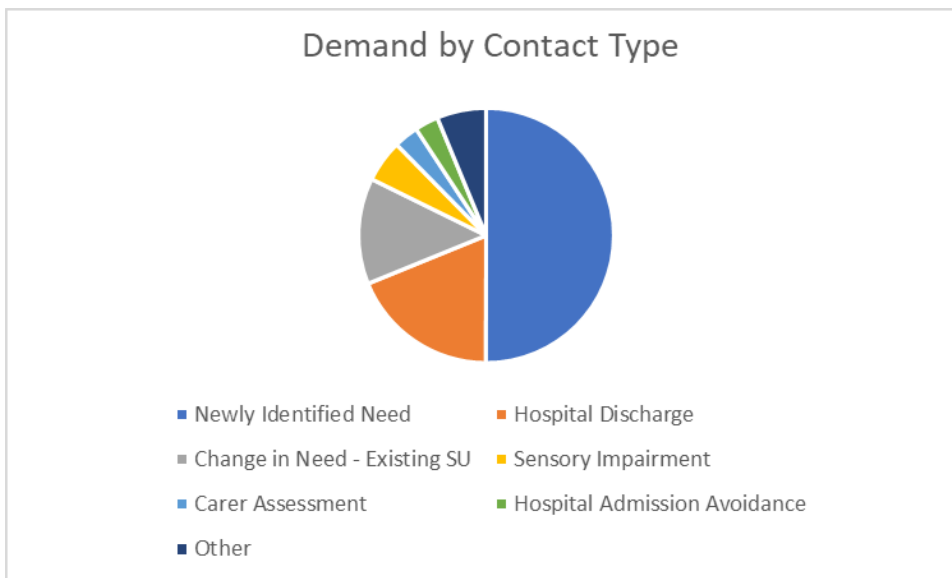
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We attend Job's Fairs to engage with people directly and talk about the roles and opportunities; and working with our in-house Communication Team to review and the wider corporate shop window work.

We offer 6-8 Social Work Apprenticeships each year through Upskill Shropshire, this is open for internal Social Care Practitioners (unqualified) to apply. They complete a 3-year degree and have two placements across children's and adult's social care. At the end of their qualification, they are open to apply for internal social worker posts. We are currently looking at how we ring fence roles to guarantee them a position and reduce the risk of them applying for employment outside of Shropshire Council.

Further work to support the wider social care market is also needed with a reliance upon agency staff which drives up costs to deliver care and support.

Adult Social Care Front Door

The contacts to adult social care show higher numbers of people now presenting with new needs and those coming through the Hospital Discharge pathways. We are reviewing how people contact us to make referrals, exploring our community offer to ensure our communities know who to contact at the right time.

Demand by Contact Type
- Newly Identified Need
- Hospital Discharge
- Change in Need - Existing SU
- Sensory Impairment
- Carer Assessment
- Hospital Admission Avoidance
- Other

We understand that the right people need to come to us for support at the right time and appreciate that the impact of early intervention results in better outcomes for people.

We have trialled new ways of working at the Front Door such as working collaboratively with Social Prescribing to support people with advice and information, connecting people to their local communities. Our newest technology offer, Virtual Care Delivery, recognises people at the point of referral, we have aligned a dedicated resource to assess individuals.

By getting this right we can assure ourselves that the right people are coming through to Adult Social Care and those who would be better supported by other agencies are given the right advice and information.

The current contact trend shows that the activity at the Front Door is effective at managing demand so that those who need Social Care receive an intervention, and those who need other services are supported to access them:

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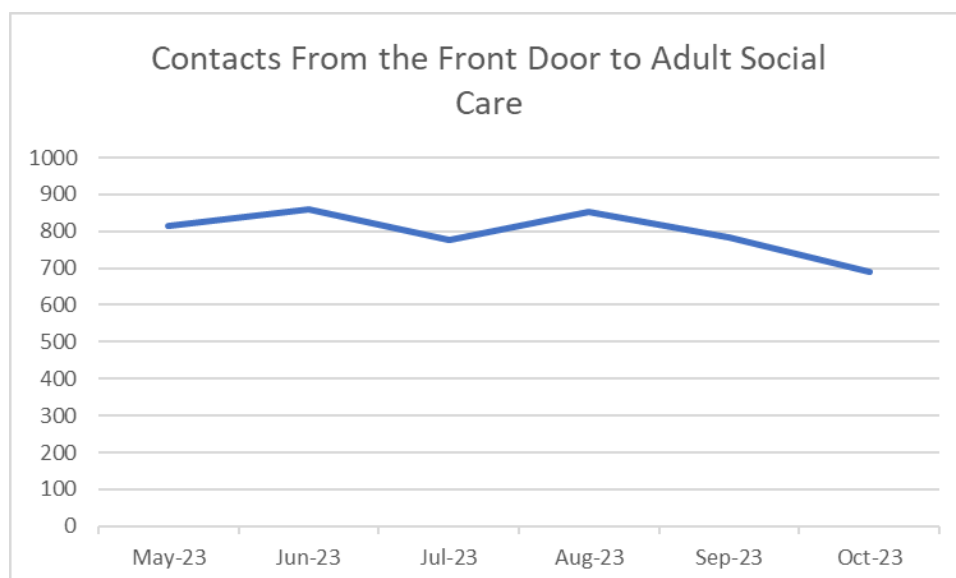
The table above shows that the new ways of working at the Front Door has reduced demand by 19.5% when compared to the highest month this financial year.

Waiting times

Across the Adult Community teams there has been a reduction of 26% on the waiting list since the beginning of the financial year. The Mental health Team have no people on the waiting list. There have been 969 new referrals since the 1st April and by the 5th November the service had 192 people on the waiting list. This figure does not include reassessments, reviews (see below) and specialist teams which is additional demand activity across the service. The reductions have been impacted by changing the way we work at the front door and trialing new ways of working during Innovation Week. Regular performance meetings led by the senior management team monitor operational progress and risk.

Care Act Eligibility

The Care Act and supporting regulations and guidance set out the process of assessing an adult's needs for care and support, and set out the national minimum threshold for eligibility, deciding whether a person is eligible for funded care and support. A person will have eligible needs if they meet the following:

- They have care and support needs, as a result of a physical or a mental condition
- because of those needs, they cannot achieve two or more of the outcomes specified in the regulations
- as a result, there is a significant impact on their wellbeing

For those people we are assessing under the Care Act the data reflects individuals have eligible needs indicating the referrals to the service are appropriate.

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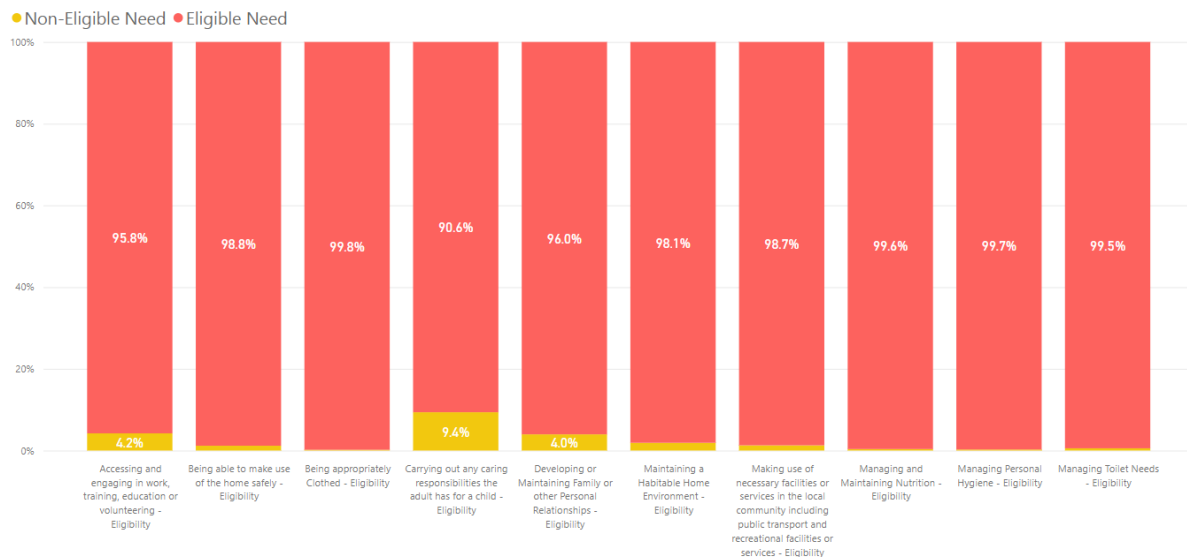
The population of Shropshire has increased at a similar rate to the national average over recent years. Latest official population projections published by ONS suggest that the total population will reach 354,500 by 2030 which is almost 10% higher than the current population (323,600 in 2021).

ONS projections suggest that the rapid ageing of Shropshire's population will continue and that by 2030 those aged 65 and over will account for nearly one in three of the population. The growth in numbers of residents aged 85 and over in particular represents a significant and growing challenge in terms of health and social care. By 2030, there are expected to be over 15,245 Shropshire residents who are 85 and older, which is 4,422 more reported at the time of the 2021 census.

This chart shows the demography, by age, of the people we are currently supporting:
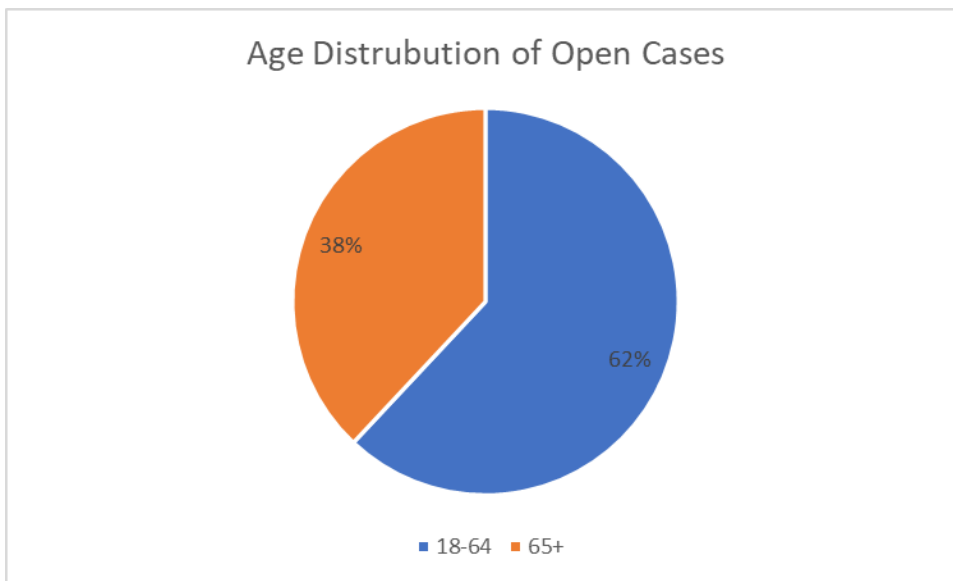

We are keen to further explore the demographic data to predict future demand in Adult Social Care so that new models of delivery and transformation are focussed in the right areas. We are currently supporting people aged 65 +, however, due to the complexity of needs within the 18 – 64 group they account for half of the spend in Adult Social Care.

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Reviews

Completion of timely reviews is important to ensure people have the right support to meet outcomes but also to understand any changes in a person's needs.

Shropshire Council focusses on a strength based, person centred approach, to meet needs in a bespoke way for the individual.
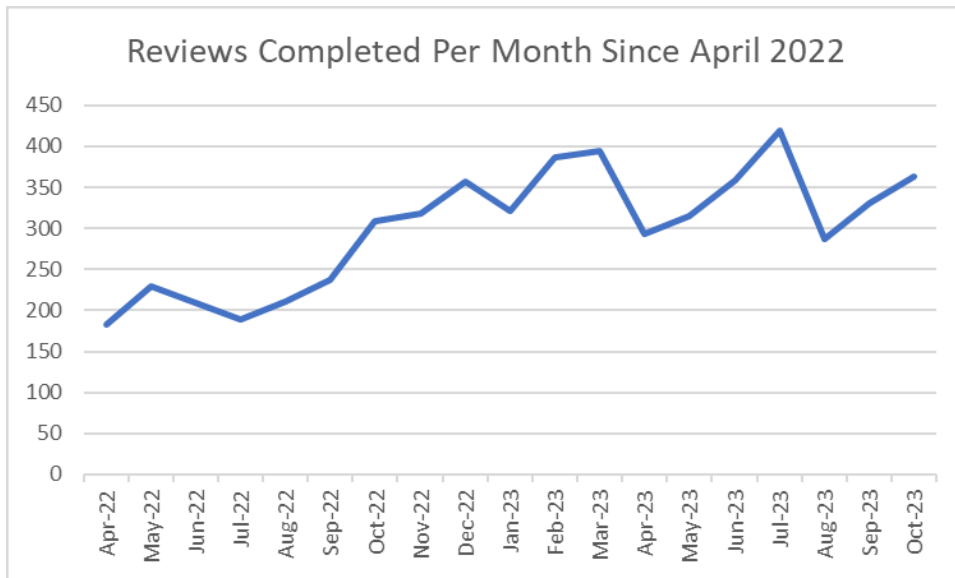
We have invested in continuous improvement for review performance, in 2022/23 we completed an average of 278 reviews per month, so far in 2023 we have averaged 338. This represents a 21.6% increase in performance.
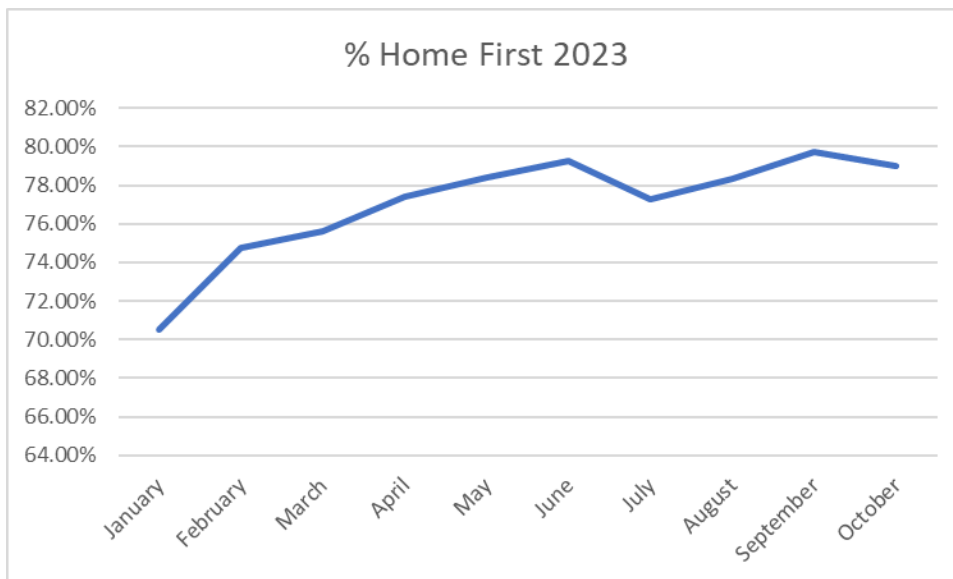
Hospital Discharge

There has been an increased level of demand from the hospitals since pre covid and discharges supported by Shropshire Council have increased. Our staff work in the hospitals and attend wards to have Strength's Based conversations earlier in the patient's journey, this combined with the reablement transformational work, is having success in increasing the discharges we provide and the numbers of people we support to return home.

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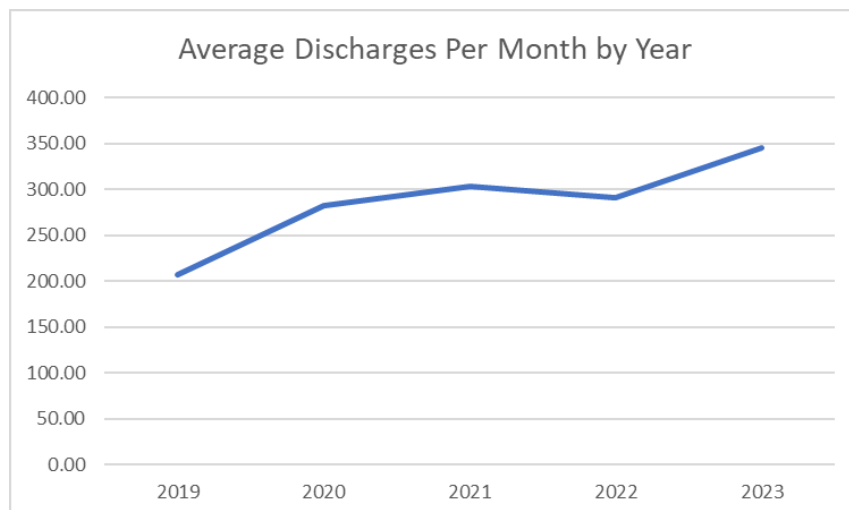
In 2019, we discharged a total of 2,478 people from hospital settings, so far, this financial year we have discharged 3,458 people, this is an in-year increase of 43.2%.

This financial year we have averaged 345.8 hospital discharges each month. Using that trend, we will deliver safe and effective discharges for 4,150 people an increase of 67.5% compared to pre pandemic levels.

There have been high referrals from the hospital for Pathway 3, for people to be supported in a residential or nursing placement. We have embarked on a transformation programme in Reablement with the support of PWC to adopt a robust 'Home First' approach to discharges since January 2023. The trend is:

January resulted in 70.5% of discharges being to a person's home, with that trend increasing, current discharges in September 2023 being at 79.7%. From April to September 2023 the average is 78.38% of people now being supported home from hospital.

We have improved and increased our reablement (START) offer to the people of Shropshire through the Reablement Transformation programme, the impact of this work means that more people have been supported to have reablement. This has enabled us to be more responsive to referrals from hospitals:

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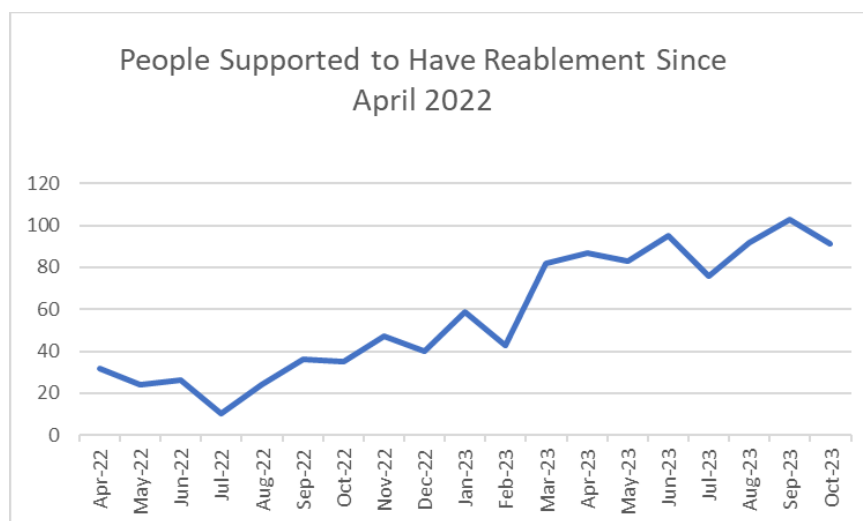
We are now consistently supporting a significantly higher number of people to be as independent and physically able than we have done in previous years. The average number of people we supported per month in 2022/23 was 38, because of the investment Shropshire Council has made the average since April 2023 is 90 people per month. This is an evidenced trend that is showing sustainability and using the average to project for the full year, Shropshire Council will be aiming to support over 1000 people to have reablement and continue their lives as independently as possible.

Of the people that have been supported by START, the latest outcomes measures show that 76% of people who received reablement, left the service with no ongoing services.

The number of people we discharged from hospital to a care home has significantly decreased, we know that people prefer to be home and achieve better outcomes and greater levels of independence when they are in their own communities, which are familiar and are close to their support network. This is mainly due to several factors including an improvement in the domiciliary care capacity.
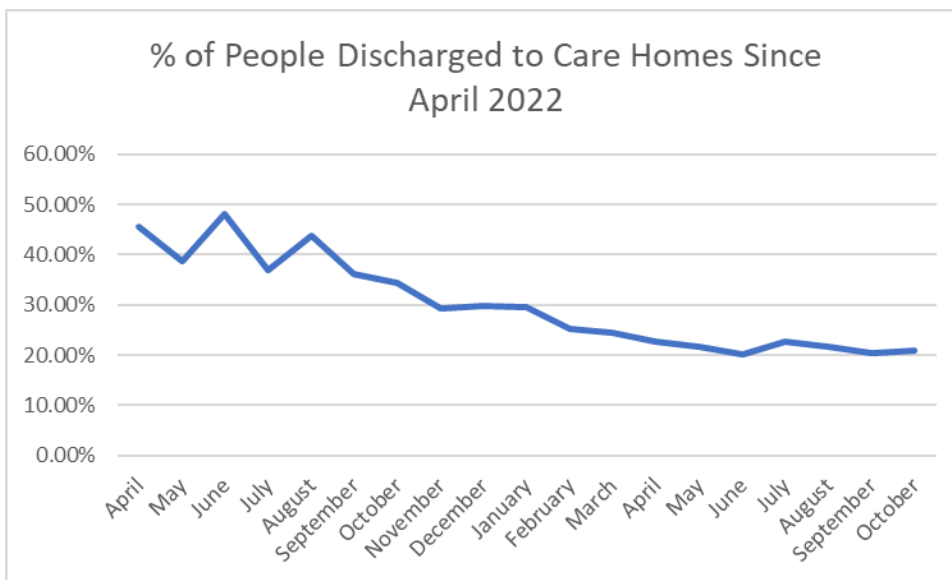

We have consistently discharged people over and above the referrals we have received. Some patients are more complex and required more specialised support, to develop a safe discharge plan.

Whilst we acknowledge a decrease in people discharged to a care home from hospital, we do recognise there is still an ongoing pressure across the adult social care service for people with more complex needs requiring a residential or nursing placement. In addition to this we are working on our demand and capacity planning as a system with external support to ensure that we are not over reliant upon bedded capacity and our numbers align to similar comparator groups.

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Number of Discharges vs Referrals Received from SaTH
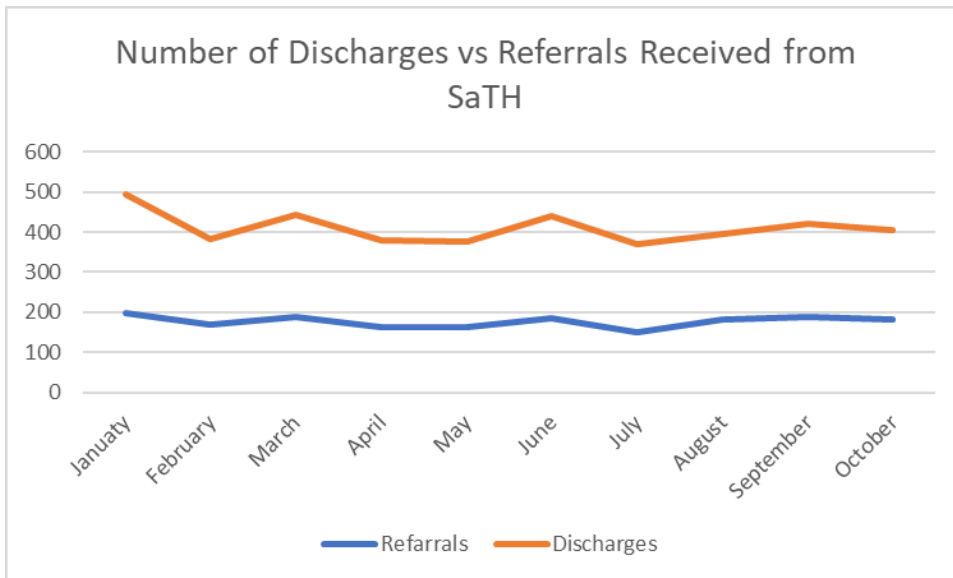
We have improved our performance in relation to length of stay in hospitals for people once we have received a referral.

Average Days Hospital Referral to Discharge
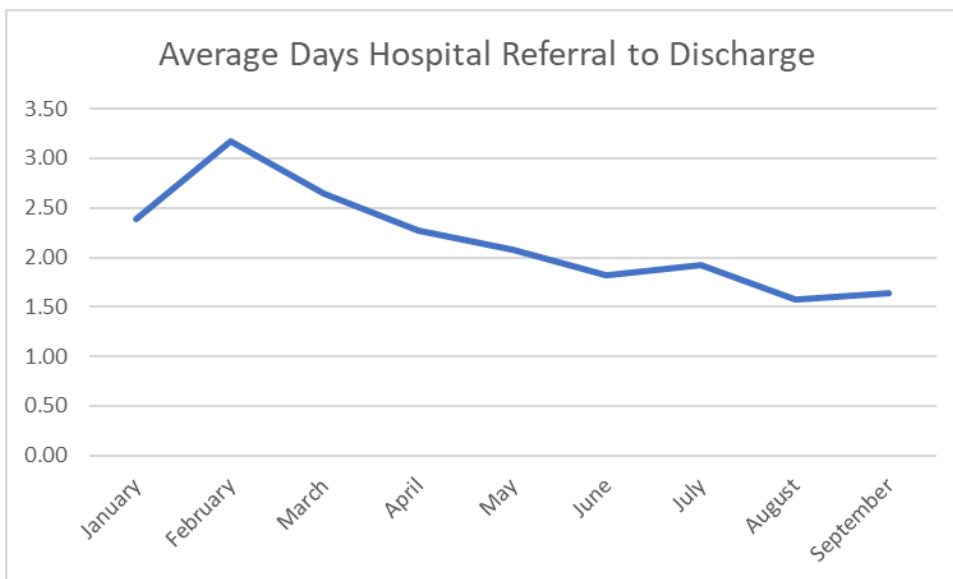
We are now consistently supporting people with discharge out of hospital less than 48 hours after receiving a referral.

Market capacity and future planning

Whilst we have reduced demand for beds from hospital, there is a trend of general increase in the complexity of people's needs which results in more people receiving a service. We have an increased demand for Nursing EMI beds which is at a higher level than we have seen before. As a Council, we are also affected by providers having increased costs to maintain their businesses to safe and effective levels, however, this is a national trend.

Shropshire Council commission approximately 30% of the 3,571 care home beds in the county. We are commissioning alternative support pathways to be developed. It is expected that this will provide sustainability for the Council as we develop more alternatives. We continue to work with providers, CQC and planning colleagues, to

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maintain quality and sustainability in the market and the number of services with a CQC rating of Good or Outstanding is at 80%, above the regional average.

Shropshire Council also commissions approximately 45% of the domiciliary care provision in the county. The domiciliary care market has a large amount of relatively small local providers which, whilst typically higher cost, is advantageous in a large rural county. During the last few years domiciliary capacity had significantly reduced, at this current time it had improved due to Shropshire Council working with providers and a 12% uplift in the Council's fee rates from April 2023. We are seeing much improved capacity in the market and are currently sourcing 94% of all required POC compared to an average of 62% last year.

Shropshire has a higher cost supporting those aged 18 to 64 and therefore as part of the transformation plans, we are looking at how the supported living model needs to be reviewed and reflect a more strength-based approach. Looking at the model in a locality basis; using technology to increase independence and resilience; working with housing colleagues to develop more core and cluster sites of accommodation units to ensure best value and efficiencies.

Childrens and young people's social care market is made up differently to the adults, with more national and regional frameworks and national organisations. Work is underway to focus on children's commissioning and work with the market specifically on early intervention and support; ensuring the right support and importantly, advice is available to access when it is needed to prevent crisis and escalation.

Shropshire Council understands the importance of the voluntary and community services, such as social enterprises. We are actively working with those organisations to provide support that is local to where people live, part of the community people live in and in line with the Shropshire Plan, supporting Healthy People and a Healthy Economy. We have developed joint working groups, which involve bringing in the VCS to work directly with social care colleagues to create joint support plans for people, for example into our reablement service.

In addition, further work to look at joint opportunities to commission with health and also where appropriate Telford and Wrekin LA to collectively support the market and over consistency to Providers as well as individuals on a larger scale to bring in economy of scales to all partners.

Children's Social Care, Safeguarding and Early Help.

From 1st April 2023, Targeted Early Help and Supporting Families came under the line management of the Assistant Director of Childrens Social Care & Safeguarding and a Service Manager from that Leadership Team took over responsibility. A transformation programme has commenced and that includes development of a data set.

As a service area we have access to a wide range of data that runs daily (a live dashboard), it is collated weekly, monthly, quarterly & annually. Senior Leadership Team scrutinise data in live time to manage demand, workload and performance. Team Managers use it day to day to manage throughput.

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There are clear governance arrangements in place for oversight through monthly Directorate performance Meetings, Quarterly Assurance Meetings with the Director of People.

A performance report is run Monthly called CHaT (Children's Services Analysis Tool) – this is the performance report that tracks the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for OFSTED and is discussed at quarterly liaison meetings, the Annual Conversation with OFSTED inspectors and forms the basis of the data submission when we get an inspection visit. Alongside this we submit Annex A to OFSTED when inspected which covers 12 – 15 data lists for every child open to the service and all those closed in the past 6 months. This is scrutinised by OFSTED analysts and used to inform the inspectors key lines of enquiry. The CHaT is used by Senior Leaders in the Service to track the journey of the child, test the health of the system and to understand the partnership interface as well as our own services performance.

The most recent CHaT is attached as Appendix 1 for information and reference.

In addition we submit data for National collections several times a year so that we have access to benchmarking data and we have access to a range of regional data sets that we use to track and compare performance.

Total Children Looked After Numbers Over Timr

NB figures taken from snapshot at 31st March each year to 2023, then additionally the end of Qs 1 and 2 for 2023-24.
This also applies to all following charts.

Total Children looked after (CLA) since March 2019 (pre-covid pandemic). The graph below shows the rise in looked after children, following a period of stability in 2019. This is a direct result of the covid pandemic, as well as an increase in Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (in March 2019 we only had several at any one time).


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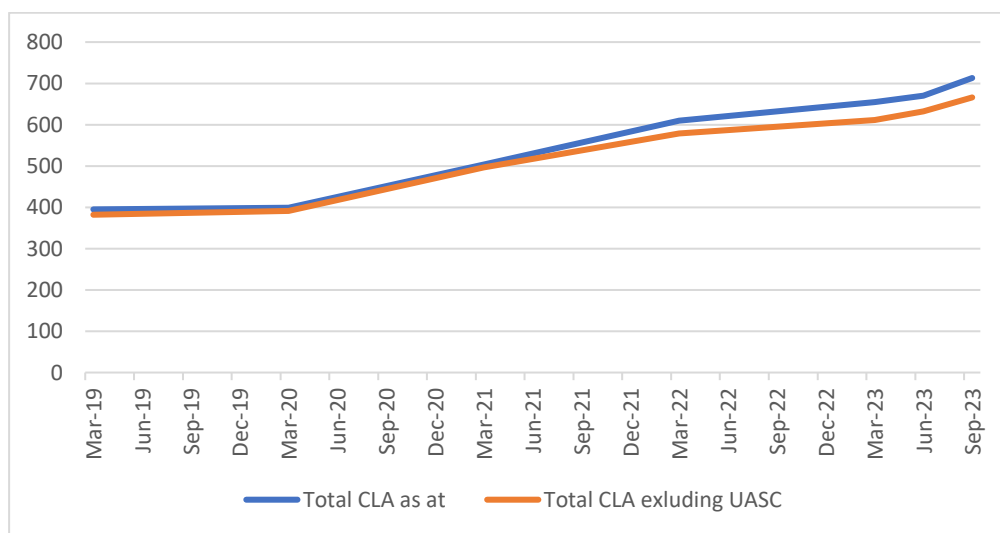
CLA by reason

The Graph below shows the significant increase in children becoming looked after due to abuse and neglect. In response to this concerning increase the Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership has led a partnership priority in relation to addressing neglect within the community and enabling professionals to have the knowledge, skills and experience to respond.
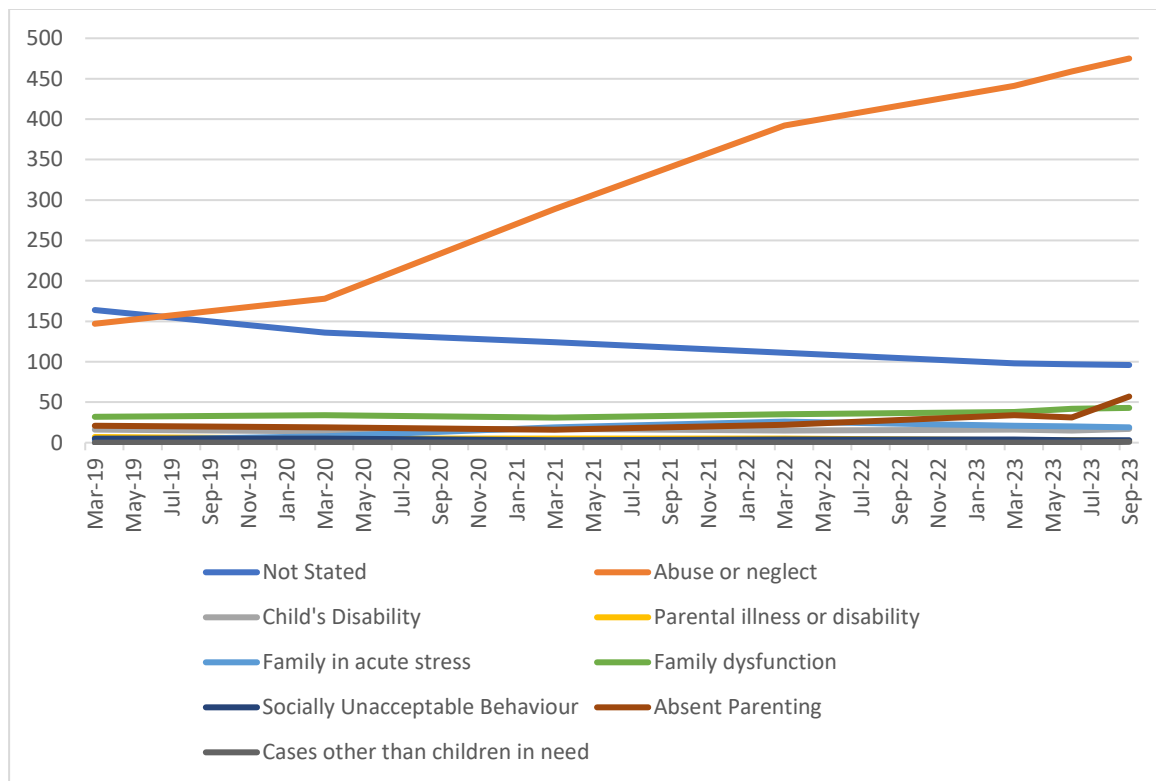
CLA by age group

The increase in 0-4 years is most noticeable and should be considered with the recent work and reduction in 0-4 years old contacts progressing to referral (30% reduction from Q1 to Q2). During Covid, universal and targeted services (Health Visiting, Midwifery, Early Help etc) were significantly reduced. The impact has been significant. In April 2023 the Executive Director of People led a partnership Health Summit to share the concerns and address the issues in relation to babies and children 4 and under. Clear actions were agreed and are being progressed.

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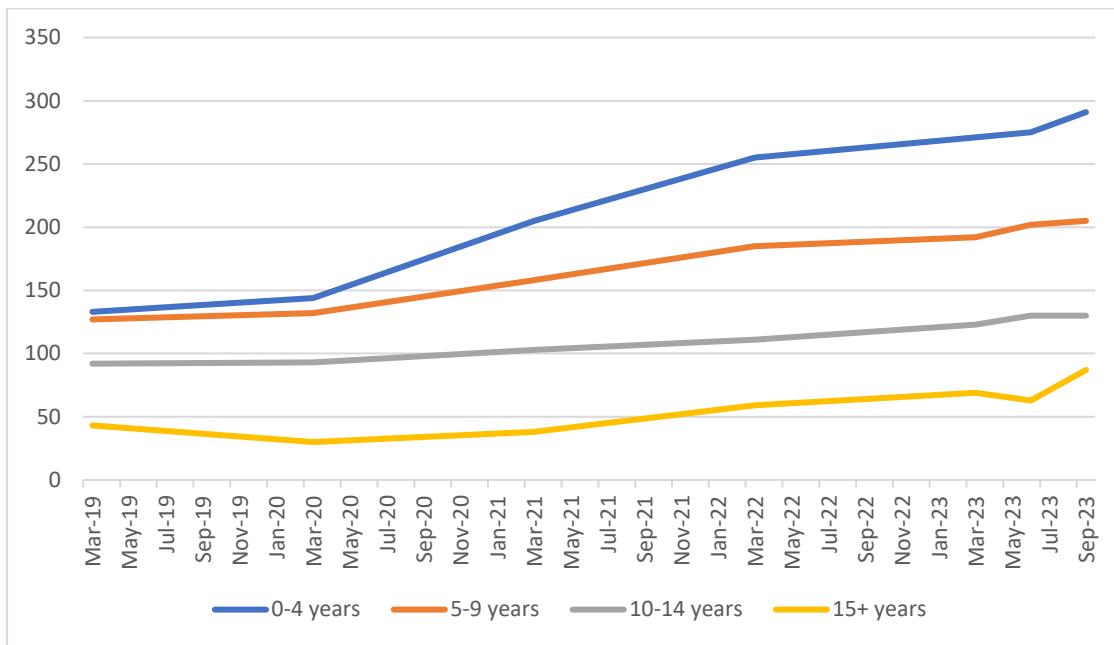
CLA by referral source

Work as part of the Health Summit has been taking place to increase referrals from Health Services, as they are the universal services it means that they can often spot issues earlier and refer to enable help and support to be offered at an earlier opportunity. With many of our looked after children the referral has been coming in so late that the harm has already happened.
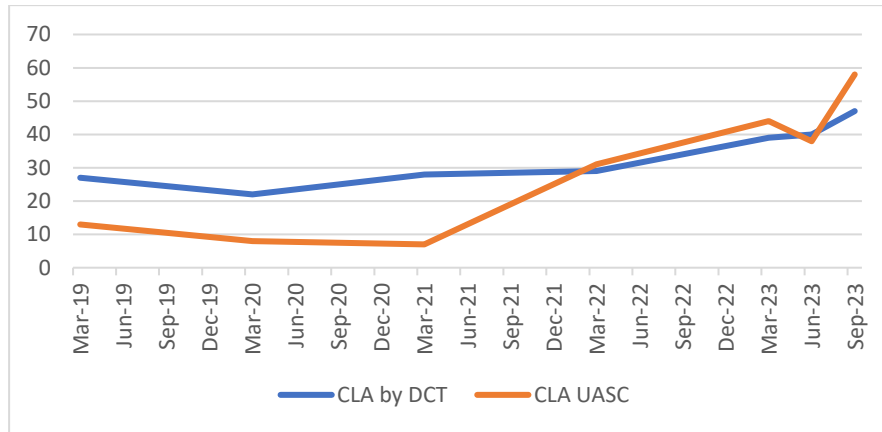

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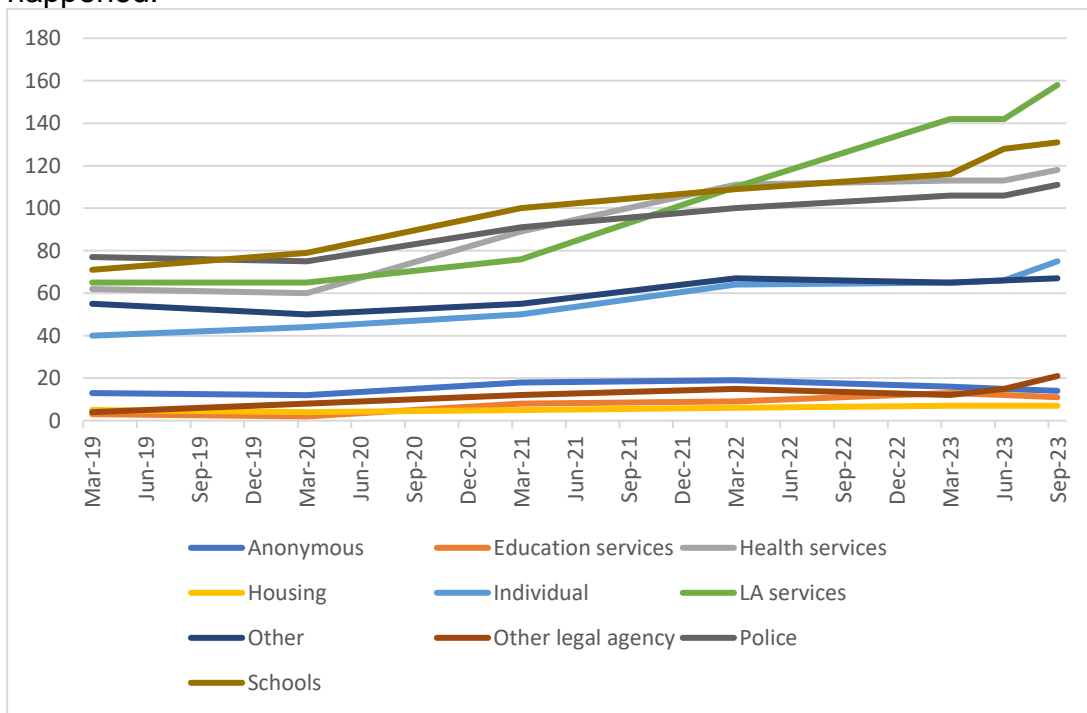
CLA by Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and Disabled Children's Teams.

This year has seen an increase in Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children following a mandatory requirement for all LA's to participate in the National Transfer Scheme, the arrival of young people through the hotel dispersal and we have taken several young people from Kent.

CLA from larger sibling groups

This shows the size of sibling groups that looked after children are from, including half-siblings and across both parents.
NB not all siblings within any group are necessarily looked after.
Shropshire seems to have a higher rate of large sibling groups than the National Average
Larger sibling groups and neglect are a common reason for them having to become looked after.

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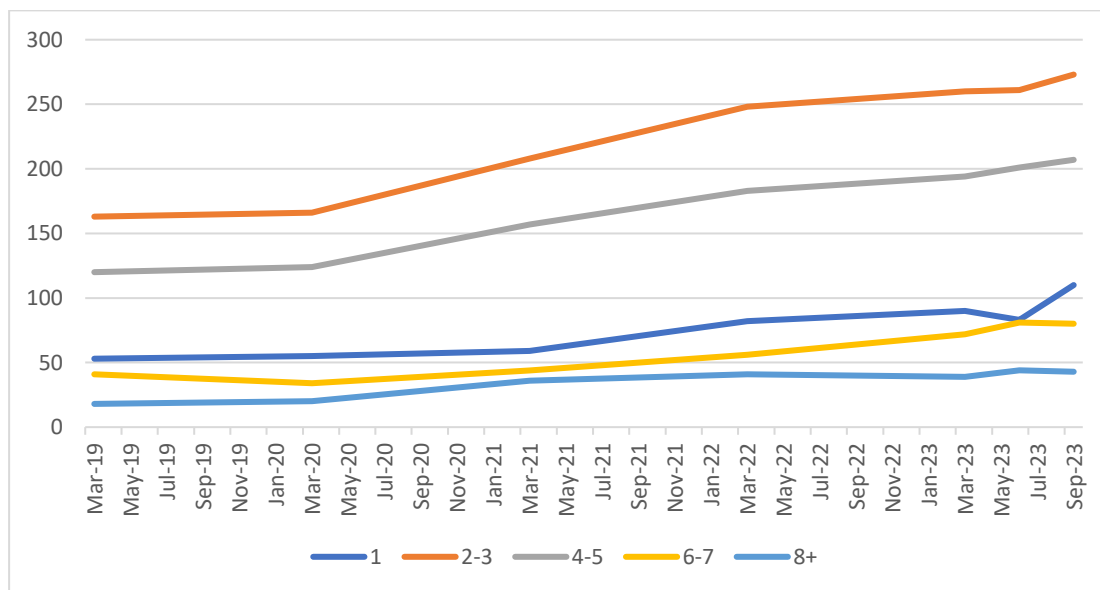
<u>CLA by placement type</u>

NB these are placement types at start of CLA. 'As at' breakdown is less straightforward to report historically but the trends are comparable.

It is apparent here that the vast majority of children looked after are in foster care, placed with family / connected carers or placed with parents. These are the 3 most cost-effective options for care as well as having the best outcomes for children.
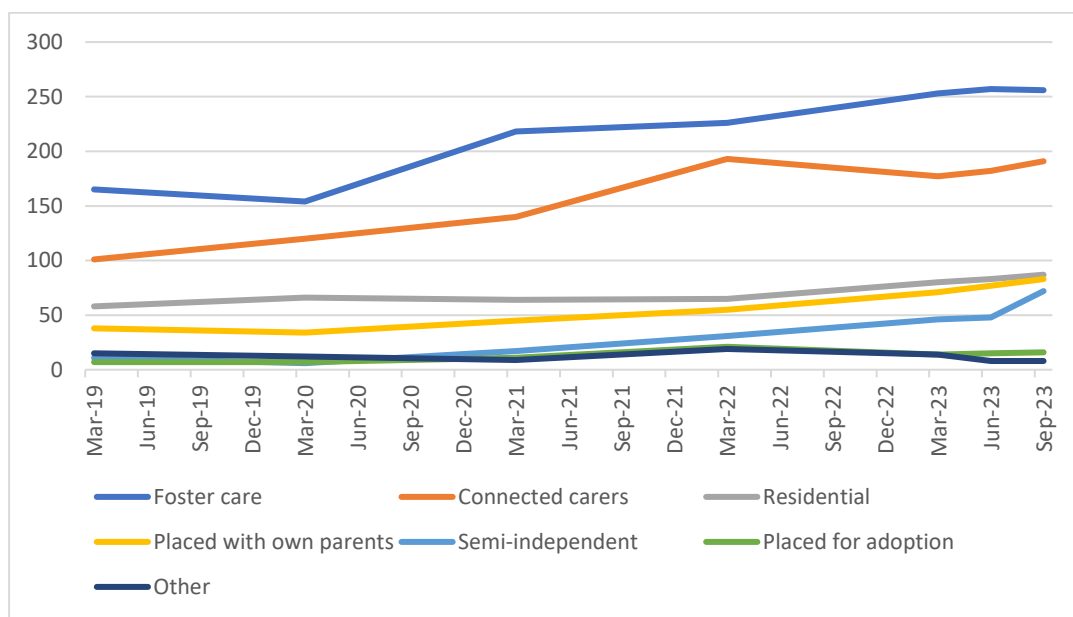
<u>Comparative cost of External Residential Placements and In House Residential Placements.</u>

The cost of residential placements is high in comparison to foster care, connected care, Special Guardianship or Adoption.

We have a block contract with a private provider who offer care to less complex children at a cost of £3998 per week.

The average cost of an external provider is £5,407 per week. This varies from £4500 to £11,000 per week depending on complexity of need, level of risk, levels of care and supervision, waking night needed, number of children placed, 2 bed or solo provision etc. A 2:1 staffing in a 2 bed home would be a minimum of £8,500.

Internal Residential Home Costs:

All of our internal homes are OFSTED Graded Good or Outstanding, 1 is awaiting inspection.

Our 4 bed Home: £3,913 per week – this works as part of Stepping Stones to support children who can return home once work has been completed with them and their parents and family or can move onto foster care.

2 bed therapeutic homes - £7,500 / week – these homes offer therapeutic 2:1 care as needed to complex children with high levels of need, risk and trauma experience. The homes aim to enable the child or young person to make progress and enable them to

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move onto foster care or to return to family, but often this can take 1 to 2 years as it takes time. Sometimes young people will move on to semi independence from these homes.

Semi-independent home: £4223 per week – this home brings young people who have been living in high cost residential out of county placements, we support them to move back to Shropshire, develop independence skills, rebuild links in the community so that they can transition into adulthood. This is also supported by Stepping Stones so that we prioritise the children who need it most and are in higher cost placements.

We are currently exploring a 3 bed home for children aged under 12 as we have a number placed in high cost residential at a distance and this is of concern to us as corporate parents.

Internal residential homes are able to be delivered at a lower cost that external provision, albeit for some children only marginally. It is important to note that all of our provision is good quality and provides high quality consistent care, whereas we have had a number of providers where children are placed be requires improvement or become inadequate. Children being cared for in our own provision enables us to work proactively with families and the child/young person if there is the option of them returning to the care of their family.

Regional CLA increases

Increases for those Local Authorities within our RAA (Regional Adoption Agency) local Authorities are shown here from Mar 22 to Mar 23, our increase of 8% in this period is consistent with these particular regional neighbours (8%, 7%, 6%), with whom we are partnered with.

Quarter 1 2023 Regional Data shows our rate of Children Looked After of 112/ 10,000 as the same as Herefordshire, Telford & Wrekin and just below Solihull. The West Midlands Average is 100/ 10,000 children and the England Average is 67/10,000.

Our rates for new children becoming looked after and children leaving care are in line with other local authorities and the West Midland and England Average.

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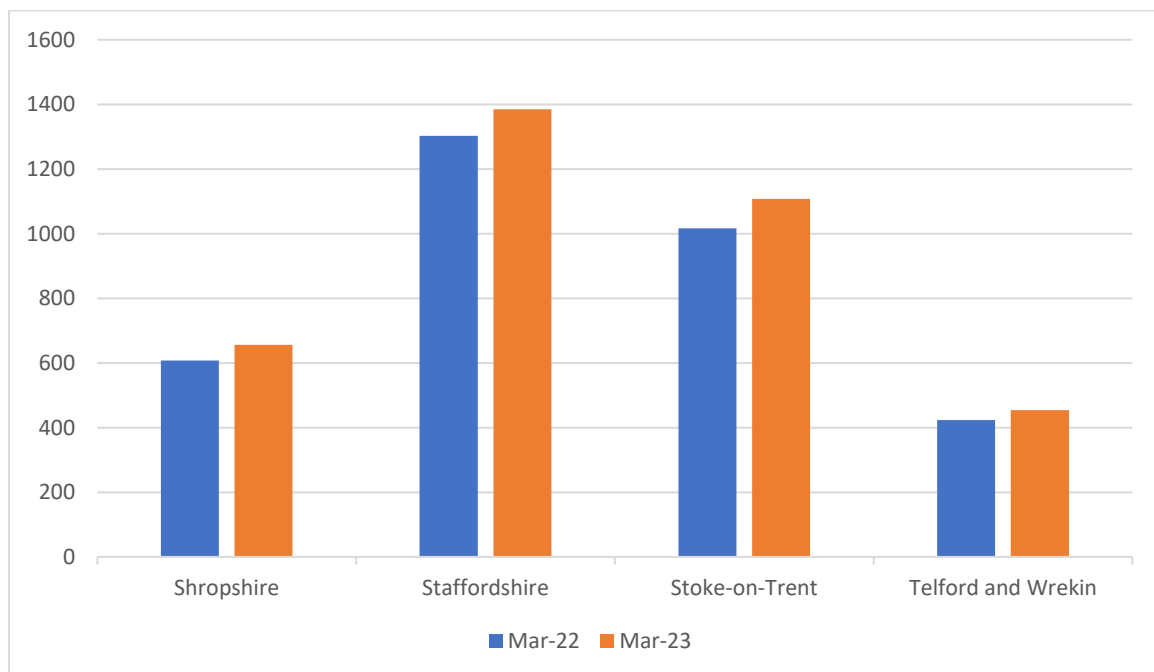
Referrals into Childrens Social Care, total and by source

NB 2023-24 is projected to year end from referrals to end of Q2 on all referral charts, and reporting has commenced from April 2019 from when we adopted LCS.

As we have come out of the pandemic we have seen a gradual decrease in referral rate and as we have introduced the new Early Help Front door (EHAST) we hope to see this trend continue.
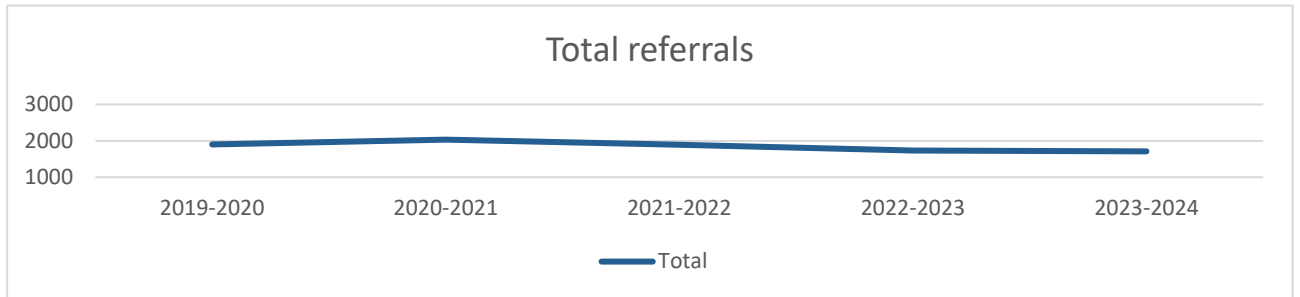
Referral by source: referral is defined as where there is a safeguarding concern and the threshold is met for a referral.(a contact is where information is shared or a request for early help is made.)
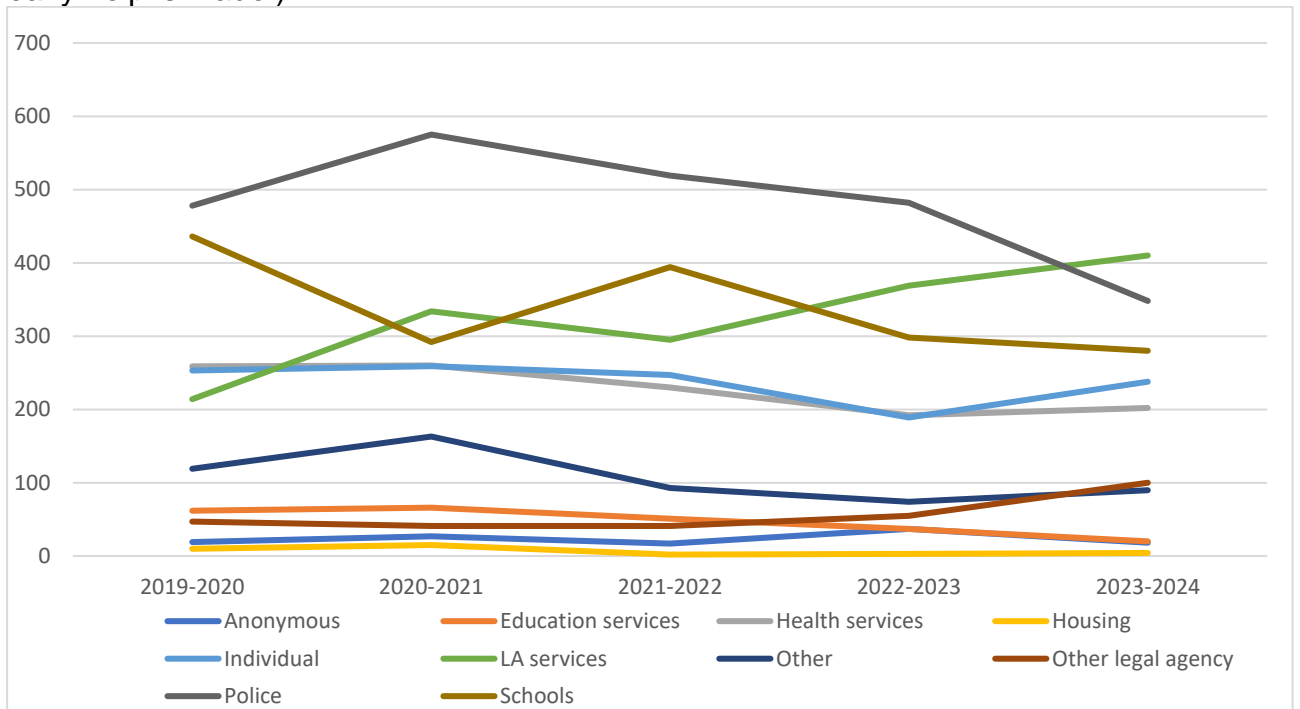
<u>Referrals by geography</u>

The maps below show all referrals in year-to-date, followed by those referred due to category of abuse or neglect. We are seeing an increase in referrals in the North of the county.

All referrals

Abuse or neglect

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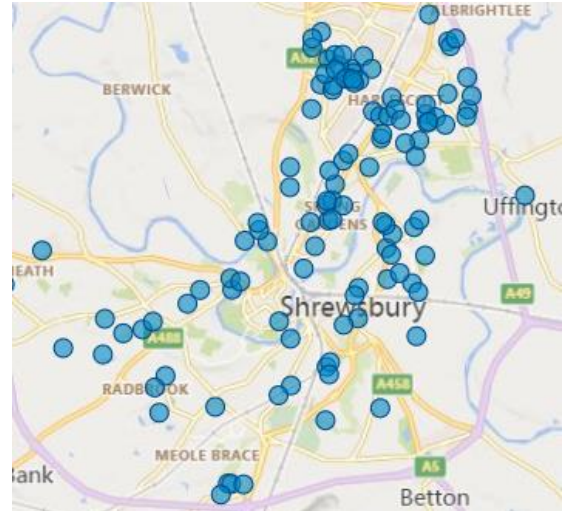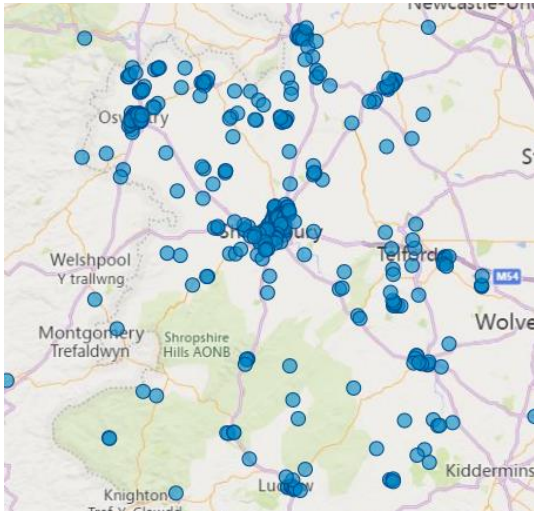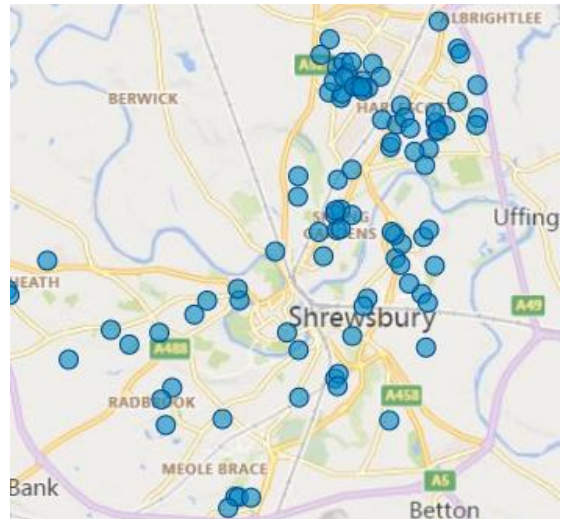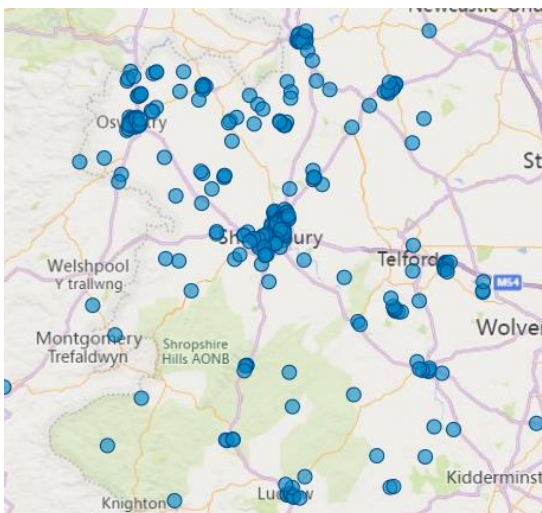
Referrals by category of need
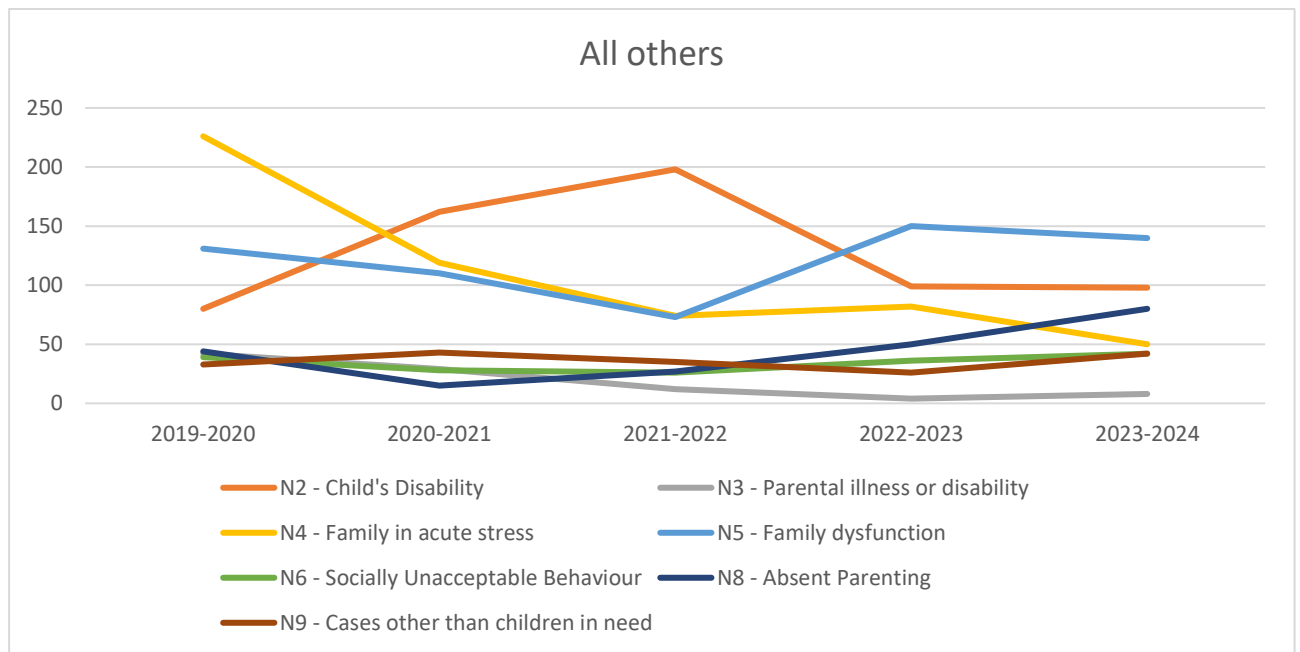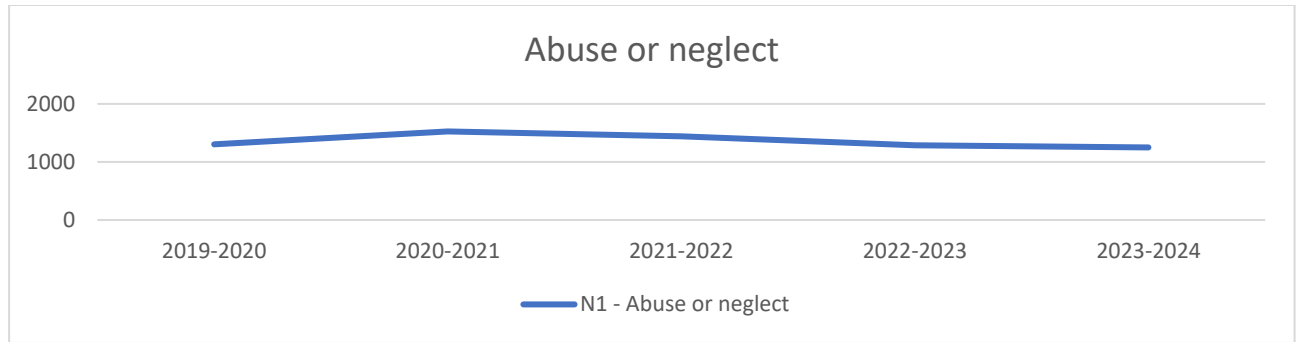
Referrals by outcome

The below graph shows the high number of referrals which are outcomed as a strategy discussion, this means the concerns relate to the child experiencing significant harm and that the threshold for a strategy discussion, with multi-agency partners, has been met. This is a statutory intervention.

Of those children referred in the number that become looked after at any time after referral is included below.

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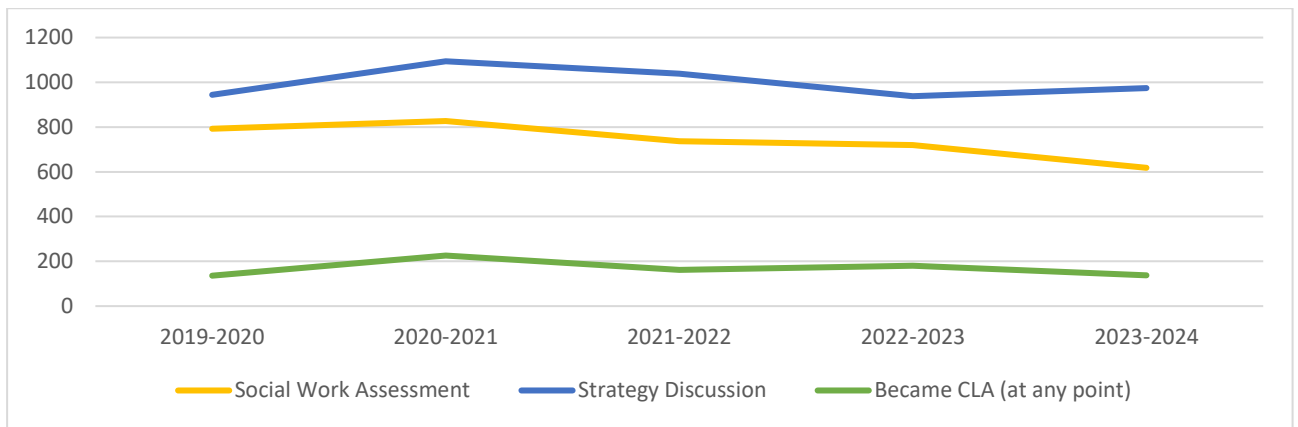
Weekly contact rates

Following the move of Early Help into Childrens Social Care & Safeguarding in April 2023 and as a result of the Independent Review of Targeted Early Help, as part of a transformation programme the development of a new front door' for Early Help was agreed and this was implemented at the beginning of September 2023. The purpose is to increase the number of families that can easily access early help and get that help to them at an earlier opportunity. The outcome we want to see is a reduction in referrals to Early Help.

We track these by total and age 0-4 as we want to see the impact on getting families the right support at the right time for this age group, in light of the concerns about the increase in children 0-4 becoming looked after.

Following the launch of the new Early Help front door and EHAST team, while the EH contacts have increased, we have seen a corresponding decrease in contacts to Children's Social Care in the same period.

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Social Care contacts by week commencing
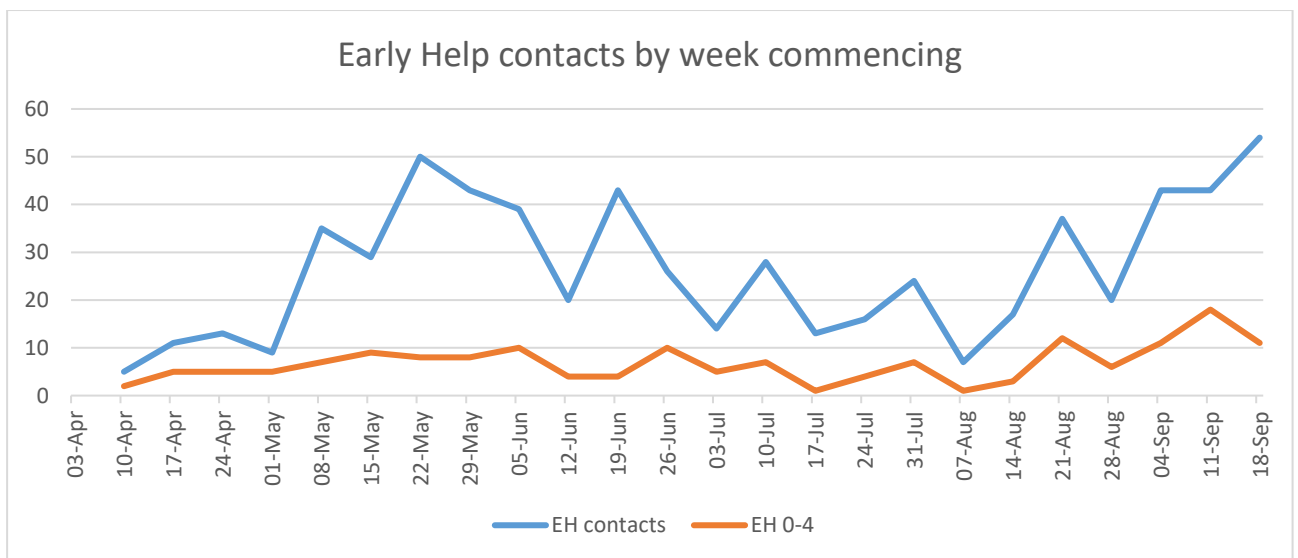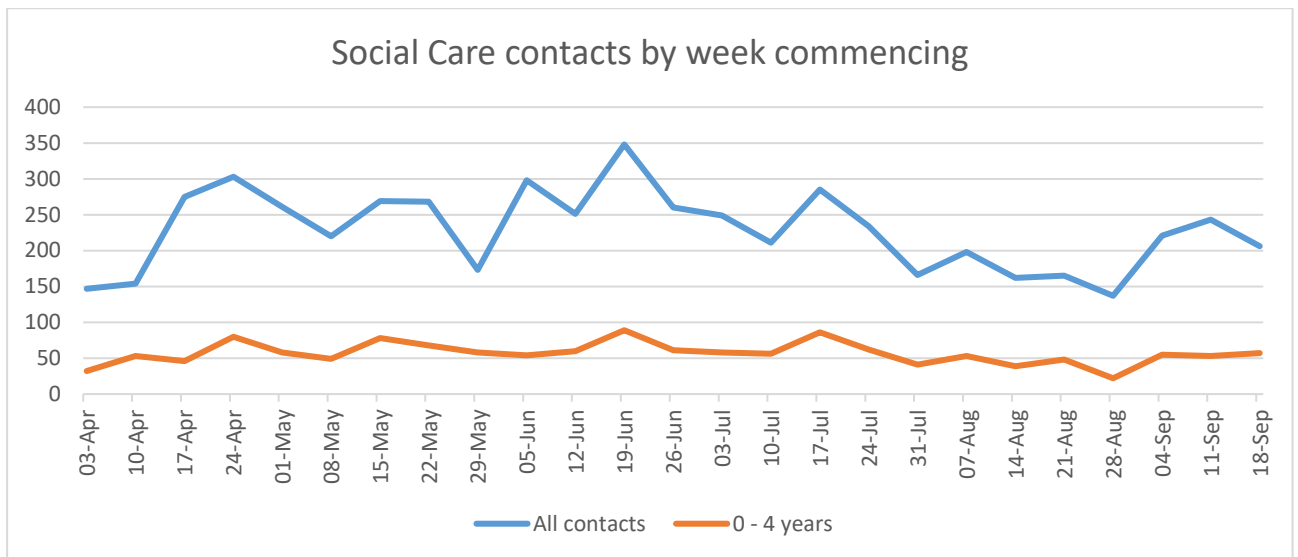
Overview of the growth in Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

Overall EHCP Numbers

The following information is obtained from the annual national SEN2 data collection. This collection takes place in January and reflects the caseload for the previous year.   The next data collection will take place in January 2024.

Source: https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans

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% of pupils with statement of (SEN) or (EHC) Plan

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Shropshire	3.50	3.30	3.20	3.30	3.20	3.50
West Midlands	3.10	3.10	3.30	3.60	3.80	4.00
Statistical Neighbours	2.72	2.97	3.37	3.77	4.08	4.37
England	2.90	3.10	3.30	3.70	4.00	4.30

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Shropshire	3.50	3.30	3.20	3.30	3.20	3.50
West Midlands	3.10	3.10	3.30	3.60	3.80	4.00
Statistical Neighbours	2.72	2.97	3.37	3.77	4.08	4.37
England	2.90	3.10	3.30	3.70	4.00	4.30

However, as work continues to support the effective identification and ability to meet the SEND needs of children and young people, Shropshire has seen a significant increase in the number of EHCP's. Between Jan 23 to Oct 23, the number of EHCPs has increased from 1946 to 2347, 20.6% increase in 8 months.

Schools Census and Comparison with Statistical Neighbours

The following information is derived from the school census. It does not include children in early years, young people in further education or those who are electively home educated not in education, employment or training.

% of pupils by support type

Source: https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england
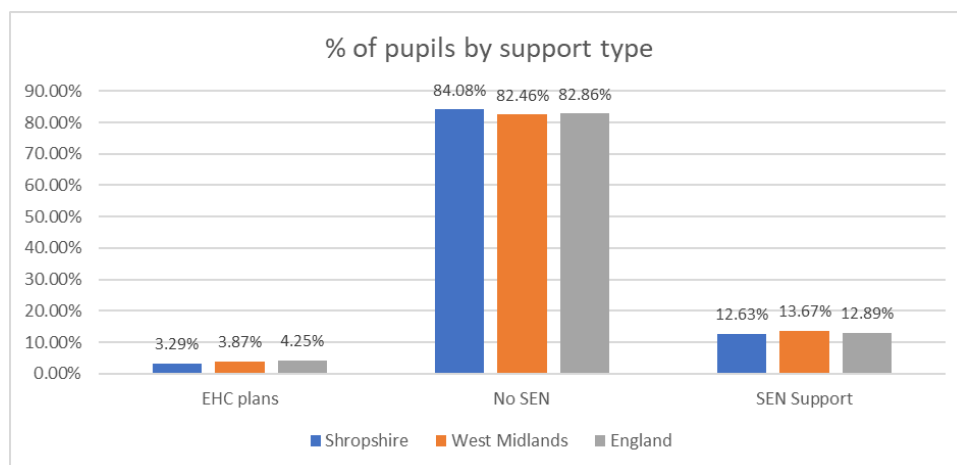
The overall percentage of children and young people in receipt of SEN support or having an EHC plan in Shropshire is 15.92% compared to England 17.14% and West Midlands 17.54%

% of School Pupils - by support type

% of pupils with Special Education Needs (SEN) Support
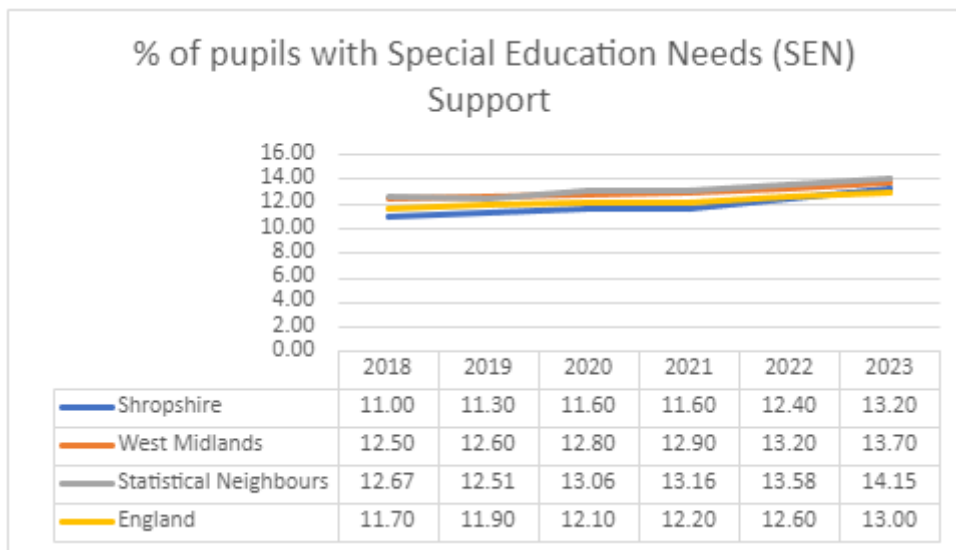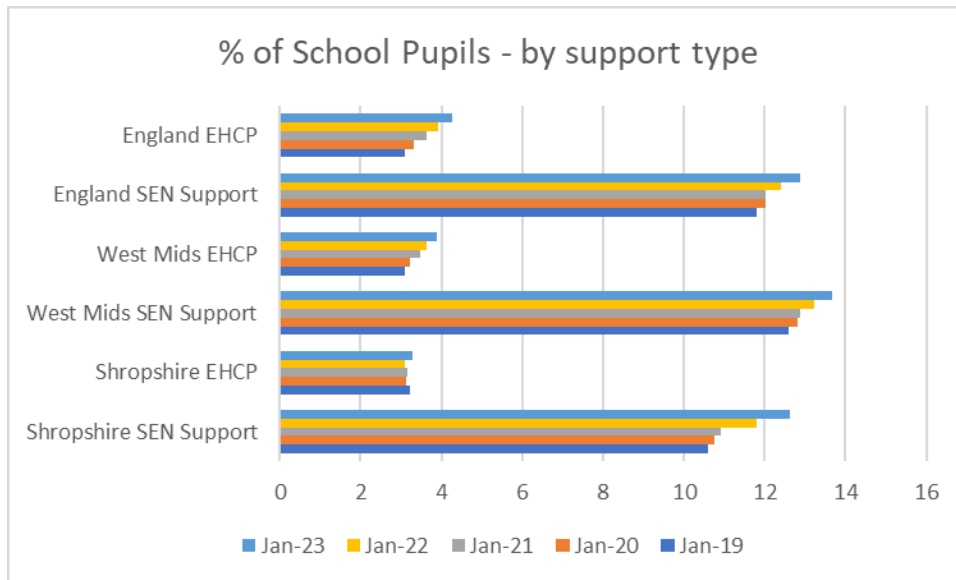
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Shropshire	11.00	11.30	11.60	11.60	12.40	13.20
West Midlands	12.50	12.60	12.80	12.90	13.20	13.70
Statistical Neighbours	12.67	12.51	13.06	13.16	13.58	14.15
England	11.70	11.90	12.10	12.20	12.60	13.00

All areas have seen an increase in SEN support provision. From 2018, the growth in Shropshire (21.33%) has been higher than those for West Midlands (12.21%) and England (12.38%).

EHCP changes for same period have been 4.28% in Shropshire, 29.84% in West Midlands and 41.61% for England.

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In 2022 new requests increased by 46% (double the national rate), whilst 2023 increase in number of plans we maintain from 1946 to 2347 - 20.6% in 8 months. However, timeliness for issuing new EHC plans within 20-weeks has been significantly impacted by the increased demand, with a year-to-date figure at 37.5% to October 2023, compared with national and statistical neighbours performance as outlined below. Work is underway to manage these challenges and return timeliness for issuing new EHC plans to above the national level.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Shropshire	88.00	89.90	81.90	65.70	67.90	45.90
West Midlands	66.00	58.40	53.70	50.00	62.60	50.10
Statistical Neighbours	63.92	59.88	68.07	75.20	65.08	41.37
England	64.90	60.10	60.40	58.00	59.90	50.70

Conclusions

The report highlights areas of activity across The People Directorate to understand the current trends in demand and levels of performance to meet that demand. We can demonstrate improvements through our Transformation programmes of work, including Reablement, Front Door and Early Help across The People Directorate to meet particularly challenged areas across social care in Shropshire. The report also highlights market capacity and the interface with demand and pressures experienced across the sector.

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List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Local Member:

Consultation with Local Member – *Please consider the Local Member Protocol (see page E60 onwards of part 5 of the Constitution) and determine whether it is necessary to consult with the local member over the proposal set out in this report. This may not always be applicable (eg where the proposal affects all of Shropshire) but it should always be a consideration and in some cases a necessity so as to comply with the spirit of the Protocol.*

Appendices [Please list the titles of Appendices]

Appendix 1 - CHaT

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DATA to INSIGHT

Children's services Analysis Tool (ChAT)

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

Shropshire

06 November 2023

Headline figures

Contacts

Contacts in the last 6 months	5,874

Early Help / Common / Targeted Assessments

Early Help in the last 6 months	1,838

Referrals

Referrals in the last 6 months	753

Social Care Assessments

Total assessments in the last 6 months	1,567
Assessments completed in the last 6 months	1,302
Ongoing assessments	265

Section 47 enquiries and Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCS)

Section 47 enquiries in the last 6 months	463
ICPCs that started from an S47 in the last 6 months	86

Children in Need (CIN)

Total CIN in the last 6 months	2,218
CIN started in the last 6 months	658
CIN ceased in the last 6 months	685
Current children in need (snapshot)	1,533

Child Protection Plans (CPP)

Total CPP in the last 6 months	368
CPP started in the last 6 months	125
CPP ceased in the last 6 months	151
Current children subject of a child protection plan (snapshot)	217

Children Looked After (CLA)

Total CLA in the last 6 months	779
CLA started in the last 6 months	119
CLA ceased in the last 6 months	63
Current children looked after (snapshot)	716

Care leavers

Care leavers who have reached the threshold for receiving leaving care services	235

Adoptions

Children adopted, waiting to be adopted, or had an adoption decision reversed in the last 12 months	127
Children adopted in the last 12 months	22
Children waiting to be adopted (snapshot)	56
Children with decision reversed in the last 12 months	4

Adopters

Prospective adopters in the last 12 months	172

Contacts in the last 6 months
from 07/05/2023
to 06/11/2023

5874 contacts

Contacts for children who also appear on Referrals
■ Yes ■ No

22%

Age and gender

■ 2894 Males (49%)   118 Other (not shown) (2%)
■ 2862 Females (49%)   — 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+
15
10
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Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Source of contacts compared to source of referrals
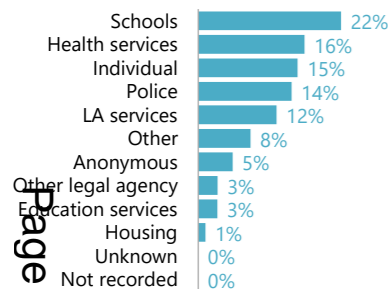
Contact source		Referral source comparison	
Schools	22%	Schools	16%
Health services	16%	Health services	12%
Individual	15%	Individual	13%
Police	14%	Police	20%
LA services	12%	LA services	24%
Other	8%	Other	6%
Anonymous	5%	Anonymous	1%
Other legal agency	3%	Other legal agency	6%
Education services	3%	Education services	1%
Housing	1%	Housing	0%
Unknown	0%	Unknown	0%
Not recorded	0%	Not recorded	0%

Children with multiple contacts in period

677
259
235

2 contacts   3 contacts   4 or more

Ethnic backgrounds

White	78%
Mixed	3%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	10%
Not recorded	6%
See page 25 for comparisons	

Early Help in the last 6 months
from 07/05/2023
to 06/11/2023

1838 Early Help / Common / Targeted Assessments

Early Help cases that also appear on the Referrals list
■ Yes ■ No

12%

Age and gender

■ 969 Males (53%)   10 Other (not shown) (1%)
■ 859 Females (47%)   — 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+
15
10
5
0
100 50 0 50 100

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

Organisation completing assessment

Early Help North	36%
Early Help South	18%
Early Help Central	16%
System Support	8%
Compass Early Help	3%
Shrewsbury Academy(Corndon Cres. Campus)	1%
Shifnal Primary School	1%
Woodlands School	0%
Whitchurch CE Junior School	0%
Bridgnorth Endowed School	0%
All other organisations	17%

Children with multiple records in period

381
59
18

2 assessments   3 assessments   4 or more
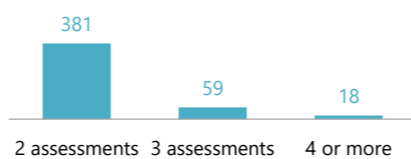
Ethnic backgrounds

White	90%
Mixed	3%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	0%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	4%
Not recorded	3%
See page 25 for comparisons	

Referrals in the last 6 months

from 07/05/2023
to 06/11/2023

753 referrals

Source of referral

■ Last 6 months ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% of referrals

Source	Value
Individual	13
Schools	16
Education services	1
Health services	12
Housing	0
LA services	24
Police	20
Other legal agency	6
Other	6
Anonymous	1
Unknown	0
Not recorded	0

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Age and gender

■ 383 Males (51%)　　32 Other (not shown) (4%)
■ 338 Females (45%)　　— 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+
15
10
5
0

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

Ethnic backgrounds

White	79%
Mixed	3%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	2%
Other ethnic group	4%
Not stated	12%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

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

—SNs —Eng —◆—LA

rate per 10,000

Year	LA
2017-18	242
2018-19	334
2019-20	314
2020-21	337
2021-22	313
Last 6 months*	250

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes
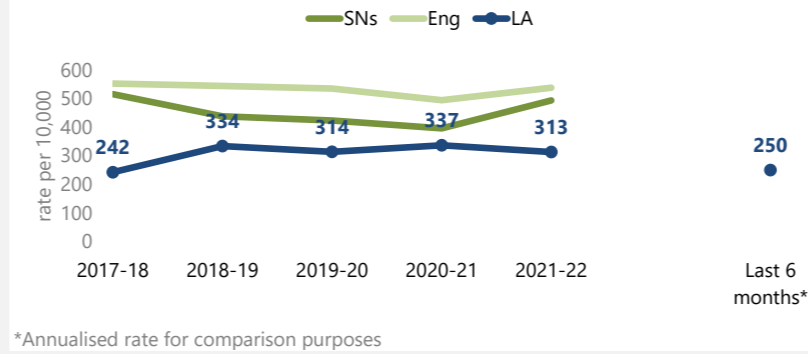
Referrals with No Further Action (NFA)

—SNs —Eng —◆—LA

% of referrals

Year	LA
2017-18	2
2018-19	2
2019-20	6
2020-21	3
2021-22	5
Last 6 months	3

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

101 children with previous referrals within 12 months of latest referral

■ Re-referral ■ First referral ☐ Not recorded

14%
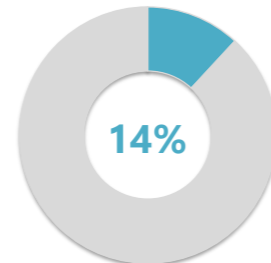
First referral	622
1 prev referral	89
2 prev referrals	10
3 prev referrals	2
4+ prev referrals	0
Not recorded	0

—SNs —Eng —◆—LA

% of children referred

Year	LA
2017-18	12
2018-19	16
2019-20	16
2020-21	14
2021-22	14
Last 6 months	14
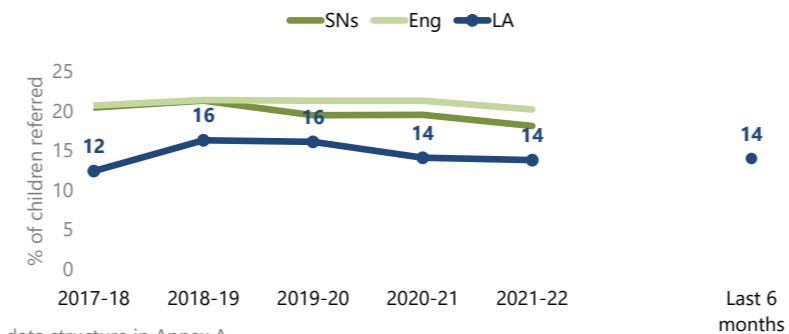
*"Last 6 months" calculation differs slightly from national statistics, due to data structure in Annex A

Assessments in the last 6 months

1567 total assessments

265 open assessments

1302 completed assessments

Age and gender of all assessments

■ 850 Males (54%)   31 Other (not shown) (2%)
■ 686 Females (44%)   — 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+
15
10
5
0
100   50   50   100

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

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

— SNs — Eng — LA

800
600
400
200
0

501   553   577   623   615   432

2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22   Last 6 months*

rate per 10,000

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes
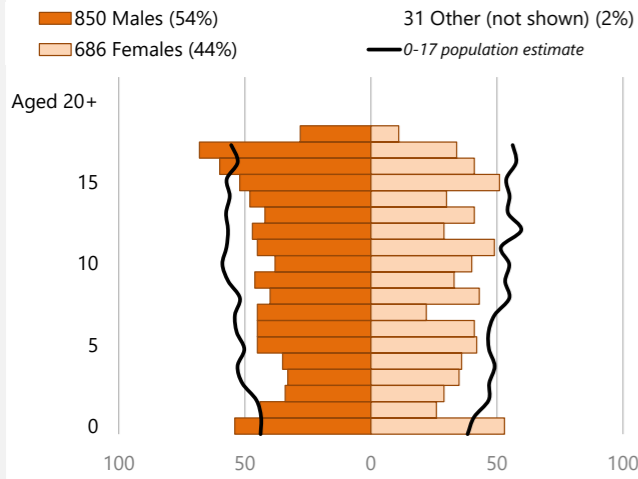
Assessments completed in 45 working days

■ In time ■ Not in time □ Date error   — SNs — Eng — LA

85%

120
100
80
60
40
20
0

95   94   91   90   79   85

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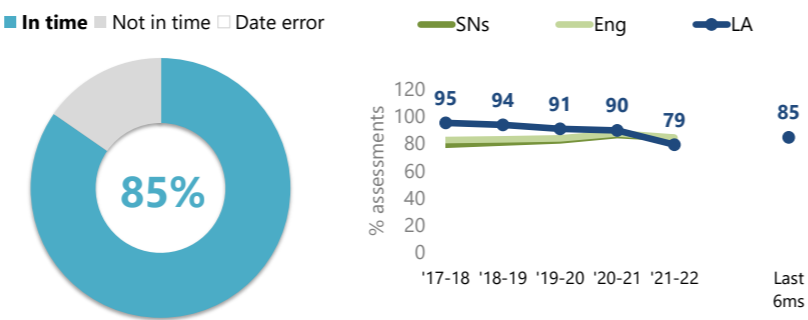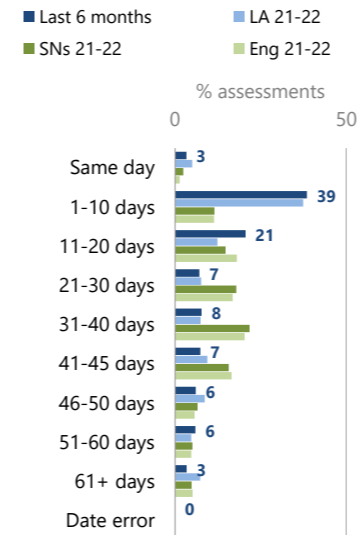
% assessments

Durations for all completed and open assessments

Average duration of completed assessments was 21 working days

140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0

45 working days

0   15   30   45   60   75   90   105   120+

Number of assessments

Working days for all completed and ongoing assessments
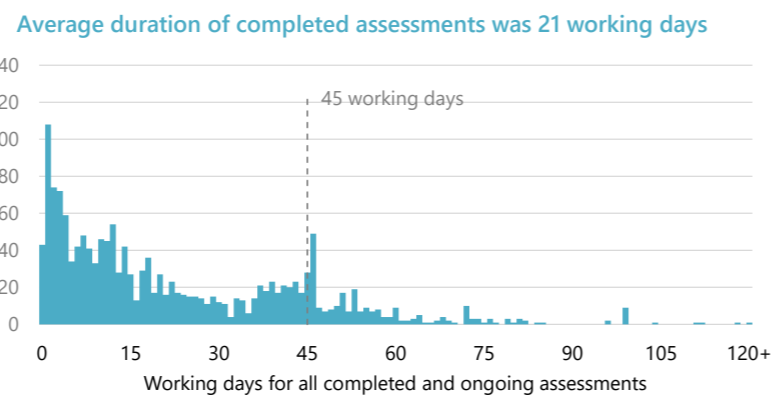
Assessments completed where child
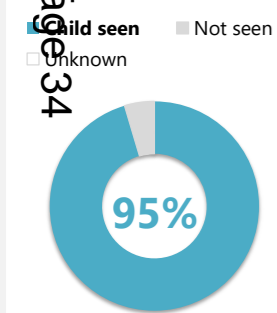
■ Child seen ■ Not seen
□ Unknown

95%

Ethnic background

White	86%
Mixed	6%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	4%
Not stated	2%
Not recorded	0%
See page 25 for comparisons	

158 assessments (10%) for children with a disability

Child assessed as requiring LA children's social care support

Yes   97%
No   3%
Not recorded 0%

Comparing timeliness

■ Last 6 months ■ LA 21-22
■ SNs 21-22   ■ Eng 21-22

% assessments
0   50

Same day	3
1-10 days	39
11-20 days	21
21-30 days	7
31-40 days	8
41-45 days	7
46-50 days	6
51-60 days	6
61+ days	3
Date error	0

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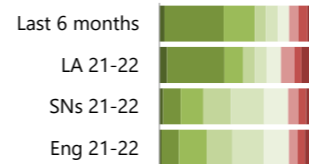
Last 6 months
LA 21-22
SNs 21-22
Eng 21-22

Section 47 enquiries in the last 6 months

463 Section 47 enquiries

Age and gender

240 Males (52%)
213 Females (46%)
10 Other (not shown) (2%)
— 0-17 population estimate

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

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

SNs   Eng   LA

90   171   180   208   190   154
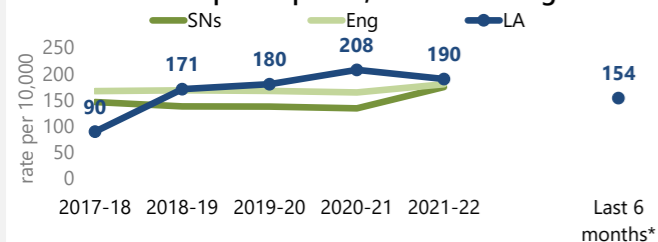
Annualised rate for comparison purposes

20 S47s (4%) for children with a disability

Children with a S47 in the 12 months preceding the latest

No prev S47	0
1 prev S47	81
2+ prev S47	41
Not recorded	336
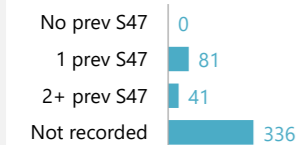
Ethnic background

White	89%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	2%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	3%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

86 Initial Child Protection Conferences (from S47 in period)

77% 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

SNs   Eng   LA

38   66   56   69   52   29

Annualised rate for comparison purposes

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

Including where latest S47 did not result in ICPC

86%

of ICPCs resulted in a child protection plan

ICPCs occurred within 15 working days of the strategy discussion date

In time
Not in time
Date error

67%
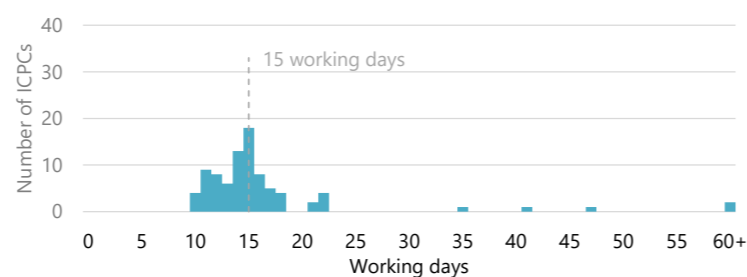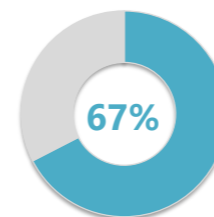
Trend of ICPC timeliness (within 15 days of S47 start)

SNs   Eng   LA

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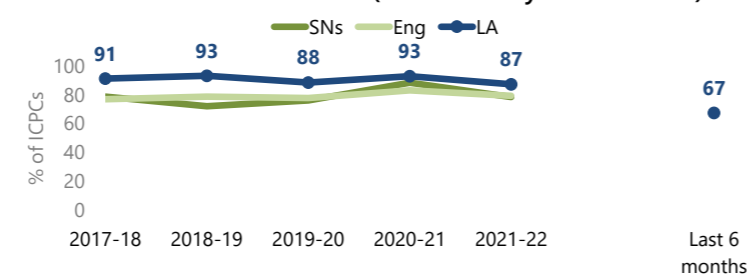
* Published comparator data includes transfer-in conferences

Comparing ICPC durations

0-10 days   11-15 days   16-20 days
21+ days   Date error

% of ICPCs

	0-10	11-15	16-20	21+
Last 6 months	5	63	20	13
LA 21-22	5	82	7	6
SNs 21-22	9	72	10	13
Eng 21-22	10	70	10	11
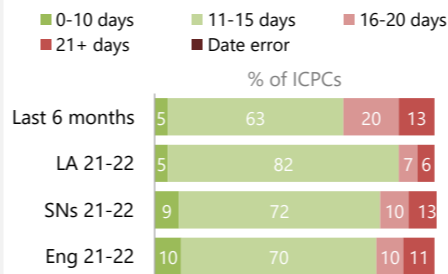
Children in Need (CIN) - total, started, and ceased in the last 6 months

2218 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 those accessing leaving care services.

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.

Cases included in Annex A / ChAT

Case status of children on CIN list	Number	Percentage
Looked after child	713	32%
Child protection plan	216	10%
Child in need plan	490	22%
Open assessment	114	5%
Closed episode	685	31%
Case status not recorded	0	0%
Total (excluding case status unknown)	2,218	100%

658 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
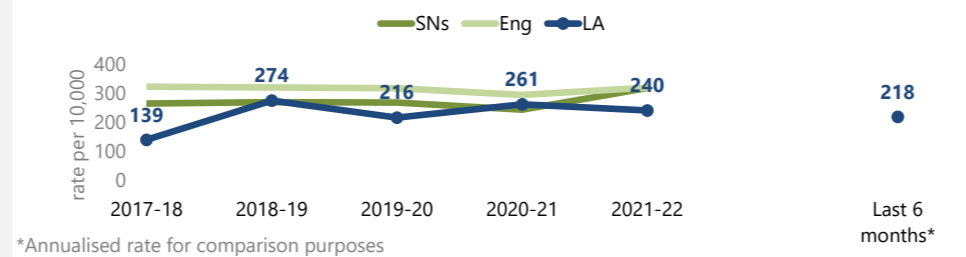
685 CIN ceased in 6 months

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

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes
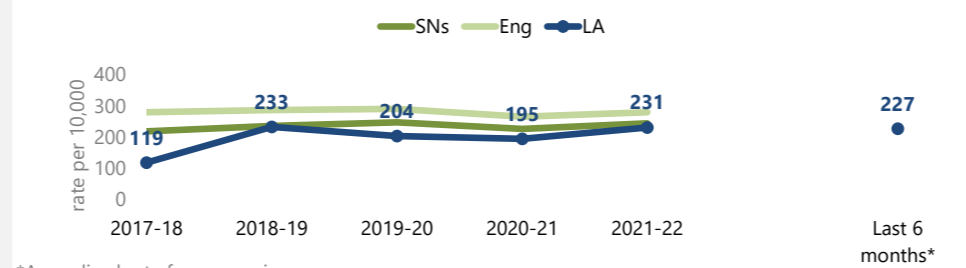
Comparing CIN ceased durations
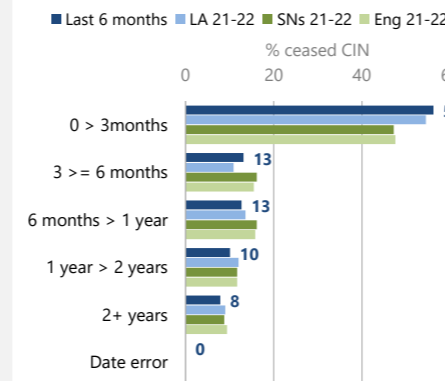
Comparing CIN ceased reasons
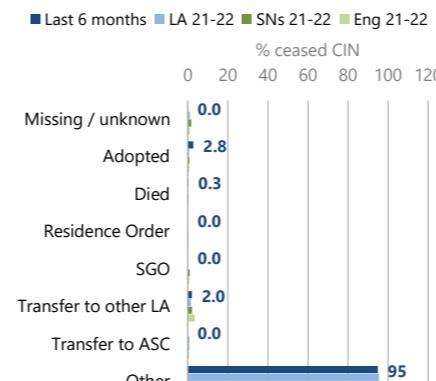
Children in Need (CIN) with an open episode of need   Snapshot   06/11/2023

1533 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)

Age and gender

- 887 Males (58%)
- 624 Females (41%)
- 22 Other (not shown) (1%)
- 0-17 population estimate

Age 20+

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

Rate of open CIN per 10,000 children aged 0-17*

SNs   Eng   LA

	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Latest (ChAT)
LA	202	266	262	322	320	254

Comparing primary need of open CIN

- Latest snapshot
- LA 21-22
- SNs 21-22
- Eng 21-22

% open CIN

Primary need	Value
Abuse or neglect	61
Child's disability or illness	20
Parent's disability or illness	0
Family in acute stress	3
Family dysfunction	7
Socially unacceptable behaviour	1
Low income	0
Absent parenting	4
Cases other than CiN	0
Not Stated / Code error	4

387 children (25%) with a disability

CIN with an open episode of need with a disability

SNs   Eng   LA

	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Latest (ChAT)
LA	11	15	16	16	19	25

Ethnic background

White	86%
Mixed	6%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	4%
Not stated	2%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

Comparing episode duration of open CIN

- Latest snapshot
- SNs 21-22
- LA 21-22
- Eng 21-22

	0 > 3 months	3 >= 6 months	6 months > 1 year	1 year > 2 years	2+ years	Error
Latest snapshot	11	9	17	17	47	0

Time since the child was last seen by social worker

In the last 6 weeks	60%
6 - 12 weeks ago	15%
12 - 18 weeks ago	6%
18 or more weeks ago	13%
No visit (New CIN<1month)	1%
No visit (CIN 1+month)	3%
Date error	2%

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

125 CPP started in 6 months

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

Legend: SNs — Eng — LA

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months*
LA	36	65	53	65	48	41
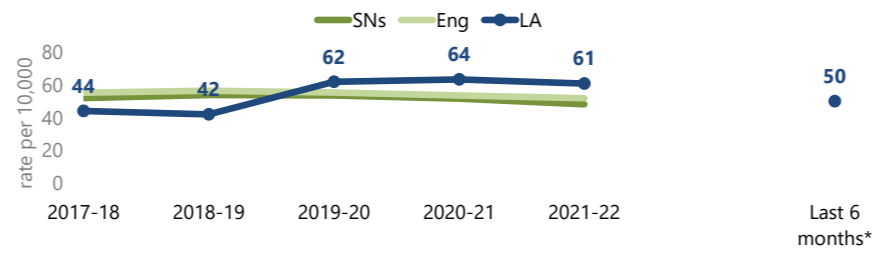
*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

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

- ■ Re-registration
- ▨ No previous plan

14%

17 of the 125 children who started a plan in the period have been the subject of a previous child protection plan

Comparing "re-registrations" for CPP started

Legend: SNs — Eng — LA

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months
LA	16	20	18	21	19	14
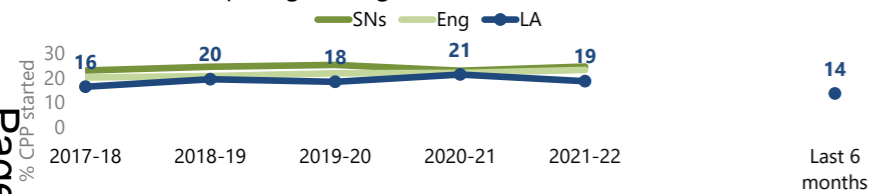
Initial category of abuse for CPP started

Legend: ■ Last 6 months ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Multiple	Not recorded
Last 6 months	34	19	2	44	0	0

151 CPP ended in 6 months

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

Legend: SNs — Eng — LA

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months*
LA	44	42	62	64	61	50

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes
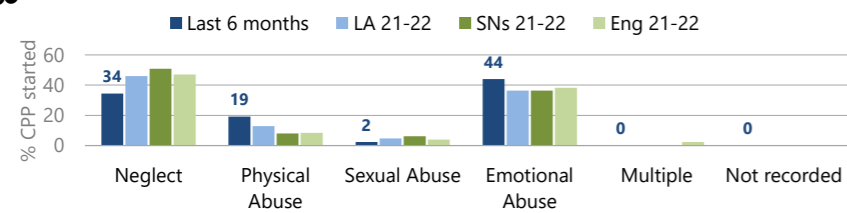
Comparing plan durations for CPP ended

Legend: ■ Last 6 months ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% CPP ceased

	Last 6 months
Less than 3 months	17
3 to 6 months	18
6 months to 1 year	30
1 to 2 years	28
2 or more years	7
Date error	0
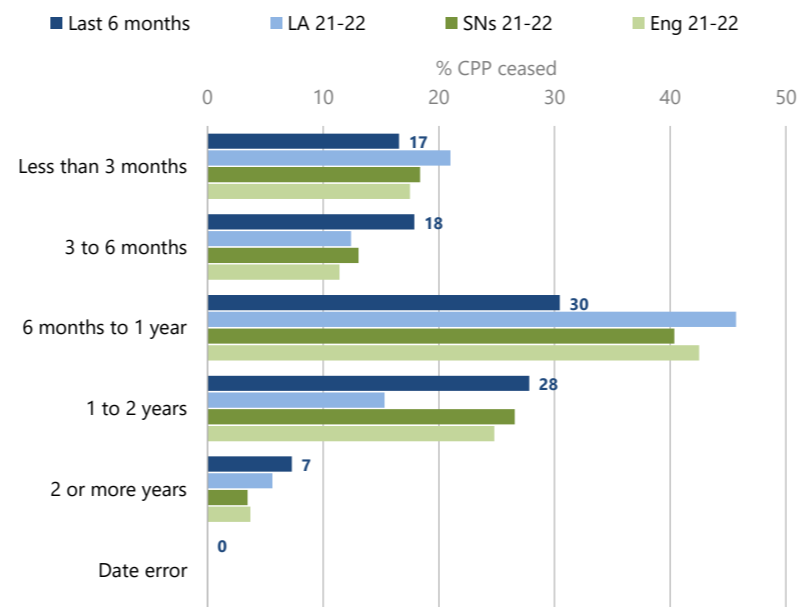
11 of 151 children ended a CP plan after 2 years or more

Child Protection Plans (CPP) currently open   Snapshot   06/11/2023

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

Age and gender

- 125 Males (58%)
- 87 Females (40%)
- 5 Other (not shown) (2%)
- *0-17 population estimate*
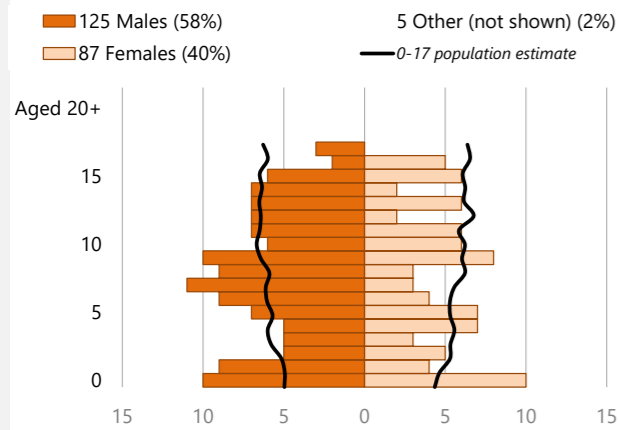
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Ethnic background

White	89%
Mixed	10%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	0%
Other ethnic group	0%
Not stated	1%
Not recorded	0%

See page 20 for comparisons

4 children (2%) with a disability

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

Latest category of abuse for current CP plans

- Latest snapshot
- LA 21-22
- SNs 21-22
- Eng 21-22

Category	Value
Neglect	35
Physical Abuse	6
Sexual Abuse	6
Emotional Abuse	53
Multiple	0
Not recorded	0
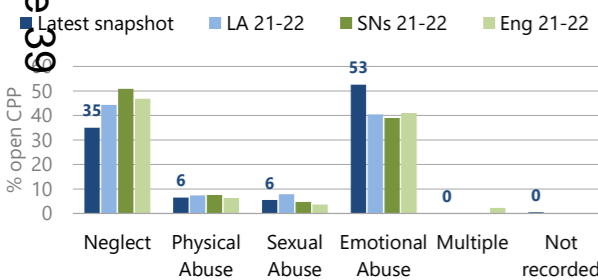
Rate of CPP per 10,000 children aged 0-17

- SNs
- Eng
- LA

Year	LA rate
'17-18	32
'18-19	55
'19-20	45
'20-21	46
'21-22	34
Latest (ChAT)	36

Comparing duration of open CP plans

- Latest snapshot
- LA 21-22
- SNs 21-22
- Eng 21-22

% open CPP

Duration	Latest snapshot
0 > 3months	20
3 >= 6 months	27
6 months > 1 year	35
1 year > 2 years	15
2+ years	3
Date error	0

Time since the child was last seen

In the last 4 weeks	82%
4 - 8 weeks ago	13%
8 - 12 weeks ago	2%
12 or more weeks ago	1%
No visit (New CPP<1month)	1%
No visit (CPP 1+month)	0%
Date error	0%
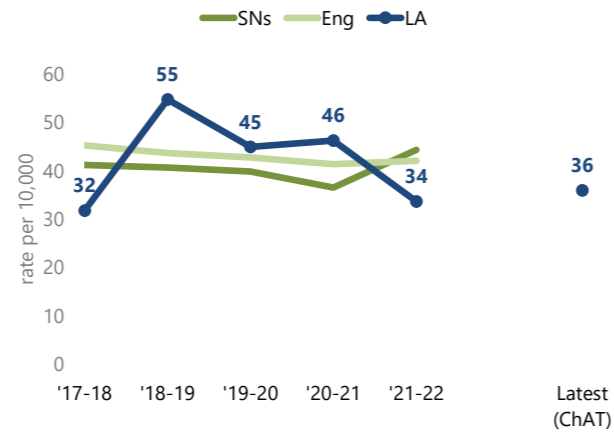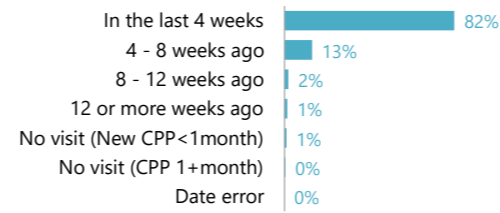
Open CPP **seen alone** at their last social work visit

(excludes Not recorded or N/A)

52%

- Yes
- No
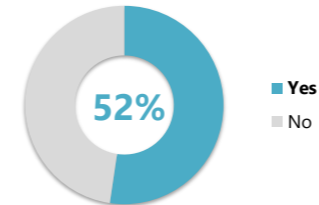
Time since the child's latest review

0 > 3 months	43%
3 > 6 months	35%
6 > 9 months	0%
9 > 12 months	0%
1 year or more	0%
No review (New CPP <3months)	19%
No review (CPP 3+ month)	2%
Date error	0%

Duration of current open CP plans (in months)

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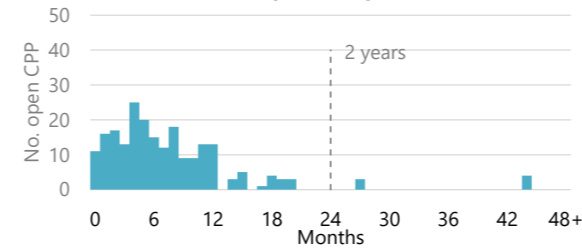
Children Looked After (CLA) started and ceased in the last 6 months

119 CLA started in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA started per 10,000 children

SNs — Eng — LA

rate per 10,000

'17-18 '18-19 '19-20 '20-21 '21-22   Last 6ms*

23   26   17   33   41   39

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Age and gender

■ 44 Males (37%)   □ 46 Females (39%)
■ 29 UASC M (24%) □ 0 UASC F (0%)
0 Other (not shown) (0%)

Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F
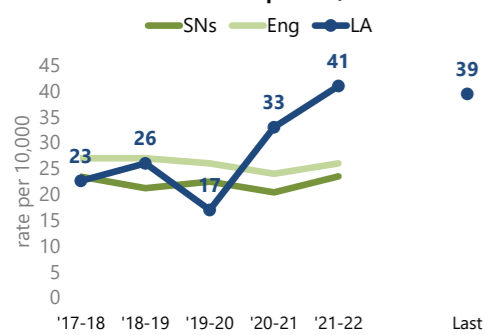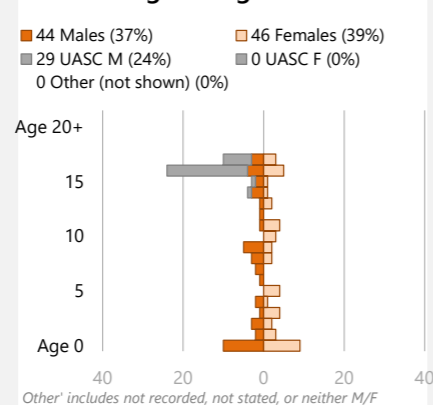
24%   29 of the 119 CLA starters were unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)

5%   6 of the 119 CLA starters have previously been looked after

Comparing the primary need of CLA starters

■ Last 6 months   ■ LA 21-22   ■ SNs 21-22   ■ Eng 21-22

% open CLA

62   2   0   3   8   0   0   26   0   0

Abuse or neglect / Child's disability / Parents illness or... / Family in acute... / Family dysfunction / Socially... / Low income / Absent parenting / Not recorded / Code error

63 CLA ceased in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA ceased per 10,000 children

SNs — Eng — LA

rate per 10,000

'17-18 '18-19 '19-20 '20-21 '21-22   Last 6ms*

15   16   16   15   23   21

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Age and gender

■ 26 Males (41%)   □ 24 Females (38%)
■ 12 UASC M (21%) □ 0 UASC F (0%)
0 Other (not shown) (0%)

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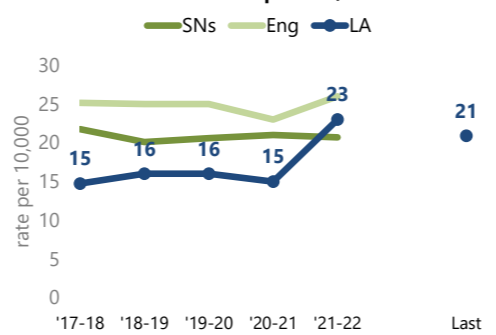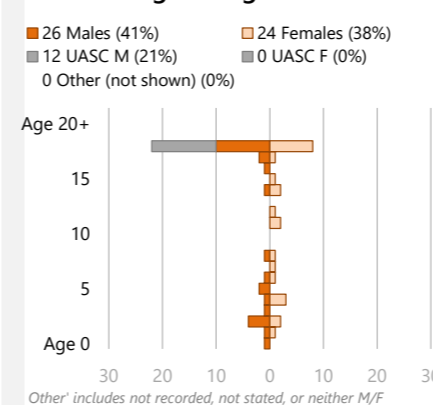
Reason episode of care ceased

Adopted

10%
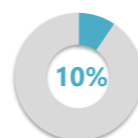
Last 6 months 10%	2021-22 (published)		
	LA	SNs	Eng
	7%	12%	10%

Special Guardianship Order

11%
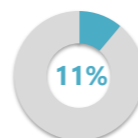
Last 6 months 11%	2021-22 (published)		
	LA	SNs	Eng
	10%	16%	13%

Number of CLA ceased by reason in the period

Reason	Number
Adopted	6
Died	0
Care taken by another LA	1
Returned home to live with parents/ relatives	0
Live with parents/relatives (not PR)	38
Residence order granted	7
Special Guardianship Orders	7
Moved into independent living	0
Transferred to residential care funded by ASS	1
Sentenced to custody	0
Accommodation on remand ended	0
Age assessment determined child was 18+	0
Child moved abroad	0
Any other reason	3
Not recorded / Error	0

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Children Looked After (CLA) with an open episode of care   Snapshot   06/11/2023

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

Rate of CLA per 10,000 children (snapshot)

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest snapshot
57	66	66	84	104	119

Age and gender

- 333 Males (47%)
- 324 Females (45%)
- 0 Other (not shown) (0%)
- 59 UASC Males (8%)
- 0 UASC Females (0%)
- 0-17 population estimate

Age 20+, 15, 10, 5, Age 0

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

59 open unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)

UASC as a percentage of CLA (snapshot)

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest snapshot
5	4	3	1	5	8

Ethnic background

	All CLA	Not UASC	UASC
White	83%	91%	0%
Mixed	6%	6%	3%
Asian or Asian British	1%	1%	7%
Black or black British	1%	1%	5%
Other ethnic group	7%	0%	80%
Not stated	1%	0%	5%
Not recorded	0%	0%	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

Comparing legal status of open CLA (snapshot)

Legend: Latest snapshot, LA 21-22, SNs 21-22, Eng 21-22

% open CLA

Legal status	Latest snapshot
Interim care order	20
Full care order	58
Freed for adoption	0
Placement order granted	5
Accommodated under S20	17
Detained on CP grounds in LA accommodation	0
Youth justice legal status	0
Not recorded / code error	0

76 children (11%) with a disability

Permanence plan

	Number	%
Return to family	141	20%
Adoption	39	5%
SGO/CAO	32	4%
Supported living	59	8%
L/T residential	49	7%
L/T fostering	302	42%
Other	79	11%
Not recorded	15	2%

Time since latest review

a) 0 > 3 months	33%
b) 3 > 6 months	36%
c) 6 > 9 months	10%
d) 9 > 12 months	9%
e) 1 year or more	5%
No review (New CLA <1month)	1%
No review (CLA 1+ month)	6%
Date error	0%

Time since the child was last seen

In the last 6 weeks	64%
6 - 12 weeks ago	27%
12 - 18 weeks ago	8%
18 or more weeks ago	1%
No visit (New CLA<1month)	0%
No visit (CLA 1+month)	0%
Date error	0%

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Children Looked After (CLA) placements

Snapshot 06/11/2023

CLA placements by type and provision

Foster placements

63%
- ■ Foster placements
- ▪ Other placements
- □ Not recorded

LA 2021-22	70%
SNs 2021-22	71%
Eng 2021-22	70%

Own provision

46%
- ■ Own provision
- ▪ Other provision
- □ Not recorded

LA 2021-22	53%
SNs 2021-22	47%
Eng 2021-22	46%
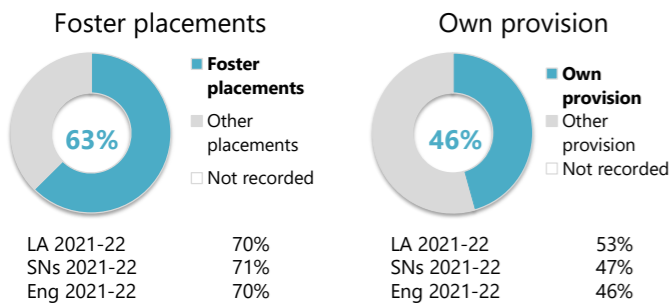
Placement type (open CLA)	Own LA	Private	Other	Total
Foster placement	296	137	15	448
Placed for adoption	13	0	3	16
Placed with parents	0	0	83	83
Independent living	7	0	0	7
Residential employment	0	0	0	0
Residential accommodation	3	70	0	73
Secure Children's Homes	0	0	0	0
Children's Homes	8	75	4	87
Residential Care Home	0	0	0	0
NHS/Health Trust	0	1	0	1
Family Centre	0	1	0	1
Young Offender Institution	0	0	0	0
Residential school	0	0	0	0
Other placements	0	0	0	0
Temporary placement	0	0	0	0
Total placements	327	284	105	716

CLA placements out of borough

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

Year	LA value
2017-18	37
2018-19	30
2019-20	32
2020-21	33
2021-22	36
Latest snapshot	41
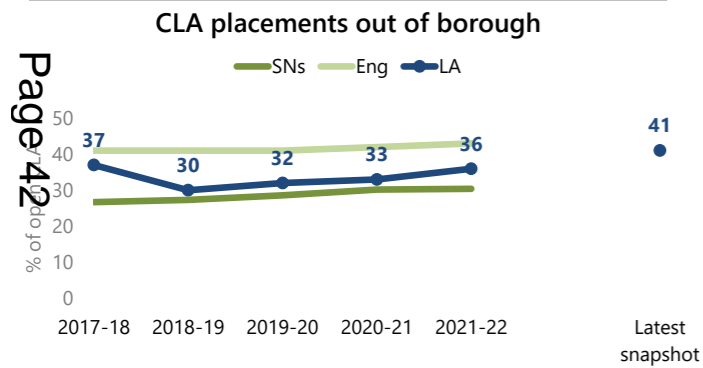
Number of placements in the last 12 months

Number of placements	Value
1	511
2	141
3	49
4	14
5	1
6	0
7+	0
Not recorded	0

May include "status" changes as well as placements
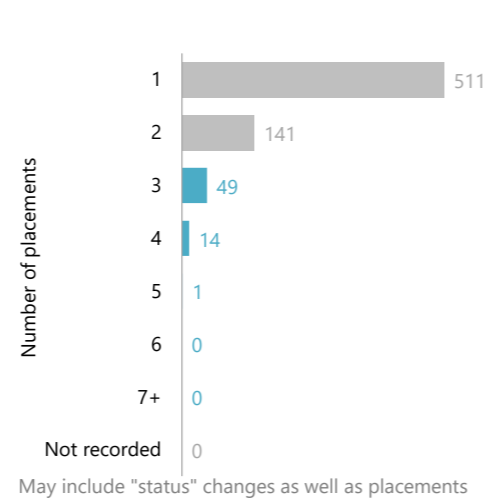
Comparing short term placement stability

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

Year	LA
2017-18	8
2018-19	6
2019-20	13
2020-21	9
2021-22	8
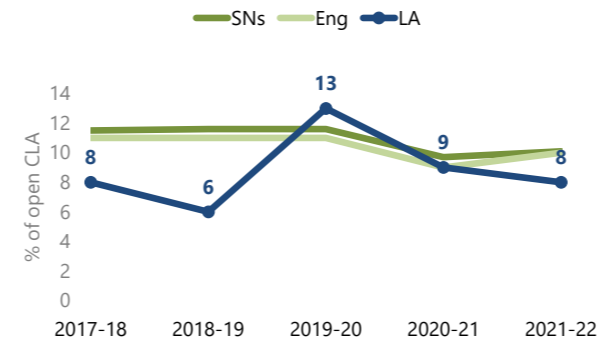
Due to limited data in the Annex A dataset, ChAT does not present short-term stability alongside published statistics

Duration of placements

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

Duration	Value
0 > 3 months	9
3 >= 6 months	17
6 months > 1 year	34
1 year > 2 years	49
2+ years	162
Date error	0

May include "status" changes as well as placements

Comparing long term placement stability

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

Year	LA
2017-18	72
2018-19	70
2019-20	64
2020-21	69
2021-22	76

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

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

Health

528 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)

76%

SNs — Eng — LA

| | 69 | 84 | 83 | 92 | 93 | | 76 |

2017-18　2018-19　2019-20　2020-21　2021-22　　Latest snapshot

% of CLA cohort
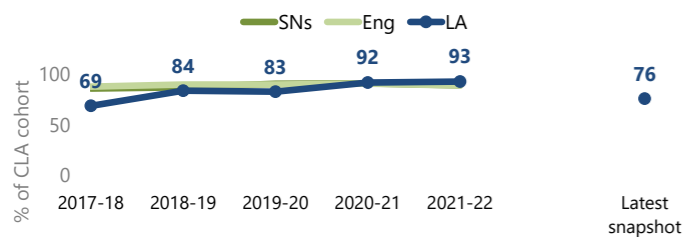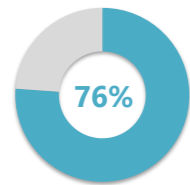
Dental checks

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

47%

SNs — Eng — LA

| 59 | 71 | 73 | 27 | 55 | | 47 |

2017-18　2018-19　2019-20　2020-21　2021-22　　Latest snapshot

% of CLA cohort
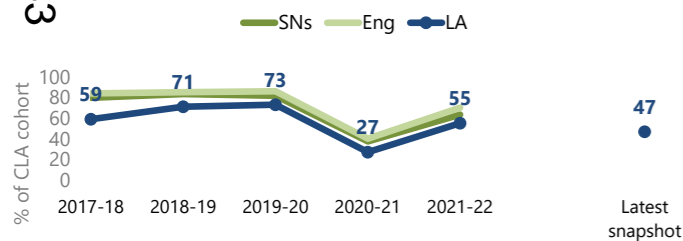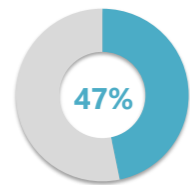
Missing from placement

Number of missing episodes per CLA

Number of CLA

36 of 779 looked after children had a missing incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 21-22	SNs 21-22	Eng 21-22
Number of all CLA with a missing incident	36 of 779	40		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	5%	5%	10%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	178	180		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	4.9	4.5	5.3	6.3

Missing incidents - return home interviews

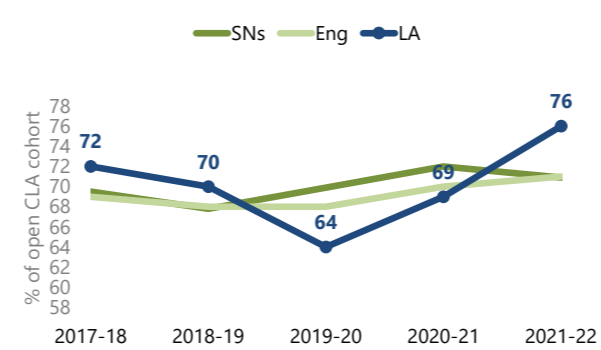|	Latest data		
Missing children offered return interview	24 of 36	67%	
Missing children not offered return interview	1 of 36	3%	
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	11 of 36	31%	
Missing children where return interview was n/a	0 of 36	0%	

67%　　　79%
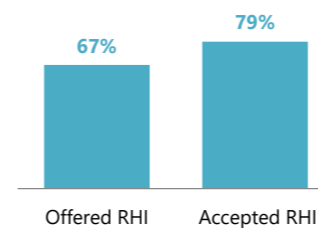
	Latest data		
Missing children accepted return interview	19 of 24	79%	
Missing children not accepted return interview	5 of 24	21%	
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	0 of 24	0%	

Offered RHI　　　Accepted RHI

Absent from placement

2 of 779 looked after children had an absent incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 21-22	SNs 21-22	Eng 21-22
Number of all CLA with an absent incident	2 of 779	0		
Percentage of all CLA with an absent incident	0%	0%	1%	2%
Total number of absent incidents for all CLA	3	0		
Average number of incidents per CLA who were absent	1.5	z	1.6	3.5

Care leavers eligibility, PA allocation and pathway plans

235 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	0	1	0	2	0	3
18	0	0	64	0	0	64
19	0	0	63	1	0	64
20	0	0	50	1	0	51
21	0	1	24	0	0	25
22	0	0	16	0	0	16
23	0	0	6	0	0	6
24	0	0	6	0	0	6
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	229	4	0	235

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

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

Eligible 16/17 year olds by personal advisor allocation

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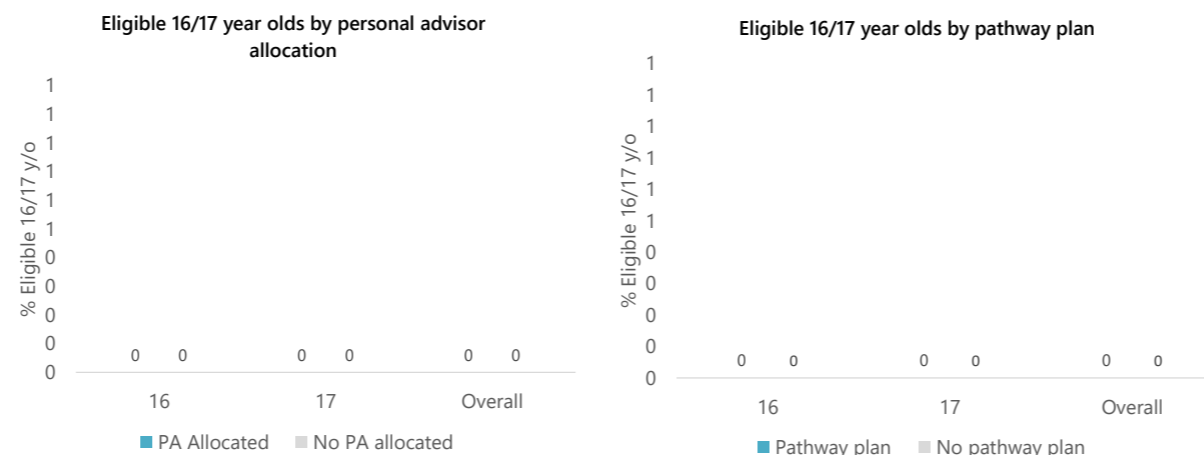
Relevant and Qualifying Children (16/17 year olds) - comparing personal advisor allocation and pathway plans

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

Relevant/Qualifying 16/17 year olds by pathway plan
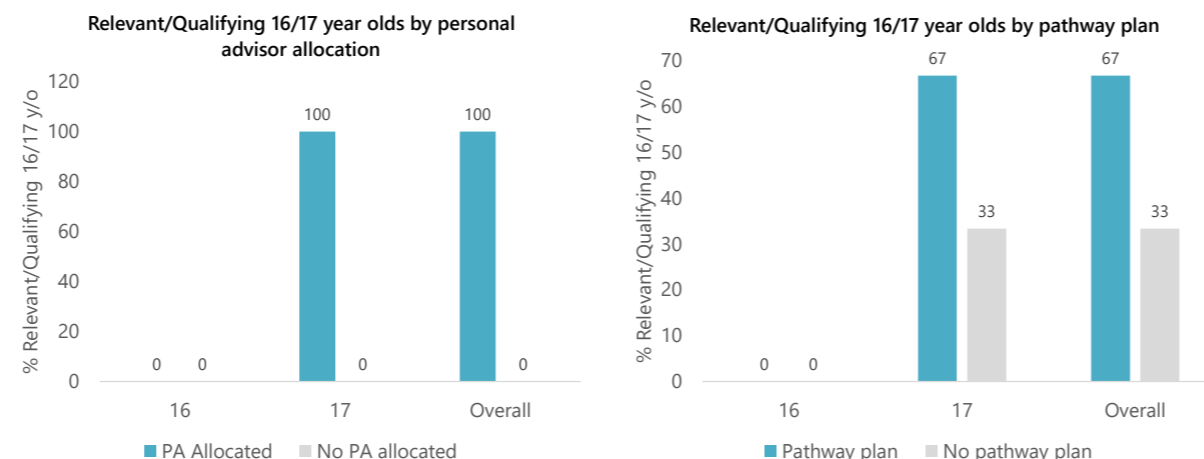
Care leaves demographics and UASC

Snapshot 06/11/2023

Age and gender

■ 153 Males (65%)   □ 82 Females (35%)

0 Other (not shown) (0%)

Age 25
24
23
22
21
20
19
18
17
16
15

100   50   0   50   100

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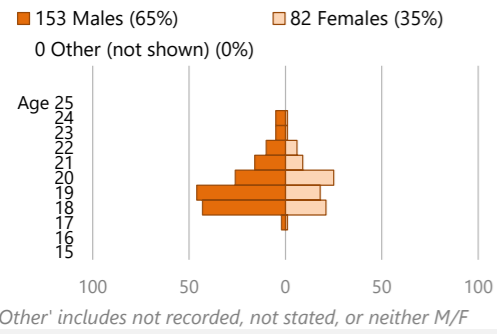
Ethnic background

White	71%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	4%
Black or black British	6%
Other ethnic group	14%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%
See page 25 for comparisons	

21 (9%) care leavers with a disability

Remained in care until aged 18

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

━━ SNs ━━ Eng ━●━ LA

% of YP

120
100
80
60
40
20
0

'17-18   '18-19   '19-20   '20-21   '21-22   Last 6ms

0 → 77 → 100 → 76 → 100 ; 89
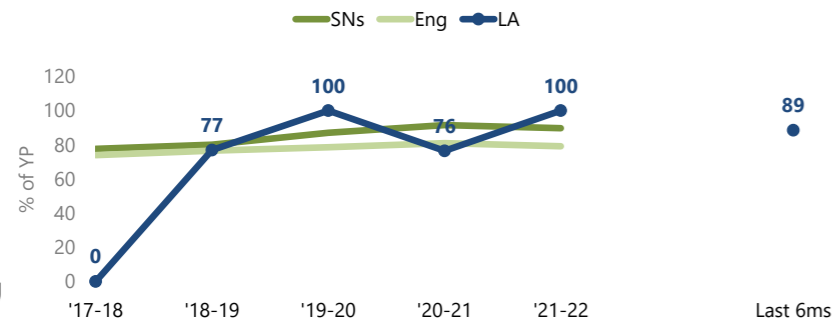
Remain with former foster carer

Aged 18

■ LA ■ SNs ■ Eng

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
LA	0	83	0	44
SNs	61	63	64	61
Eng	57	58	60	62

Aged 19-20

■ LA ■ SNs ■ Eng

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
LA	0	0	0	0
SNs	25	29	28	28
Eng	26	28	30	31
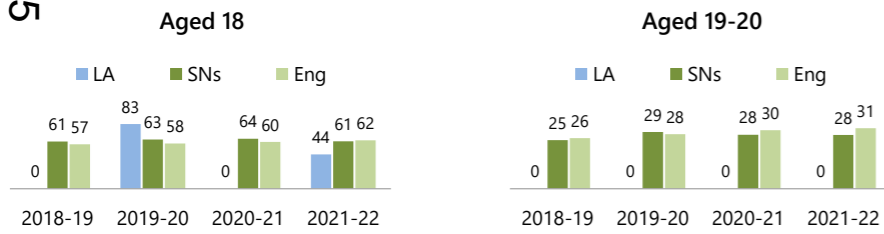
Care leavers - UASC/Former UASC (16/17 year olds)

Eligible 16/17 year olds by UASC Status

% Eligible 16/17 y/o

	16	17	Overall
UASC	0	0	0
Not UASC	0	0	0

■ UASC ■ Not UASC

Relevant/qualifying 16/17 year olds by UASC Status

% Relevant/Qualifying 16/17 y/o

	16	17	Overall
UASC	0	33	33
Not UASC	0	67	67

■ UASC ■ Not UASC
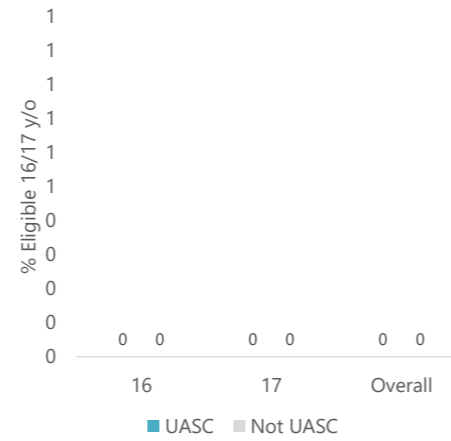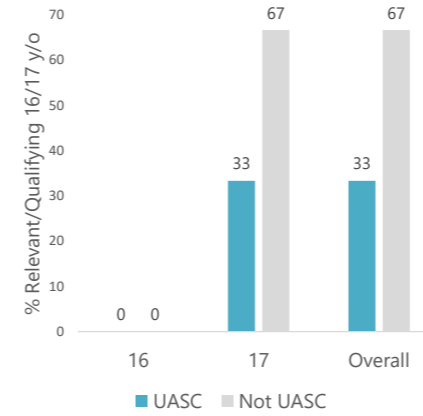
Care leavers - UASC/Former UASC (17/18 & 19/20/21 year olds)

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

% Rel/Former Rel. 17/18 y/o

	17	18	Overall
UASC/Former UASC	0	33	32
Not UASC/Former UASC	100	67	68

■ UASC/Former UASC ■ Not UASC/Former UASC
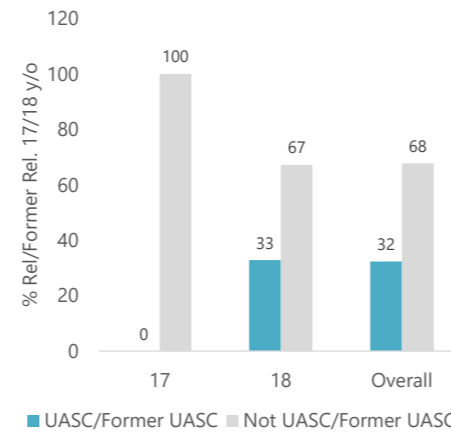
Former relevant 19/20/21 year olds by UASC Status

% Former Rel. 19/20/21 y/o

	19	20	21	Overall
Former UASC	2	0	0	1
Not former UASC	98	100	100	99

■ Former UASC ■ Not former UASC
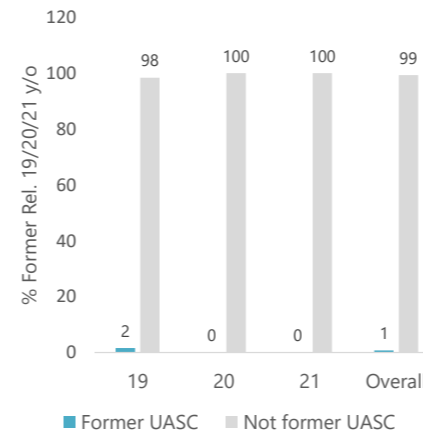
Care leavers pathway plan and contact timescales

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

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

Pathway Plan last updated 19/20/21 year olds (former relevant)

Time since last contact - 19/20/21 year olds (former relevant)

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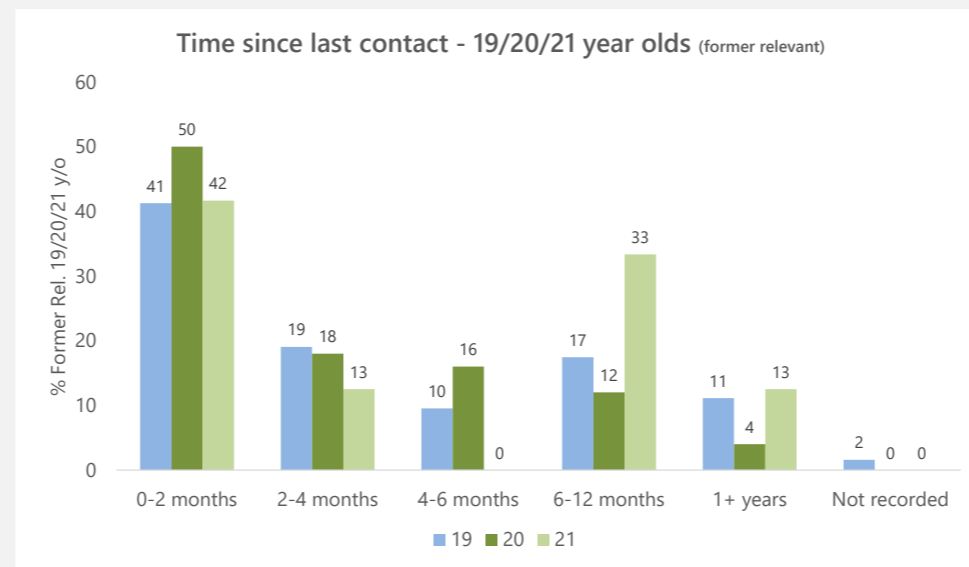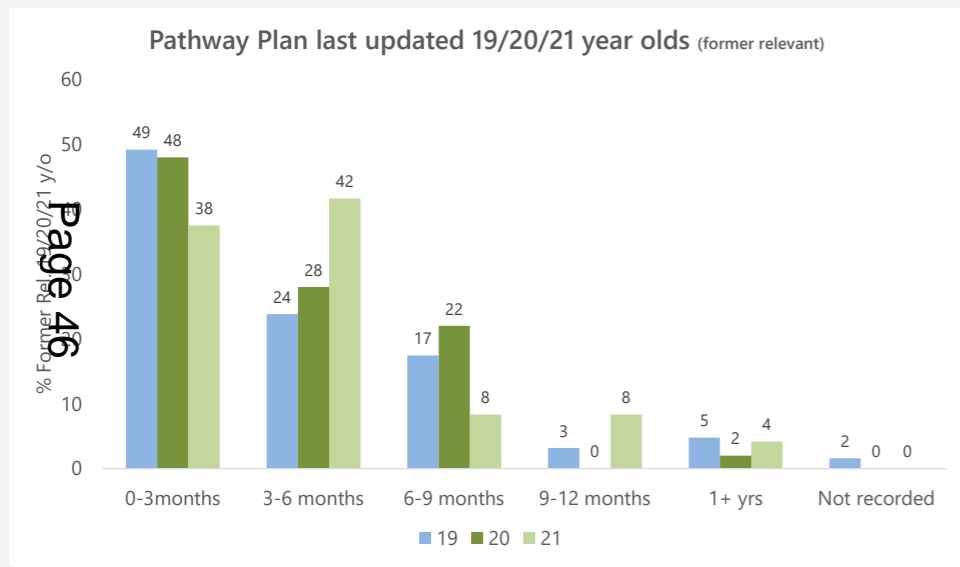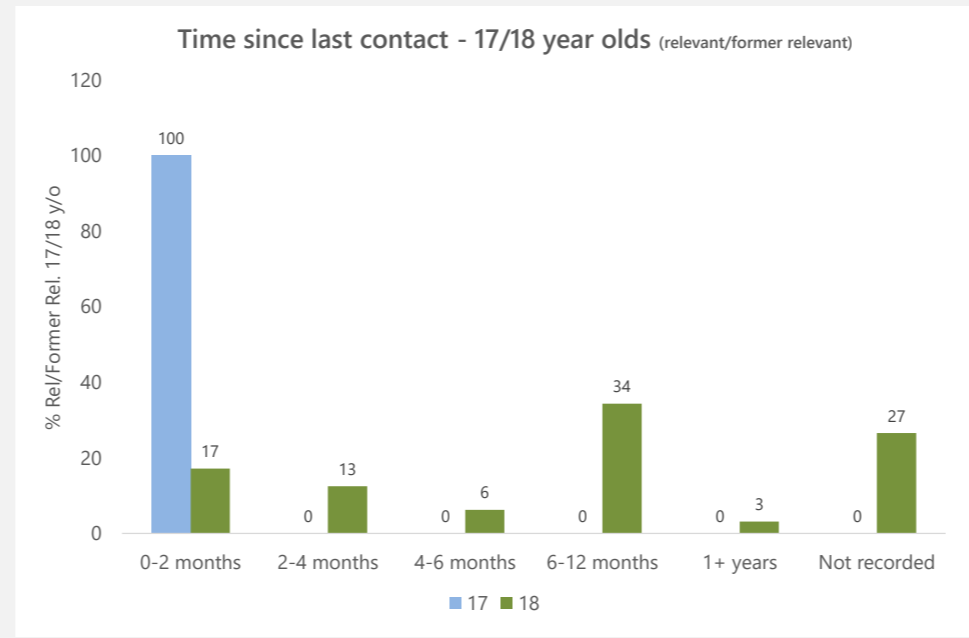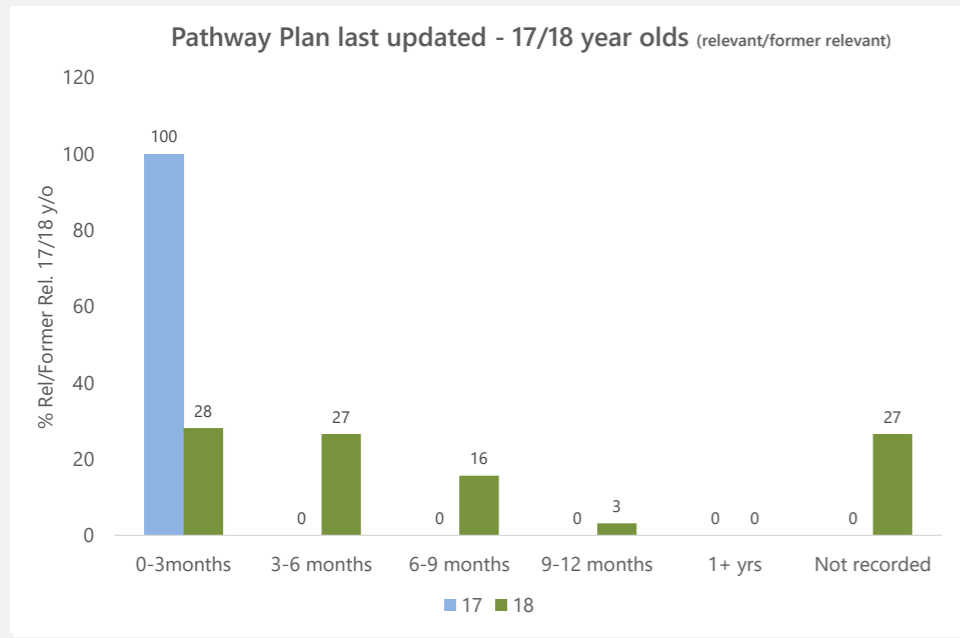
Care leavers PA allocation and in touch

Snapshot   06/11/2023

17/18 year olds by personal advisor allocation (relevant/former relevant)
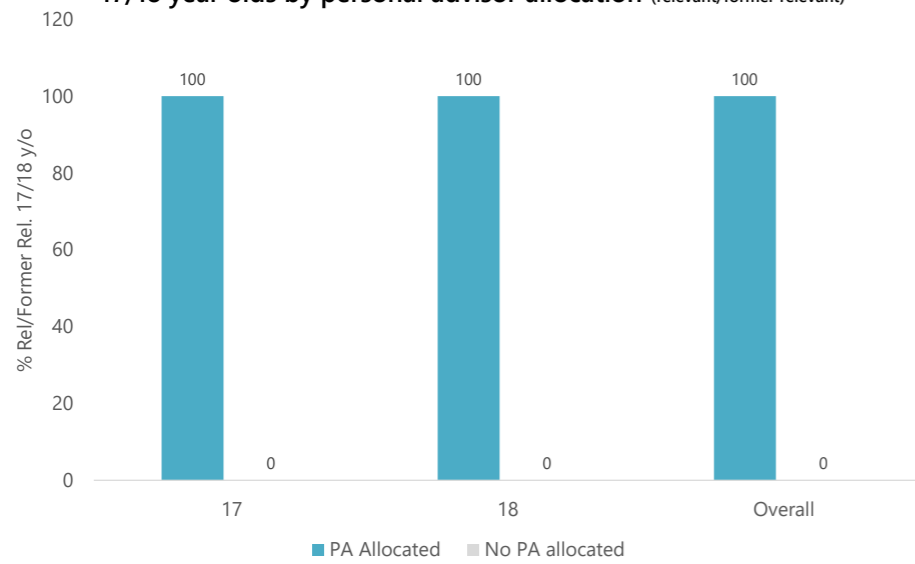
LA in touch with 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	1	64	65
LA in touch with YP	100%	73%	74%

74%

- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded
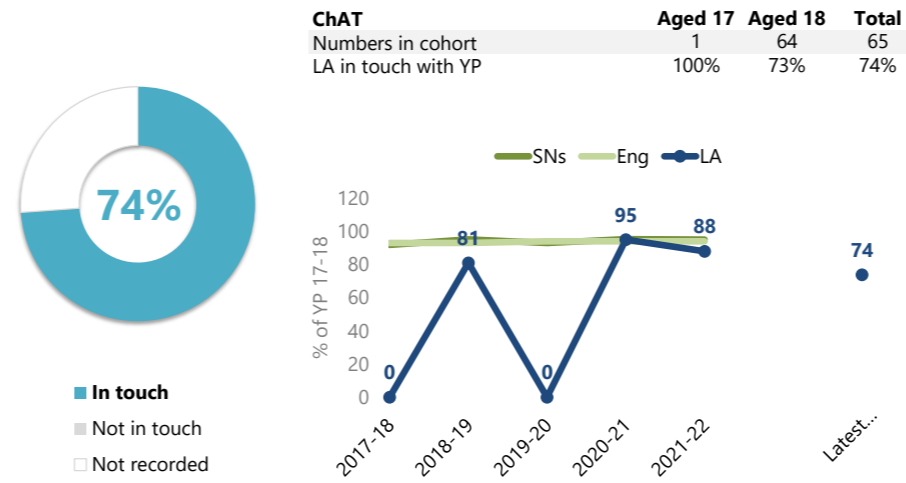
19/20/21 year olds by personal advisor allocation (former relevant)
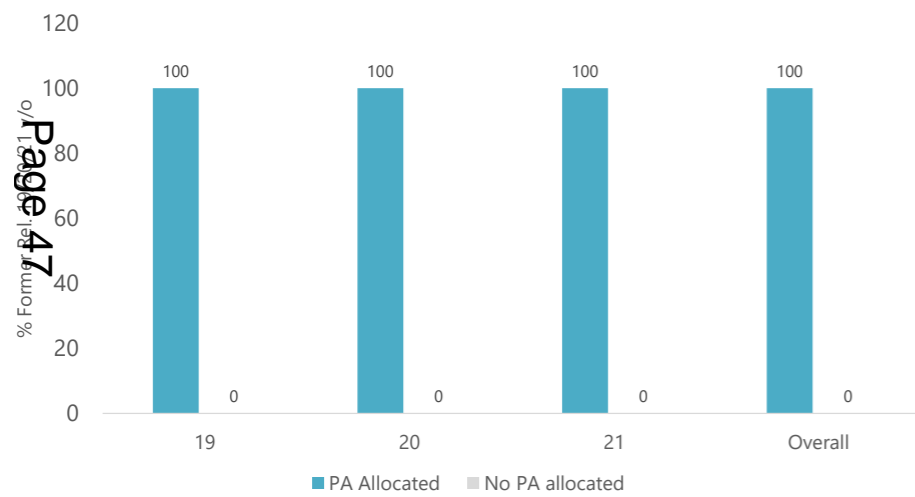
LA in touch with 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	63	50	24	137
LA in touch with YP	98%	100%	100%	99%

99%

- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded

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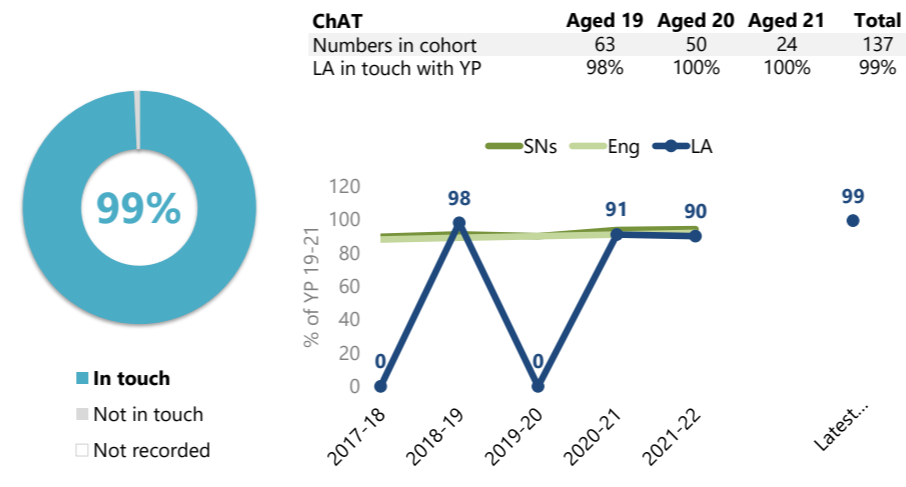
Care leavers accommodation suitability and type

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

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	1	64	65
In suitable accommodation	100%	67%	68%

68%

- ■ Suitable accom
- ■ Not suitable
- □ No information

Chart: % of YP 17-18 (SNs, Eng, LA)
- 2017-18: 0
- 2018-19: 77
- 2019-20: 82
- 2020-21: 93
- 2021-22: 82
- Latest snapshot: 68

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

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	63	50	24	137
In suitable accommodation	92%	90%	92%	91%

91%

- ■ Suitable accom
- ■ Not suitable
- □ No information

Chart: % of YP 19-21 (SNs, Eng, LA)
- '17-18: 89
- '18-19: 92
- '19-20: 85
- '20-21: 85
- '21-22: 85
- Latest: 91
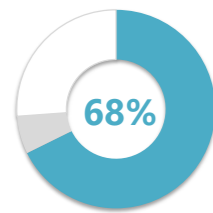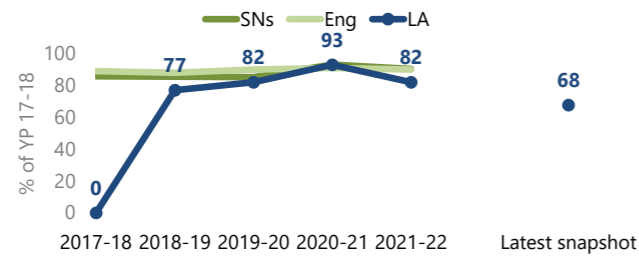
Accommodation types of 17-18 year olds

Legend: ■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% 17-18 year olds

Accommodation type	Latest snapshot
With parents or relatives	12
Community home	6
Semi-independent transitional	29
Supported lodgings	15
Gone abroad	0
Deported	0
Ordinary lodgings	2
Residence not known	0
No fixed abode / homeless	0
Foyers	
Independent living	3
Emergency accommodation	2
Bed and breakfast	
In custody	3
With Former Foster Carer	0
Other accommodation	0
LA does not have information	26

Accommodation types of 19-21 year olds

Legend: ■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% 19-21 year olds

Accommodation type	Latest snapshot
With parents or relatives	22
Community home	4
Semi-independent transitional	18
Supported lodgings	13
Gone abroad	0
Deported	0
Ordinary lodgings	1
Residence not known	0
No fixed abode / homeless	1
Foyers	4
Independent living	26
Emergency accommodation	2
Bed and breakfast	2
In custody	1
With Former Foster Carer	2
Other accommodation	1
LA does not have information	1
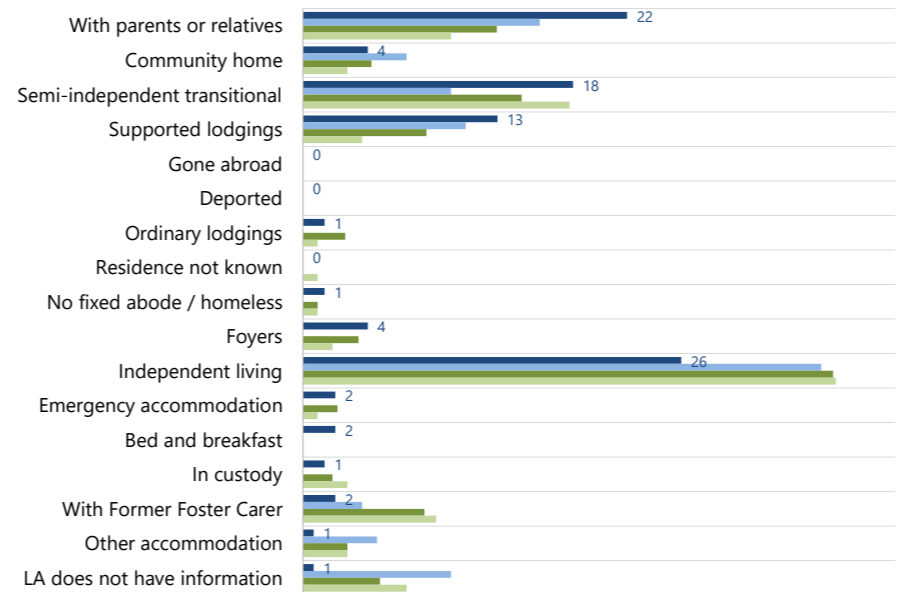
Care leavers activity (Education, Employment, or Training)

Snapshot   06/11/2023

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

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	1	64	65
In EET	100%	48%	49%

49%

■ **YP in EET** ■ NEET
□ No info

Legend: SNs   Eng   LA

Years: 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 Latest snapshot

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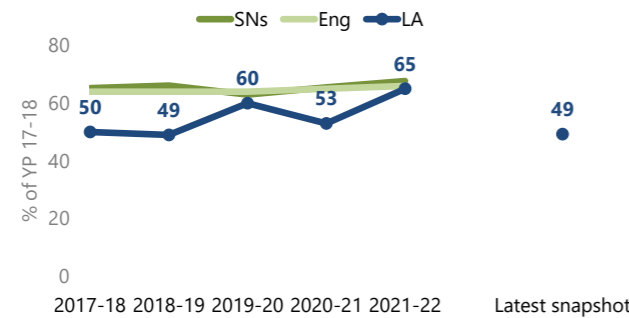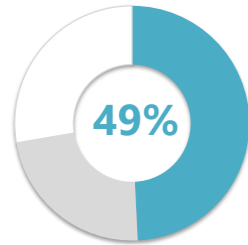
Activity types of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22
% 17-18 year olds

Category	Value
Higher education (EET)	3
Education other than higher (EET)	29
Training / employment (EET)	17
Illness / disability (NEET)	2
Other (NEET)	20
Pregnancy / parenting (NEET)	2
EET total	49
NEET total	23
LA does not have information	28
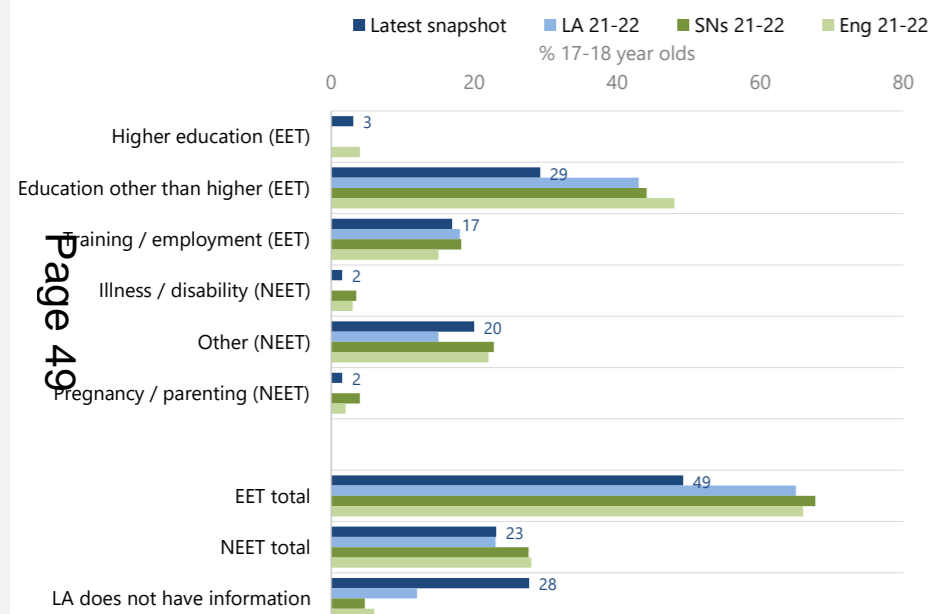
Education, Employment, or Training (EET) of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	63	50	24	137
In EET	60%	56%	46%	56%

56%

■ **YP in EET** ■ NEET
□ No info

Legend: SNs   Eng   LA

Years: '17-18 '18-19 '19-20 '20-21 '21-22 Latest

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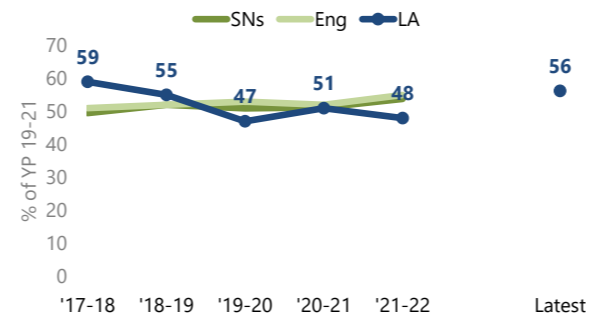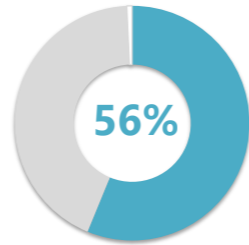
Activity types of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)
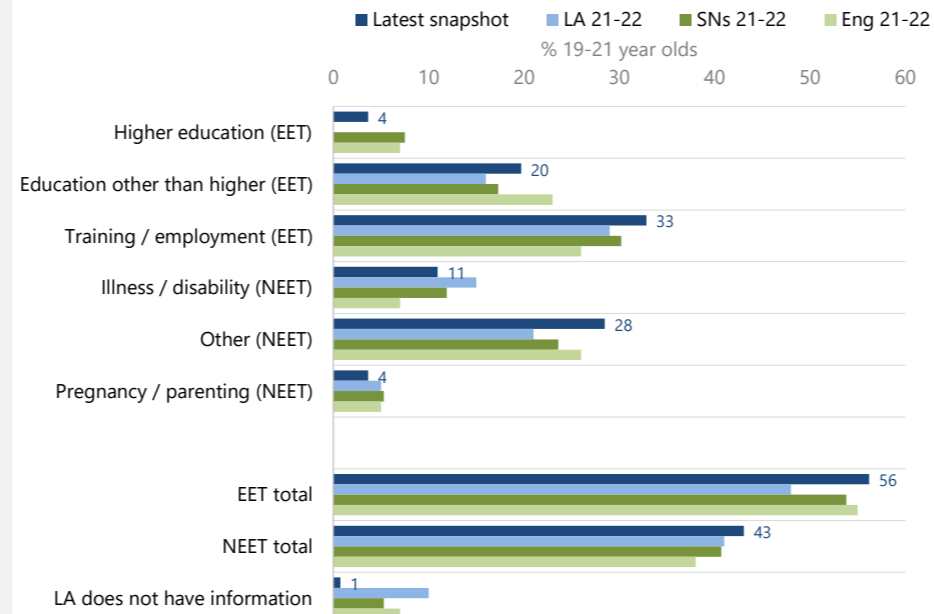
■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22
% 19-21 year olds

Category	Value
Higher education (EET)	4
Education other than higher (EET)	20
Training / employment (EET)	33
Illness / disability (NEET)	11
Other (NEET)	28
Pregnancy / parenting (NEET)	4
EET total	56
NEET total	43
LA does not have information	1

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Children adopted, waiting to be adopted, or had an adoption decision reversed in the last 12 month   from 07/11/2022   to 06/11/2023

127 children

22	Child/ren adopted last 12 months
56	Child/ren waiting to be adopted
(33	Child/ren waiting with placement order)
4	Child/ren with decision reversed

Ethnic background

White	94%
Mixed	6%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	0%
Other ethnic group	0%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

See page 25 for comparisons

Age and gender

■ 71 Males (56%)   ☐ 56 Females (44%)
□ 0 Other (not shown) (0%)

Age 20+

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F
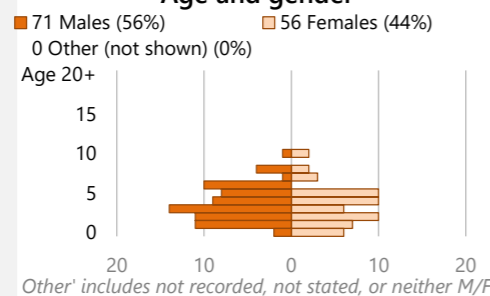
7 children (6%) with a disability

Of the 63 children who ceased to be looked after in the last 6 months, 6 was/were adopted (10%)

Children ceased who were adopted

— SNs   — Eng   —●— LA

% CLA ceased

'17-18   '18-19   '19-20   '20-21   '21-22   Last 6ms
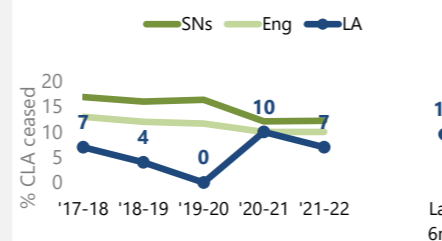
Children aged 5-plus who were adopted

2%   1 of the 49 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	2.0%
LA 2015-18 (3 yr average)	3.0%
SNs 2015-18 (3 yr average)	5.0%
Eng 2015-18 (3 yr average)	6.4%

Timeliness of each stage of the adoption process

Stage 1   Child entered care

Stage 2   Decision that child should be placed for adoption

Stage 3   Placement order granted

Stage 4   Matching child and prospective adopters

Stage 5   Placed for adoption

Stage 6   Adoption order granted

Average duration of each stage (number of days)

Average days

Stage	average days
Stage 1 to 2 (125 children)	270
Stage 2 to 3 (98 children)	142
Stage 3 to 4 (83 children)	184
Stage 4 to 5 (80 children)	18
Stage 5 to 6 (66 children)	313
Stage 1 to 3 (22 children)	420
Stage 1 to 5 (82 children)	567

Range in days between shortest and longest cases at each stage

Longest case / Shortest case

Stage	Shortest	Longest
Stage 1 to 2 (125 children)		1,306
Stage 2 to 3 (98 children)	14	540
Stage 3 to 4 (83 children)	26	810
Stage 4 to 5 (80 children)	0	178
Stage 5 to 6 (66 children)	153	593
Stage 1 to 3 (22 children)	89	1,723
Stage 1 to 5 (82 children)	152	1,904

Adoption benchmarking

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

585 days
22 children

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

Last 12 months

0 > 6 months	3
6 months > 1 year	2
1 year > 1½ years	5
1½ years > 2 years	6
2+ years	6

3 year average

— SNs — Eng — LA

362, 364, 391, 345, 274, **585**

'13-16 '14-17 '15-18 '16-19 '17-20 Last 12 months
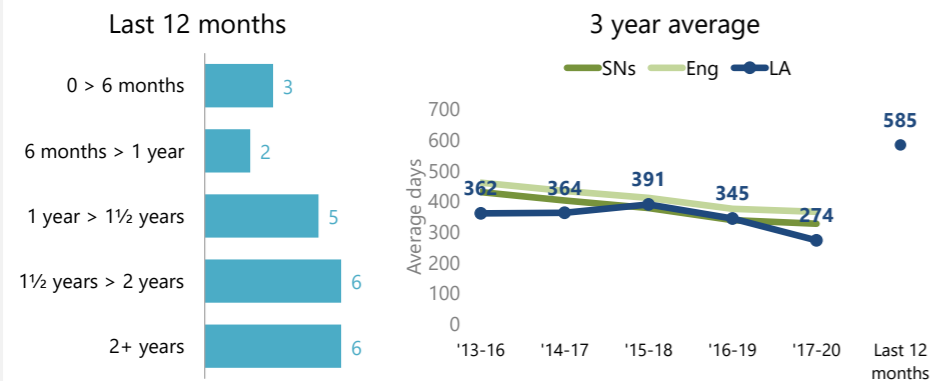
(A2) Time between placement order and deciding on a match

200 days
22 children

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

Last 12 months

0 > 6 months	13
6 months > 1 year	5
1 year > 1½ years	4
1½ years > 2 years	0
2+ years	0

3 year average

— SNs — Eng — LA

63, 63, 63, 66, 58, **200**

'13-16 '14-17 '15-18 '16-19 '17-20 Last 12 months
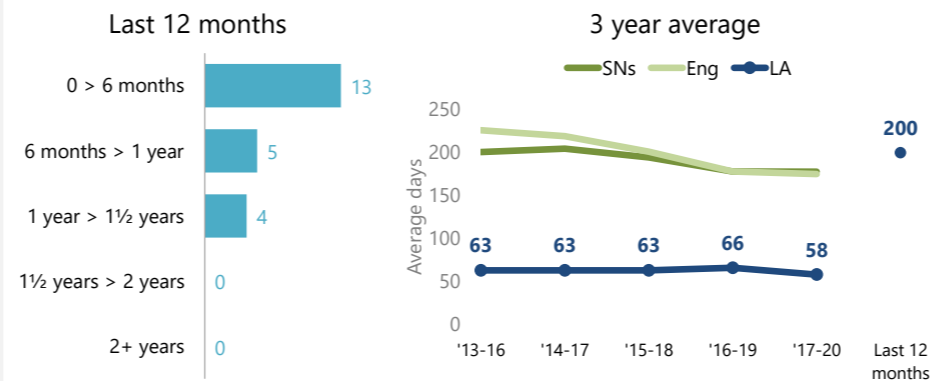
(A20) Time between entering care and placement order

420 days
22 children

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)

Adopted in last 12 months

Number of children vs Duration to placement order in months (0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60+)

3 year average

— SNs — Eng — LA

357, 360, 335, 274, 237, **420**

'13-16 '14-17 '15-18 '16-19 '17-20 Last 12 months
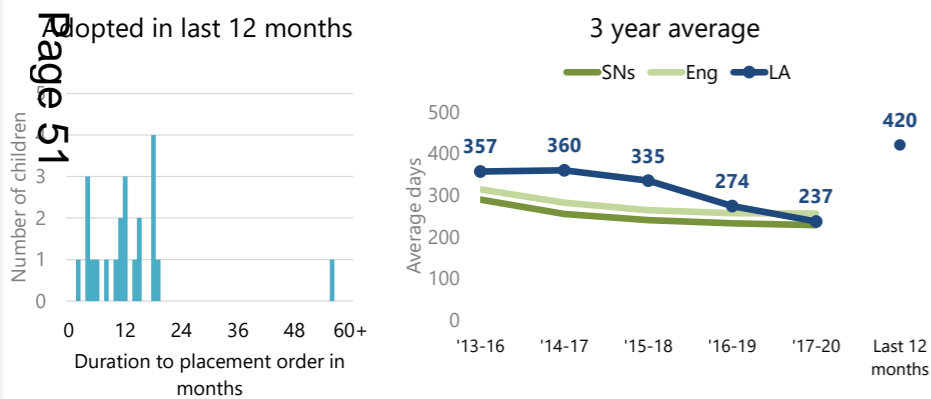
(A5) Permanence decision changed away from adoption

3%
4/125 children

Children where there was a decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption

Last 12 months

Child's needs changed	1
Court did not make a PO	1
Prospective adopters cannot be found	1
Any other reason	1

3 year average

— SNs — Eng — LA

7, 0, 9, 0, **22**, 3

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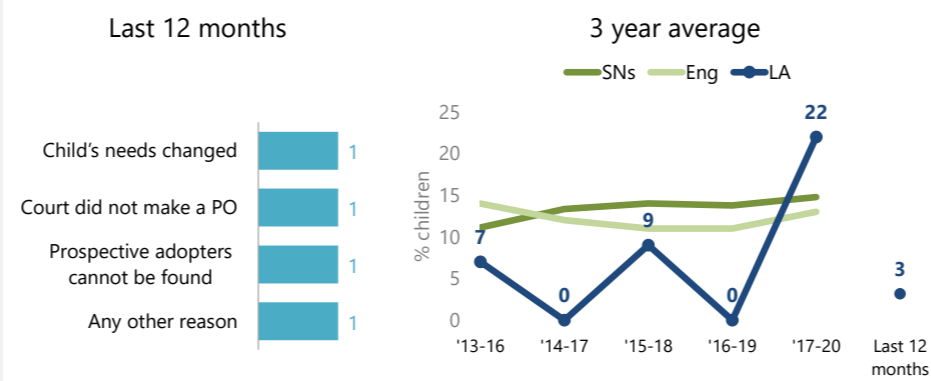
172 prospective adopters (86 families)

Prospective adopter current status

	Adults	Families
Child adopted	0	0
Child placed	0	0
Child matched	0	0
Application	0	0
Enquiry	0	0
Withdrawn	172	86

Ethnic breakdown

	Adults %	Children %
White	98%	94%
Mixed	0%	6%
Asian or Asian British	2%	0%
Black or black British	1%	0%
Other ethnic group	0%	0%
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 A12 - wait to be matched

Percentage of adoptive families matched to a child who waited more than three months between approval and matching (discontinued)

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

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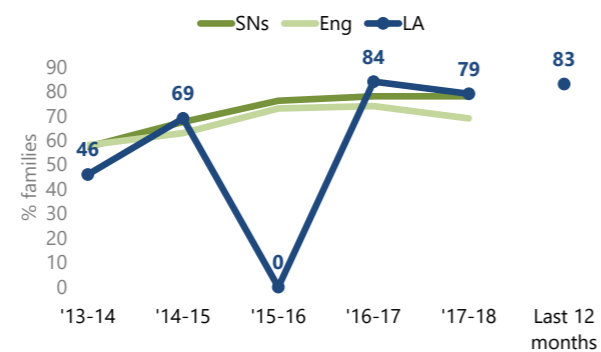
Adoption Scorecard A15 - new ADM decisions

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

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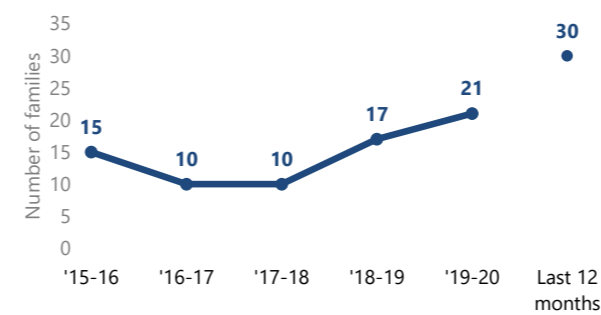
Duration of each stage of the adoption process

Average duration of each stage (number of days)

Application (86 families)	Decision to Match (58 families)	Match to Placed (61 families)	Placed to Adopted (36 families)
0	0	0	0

Range in days between shortest and longest cases at each stage

Application (86 families)	Decision to Match (58 families)	Match to Placed (61 families)	Placed to Adopted (36 families)
0	0	0	0
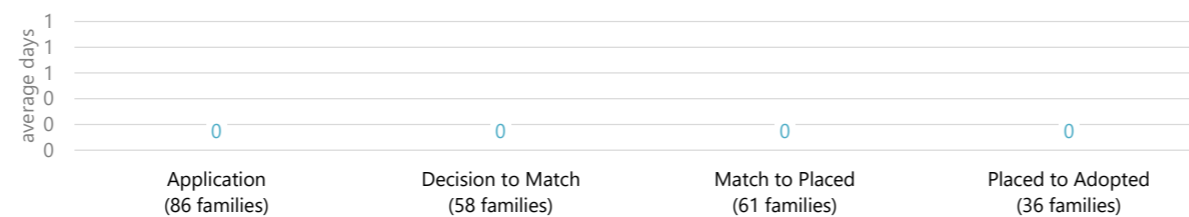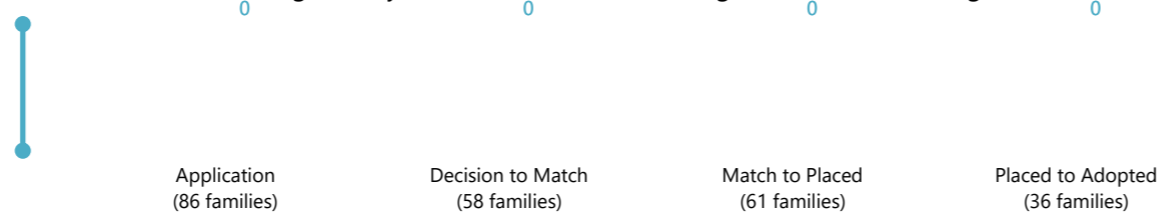
Demographics of children across all areas of children's social care

Snapshot 06/11/2023

Ethnicity
ChAT* compared to pupils in the LA schools (Jan-22)
*percentage of known ethnicity only

White
93.3% 96.2% 89.4% 87.8% 92.6% 87.8% 89.8% 84.1% 70.6% 93.7%
School pupils, 95.0%

Contacts | Early Help | Referrals | Assessments | S47s | Open CIN | Open CPP | Open CLA | Care leavers | Adoptions

Mixed
4.0% 2.7% 3.6% 6.0% 4.0% 6.3% 9.8% 6.2% 4.3% 6.3%
School pupils, 2.9%

Contacts | Early Help | Referrals | Assessments | S47s | Open CIN | Open CPP | Open CLA | Care leavers | Adoptions

Asian
0.8% 0.3% 0.8% 1.0% 0.4% 1.1% 0.5% 1.3% 4.3% 0.0%
School pupils, 1.2%

Contacts | Early Help | Referrals | Assessments | S47s | Open CIN | Open CPP | Open CLA | Care leavers | Adoptions

Black
0.1% 2.0% 1.4% 2.2% 1.1% 0.0% 1.4% 6.4% 0.0%
School pupils, 0.4%

Contacts | Early Help | Referrals | Assessments | S47s | Open CIN | Open CPP | Open CLA | Care leavers | Adoptions

Other
0.9% 0.9% 4.2% 3.9% 0.7% 3.7% 0.0% 7.0% 14.5% 0.0%
School pupils, 0.2%

Contacts | Early Help | Referrals | Assessments | S47s | Open CIN | Open CPP | Open CLA | Care leavers | Adoptions

Age
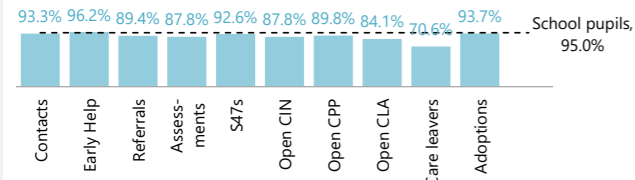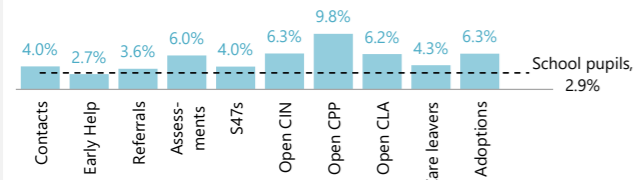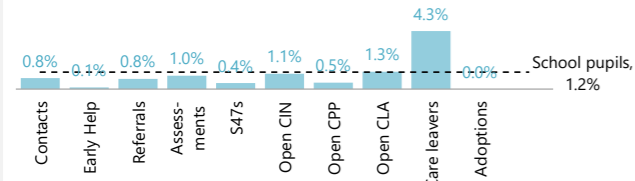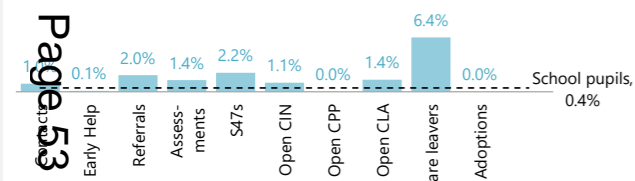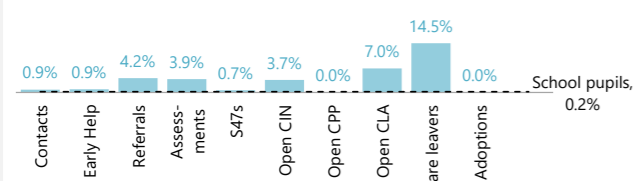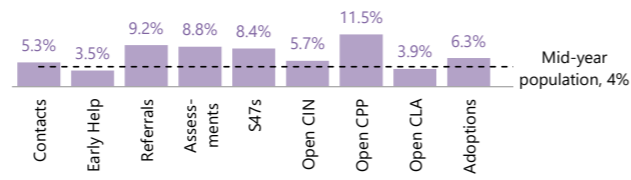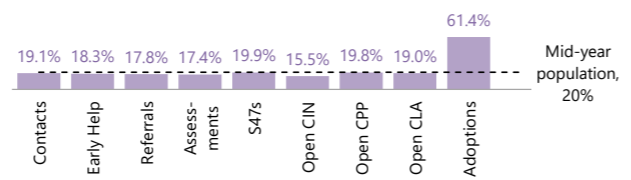ChAT* compared to mid-year (2020) population estimates (ONS)
*percentage of known age only

Under 1
5.3% 3.5% 9.2% 8.8% 8.4% 5.7% 11.5% 3.9% 6.3%
Mid-year population, 4%

Contacts | Early Help | Referrals | Assessments | S47s | Open CIN | Open CPP | Open CLA | Adoptions

1 to 4
19.1% 18.3% 17.8% 17.4% 19.9% 15.5% 19.8% 19.0% 61.4%
Mid-year population, 20%

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5 to 9
25.7% 28.8% 22.2% 25.7% 27.0% 25.6% 32.7% 24.6% 29.9%
Mid-year population, 28%

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10 to 15
37.9% 40.0% 33.6% 32.7% 32.6% 36.9% 31.3% 33.2% 2.4%
Mid-year population, 36%

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16 and over
12.0% 9.4% 17.3% 15.5% 12.1% 16.3% 4.6% 19.3% 0.0%
Mid-year population, 12%

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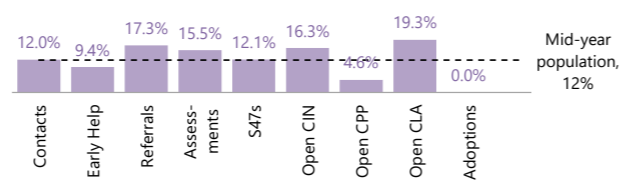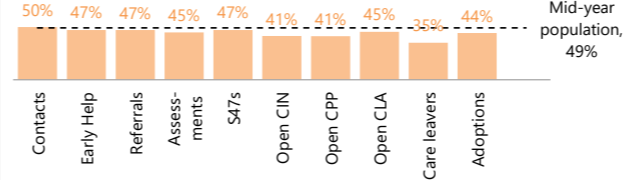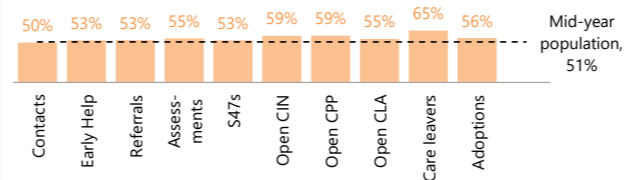
Gender
ChAT* compared to mid-year (2020) population estimates (ONS)
*percentage of Male / Female genders only, excludes Other

Female
50% 47% 47% 45% 47% 41% 41% 45% 35% 44%
Mid-year population, 49%

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Male
50% 53% 53% 55% 53% 59% 59% 55% 65% 56%
Mid-year population, 51%

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Comparing CLA demographics

CLA figures compared to published population statistics

Ethnicity   * compared to school census

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2022			Eng 2022		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	**CLA**	Pop	% difference	**CLA**	Pop	% difference
White	**84**	95	lower -12%	**88**	95	lower -7%	**73**	73	higher 1%
Mixed	**6**	3	higher 112%	**6**	3	higher 107%	**10**	7	higher 48%
Asian	**1**	1	higher 1%	**1**	1	lower -20%	**5**	12	lower -58%
Black	**1**	0	higher 211%	**1**	0	higher 122%	**7**	6	higher 19%
Other	**7**	0	higher 2988%	**4**	0	higher 1669%	**4**	2	higher 79%

Age   * Comparator is ONS mid-year population estimates

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	**CLA**	Pop	% difference	**CLA**	Pop	% difference
Under 1	**4**	4	lower -11%	**7**	4	higher 59%	**5**	5	no dif 0%
1 to 4	**19**	20	lower -6%	**21**	20	higher 4%	**14**	22	lower -36%
5 to 9	**25**	28	lower -11%	**22**	28	lower -20%	**18**	29	lower -38%
10 to 15	**33**	36	lower -8%	**33**	36	lower -8%	**39**	34	higher 16%
16-plus	**19**	12	higher 62%	**18**	12	higher 52%	**25**	10	higher 144%

Gender   * Comparator is ONS mid-year population estimates

	LA Latest snapshot			LA 2020			Eng 2020		
	CLA	Pop	% difference	**CLA**	Pop	% difference	**CLA**	Pop	% difference
Male	**55**	51	higher 7%	**52**	51	higher 2%	**56**	51	higher 9%
Female	**45**	49	lower -8%	**48**	49	lower -2%	**44**	49	lower -10%

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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).

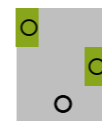|		
Decreasing, low is good	◄	
Increasing, high is good	➤	
No change, not RAG rated		

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)	250	Decrease	◄	313	493	538	Lower	○	2021-22
Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)	14	Increase	➤	14	18	20	Lower	○	2021-22
Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	432	Decrease	◄	615	478	533	In range	○	2021-22
Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)	85	Increase	➤	79	84	84	In range	○	2021-22
Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	154	Decrease	◄	190	175	180	In range	○	2021-22
Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	29	Decrease	◄	52	65	61	In range	○	2021-22
Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%)	67	Decrease	◄	87	78	79	In range	○	2021-22
Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	254	Decrease	◄	320	320	334	In range	○	2021-22
Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	36	Increase	➤	34	44	42	In range	○	2021-22
Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	14	Decrease	◄	19	25	23	In range	○	2021-22
Children who ceased to be on a CP plan whose plan lasted 2 years or more (%)	7	Increase	➤	6	3	4	In range	○	2021-22
Children who are looked after (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	119	Increase	➤	104	66	70	Higher	○	2021-22
Children looked after who had a missing incident in the period (%)	5	Decrease	◄	5	10	11	Lower	○	2021-22
Children looked after who were away without authorisation in the period (%)	0	Increase	➤	0	1	2	In range	○	2021-22
Children looked after who had their teeth checked by a dentist in the last 12 months (%)	47	Decrease	◄	55	63	70	Lower	○	2021-22
Children looked after who had their annual health assessment (%)	76	Decrease	◄	93	89	89	In range	○	2021-22
Children who ceased to be looked after in the period who were adopted (%)	10	Increase	➤	7	12	10	Lower	○	2021-22
Children who ceased to be looked after in the period due to a Special Guardianship Order (%)	11	Increase	➤	10	16	13	In range	○	2021-22
Children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday (%)	89	Decrease	◄	100	90	79	In range	○	2021-22
Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%)	91	Increase	➤	85	90	88	Lower	○	2021-22
Care leavers aged 19-21 in education, employment, or training (%)	56	Increase	➤	48	54	55	Lower	○	2021-22
A1 - Average time between entering care and moving in with family for children who were adopted (days)	638	Increase	➤	403	455	486	Lower	○	2015-18
A2 - Average time between LA receiving placement order and LA deciding on a match with family (days)	-	-		63	194	201	Lower	○	2015-18

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