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Young People's Chapter Summary- Working draft
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Aims & objectives

This JSNA chapter will provide a **detailed understanding of the needs of young people and their families in Shropshire to inform the direction and development of local services**, with a view to reducing health inequalities through identification, prevention and early intervention.

This report is not an in-depth review of any one specific service, but instead aims to:

- describe the **population profile** of young people in Shropshire- please also see the Population and Context chapter
- provide an overview of the **wider determinants** of health and their impact on young people - please also see the Population and Context chapter
- identify relevant **national guidance and local policy** in relation to young people
- provide an **overview of the health and wellbeing** of young people
- provide evidence-based **recommendations** to ensure that the needs of young people are met in Shropshire

The [young people indicators](#) include data on factors related to the health and wellbeing of young people. Topics covered include:

- vulnerable young people such as those in care, who are homeless or in contact with the justice system
- teenage conceptions
- mental health and wellbeing
- alcohol and drugs
- long-term conditions
- sexual and reproductive health

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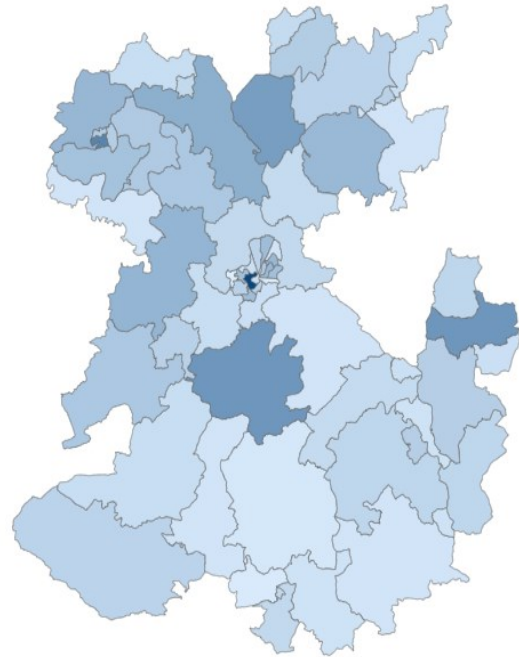
- Deprivation
- Child poverty
- Drugs and alcohol use
- Domestic abuse

These are covered in the [Population and Context](#) chapter

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Shropshire's Young People (16-19)



2% - 3%

>6%

Based on 2021 Census data, Porthill has the highest proportion of children aged 16-19 (10%). Oswestry South (7%), Shifnal South and Cosford (6.4%), Burnell (6.4%) and Wem (6.1%) wards also have high proportion of 16-19-year-olds.

13,477
aged 16-19s
in 2021,
a 10% fall
from 2011

4%
aged 16-19s
of Shropshire's
population

27% 16-year-olds
28% 17-year-olds



Overall deprivation is low in Shropshire. However, **388** or **2.9%** of young people aged 16-19 live in the top 5 most deprived areas (LSOAs) of Shropshire: Harlescott, Ludlow East, central Oswestry, Monkmoor and Meole Brace.

52% Male
47% Female

0.3%
16-19s from ethnic minority groups in 2011, 878 young people

38
Special educational needs in Autumn 2024



7.9% 16-19s were not in education, employment or training or had an unknown activity



Rate of 10-17s receiving their first reprimand, conviction or warning is better than England and decreasing



Hospital admissions for self-harm in 15-19 years old decreasing and better than England's



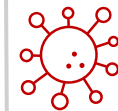
Hospital admissions due to deliberate injuries in 15-24 years old decreasing and better than England's



65 under 18 pregnancies recorded in Shropshire; **14** under 16 pregnancies



110 hospital admissions due to asthma; admission rate is higher than England's



Chlamydia detection rate in females below the UKHSA target



45 admission episodes for alcoholic specific - conditions in under 18s and has increased slightly



45 hospital admissions due to substance misuse in 15-24s and is decreasing

Young People metrics

RAG rated against the national average.

See the full report document for trends and comparator information for each of these metrics.

Green= doing well
Red = areas of need

Core metrics

| Indicator | Period | Shropshire | | West Midlands | England | England | | Best |
|--|-----------------|--------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | Recent Trend | Count | Value | Value | Value | Worst | |
| 16 to 17 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) or whose activity is not known | 2022/23 | → | 468 | 7.9% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 15.2% | 0.9% |
| First time entrants to the youth justice system New data | 2023 | ↓ | 15 | 53.4 | 127.4 | 143.4 | 340.0 | 42.0 |
| Children in care | 2022/23 | ↑ | 656 | 111 | 90 | 71 | 191 | 26 |
| Homelessness - households owed a duty under the Homelessness Reduction Act (main applicant aged 16 to 24) | 2021/22 | → | 207 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 7.2 | 0.7 |
| Secondary school fixed period exclusions: rate per 100 pupils | 2016/17 | ↑ | 1,375 | 8.6% | 8.9% | 9.4% | 55.2% | 3.0% |
| Under 16s conception rate / 1,000 | 2021 | → | 14 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 7.0 | 0.3 |
| Under 18s conception rate / 1,000 | 2021 | → | 65 | 12.5 | 15.2 | 13.1 | 31.5 | 1.1 |
| Teenage mothers | 2022/23 | → | - | * | 0.8%* | 0.6%* | 1.9% | 0.0% |
| Population vaccination coverage: HPV vaccination coverage for one dose (12 to 13 year old) | 2022/23 | ↓ | 1,170 | 67.4% | 68.0% | 71.3% | 22.9% | 92.7% |
| Chlamydia detection rate per 100,000 aged 15 to 24 | 2023 | → | 359 | 1,142 | 1,195 | 1,546 | 803 | 3,379 |
| Hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (10-24 years) | 2022/23 | ↓ | 105 | 216.4 | 309.7 | 319.0 | 1,058.4 | 89.0 |
| Hospital admissions due to substance misuse (15 to 24 years) | 2020/21 - 22/23 | → | 45 | 46.1 | 45.3 | 58.3 | 184.5 | 16.7 |
| Admissions for asthma (10 to 18 years) | 2022/23 | → | 30 | 94.4 | 118.1 | 88.2 | 216.9 | 0.0 |
| Admissions for diabetes (10 to 18 years) | 2022/23 | → | 30 | 94.4 | 75.3 | 73.3 | 156.8 | 33.4 |
| Admissions for epilepsy (10 to 18 years) | 2022/23 | → | 20 | 62.9 | 58.3 | 54.4 | 193.6 | 21.7 |
| Hospital admissions for asthma (under 19 years) | 2022/23 | → | 110 | 176.5 | 157.4 | 122.2 | 350.7 | 51.9 |
| Hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (10-14 yrs) | 2022/23 | → | 30 | 169.6 | 286.3 | 251.2 | 730.3 | 38.6 |
| Hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (15-19 yrs) | 2022/23 | → | 45 | 269.1 | 442.4 | 468.2 | 1,533.8 | 130.6 |
| Hospital admissions as a result of self-harm (20-24 yrs) | 2022/23 | ↓ | 30 | 203.7 | 209.1 | 244.4 | 1,122.5 | 40.7 |
| Admission episodes for alcohol-specific conditions - Under 18s | 2020/21 - 22/23 | → | 45 | 25.6 | 20.4 | 26.0 | 75.5 | 3.8 |
| Hospital admissions for mental health conditions (<18 yrs) | 2022/23 | → | 45 | 76.5 | 77.5 | 80.8 | 308.5 | 22.3 |
| Admissions for diabetes (under 19 years) | 2022/23 | → | 40 | 64.2 | 55.7 | 52.4 | 100.4 | 23.7 |
| Admissions for epilepsy (under 19 years) | 2022/23 | → | 35 | 56.2 | 82.5 | 74.1 | 194.5 | 26.3 |
| Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries in young people (aged 15 to 24 years) | 2022/23 | ↓ | 255 | 81.1 | 98.2 | 94.1 | 266.9 | 40.3 |

Supplementary metrics

| Indicator | Period | Shropshire | | West Midlands | England | England | | Best/Highest |
|---|---------|--------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Recent Trend | Count | Value | Value | Value | Worst/Lowest | |
| Emergency admissions (under 18 years) | 2022/23 | → | 4,555 | 77.4 | 76.9 | 70.2 | 143.5 | 29.2 |
| Hospital admissions for asthma (under 19 years) | 2022/23 | → | 110 | 176.5 | 157.4 | 122.2 | 350.7 | 51.9 |
| Admissions for diabetes (under 19 years) | 2022/23 | → | 40 | 64.2 | 55.7 | 52.4 | 100.4 | 23.7 |
| Admissions for epilepsy (under 19 years) | 2022/23 | → | 35 | 56.2 | 82.5 | 74.1 | 194.5 | 26.3 |
| Children in care immunisations | 2023 | → | 446 | 94.0% | 80.3% | 82.0% | 25.0% | 100% |
| Children in care | 2022/23 | → | 656 | 111 | 90 | 71 | 191 | 26 |
| Average Attainment 8 score of children in care | 2021/22 | → | 819 | 24.1 | 21.8 | 20.3 | 9.8 | 31.8 |
| Chlamydia detection rate per 100,000 aged 15 to 24 (Female) | 2023 | → | 240 | 1,637 | 1,547 | 1,962 | 984 | 4,777 |
| Chlamydia detection rate per 100,000 aged 15 to 24 | 2023 | → | 112 | 667 | 746 | 1,042 | 478 | 2,657 |
| Deprivation score (IMD 2019) | 2019 | → | - | 17.2 | 25.3 | 21.7 | 45.0 | 5.8 |

Areas of need for young people

- Proportion of 16 to 17 year olds **not in education, employment or training (NEET)** or whose activity is not known in Shropshire is significantly higher than England's (2022/23) and is increasing.
- Shropshire rate of **children in care** (aged 0-18) in 2022-23 of 111 per 10,000 population was significantly higher than England's rate of 71 per 10,000
- **Chlamydia detection rate** in 2023 was lower than the national average and target of 3,250 per 100,000 set by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).
- Shropshire's rate of **admissions for asthma in under 19s** was 176.5 per 100,000 in 2022-23, significantly higher than England's rate.
- Rate of **emergency admissions for under 18s** significantly higher in Shropshire than the national rate in 2022/23.
- Rate of hospital **admissions for epilepsy in under 19s** similar to national average but showing a sharp increase in the most recent time period between 2021/22- to 2-22/23.
- **Average attainment 8** score is 43.5 in the period 2023-24, which has decreased by 0.5 points since 2022-23 from 45.3. This is below the national average score of 46.1.
- **Level 3 attainment in 19 year olds** has decreased in recent periods from 59.3% in 2021-22 to 56.1% in 2022-23. Shropshire's level 3 attainment was lower than the national average of 58.8%.

More detail on trends and comparators can be found in the full report.

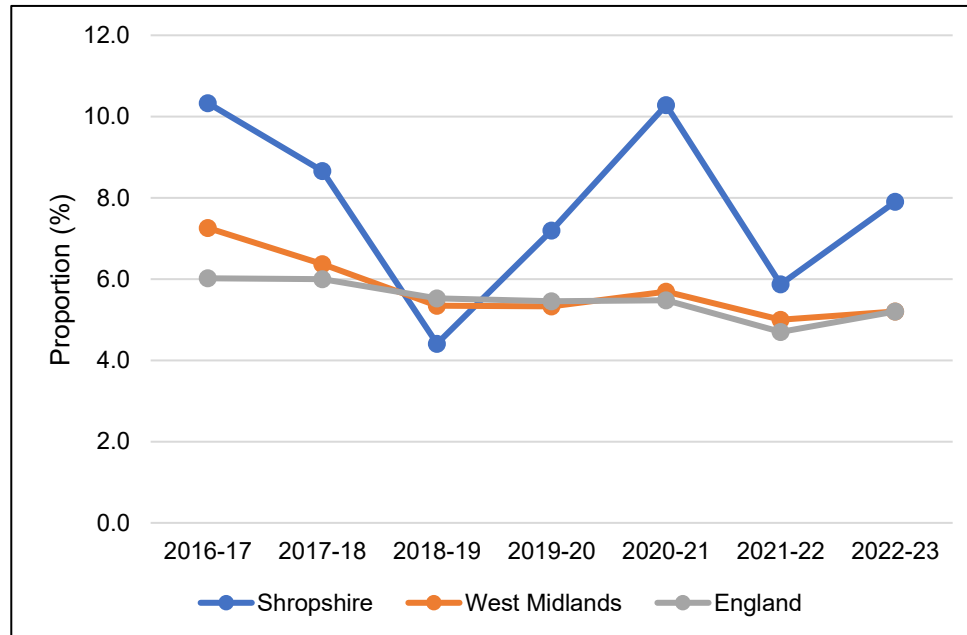
Doing well (better than national average)

- Rate of 10 to 17 year olds receiving their **first reprimand, warning or conviction** in Shropshire is significantly lower than England's (2023) and is decreasing.
- Households **owed a prevention or relief duty**, where the main applicant is aged 16 to 24 years is significantly lower than England's (2021/22) and is decreasing.
- **Hospital admissions due to self-harm among 15-19** years old is significantly lower than England's (2022/23) and is decreasing.
- Hospital admissions caused by **unintentional and deliberate injuries in 15 to 24 years** old is significantly lower than England's (2022/23) and is decreasing.
- 86.5% of 19 year olds were **qualified to Level 2** in 2022-23, an increase of 3.0 percentage points from 2021-22 (83.6%). This is the highest proportion since 2020-21 and is higher than the national average of 84.3%.
- 78.8% of 19 year olds **achieved Level 2 in English and Maths** in 2022-23, an increase of 2.9 percentage points from 2021-22 (75.9%). This is the highest proportion since 2020-21 and is higher than the national average of 77.9%.

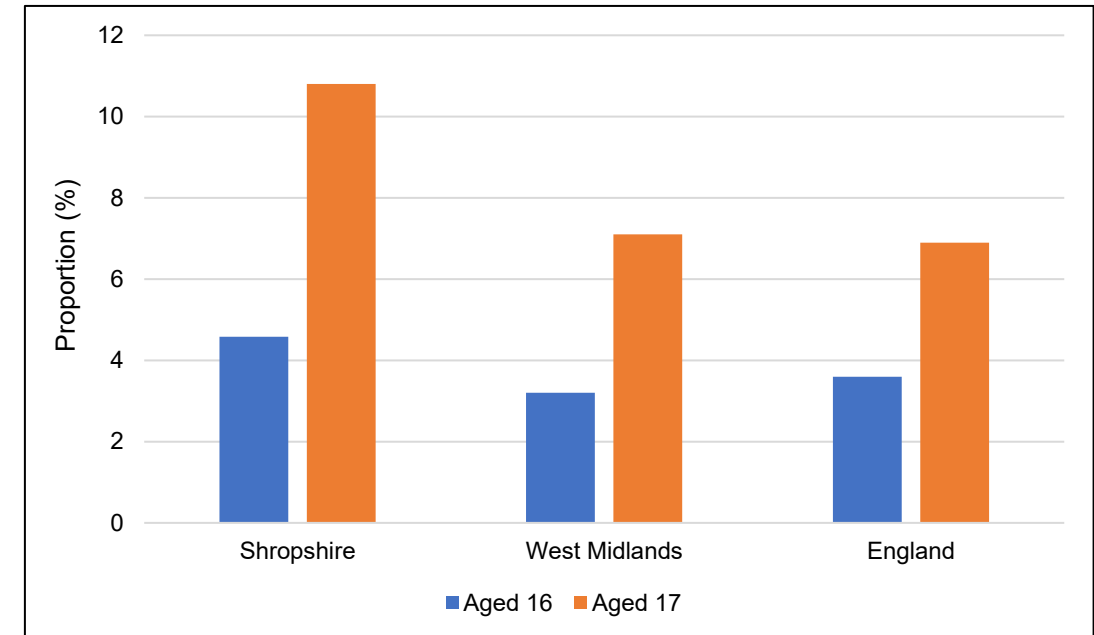
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16 to 17 year olds not in education, employment or training

Proportion of 16 to 17 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) or whose activity is not known in Shropshire, including statistical and regional neighbour, with West Midlands and England comparisons, 2022-23. Source: [Child and Maternal Health Profile](#), Fingertips, OHID



Proportion of 16 to 17 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) or whose activity is not known in Shropshire by age group, with West Midlands and England comparisons, 2022-23. Source: [Participation in education, training and NEET age 16 to 17](#)



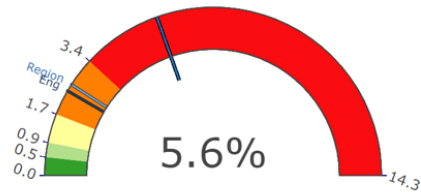
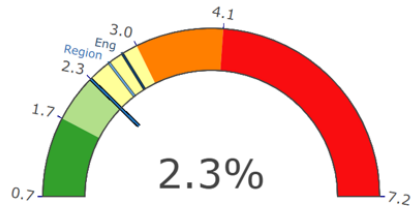
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Proportion of 16 to 17 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) or whose activity is not known in Shropshire by activity, with West Midlands and England comparisons, 2022-23. Source: [Participation in education, training and NEET age 16 to 17](#)

Proportion of 16 to 17 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) or whose activity is not known in Shropshire by SEN Support and EHCP, with West Midlands and England comparisons, 2022-23. Source: [Participation in education, training and NEET age 16 to 17](#)

NEET

Activity not known



2.3%, up 0.7 pts

West Midlands: 2.6%, up 0.3 pts.
England: 2.8%, up 0.3 pts.
Annual changes are since end 2021.



5.6%, up 1.4 pts

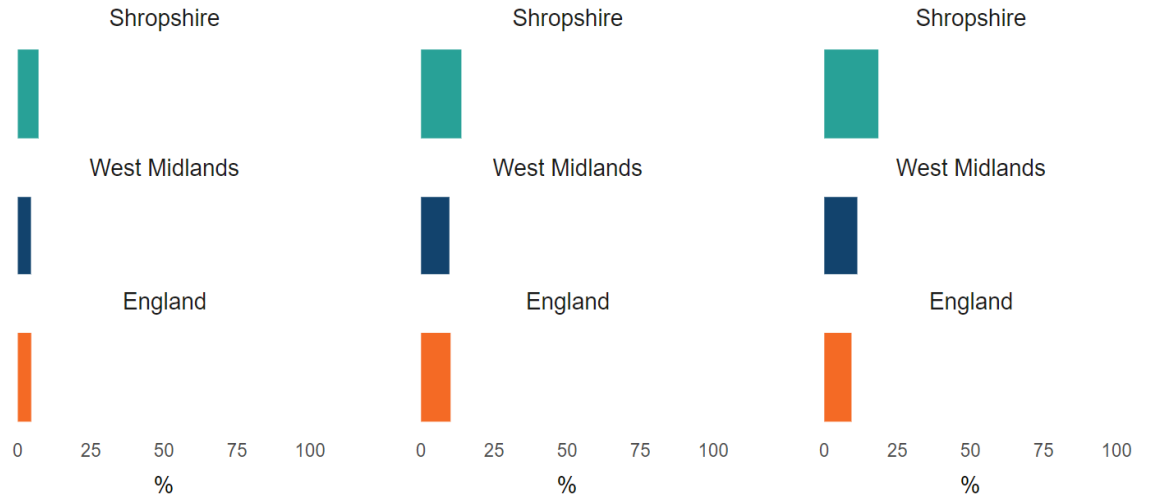
West Midlands: 2.6%, down -0.1 pts.
England: 2.4%, up 0.3 pts.
Annual changes are since end 2021.



No SEND

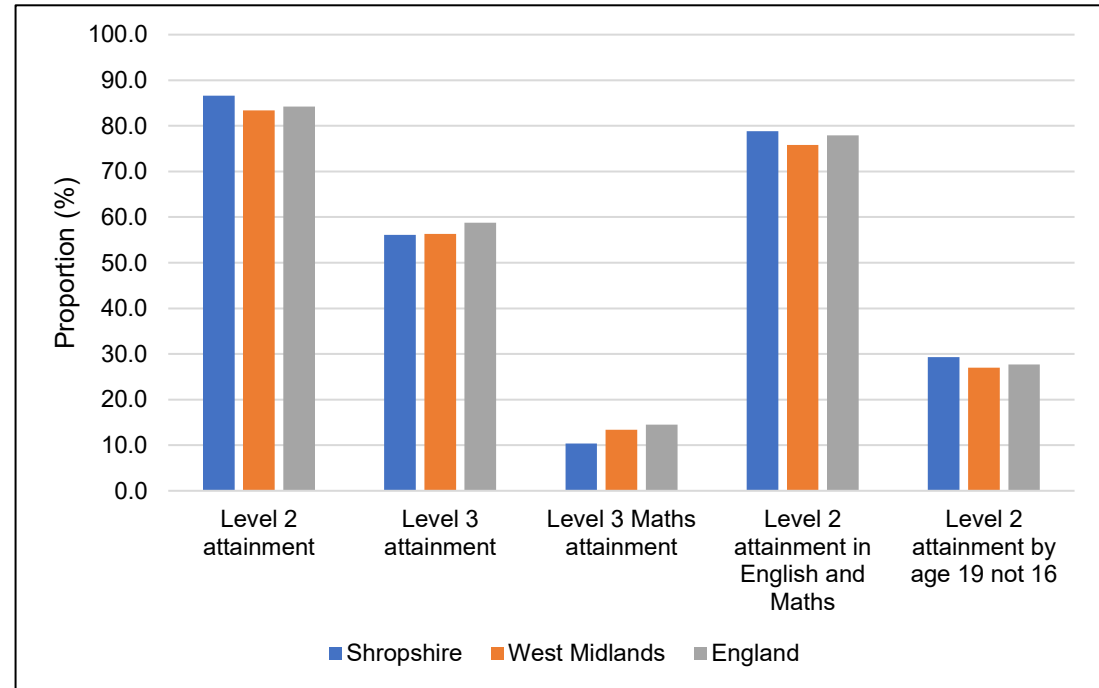
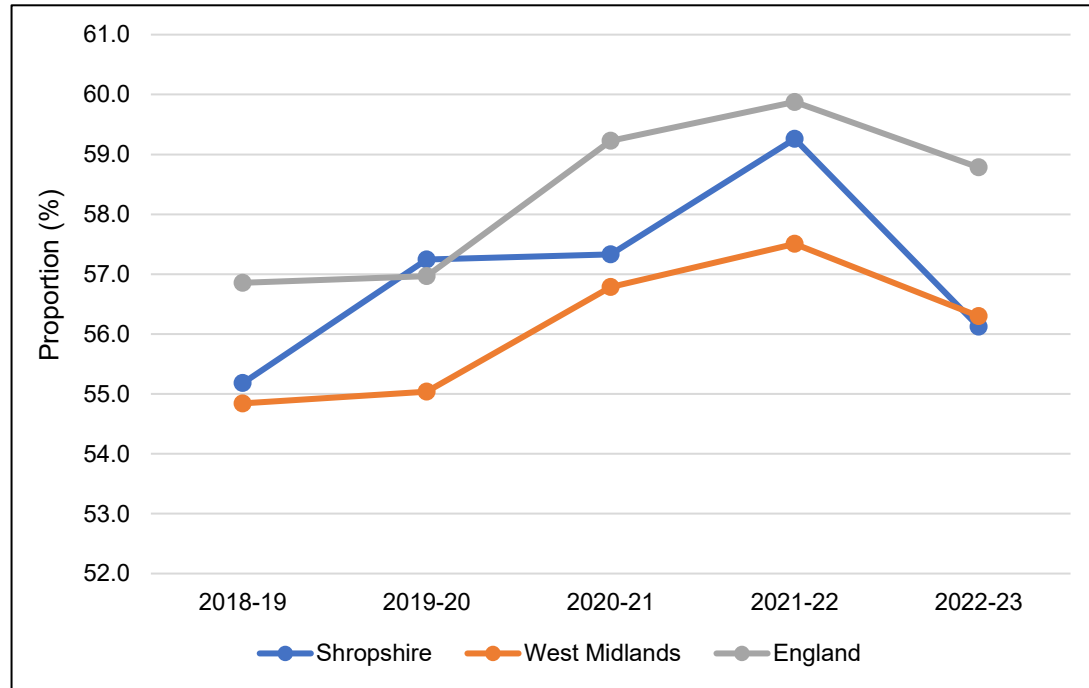
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SEN support



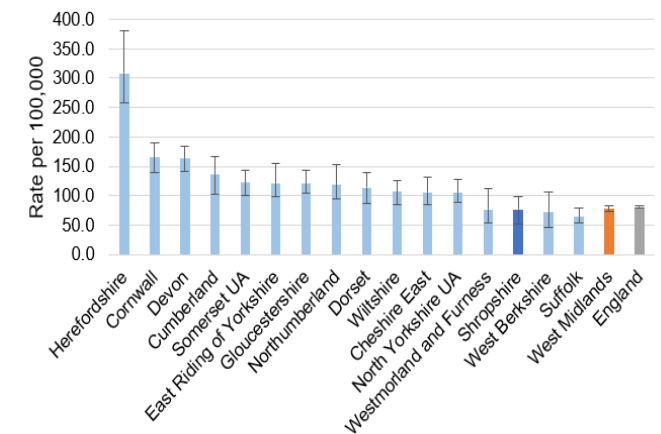
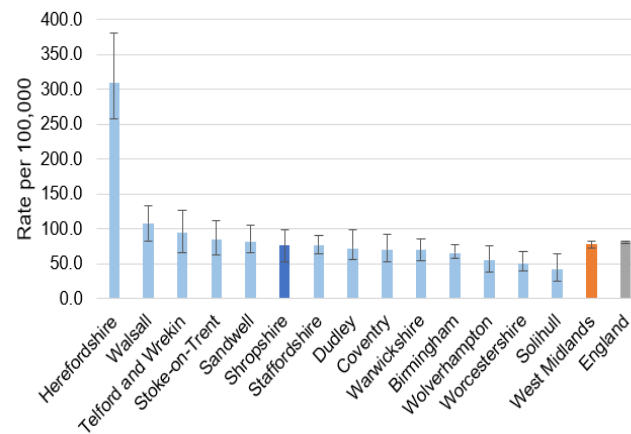
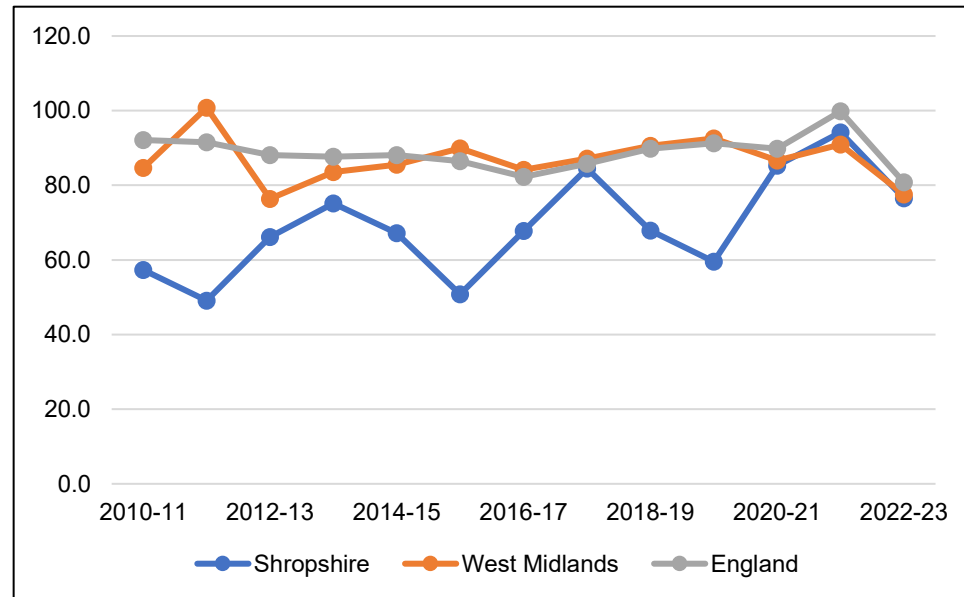
Post-16 Attainment

Level 3 attainment among 19 year olds in Shropshire, including West Midlands and England comparisons, 2018-19 to 2022-23. Source: [Level 2 and 3 attainment age 16 to 25](#)



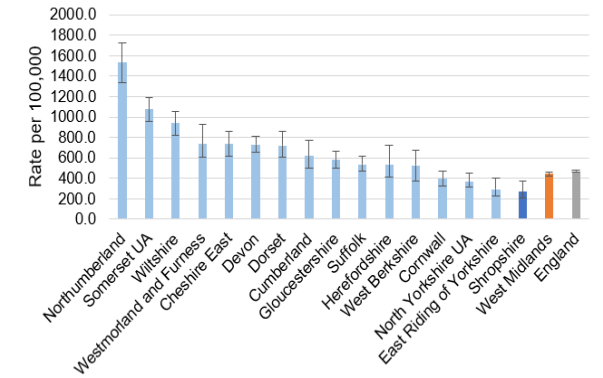
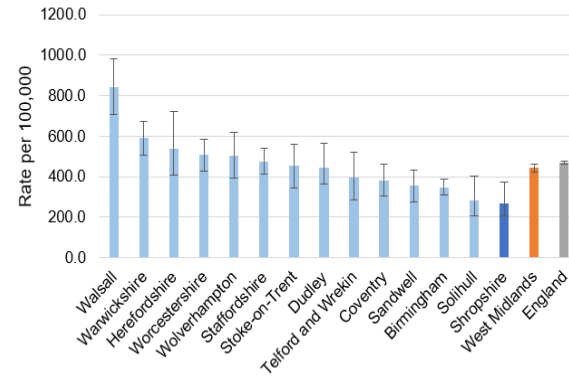
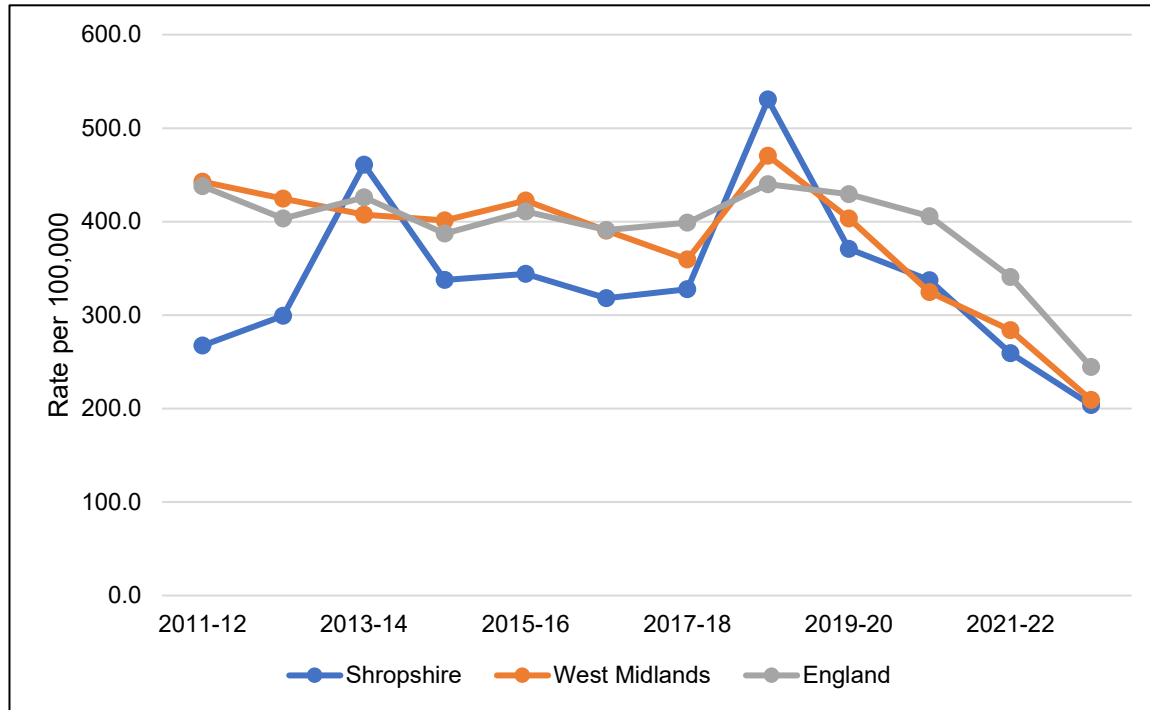
Hospital admission for mental health conditions (<18 years)

Hospital admissions for mental health conditions in children less than 18 years old (per 100,000) in Shropshire, with, West Midlands and England comparisons, 2010-11 to 2022-23. Source: [Child and Maternal Health Profile](#), Fingertips, OHID



Hospital admission due to self-harm (15-19 years)

Hospital admissions due to self-harm among 15-19 years old (per 100,000) in Shropshire, with, West Midlands and England comparisons, 2011-12 to 2022-23.
Source: [Child and Maternal Health Profile](#), Fingertips, OHID



Youth Service Survey

1,873 young people

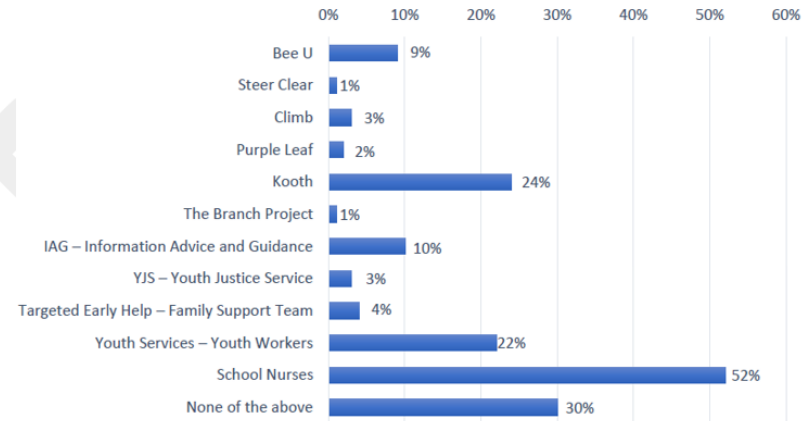
Respondents' knowledge of youth services was fairly low overall, with 30% of respondents saying they were not aware of any of the services listed as being available in their area.

School nurses (52%) were the only service most respondents were aware of being available in their area.

Awareness of Kooth among a sizeable minority (24%) and Youth Service Workers (22%).

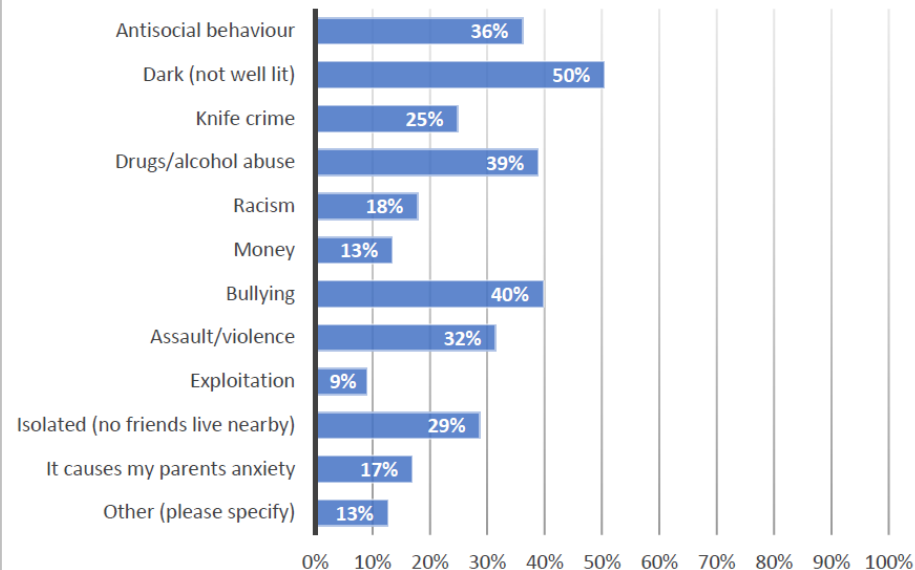
63% agreed that they don't feel safe in their community.

Knowledge of available youth services. Source: Youth Survey, 2024



More detail can be found in the full report.

Figure 12: Worries About Going Out In Community



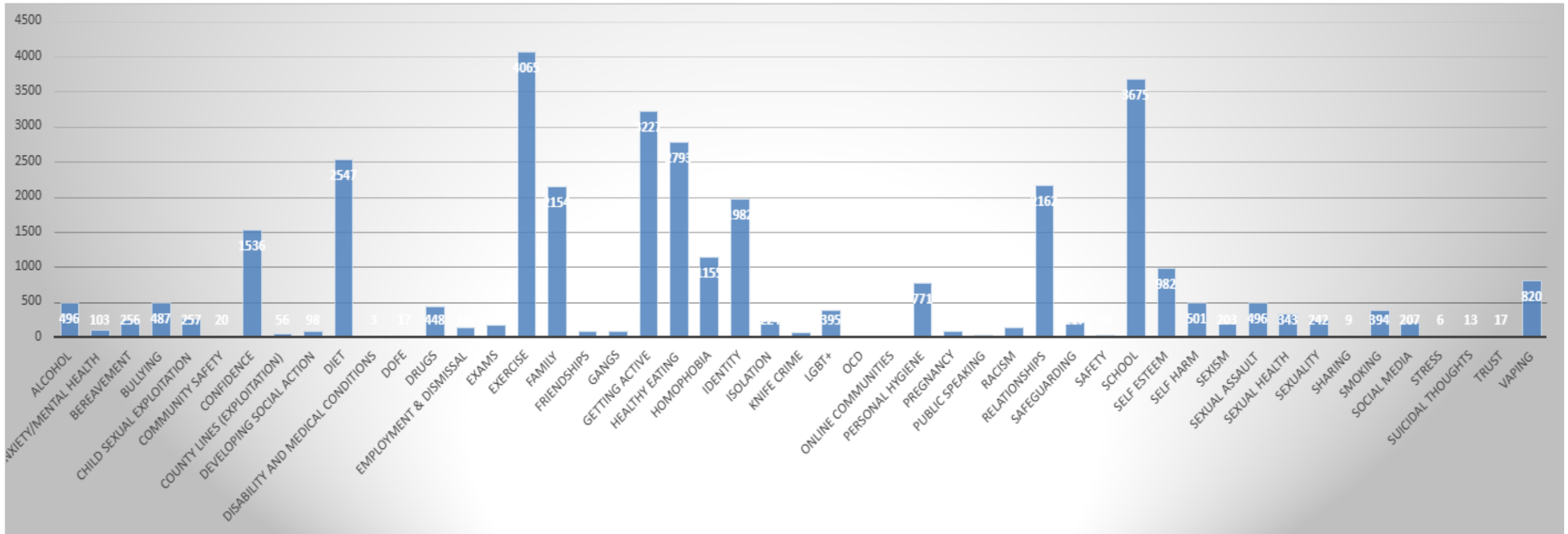
Voluntary sector – SYA (Formerly known as Shropshire Youth Association)

SYA supports and delivers youth clubs, groups and organisations across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin, providing children and young people with life changing opportunities.

SYA runs the following youth clubs:

1. Commissioned clubs – Fully staffed by SYA
2. Partnered clubs – community development model where SYA provides one paid qualified youth worker to work alongside at least two volunteers from the community.
3. Voluntary Clubs – Infrastructure support is offered including safeguarding checks and training, Youth work training, access to templated policies, procedures and operational forms, mentoring visits and an equipment offer.
4. Time2Talk – a mental health project based in schools.
5. Local and county youth forums, young leader training and supporting members of Youth Parliament

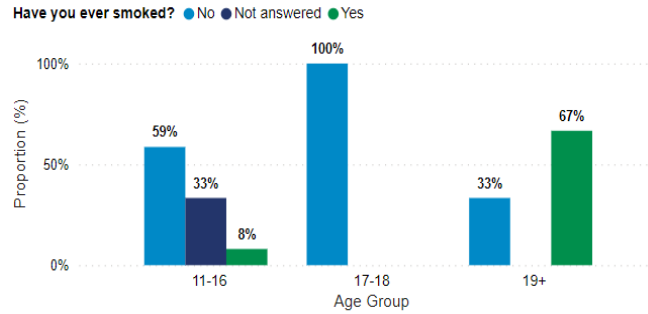
In 2023/24, 5390 children and young people (CYP) attend clubs weekly across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, an increase of 17.25% on last year (These figures DO NOT include 2655 Scouts and 1817 Girl Guides).



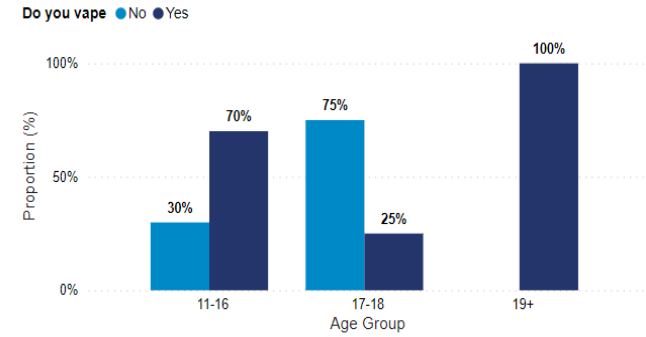
94 responses

As part of the Safer Spaces project which ran for 10 months, school-aged children were asked about vape use. The youth vaping survey ran for 3 months and consisted of data being collated through face-to-face discussions with young people in community and school-based settings.

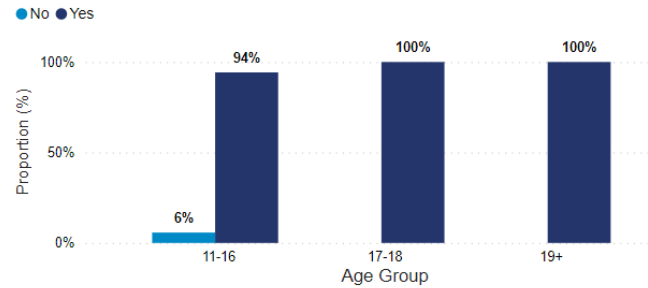
Proportion of respondents who had ever smoked by age group (Number of respondents = 94)



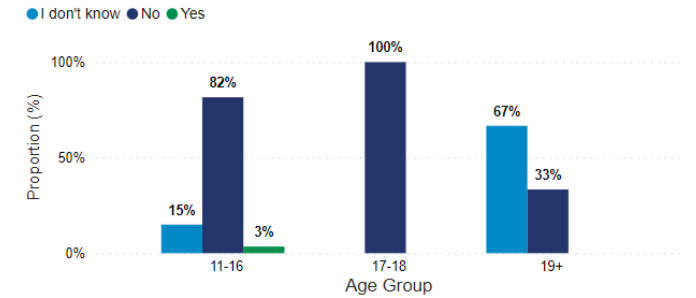
Proportion of respondents who vape by age group (Number of respondents = 94)



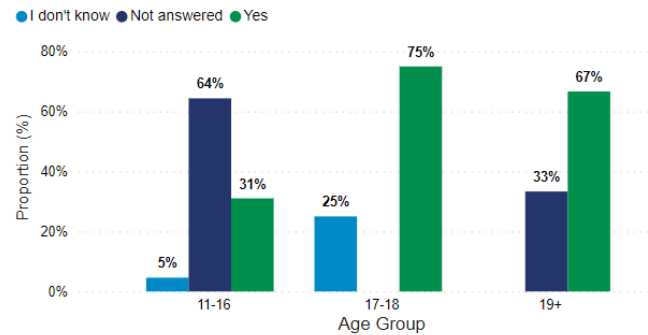
Is vaping the same as smoking? (Number of respondents = 94)



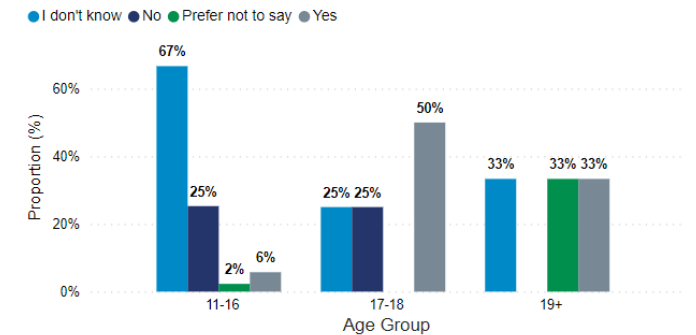
Is vaping dangerous? (Number of respondents = 94)



If I vape, am I more likely to smoke? (Number of respondents = 94)



If I vape, am I more likely to do other drugs? (Number of respondents = 94)



Recommendations

These will be based on the **Areas of Need** highlighted on slide 7

To follow - not yet developed