

# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Update

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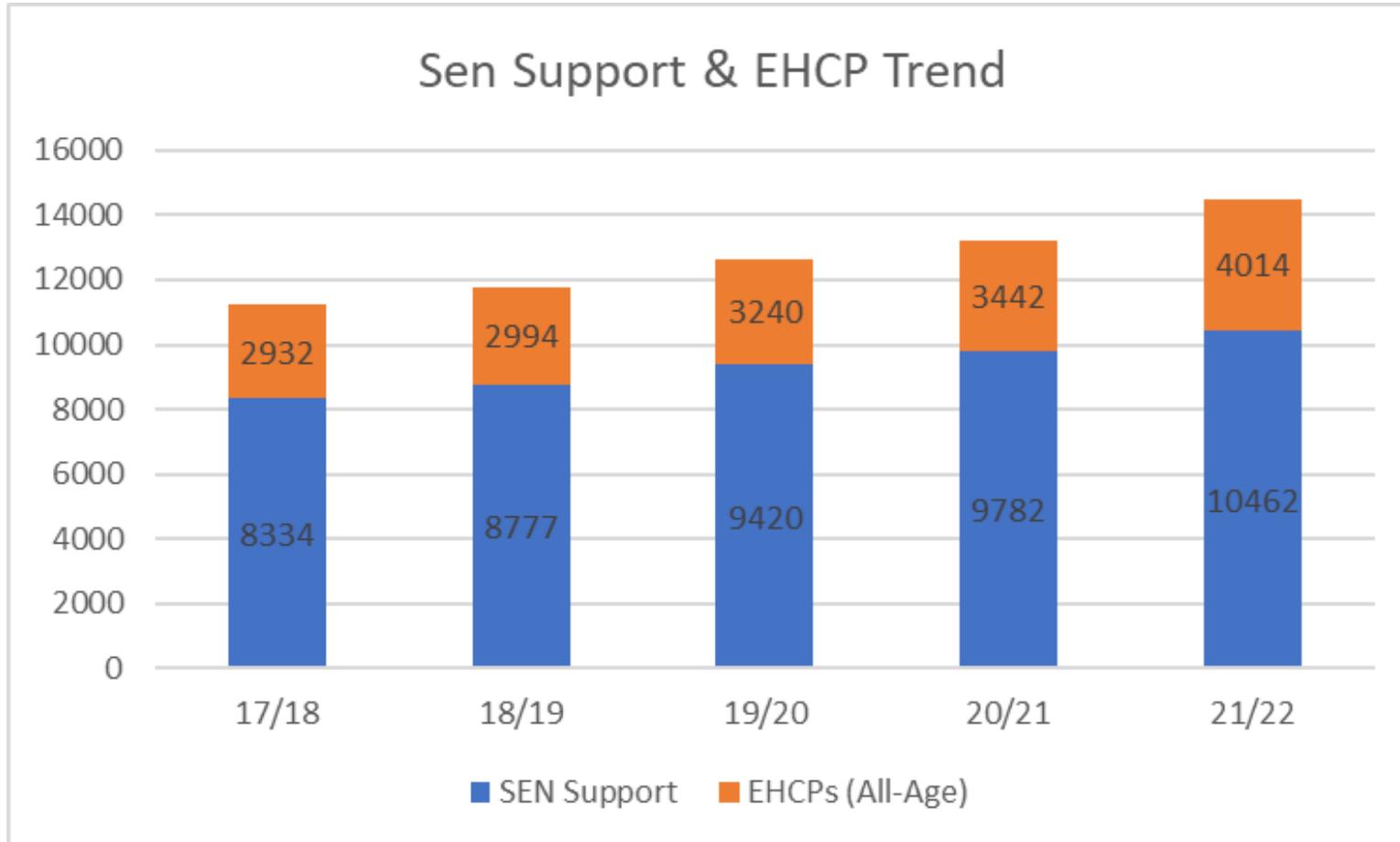
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# Key Findings

- Increase in requests for EHCP assessments, highest for children aged 4. Over a third of requests are for Secondary School age pupils, this is higher than in our comparators
- Reductions in number of 'refusals to do assessments' brings us more in line with national average
- Increase in EHCPs completed in 20 weeks in 2021 and higher than national and regional averages but anticipated decrease in 2022
- Increase in pupils with Autism identified as their primary need
- Fewer EHCP pupils in Durham are educated in mainstream school than those in our comparators

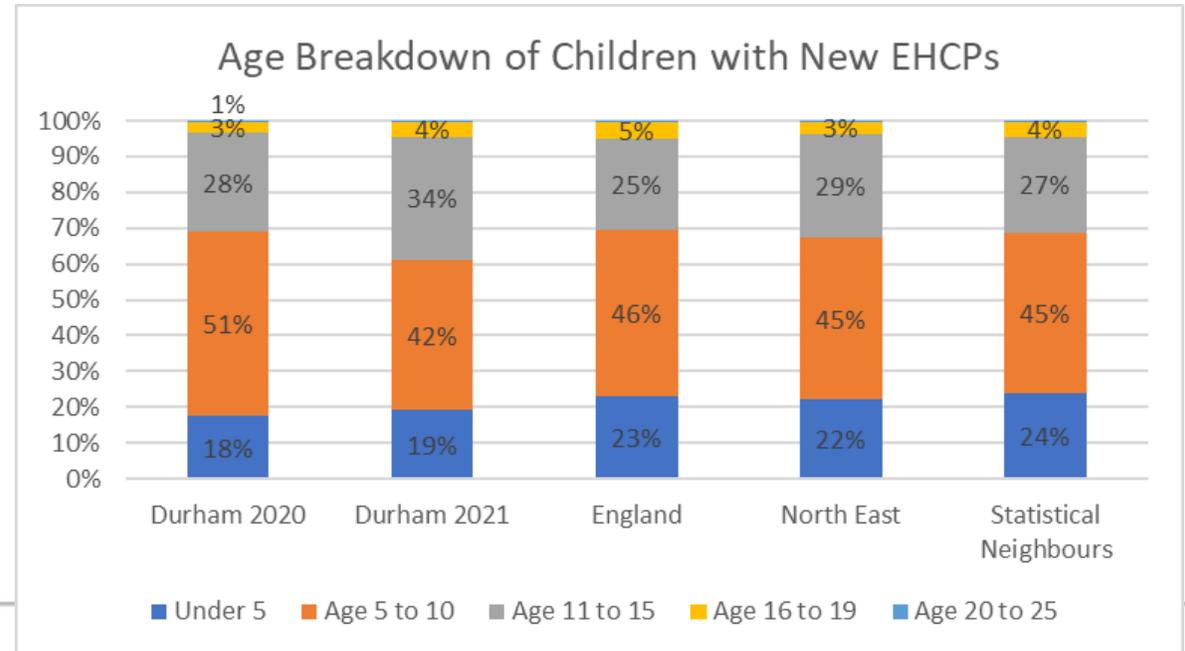
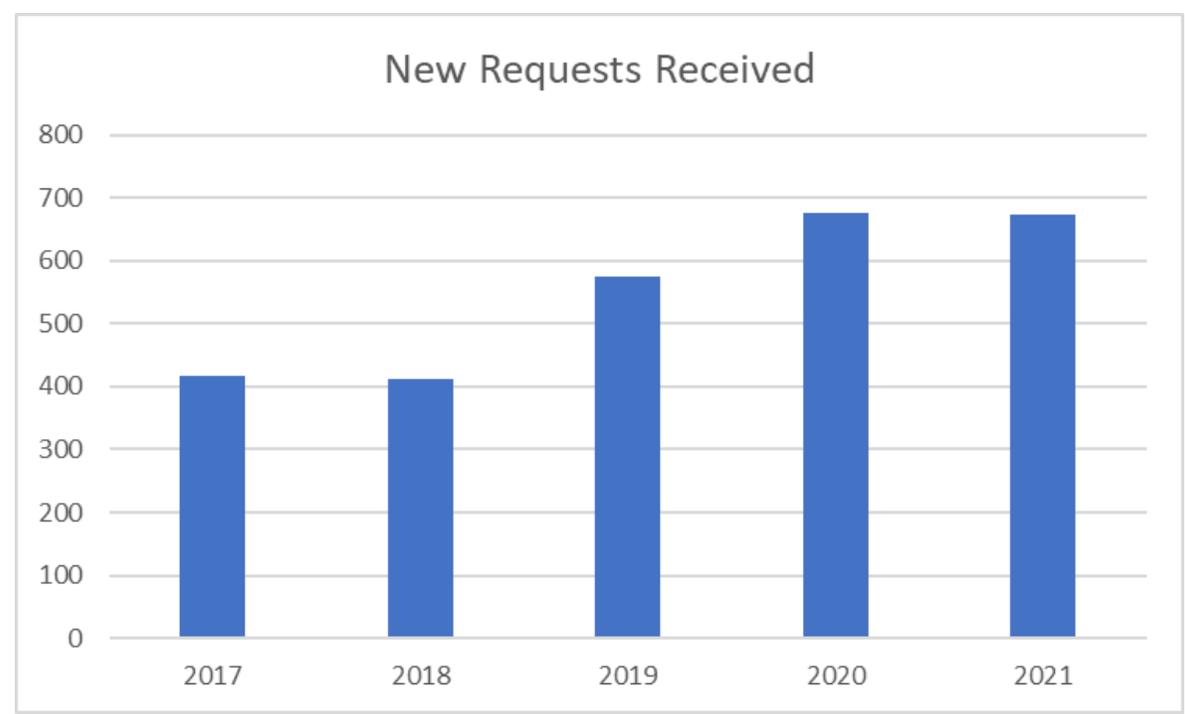
# SEN Support and Education Health and Care Plans



- The number of children and young people with an EHCP or receiving SEN Support continues to increase year-on-year
- **Over 14,000 children and young people accessing SEND support on some level**
- 17.6% of Durham pupils have an identified SEND compared to 16.6% in England. Durham has less young people with EHCPs than national but higher numbers of those with SEN Support a positive result of schools being able to access Top up Funding at SEND Support level

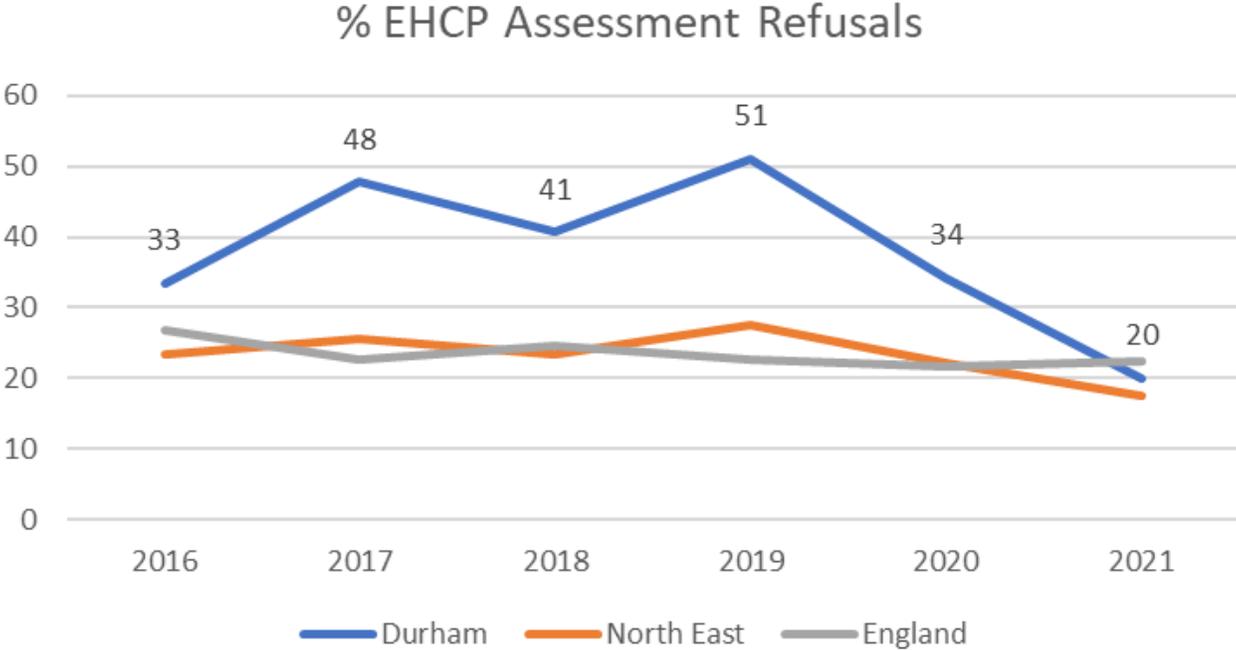
# EHCP Requests

- Requests for EHCP assessments are higher than pre-COVID.
- 2022 year-to-date figures are on track to outpace previous years. 687 requests Apr-Sep22 compared to 464 in Apr-Sep21
- Between 2019 to 2021 Durham's requests rose by 17%. This is higher than the national and regional with increases of 13% and 6% respectively.
- Around 1 in 5 requests are for under 5s with a third for secondary age pupils – This has increased and is higher than in our comparators



# EHCP Assessment Refusals

- Prior to 2019 Durham was an outlier for EHCP assessment refusals with around 45% requests refused when first received. Many of these decisions were later overturned and young people went onto receive an EHCP
- Following changes to the decision making process in 2019 refusals for EHCP assessments have fallen and in 2021 were 20% bringing us in line with national and regional averages
- 2022 YTD figures show a further decrease in refusals to 11% of all EHCP requests



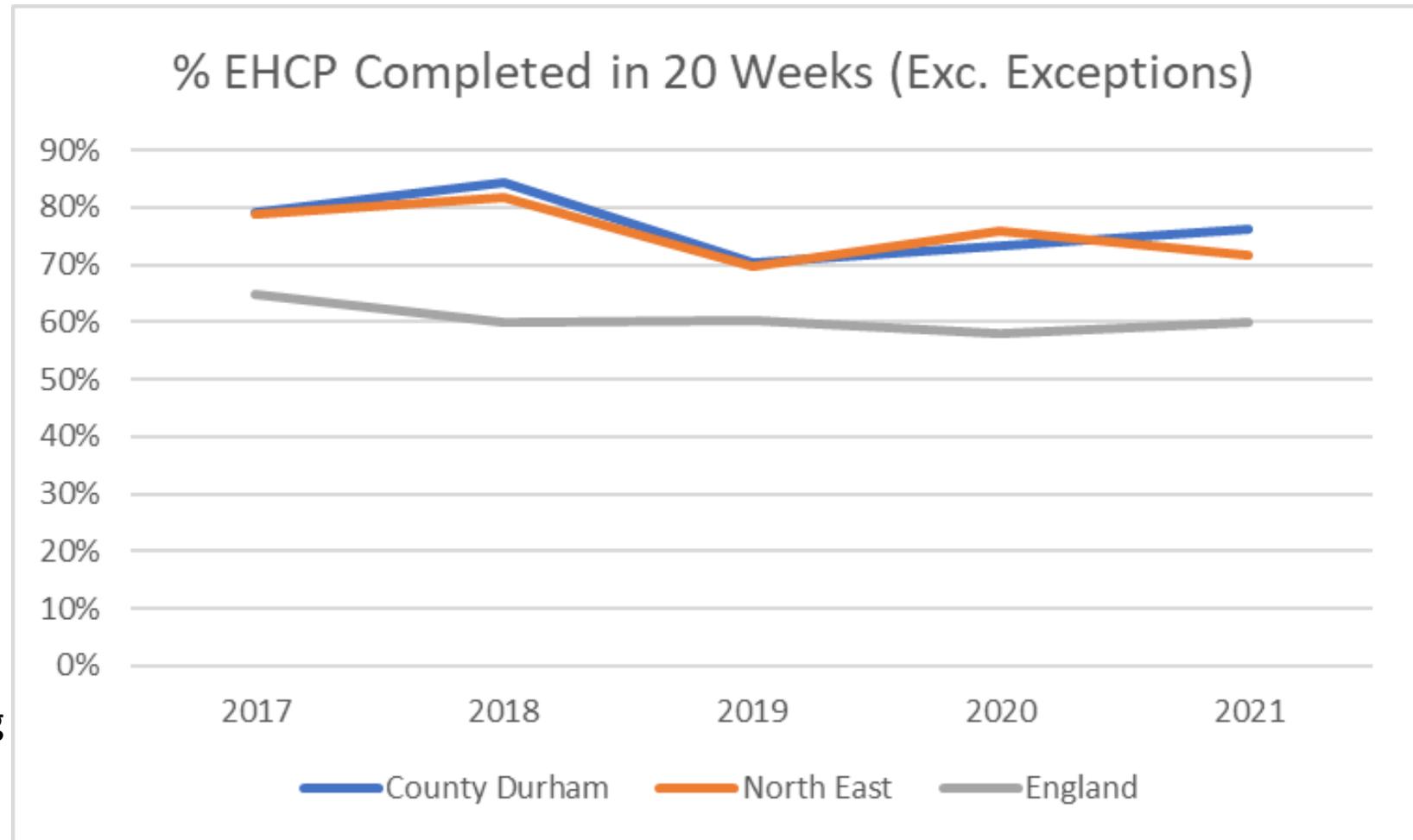
# EHCPs Completed within 20 Weeks (exc. Exceptions)

The North East and Durham has consistently performed better than national on EHCP timeliness

Increasing trend in EHCPs completed in 20 weeks since 2019 in 2021 to 76.2% from 73.2% in 2020

Better than North East (71.8%) and England (65.4%) averages

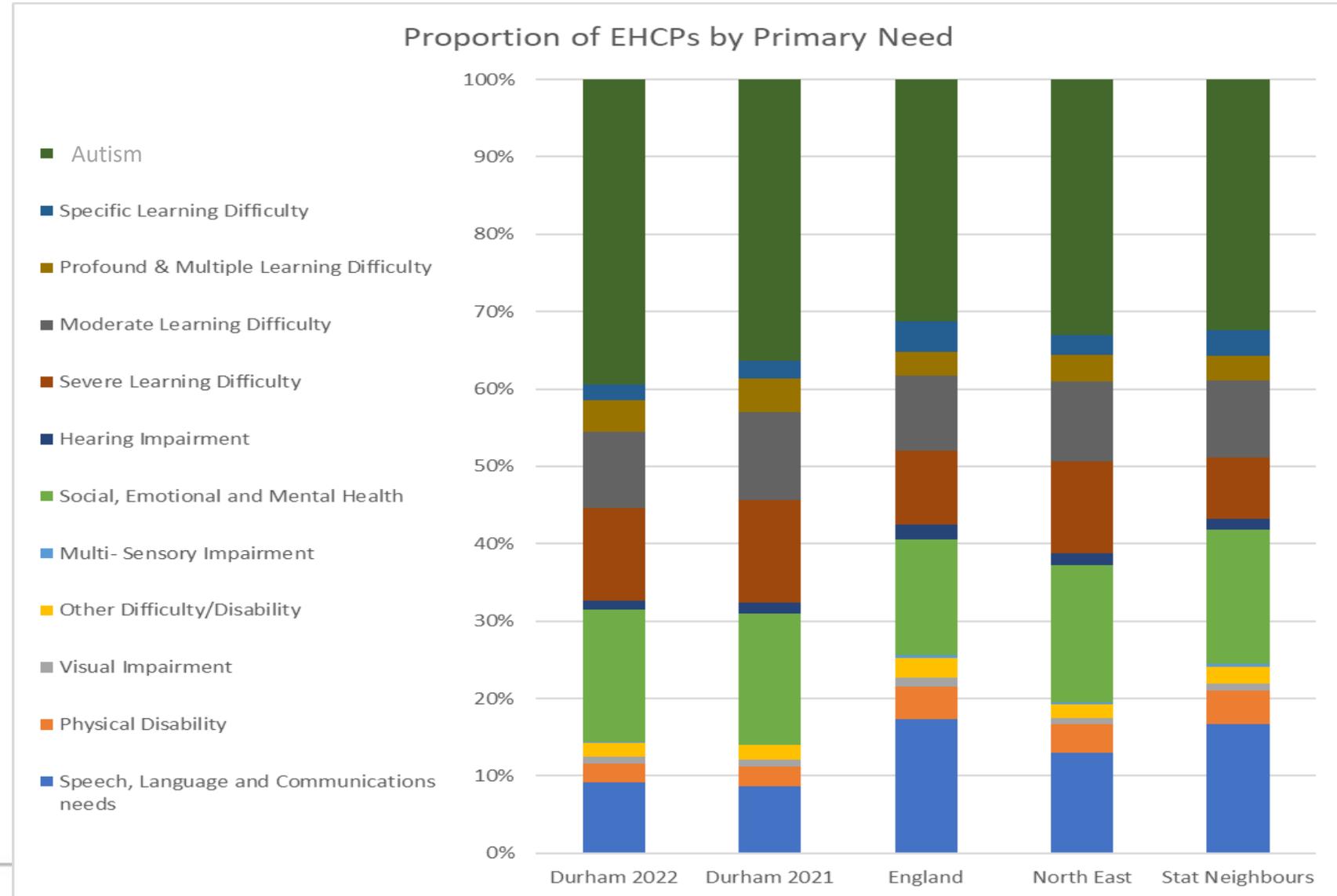
We anticipate a decrease in performance in 2022 linked to increasing demand



# Primary Need and Placement of our children and young people with an EHCP

# Primary Need of Young People with EHCPs

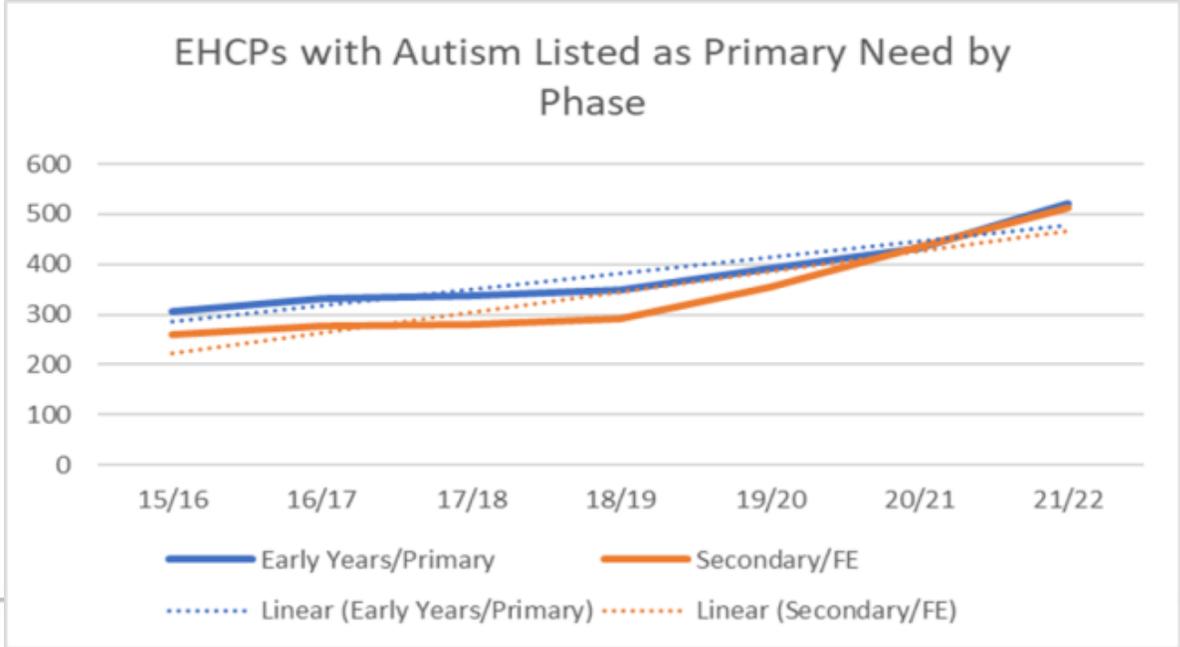
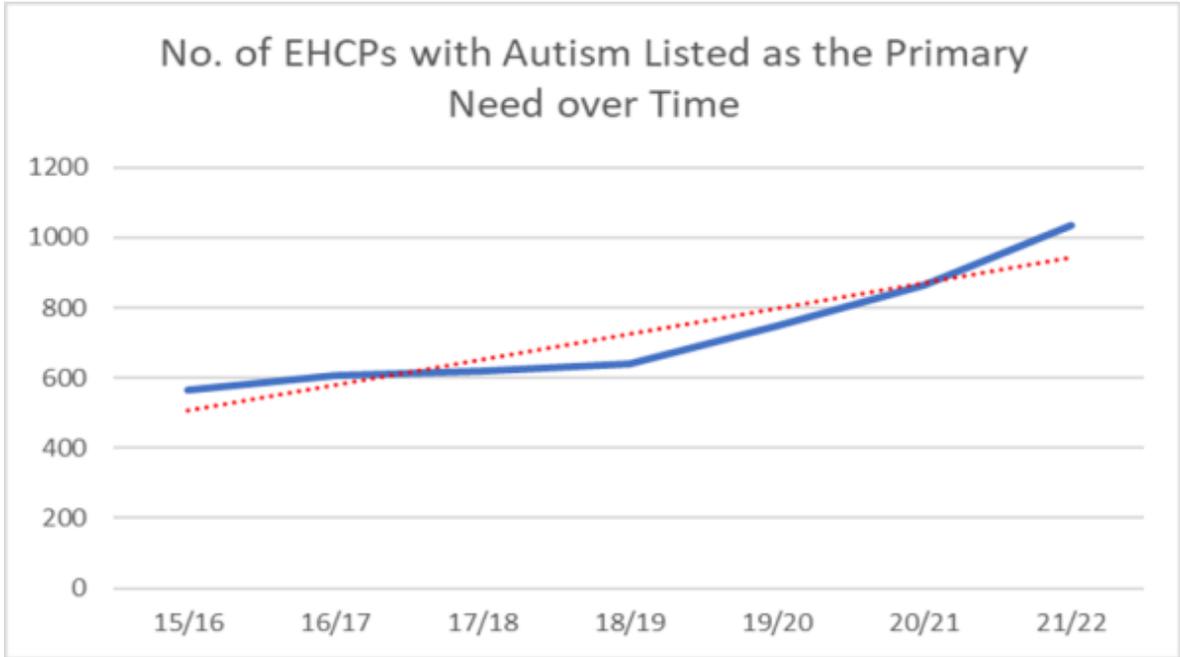
- Young people with and EHCP recording Autism as their primary need has risen from 37% to 40% in County Durham. This is higher than the comparative figures from across the country
- The rest of the figures are fairly similar to last year with the exception being MLD, decreasing slightly from 12% to 10%



# Autism Analysis

- The number and rate per 1,000 pupils with Autism is increasing
- Whilst this has risen across the country, the rate in Durham is now statistically significantly higher than the national average
- The increase is evident in both early years/primary and secondary/FE phases

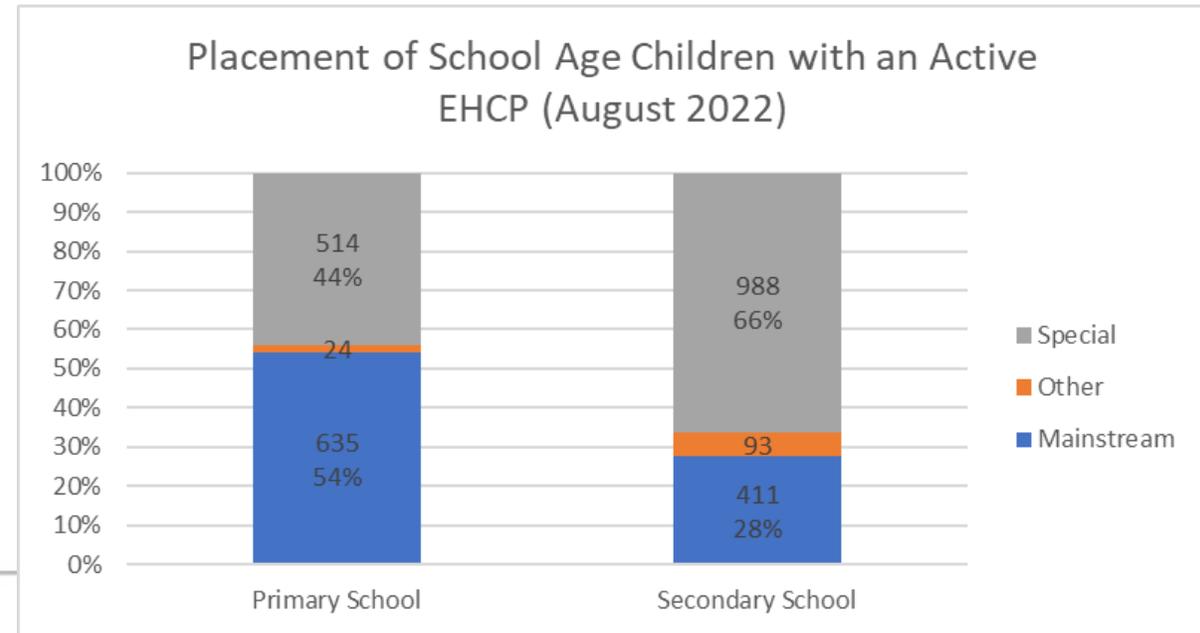
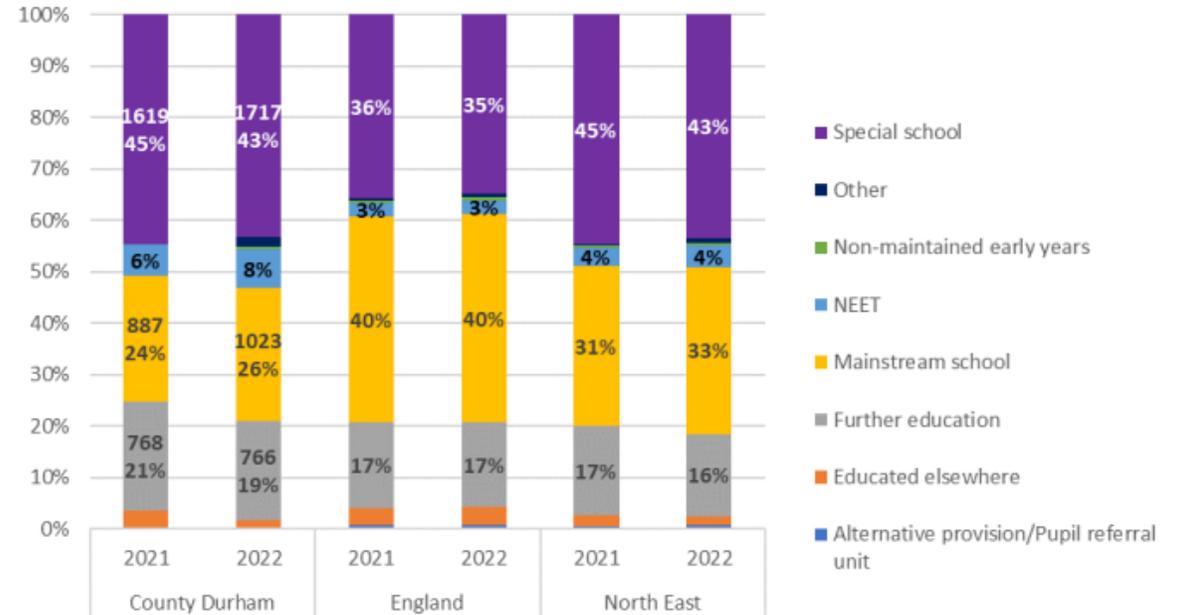
Period	No.		Rate per 1,000 pupils	
	Durham	Durham	North East	England
2015	<b>805</b>	<b>11.0</b>	11.2	10.8
2016	<b>871</b>	<b>11.7</b>	12.1	11.7
2017	<b>980</b>	<b>13.1</b>	13.2	12.5
2018	<b>1051</b>	<b>14.1</b>	14.7	13.7
2019	<b>1198</b>	<b>15.9</b>	16.3	15.0
2020	<b>1466</b>	<b>20.2</b>	19.3	18.0
2021	<b>1692</b>	<b>23.2</b>	21.4	19.4



# Active EHCP Placements

- Between 2021 and 2022, increases in young people with an EHCP can be seen in all placement types including :
- **+15%** Mainstream School - 1023 from 887
- **+6%** Special School - 1717 from 1619
- **+39%** Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET) - 305 from 219
- Electively Home Educated - 41 from 30
- non-maintained EY settings - 15 from 3
- fewer children awaiting provision - 5 from 18

Despite the increase in mainstream school placements to 26%, this remains lower than in our comparators (Eng: 40%, NE: 33%) and significant variance between primary and secondary remains



# National Policy Developments in SEND

# SEND Green Paper

The Department for Education (DfE) have been seeking views on their published Green Paper

'Right Support, Right Time'. The paper sets out the changes the DfE want to make to the SEND and alternative provision system in England. The consultation ran from 29 March to 22 July 2022

A response to the Green Paper was put together through engagement with Service Users and Key Stakeholders including members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and submitted to the consultation

Durham's response along with all others submitted is being analysed by the DfE and an update is expected later in the year.

# Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Proposed SEND Inspection Framework

- Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission have proposed a new set of arrangements to how they jointly inspect area SEND arrangements from 2023. This consultation ran from 13 June to 11 September 2022
- A Durham response to the Proposed Framework was developed through engagement with Key Stakeholders and submitted to the consultation
- Durham's response along with all others submitted is being analysed