

# Children in our Care

Children Looked After Strategic Partnership

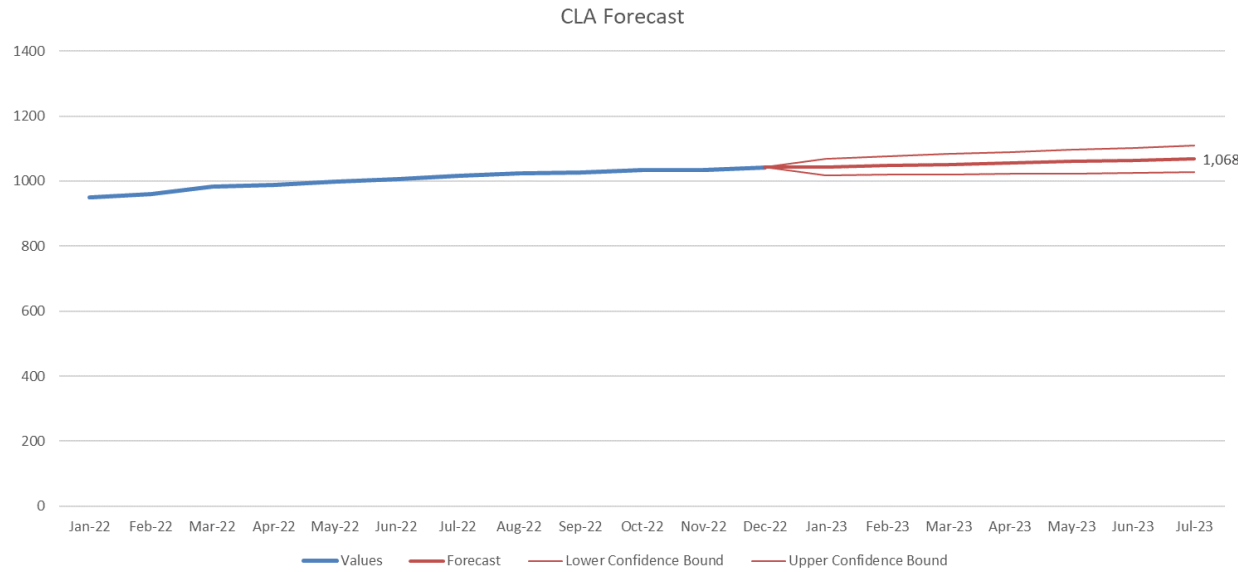
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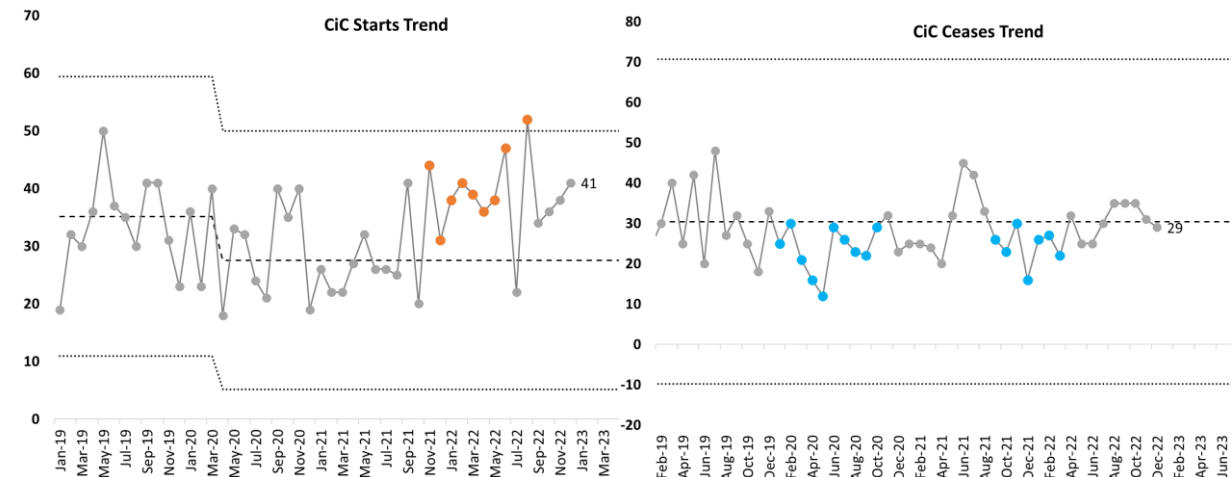
# Children in Care: 1,042

## 34 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

This will increase as UASC move to Durham through the National Transfer Scheme



Reducing u1 CiC starts as % of all CiC starts  
 Increase in age 1-4 and 10-15 starts  
 Increase in 13-15yr olds in care



Increase in overall number of CiC but rate remains below regional and statistical neighbour average (4<sup>th</sup> lowest in North East)

A third of children have been in care for less than 12 months whilst over a quarter have been in care for over 5 years

341 children became a child in care  
 277 children left care in Apr-Dec 22

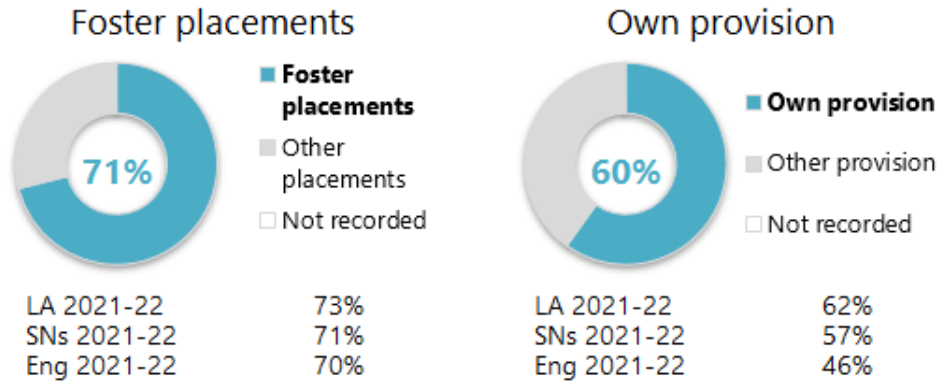
LoT in care	Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-5 Years	5 Years+
No.	191	130	161	282	278
%	18%	12%	15%	27%	27%



55% of Social Workers in our Children in Care and Care Leavers Teams had fewer than 25 cases, none had 30+

# Placements and Placement Stability

## CLA placements by type and provision



Placement type (open CLA)	Own LA	Private	Other	Total
Foster placement	554	147	40	741
Placed for adoption	26	0	21	47
Placed with parents	0	0	72	72
Independent living	17	26	15	58
Residential employment	0	0	0	0
Residential accommodation	0	0	0	0
Secure Children's Homes	3	2	0	5
Children's Homes	25	79	5	109
Residential Care Home	0	0	0	0
NHS/Health Trust	0	0	1	1
Family Centre	0	3	0	3
Young Offender Institution	0	0	1	1
Residential school	0	0	0	0
Other placements	0	5	1	6
Temporary placement	0	0	0	0
<b>Total placements</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1043</b>

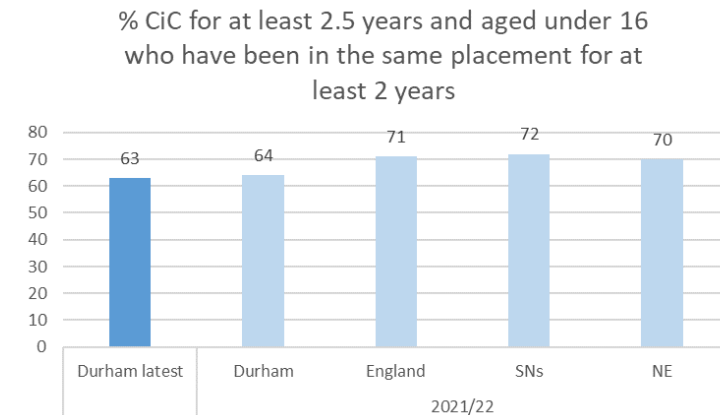
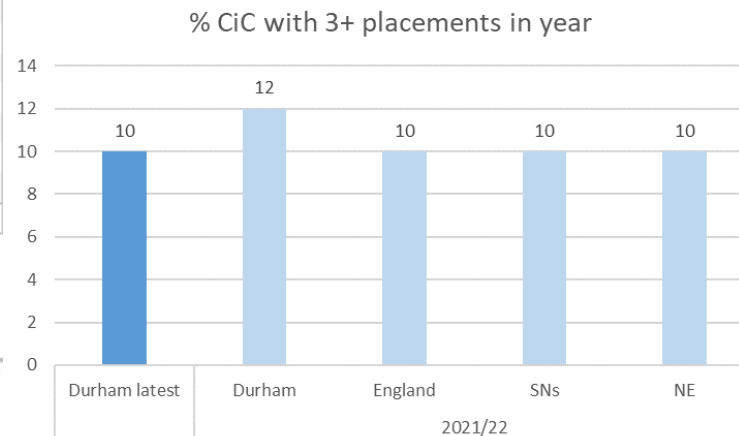
A higher proportion of children in Durham are placed in foster placements and in in-house provision than in our benchmarks. Both have also increased from 2020/21

16% increase in Children in Care from 2019/20 - highest increase in 14-17 year olds

Placement Stability remains an ongoing area of focus – This has improved but is currently worse than /same as 2021/22 benchmarks

Over 100 children with 3+ placements inc. 6 with 7+ and fewer CiC in long-term placements

CiC at date	2019/20		2022/23 YTD	
	No.	%	No.	%
0	79	9%	57	5%
1	46	5%	53	5%
2	48	5%	46	4%
3	34	4%	41	4%
4	34	4%	41	4%
5	34	4%	37	4%
6	39	4%	41	4%
7	35	4%	40	4%
8	57	6%	51	5%
9	35	4%	60	6%
10	49	5%	44	4%
11	59	7%	59	6%
12	58	6%	56	5%
13	62	7%	57	5%
14	59	7%	85	8%
15	54	6%	86	8%
16	57	6%	92	9%
17	63	7%	96	9%



# Missing Children

177 of 1214 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	177 of 1214	129		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	15%	10%	10%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	1684	892		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	9.5	6.9	6.6	6.3

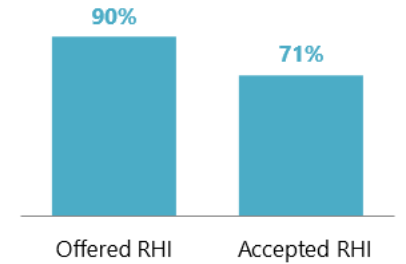
**122**  
children

**769**  
missing  
episodes

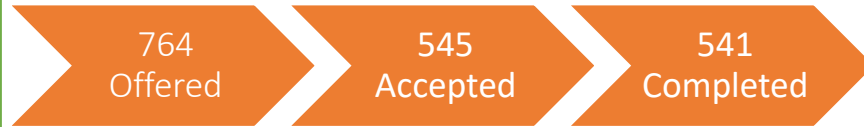
## Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	160 of 177	90%
Missing children not offered return interview	1 of 177	1%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	13 of 177	7%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	3 of 177	2%

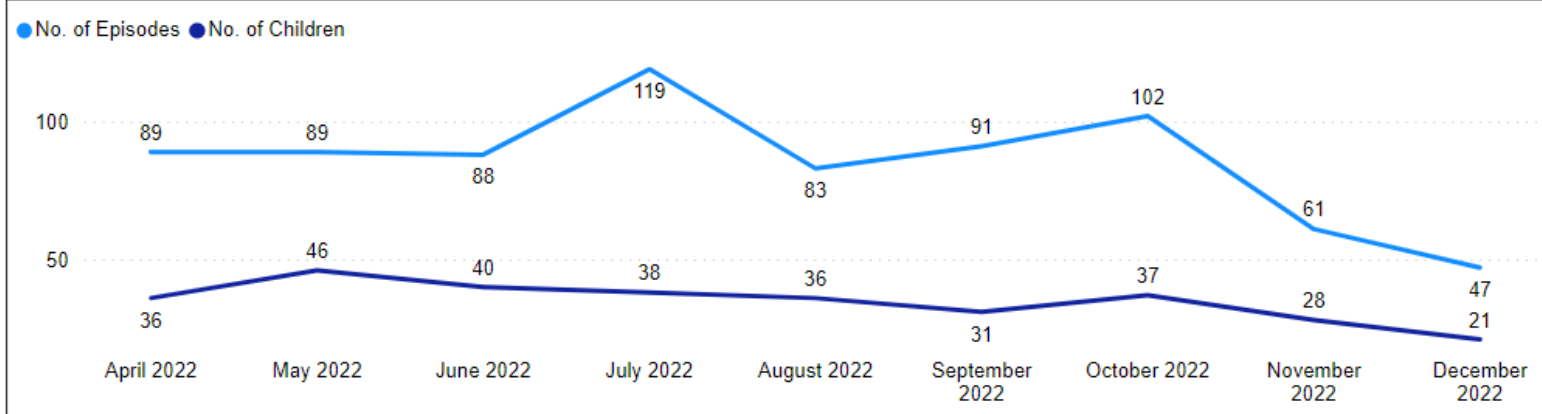
	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	113 of 160	71%
Missing children not accepted return interview	43 of 160	27%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	4 of 160	3%



## Return to Home Interviews



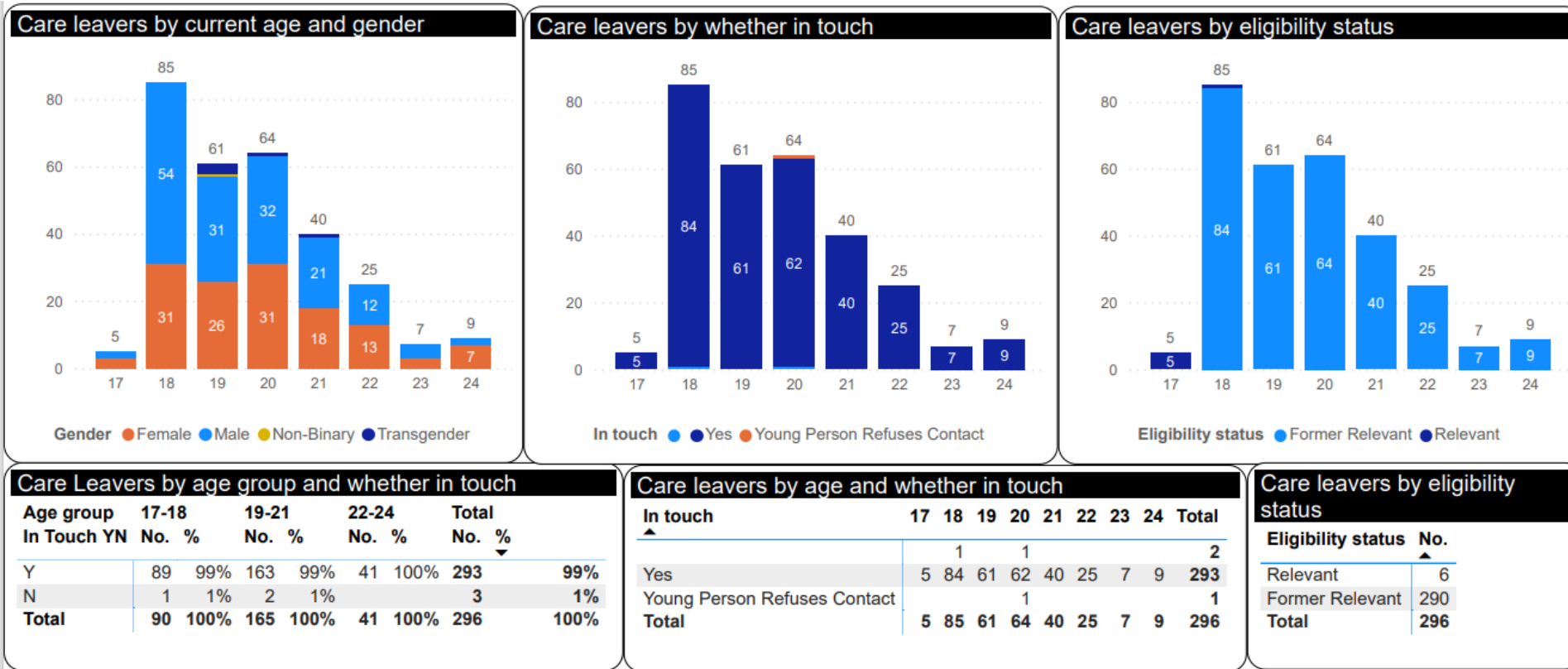
Missing Episodes and Children by Month and Week



Following easing of lockdown restrictions we saw an increase in children reported missing

# Care Leavers

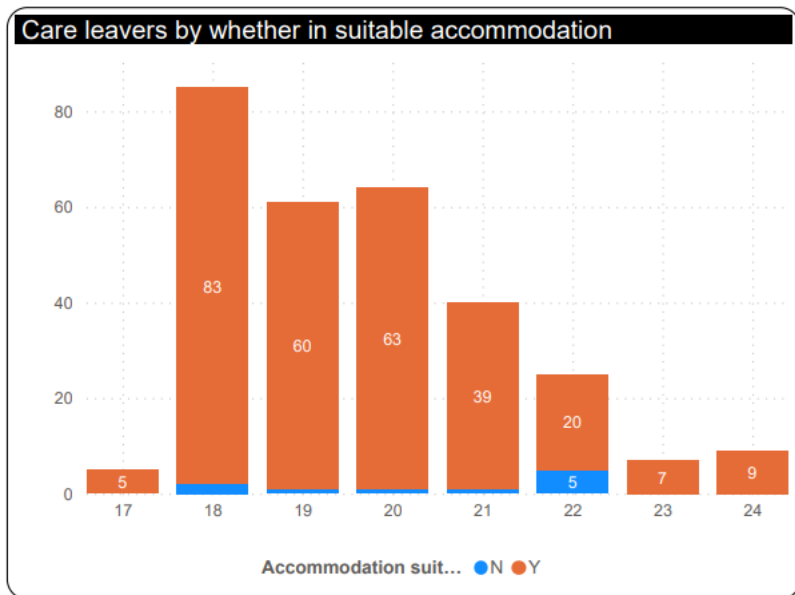
## 255 Care Leavers aged 17-21



17 of our care leavers are recorded as being unaccompanied asylum seekers (UASC) and 16 are male aged 17-23, 1 female.

Currently have 160 YPS team monitoring open cases in addition to the 255 aged 17-21. Work on data recording is ongoing to ensure accuracy and has improved in touch information

# Care Leavers – suitable accommodation



**Care leavers by whether in suitable accommodation and age group**

Age group	17-18		19-21		22-24		Total	
Accommodation suitable	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Y	88	98%	162	98%	36	88%	286	97%
N	2	2%	3	2%	5	12%	10	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>100%</b>

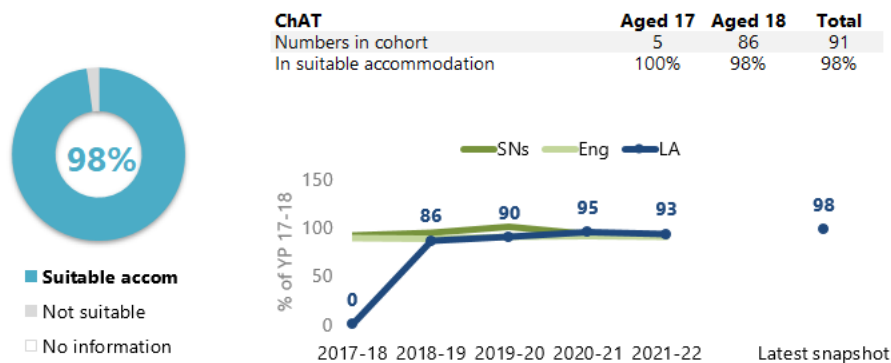
**Care leavers in unsuitable accommodation by age and type**

Accommodation code	18	19	20	21	22	Total
S - No fixed abode / homeless	1					1
X - In custody	1	1	1	1	5	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

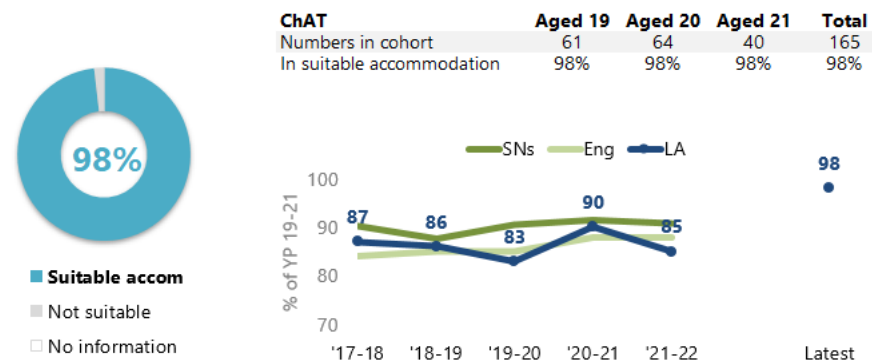
The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation aged 17-18 is 98% and for ages 19-21 is also 98%

Above benchmarks

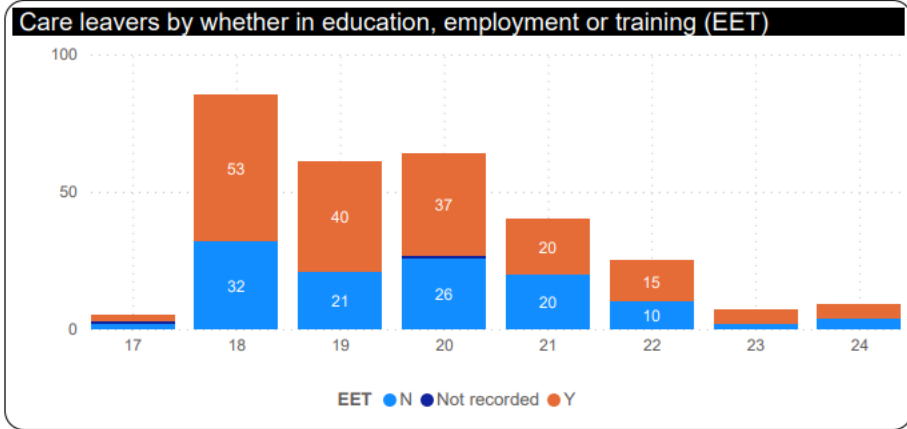
Accommodation suitability of 17-18 year olds



Accommodation suitability of 19-21 year olds



# Care Leavers - Education, Employment or Training



**Care leavers by main education, employment or training (EET) activity and age group**

Age group	17-18		19-21		22-24		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Y	55	61%	97	59%	25	61%	177	60%
Not recorded	1	1%	1	1%			2	1%
N	34	38%	67	41%	16	39%	117	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>100%</b>

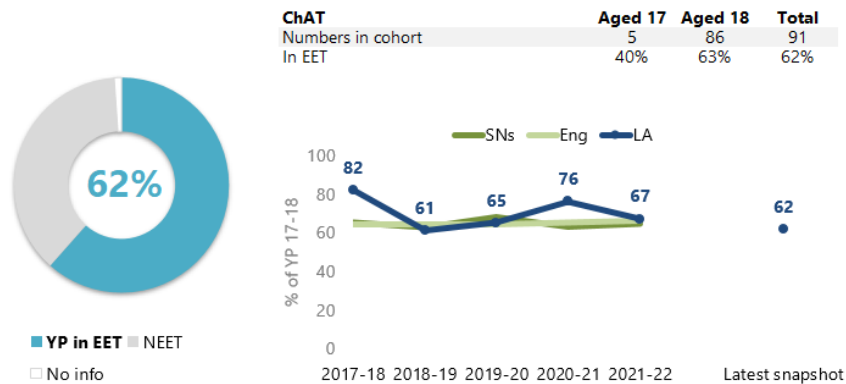
The proportion of care leavers in Education, Employment or Training aged 17-18 is 62% which is below benchmarks and has reduced from 67% in 2021/22.

**Care leavers not in education, employment or training (NEET) by main education, employment or training (EET) activity**

Main EET activity	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total
G6 - Young person not in education, employment or training due to pregnancy or parenting		3	2	2	4	3		1	15
G5 - Young person not in education, employment or training: other circumstances	2	23	8	8	6	3			50
G4 - Young person not in education, employment or training because of illness or disability		6	11	16	10	4	2	3	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>117</b>

For those aged 19-21 this is 59%; above benchmarks (2021/22 National: 55%, Stat Neighbour: 52%)

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



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

