

Children in our Care

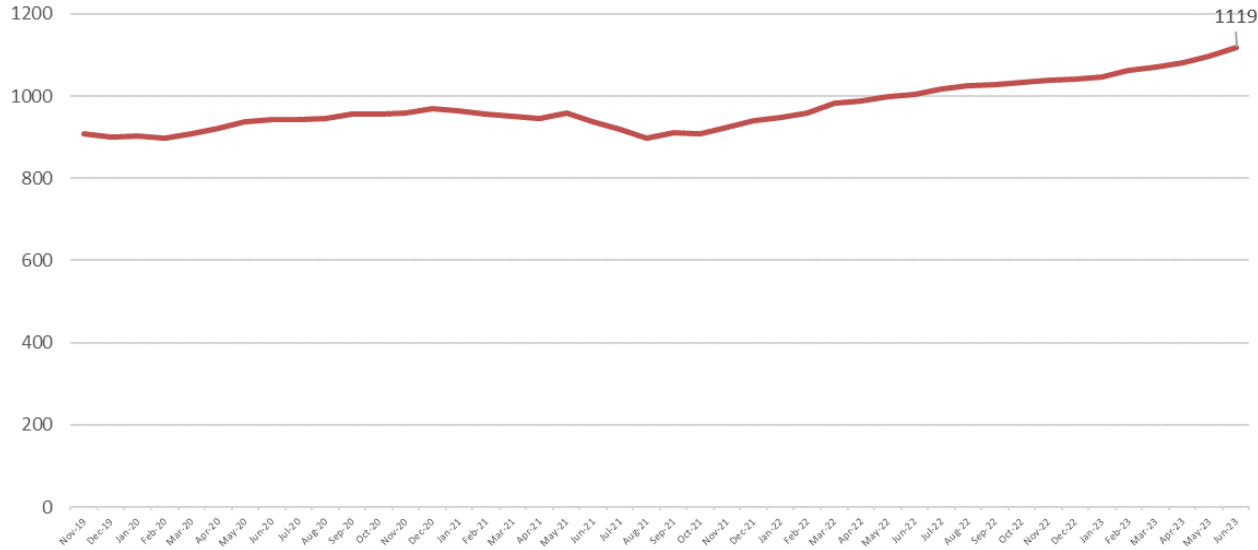
Children Looked After Strategic Partnership

Q1 2023-24



Children in Care: 1,119

Monthly CiC Numbers



Increase in overall number of CiC but rate remains below regional and statistical neighbour average (5th lowest in North East)

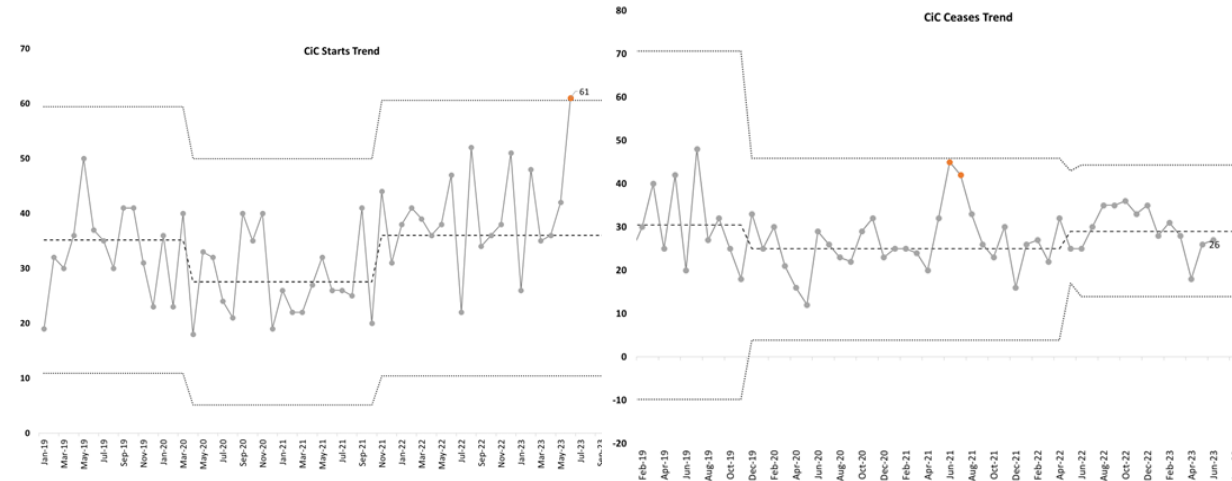
Around a third of children have been in care for less than 12 months whilst over a quarter have been in care for over 5 years

LoT in care	Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-5 Years	5 Years+
No	233	123	178	286	293
%	21%	11%	16%	26%	26%

64 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

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

Slight increase in u1 CiC starts as % of all CiC starts
Reduction in age 1-4yr olds
Increase in 10-15yr olds

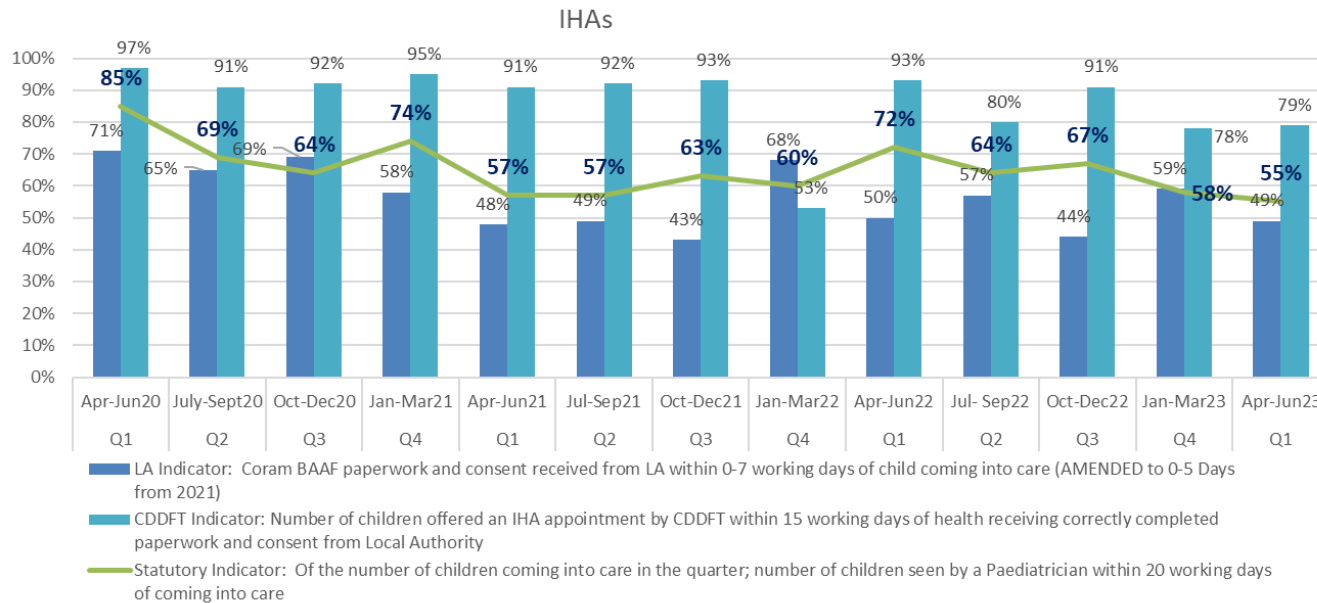


141 children became a child in care
73 children left care in Q1 23/24



52% of Social Workers in our Children in Care and Care Leavers Teams had fewer than 25 cases, 20% with 30+

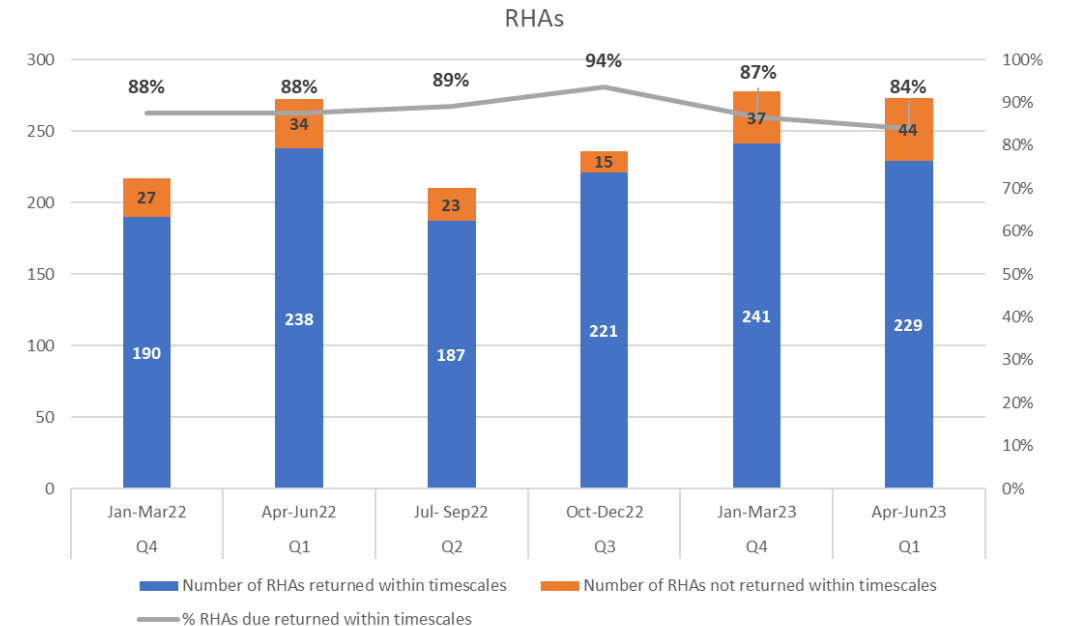
Initial Health Assessments



Reduction in children in care receiving an Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days of coming into care.

Reduction in required paperwork submitted in timescale so room for improvement

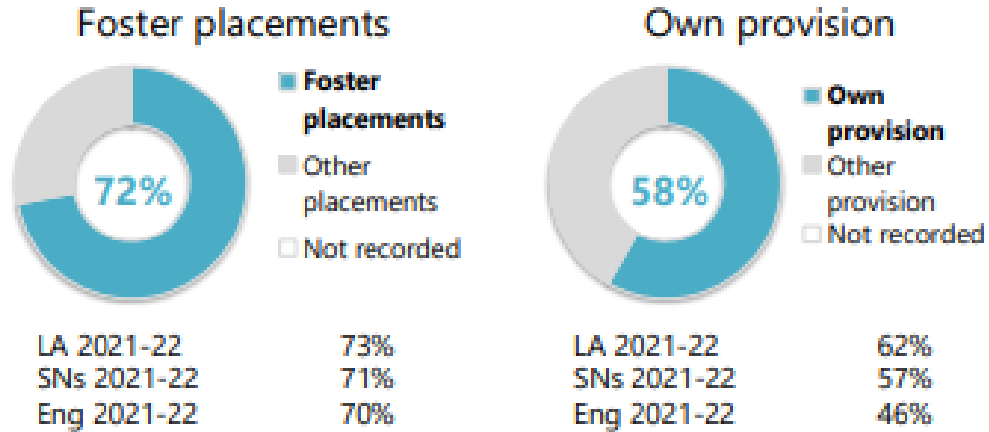
Review Health Assessments



Review Health Assessments completed within timescale have also reduced – 44 out of timescale in Q1

Placements and Placement Stability

CLA placements by type and provision

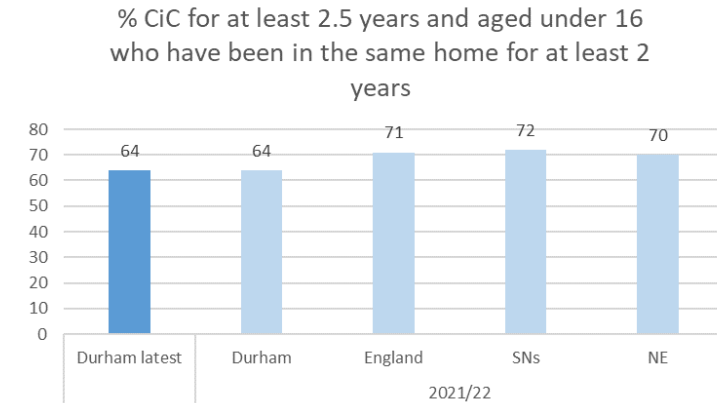
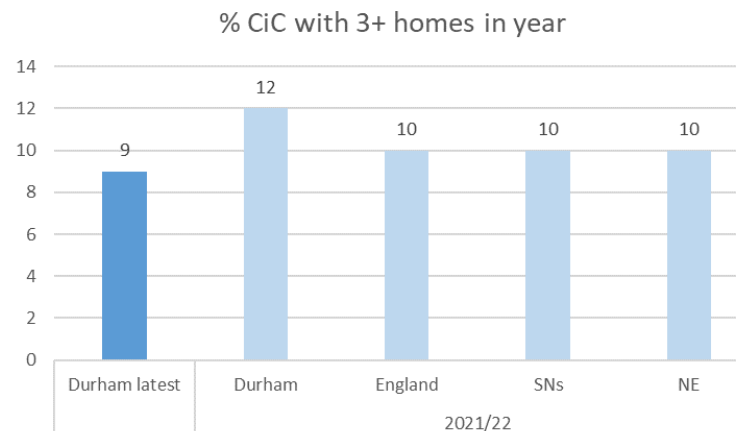


A higher proportion of children in Durham are placed in foster placements and in in-house provision to our benchmarks.

Placement Stability remains an ongoing area of focus – children with 3+ homes in one year has improved and is now better than benchmarks

Long term stability remains slightly worse than benchmarks

Placement type (open CLA)	Own LA	Private	Other	Total
Foster placement	592	159	56	807
Placed for adoption	20	0	15	35
Placed with parents	0	0	86	86
Independent living	8	45	10	63
Residential employment	0	0	0	0
Residential accommodation	0	0	0	0
Secure Children's Homes	3	3	0	6
Children's Homes	29	80	3	112
Residential Care Home	0	0	0	0
NHS/Health Trust	0	0	1	1
Family Centre	0	0	0	0
Young Offender Institution	0	0	3	3
Residential school	0	0	0	0
Other placements	0	6	0	6
Temporary placement	0	0	0	0
Total placements	652	293	174	1119



Missing Children

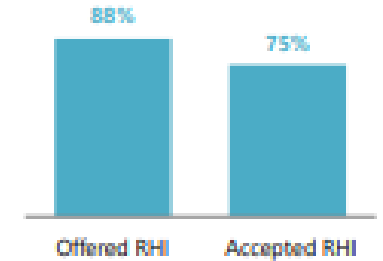
186 of 1270 looked after children had a missing incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 21-22	SNs 21-22	Eng 21-22
Number of all CLA with a missing incident	186 of 1270	129		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	15%	10%	10%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	2044	892		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	11.0	6.9	6.6	6.3

Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	164 of 186	88%
Missing children not offered return interview	0 of 186	0%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	17 of 186	9%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	5 of 186	3%

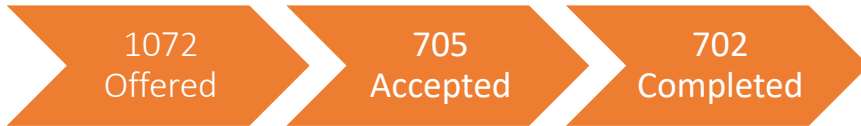
	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	123 of 164	75%
Missing children not accepted return interview	38 of 164	23%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	3 of 164	2%



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Children in care

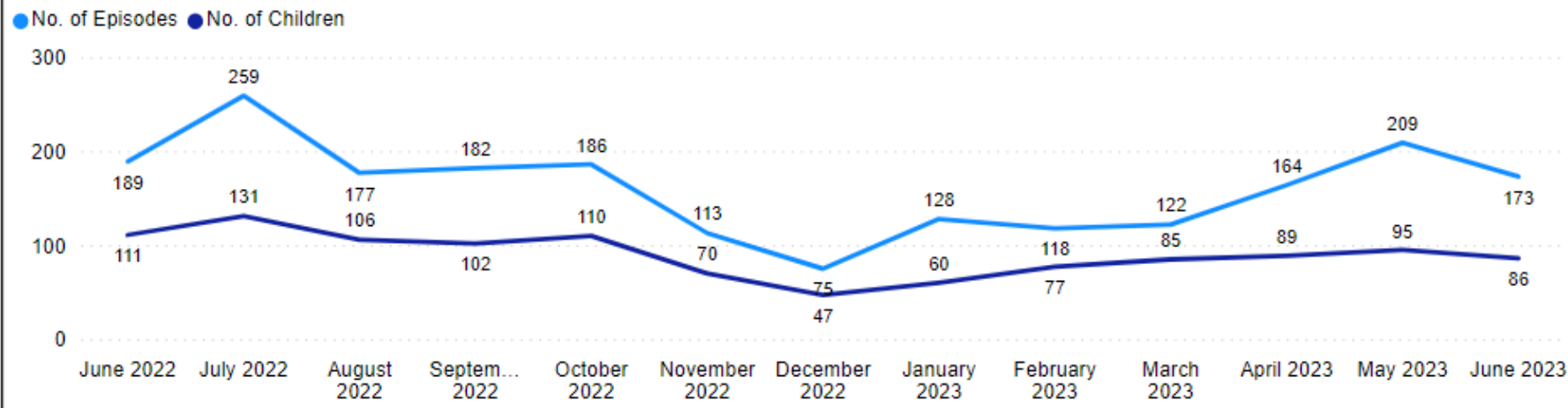
1079
missing episodes

Return to Home Interviews



Slight increase in children in care with a missing incident and incidents per child

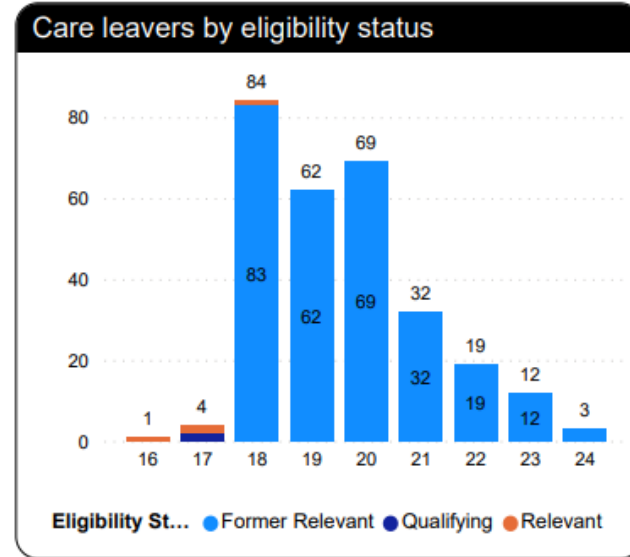
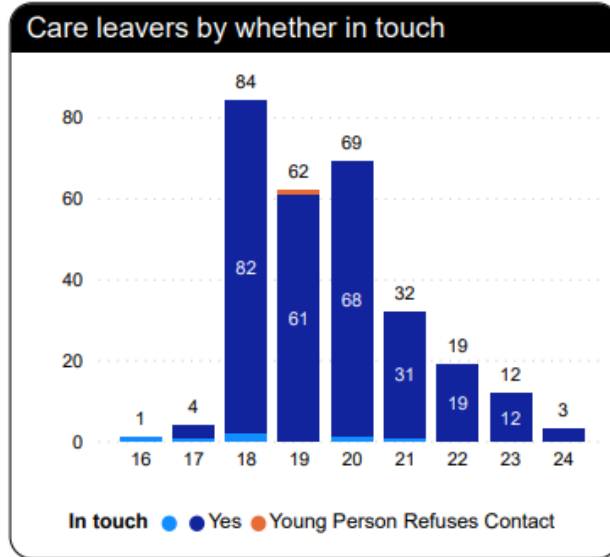
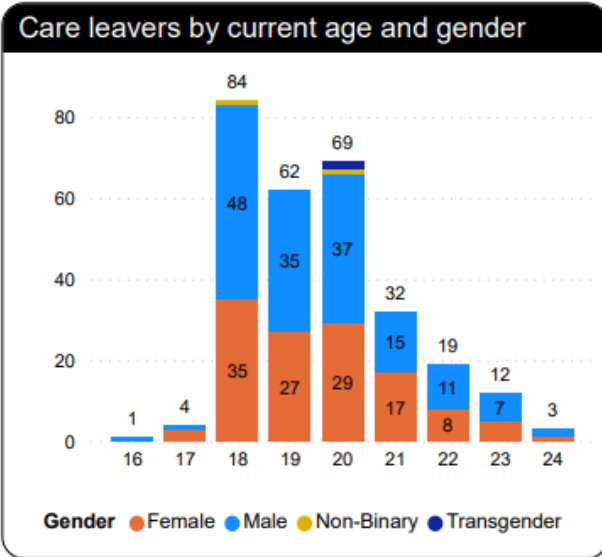
Missing Episodes and Children by Month and Week



Improvement in return to home interview completion rate

Care Leavers

251 Care Leavers aged 17-21



18 of our care leavers are recorded as being unaccompanied asylum seekers (UASC) and 17 are male aged 18-23, 1 female.

Currently have 174 YPS team monitoring open cases in addition to the 251 aged 17-21. Work on data recording is ongoing to ensure accuracy and has improved in touch information

Care Leavers by Age Group and Whether in Touch

Age group	17-18		19-21		22-24		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	85	97%	160	98%	34	100%	279	98%
No	1	100%	3	3%	3	2%	7	2%
Total	1	100%	88	100%	163	100%	34	100%

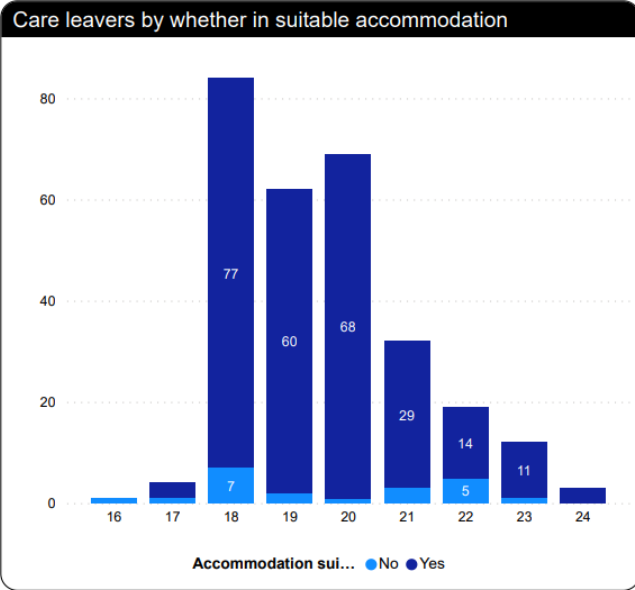
Care Leavers by Age and Whether in Touch

In touch	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total	
Yes	1	1	2	1	1					6	
Young Person Refuses Contact			3	82	61	68	31	19	12	3	279
Total	1	4	84	62	69	32	19	12	3	286	

Care Leavers by Eligibility Status

Eligibility status	No.
Qualifying	2
Relevant	4
Former Relevant	280
Total	286

Care Leavers – suitable accommodation



Care leavers by whether in suitable accommodation and age group

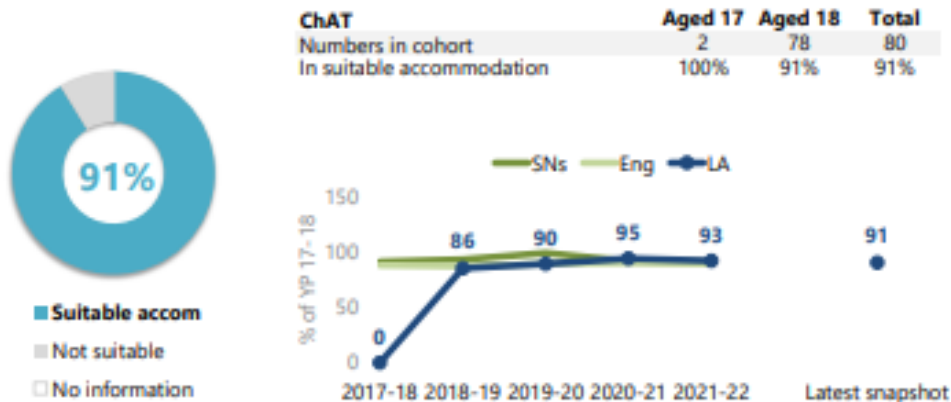
Age group	17-18		19-21		22-24		Total	
Accommodation	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	80	91%	157	96%	28	82%	265	93%
No	1	100%	8	9%	6	4%	21	7%
Total	1	100%	88	100%	163	100%	34	100%

Care leavers in unsuitable accommodation by age and type

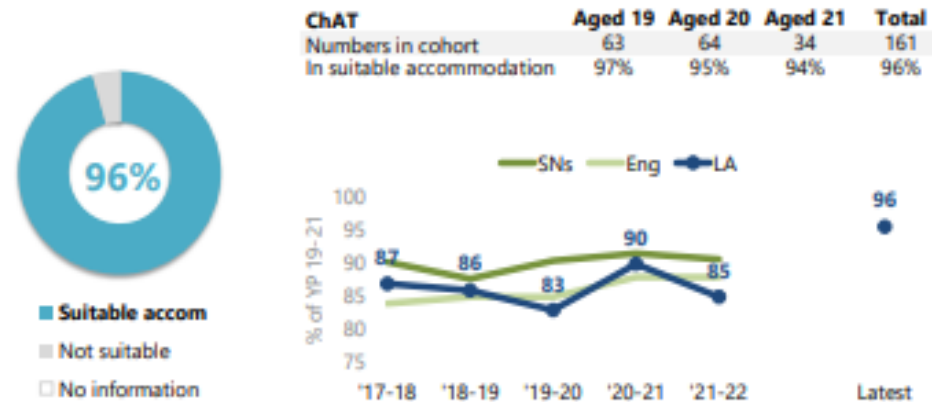
Accommodation code	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Total
S - No fixed abode / homeless	1	1	2				1		4
X - In custody				1	1	1	3	4	11
Y - Other accommodation			3	1					4
Total	1	1	7	2	1	3	5	1	21

The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation aged 17-18 is 91% (in line with benchmarks) and for ages 19-21 is 96% (above benchmarks)

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

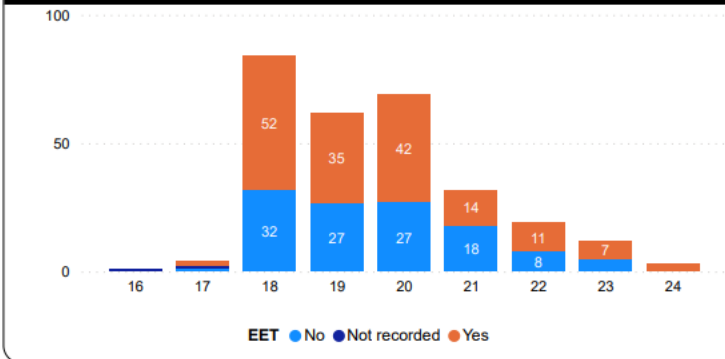


Accommodation suitability of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)



Care Leavers - Education, Employment or Training

Care Leavers by Whether in Education, Employment or Training (EET)



Care Leavers by Main Education, Employment or Training (EET) Activity and Age Group

Age group EET	17-18		19-21		22-24		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	54	61%	91	56%	21	62%	166	58%
Not recorded	1	100%	1	1%			2	1%
No	33	38%	72	44%	13	38%	118	41%
Total	1	100%	88	100%	163	100%	34	100%

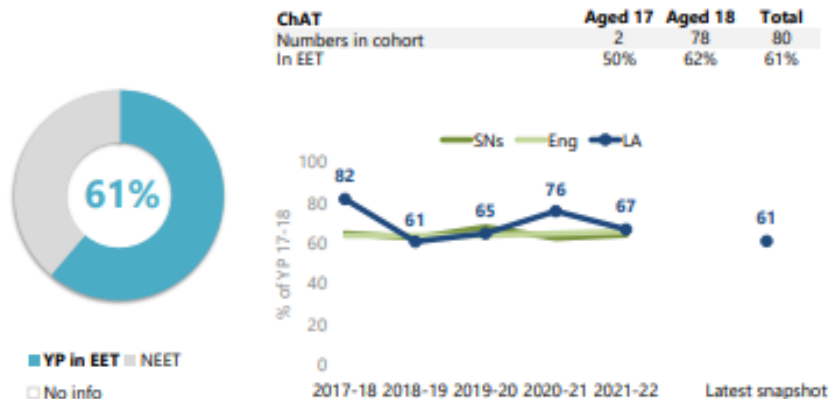
The proportion of care leavers in Education, Employment or Training aged 17-18 is 61% which is in line with benchmarks.

For those aged 19-21 this is 56%; above benchmarks

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	Total
G6 - Young person not in education, employment or training due to pregnancy or parenting	2	6	2	4	2	3		19
G5 - Young person not in education, employment or training: other circumstances	1	16	7	3	6	3		36
G4 - Young person not in education, employment or training because of illness or disability	14	14	22	8	3	2		63
Total	1	32	27	27	18	8	5	118

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



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

