

Children in our Care

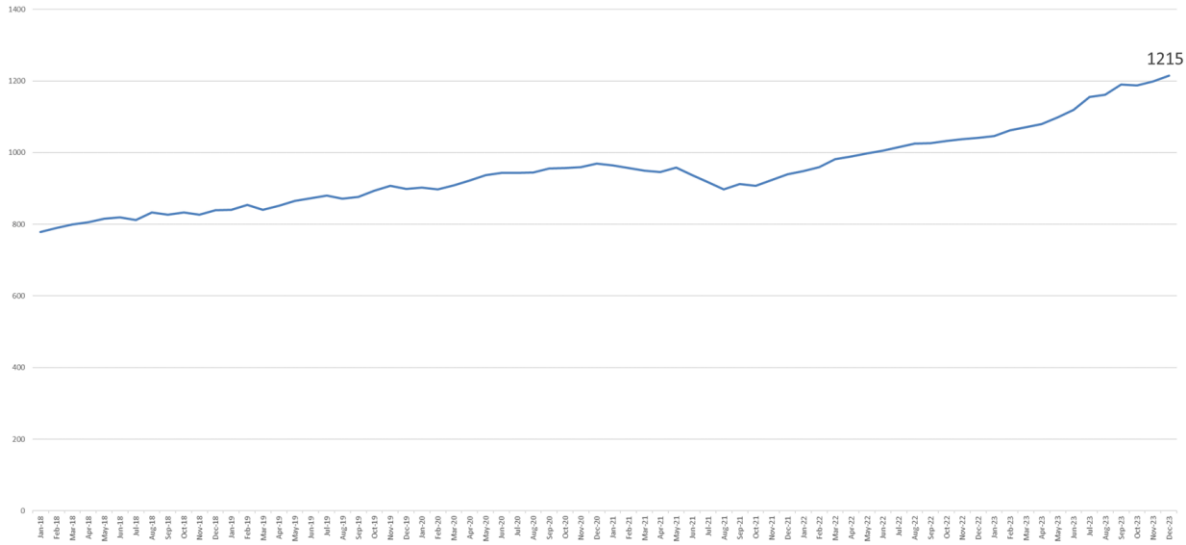
Q3 2023-24



Children in Care: 1,215

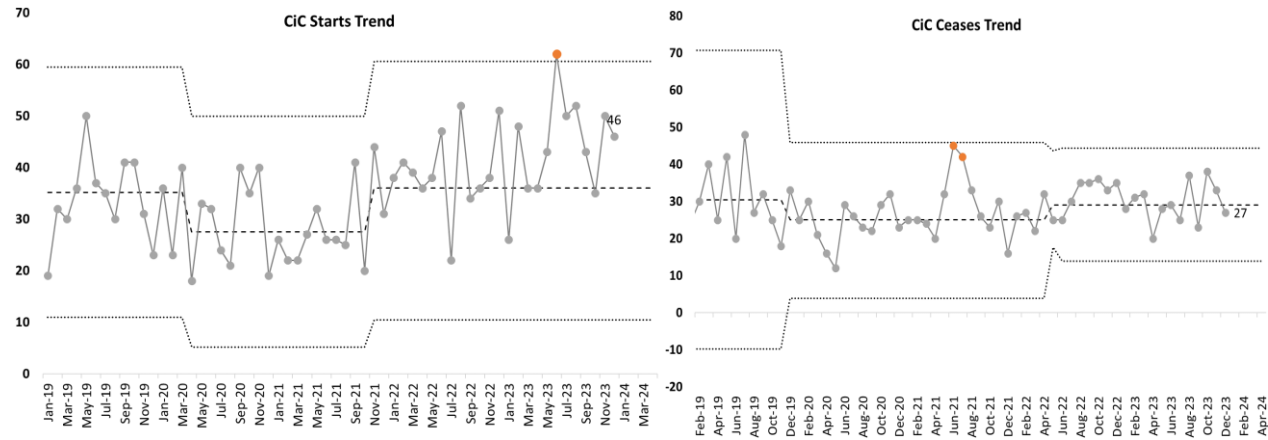
88 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children

Monthly CiC Numbers



This will increase as UASC move to Durham through the National Transfer Scheme – 75 UASC in Q2

Static volumes in u1 CiC starts as % of all CiC starts
 Increase in age 1-4yr olds and 10-15 yr olds
 Reduction in 5-9



Increase in overall number of CiC and rate is now above regional and statistical neighbour average

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

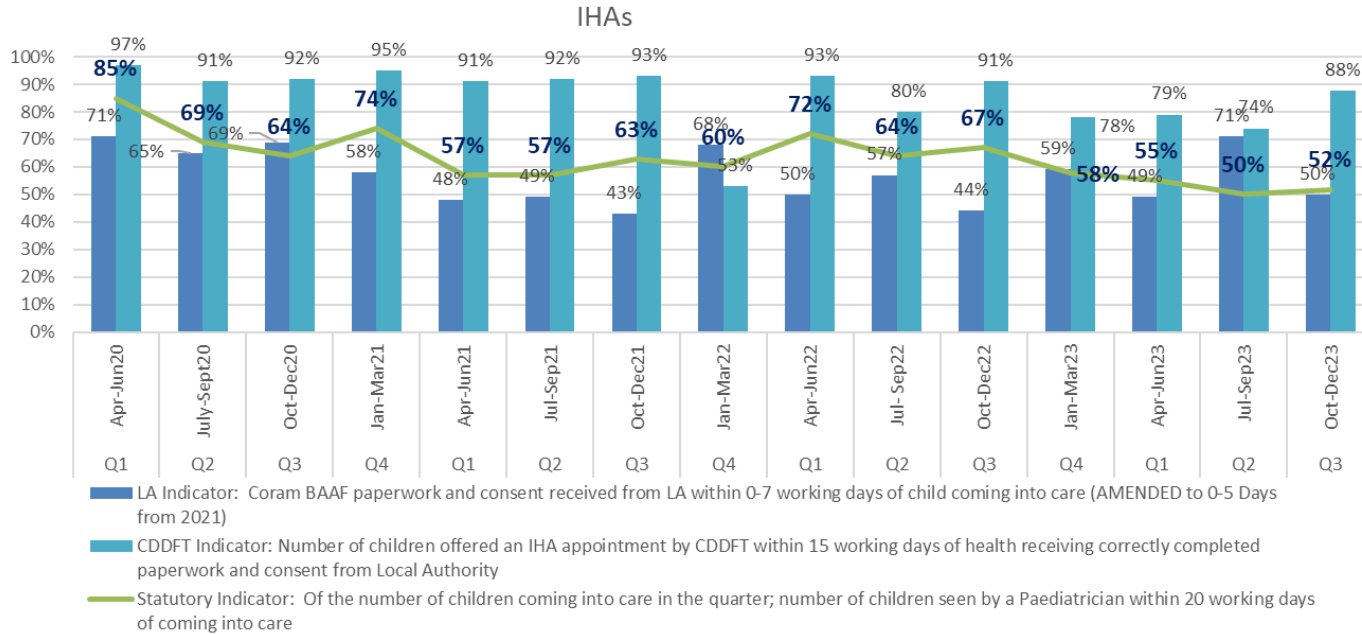
418 children became a child in care April – December 2023
260 children left care April – December 2023

LoT in Care	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Grand Total
No.	116	119	179	217	291	293	1215
%	10%	10%	15%	18%	24%	24%	100%



77% of Social Workers in our Children in Care and Care Leavers Teams had fewer than 25 cases, 2% with 30+

Initial Health Assessments

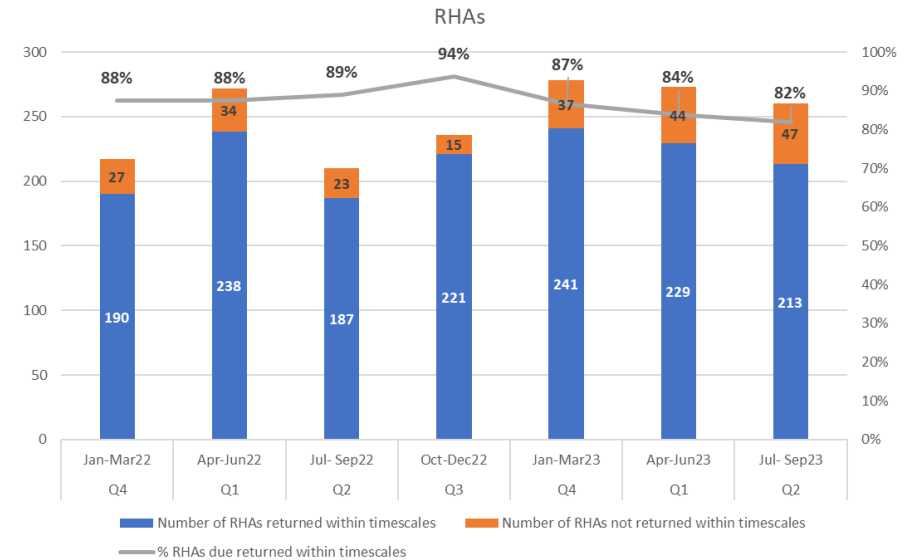


Around half of children in care received an Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days of coming into care in the quarter.

Rising children coming into care including UASC has affected this indicator

Reduction in required paperwork submitted in timescale to 50%

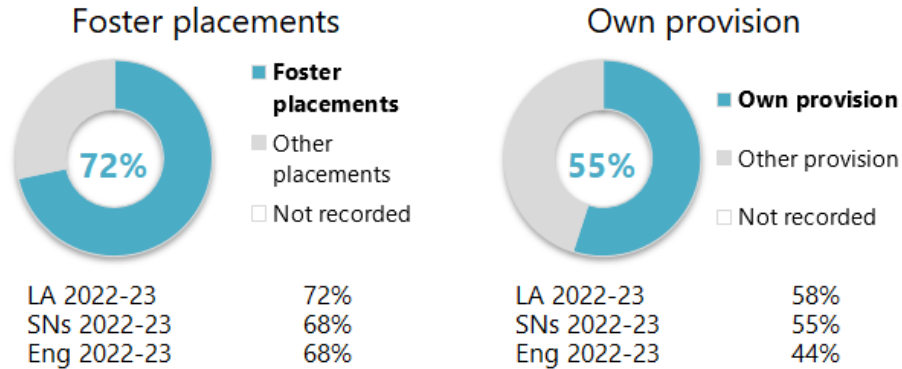
Review Health Assessments



Review Health Assessments completed within timescale have also reduced – 47 out of timescale in Q2

Placements and Placement Stability

CLA placements by type and provision



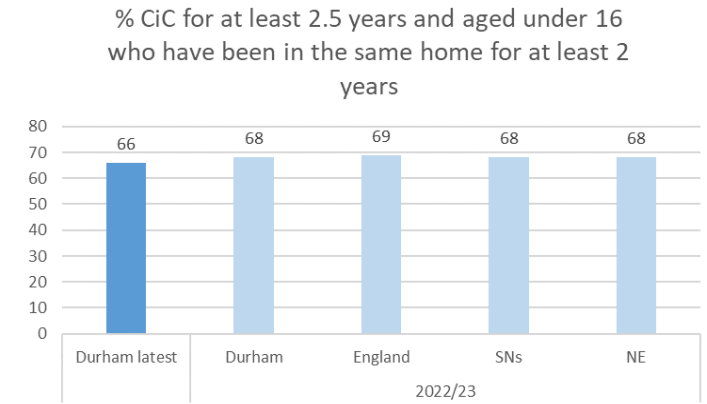
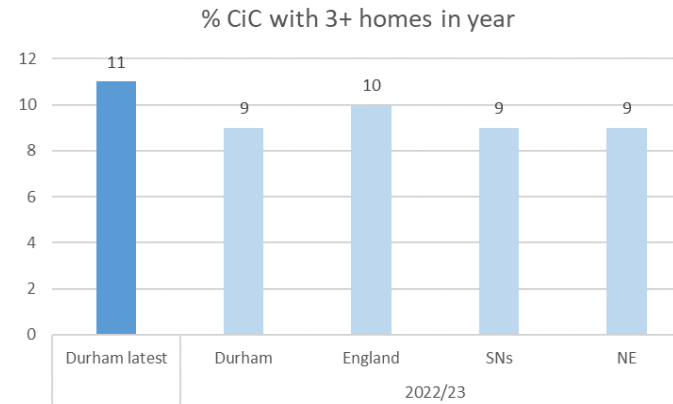
A higher proportion of children in Durham are placed in foster placements and in in-house provision to our benchmarks.

Placement Stability remains an ongoing area of focus – children with 3+ homes in one year is just above benchmarks

Long term stability remains slightly worse than benchmarks

Children in Family Settings:

Reduction in proportion but increase in numbers
 Reduction in number and % in in-house FC
 Increase in other placement types



Placement type	04-Jun-19		11-Mar-20		20-Dec-23		No. change	% change on Jun19	No. change	pre-COVID
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Friends and Family	134	15%	126	14%	228	19%	94	70%	102	81%
IFA	126	15%	159	18%	253	21%	127	101%	94	59%
In House Foster Care	422	49%	430	48%	387	32%	-35	-8%	-43	-10%
Placed For Adoption	24	3%	23	3%	27	2%	3	13%	4	17%
Placed With Parents	66	8%	62	7%	87	7%	21	32%	25	40%
<i>Family Settings</i>	772	89%	800	89%	982	81%	210	62%	182	60%
Grand Total	866		902		1207		341		305	

Missing Children

218 of 1389 looked after children had a missing incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 22-23	SNs 22-23	Eng 22-23
Number of all CLA with a missing incident	218 of 1389	143		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	16%	10%	11%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	2523	996		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	11.6	7.0	8.0	6.4

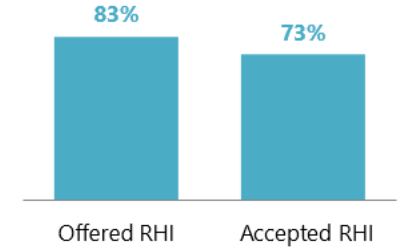
191
Children in care

1304
missing episodes

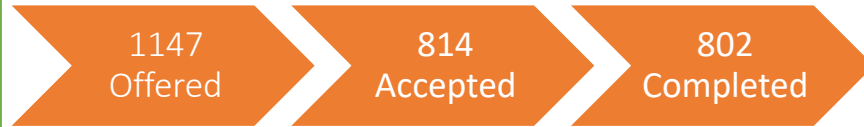
Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	180 of 218	83%
Missing children not offered return interview	22 of 218	10%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	8 of 218	4%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	8 of 218	4%

	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	132 of 180	73%
Missing children not accepted return interview	39 of 180	22%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	9 of 180	5%



Return to Home Interviews

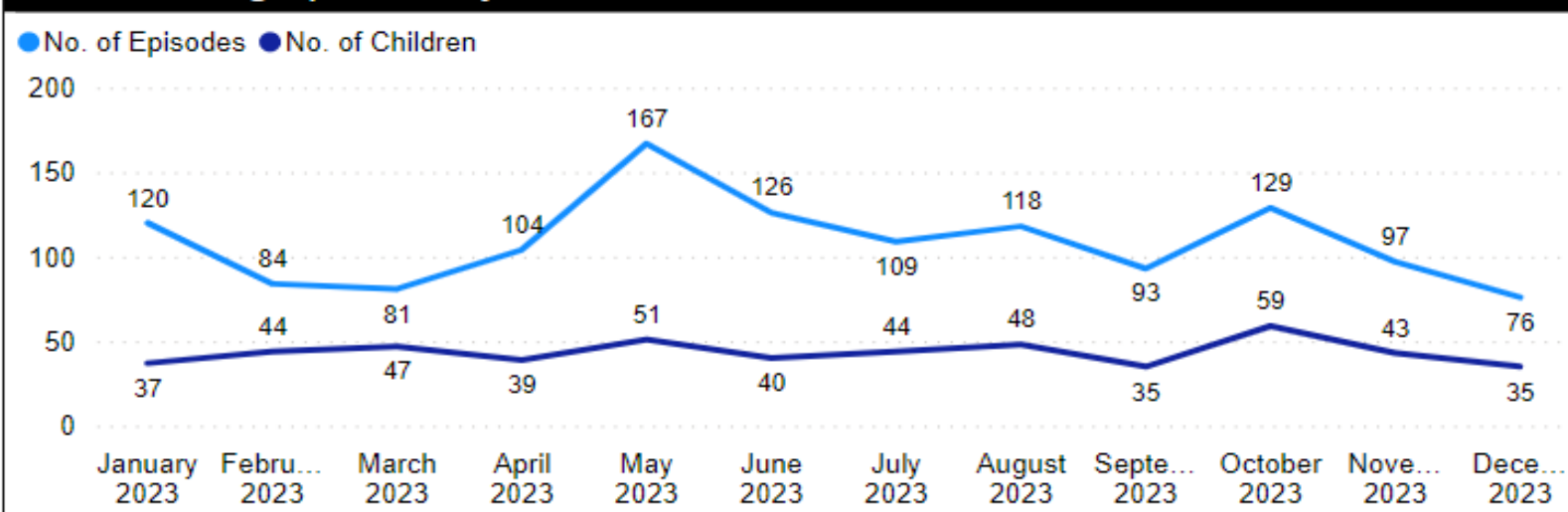


Monthly decrease in volume of missing episodes and number of children in care with a missing episode since October, however this is typical in colder months

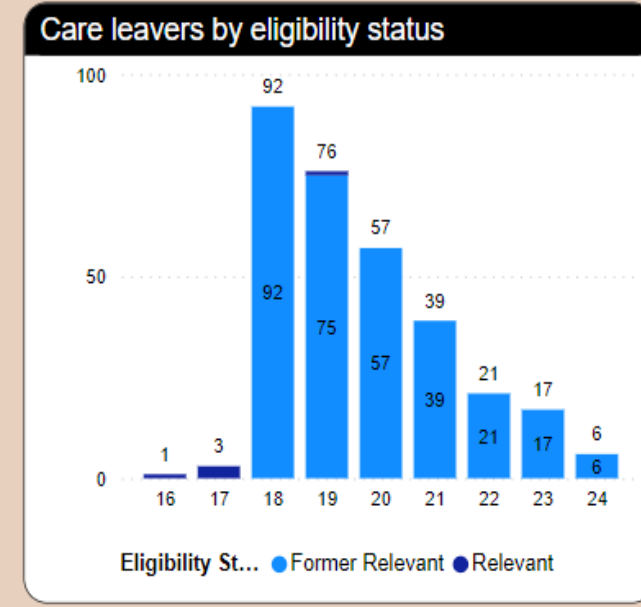
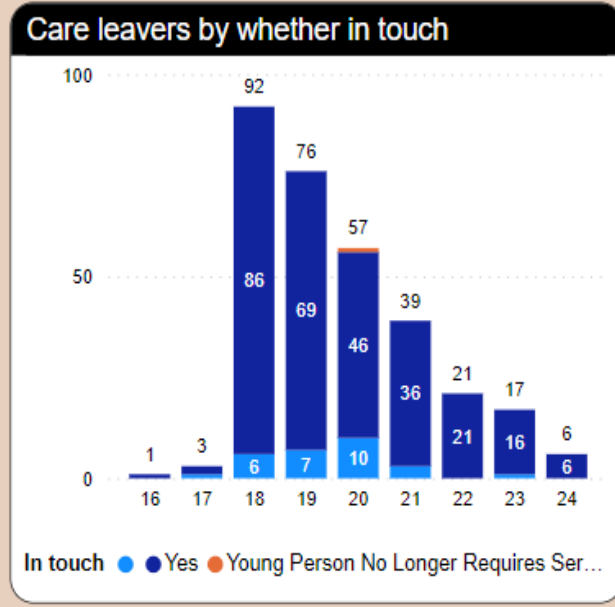
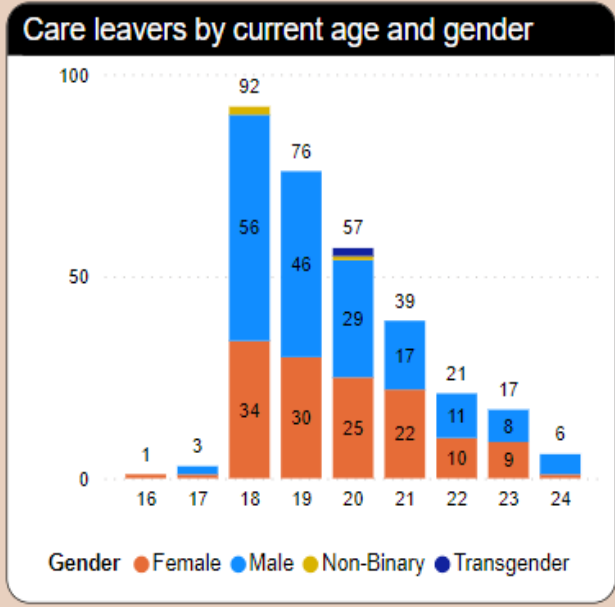
High rate of completion of return to home interviews (99%), however there has been a decline in December but this could be a recording issue



No. of Missing Episodes by Date



Care Leavers 267 Relevant or Former Relevant Care Leavers aged 17-21



30 of our care leavers are recorded as being unaccompanied asylum seekers (UASC) all are former relevant status

29 are male aged 17-24, 1 female.

Currently have 198 YPS team monitoring open cases in addition to the 267 aged 17-21.

Care Leavers by Age Group and Whether in Touch

Age group	16	17-18	19-21	22-24	Total
In Touch YN	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Yes	1	88	151	43	283
No		7	21	1	29
Total	1	95	172	44	312

Care Leavers by Age and Whether in Touch

In touch	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total
Yes	1	2	86	69	46	36	21	16	6	283
Young Person No Longer Requires Services					1					1
Total	1	3	92	76	57	39	21	17	6	312

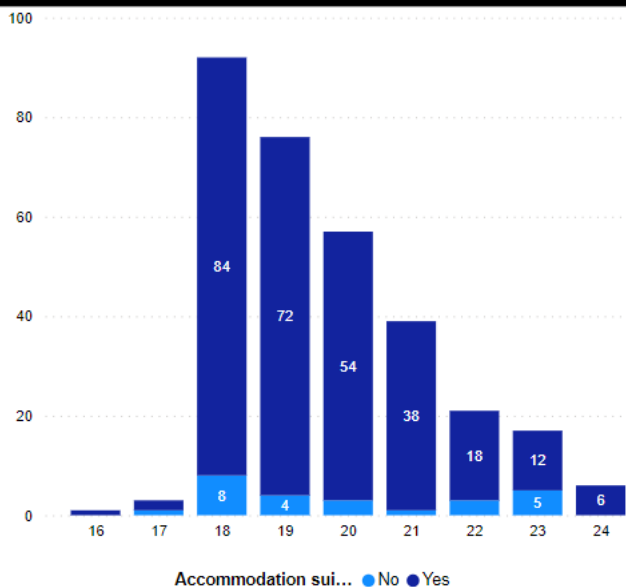
Care Leavers by Eligibility Status

Eligibility status	No.
Relevant	5
Former Relevant	307
Total	312



Care Leavers – suitable accommodation

Care leavers by whether in suitable accommodation



Care leavers by whether in suitable accommodation and age group

Age group	16	17-18	19-21	22-24	Total
Accommodation	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
suitable					
Yes	1 100%	86 91%	164 95%	36 82%	287 92%
No		9 9%	8 5%	8 18%	25 8%
Total	1 100%	95 100%	172 100%	44 100%	312 100%

Care leavers in unsuitable accommodation by age and type

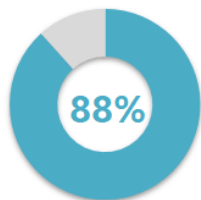
Accommodation code	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Total
R - Residence not known	1	2		1				4
S - No fixed abode / homeless			1					1
X - In custody	1	2			1			4
Y - Other accommodation	3	1	2	1	2	5		14
Total	1	8	4	3	1	3	5	25

The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation aged 17-18 is 88% (in line with benchmarks) and for ages 19-21 is 97% (above benchmarks)

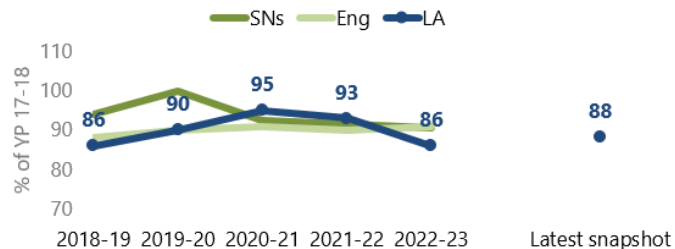
Majority in unsuitable accommodation are in custody

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

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	2	92	94
In suitable accommodation	100%	88%	88%

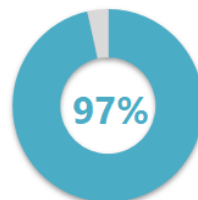


- Suitable accom
- Not suitable
- No information

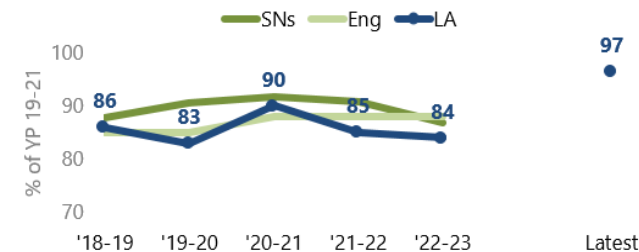


Accommodation suitability of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	76	55	41	172
In suitable accommodation	96%	98%	95%	97%

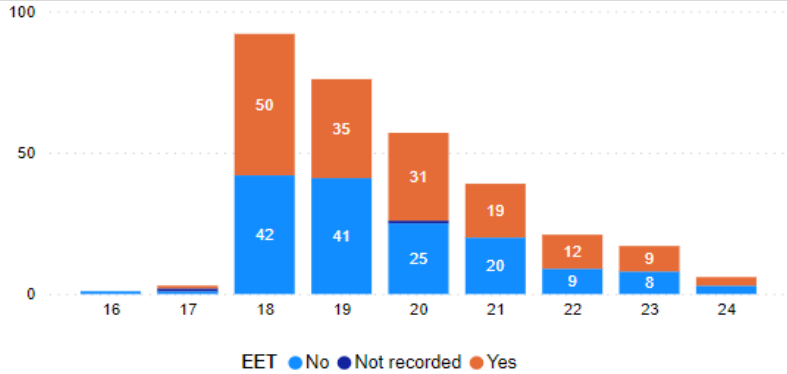


- Suitable accom
- Not suitable
- No information



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	16	17-18	19-21	22-24	Total
EET	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
Yes		51 54%	85 49%	24 55%	160 51%
Not recorded		1 1%	1 1%		2 1%
No	1 100%	43 45%	86 50%	20 45%	150 48%
Total	1 100%	95 100%	172 100%	44 100%	312 100%

The proportion of care leavers in Education, Employment or Training aged 17-18 is 54% which is below all benchmarks.

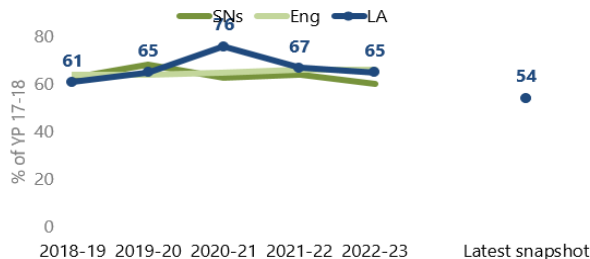
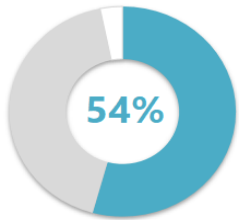
For those aged 19-21 this is 52%, also below benchmarks

Care Leavers not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) by Main Education, Employment or Training (EET) Activity

Main EET activity	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total
G6 - Young person not in education, employment or training due to pregnancy or parenting			1	8	4	3	2	3	2	23
G5 - Young person not in education, employment or training: other circumstances	1		26	17	7	3		3		57
G4 - Young person not in education, employment or training because of illness or disability		1	15	16	14	14	7	2	1	70
Total	1	1	42	41	25	20	9	8	3	150

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

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	2	92	94
In EET	50%	54%	54%



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

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	77	55	41	173
In EET	45%	65%	46%	52%

