

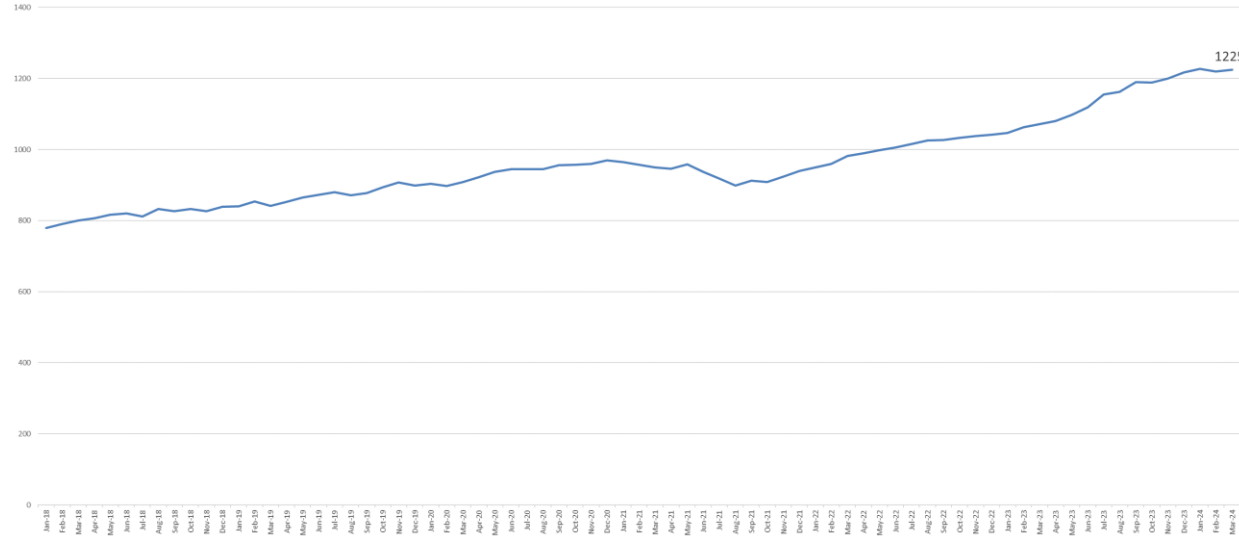
Children in our Care

Q4 2023-24



Children in Care: 1,225

Monthly CiC Numbers



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

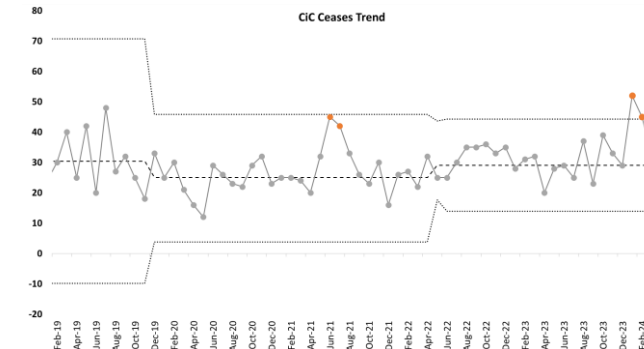
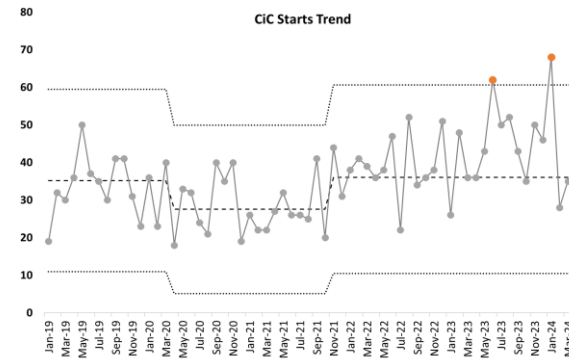
Just over a third of children have been in care for less than 12 months whilst nearly a quarter have been in care for 5+ years

LoT in Care	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-5 Years	5+ Years	Grand Total
No.	119	124	173	207	313	289	1225
%	10%	10%	14%	17%	26%	24%	100%

79 Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children

This has decreased from 88 UASC in Q3, however will remain high due to the National Transfer Scheme

Slight reduction in u1 CiC starts as % of all CiC starts against 2021-22 (-2% points) although increase in volume
 Increase in age 1-4 year olds and 10-15 year olds
 Reduction in 5-9 year olds

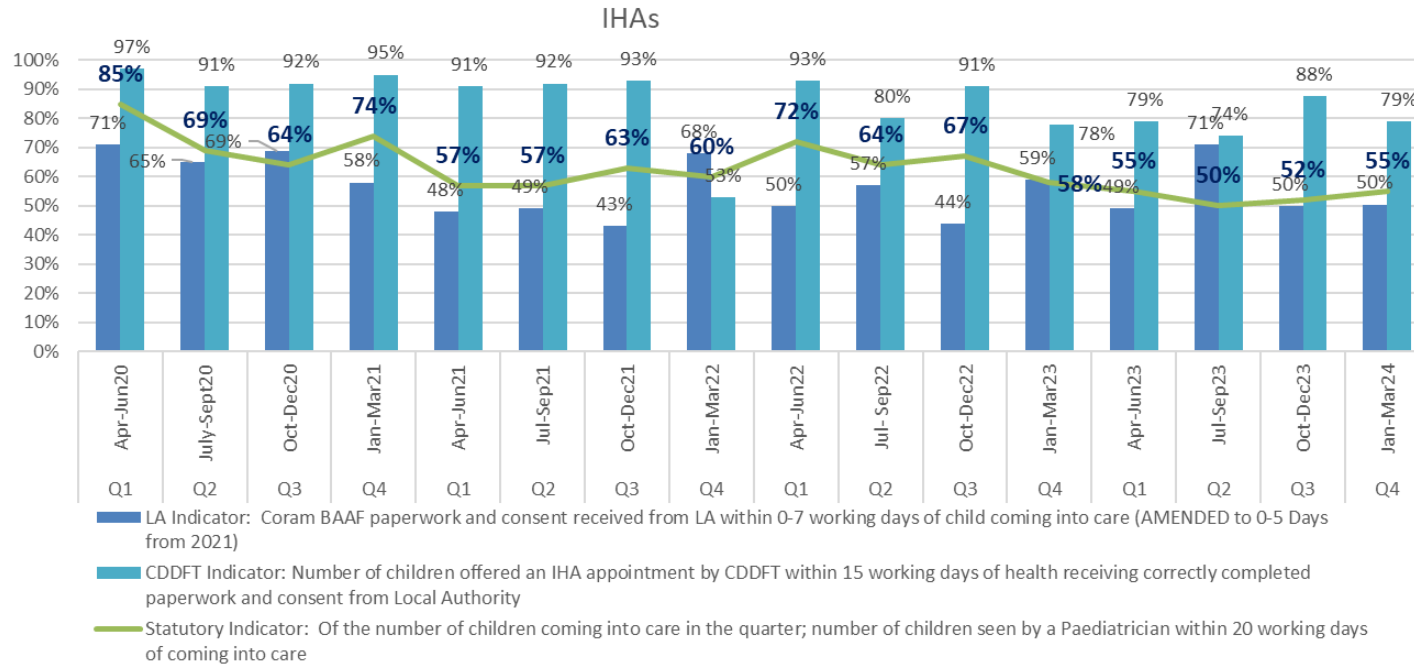


501 children became a child in care April 2023 –March 2024
395 children left care April 2023 –March 2024



80% of Social Workers in our Children in Care and Care Leavers Teams had fewer than 25 cases, 2% with 30+

Initial Health Assessments

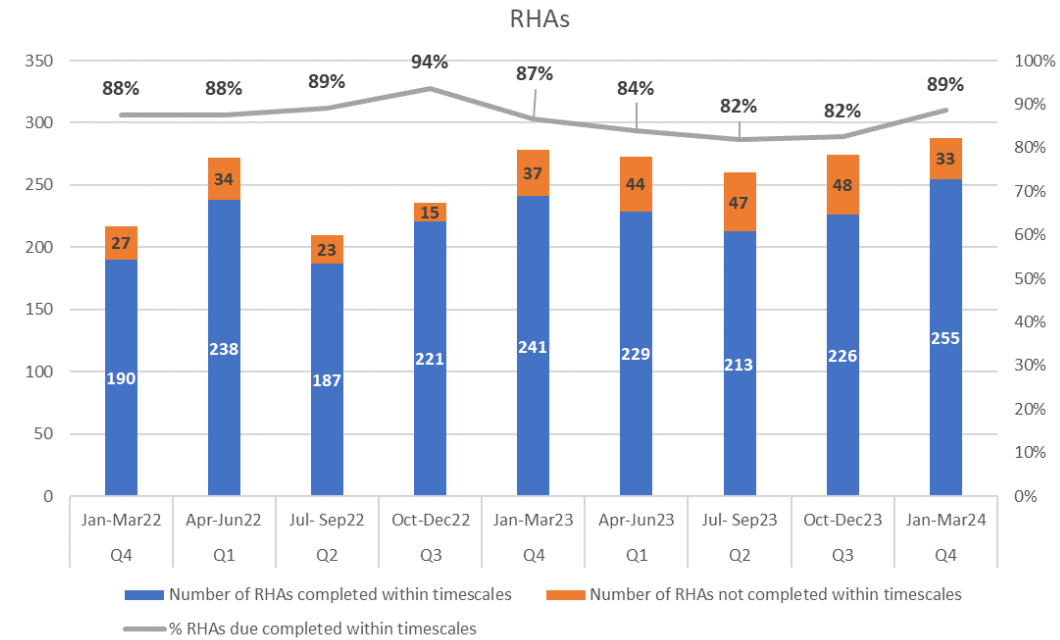


Just over half of children in care received an Initial Health Assessment within 20 working days of coming into care in the quarter.

Rising children coming into care has affected this indicator

Required paperwork submitted in timescale remains at 50%

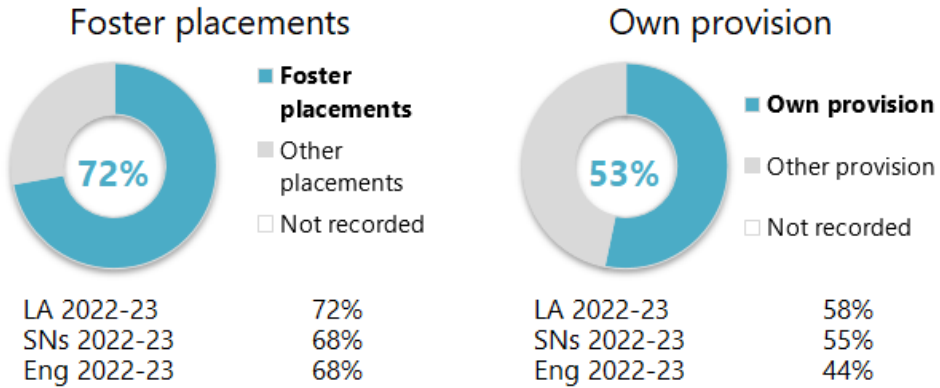
Review Health Assessments



Review Health Assessments completed within timescale are improving – 33 out of timescale

Placements and Placement Stability

CLA placements by type and provision



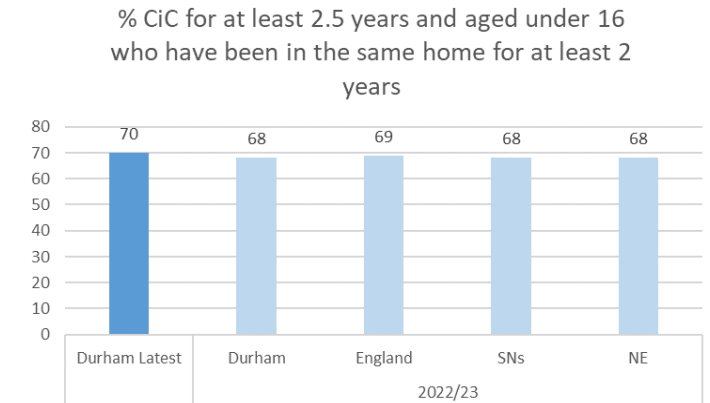
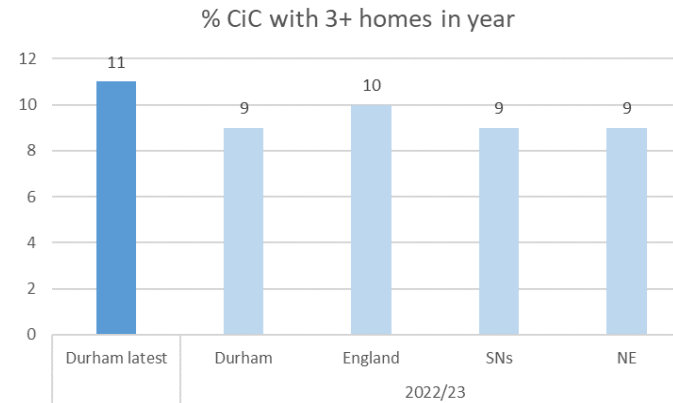
A higher proportion of children in Durham are placed in foster placements and in in-house provision to our benchmarks.

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

Long term stability is now slightly higher 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 (exc adoption)



Placement type	04-Jun-19		11-Mar-20		25-Mar-24		No. change	% change on Jun19	No. change	% change pre-COVID
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Friends and Family	134	15%	126	14%	217	18%	83	62%	91	72%
IFA	126	15%	159	18%	272	23%	146	116%	113	71%
In House Foster Care	422	49%	430	48%	388	32%	-34	-8%	-42	-10%
Placed For Adoption	24	3%	23	3%	23	2%	-1	-4%	0	0%
Placed With Parents	66	8%	62	7%	105	9%	39	59%	43	69%
Family Settings	772	89%	800	89%	1005	83%	233	68%	205	67%
Grand Total	866		902		1207		341		305	

Missing Children

223 of 1442 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	223 of 1442	143		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	15%	10%	11%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	2661	996		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	11.9	7.0	8.0	6.4

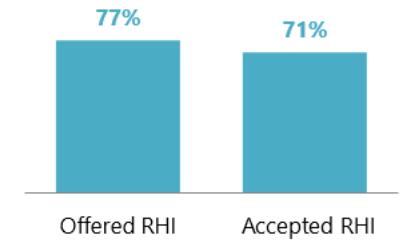
180
Children in care

1199
missing episodes

Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	172 of 223	77%
Missing children not offered return interview	23 of 223	10%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	17 of 223	8%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	11 of 223	5%

	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	122 of 172	71%
Missing children not accepted return interview	44 of 172	26%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	6 of 172	3%



Return to Home Interviews

1129 Offered

851 Accepted

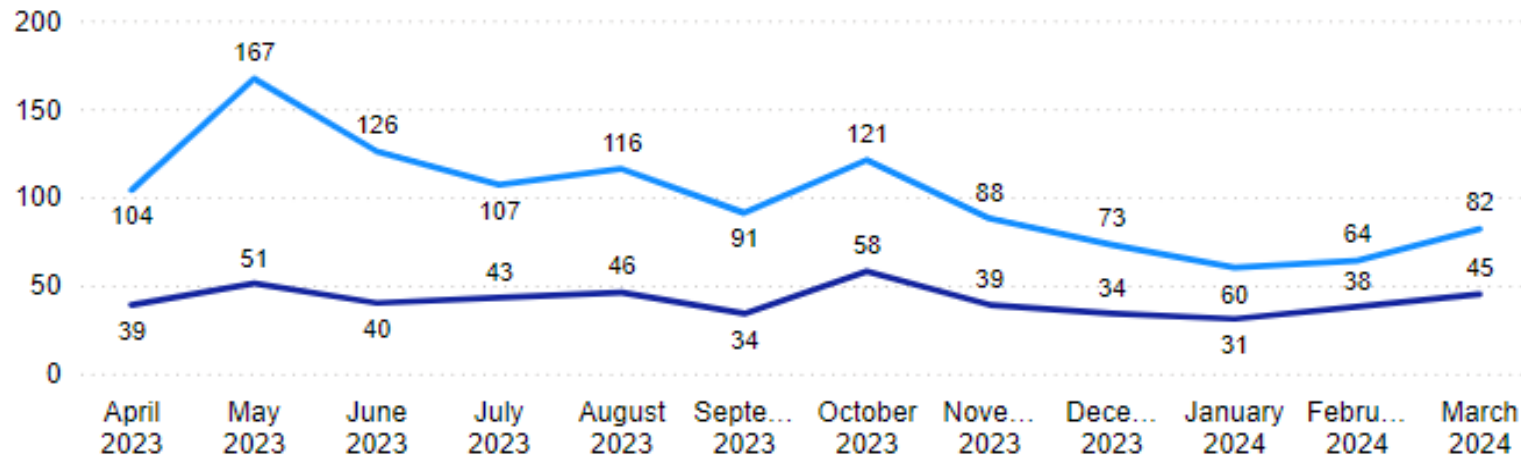
835 Completed

Monthly increase in volume of missing episodes and number of children in care with a missing episode since January, however it is typical that we see fewer episodes in colder weather so an increase into Spring is understandable

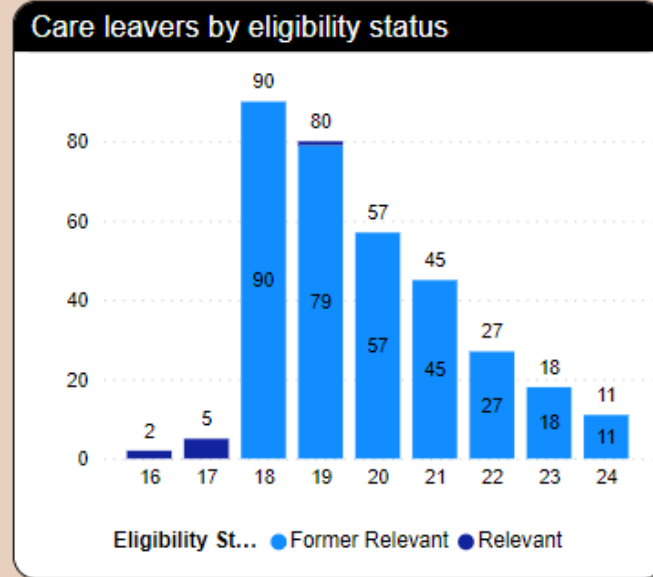
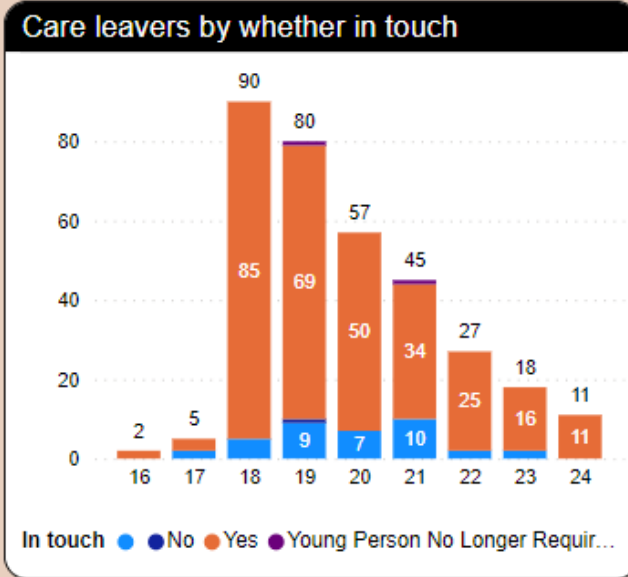
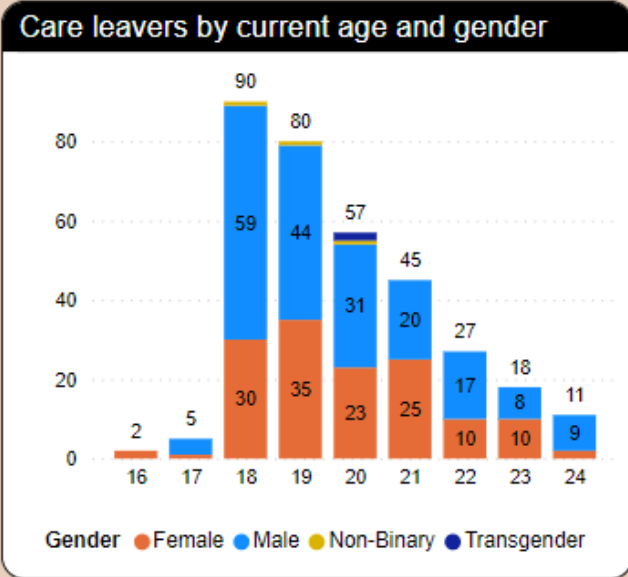
High rate of completion of return to home interviews (98%), however there has been a decline since December but this could be a recording issue

No. of Missing Episodes by Date

● No. of Episodes ● No. of Children



Care Leavers 274 Relevant or Former Relevant Care Leavers aged 17-21



50 of our care leavers are recorded as being unaccompanied asylum seekers (UASC) 42 are former relevant status and 8 eligible

Of the 42, 41 are male aged 18-24, 1 female.

We currently have 136 eligible YPS team monitoring open cases in addition to the 274 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	2	88	153	52	295
No	0	7	29	4	40
Total	2	95	182	56	335

Care Leavers by Age and Whether in Touch

In touch	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total
No	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yes	2	5	85	69	50	34	25	16	11	295
Young Person No Longer Requires Services	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total	2	5	90	80	57	45	27	18	11	335

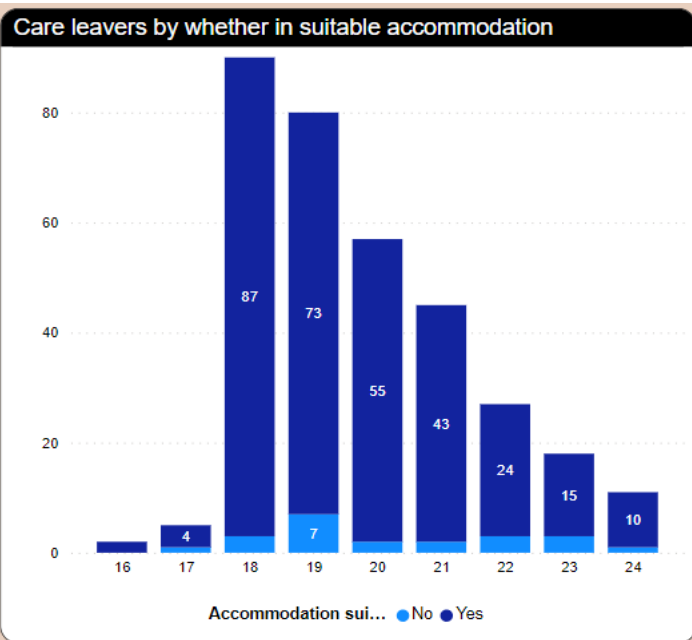
Care Leavers by Eligibility Status

Eligibility status	No.
Relevant	8
Former Relevant	327
Total	335

466 children are with the Care Leavers Team aged between 16-24



Care Leavers – Suitable Accommodation



Care leavers by whether in suitable accommodation and age group

Age group	16	17-18	19-21	22-24	Total
Accommodation suitable	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
Yes	2 100%	91 96%	171 94%	49 88%	313 93%
No		4 4%	11 6%	7 13%	22 7%
Total	2 100%	95 100%	182 100%	56 100%	335 100%

Care leavers in unsuitable accommodation by age and type

Accommodation code	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Total
R - Residence not known					1				1
S - No fixed abode / homeless			1			2			3
V - Emergency accommodation		1	1						2
X - In custody		1	3	2		1	3	1	11
Y - Other accommodation		1	1		1				3
Total	1	3	7	2	2	3	3	1	22

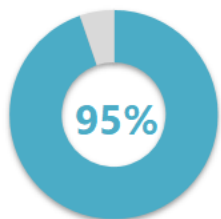
The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation aged 17-18 is 95% (above benchmarks) and for ages 19-21 is 94% (above benchmarks)

Majority in unsuitable accommodation are in custody

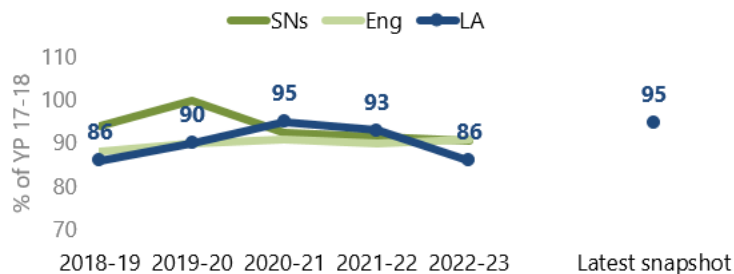
Accommodation suitability of 17-18 year olds (relevant/former relevant)

ChAT

	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	5	90	95
In suitable accommodation	80%	96%	95%



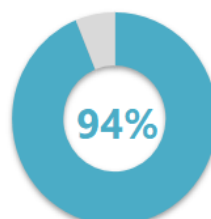
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- Not suitable
- No information



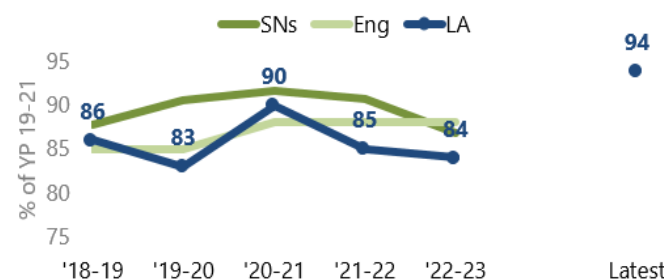
Accommodation suitability of 19-21 year olds (former relevant)

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	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	78	57	43	178
In suitable accommodation	92%	95%	95%	94%

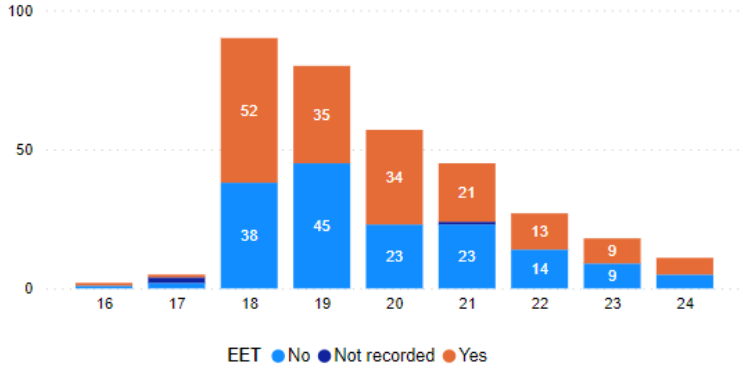


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Care Leavers - Education, Employment or Training

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	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	1	50%	53	56%	90	49%	28	50%	172	51%
Not recorded			2	2%	1	1%			3	1%
No	1	50%	40	42%	91	50%	28	50%	160	48%
Total	2	100%	95	100%	182	100%	56	100%	335	100%

The proportion of care leavers in Education, Employment or Training aged 17-18 is 57% which is below all benchmarks.

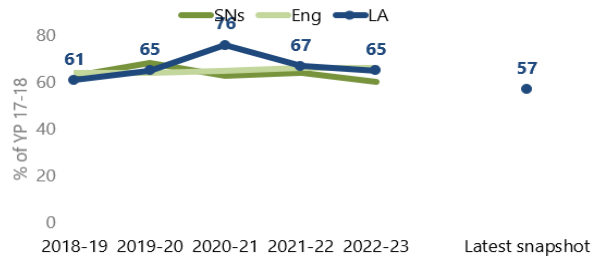
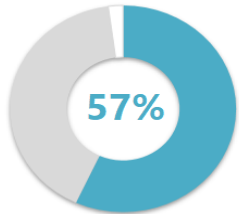
Care Leavers not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) by Main Education, Employment or Training (EET) Activity

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			2	8	6	5	2	4	2	29
G5 - Young person not in education, employment or training: other circumstances	1	1	23	20	7	4	5	3		64
G4 - Young person not in education, employment or training because of illness or disability	1	13	17	10	14	7	2	3		67
Total	1	2	38	45	23	23	14	9	5	160

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

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

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	5	90	95
In EET	20%	59%	57%



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

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	78	57	43	178
In EET	49%	58%	51%	52%

