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Children's services Analysis Tool (ChAT)

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Adopters

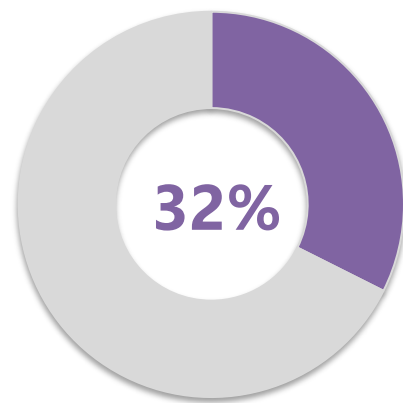Prospective adopters in the last - 12 months NOTE from April 2018 RAA (AIM) data   261

Contacts in the last 6 months
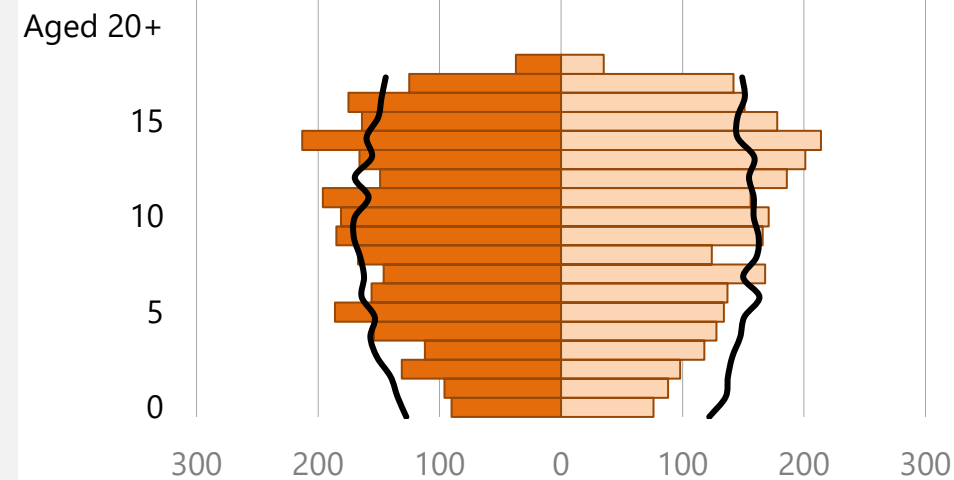
from 01/02/2023
to 31/07/2023

5601 contacts

Contacts for children who also appear on Referrals list
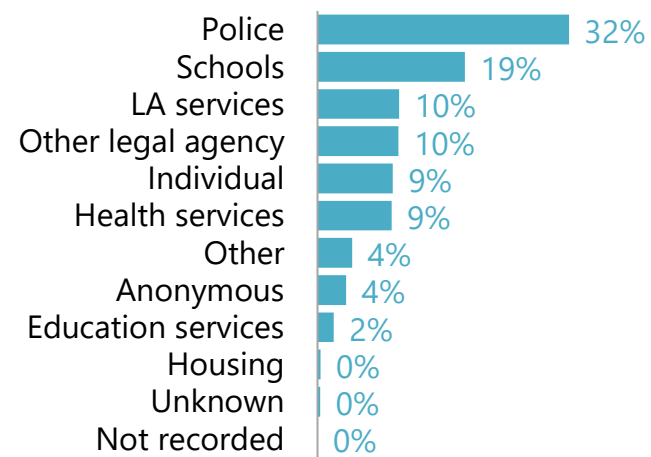
■ Yes ■ No

32%

Age and gender

■ 2829 Males (51%)   101 Other (not shown) (2%)
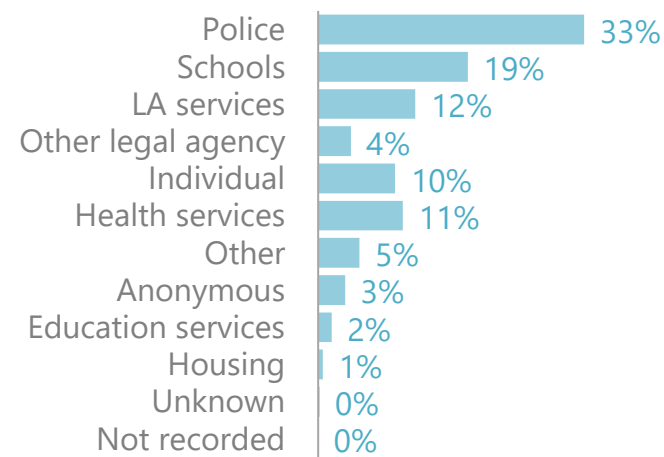■ 2671 Females (48%)   — 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+

Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F
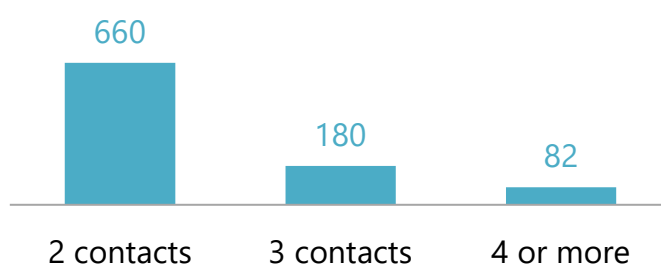
Source of contacts compared to source of referrals

Contact source

Police	32%
Schools	19%
LA services	10%
Other legal agency	10%
Individual	9%
Health services	9%
Other	4%
Anonymous	4%
Education services	2%
Housing	0%
Unknown	0%
Not recorded	0%

Referral source comparison

Police	33%
Schools	19%
LA services	12%
Other legal agency	4%
Individual	10%
Health services	11%
Other	5%
Anonymous	3%
Education services	2%
Housing	1%
Unknown	0%
Not recorded	0%

Children with multiple contacts in period

660 — 2 contacts
180 — 3 contacts
82 — 4 or more

Ethnic backgrounds

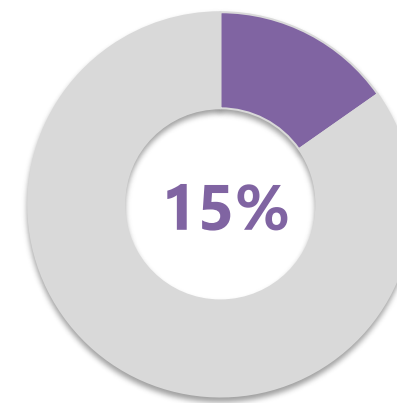|	
White	69%
Mixed	3%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	26%
Not recorded	0%

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Early Help in the last 6 months

from 01/02/2023
to 31/07/2023

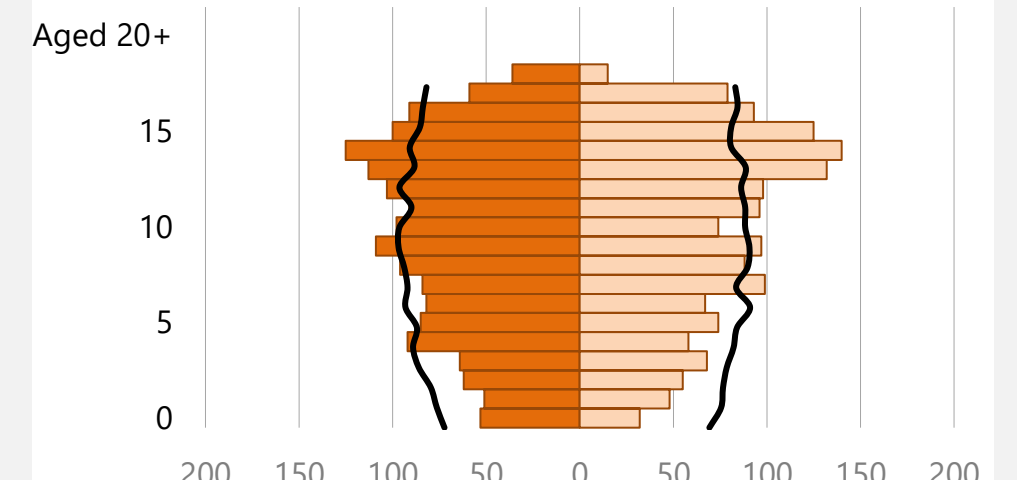## 3157 Children with an Early Help Episode

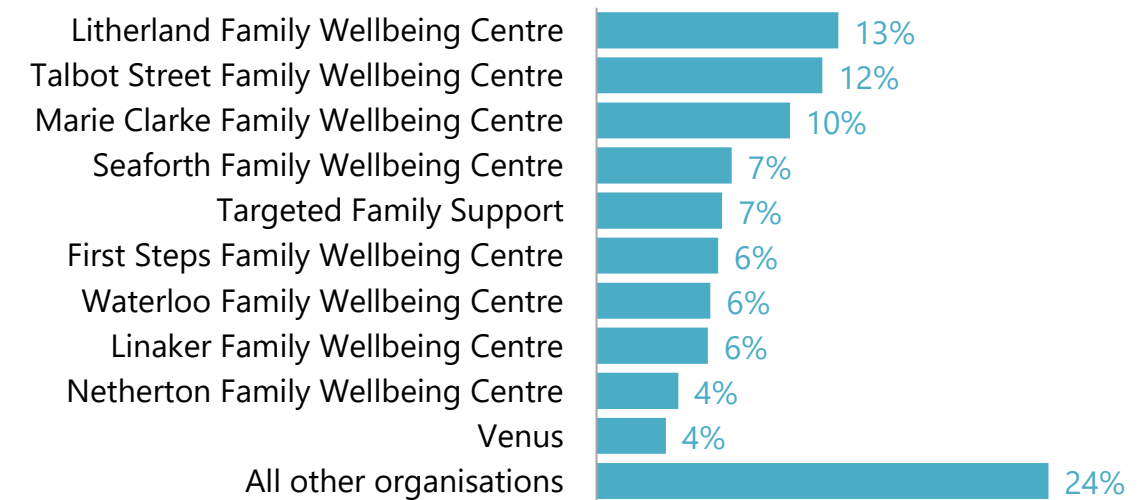### Early Help cases that also appear on the Referrals list

■ Yes ■ No

15%

Age and gender

■ 1594 Males (50%)   25 Other (not shown) (1%)
■ 1538 Females (49%)   — 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+

Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Lead Organisation

Litherland Family Wellbeing Centre	13%
Talbot Street Family Wellbeing Centre	12%
Marie Clarke Family Wellbeing Centre	10%
Seaforth Family Wellbeing Centre	7%
Targeted Family Support	7%
First Steps Family Wellbeing Centre	6%
Waterloo Family Wellbeing Centre	6%
Linaker Family Wellbeing Centre	6%
Netherton Family Wellbeing Centre	4%
Venus	4%
All other organisations	24%

Children with multiple episodes in period

202 — 2 Episodes
2 — 3 Episodes
0 — 4 or more

Ethnic backgrounds

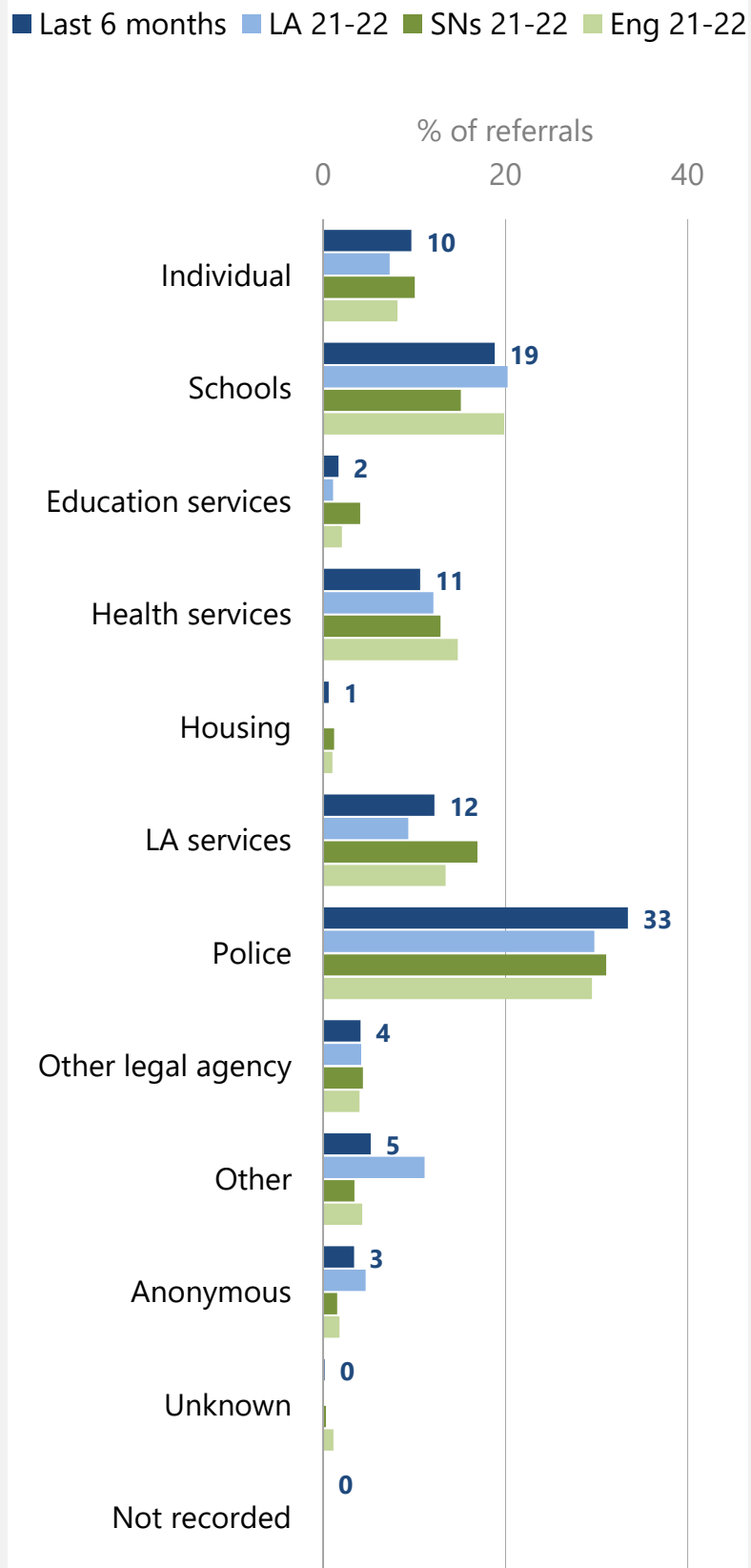|	
White	66%
Mixed	3%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	29%
Not recorded	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

Referrals in the last 6 months
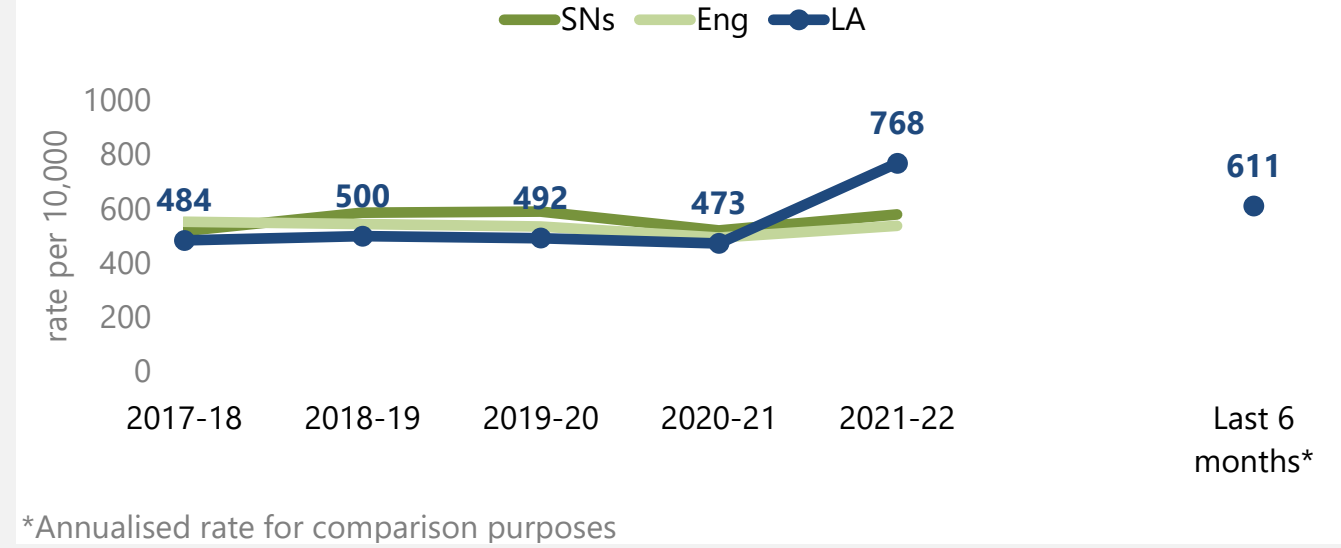
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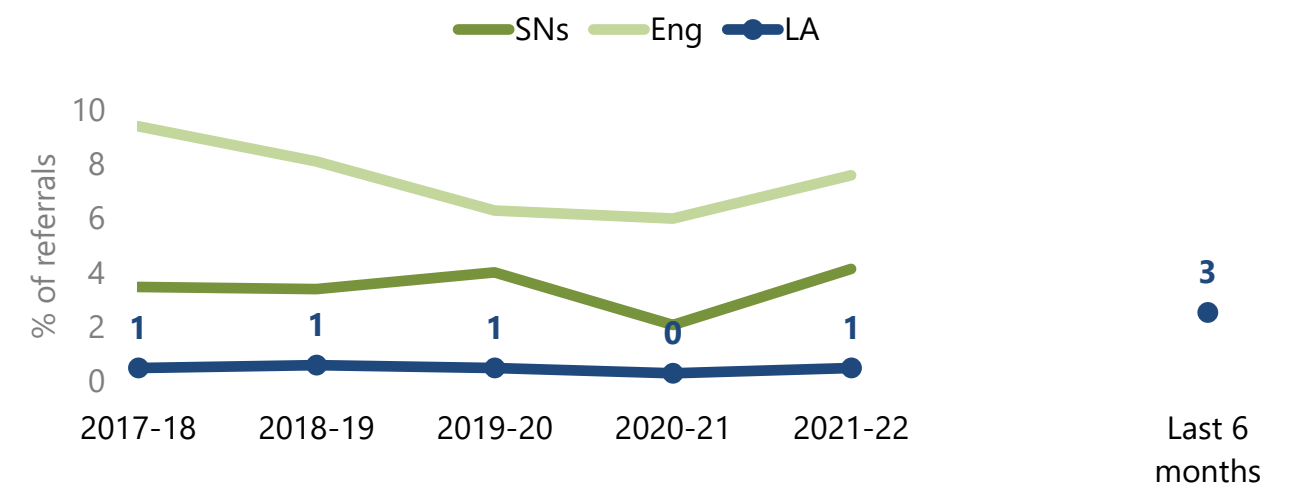to 31/07/2023

1653 referrals

Source of referral

% of referrals

■ Last 6 months ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

Source	Value
Individual	10
Schools	19
Education services	2
Health services	11
Housing	1
LA services	12
Police	33
Other legal agency	4
Other	5
Anonymous	3
Unknown	0
Not recorded	0

Age and gender

■ 839 Males (51%)   64 Other (not shown) (4%)
■ 750 Females (45%)   — 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Ethnic backgrounds

White	76%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	3%
Other ethnic group	2%
Not stated	15%
Not recorded	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

Rate of referrals per 10,000 children aged 0-17

— SNs — Eng ●— LA

rate per 10,000

484   500   492   473   768

2017-18   2018-19   2019-20   2020-21   2021-22

611

Last 6 months*

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Referrals with No Further Action (NFA)

— SNs — Eng ●— LA

% of referrals

1   1   1   0   1

2017-18   2018-19   2019-20   2020-21   2021-22

3

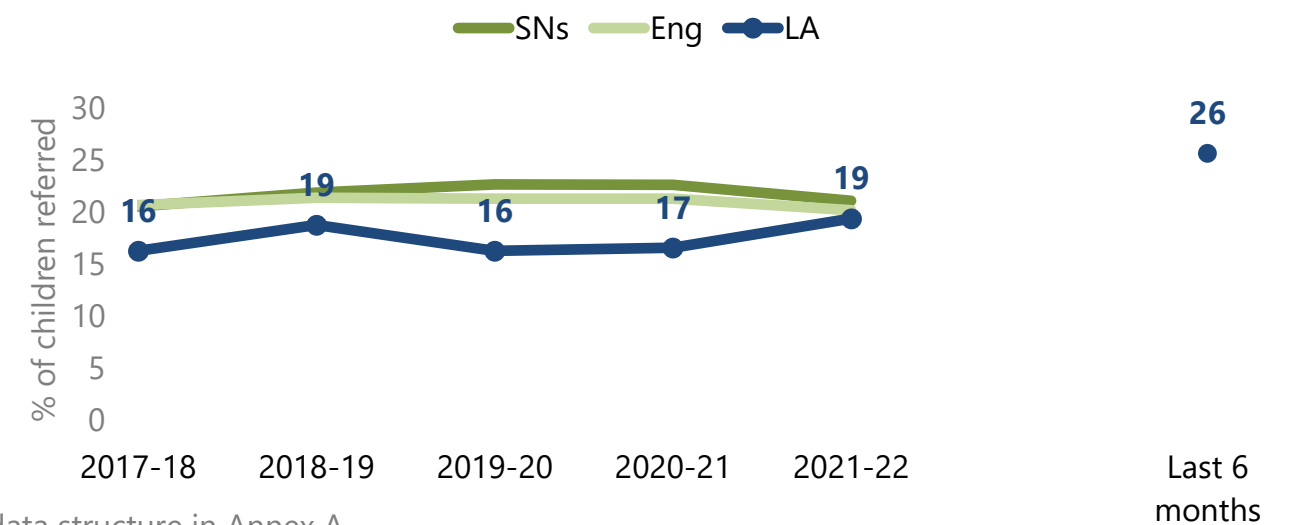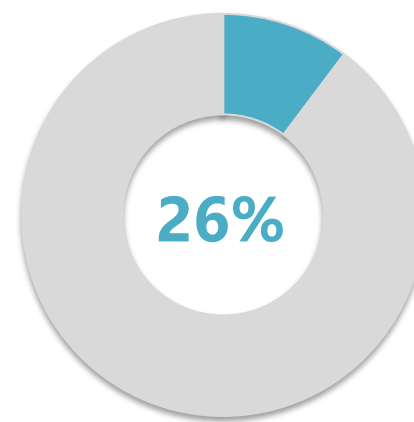Last 6 months

Re-referrals: <u>children</u> with a previous referral within 12 months of their latest referral

409 children with previous referrals within 12 months of latest referral

■ **Re-referral** ■ First referral □ Not recorded

26%

First referral	1,184
1 prev referral	367
2 prev referrals	34
3 prev referrals	6
4+ prev referrals	2
Not recorded	0

— SNs — Eng ●— LA

% of children referred

16   19   16   17   19

2017-18   2018-19   2019-20   2020-21   2021-22

26

Last 6 months

*"Last 6 months" calculation differs slightly from national statistics, due to data structure in Annex A

Assessments in the last 6 months
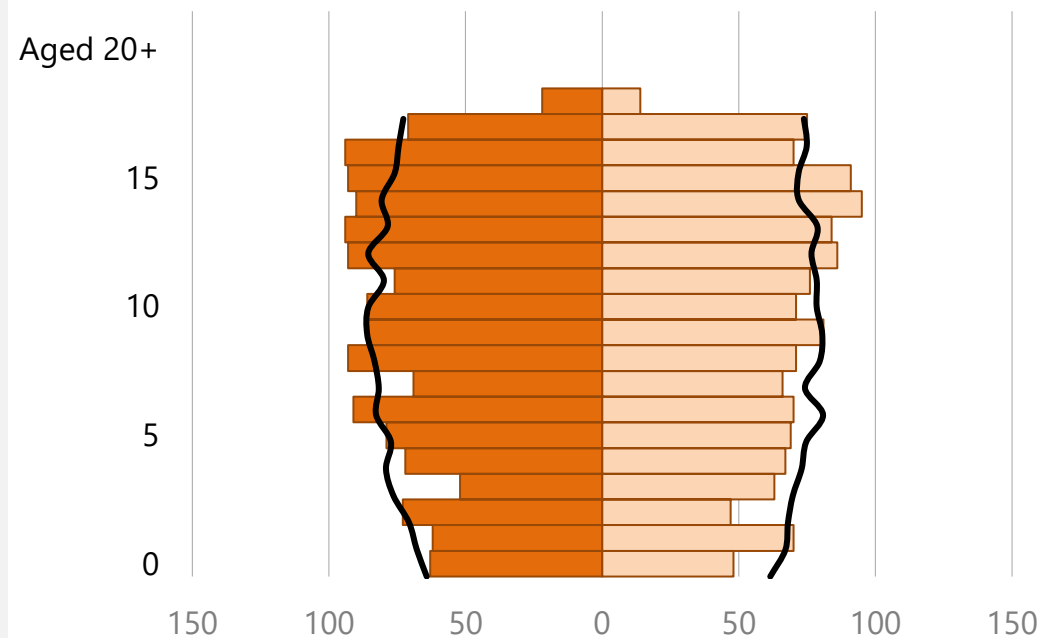
from 01/02/2023
to 31/07/2023

2837 total assessments

565 open assessments

2272 completed assessments
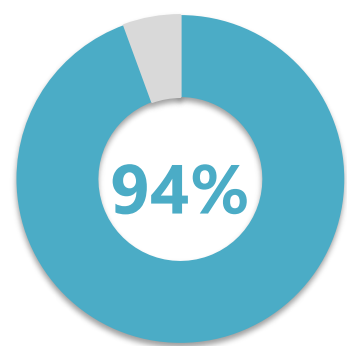
Age and gender of all assessments

- 1459 Males (51%)
- 1314 Females (46%)
- 64 Other (not shown) (2%)
- 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+

150 100 50 0 50 100 150

Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Assessments completed where child was seen

- **Child seen**
- Not seen
- Unknown

94%
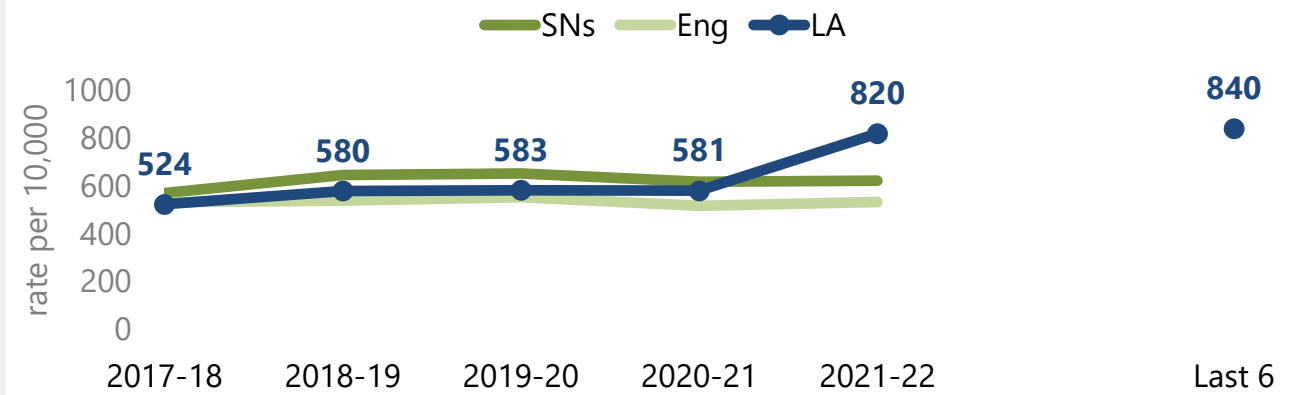
Ethnic background

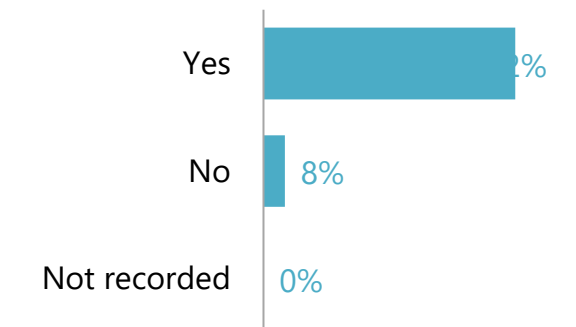|	
White	87%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	2%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	4%
Not recorded	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

268 assessments (9%) for children with a disability

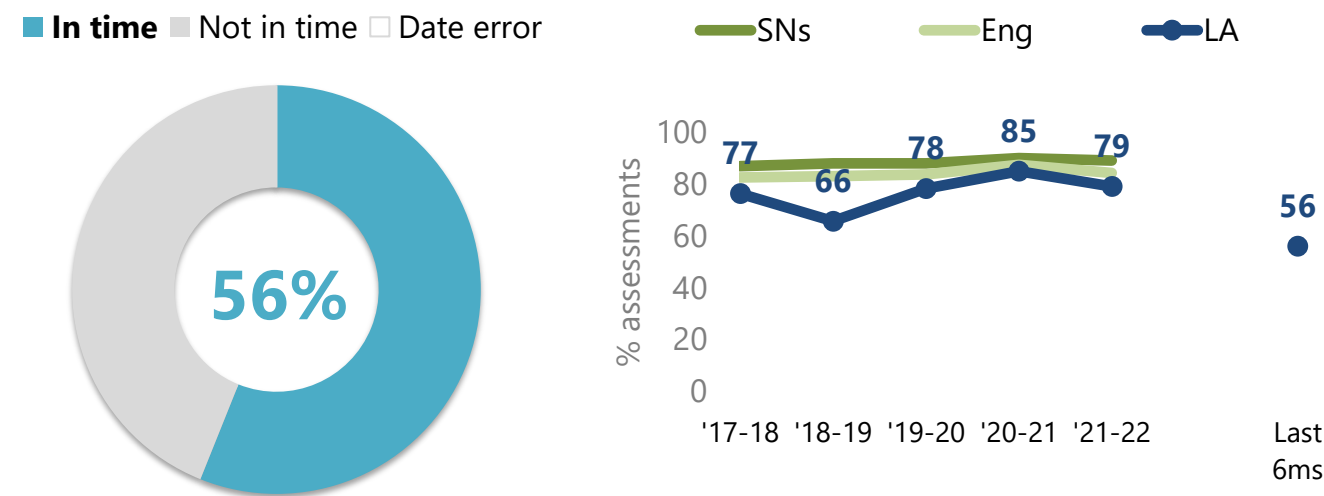### Rate of completed assessments per 10,000 children aged 0-17

- SNs
- Eng
- LA

rate per 10,000

1000
800
600
400
200
0

524 · 580 · 583 · 581 · 820 · 840

2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 Last 6 months*

Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Assessments completed in 45 working days

- **In time**
- Not in time
- Date error

56%

- SNs
- Eng
- LA

% assessments

100
80
60
40
20
0

77 · 66 · 78 · 85 · 79 · 56

'17-18 '18-19 '19-20 '20-21 '21-22 Last 6ms
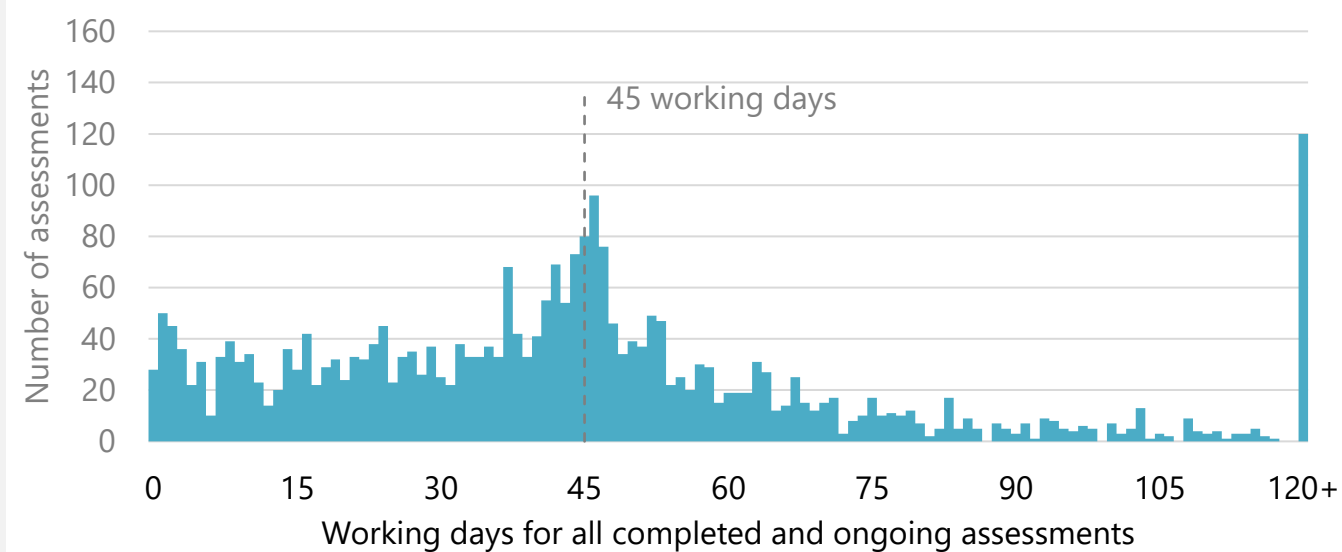
Durations for all completed and open assessments

Average duration of completed assessments was 46 working days

Number of assessments

160
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0

45 working days

0 15 30 45 60 75 90 105 120+

Working days for all completed and ongoing assessments

Child assessed as requiring LA children's social care support

Yes	2%
No	8%
Not recorded	0%

Comparing timeliness

- Last 6 months
- SNs 21-22
- LA 21-22
- Eng 21-22

% assessments

0 20 40

Same day	1
1-10 days	10
11-20 days	8
21-30 days	10
31-40 days	13
41-45 days	13
46-50 days	12
51-60 days	11
61+ days	21
Date error	0

Duration categories as above

- Last 6 months
- LA 21-22
- SNs 21-22
- Eng 21-22
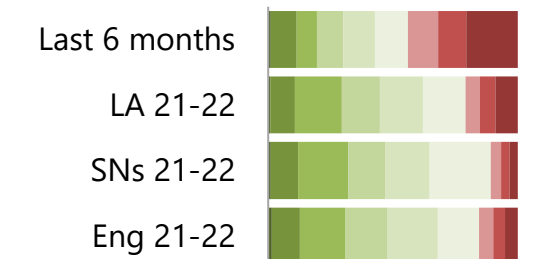
Section 47 enquiries in the last 6 months

from 01/02/2023
to 31/07/2023

703 Section 47 enquiries

Age and gender

- 366 Males (52%)
- 327 Females (47%)
- 10 Other (not shown) (1%)
- 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+
15
10
5
0

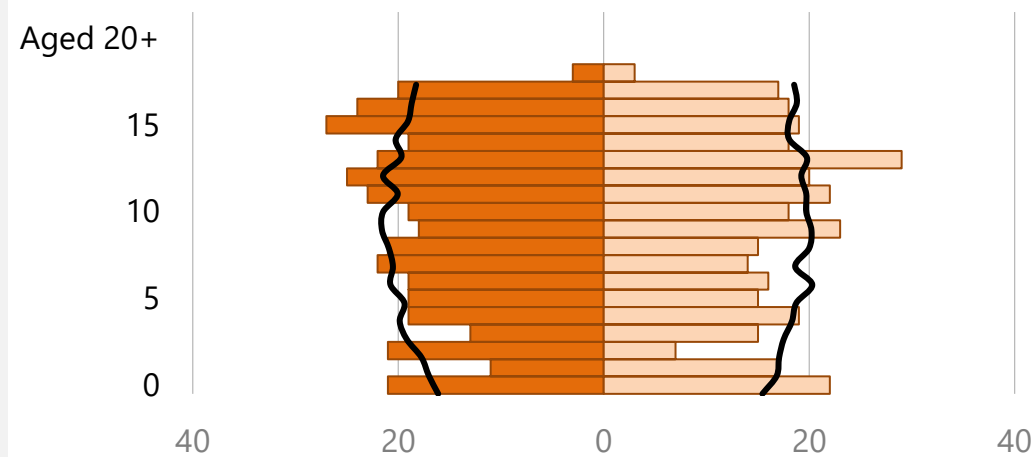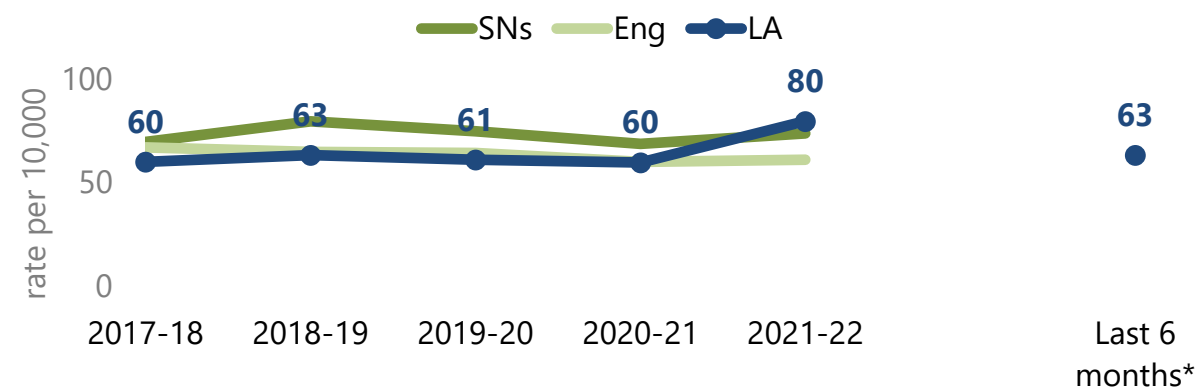40   20   0   20   40

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Rate of S47 enquiries per 10,000 children aged 0-17

- SNs
- Eng
- LA

rate per 10,000

300
200
100
0

| 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | Last 6 months* |

94   95   123   142   243   260

Annualised rate for comparison purposes

48 S47s (7%) for children with a disability

Children with a S47 in the 12 months preceding the latest

- No prev S47 — 502
- 1 prev S47 — 141
- 2+ prev S47 — 60
- Not recorded — 0

Ethnic background

White	86%
Mixed	5%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	2%
Other ethnic group	2%
Not stated	4%
Not recorded	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

171 Initial Child Protection Conferences (from S47 in period)

69% of completed S47s **did not require an ICPC**

ICPC not required may include S47s for open CPP where ICPC was not required, and may exclude children where an ICPC was required but has not yet occurred

Rate of ICPCs per 10,000 children aged 0-17

- SNs
- Eng
- LA

rate per 10,000

100
50

| 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | Last 6 months* |

60   63   61   60   80   63
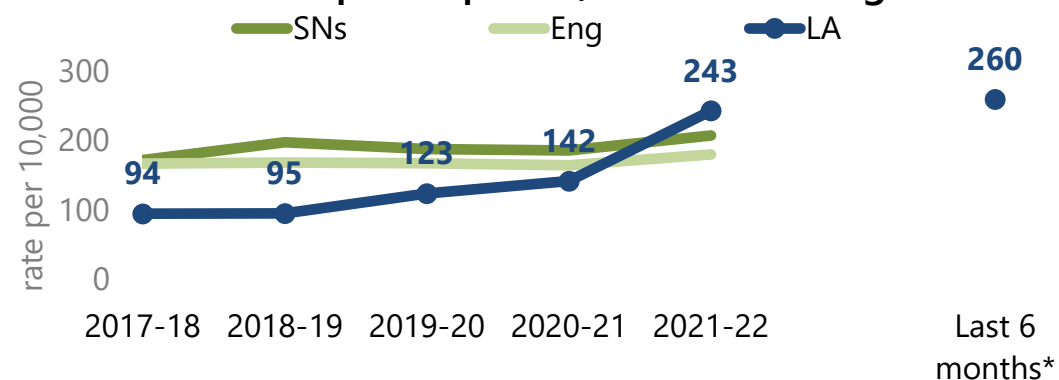
Annualised rate for comparison purposes

63 child(ren) with an ICPC in the 12 months preceding the latest S47*

Including where latest S47 did not result in ICPC

77%
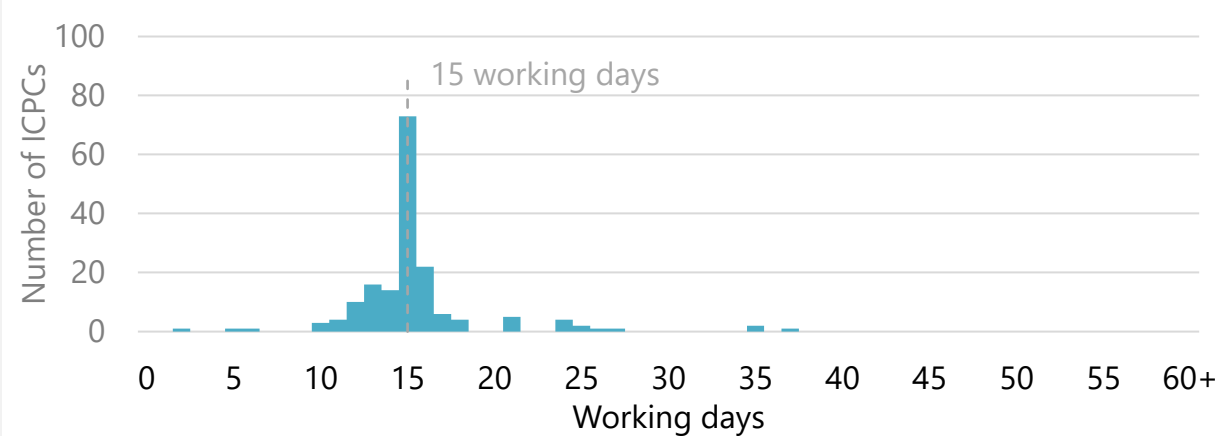
of ICPCs resulted in a child protection plan

ICPCs occurred within 15 working days of the strategy discussion date

Number of ICPCs

100
80
60
40
20
0

15 working days

0   5   10   15   20   25   30   35   40   45   50   55   60+

Working days

- In time
- Not in time
- Date error

72%
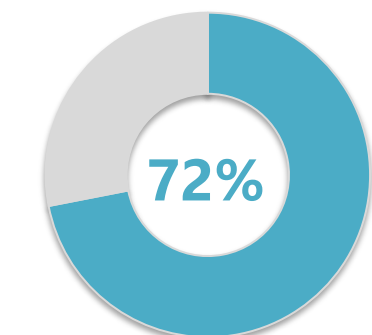
Trend of ICPC timeliness (within 15 days of S47 start)

- SNs
- Eng
- LA

% of ICPCs

100
80
60
40
20
0

| 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | Last 6 months |

83   87   82   78   63   72
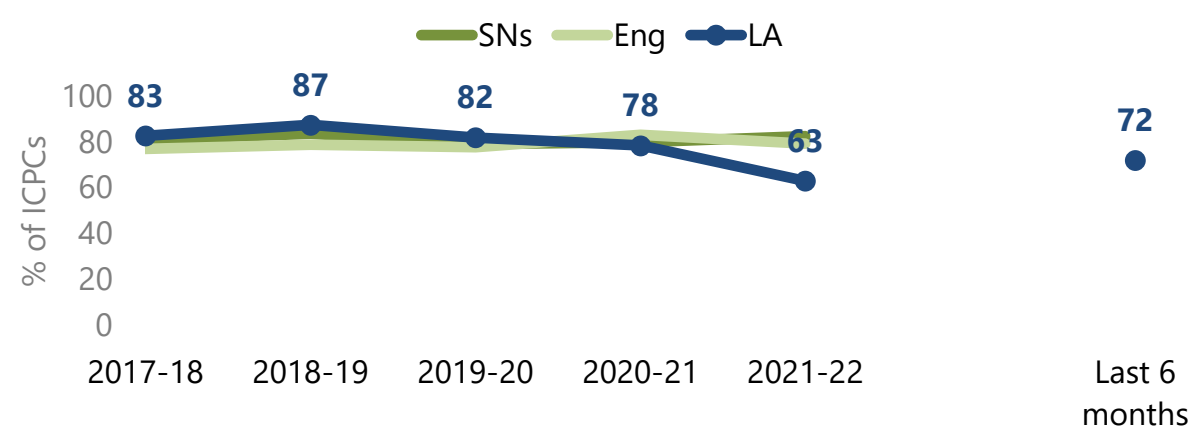
* Published comparator data includes transfer-in conferences

Comparing ICPC durations

- 0-10 days
- 11-15 days
- 16-20 days
- 21+ days
- Date error

% of ICPCs

	0-10	11-15	16-20	21+
Last 6 months	4	68	19	9
LA 21-22	5	58	6	31
SNs 21-22	9	74	11	9
Eng 21-22	10	70	10	11

Children in Need (CIN) - total, started, and ceased in the last 6 months

from 01/02/2023
to 31/07/2023

2501 total CIN in 6 months*

*Note: the numbers of children in need reported in ChAT are not directly comparable to published CIN census statistics due to an undercount of referrals and care leavers.

The children in need census includes any child referred to children's social care services in the year as well as any open case for whom the local authority was providing services. Ofsted's Annex A List 6 largely covers this cohort, with the exception of those with only an open referral and those accessing leaving care services.
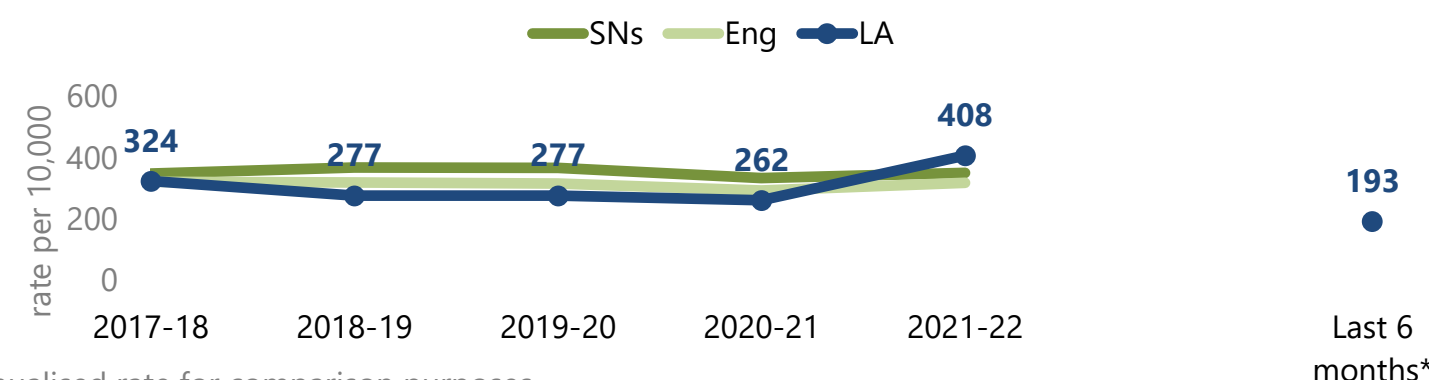
For this reason the published children in need census statistics are not directly comparable to ChAT, however there is considerable overlap with ChAT undercounting the true value as it excludes open referrals and care leavers.

Cases included in Annex A / ChAT

Case status of children on CIN list	Number	Percentage
Looked after child	619	25%
Child protection plan	315	13%
Child in need plan	742	30%
Open assessment	329	13%
Closed episode	496	20%
Case status not recorded	0	0%
Total (excluding case status unknown)	2,501	100%

523 CIN started in 6 months

Rate of children who started an episode of need per 10,000 children aged 0-17

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months*
324	277	277	262	408	193

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

496 CIN ceased in 6 months

Rate of children who ended an episode of need per 10,000 children aged 0-17

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months*
242	218	220	253	295	183
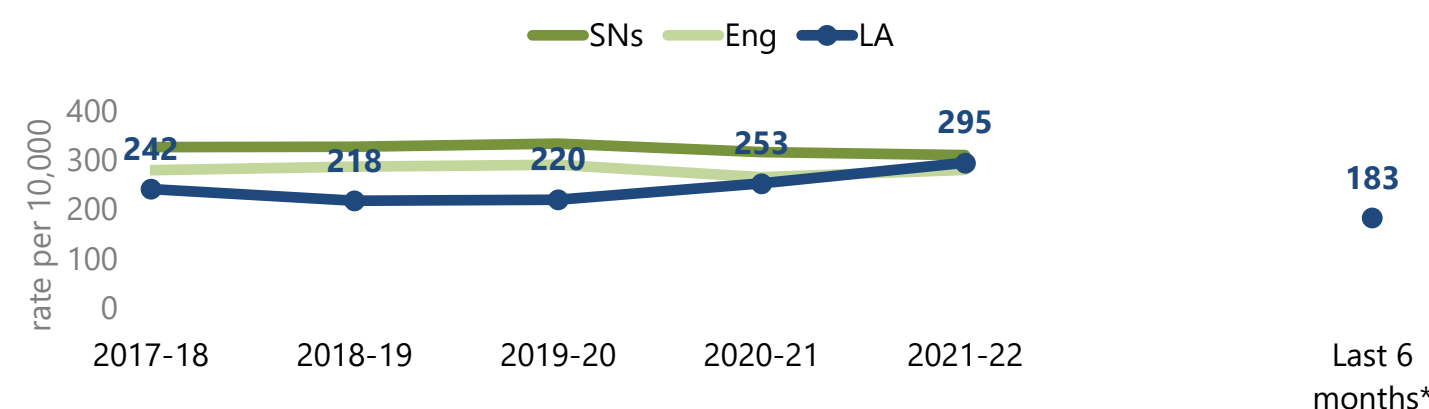
*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Comparing CIN ceased durations

Legend: Last 6 months, LA 21-22, SNs 21-22, Eng 21-22

% ceased CIN

Duration	Last 6 months
0 > 3months	16
3 >= 6 months	18
6 months > 1 year	28
1 year > 2 years	23
2+ years	15
Date error	0
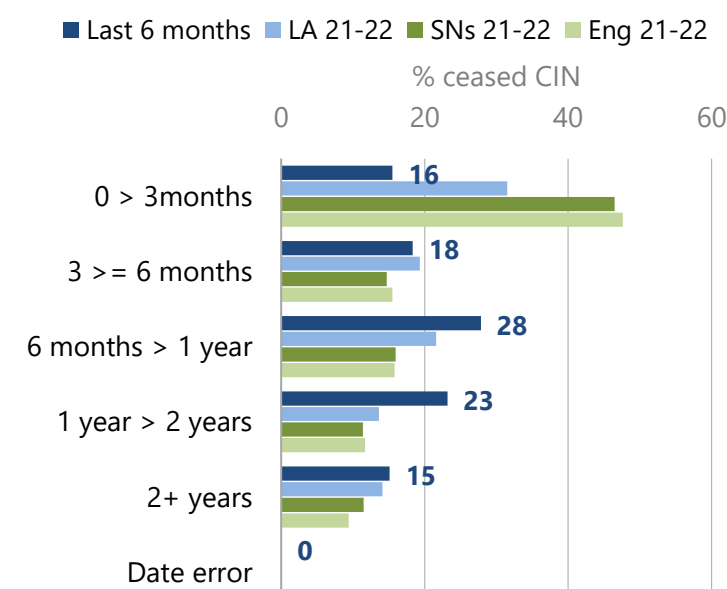
Comparing CIN ceased reasons

Legend: Last 6 months, LA 21-22, SNs 21-22, Eng 21-22

% ceased CIN

Reason	Last 6 months
Missing / unknown	0.0
Adopted	0.0
Died	0.0
Residence Order	1.8
SGO	2.4
Transfer to other LA	0.4
Transfer to ASC	1.2
Other	94
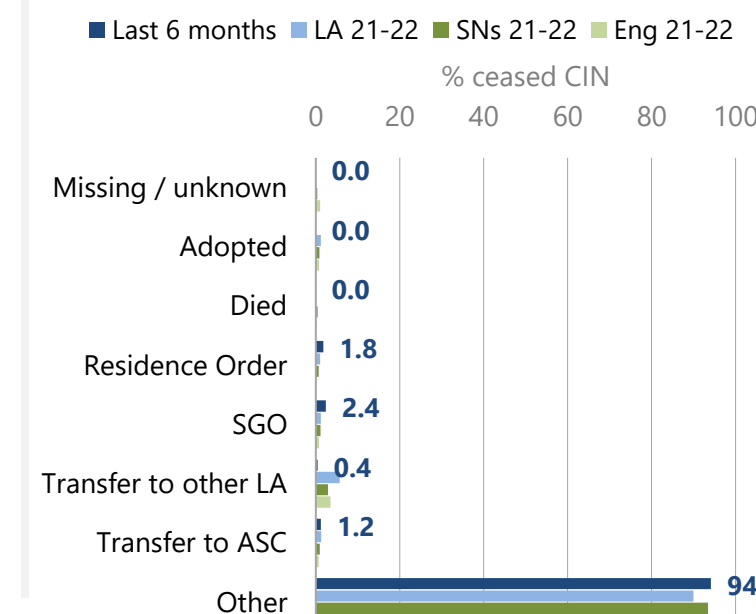
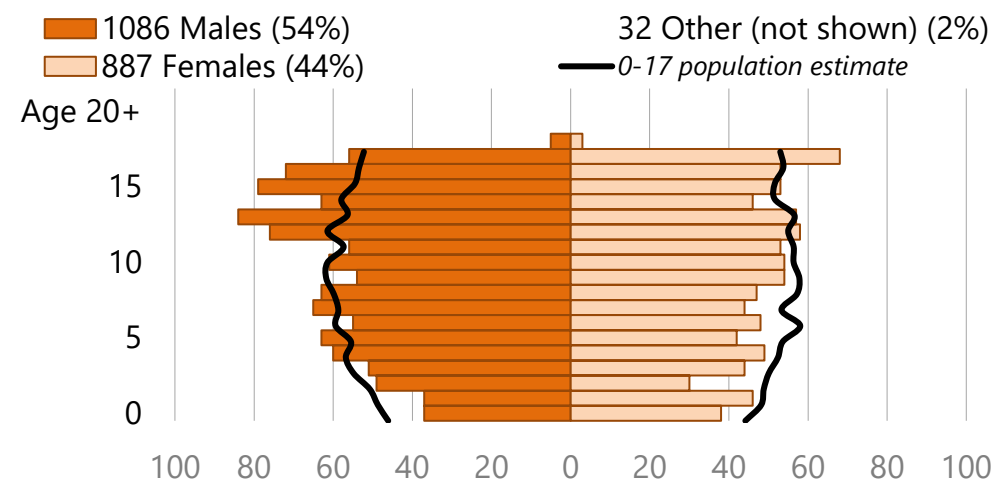## Children in Need (CIN) with an open episode of need

Snapshot 31/07/2023
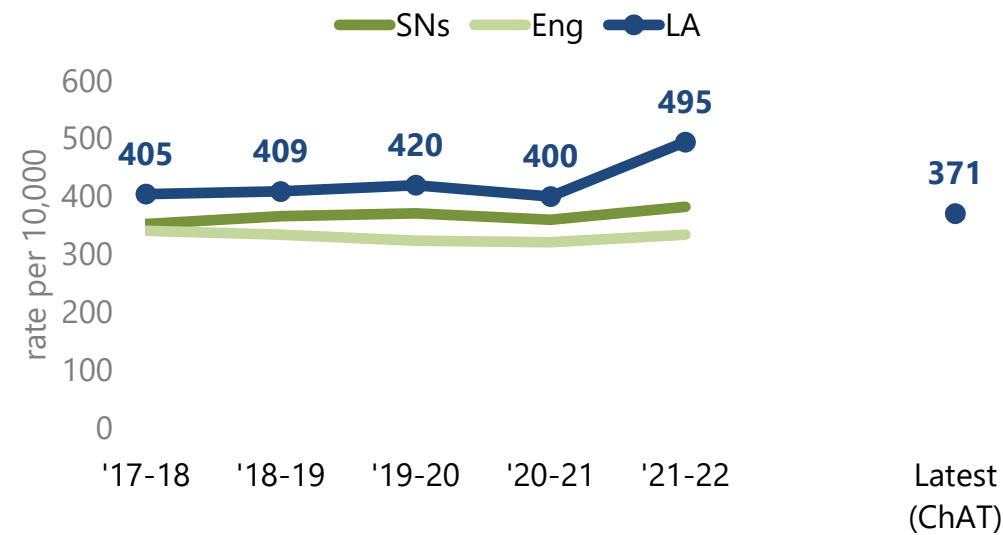
2005 Children in Need with an open episode of need*

*Note: Annex A figures in this section are not directly comparable to the published Children in need census statistics (see note on page 8)
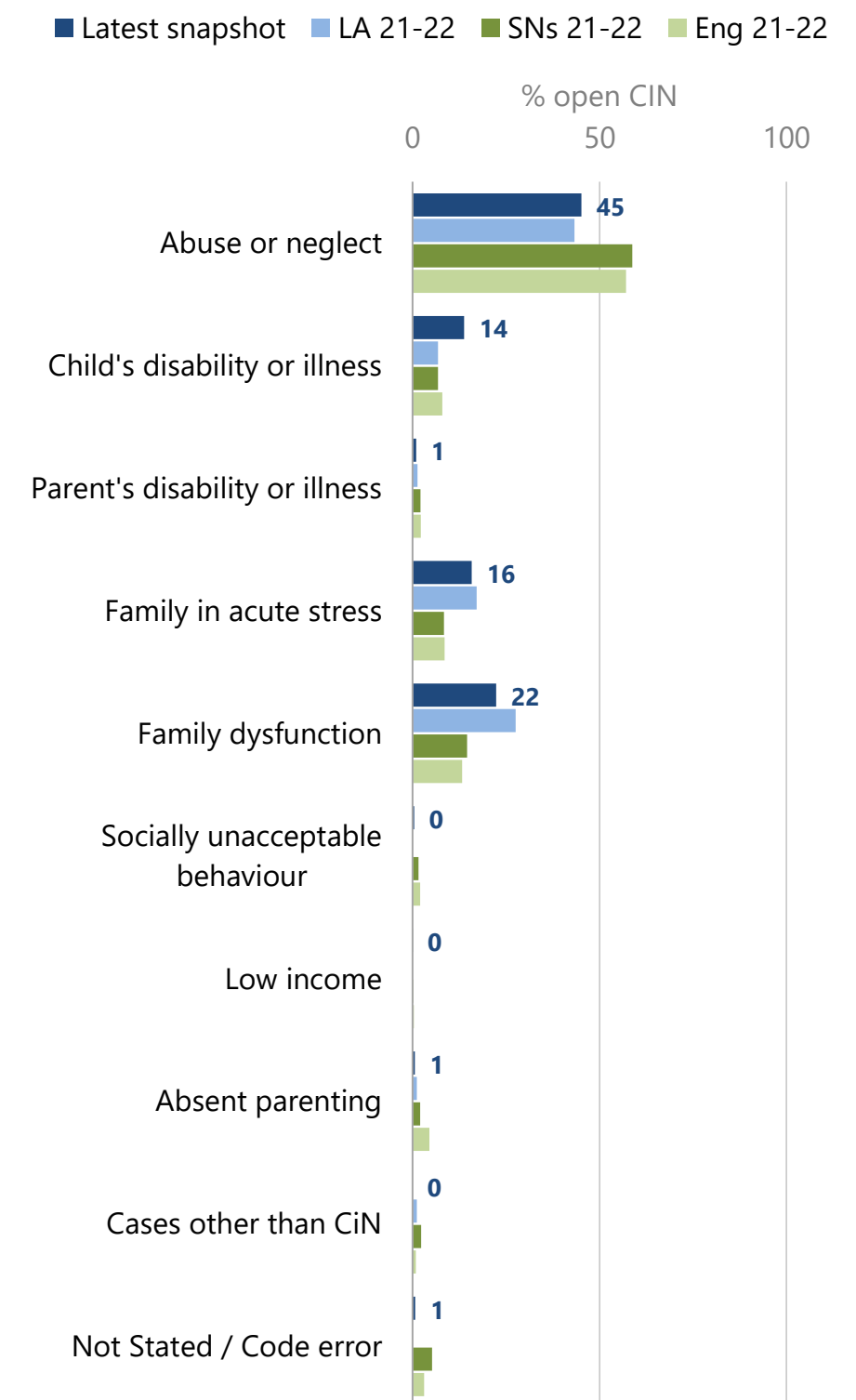
Age and gender

1086 Males (54%)
887 Females (44%)
32 Other (not shown) (2%)
— 0-17 population estimate

Age 20+

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

326 children (16%) with a disability

CIN with an open episode of need with a disability

— SNs — Eng —●— LA

'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Latest (ChAT)
13	13	12	12	11	16
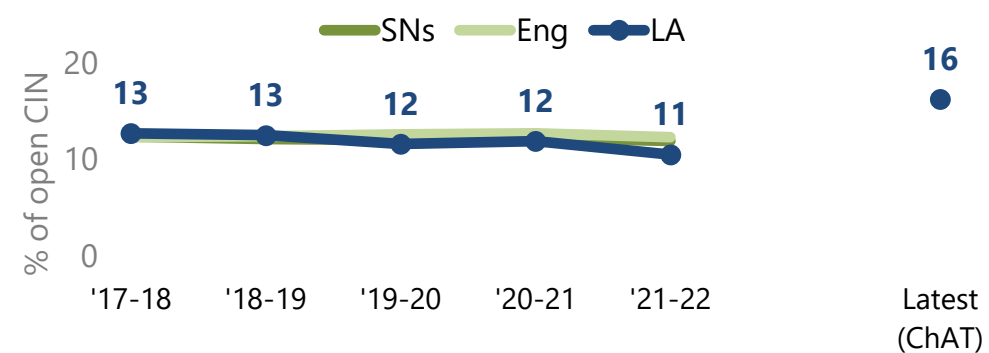
Ethnic background

White	86%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	1%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	1%
Not stated	6%
Not recorded	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

Rate of open CIN per 10,000 children aged 0-17*

— SNs — Eng —●— LA

'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Latest (ChAT)
405	409	420	400	495	371

Comparing episode duration of open CIN

■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22
■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

Duration	Latest snapshot
0 > 3 months	12
3 >= 6 months	9
6 months > 1 year	14
1 year > 2 years	17
2+ years	31
Error	16
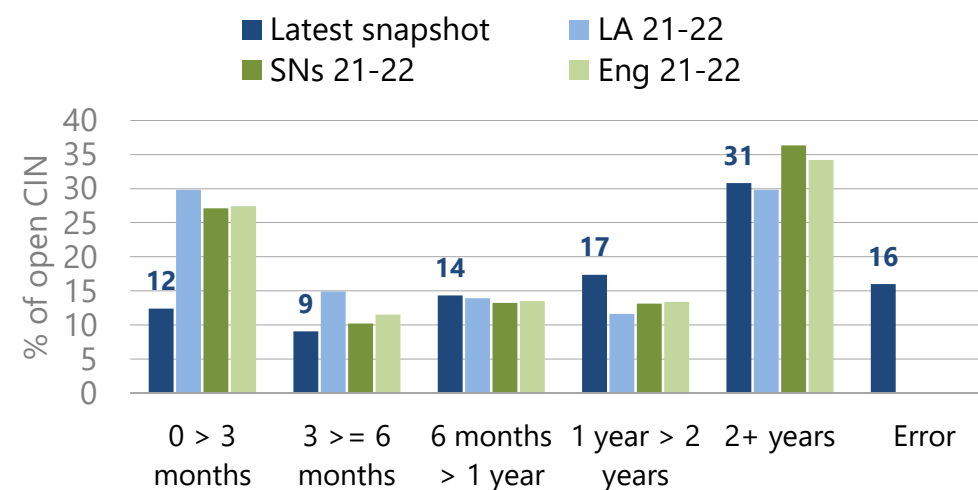
Time since the child was last seen by social worker

In the last 6 weeks	79%
6 - 12 weeks ago	13%
12 - 18 weeks ago	2%
18 or more weeks ago	2%
No visit (New CIN<1month)	0%
No visit (CIN 1+month)	3%
Date error	0%

Comparing primary need of open CIN

■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% open CIN

Primary need	Latest snapshot
Abuse or neglect	45
Child's disability or illness	14
Parent's disability or illness	1
Family in acute stress	16
Family dysfunction	22
Socially unacceptable behaviour	0
Low income	0
Absent parenting	1
Cases other than CiN	0
Not Stated / Code error	1

Child Protection Plans (CPP) started and ceased in the last 6 months

from 01/02/2023
to 31/07/2023

168 CPP started in 6 months

Rate of children who started a CP plan per 10,000 children

SNs — Eng — LA

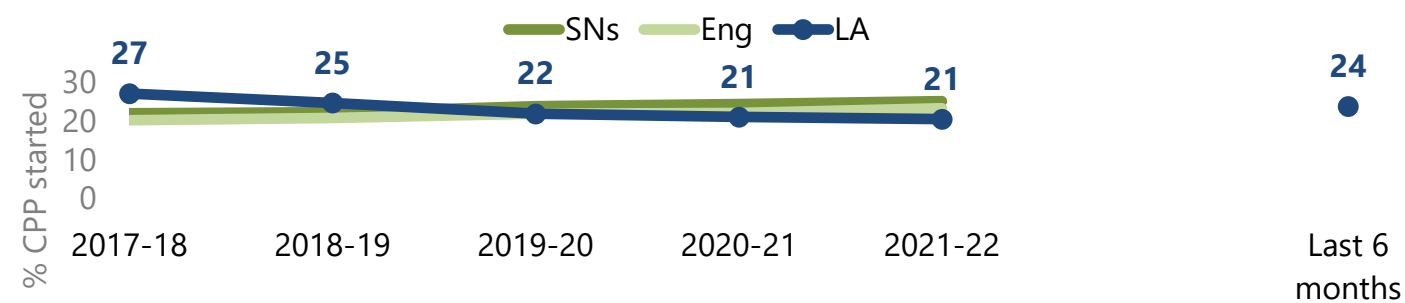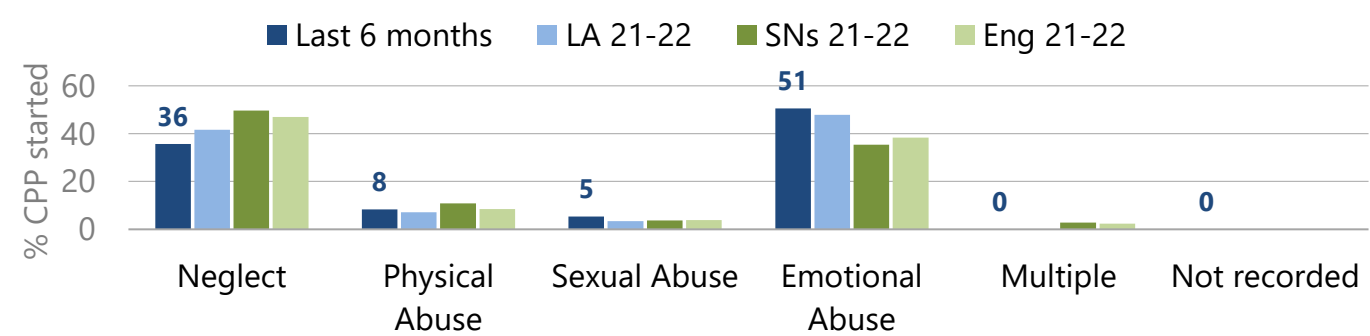| 2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months*
58	59	57	55	69	62
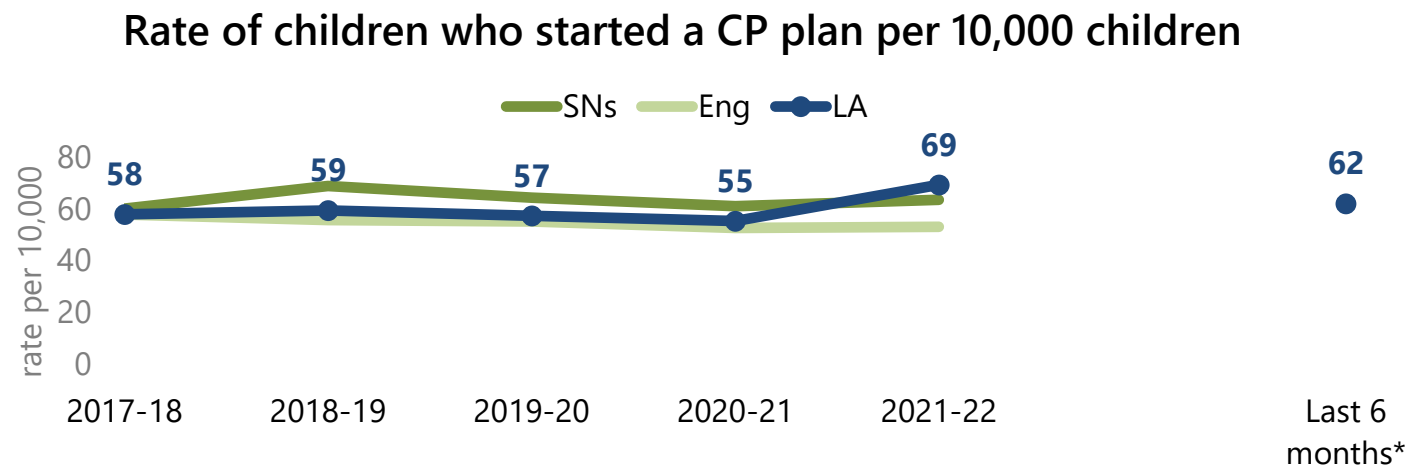
*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

"Re-registrations" for children who started on a CP plan (ever)

- Re-registration
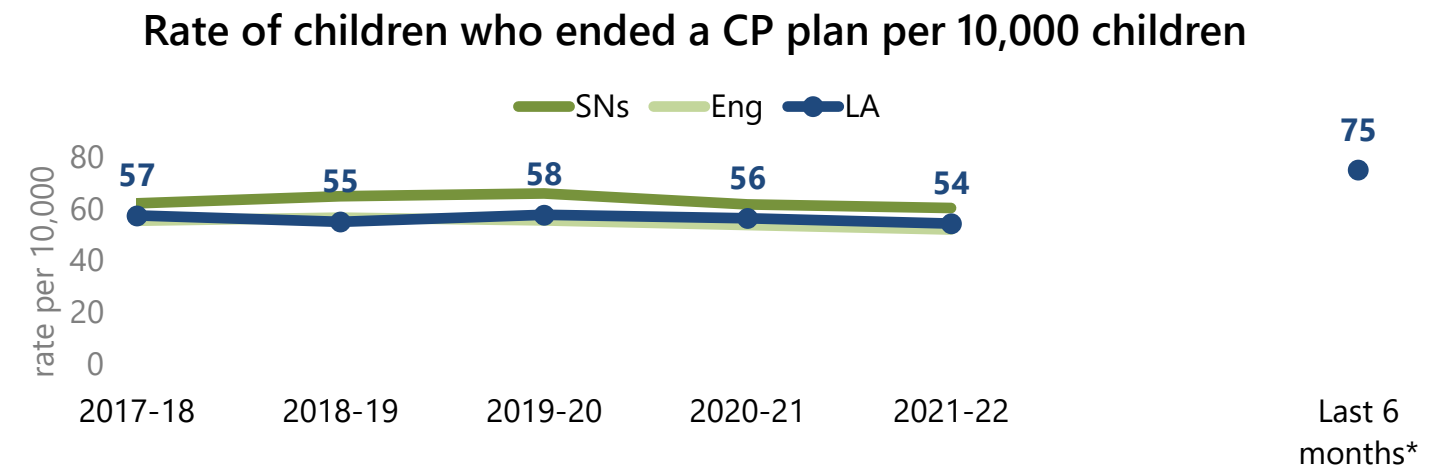- No previous plan

24%

40 of the 168 children who started a plan in the period have been the subject of a previous child protection plan
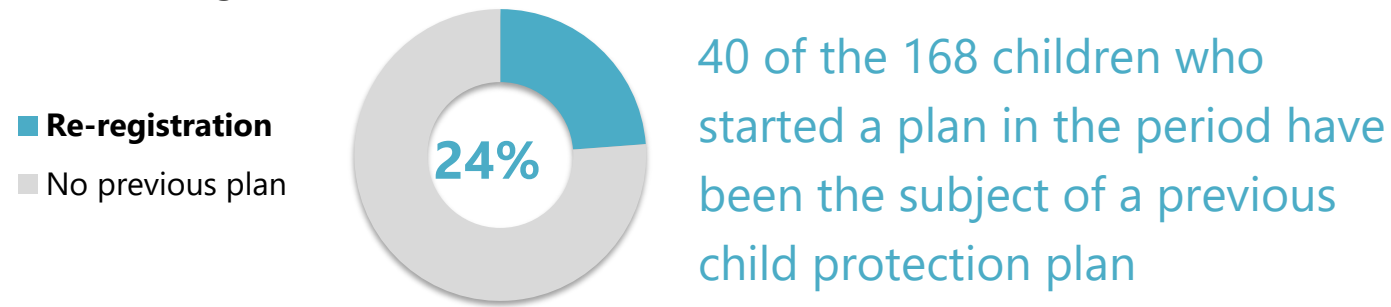
Comparing "re-registrations" for CPP started

SNs — Eng — LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months
27	25	22	21	21	24

Initial category of abuse for CPP started

■ Last 6 months ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Multiple	Not recorded
36	8	5	51	0	0

203 CPP ended in 6 months

Rate of children who ended a CP plan per 10,000 children

SNs — Eng — LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Last 6 months*
57	55	58	56	54	75

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Comparing plan durations for CPP ended

■ Last 6 months ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% CPP ceased

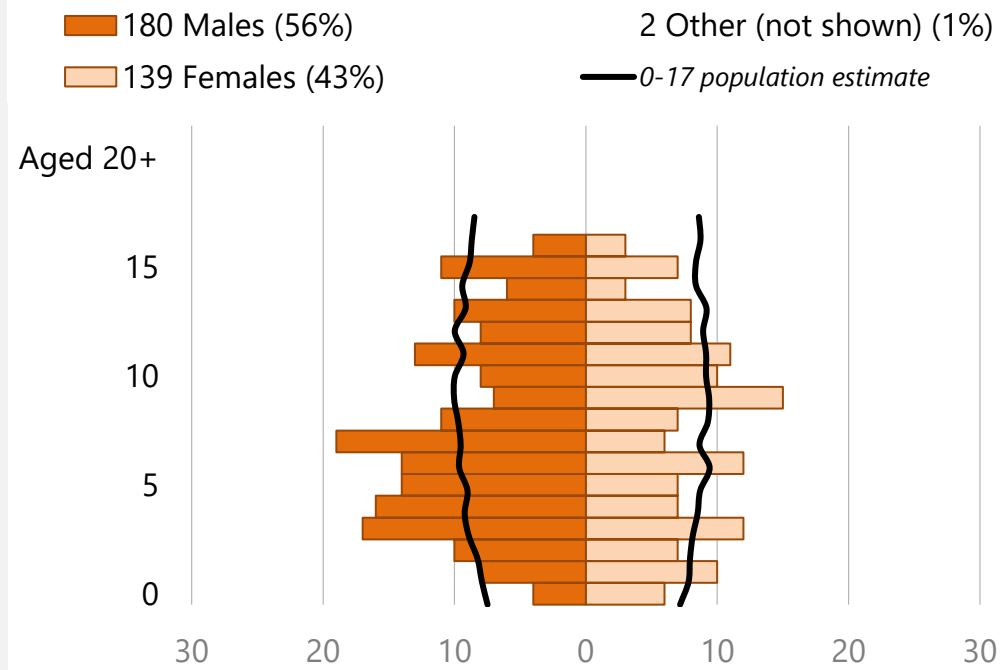| Duration	Last 6 months
Less than 3 months	7
3 to 6 months	7
6 months to 1 year	51
1 to 2 years	33
2 or more years	2
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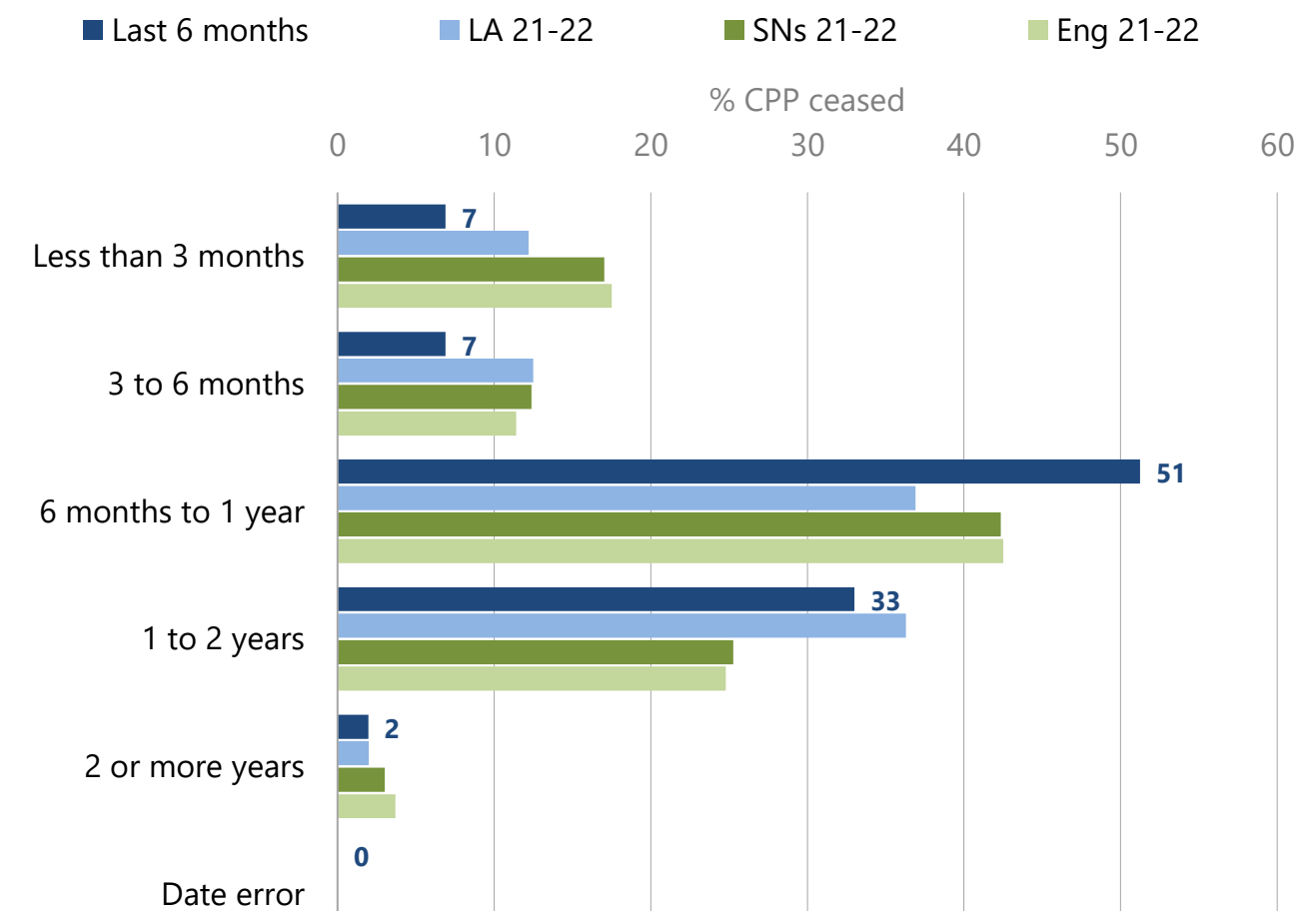
4 of 203 children ended a CP plan after 2 years or more

Child Protection Plans (CPP) currently open

321 children currently subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP)

Age and gender

- 180 Males (56%)
- 139 Females (43%)
- 2 Other (not shown) (1%)
- 0-17 population estimate

Aged 20+

15
10
5
0

30   20   10   0   10   20   30

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Ethnic background

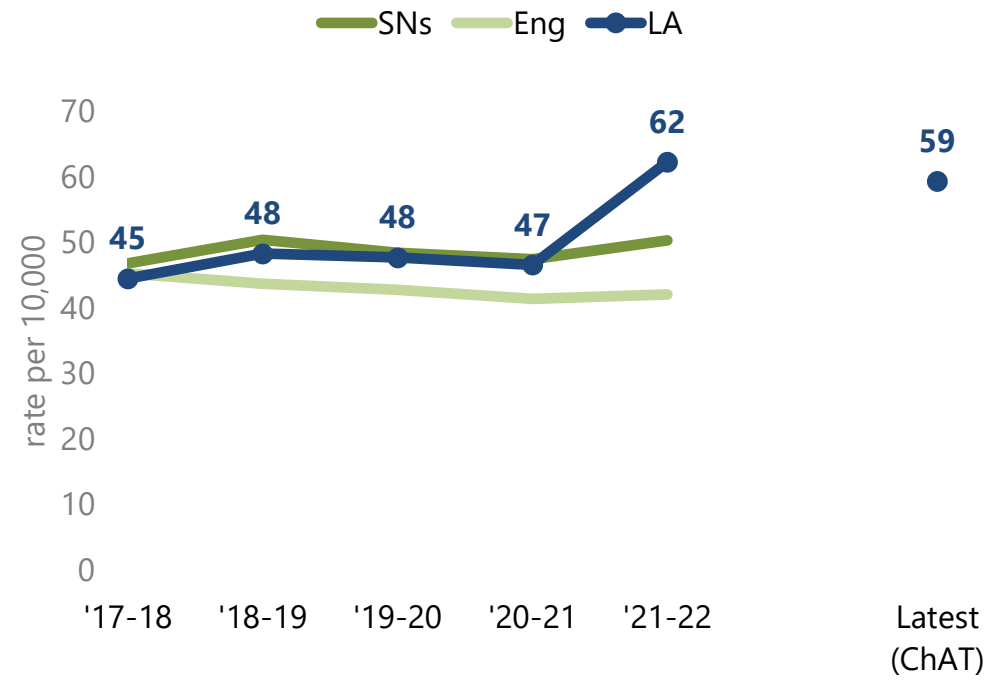|	
White	94%
Mixed	4%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	0%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

See page 20 for comparisons

15 children (5%) with a disability

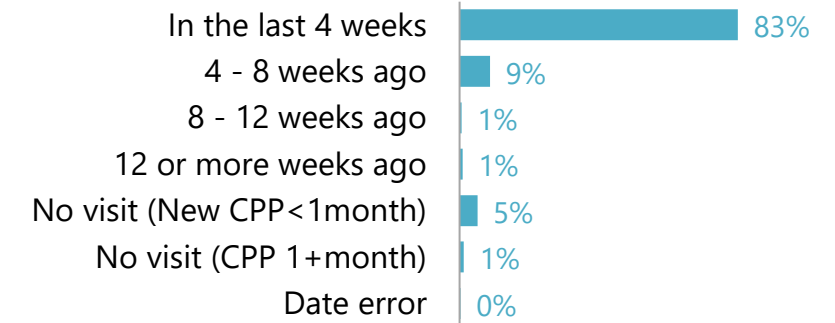0 open CP subject to Emergency Protection Order or Protected Under Police Powers in last 6 months

Latest category of abuse for current CP plans

- Latest snapshot
- LA 21-22
- SNs 21-22
- Eng 21-22

% open CPP

- Neglect: 36
- Physical Abuse: 7
- Sexual Abuse: 4
- Emotional Abuse: 53
- Multiple: 0
- Not recorded: 0
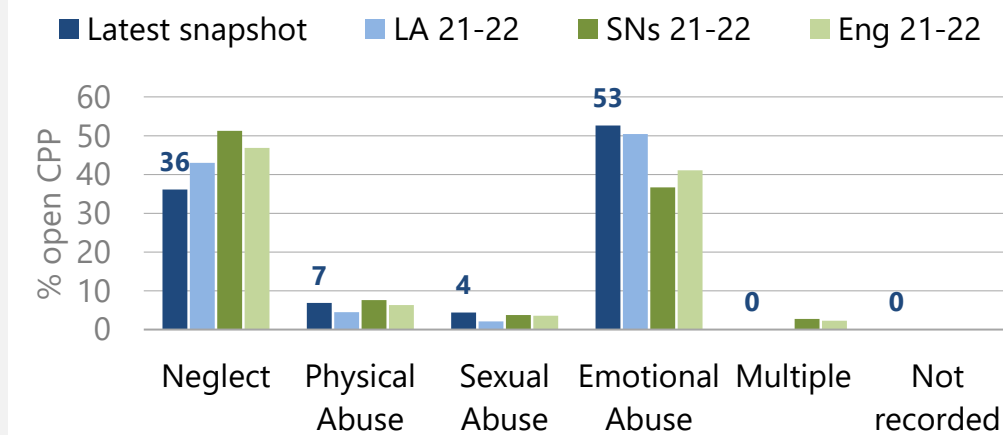
Rate of CPP per 10,000 children aged 0-17

- SNs
- Eng
- LA

rate per 10,000

'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Latest (ChAT)
45	48	48	47	62	59

Comparing duration of open CP plans

- Latest snapshot
- LA 21-22
- SNs 21-22
- Eng 21-22

% open CPP

0   10   20   30   40

- 0 > 3months: 25
- 3 >= 6 months: 23
- 6 months > 1 year: 34
- 1 year > 2 years: 15
- 2+ years: 2
- Date error: 0

Time since the child was last seen

- In the last 4 weeks: 83%
- 4 - 8 weeks ago: 9%
- 8 - 12 weeks ago: 1%
- 12 or more weeks ago: 1%
- No visit (New CPP<1month): 5%
- No visit (CPP 1+month): 1%
- Date error: 0%

Open CPP **seen alone** at their last social work visit

(excludes Not recorded or N/A)

59%

- Yes
- No

Time since the child's latest review

- 0 > 3 months: 47%
- 3 > 6 months: 31%
- 6 > 9 months: 1%
- 9 > 12 months: 0%
- 1 year or more: 0%
- No review (New CPP <3months): 21%
- No review (CPP 3+ month): 0%
- Date error: 0%
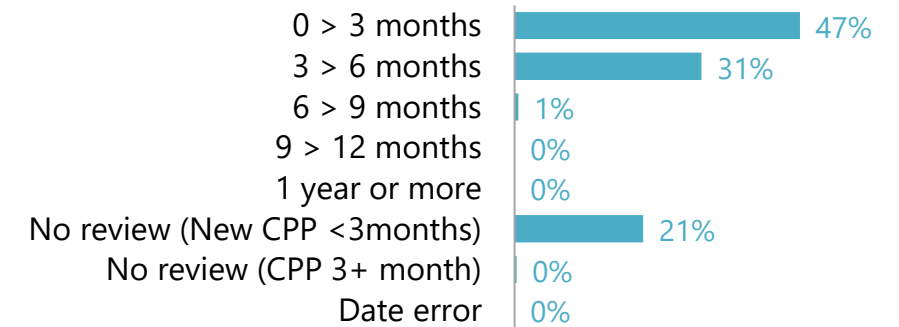
Duration of current open CP plans (in months)

No. open CPP

2 years

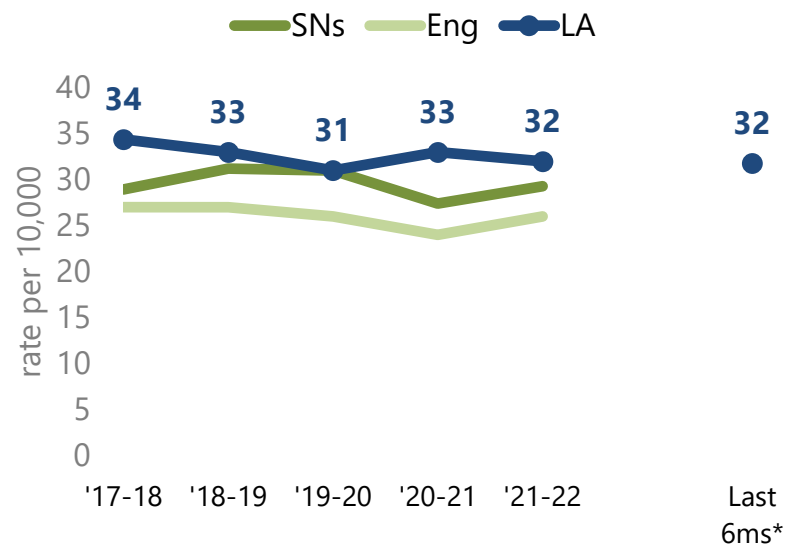0   6   12   18   24   30   36   42   48+
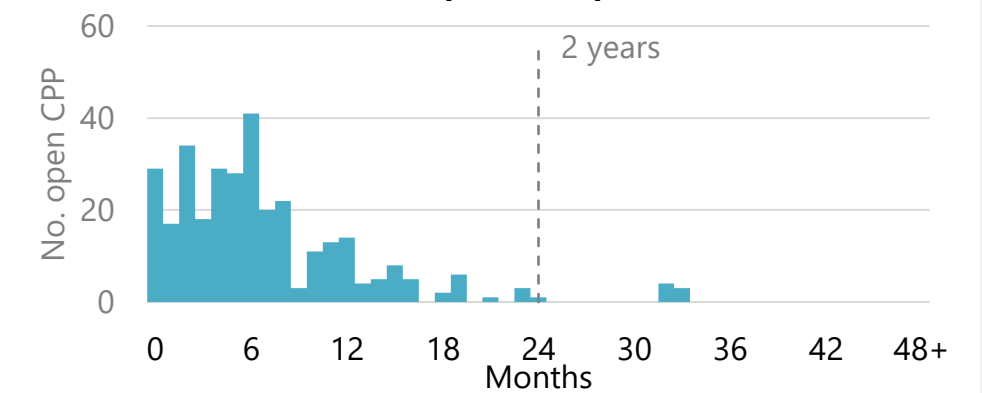
Months

Children Looked After (CLA) started and ceased in the last 6 months

from 01/02/2023
to 31/07/2023

86 CLA started in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA started per 10,000 children

SNs — Eng — LA

	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Last 6ms*
LA	34	33	31	33	32	32

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Age and gender

- 39 Males (45%)
- 42 Females (49%)
- 3 UASC M (3%)
- 2 UASC F (2%)
- 0 Other (not shown) (0%)

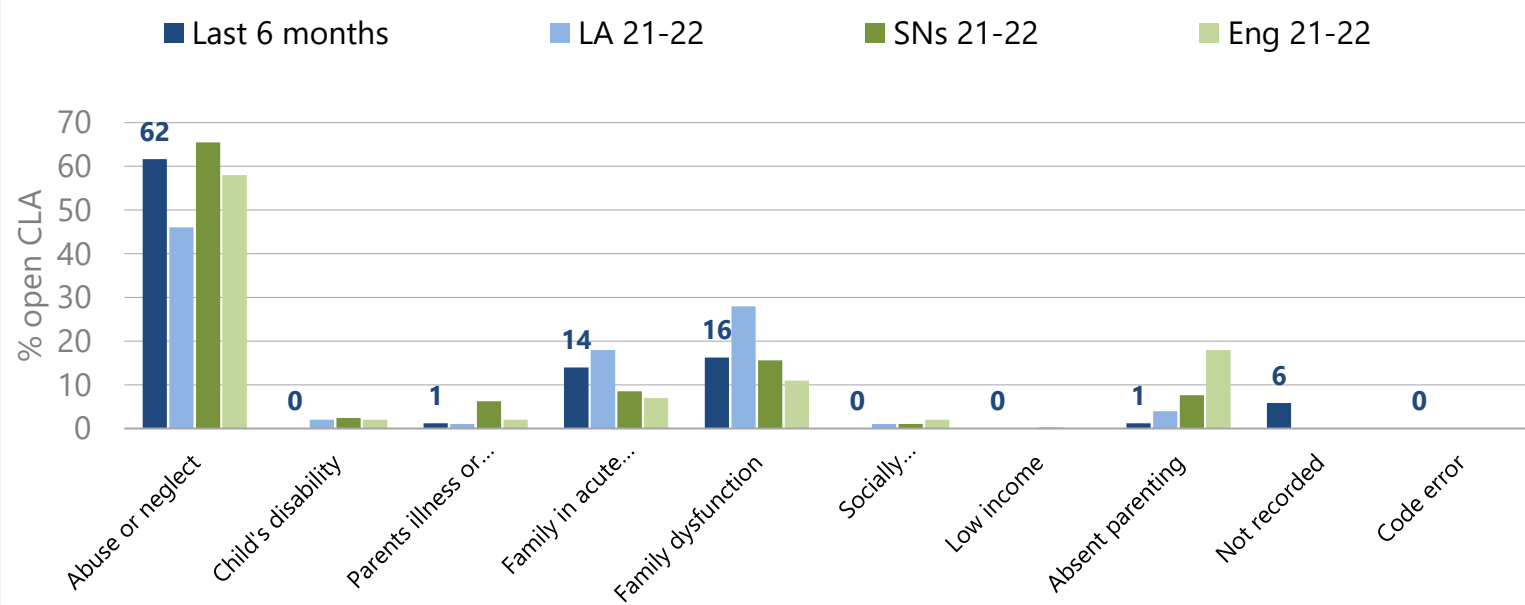Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F
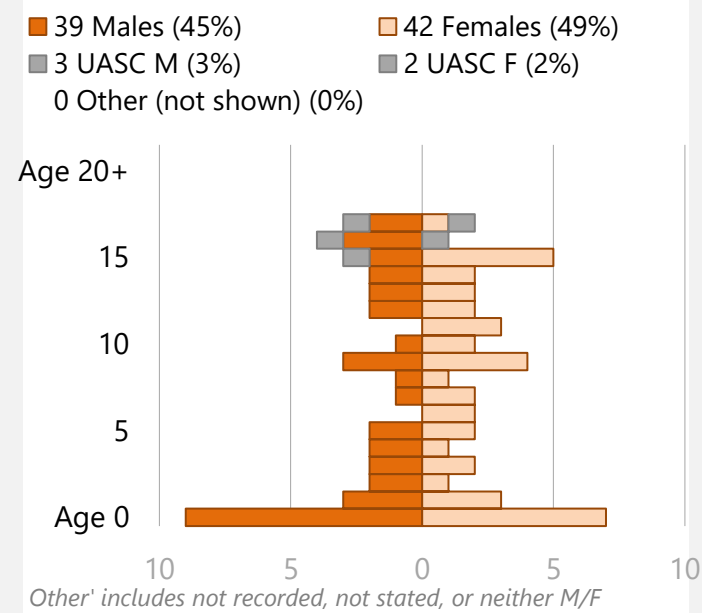
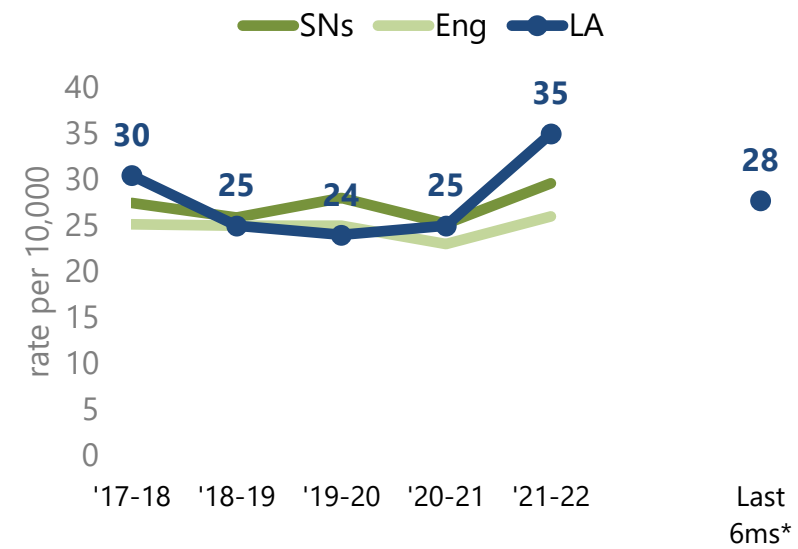**6%** — 5 of the 86 CLA starters were unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)

1% — 1 of the 86 CLA starters have previously been looked after
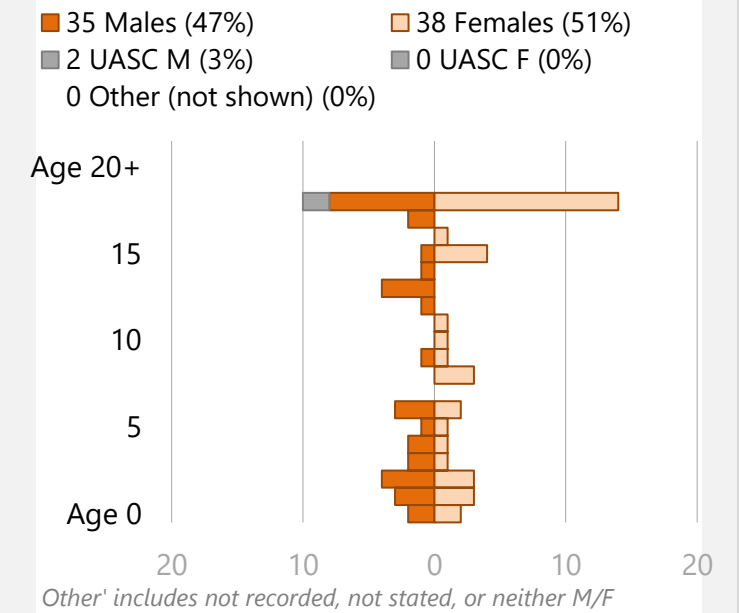
Comparing the primary need of CLA starters

- Last 6 months
- LA 21-22
- SNs 21-22
- Eng 21-22

Primary need	Last 6 months
Abuse or neglect	62
Child's disability	0
Parents illness or...	1
Family in acute...	14
Family dysfunction	16
Socially...	0
Low income	0
Absent parenting	1
Not recorded	6
Code error	0

75 CLA ceased in the last 6 months

Rate of CLA ceased per 10,000 children

SNs — Eng — LA

	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Last 6ms*
LA	30	25	24	25	35	28

*Annualised rate for comparison purposes

Age and gender

- 35 Males (47%)
- 38 Females (51%)
- 2 UASC M (3%)
- 0 UASC F (0%)
- 0 Other (not shown) (0%)

Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Reason episode of care ceased

Adopted

3%
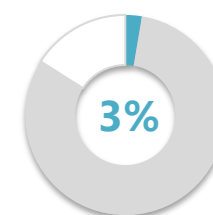
Last 6 months **3%**

2021-22 (published)		
LA	SNs	Eng
13%	11%	10%

Special Guardianship Order

15%

Last 6 months **15%**

2021-22 (published)		
LA	SNs	Eng
21%	17%	13%

Number of CLA ceased by reason in the period

Reason	Number
Adopted	2
Died	1
Care taken by another LA	0
Returned home to live with parents/ relatives	11
Live with parents/relatives (not PR)	8
Residence order granted	12
Special Guardianship Orders	11
Moved into independent living	8
Transferred to residential care funded by ASS	1
Sentenced to custody	1
Accommodation on remand ended	1
Age assessment determined child was 18+	0
Child moved abroad	1
Any other reason	6
Not recorded / Error	12

Children Looked After (CLA) with an open episode of care

Snapshot 31/07/2023

617 Children Looked After (CLA) with an open episode of care

Rate of CLA per 10,000 children (snapshot)

SNs — Eng — LA

Year	Rate
2017-18	90
2018-19	98
2019-20	105
2020-21	113
2021-22	113
Latest snapshot	114

Age and gender

- 319 Males (52%)
- 283 Females (46%)
- 0 Other (not shown) (0%)
- 12 UASC Males (2%)
- 3 UASC Females (0%)
- 0-17 population estimate

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

15 open unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)

UASC as a percentage of CLA (snapshot)

SNs — Eng — LA

Year	%
2017-18	0.5
2018-19	0.5
2019-20	0.5
2020-21	0.5
2021-22	1.6
Latest snapshot	2

Ethnic background

	All CLA	Not UASC	UASC
White	91%	94%	0%
Mixed	4%	4%	0%
Asian or Asian British	1%	0%	27%
Black or black British	1%	1%	0%
Other ethnic group	3%	1%	73%
Not stated	0%	0%	0%
Not recorded	0%	0%	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

Comparing legal status of open CLA (snapshot)

■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% open CLA

Legal status	Latest snapshot
Interim care order	21
Full care order	66
Freed for adoption	0
Placement order granted	5
Accommodated under S20	8
Detained on CP grounds in LA accommodation	0
Youth justice legal status	0
Not recorded / code error	0

63 children (10%) with a disability

Permanence plan

	Number	%
Return to family	95	15%
Adoption	34	6%
SGO/CAO	9	1%
Supported living	12	2%
L/T residential	16	3%
L/T fostering	258	42%
Other	161	26%
Not recorded	32	5%

Time since latest review

a) 0 > 3 months	55%
b) 3 > 6 months	36%
c) 6 > 9 months	4%
d) 9 > 12 months	0%
e) 1 year or more	0%
No review (New CLA <1month)	3%
No review (CLA 1+ month)	1%
Date error	0%

Time since the child was last seen

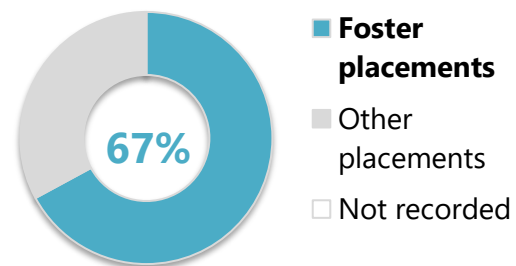|	
In the last 6 weeks	76%
6 - 12 weeks ago	18%
12 - 18 weeks ago	4%
18 or more weeks ago	0%
No visit (New CLA<1month)	0%
No visit (CLA 1+month)	2%
Date error	0%

Children Looked After (CLA) placements

Snapshot 31/07/2023

CLA placements by type and provision

Foster placements

67%

- ■ Foster placements
- □ Other placements
- □ Not recorded

LA 2021-22	67%
SNs 2021-22	68%
Eng 2021-22	70%

Own provision

44%

- ■ Own provision
- □ Other provision
- □ Not recorded
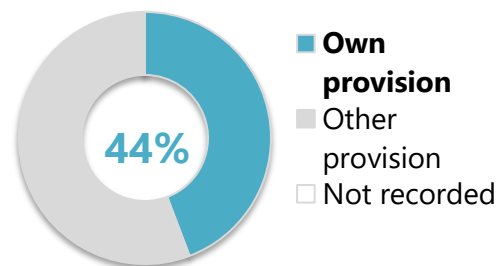
LA 2021-22	43%
SNs 2021-22	51%
Eng 2021-22	46%

Placement type (open CLA)	Own LA	Private	Other	Total
Foster placement	262	126	26	414
Placed for adoption	3	0	5	8
Placed with parents	0	0	84	84
Independent living	1	2	0	3
Residential employment	0	0	0	0
Residential accommodation	2	19	0	21
Secure Children's Homes	0	0	0	0
Children's Homes	0	69	6	75
Residential Care Home	0	2	0	2
NHS/Health Trust	0	0	0	0
Family Centre	1	1	1	3
Young Offender Institution	0	0	0	0
Residential school	0	0	0	0
Other placements	4	3	0	7
Temporary placement	0	0	0	0
Total placements	273	222	122	617

CLA placements out of borough

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

% of open CLA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest snapshot
39	41	37	38	39	36
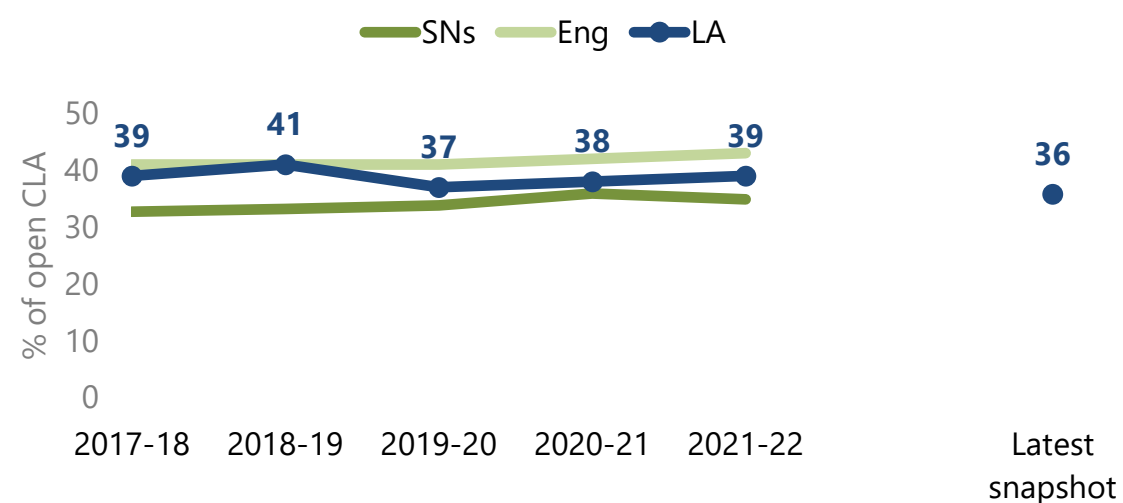
Number of placements in the last 12 months

Number of placements	
1	437
2	124
3	37
4	10
5	3
6	2
7+	4
Not recorded	0
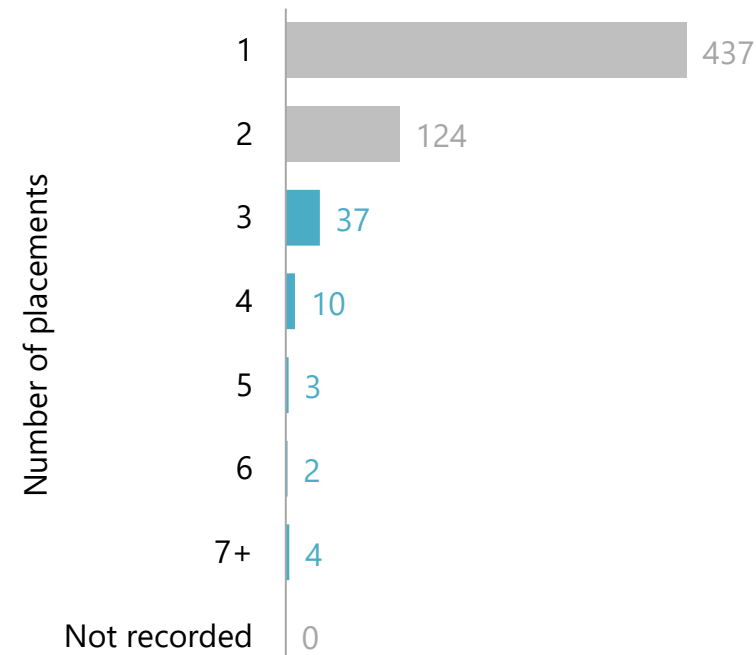
May include "status" changes as well as placements

Comparing short term placement stability

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

% of open CLA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
11	10	8	9	9
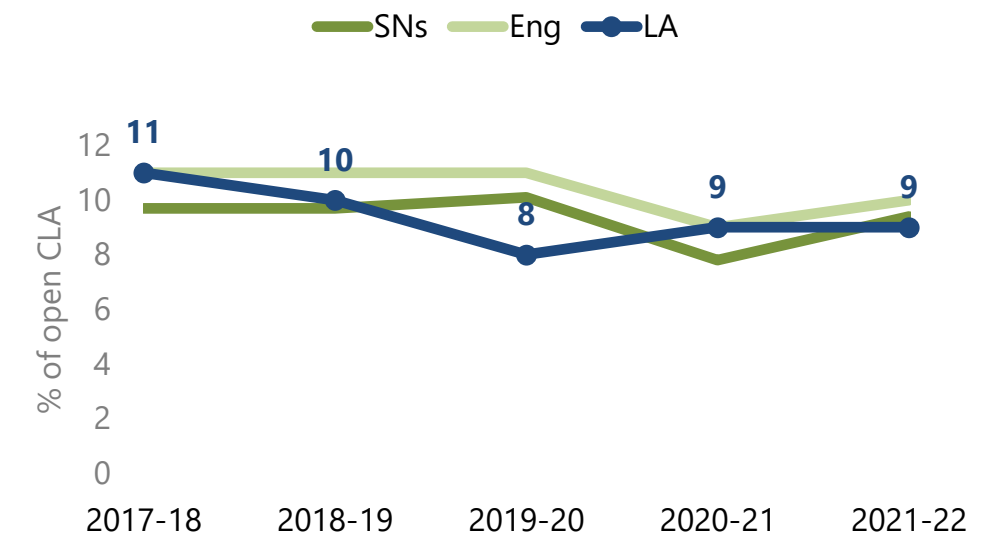
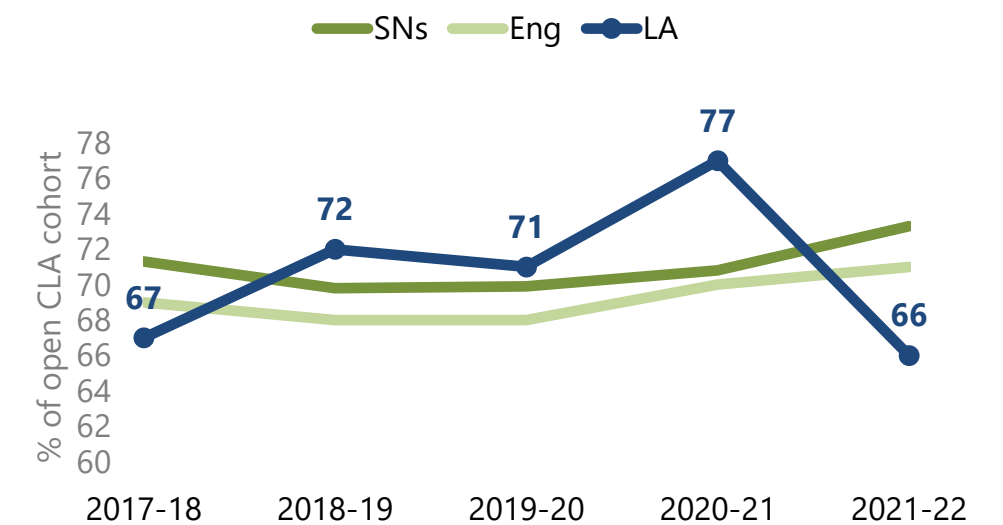Due to limited data in the Annex A dataset, ChAT does not present short-term stability alongside published statistics

Duration of placements

Duration of latest placement for each current CLA aged under 16 who have been looked after for 2½ years or more

0 > 3 months	17
3 >= 6 months	11
6 months > 1 year	17
1 year > 2 years	48
2+ years	193
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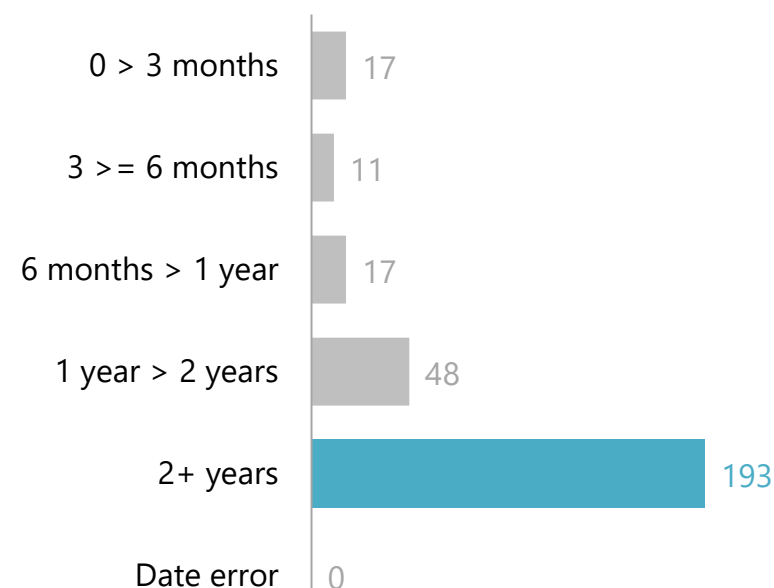
May include "status" changes as well as placements

Comparing long term placement stability

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

% of open CLA cohort

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
67	72	71	77	66

Due to limited data in the Annex A dataset, ChAT does not present long-term stability alongside published statistics

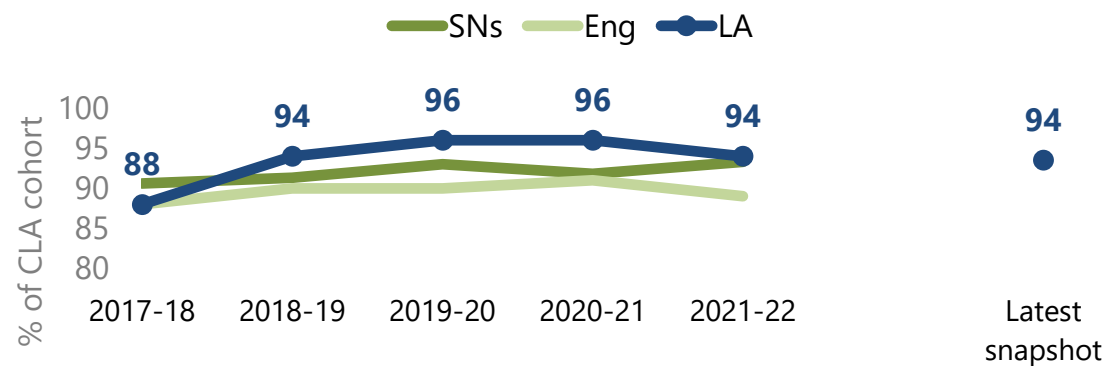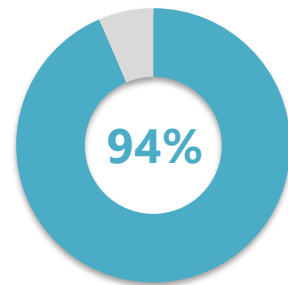## Children Looked After (CLA) health and missing/absent from placement

Health

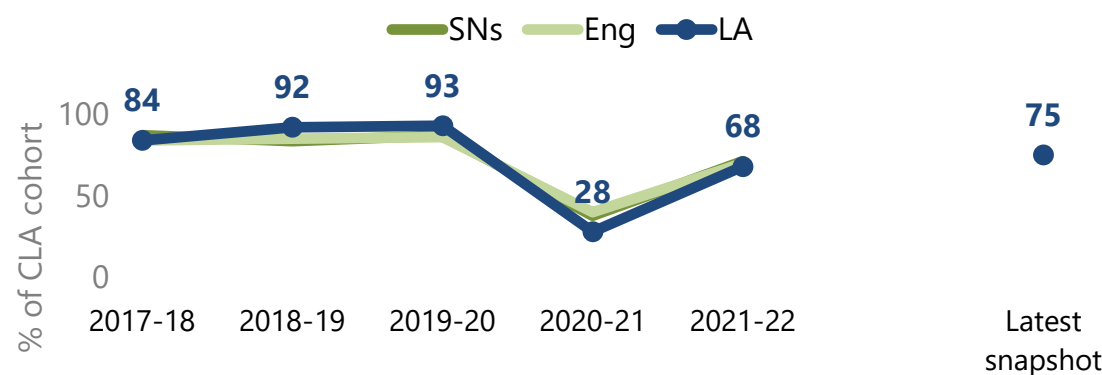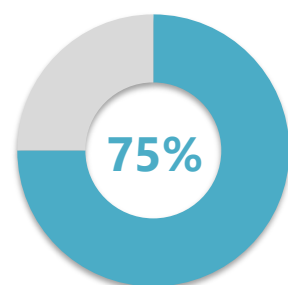**464 current open CLA looked after for at least 12 months**

Health assessments

Current open CLA who have been looked after for at least 12 months with an up to date health assessment (in the last 6 months for CLA aged under 5, and in the last 12 months for CLA aged 5-plus)
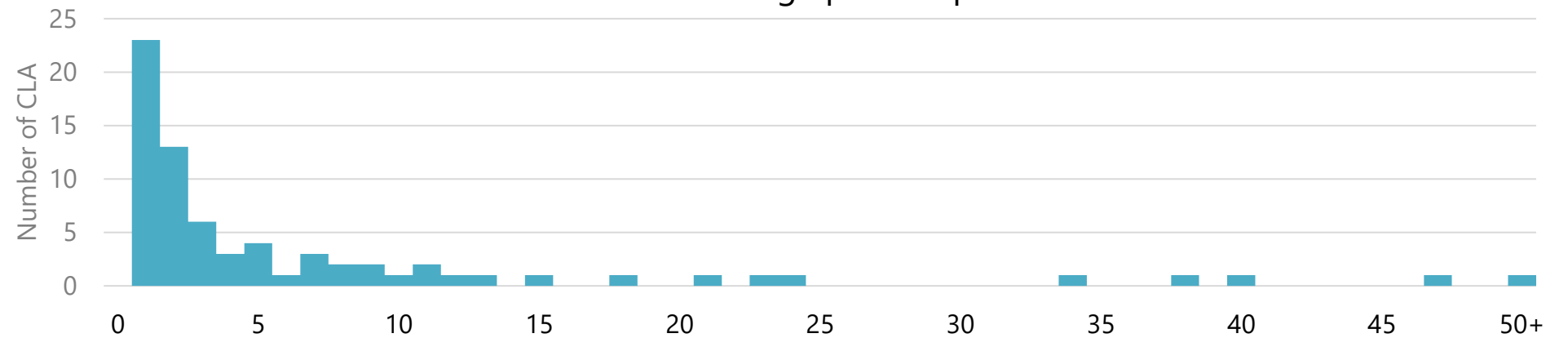
94%

SNs — Eng — LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest snapshot
88	94	96	96	94	94

% of CLA cohort

Dental checks

Current open CLA who have been looked after for at least 12 months who have had a dental check in the last 12 months.

75%

SNs — Eng — LA

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest snapshot
84	92	93	28	68	75

% of CLA cohort

Missing from placement

Number of missing episodes per CLA

Number of CLA

72 of 692 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	72 of 692	73		
Percentage of all CLA with a missing incident	10%	9%	11%	11%
Total number of missing incidents for all CLA	529	297		
Average number of incidents per CLA who went missing	7.3	4.1	6.8	6.3

Missing incidents - return home interviews

	Latest data	
Missing children offered return interview	46 of 72	64%
Missing children not offered return interview	21 of 72	29%
Missing children return interview offer not recorded	5 of 72	7%
Missing children where return interview was n/a	0 of 72	0%
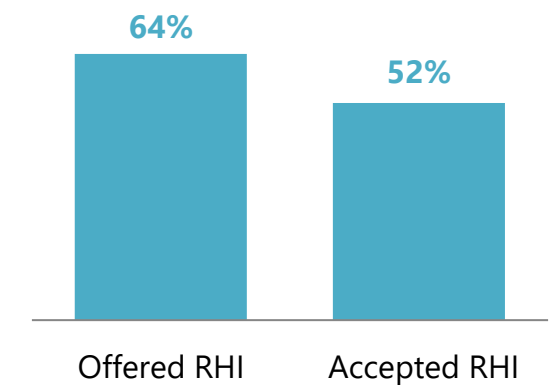
	Latest data	
Missing children accepted return interview	24 of 46	52%
Missing children not accepted return interview	22 of 46	48%
Missing children return interview acceptance not recorded	0 of 46	0%

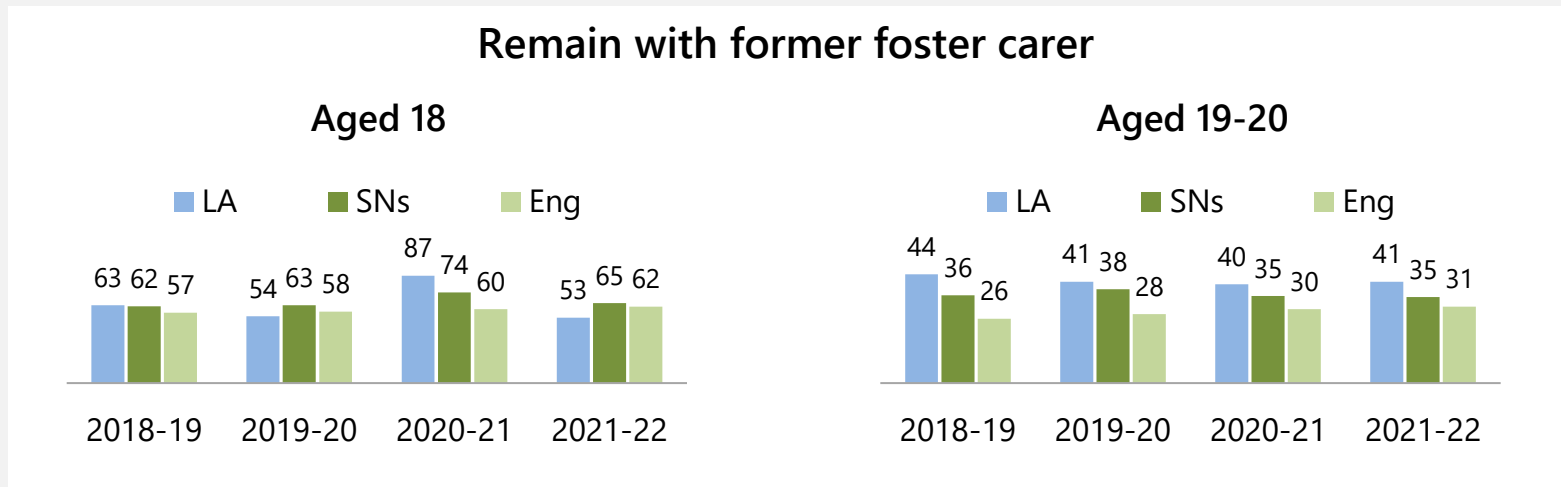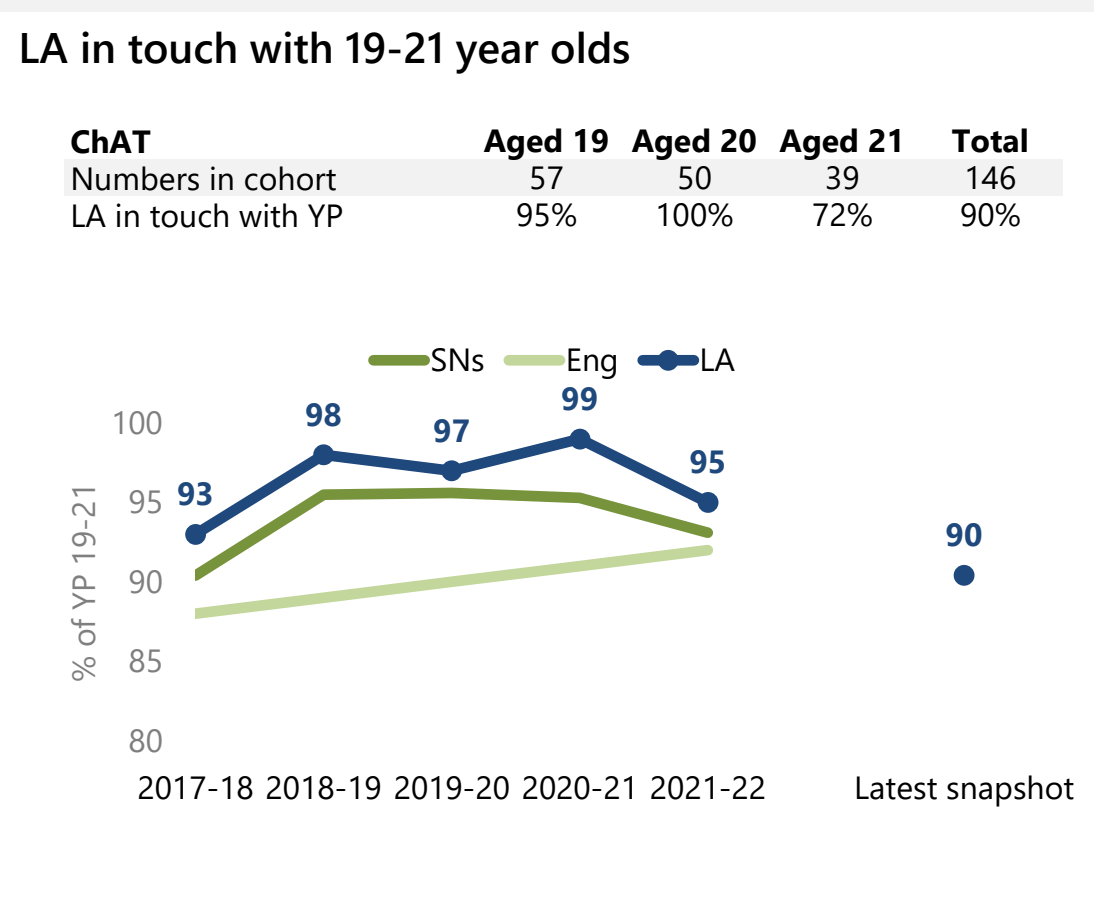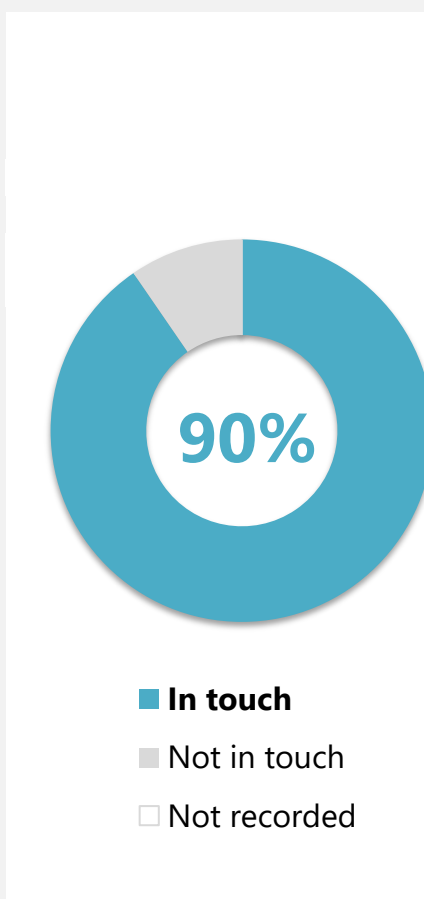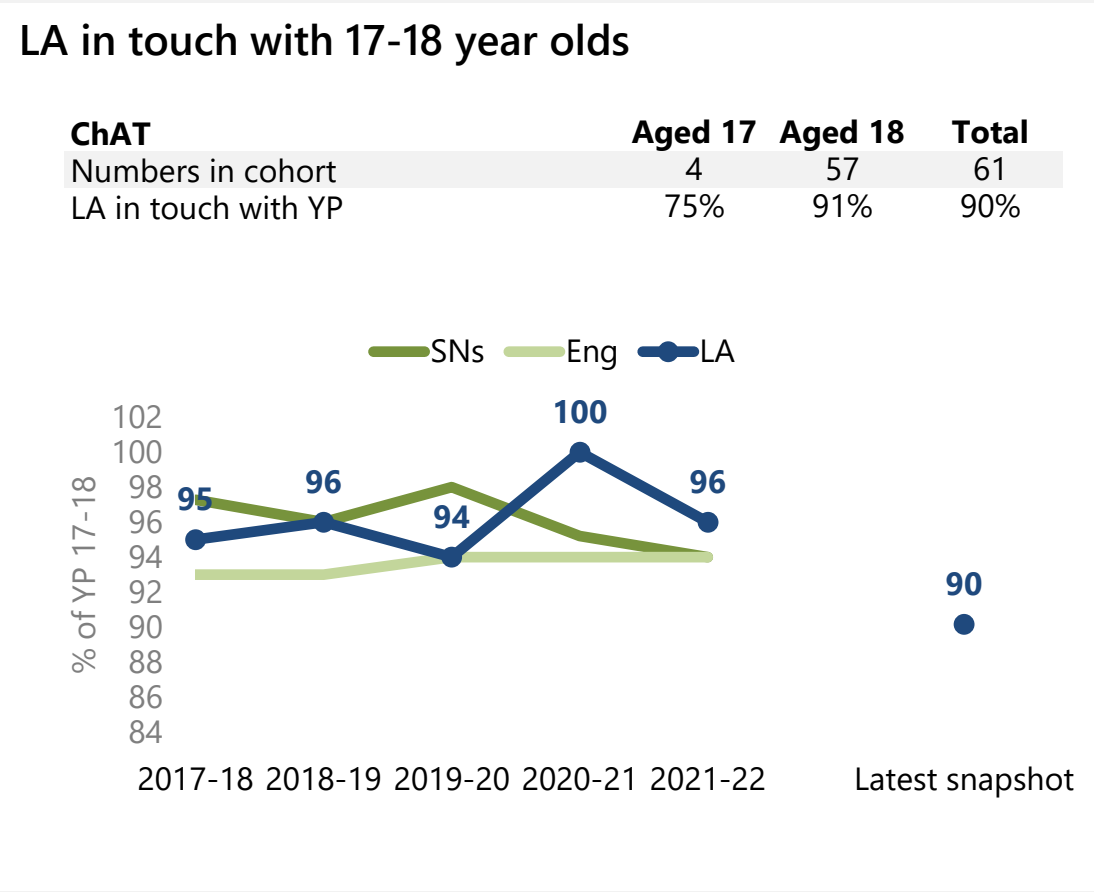**64%** Offered RHI   **52%** Accepted RHI

Absent from placement

6 of 692 looked after children had an absent incident in the last 12 months

	Latest data	LA 21-22	SNs 21-22	Eng 21-22
Number of all CLA with an absent incident	6 of 692	c		
Percentage of all CLA with an absent incident	1%	c	3%	2%
Total number of absent incidents for all CLA	10	8		
Average number of incidents per CLA who were absent	1.7	1.6	4.3	3.5

## Care leavers currently in receipt of leaving care services

594 care leavers

Age and gender

- 319 Males (54%)
- 273 Females (46%)
- 2 Other (not shown) (0%)

Age 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15

100 50 0 50 100

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F

Ethnic background

White	87%
Mixed	3%
Asian or Asian British	2%
Black or black British	1%
Other ethnic group	7%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

103 (17%) care leavers with a disability

Remained in care until aged 18

YP who ceased to be looked after aged 16-plus who were looked after until their 18th birthday

- SNs — Eng — LA

% of YP

76   86   80   83   83   89

'17-18 '18-19 '19-20 '20-21 '21-22   Last 6ms

Eligibility category

Relevant	6
Former relevant	366
Qualifying	117
Eligible	104
Other	0
Not recorded	1

Relevant = YP aged 16-17 no longer looked after and eligible for leaving care services.
Former relevant = YP aged 18-25 eligible for leaving care services.
Qualifying = YP aged 18-25 in receipt of support but not eligible for full leaving care services.
Eligible = YP aged 16-17 looked after and eligible for leaving care services

Remain with former foster carer

Aged 18

- LA SNs Eng

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
LA	63	54	87	53
SNs	62	63	74	65
Eng	57	58	60	62

Aged 19-20

- LA SNs Eng

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
LA	44	41	40	41
SNs	36	38	35	35
Eng	26	28	30	31

LA in touch with 17-18 year olds

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	4	57	61
LA in touch with YP	75%	91%	90%

90%

- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded

- SNs — Eng — LA

% of YP 17-18

95   96   94   100   96   90

2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22   Latest snapshot

LA in touch with 19-21 year olds

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	57	50	39	146
LA in touch with YP	95%	100%	72%	90%

90%

- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded

- SNs — Eng — LA

% of YP 19-21

93   98   97   99   95   90

2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22   Latest snapshot

Care leavers accommodation suitability and type

Snapshot 31/07/2023

Accommodation suitability of 17-18 year olds
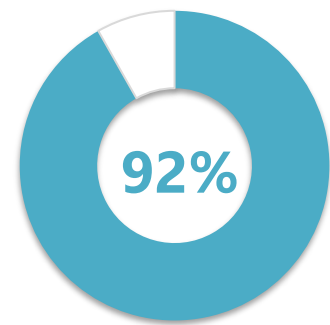
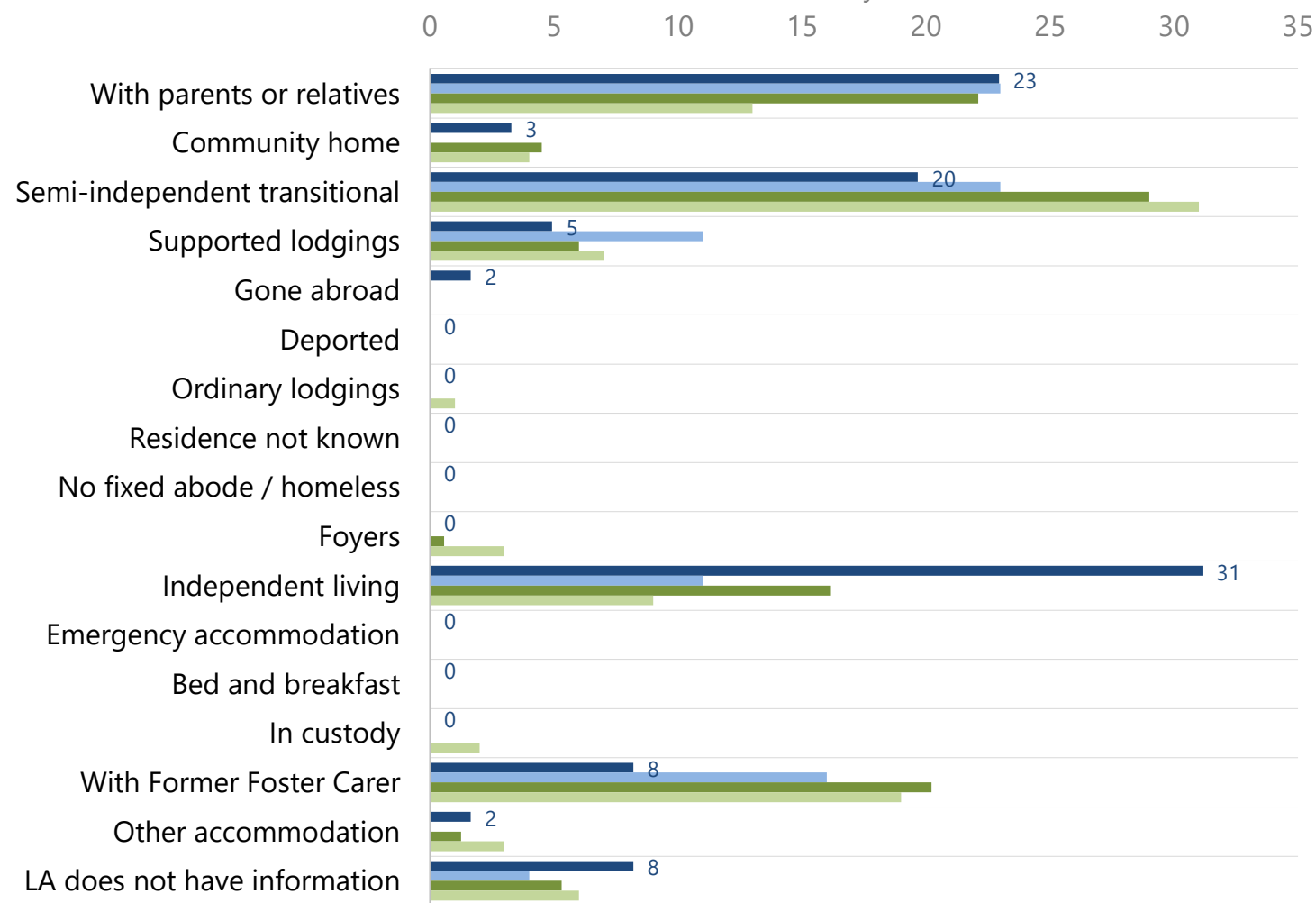| ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	4	57	61
In suitable accommodation	75%	93%	92%

92%

- Suitable accom
- Not suitable
- No information

Line chart — % of YP 17-18 (legend: SNs, Eng, LA)

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest snapshot
LA	86	94	95	100	93	92
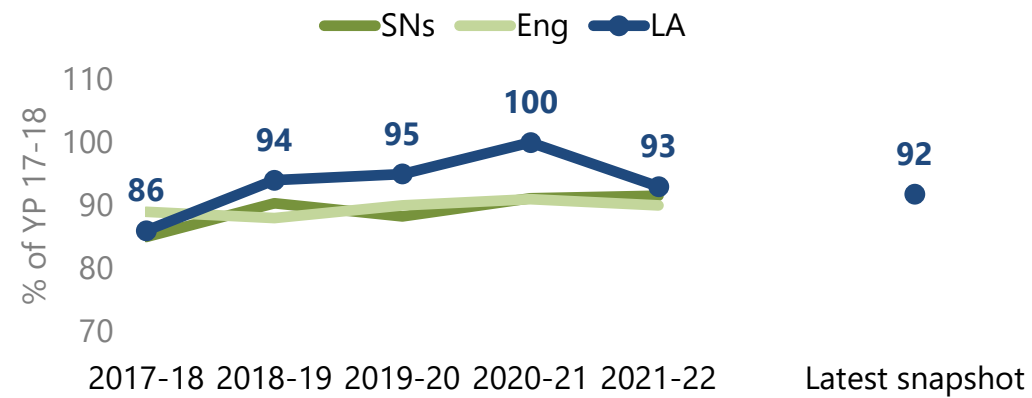
Accommodation types of 17-18 year olds

Legend: Latest snapshot, LA 21-22, SNs 21-22, Eng 21-22

% 17-18 year olds (axis 0 to 35)

Accommodation type	Latest snapshot
With parents or relatives	23
Community home	3
Semi-independent transitional	20
Supported lodgings	5
Gone abroad	2
Deported	0
Ordinary lodgings	0
Residence not known	0
No fixed abode / homeless	0
Foyers	0
Independent living	31
Emergency accommodation	0
Bed and breakfast	0
In custody	0
With Former Foster Carer	8
Other accommodation	2
LA does not have information	8

Accommodation suitability of 19-21 year olds
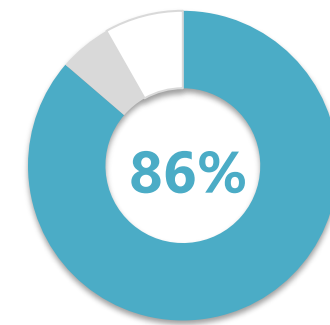
ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	57	50	39	146
In suitable accommodation	93%	94%	67%	86%

86%

- Suitable accom
- Not suitable
- No information

Line chart — % of YP 19-21 (legend: SNs, Eng, LA)

	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Latest
LA	86	94	95	98	92	86
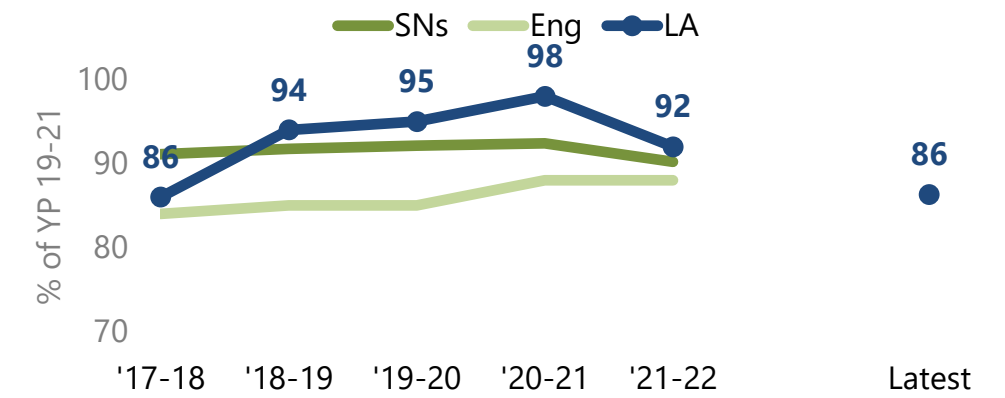
Accommodation types of 19-21 year olds

Legend: Latest snapshot, LA 21-22, SNs 21-22, Eng 21-22

% 19-21 year olds (axis 0 to 50)

Accommodation type	Latest snapshot
With parents or relatives	20
Community home	4
Semi-independent transitional	3
Supported lodgings	2
Gone abroad	0
Deported	0
Ordinary lodgings	0
Residence not known	0
No fixed abode / homeless	3
Foyers	0
Independent living	45
Emergency accommodation	1
Bed and breakfast	0
In custody	3
With Former Foster Carer	8
Other accommodation	5
LA does not have information	8

Care leavers activity (Education, Employment, or Training)

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

ChAT	Aged 17	Aged 18	Total
Numbers in cohort	4	57	61
In EET	50%	47%	48%

48%

- ■ YP in EET ■ NEET
- □ No info

Line chart: % of YP 17-18

SNs, Eng, LA

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Latest snapshot
LA	52	61	43	51	56	48

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

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	57	50	39	146
In EET	53%	46%	33%	45%

45%

- ■ YP in EET ■ NEET
- □ No info

Line chart: % of YP 19-21

SNs, Eng, LA

	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22	Latest
LA	48	45	47	43	48	45
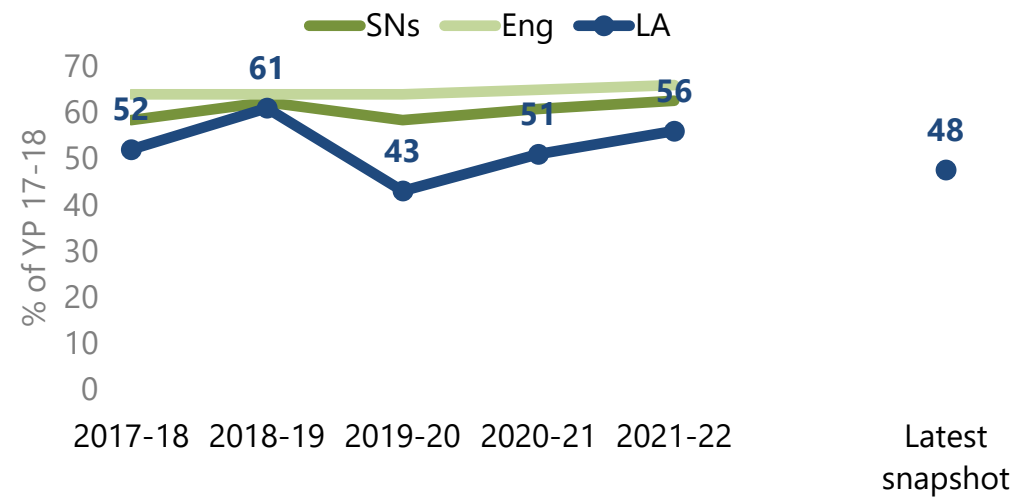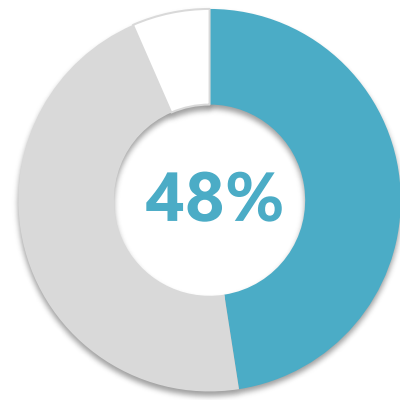
Activity types of 17-18 year olds

Legend: ■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% 17-18 year olds

Activity	Latest snapshot
Higher education (EET)	2
Education other than higher (EET)	30
Training / employment (EET)	16
Illness / disability (NEET)	8
Other (NEET)	30
Pregnancy / parenting (NEET)	8
EET total	48
NEET total	46
LA does not have information	7

Activity types of 19-21 year olds
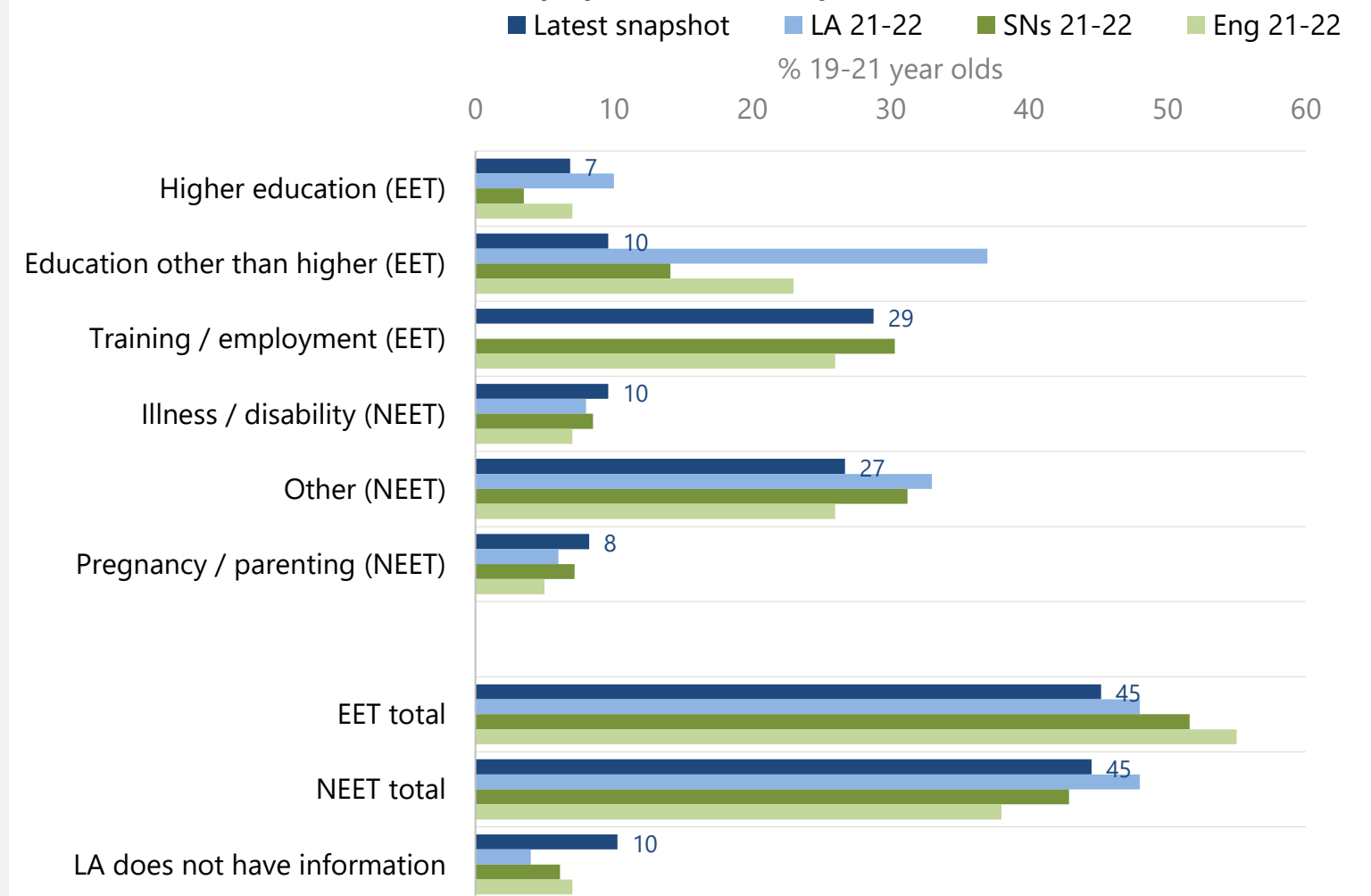
Legend: ■ Latest snapshot ■ LA 21-22 ■ SNs 21-22 ■ Eng 21-22

% 19-21 year olds

Activity	Latest snapshot
Higher education (EET)	7
Education other than higher (EET)	10
Training / employment (EET)	29
Illness / disability (NEET)	10
Other (NEET)	27
Pregnancy / parenting (NEET)	8
EET total	45
NEET total	45
LA does not have information	10

Children adopted, waiting to be adopted, or had an adoption decision reversed in the last 12 months
from 01/08/2022
to 31/07/2023

51 children

- 7 Child/ren adopted last 12 months
- 41 Child/ren waiting to be adopted
- (31 Child/ren waiting with placement order)
- 3 Child/ren with decision reversed

Ethnic background

White	100%
Mixed	0%
Asian or Asian British	0%
Black or black British	0%
Other ethnic group	0%
Not stated	0%
Not recorded	0%

See page 22 for comparisons

Age and gender

- ■ 31 Males (61%)
- □ 20 Females (39%)
- 0 Other (not shown) (0%)

'Other' includes not recorded, not stated, or neither M/F
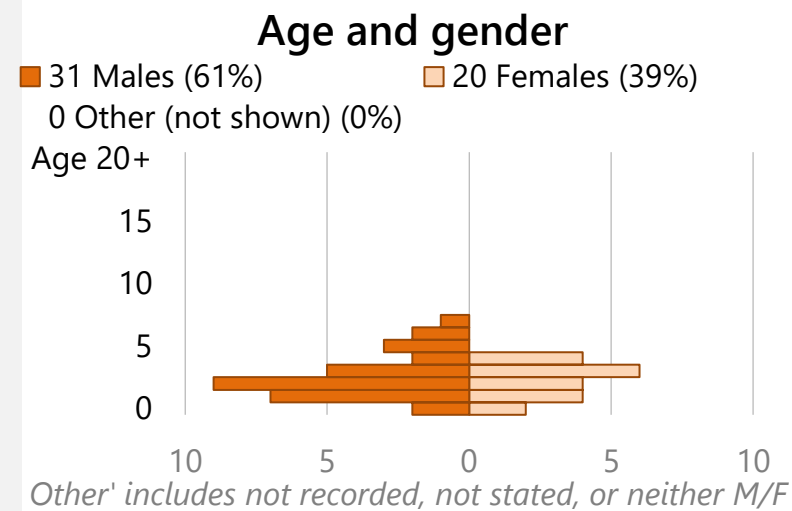
0 children (0%) with a disability

Of the 75 children who ceased to be looked after in the last 6 months, 2 was/were adopted (3%)

Children ceased who were adopted

— SNs — Eng —●— LA
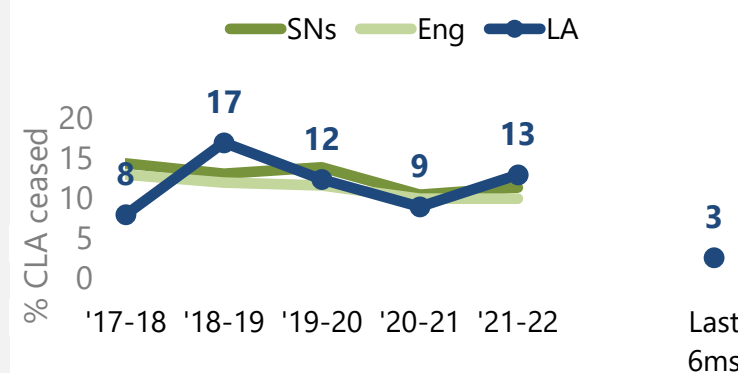
Children aged 5-plus who were adopted

0%   0 of the 52 children aged 5-plus who ceased to be looked after in the last 6 months were adopted

Comparing 5-plus adoptions

LA last 6 months	0.0%
LA 2015-18 (3 yr average)	2.0%
SNs 2015-18 (3 yr average)	5.0%
Eng 2015-18 (3 yr average)	6.2%
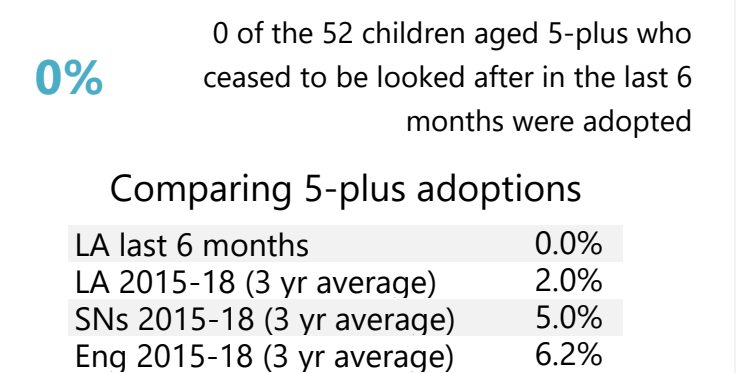
Timeliness of each stage of the adoption process

Stage 1 Child entered care

Stage 2 Decision that child should be placed for adoption

Stage 3 Placement order granted

Stage 4 Matching child and prospective adopters

Stage 5 Placed for adoption

Stage 6 Adoption order granted

Average duration of each stage (number of days)
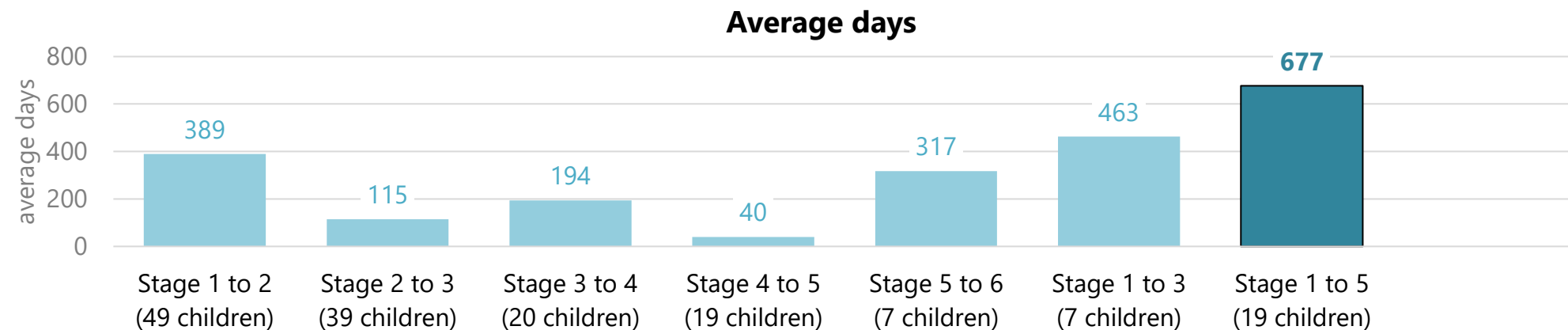
Average days

Range in days between shortest and longest cases at each stage
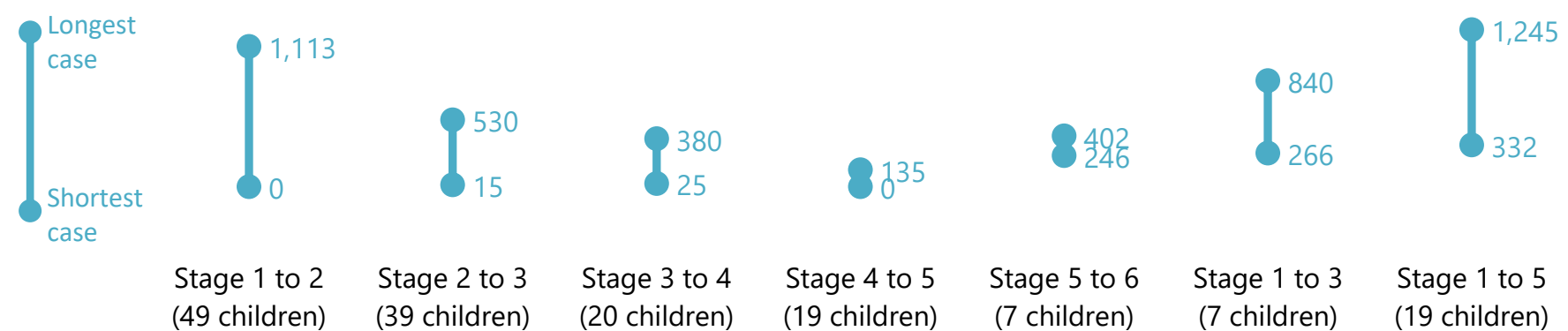
Adoption benchmarking

(A10) Time between entering care and placed with family for adopted children

642 days

7 children

Average number of days between entering care and moving in with adoptive family for adopted children (adjusted for foster carer adoptions)

Last 12 months

0 > 6 months	0
6 months > 1 year	0
1 year > 1½ years	2
1½ years > 2 years	4
2+ years	1

3 year average

SNs — Eng — LA

'13-16	'14-17	'15-18	'16-19	'17-20	Last 12 months
292	345	400	442	439	642
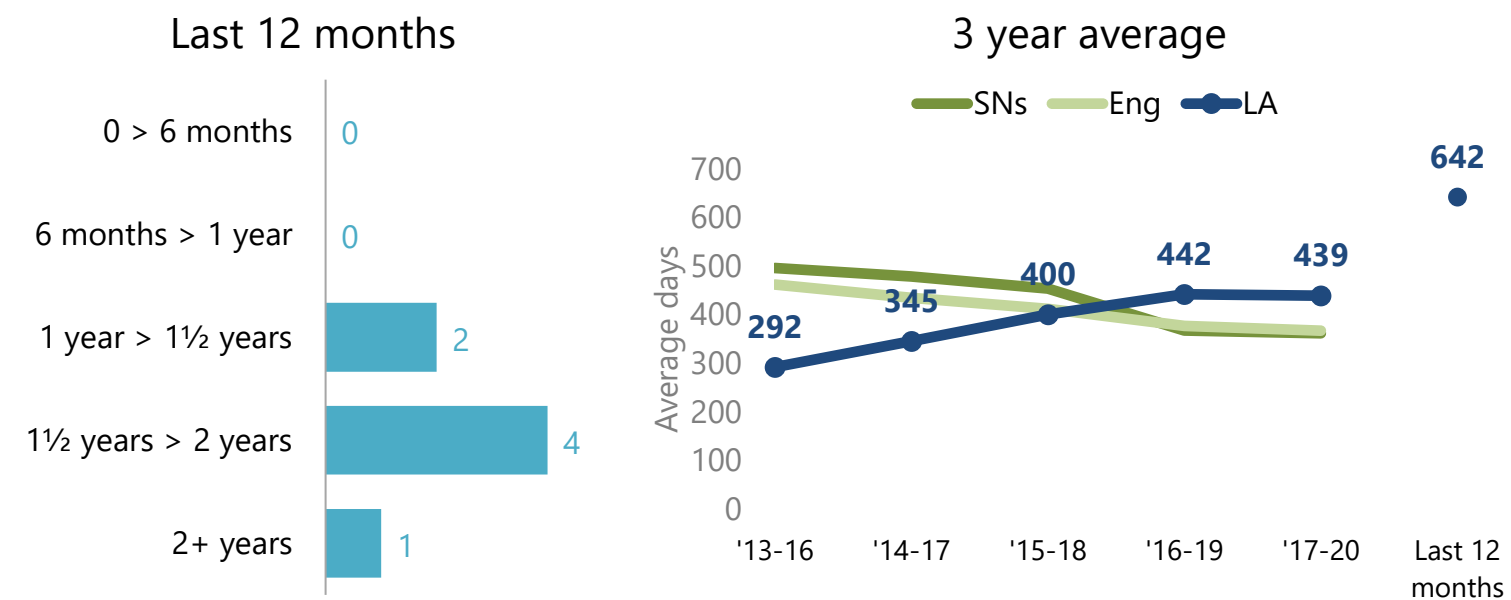
(A2) Time between placement order and deciding on a match

141 days

7 children

The average number of days from the date of the placement order to the date the child was matched to prospective adopters

Last 12 months

0 > 6 months	5
6 months > 1 year	2
1 year > 1½ years	0
1½ years > 2 years	0
2+ years	0

3 year average

SNs — Eng — LA

'13-16	'14-17	'15-18	'16-19	'17-20	Last 12 months
224	111	118	176	198	141
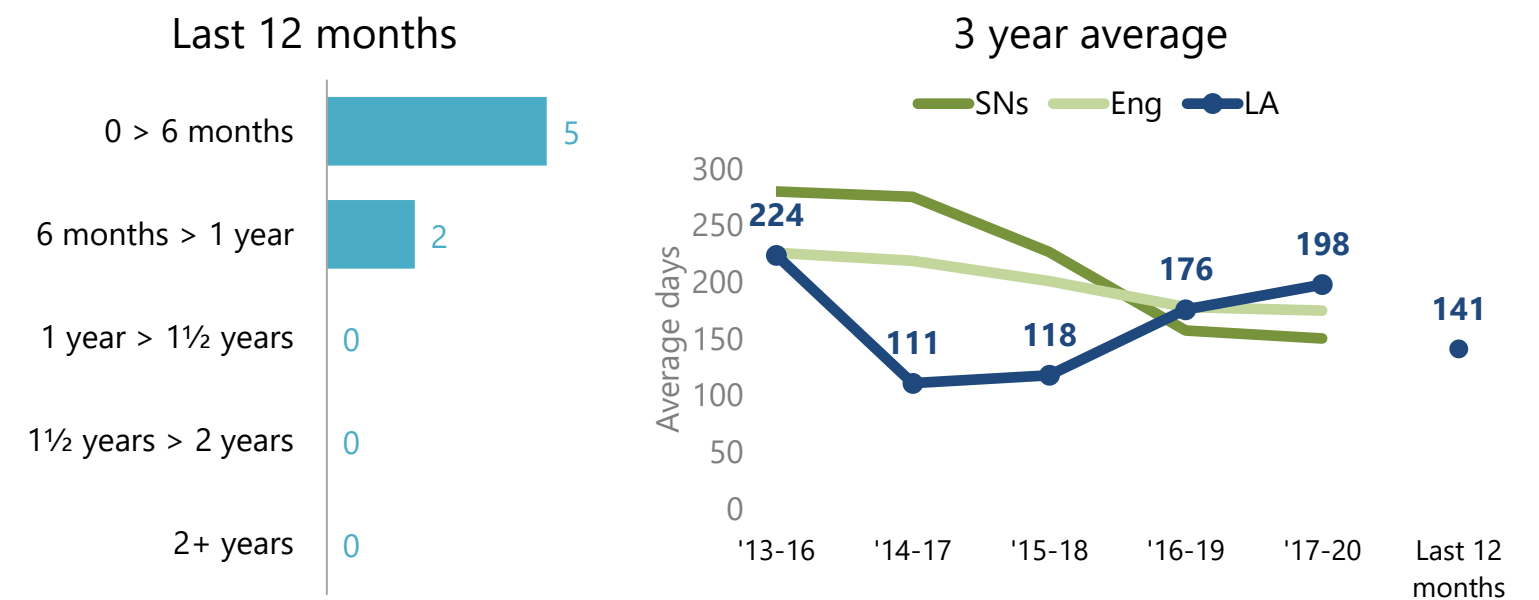
(A20) Time between entering care and placement order

463 days

7 children

Average time between a child entering care and a local authority receiving court authority to place a child, for children who have been adopted (days)

Adopted in last 12 months

Duration to placement order in months

3 year average

SNs — Eng — LA

'13-16	'14-17	'15-18	'16-19	'17-20	Last 12 months
277	274	274	269	266	463
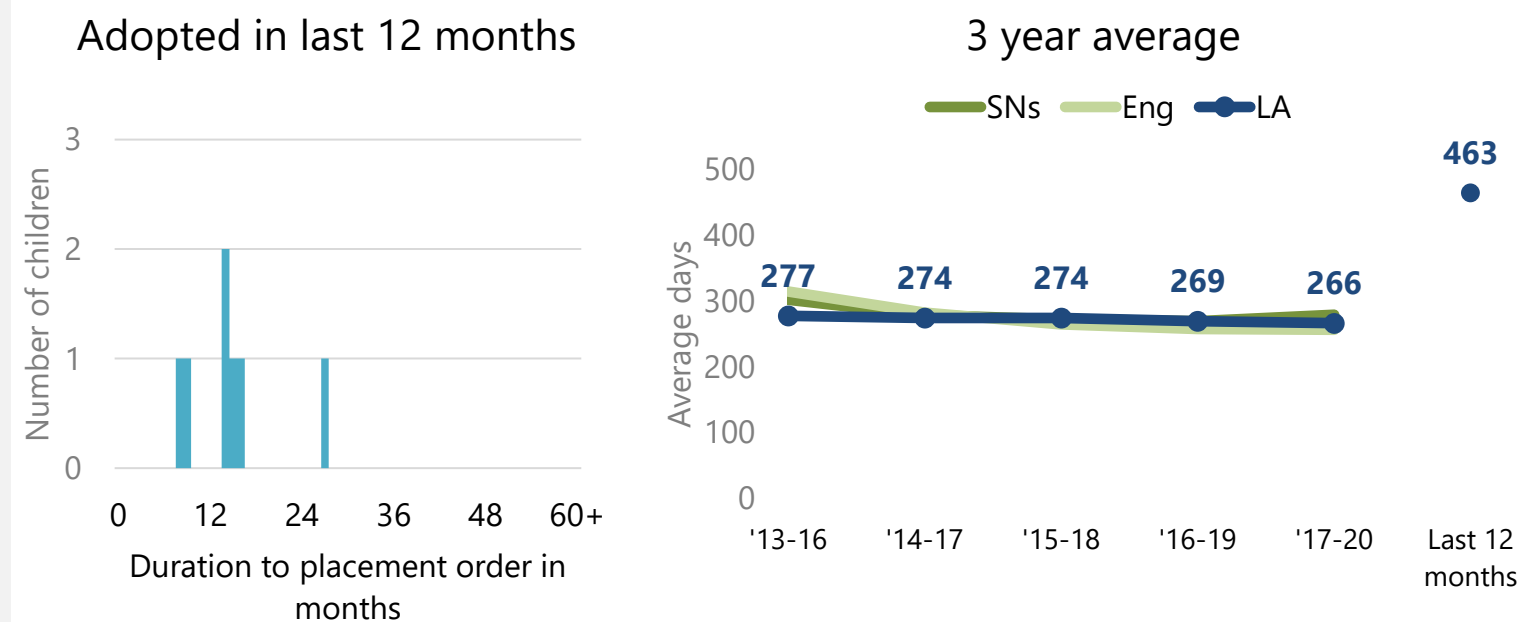
(A5) Permanence decision changed away from adoption

6%

3/49 children

Children where there was a decision that the child should no longer be placed for adoption

Last 12 months

Child's needs changed	0
Court did not make a PO	2
Prospective adopters cannot be found	0
Any other reason	1

3 year average

SNs — Eng — LA

'13-16	'14-17	'15-18	'16-19	'17-20	Last 12 months
19	15	25	19	18	6
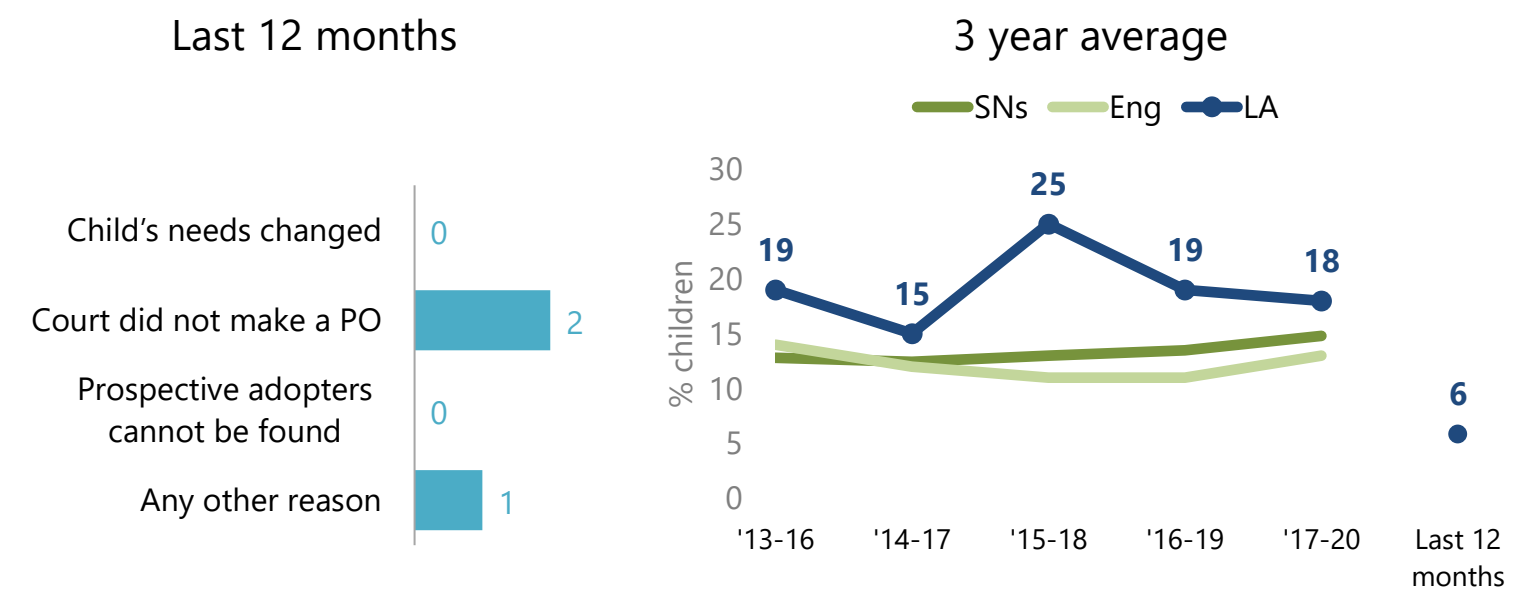
Prospective adopters in the last - 12 months NOTE from April 2018 RAA (AIM) data

from 01/08/2022
to 31/07/2023

261 prospective adopters (136 families)

Prospective adopter current status

	Adults	Families
Child adopted	55	27
Child placed	51	26
Child matched	2	1
Application	117	63
Enquiry	0	0
Withdrawn	36	19

Ethnic breakdown

	Adults %	Children %
White	97%	100%
Mixed	0%	0%
Asian or Asian British	1%	0%
Black or black British	0%	0%
Other ethnic group	0%	0%
Not stated	1%	0%
Not recorded	0%	0%

New two-stage adoption process

Stage 1 start	Registration of interest
Stage 1 end	Decision of suitability to adopt
Stage 2 start	Adopter's wish to proceed
Stage 2 end	Agency Decision-Maker (ADM decision
Matched	Family matched with child(ren)
Placed	Child(ren) placed with family
Adopted	Adoption order granted

Adoption Scorecard A12 - wait to be matched

Percentage of adoptive families matched to a child who waited more than three months between approval and matching (discontinued)

Legend: SNs, Eng, LA

Values by year:
- '13-14: LA 0
- '14-15: 69
- '15-16: 0
- '16-17: 0
- '17-18: 62
- Last 12 months: 76
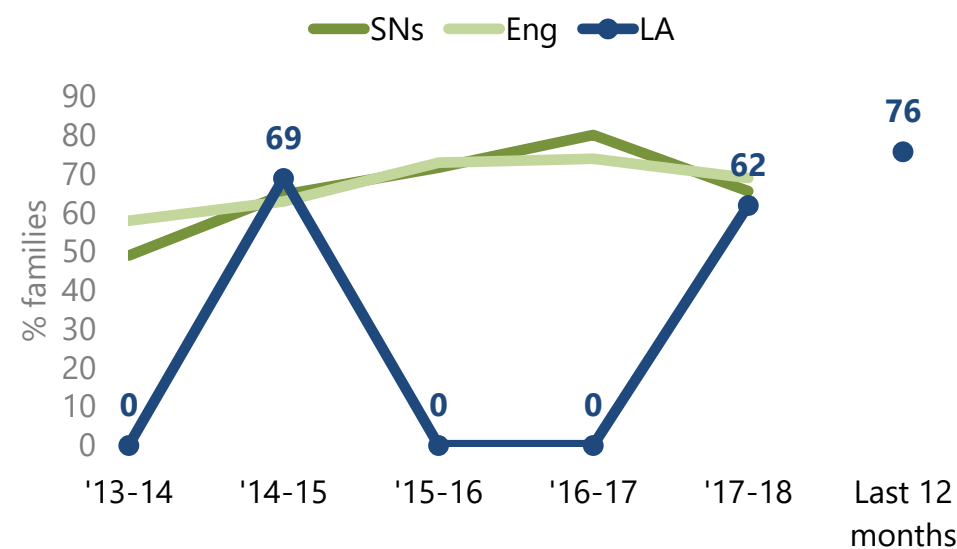
Adoption Scorecard A15 - new ADM decisions

Number of new ADM decisions for children in the year
(ADM = Agency Decision-Maker)

Number of families by year:
- '15-16: 25
- '16-17: 30
- '17-18: 5
- '18-19: 21
- '19-20: 13
- Last 12 months: 27
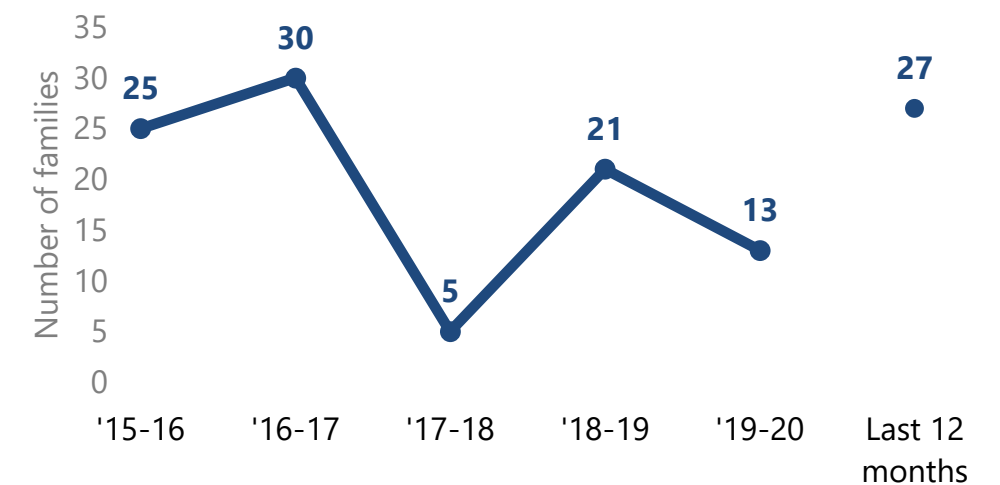
Duration of each stage of the adoption process

Average duration of each stage (number of days)

Application (136 families)	Decision to Match (54 families)	Match to Placed (53 families)	Placed to Adopted (27 families)
127	191	18	275

Range in days between shortest and longest cases at each stage

Application (136 families)	Decision to Match (54 families)	Match to Placed (53 families)	Placed to Adopted (27 families)
268 / 27	571 / 0	134 / 0	707 / 91
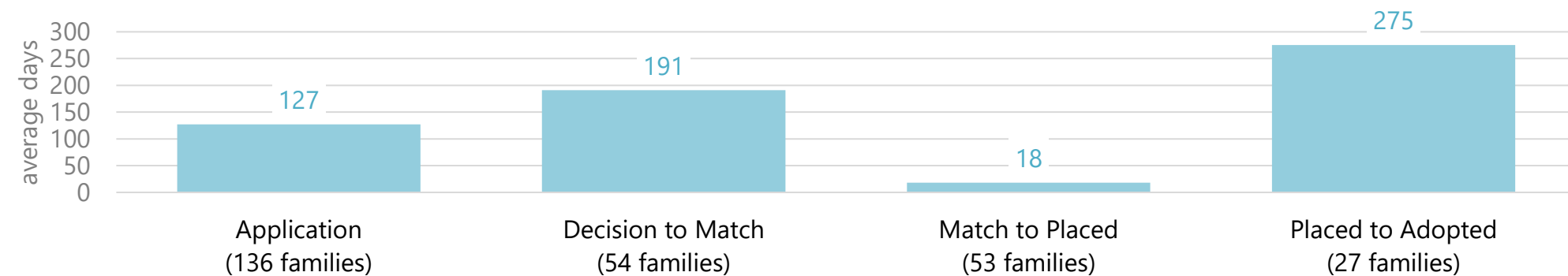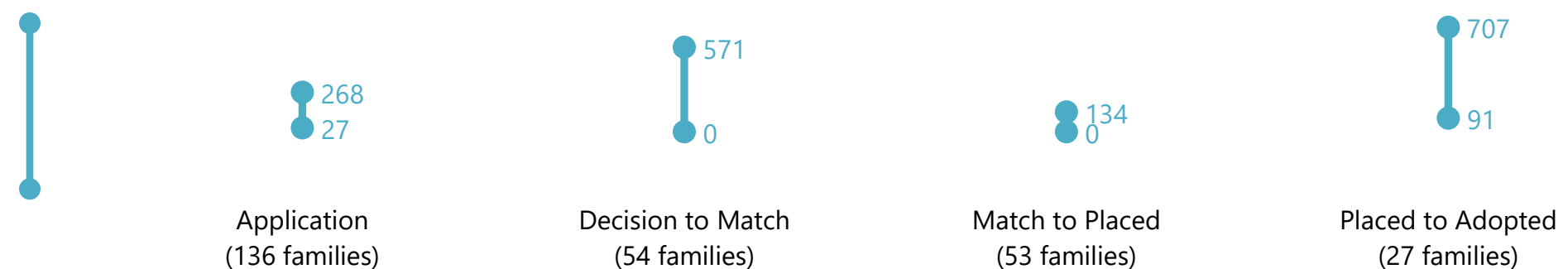
Demographics of children across all areas of children's social care

Snapshot 31/07/2023

Ethnicity
ChAT* compared to pupils in the LA schools (Jan-22)
*percentage of known ethnicity only

White

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Care leavers	Adoptions
92.5%	93.4%	89.2%	90.5%	90.0%	91.6%	94.7%	91.4%	87.4%	100.0%

School pupils, 93.4%

Mixed

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Care leavers	Adoptions
3.8%	3.8%	4.3%	4.7%	4.8%	4.2%	4.4%	4.2%	3.2%	0.0%

School pupils, 3.0%

Asian

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Care leavers	Adoptions
0.8%	0.5%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%	1.2%	0.0%	0.8%	1.9%	0.0%

School pupils, 1.4%

Black

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Care leavers	Adoptions
1.3%	1.2%	3.0%	2.3%	1.8%	1.5%	0.9%	0.6%	0.8%	0.0%

School pupils, 0.8%

Other

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Care leavers	Adoptions
1.5%	1.0%	1.9%	1.4%	1.9%	1.4%	0.0%	2.9%	6.7%	0.0%

School pupils, 1.1%

Age
ChAT* compared to mid-year (2020) population estimates (ONS)
*percentage of known age only

Under 1

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Adoptions
4.6%	3.4%	8.7%	6.0%	7.4%	5.3%	3.7%	4.1%	7.8%

Mid-year population, 5%

1 to 4

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Adoptions
16.6%	15.8%	16.7%	17.8%	17.4%	18.3%	27.1%	17.7%	80.4%

Mid-year population, 21%

5 to 9

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Adoptions
28.0%	27.9%	26.2%	27.3%	25.9%	26.7%	34.9%	23.8%	11.8%

Mid-year population, 29%

10 to 15

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA
38.9%	41.1%	35.9%	36.6%	37.1%	37.0%	32.1%	36.8%
							0.0%

Mid-year population, 34%

16 and over

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA
11.9%	11.9%	12.5%	12.2%	12.2%	12.8%	2.2%	17.7%
							0.0%

Mid-year population, 11%

Gender
ChAT* compared to mid-year (2020) population estimates (ONS)
*percentage of Male / Female genders only, excludes Other

Female

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Care leavers	Adoptions
49%	49%	47%	47%	47%	45%	44%	46%	46%	39%

Mid-year population, 49%

Male

Contacts	Early Help	Referrals	Assess-ments	S47s	Open CIN	Open CPP	Open CLA	Care leavers	Adoptions
51%	51%	53%	53%	53%	55%	56%	54%	54%	61%

Mid-year population, 51%
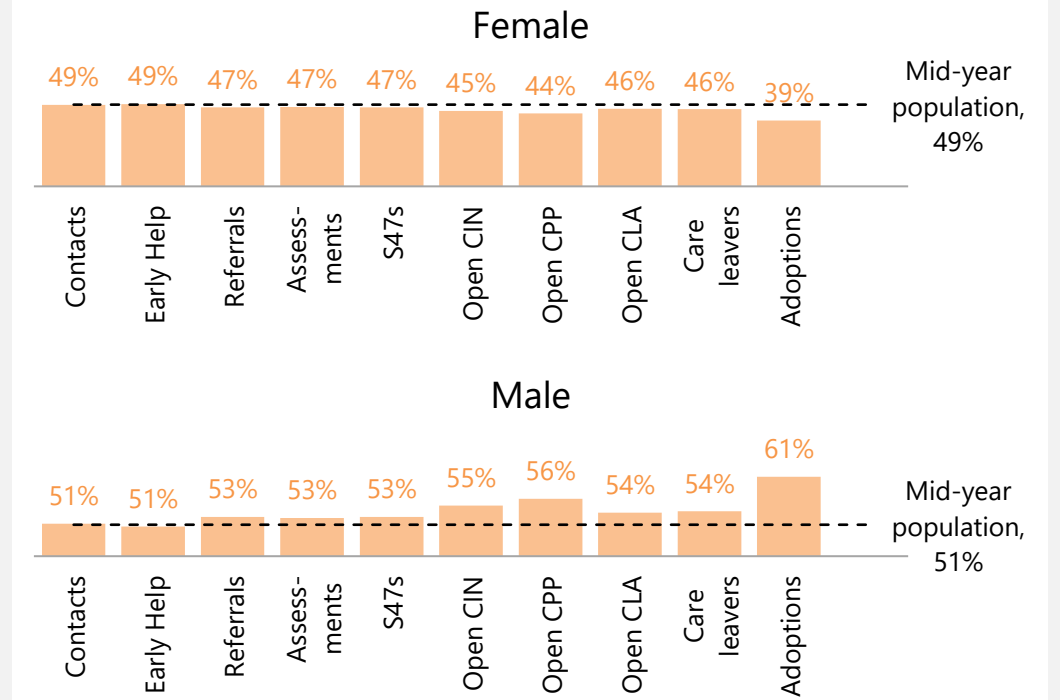
Comparing CLA demographics

CLA figures compared to published population statistics

Ethnicity *compared to school census*

| | LA Latest snapshot | | | LA 2022 | | | Eng 2022 | | |
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
White	91	93	lower -2%	93	93	no dif 0%	73	73	higher 1%
Mixed	4	3	higher 39%	5	3	higher 65%	10	7	higher 48%
Asian	1	1	lower -42%	c	1		5	12	lower -58%
Black	1	1	lower -19%	c	1		7	6	higher 19%
Other	3	1	higher 167%	2	1	higher 83%	4	2	higher 79%

Age *Comparator is ONS mid-year population estimates*

| | LA Latest snapshot | | | LA 2020 | | | LA 2020 | | |
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Under 1	4	5	lower -12%	5	5	higher 9%	5	5	no dif 0%
1 to 4	18	21	lower -15%	18	21	lower -14%	14	22	lower -36%
5 to 9	24	29	lower -19%	25	29	lower -15%	18	29	lower -38%
10 to 15	37	34	higher 7%	37	34	higher 7%	39	34	higher 16%
16-plus	18	11	higher 63%	15	11	higher 39%	25	10	higher 144%

Gender *Comparator is ONS mid-year population estimates*
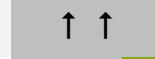
| | LA Latest snapshot | | | LA 2020 | | | LA 2020 | | |
	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference	CLA	Pop	% difference
Male	54	51	higher 5%	51	51	no dif 0%	56	51	higher 9%
Female	46	49	lower -5%	49	49	higher 1%	44	49	lower -10%

Comparisons of headline figures and performance data to published statistics

The table below shows the Local Authority's latest data for each indicator as calculated in ChAT, and the direction of travel since the latest published statistics (where available).

	Decreasing, low is good ◀	Lowest 25% quartile, low is good ○
	Increasing, high is good ➤	Highest 25% quartile, high is good ○
	No change, not RAG rated	Mid 50% range, not RAG-rated ○

Indicator	Latest data (ChAT)			Latest published statistics for all local authorities				
	LA	Direction of travel		LA	SNs	Eng	LA compared to mid-50% range of all LAs	Date
Referrals received (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	611	Decrease	◀	768	579	538	Higher ○	2021-22
Referrals to social care that were within 12 months of a previous referral (%)	26	Increase	➤	19	21	20	In range ○	2021-22
Assessments completed (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	840	Increase	➤	820	622	533	Higher ○	2021-22
Assessments completed within 45 working days (%)	56	Decrease	◀	79	89	84	In range ○	2021-22
Children subject to section 47 enquiries (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	260	Increase	➤	243	207	180	Higher ○	2021-22
Children subject of an initial child protection conference (annual rate per 10,000 of children)	63	Decrease	◀	80	74	61	Higher ○	2021-22
Initial Child Protection Conferences held within 15 working days of the start of the section 47 enquiry (%)	72	Increase	➤	63	82	79	Lower ○	2021-22
Children in need (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	371	Decrease	◀	495	382	334	Higher ○	2021-22
Children who are the subject of a child protection plan (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	59	Decrease	◀	62	50	42	Higher ○	2021-22
Children who became the subject of a CP plan for a second or subsequent time (%)	24	Increase	➤	21	25	23	In range ○	2021-22
Children who ceased to be on a CP plan whose plan lasted 2 years or more (%)	2	Decrease	◀	2	3	4	Lower ○	2021-22
Children who are looked after (snapshot rate per 10,000 children)	114	Increase	➤	113	90	70	Higher ○	2021-22
Children looked after who had a missing incident in the period (%)	10	Increase	➤	9	11	11	In range ○	2021-22
Children looked after who were away without authorisation in the period (%)	1	-	↑ ↑	c	3	2	Higher ○	2021-22
Children looked after who had their teeth checked by a dentist in the last 12 months (%)	75	Increase	➤	68	71	70	In range ○	2021-22
Children looked after who had their annual health assessment (%)	94	Decrease	◀	94	93	89	In range ○	2021-22
Children who ceased to be looked after in the period who were adopted (%)	3	Decrease	◀	13	11	10	In range ○	2021-22
Children who ceased to be looked after in the period due to a Special Guardianship Order (%)	15	Decrease	◀	21	17	13	Higher ○	2021-22
Children leaving care over the age of 16 who remained looked after until their 18th birthday (%)	89	Increase	➤	83	91	79	Lower ○	2021-22
Care leavers aged 19-21 in suitable accommodation (%)	86	Decrease	◀	92	90	88	In range ○	2021-22
Care leavers aged 19-21 in education, employment, or training (%)	45	Decrease	◀	48	52	55	Lower ○	2021-22
A1 - Average time between entering care and moving in with family for children who were adopted (days)	642	Increase	➤	404	522	486	Lower ○	2015-18
A2 - Average time between LA receiving placement order and LA deciding on a match with family (days)	-	-		118	227	201	Lower ○	2015-18