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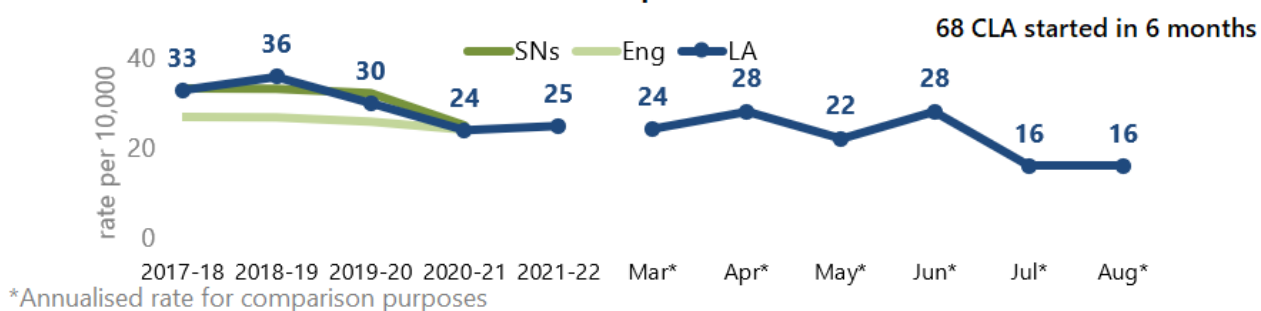
1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report provides an analysis of the performance data and trends for an agreed set of measures relating to looked after children on behalf of the Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee.
- 1.2. Section 2 contains performance highlights and key messages identifying areas of improvement and areas for focus. It provides an overall assessment relating to Children in Care so that Members can assess progress in key areas within the context of the Local Authority's role as Corporate Parent.
- 1.3. The report covers the first quarter of the year 2022/2 with updates for July and August 2023 where appropriate.

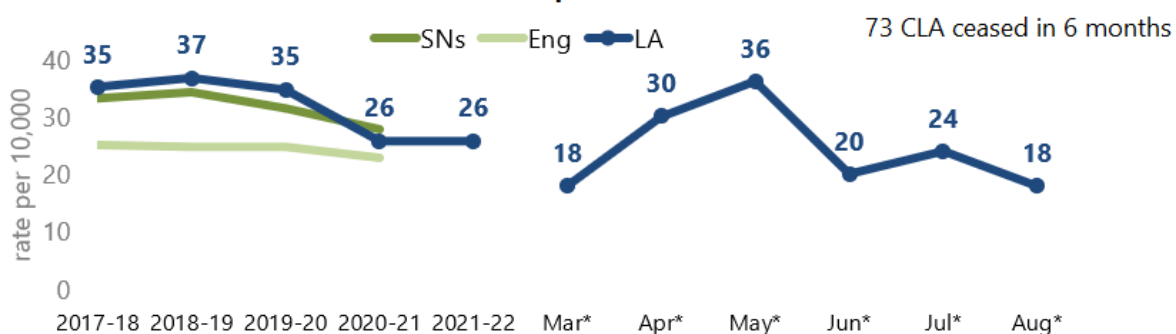
2. Overall Assessment of Performance

- 2.1. At the end of August **378 children were in care** (rate of 65 per 10,000). This is 9 fewer children than was reported in March 2022 and still within the interquartile range of our statistical neighbours (rate of 60-69).
- 2.2. The number of unaccompanied asylum seeker (**UASC**) children has dropped from 26 to **21** however there is expectation that this will increase now that the national transfer scheme threshold has been increased from 0.07% of the child population to 0.1%. **This equates to 60 UASC being placed in Haringey up from the previous quota of 42.**
- 2.3. Although the overall rate of Children in care has remained stable in the past few years the rate of those becoming and ceasing to be in care has reduced, a trend which has continued in 2022.

Rate of CLA started per 10,000 children



Rate of CLA ceased per 10,000 children



2.4. Of the 378 children looked after 65 are aged 3 or under

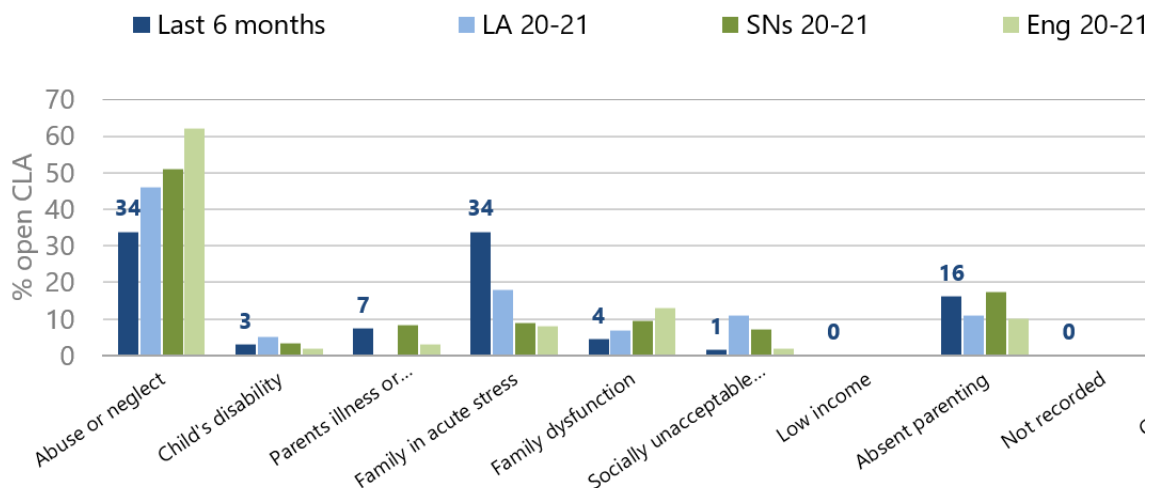
CLA aged 3 or under

March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	August 2022
49	67	60	65

2.5. The past 6 months have seen a further increase in 'family in acute stress' given as the reason for children coming into care. Now, at 34%, this is the joint most frequent reason along with Abuse and Neglect.

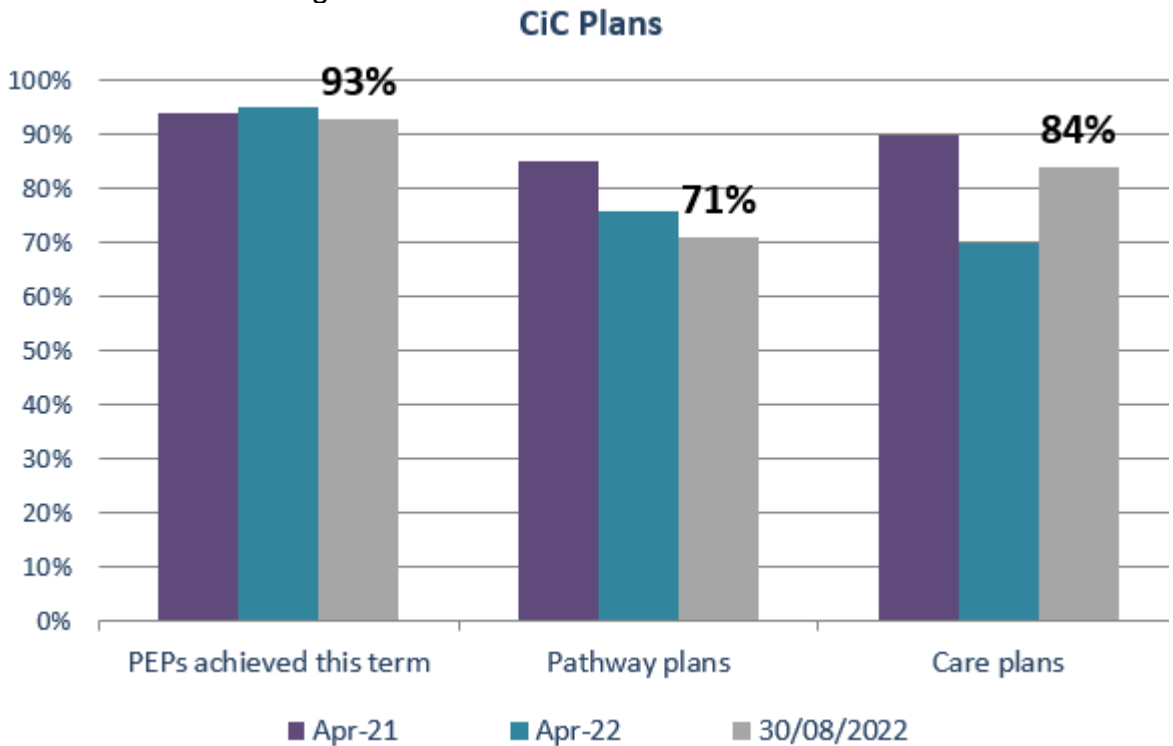
2.6. A family in acute stress would typically display a combination of factors such as; financial, housing, parental mental health and domestic violence, which combine compromises the parenting capacity within families without additional support.

Comparing the primary need of CLA starters



- 2.7. 5 children have been adopted in the past 6 months, 7% cease being looked after, this is slightly ahead of the data presented for the same period last year.
- 2.8. As of August 2022, **84%** of looked after children aged under 16 had an **up-to-date Care Plan**, (77% in June).
- 2.9. Of the almost 100 children in care aged 16 & 17 who require a pathway plan, **71%** had **up to date plans (YAS average 84%)** remaining overall below the 80% target.
- 2.10. The reasons for the decline in numbers relate to the following factors:
- Complexity of cases
 - Conflicting priorities of our children and young people
 - Conflicting and challenging priorities of the front line practitioners.
- 2.11. The performance of personal education plans (PEPs) have improved this year as a result the process is now fully embedded, with PEPs achieved during

summer term reaching 93%.

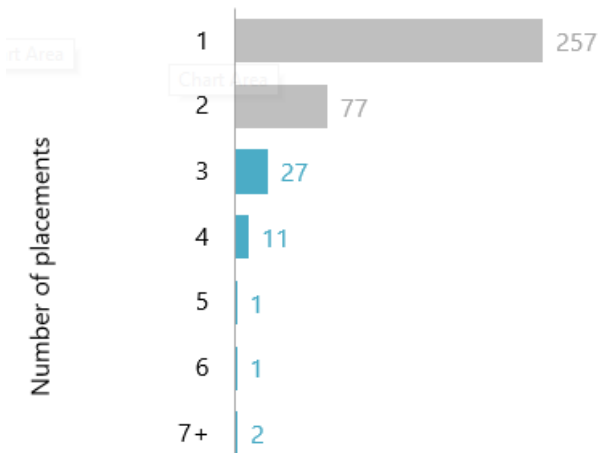
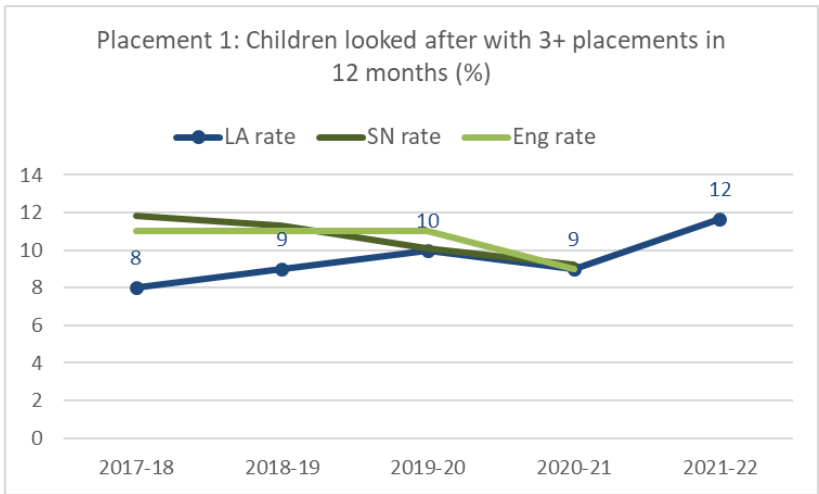


2.12. 70% of **Children in Care** were recorded as having up to date visits within the relevant timescales as of the last week of August 2022. The summer holiday period is always problematic for visits. Visits to looked after children continue to be tracked at performance meetings, held by the Head of Service for Children in Care, and along with supervision and management direction noted as consistently and actively monitored.

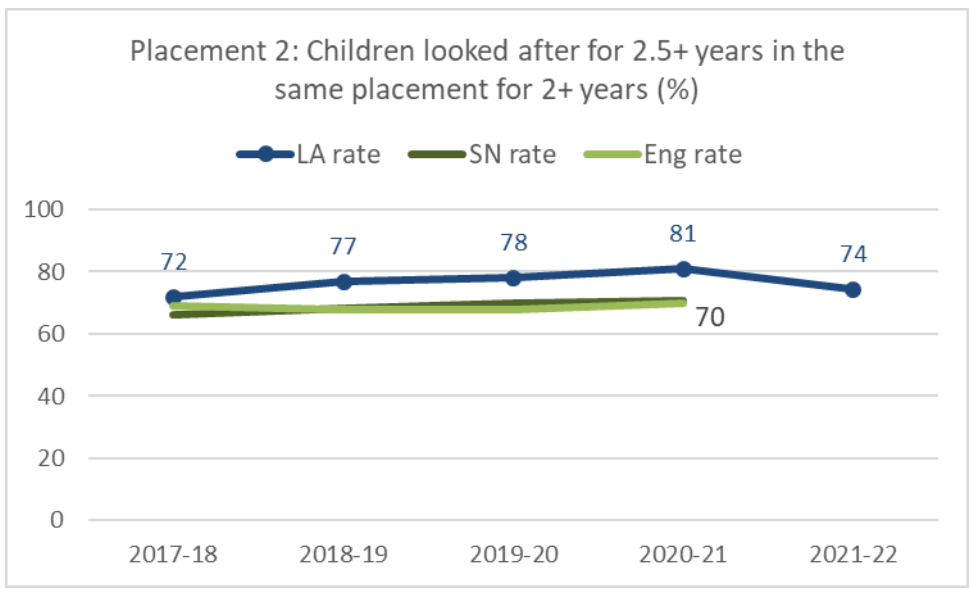
2.13. At the end of March 2022, 12% of children with an open episode of care **had three or more placement moves in the last 12 months**. This is now higher than the London and statistical neighbour average. The following factors have impacted placements moves:

- Placements breaking down due to CLA developing more complex needs as they approach adolescence
- 17 year olds moving into semi-independent accommodation

This position has now slightly improved to 11%, meaning 89% of children in care have had only one, or zero, placement moves in the past 12 months

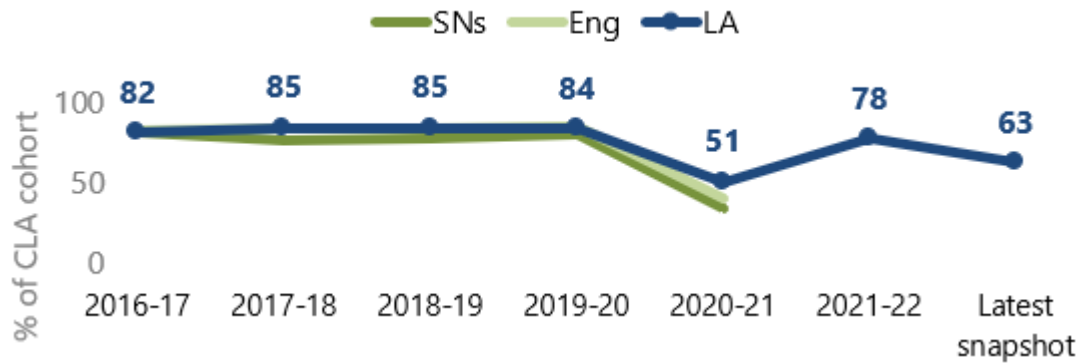


Children under 16 who had been in care for at least 2.5 years in the same placement for at least 2 years, has dipped to 74% (101 children) although it is better than statistical neighbour average of 70%. These two indicators should be viewed together to gain a view of placement stability for Haringey’s children in care, which shows a positive picture.



- 2.14. At the end of March 2022, the number of children who were looked after for at least 12 months with an **up-to-date health assessment** was 96%. The August figure is lower, matching our statistical neighbours’ levels 92%.
- 2.15. At the end of March 2021 only 51% of eligible children had up to date **dental visits**. This has increased to 78% by the end of March 2022 but has now **dropped back to 63%**. Unfortunately, dental checks have always been a challenging area, all the more so during lockdown and COVID restrictions.

Dental Checks



2.16. There are now 434 **care leavers** in receipt of leaving care services, up 14 since March 2022.

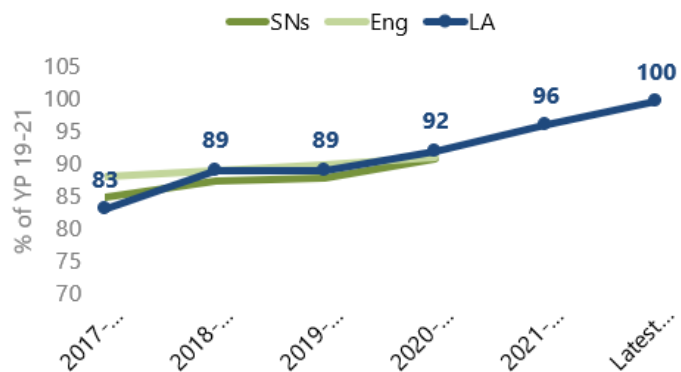
2.17. **100%** (rounded) of those aged 19-21 and 95% 17-18 year olds were considered as **in touch with the local authority** at the end of November.

LA in touch with 19-21 year olds

ChAT	Aged 19	Aged 20	Aged 21	Total
Numbers in cohort	76	80	62	218
LA in touch with YP	99%	100%	100%	100%

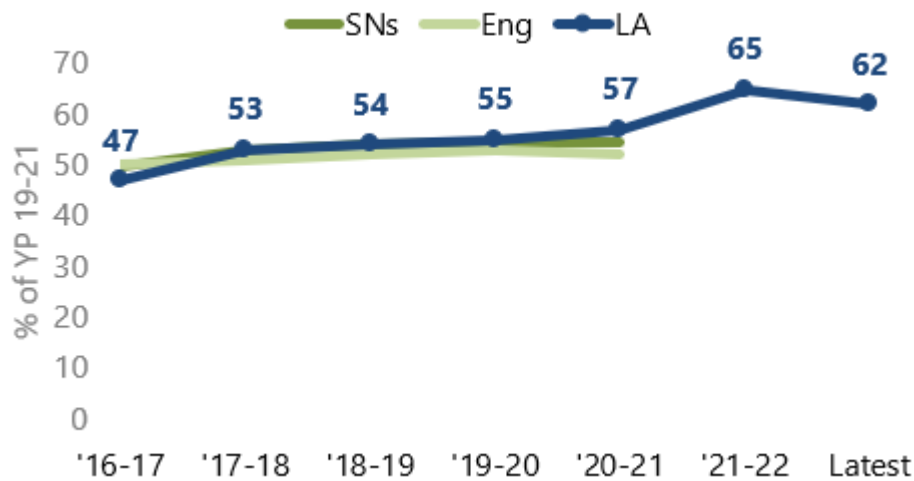


- In touch
- Not in touch
- Not recorded



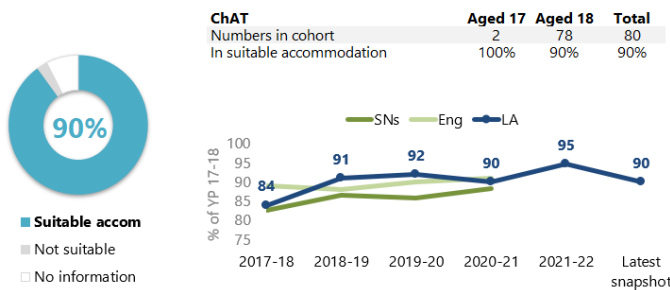
2.18. 135 or 62% of the 19-21 year olds and 70% of 17-18 year olds were known to be in **Education Employment or Training (EET)**

19-21 year old care leavers in EET

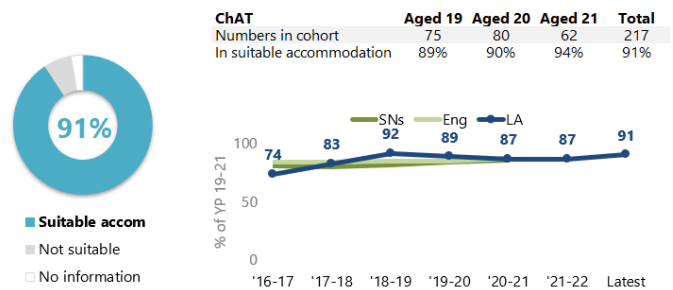


2.19. 91% of 19–21-year-old care leavers were known to be in suitable accommodation (89% in June) and 90% of 17-18 year olds (87% June).

Accommodation suitability of 17-18 year olds



Accommodation suitability of 19-21 year olds



3. Contribution to strategic outcomes

3.1. Borough Plan 2019-2022

3.2. People Priority: A Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential