



**Sandwell**

Children's Trust

**Key Performance – July 2022  
(indicators comparative to Statistical  
Neighbours, England and West  
Midlands)**

**Scrutiny 10 October 2022**



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# Ofsted ILAC Inspection (9-20 May 2022)

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# Ofsted Inspection Outcome



|  | <i>Judgement</i>   | <i>Grade</i>                    |
|--|--|---------------------------------|
|  | The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families | Requires improvement to be good |
|  | The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection    | Requires improvement to be good |
|  | The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers        | Requires improvement to be good |
|  | Overall effectiveness  | Requires improvement to be good |

# Summary

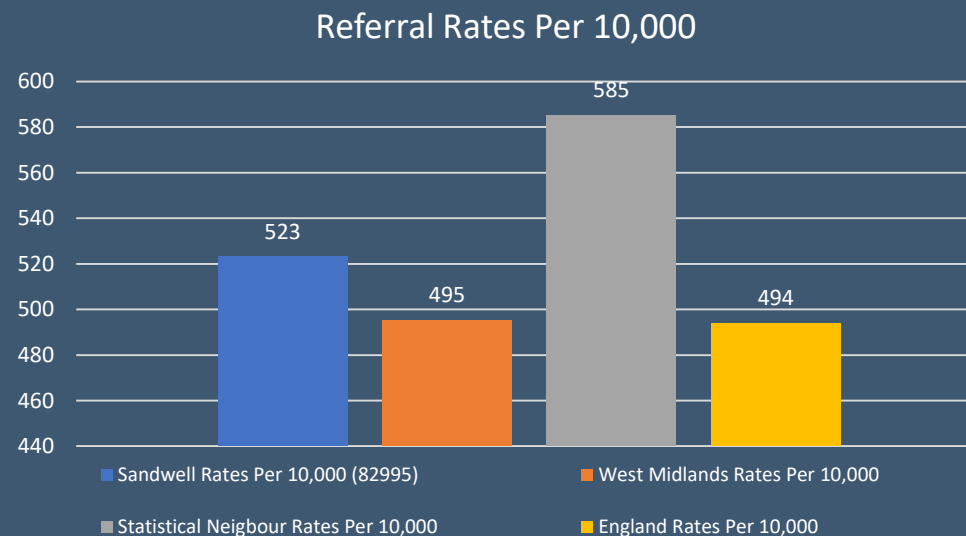
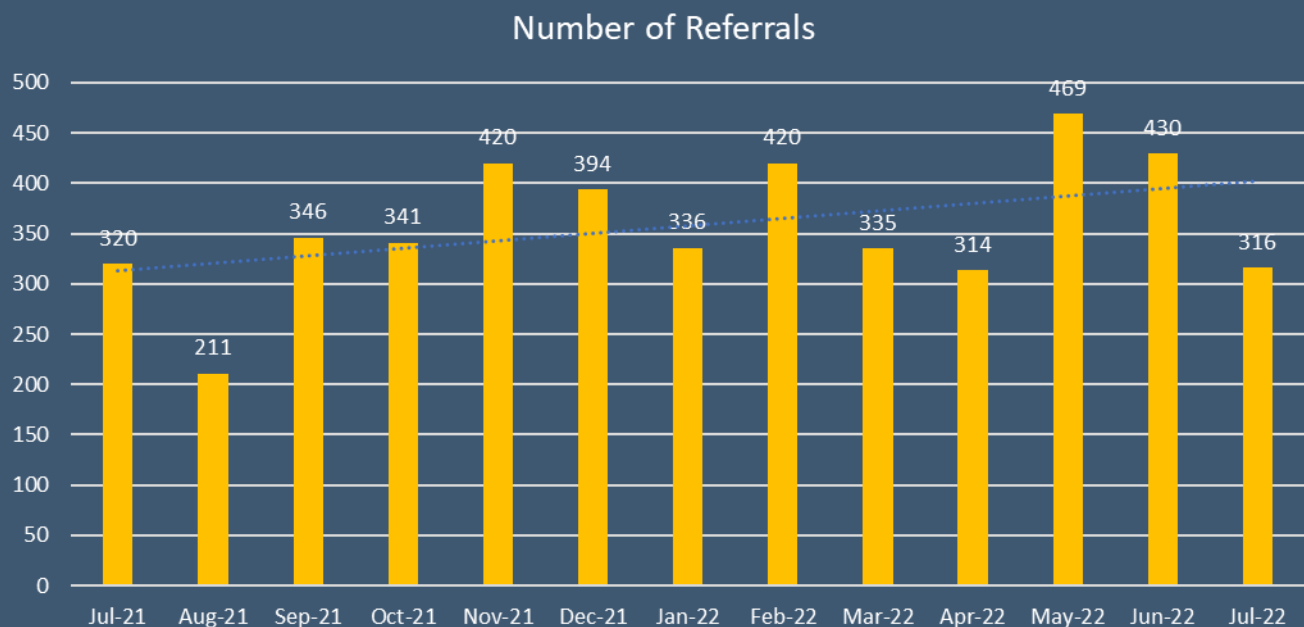


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Services for vulnerable children and families in Sandwell have improved since the last inspection in November 2017, when they were judged to be inadequate. Since April 2018, children's services have been delivered by Sandwell Children's Trust on behalf of the local authority. New strategic leadership, which includes the chief executive of the Trust, has increased the pace and trajectory of improvement over the last year. Stronger strategic leadership has led to improvements in much of the service, through changes such as the move to a locality model, implementation of an early help strategy, a social work career pathway and high-quality specialist services. Many of children's needs are well met by social workers who collaborate effectively with partners in other services.

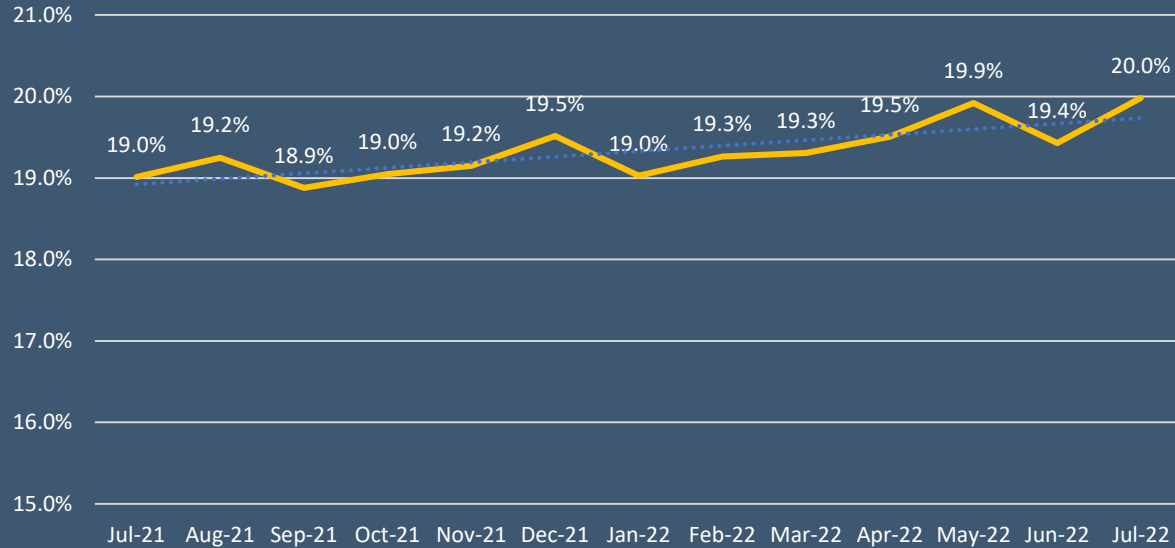
# Referrals



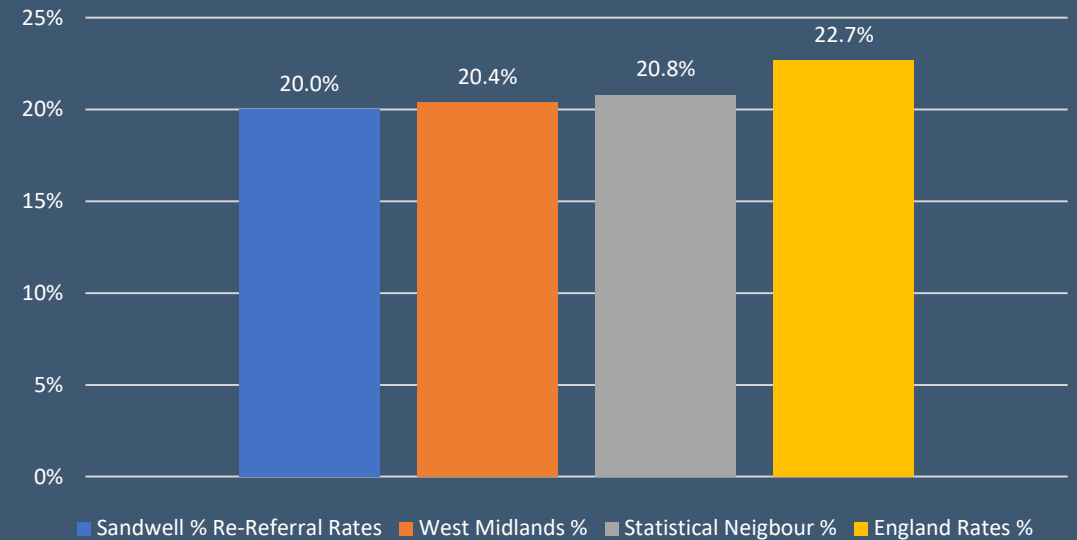
- Last 12 months- referrals decreased to 523 per 10,000
- Rate for the prior 12 month was at 650 per 10,000
- SCT now lower than SN average- more in line with England and West Midlands average

# Re-referrals

Re-referral % in last 12 months

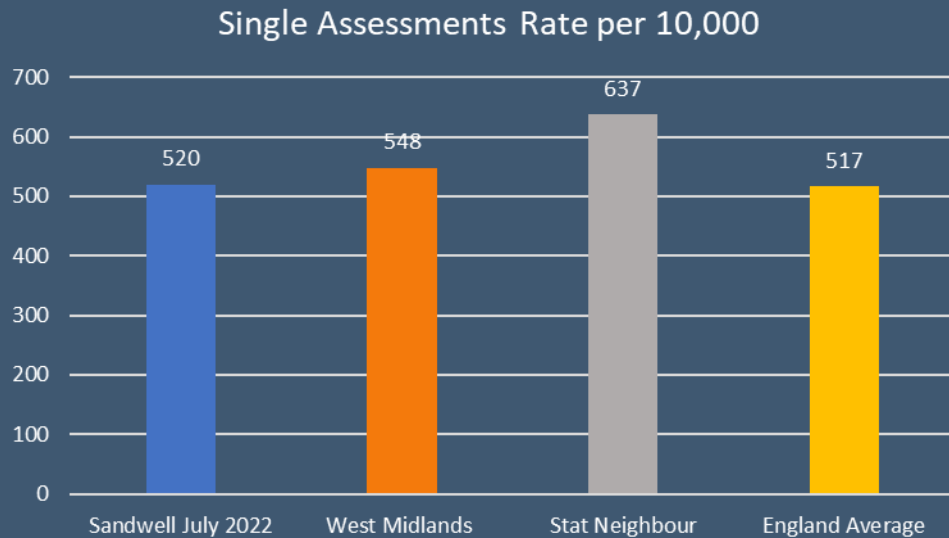
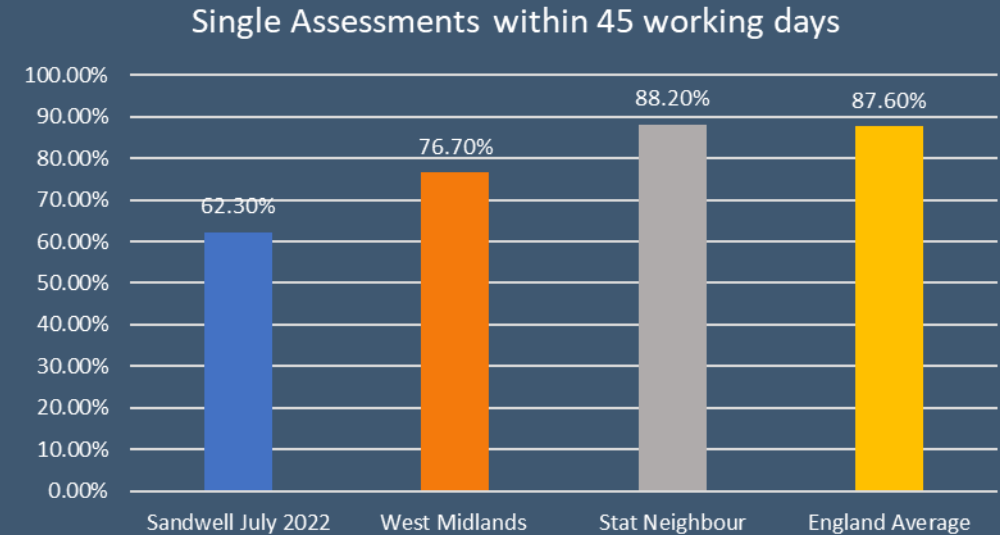
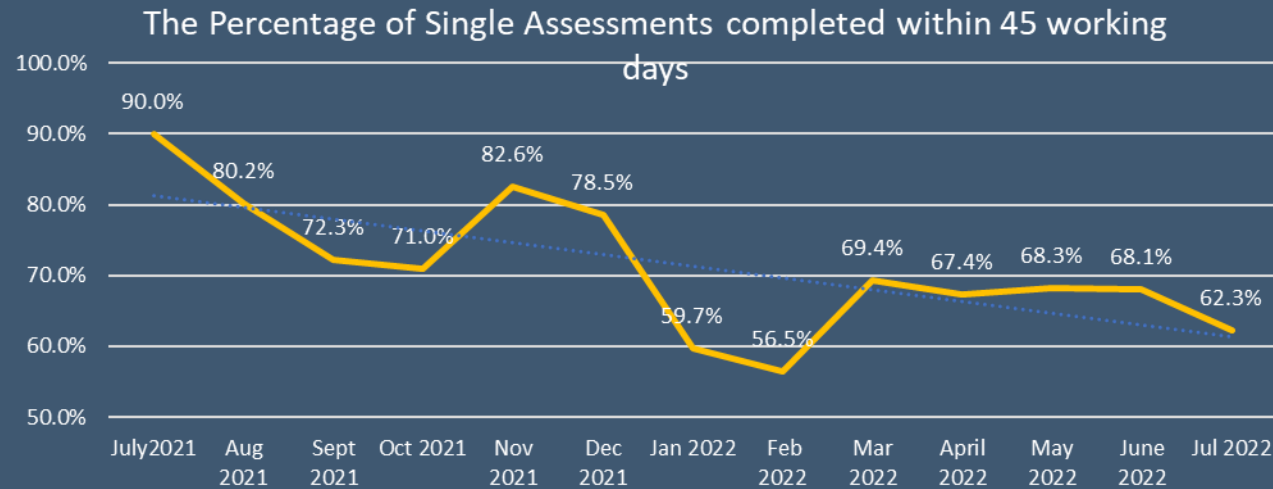


Re-referral %



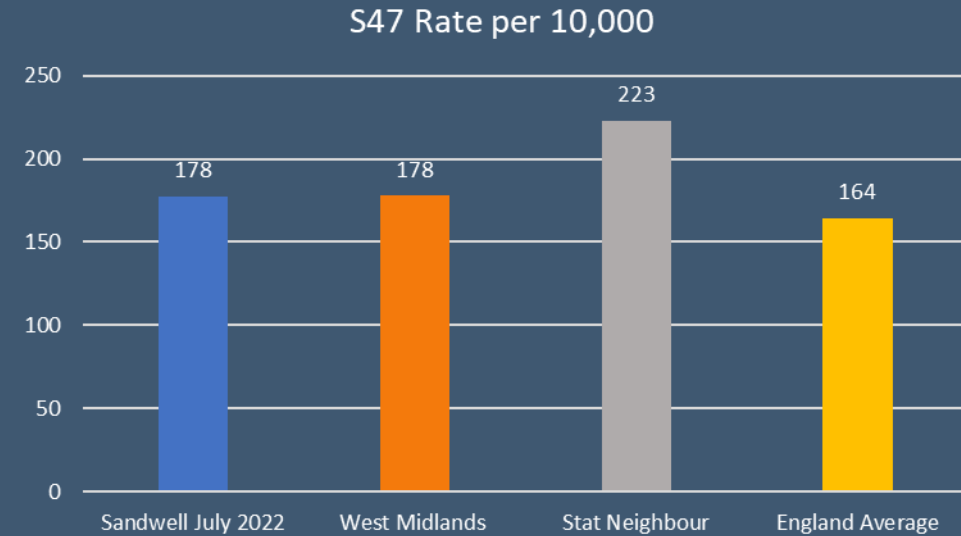
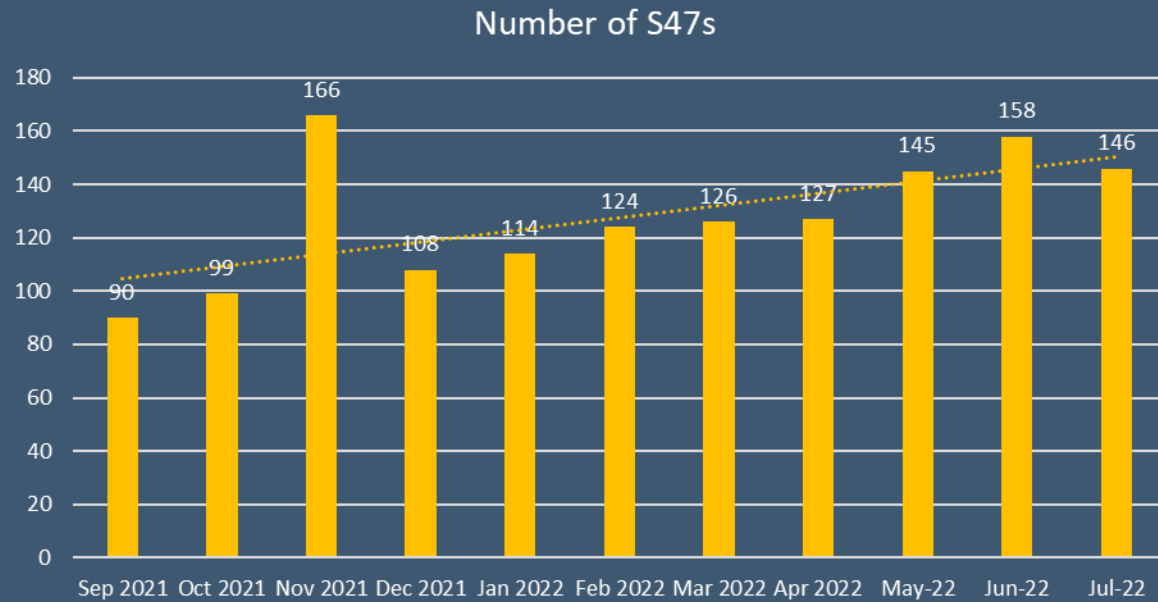
- Rates have reduced from 22.6% last year to 20% this year
- Now over 0.8% lower than our Statistical Neighbour comparators and 2.7% below England Average

# Assessments



- **Fluctuated last 12 months 56.5 to 90%**
- **July 2022- 62.3%**
- **Average over the last 12 months- 70% ( below SN, WM and England Average)**
- **Rate of single assessments per 10,000 over last 12 months has reduced from 718 per 10,000 (March 2021) to 520 per 10,000**
- **Last 6 months- 573 per 10,000**
- **Now below our SN comparators**

# Section 47 enquiries

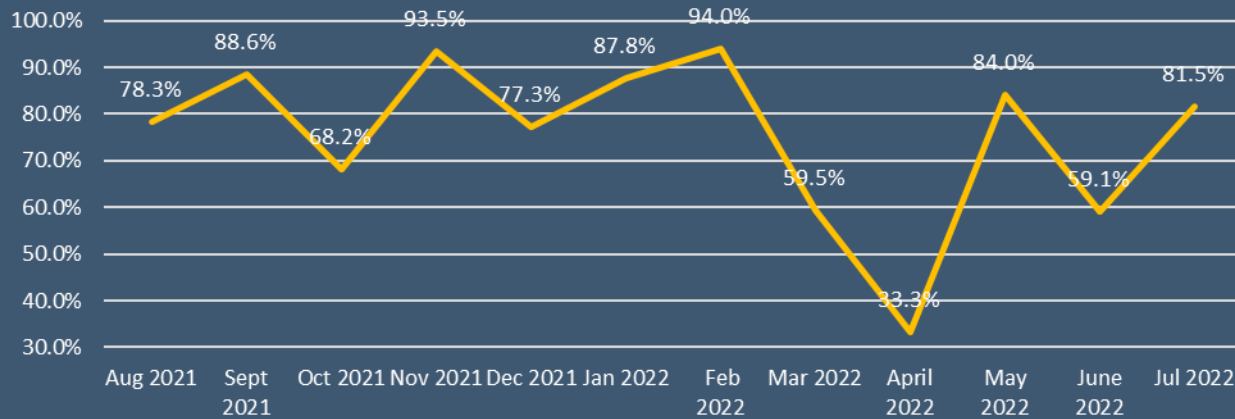


- Based on the 12 monthly rate- trajectory for the 12 months is a rate of **178 per 10,000**
- Significantly lower than 2018-19 rate of 312 per 10,000
- Current rate is below SN average and in line with regional comparators

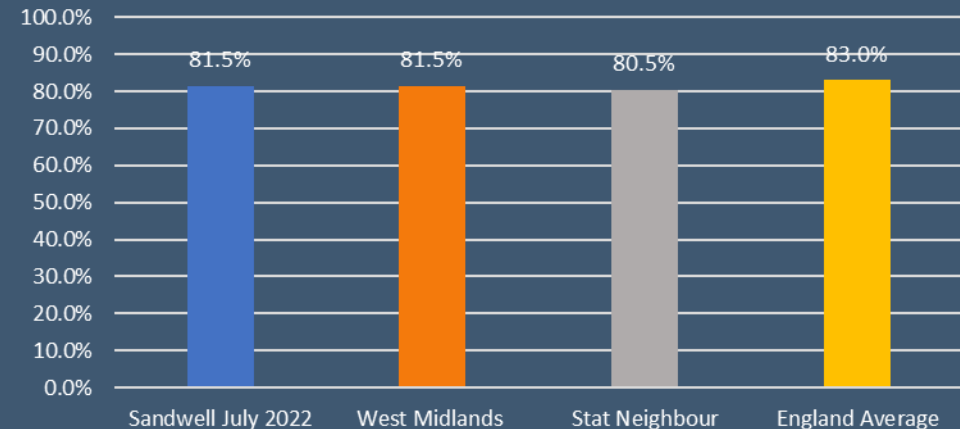


# Initial Child Protection Conferences (ICPCs)

% Initial child protection conferences held within 15 days of the strategy discussion



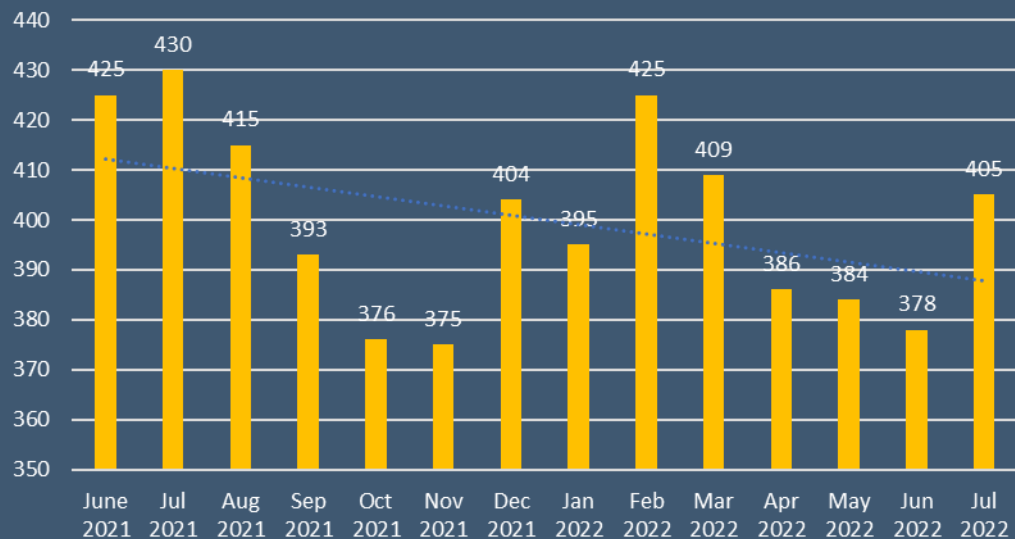
Initial Child Protection Conferences within 15 working days



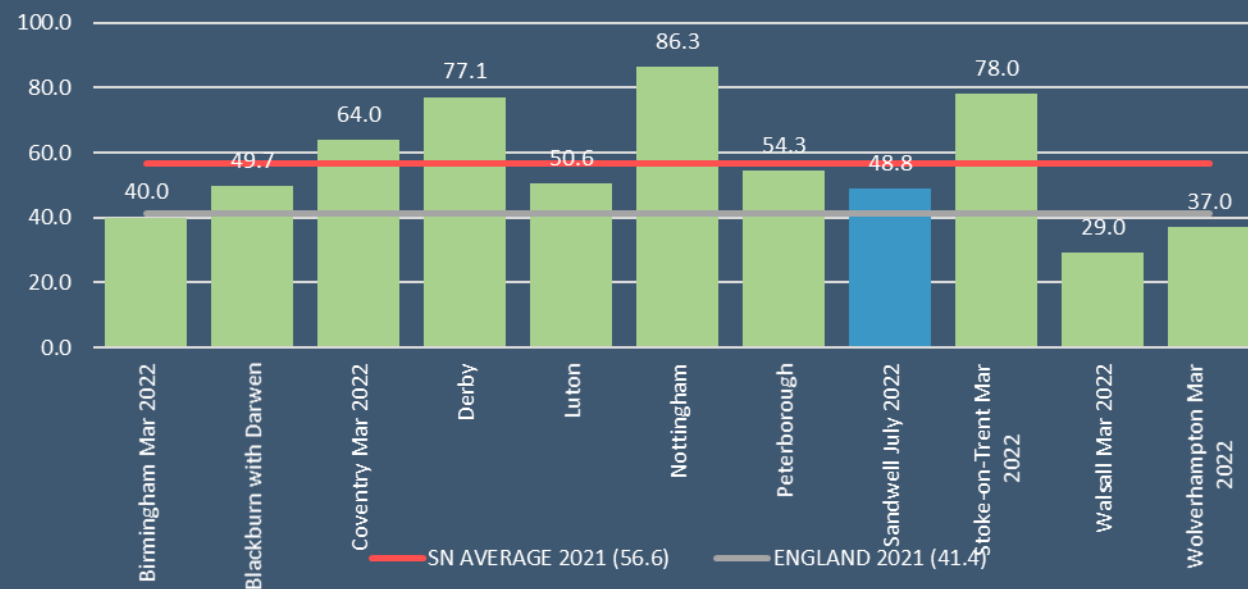
- July 2022 81.5% of ICPCs completed within 15 working days- slightly above SN
- Last 12 months- timeliness is 81%- in line with comparators.
- ICPC rate- now below SN comparators –from 96.9 per 10,000 to 56 per 10,000 (SN average 82.5)
- 87% ICPCs resulted in a CP Plan, threshold seems to be more in line with what we would expect.

# Child Protection Plans (CPP)

Number of Children with a Child Protection Plan

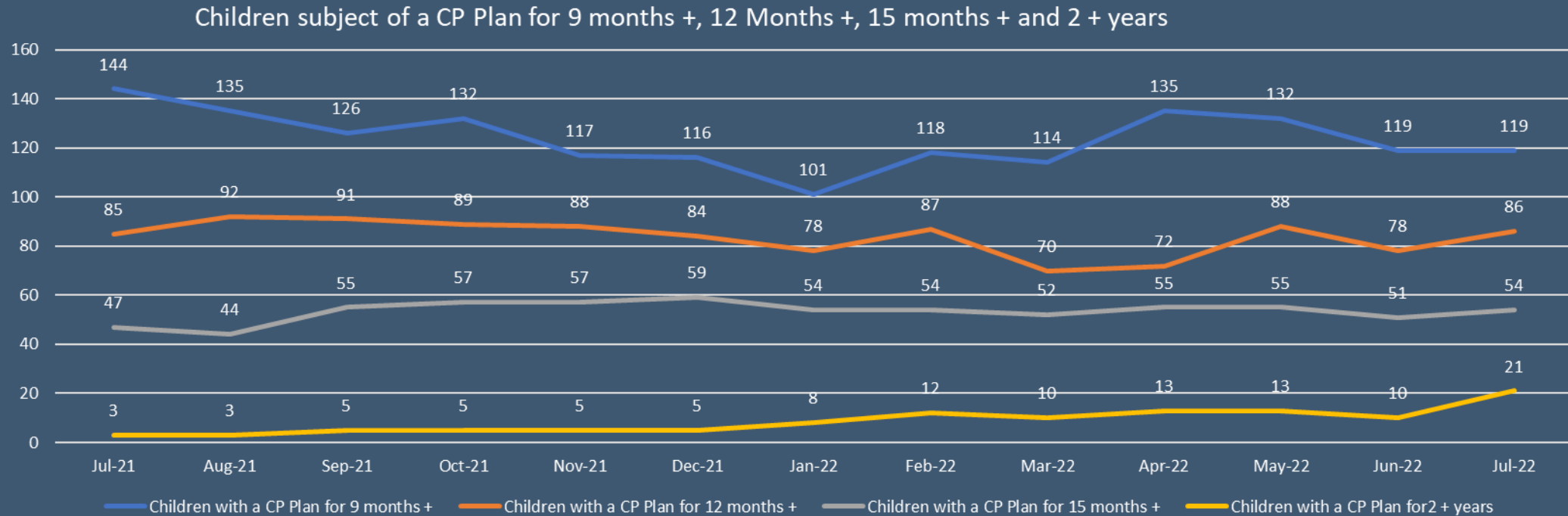


Rate of Child Protection Plans per 10,000 comparison to Statistical Neighbours (Latest SN data March 2021)



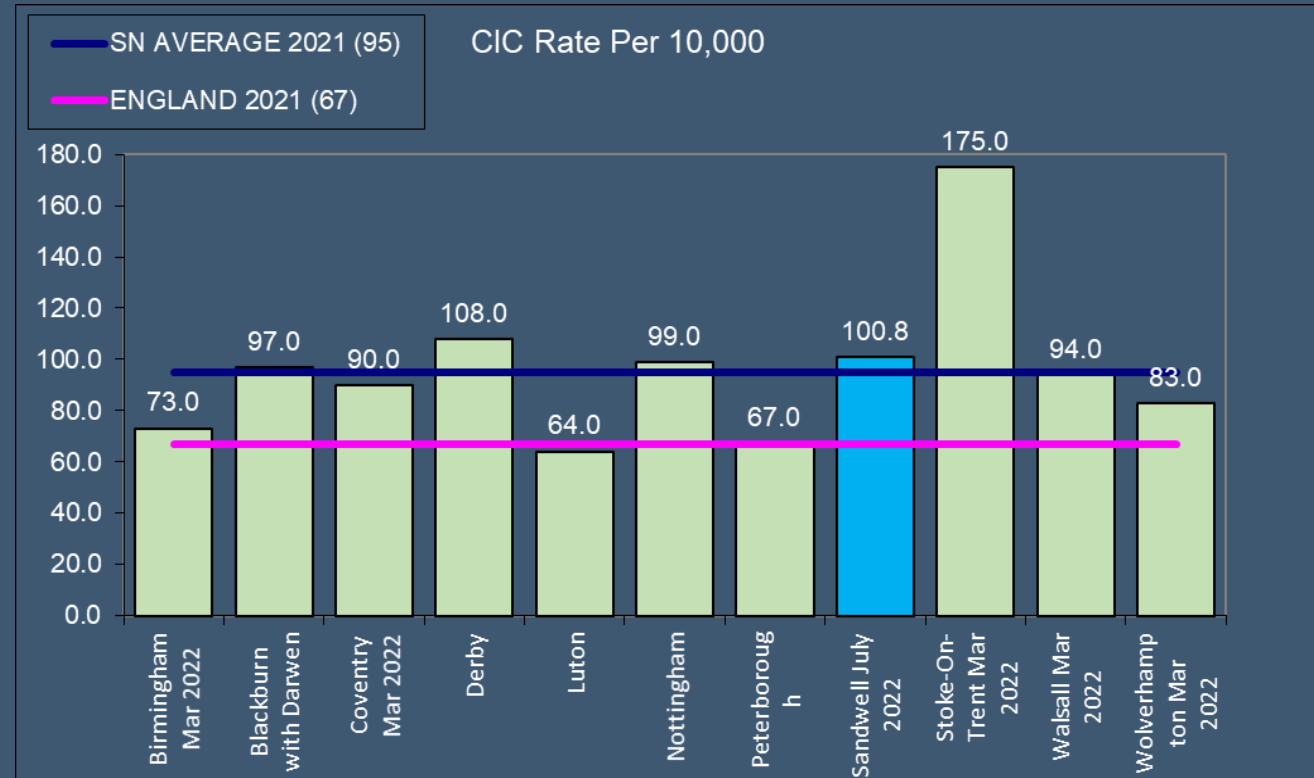
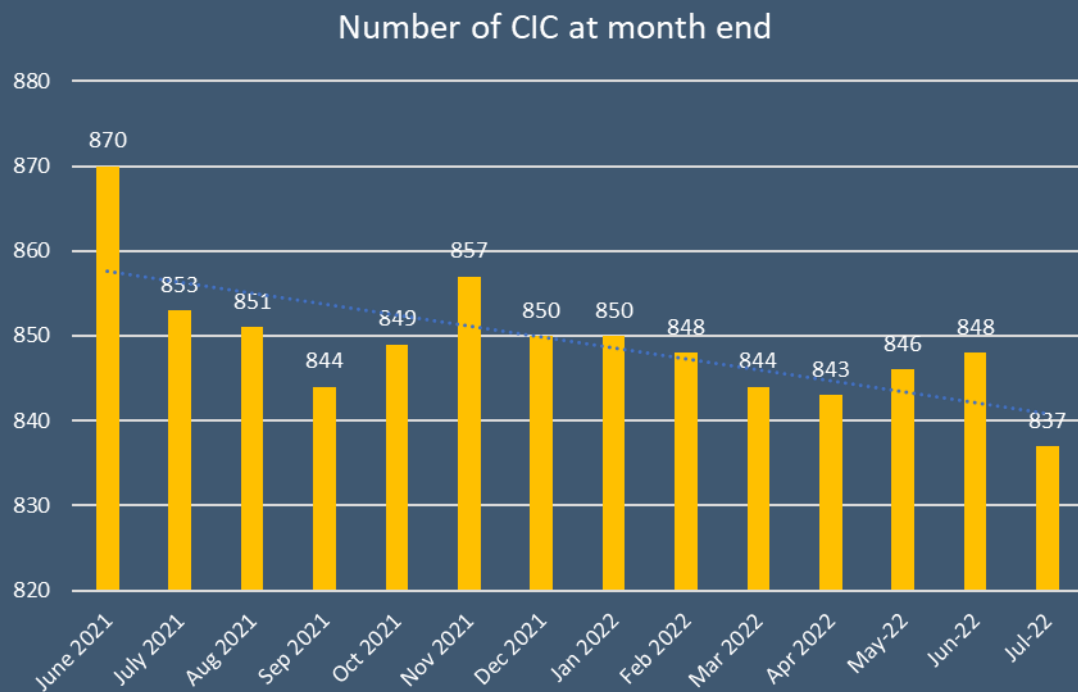
- Last 12 months- reduction in children on CPP - 430 to 405 (rates 52.2 to 48.8 per 10,000).
- Below SN average- more in line with West Midlands and England Averages.

# Child Protection



- **21 Children on a CPP longer than two years (equates to 5.2% of cohort)**
- **2.4% above our SN average**
- **Of our current cohort of children who have previously been on a CPP within two years equates to 43 - 10.6% -**
- **Compares well with March 2022 regional average of 11%**

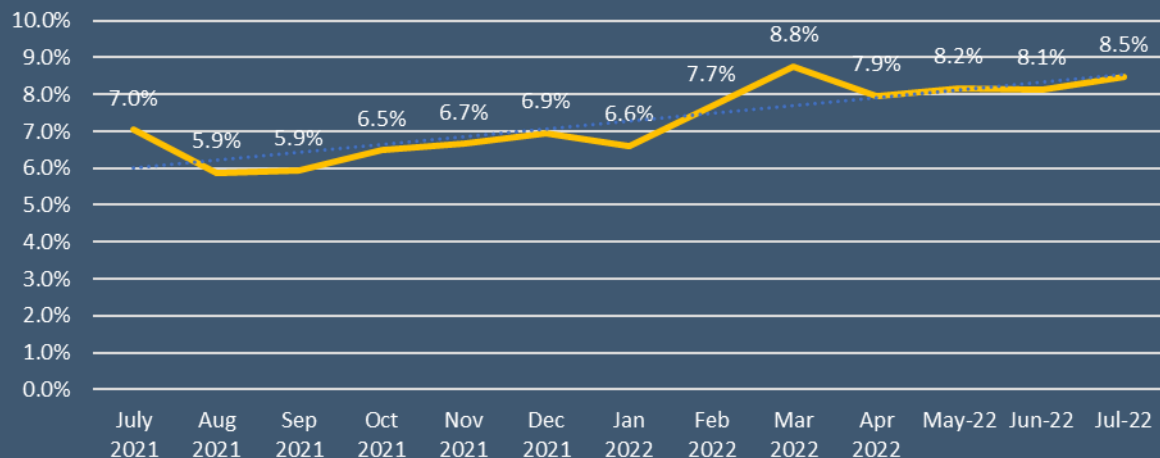
# Children in Care



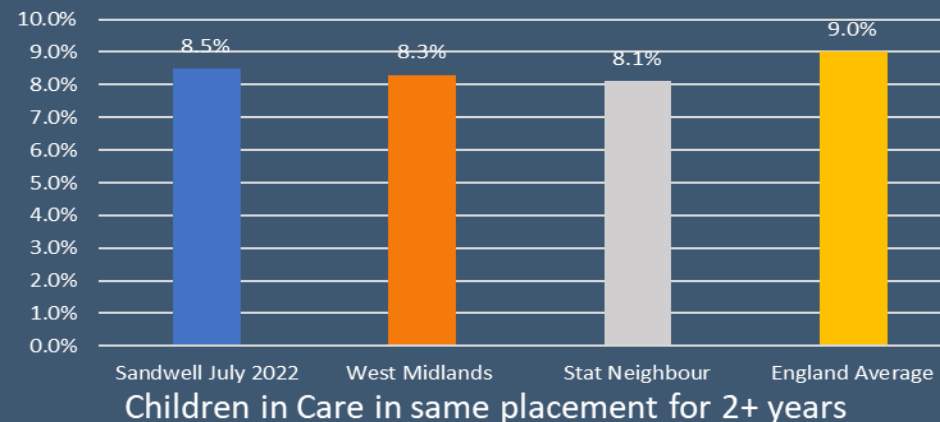
- **31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 - 837 children in care (100.8 per 10,000)- reduction from 853 previous year (102.8)**
- **Currently- SN average 95 per 10,000**
- **Over the last 12 months 187 Children have entered care with 192 Children ceasing care**

# Placement Stability

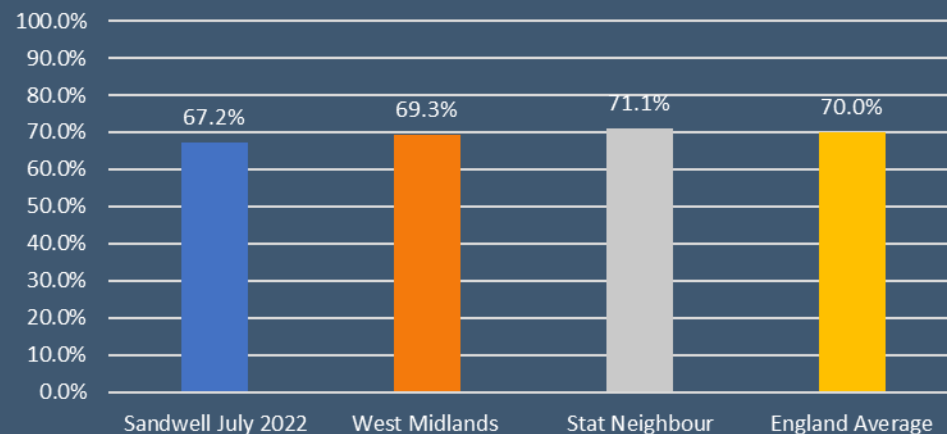
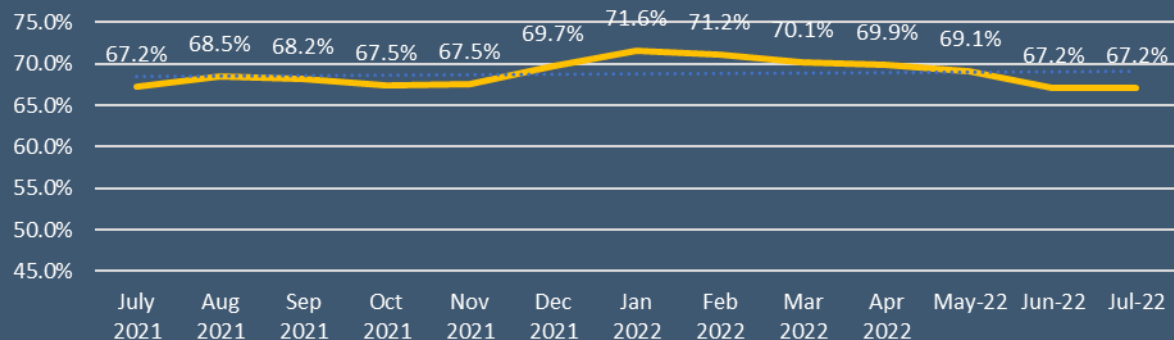
% Children in Care with 3+ Moves



Children in Care with 3 or more placement moves in last 12 months



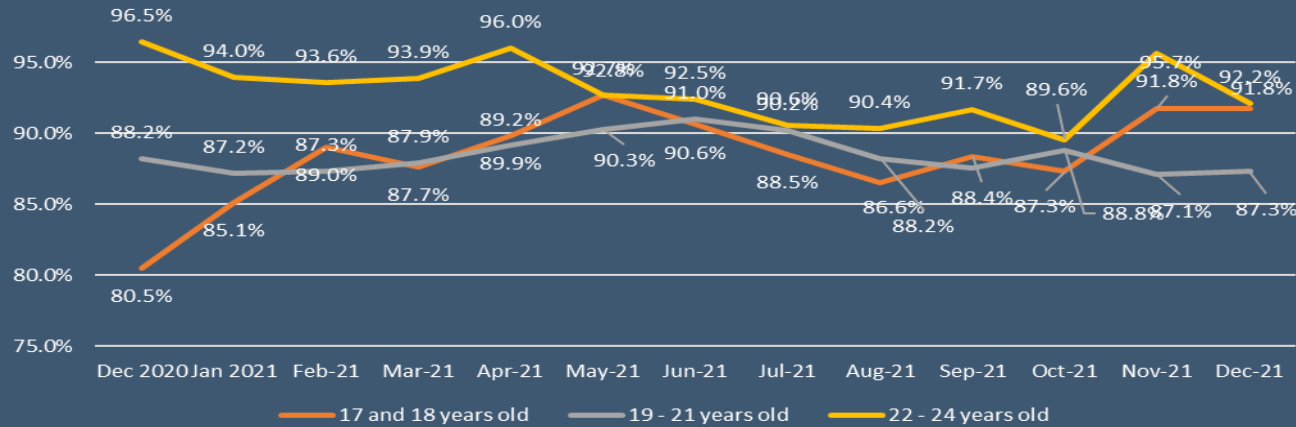
% Children in Care in Same Placement for 2+ Years



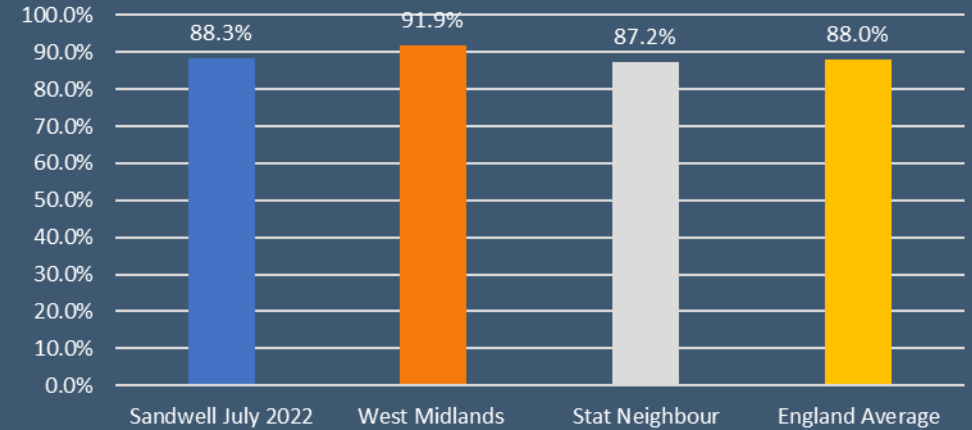
- **71 children had 3+ moves in last 12 months- equates to 8.5% - in line with SN average (8.3%) and West Midlands (8.1%) and slightly better than England Average (9%)**
- **67.2% children in care for 2.5 years remaining in the same placement for 2 years- slightly below SN Average of 71.1%**

# Care Leavers

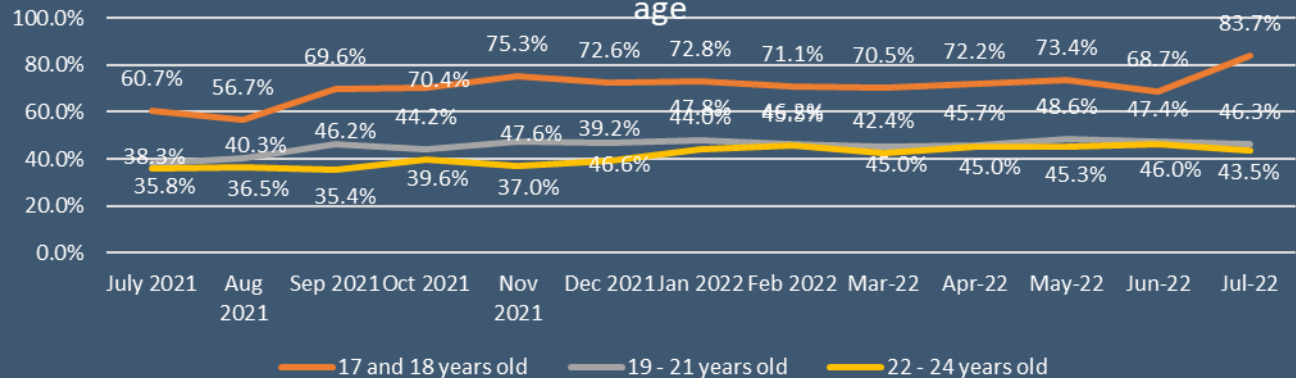
% Care leavers in Suitable Accommodation - by age



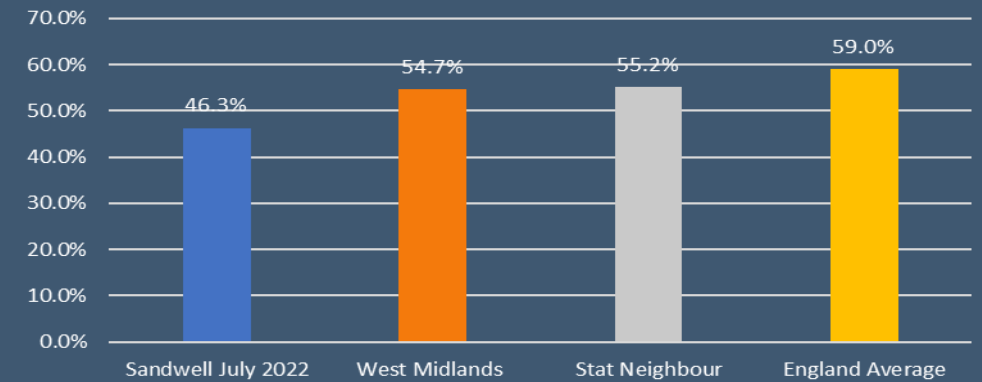
Care Leavers aged 19-21 in Suitable Accommodation



% Care leavers Engaged in Employment, Education or Training - by age



Care Leavers aged 19-21 Engaged in Employment, Education or Training



- 19-21yrs- 46.3% EET (53.7% NEET) - 8.9% below SN comparators and 8.4% below West Mids
- 17-18yrs- 83.7% EET
- Accommodation- in line with our comparators