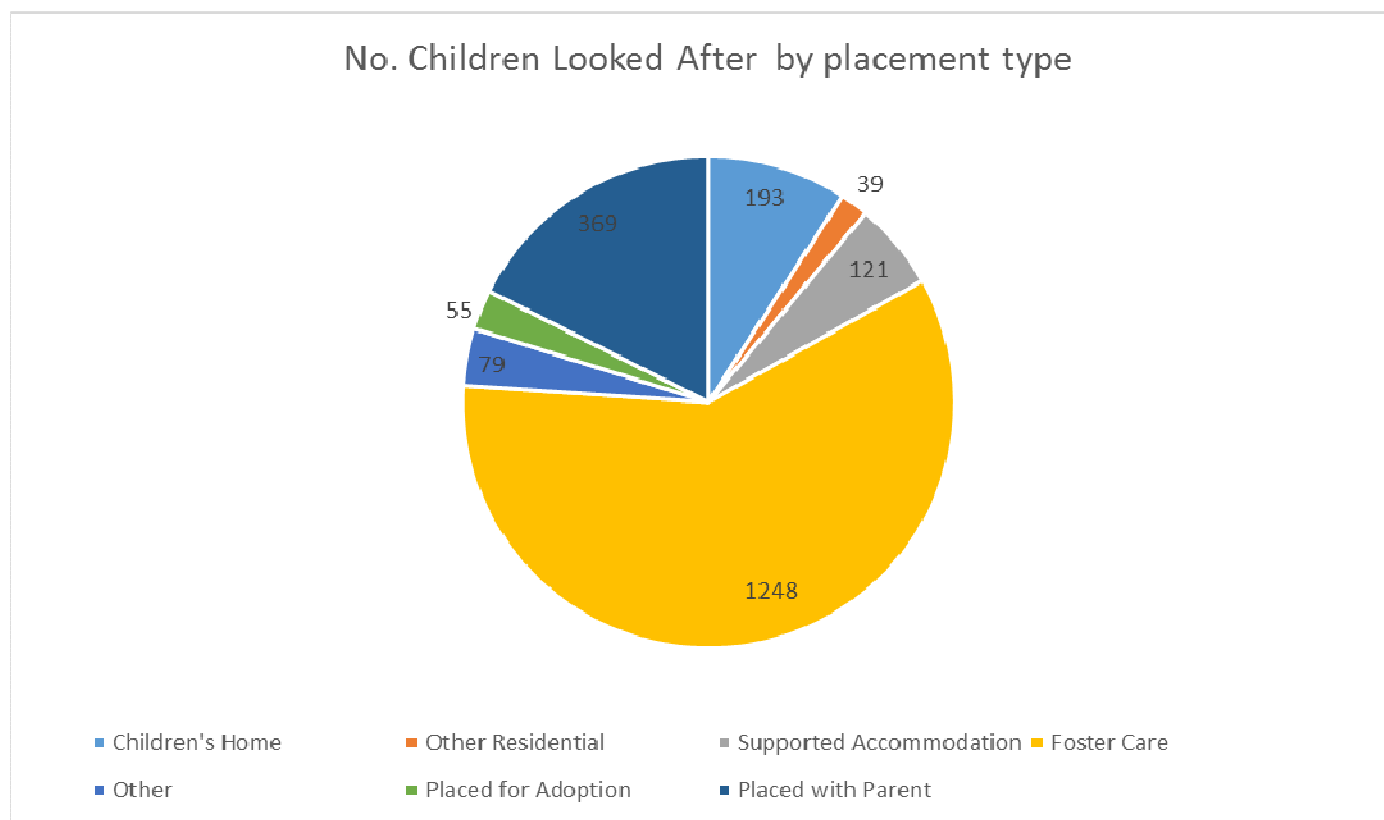
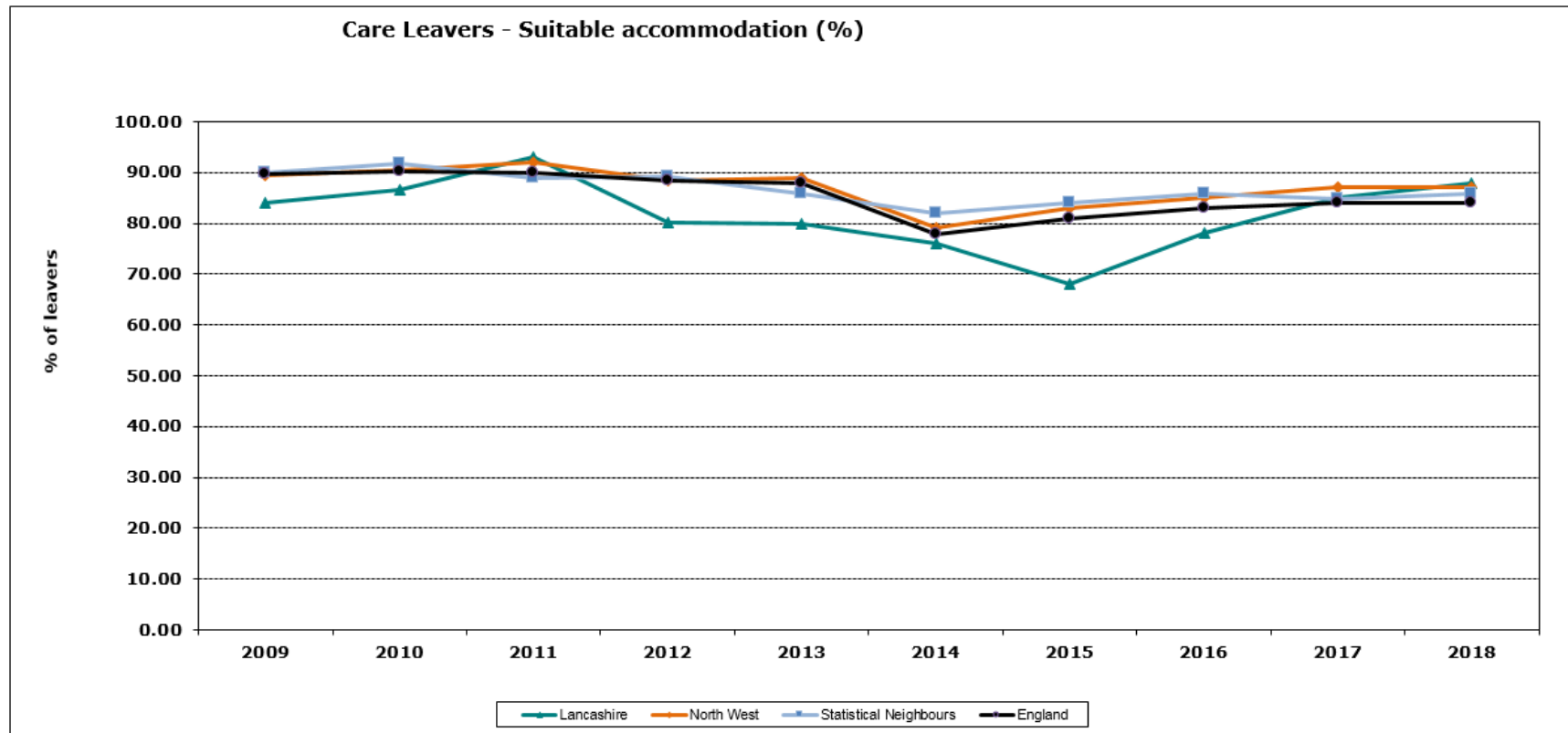


16+ Supported Accommodation Services

Children Looked After (CLA) at 28th February 2019



Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation



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Audit of 11 cases:

- None in permanent accommodation
- Six in appropriate short/medium term placements.
- Four homeless and staying with friends or boyfriend.
- One placed in an emergency placement.

Some context:

- Three had been living independently but gave up their tenancy.
- Most had one or more concerns including mental health issues at risk of CSE, multiple placement breakdowns, a history of Missing from Home, criminal activity, very difficult to engage, have been aggressive or known to misuse drugs/alcohol.

Supported Accommodation Services Regulations?

There are some very good supported accommodation providers in Lancashire, but services are not regulated by Ofsted

The North West has seen:

- An increase in the number support providers entering the market – some with no previous experience
- Poor quality accommodation in 'less desirable' areas

The County Council under it's Sufficiency Duty must ensure that there is sufficient suitable and appropriate accommodation to meet the needs of our Children Looked After and Care Leavers

Key Objectives for LCC

To ensure:

- Our young people **are safe**
- A **wide range** of accommodation and support services are offered to meet different and changing needs
- **Good quality** support providers and accommodation
- Young people can **move smoothly** through services – to lower or to higher levels of support **at the right time**
- **Sufficient provision in Lancashire**, and to only accommodate outside of Lancashire where it is a preference

Current Supported Accommodation Types (1)

‘Block’ contracts (368 units):

- ‘Core’ 24hr staffed services (8-25 bed)
- Building-based visiting support services
- Supported lodgings – family environment, ‘mentor’ Host
- Teenage parent services
- Building-based schemes combined with families

Highest priority access is given to 16 and 17 yr olds

Core & Visiting Support Services

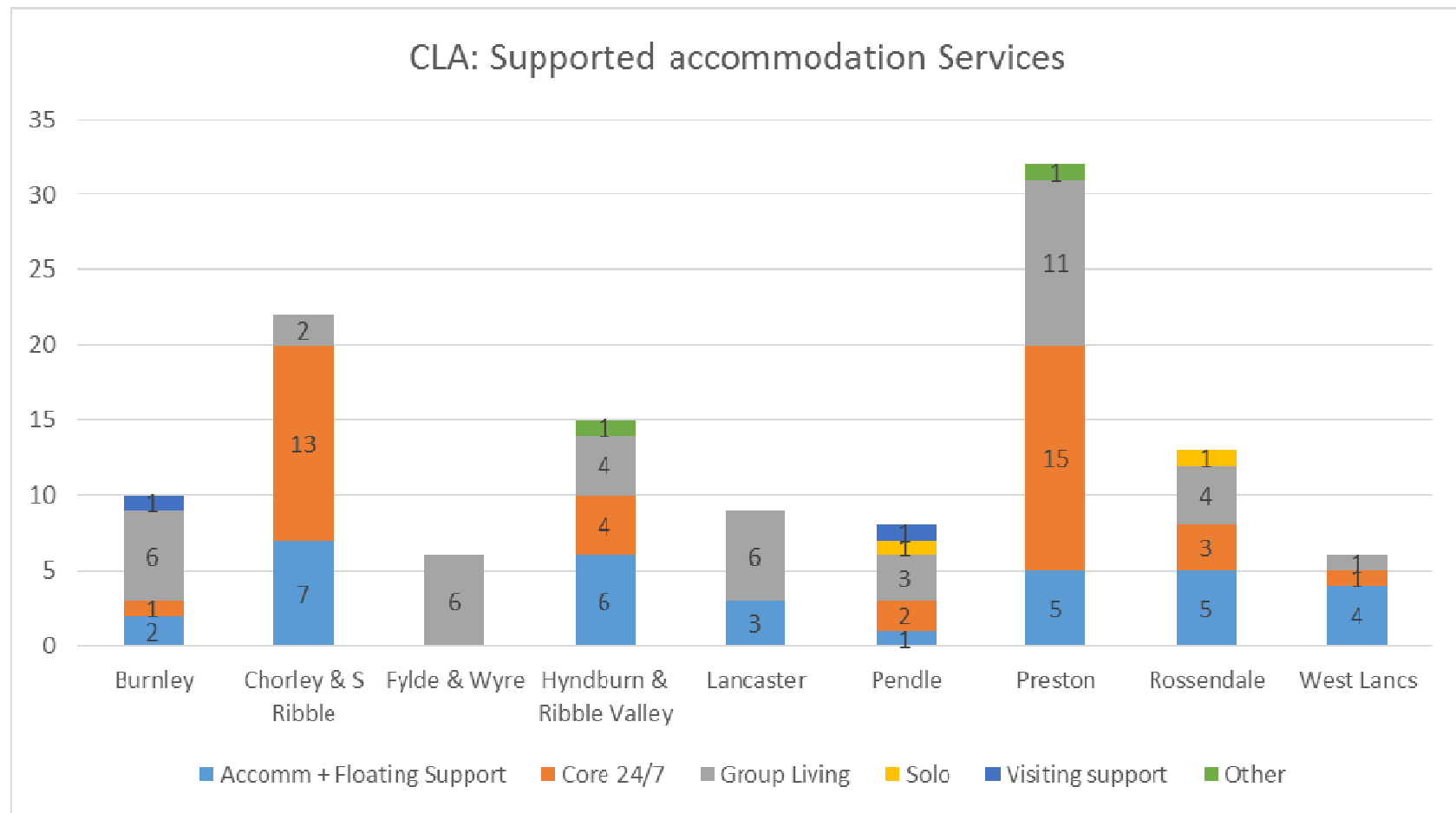
	Core 24/7		Visiting Support	
District	Service name	No. Units	Service name	No. Units
Burnley	Spa Mill	12	East Dispersed	85
	Westgate	6		
	Spenser Street	4		
Pendle	Safespace	19		
Rossendale	Queen Street	14		
Hyndburn	Crossroads	11		
Ribble Valley	The Sidings	7		
Preston	Merriweather Preston Foyer	11 16	N/A	N/A
Chorley	The Bridge	10	*Parker Street	8
South Ribble	Bay 6	6	Haddon Lodge	5
	The Mill	6	Belgrave Court	6
			Longmeanygate	6
West Lancashire	W.Lancs Crisis	10	N/A	N/A
Fylde	Harbour House	12	N/A	N/A
Lancaster	Morecambe Foyer	25	Dallem Avenue	4
	High Street	7	Mariner's View	11
Wyre	Fleetwood Foyer	19	London Street	5
	George Williams Hse	6		
Total		201		130

Current Supported Accommodation Services (2)

Purchased on 'spot' basis:

- **Semi-independent / Group living** (typically 3-4 bed with communal living areas)
- **'Floating support with accommodation'** (1, sometimes 2 young people sharing an individual property, often with option to take on the tenancy)
- **'Floating support'** – support only, for young people already living independently
- **Bespoke** support packages

CLA: Supported accommodation



Consultation with Young People

An on-line questionnaire was completed by 76 young people living in supported accommodation. In addition, we met with young people to seek feedback at:

- Young people's focus group- comprised of 8 young people currently residing in supported accommodation
- East Lancashire Care Leaver Drop In – 5 YP
- Care Leaver Apprentice Group – 6 YP
- Care Leaver Local Offer event- supported accommodation focus – 30 YP

Young People Focus Groups – Key findings

Accommodation

Young people were generally happy with their accommodation, including location.

Improvements to:

- Repairs & decorating – to happen more quickly
- Communal areas – more flexibility eg use of washers/dryers. Communal gardens should be accessible to guests

Support

- Young people reported an increase in confidence
- Young people felt better equipped to move towards independence – but can be improved
- Support workers are approachable and helpful

Young people would like:

- A more relaxed approach to sleeping out/ curfew hours
- More useful house meetings

Young people will continue to be involved in the planning of service provision

New arrangements: What will be different?

Phase 1:

- **Higher level of support** will be provided in the core and visiting support services
- **More flexible support** – additional hours / wrap around services
- Providers to support **accredited independence programmes** eg ASDAN
- More **group sessions** to be delivered
- **Trial stays**
- **Resettlement support**
- Encourage **peer mentoring**
- **Quality standards** – higher threshold & consistent monitoring

Phase 2:

- **Longer term** accommodation / support needs – in-house / provided externally

Strategic Review

- Local and national benchmarking, building on existing information and feedback
- Reviewing the market for medium to long term supply of accommodation
- 5 year view of demand, strengths and challenges – including district analysis
- To inform long term planning