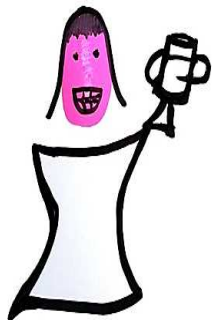


Young People's Review of the LAC strategy

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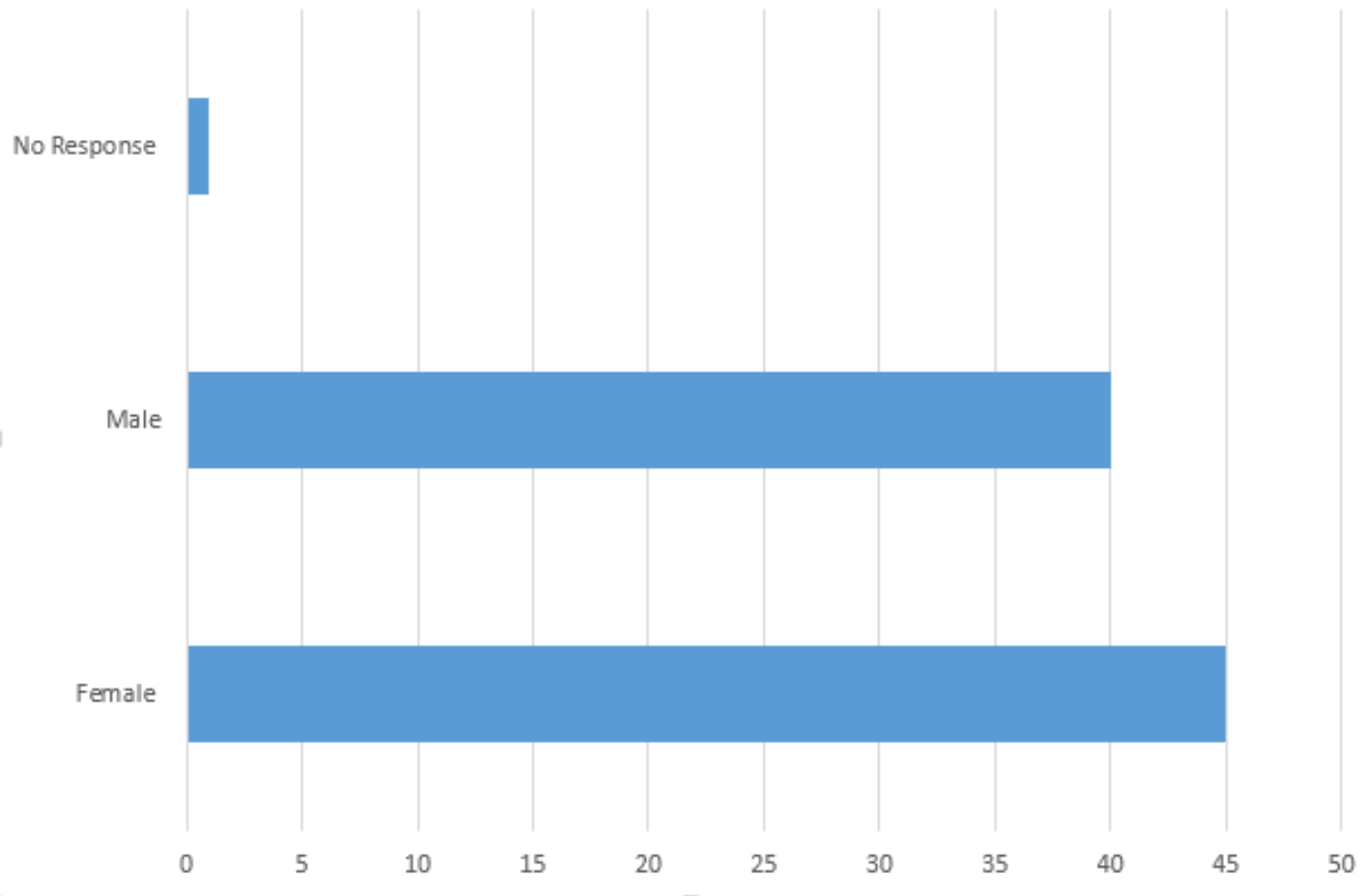
Age Categories

- Group one – 3yrs to 12yrs
- Group two – 13yrs to 17yrs
- Group three – 18yrs to 20yrs
- Group four – 21+

Overall it was the ages 13-17 in which we received the most forms back from, when collecting our information upon looked after children's thoughts and feelings of the LAC strategy.

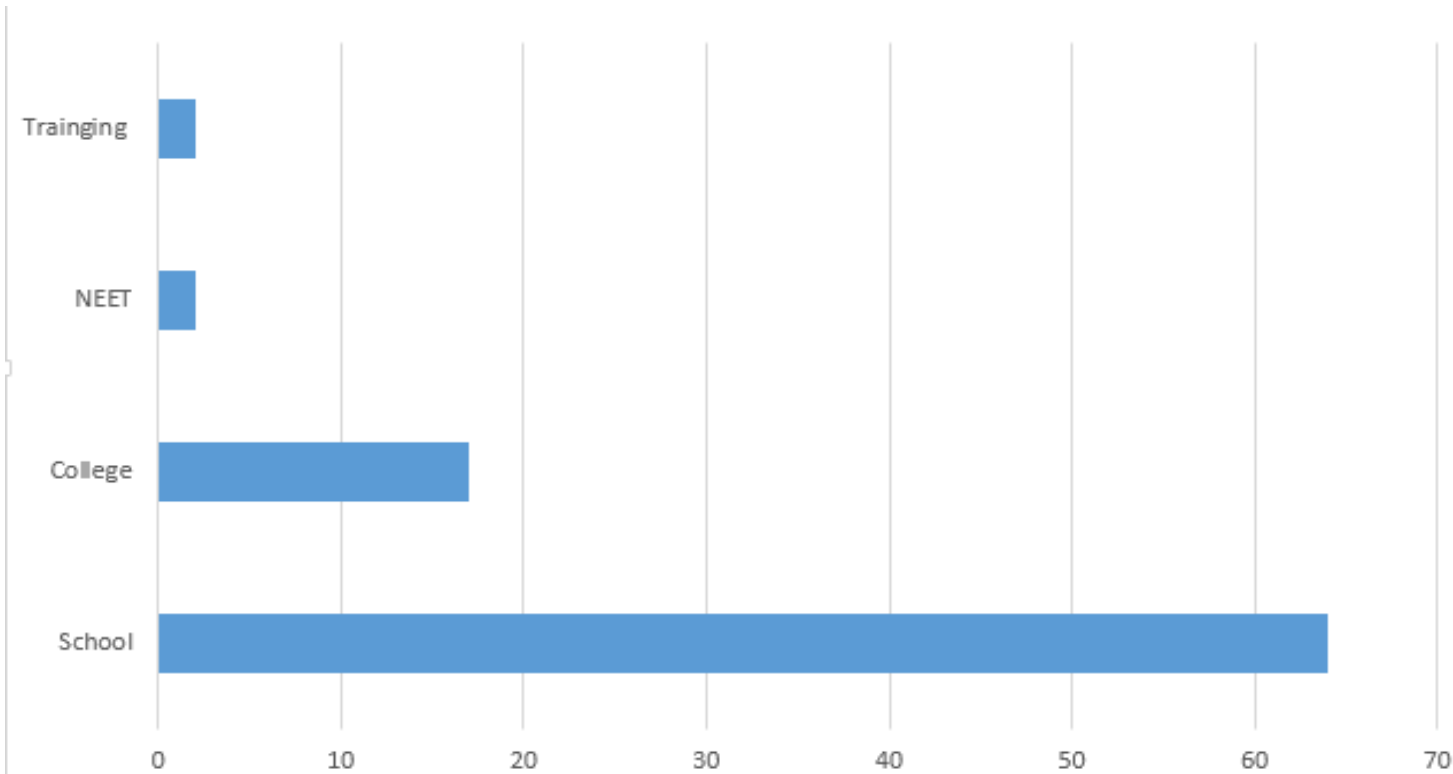
It was great to see such a wide variety of age's, and the way the participation team managed to reach all age groups. Whether they were helped by, schools, social workers, residential carers or foster carers reaching out to them individuals. The way the form is laid out means its easier for anyone younger or disabled to take part without feeling restricted, we got this back as feed back that the number scoring out of 5 was easy to understand.

Gender



We either got no response due to certain members not wanting to identify their gender, we need to update the consultation when it asked for gender. Some people created their own boxes and others either left it blank or ticked both.

Training, school, college, or NEET



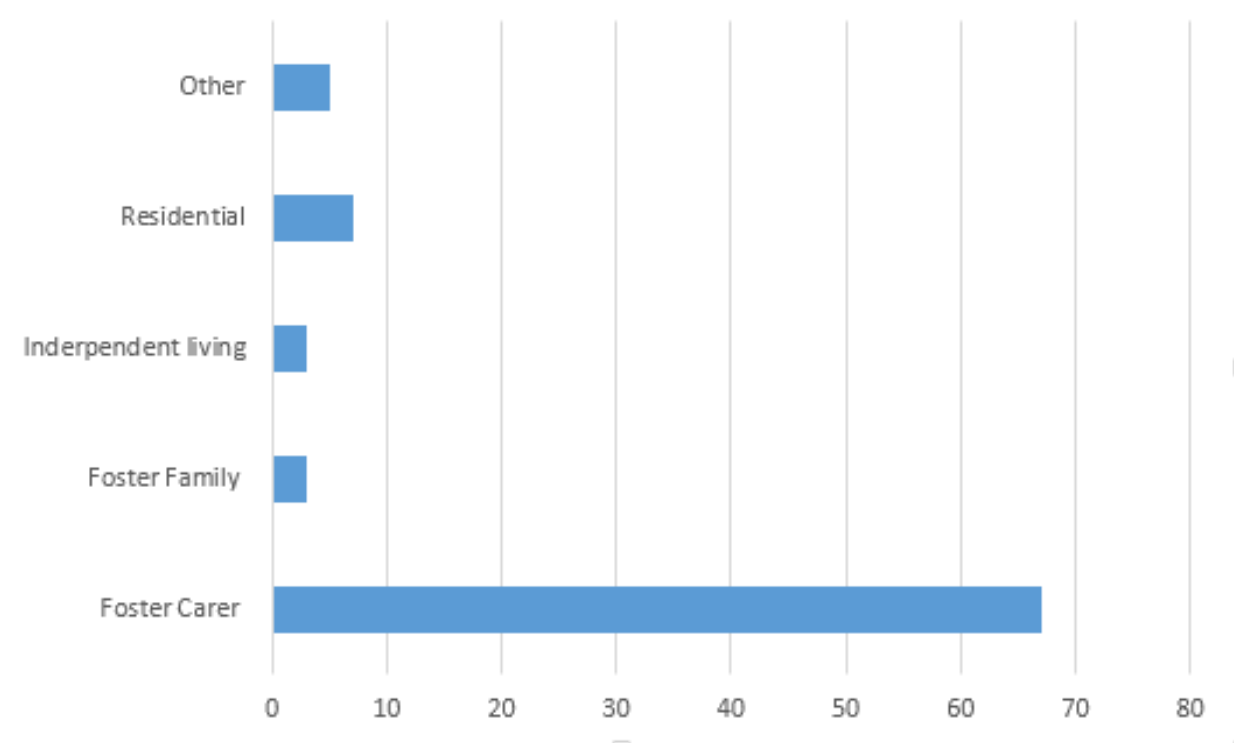
We use NEET, when we are talking about not in education or training, due to this potentially being a option and they can still get involved within the consultation process.

We found most of the results the young people were in school, this also backed up the majority age group of 13-17. it was great to see the amount of LAC we still have in college, education or training.

Where our young people are placed

- With Foster Carers
- With family members
- Residential homes
- Independent living (On my own)
- Other (Somewhere else)

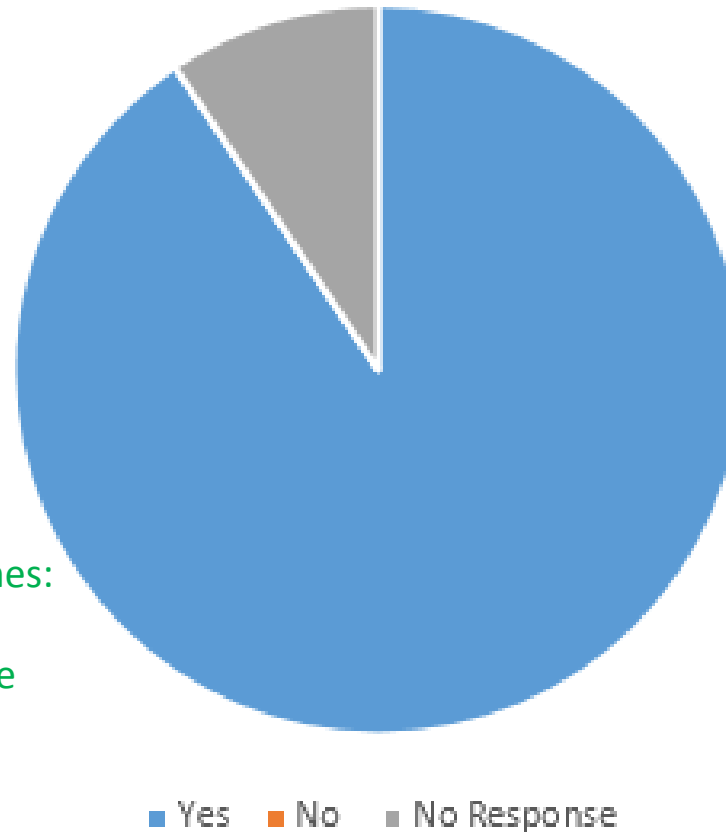
We have a few of our young people select other due to them being in supported housing, this can either be 24 hour full support, someone a phone call away, a weekly visit or day staff in the building in which they are living in. However a select few chose other due to them not wanting to classify where they live. This could be due to them not wanting to be labelled.



Are the themes important to LAC

The high amount of blue is the response being yes, this is due to the amount of different areas in which we cover under the LAC strategy, most individuals are able to relate to one of the themes.

The LAC strategy themes:
Happy and Healthy
School, work or college
Where you live
Having your say
Friends and family
The Future

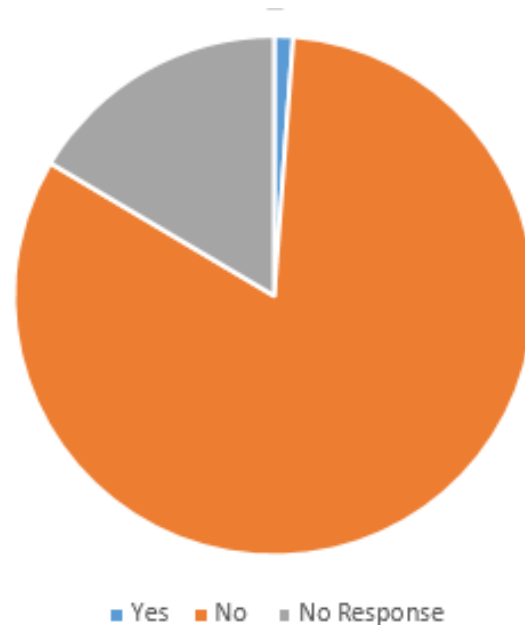


The reason we received no response from some of the young people was due to them not understanding the LAC themes, or the person supporting the young person in completion of the consultation didn't even understand themselves (e.g. some foster carers). There was such a small minority in which said no, they are not on the pie chart, some said no due to not finding one of the themes important therefore ticking no.

Ideas young people had for new themes

The orange is a no, for if they didn't want to change any of the themes or if they didn't have new any ideas of what some new themes could be.

The no response is down to people not being able to think of new ones, or not understanding the question, many people think the themes are set in place so what's the point.



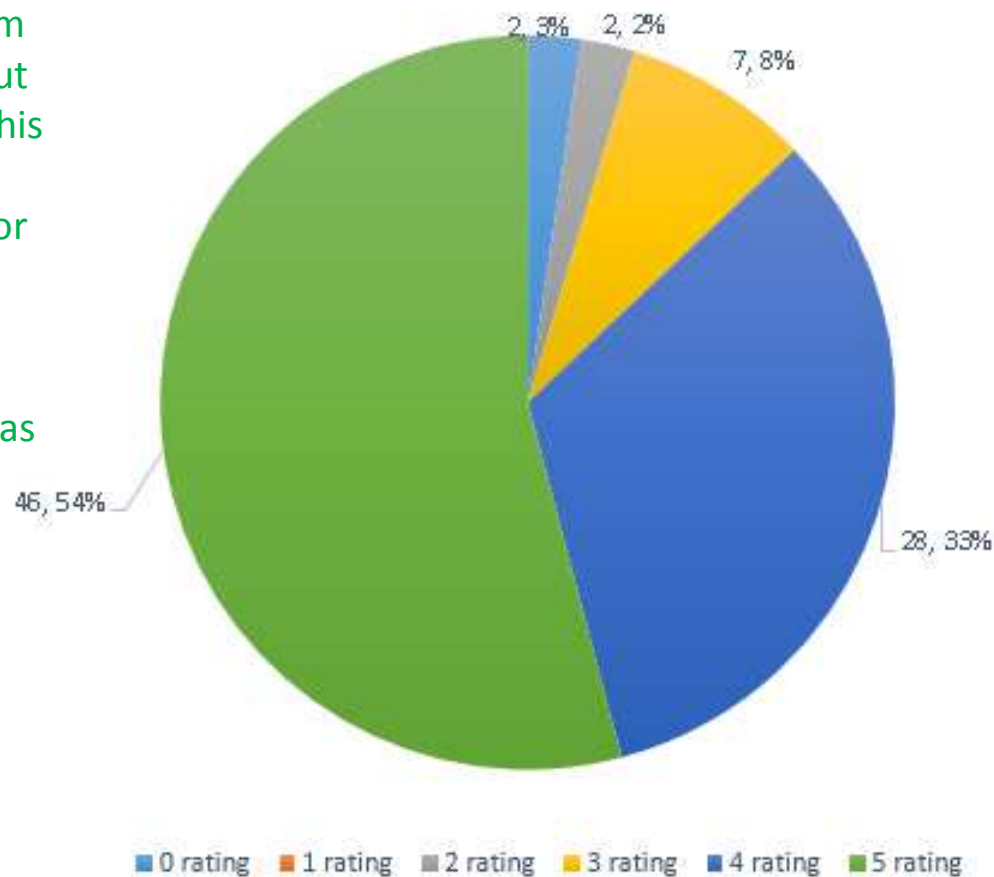
Even though pets was mentioned within consultation, we need to make it clear that pets would fall under where you live. This can be done in the future question by putting bullet points next to each theme when stated. We understand why pets was popular, and this is because people turn to them when lonely and they enjoy the company of living with them. Due to it falling under where you live pets will not be a future theme.

Comments and possible changes to the next LAC strategy review document

- Pets was mentioned a lot.
- Young people often listed ideas such as budgeting and finance which can fit in The Future LAC theme but we feel that the key themes needed an explanation of what fits into the theme.

School, Work or College

Upon the consultation form we has a scoring system out of 5 upon each category, this is the results in which we received for school, work or college, the 5 being the highest, and 4 being the next, to the move on to 3, then two, the score of 1 was not selected.

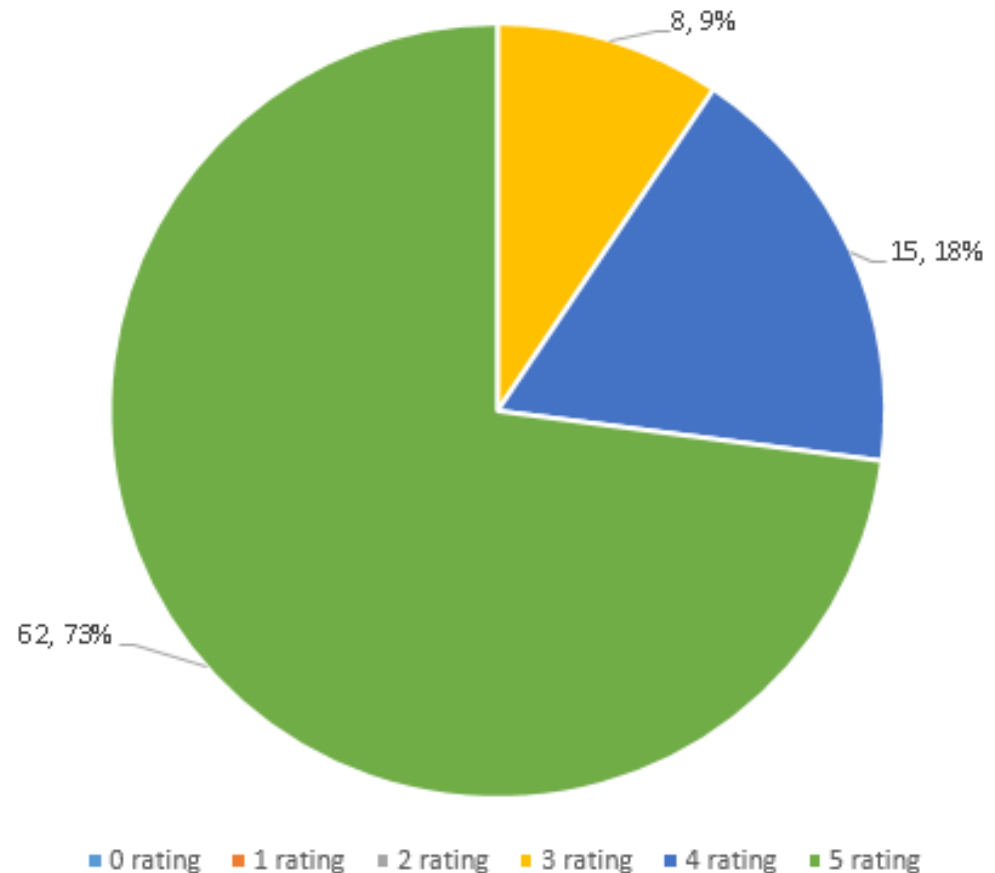


This is positive to see the two highest numbers, with the most majority for school, work and college as stereotypically most LAC would talk negatively when it comes to school, but nearly half of the participants scored it a 5.

Where you live

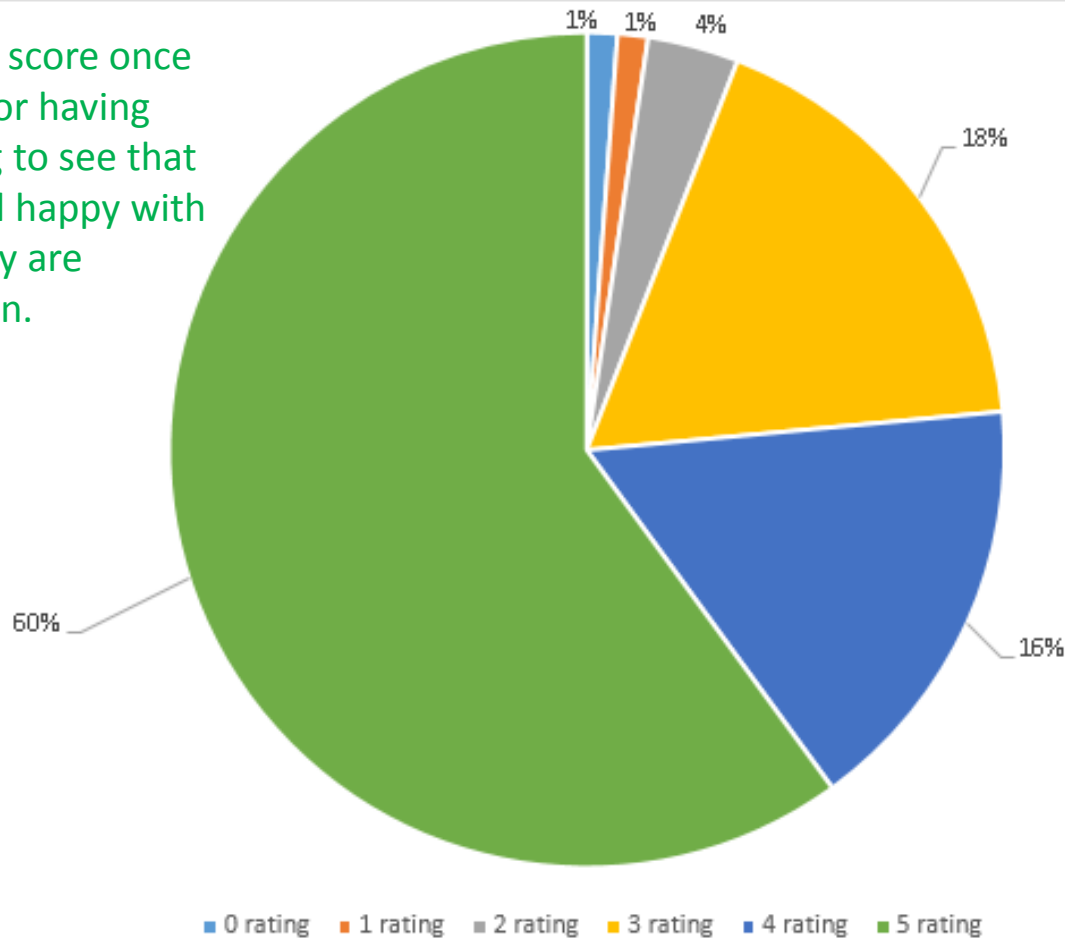
The green is a high rating of a 5 for where people live, this is great to see, then the blue being a 4 is the next highest, anyone who placed a 1 that filled in the consultation form with support will receive some more work to find out any issues, and how where they live can be improved. However if they were not support when filling it out, will not be able to be followed up due to it being anonymous.

We also need to take into consideration that when people were filling out the consultation they may have had a conflict with someone they live with, something may have put them in a bad mood all before filling out a form, in which they are asked to rate how happy they are with where they live.



Having your say

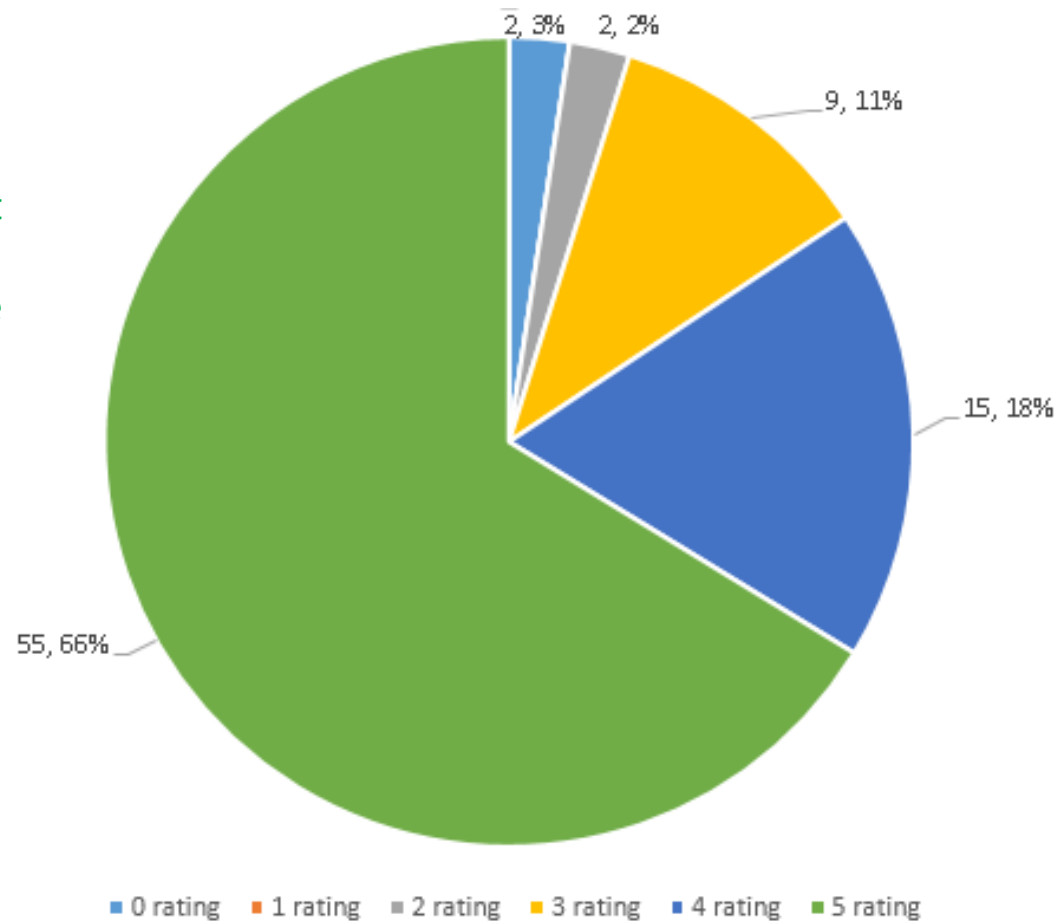
Five was the highest score once again, but this was for having your say, its amazing to see that people are good and happy with how much input they are actually able to put in.



Having your say would fall under several categories such as at CICC, when talking to someone at home or a social worker and then a change being apparent. But also at LAC reviews they are being able to speak and to be listened to.

Family & Friends

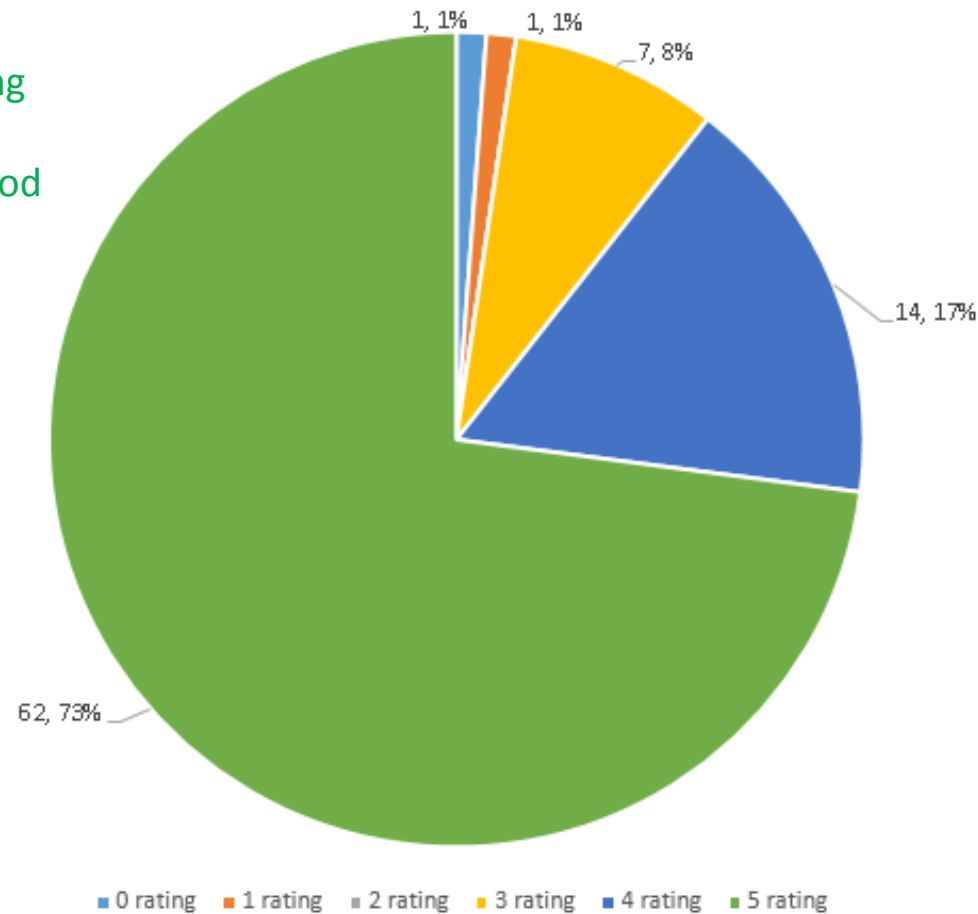
5 and 4 were our highest for friends and family, this is great to see that contact is still happening, quite often people will relate this to their friends at school.



Its sad to see that the minority of 0 , 2 and 3 are apparent upon the pie chart, however this may be because the young person has just gone into care, so rules and regulations are still being established, contact is at its little, they are unhappy in their situation, or they could have been in the small minority on the school section up above, therefore not having as many friends as they would like.

Feeling Happy & Healthy

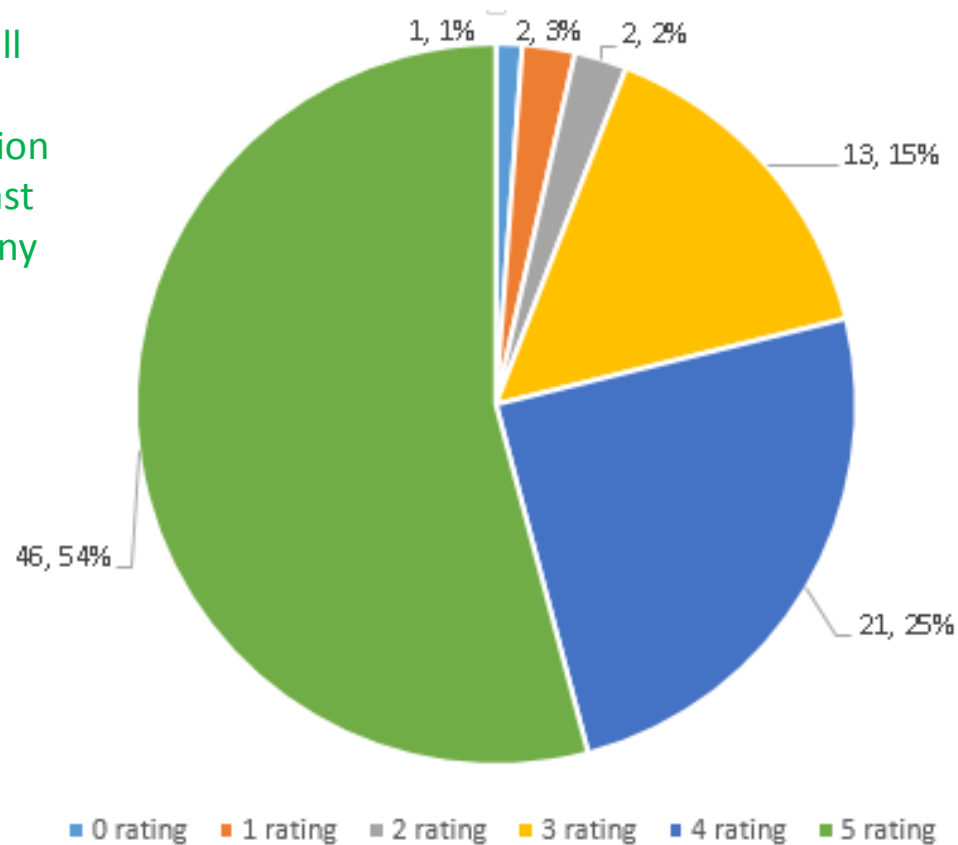
The majority portion on feeling healthy was the highest score possible once again, this is good due to people eating right, visiting the doctor, and just generally being happy.



We have to consider that on the day the young person may have had a cold, tummy ache or something upon them lines the day they was filling out the consultation this may have affected their score. Also they have been unhappy about something going on, and there just seen it as I'm not happy and scored on the lower side of the scale. All of these things we taker into consideration before making changes.

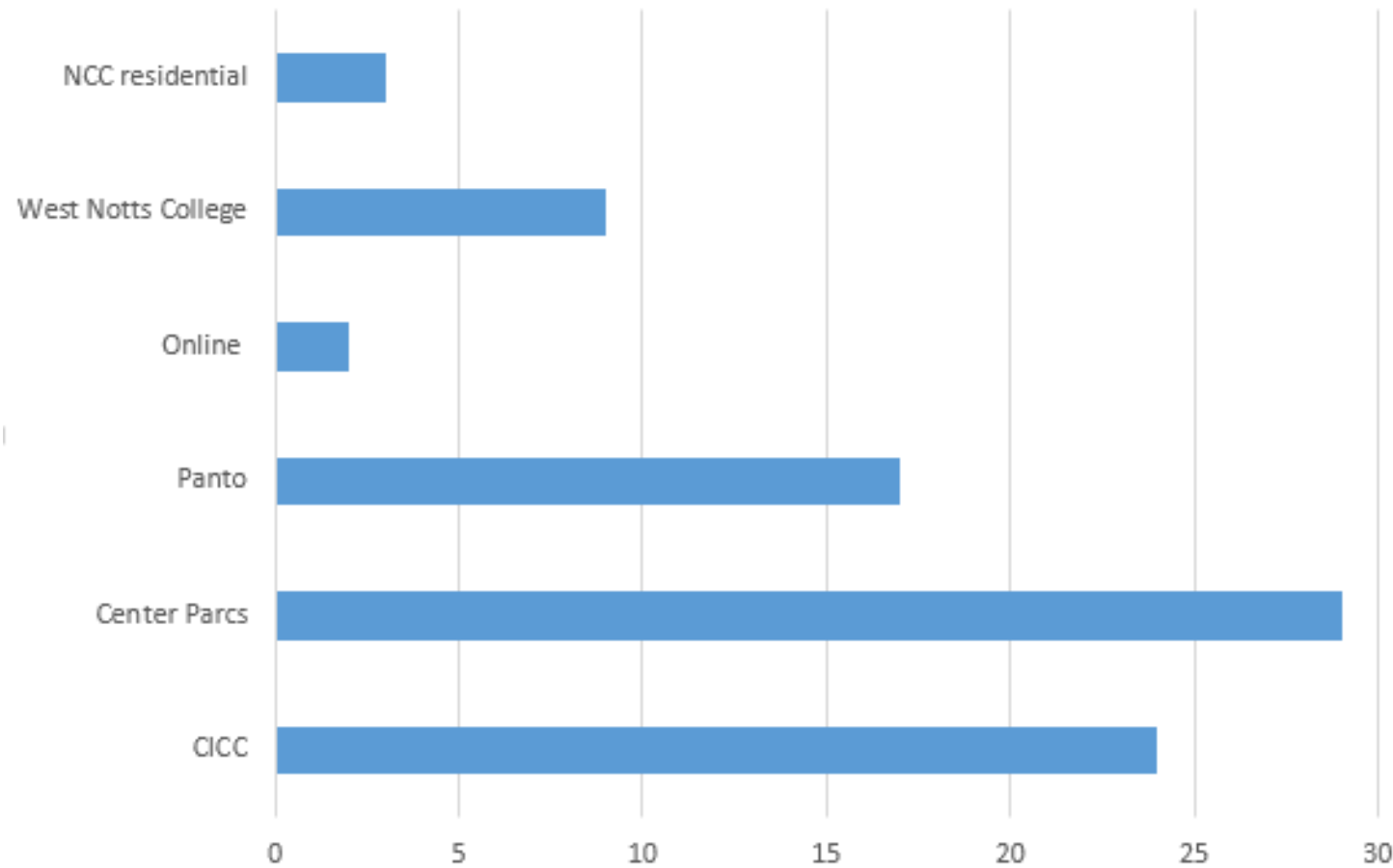
The future

Even though the future still received 5 as its highest rating, this is the one section in which there was the least amount of 5's there in many factors in which could of resulted in this, one being the Varsity of age groups.



When we mention the variety of age group we mean from the ages 3-21+, this is due to them having unrealistic dreams (i.e walk on the moon) but also not understanding the future. As for the older ones they may be in a bad place and may see no upside and therefore scoring on the lower end of the scale. But also some of our participants may understand however be unsure of what they would like to do in the future. But they are still successful results with 5 as the highest.

How we gathered the consultation?



Its great at the variety of support we received when collecting the information and the variety of places in which we received the information from.

Future action plan – Young people views

- To design a survey which can be emailed out and completed online/returned.
- Survey Monkey needs to go out at the same time as the launch of the LAC Strategy consultation.
- It should go to Centre Parcs event – this worked well.
- Possible send to IRO's to pass on to young people who are having a review during the consultation period.
- To work with West Nott's College again - this worked well.
- More residential homes to be involved, especially private homes.

Any comments or questions?