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Children*

A young boy with red hair, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt with a white skeleton graphic, is eating a lollipop. He is looking to his left. In the background, another child is wearing a purple costume with a mask. The scene is outdoors, possibly at a Halloween event.

DORSET NIGHTSTOP

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Annual Report Jan to Dec 2021

9-Nov-22

Overview of 2021

Increase in referrals from 47 to 67 (43% increase). Peak of referrals in July, with 12 referrals.

Total bednights increased from 69 to 132 (would like to reach 250 bednights per year). Increase in bednights due to increase in referrals and young people staying longer.

Significant increase in referrals from social care, also increase in self-referrals and referrals from housing.

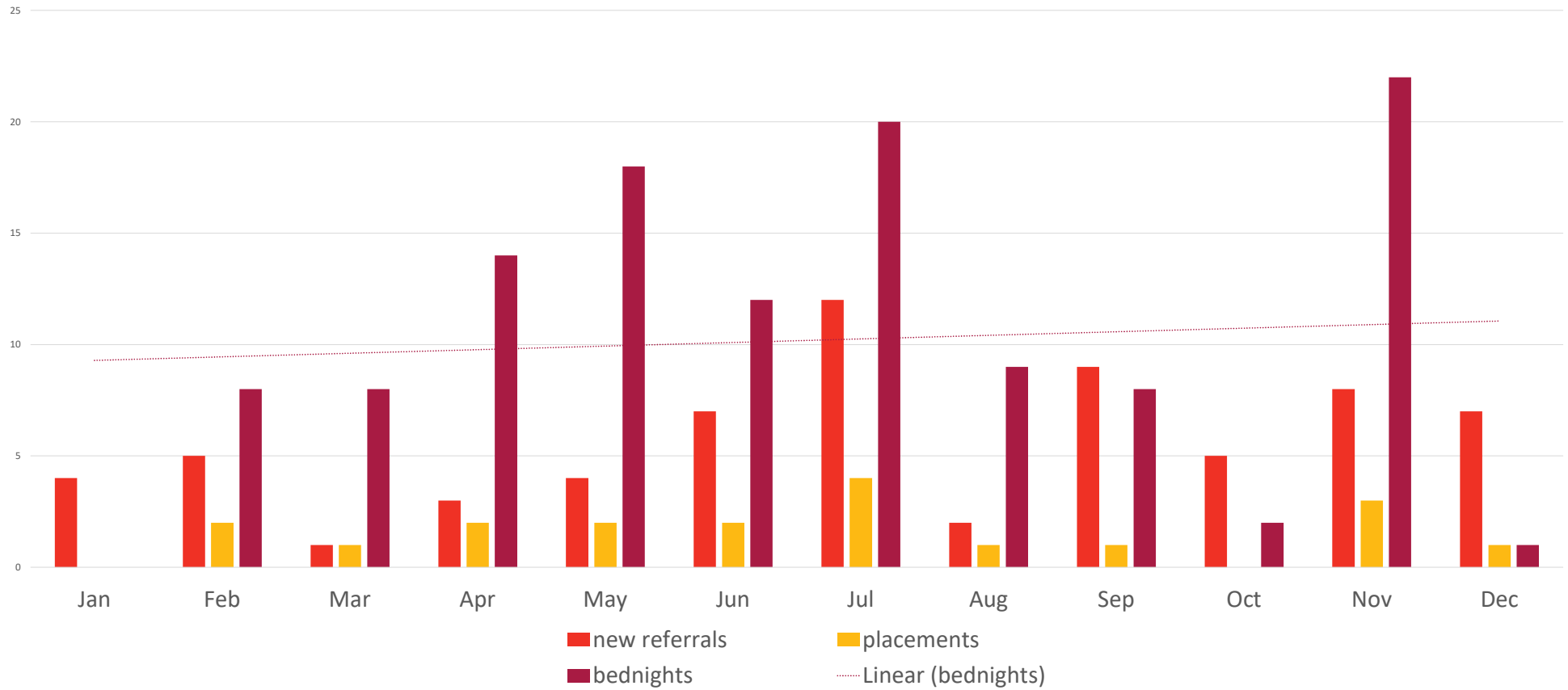
Referrals due to family breakdown doubled and in 2021 made up 75% of all referrals to the service (compared with 65% the previous year).

47% of referrals were for young people aged under 18 years.

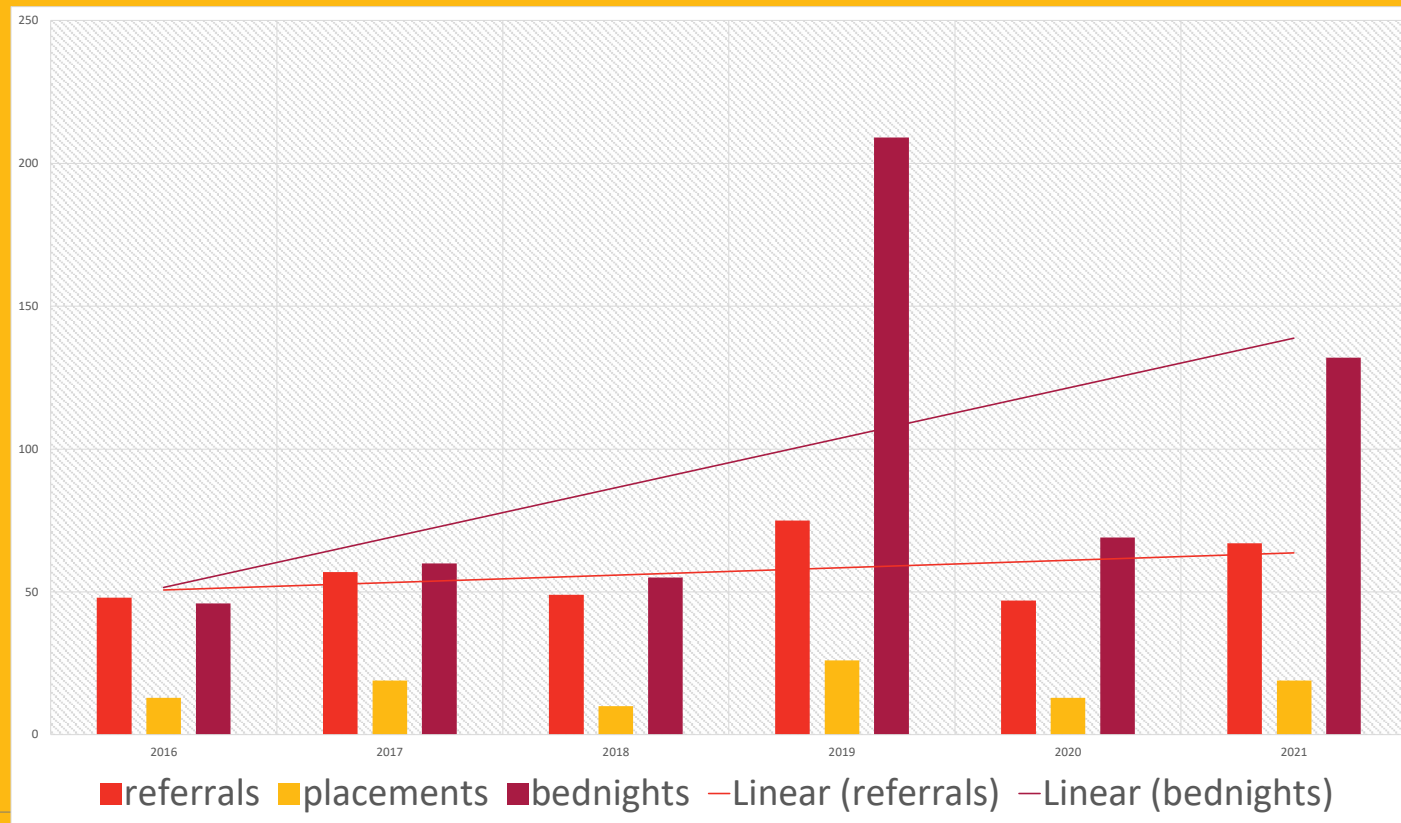
7 out of 19 (37%) young people stayed with Nightstop for over 8 nights.

Increase in numbers of young people moving on to supported housing.

Data for 2021 – referrals, placements and bednights

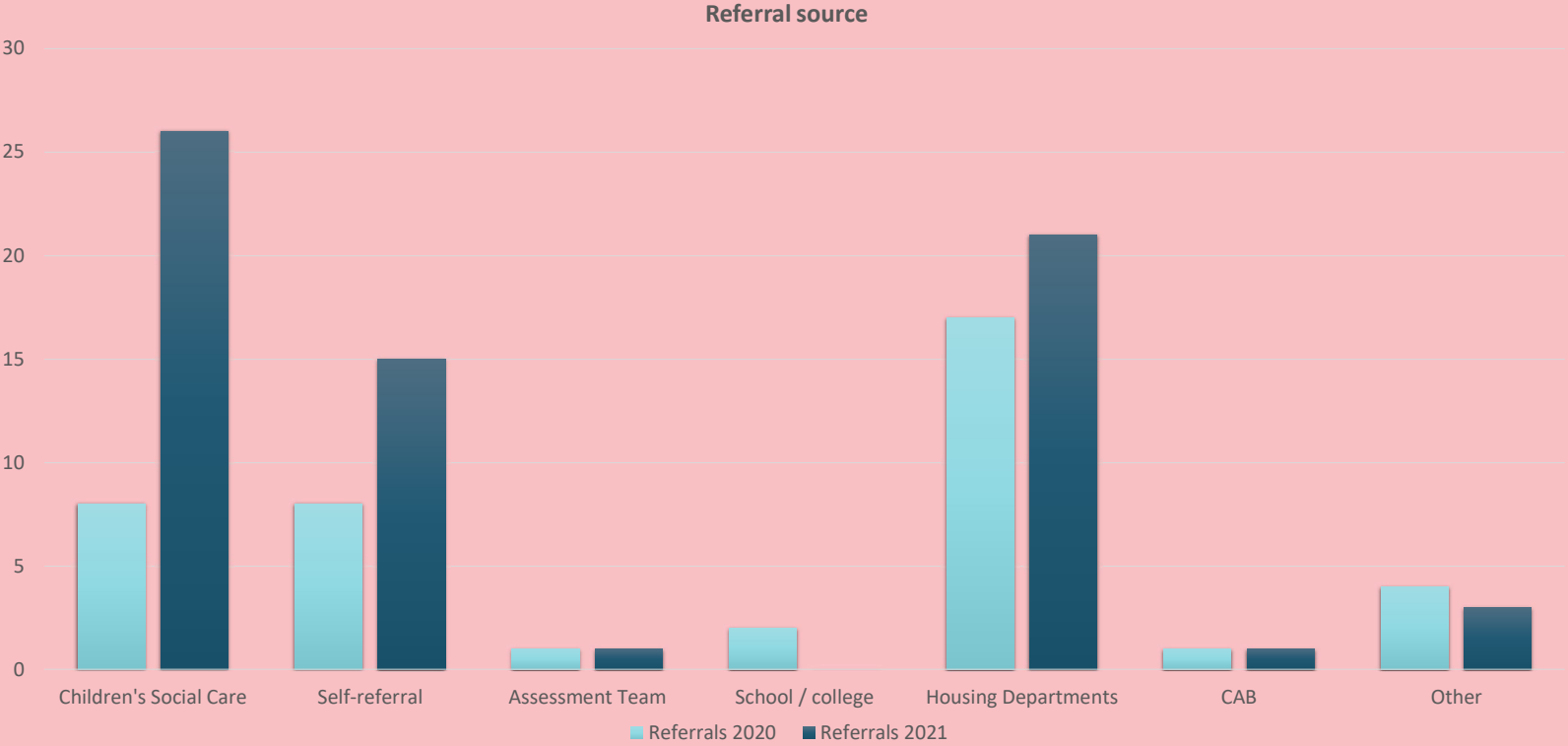


Referral, placements and bednights 2016 to 2021



Additional data from data base

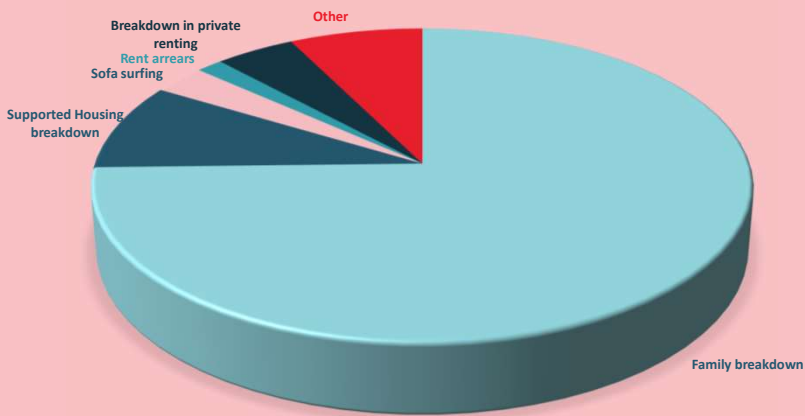
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Reason for referral 2021 and comparison with 2020

2021 REASON FOR REFERRAL

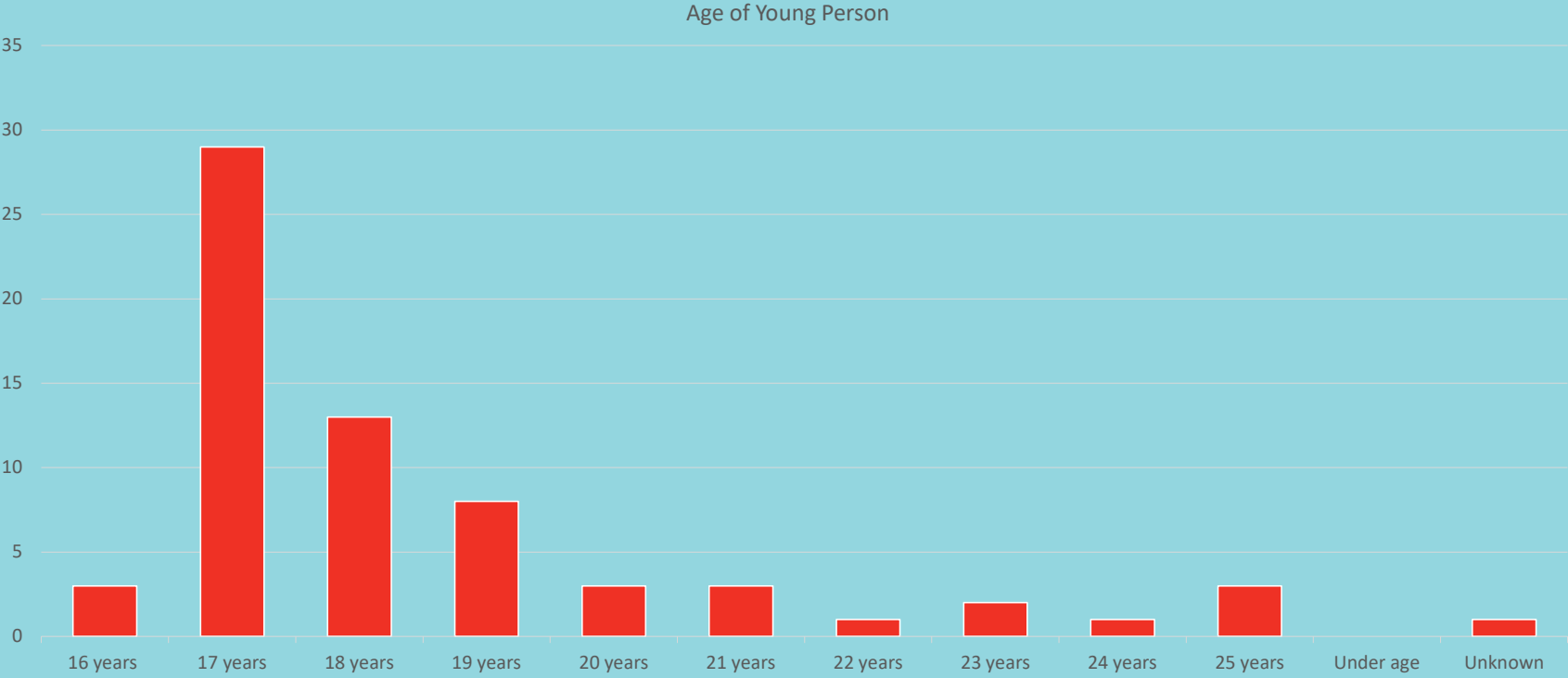


Reasons for referral 2020 and 2021



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Age of young people referred in 2021



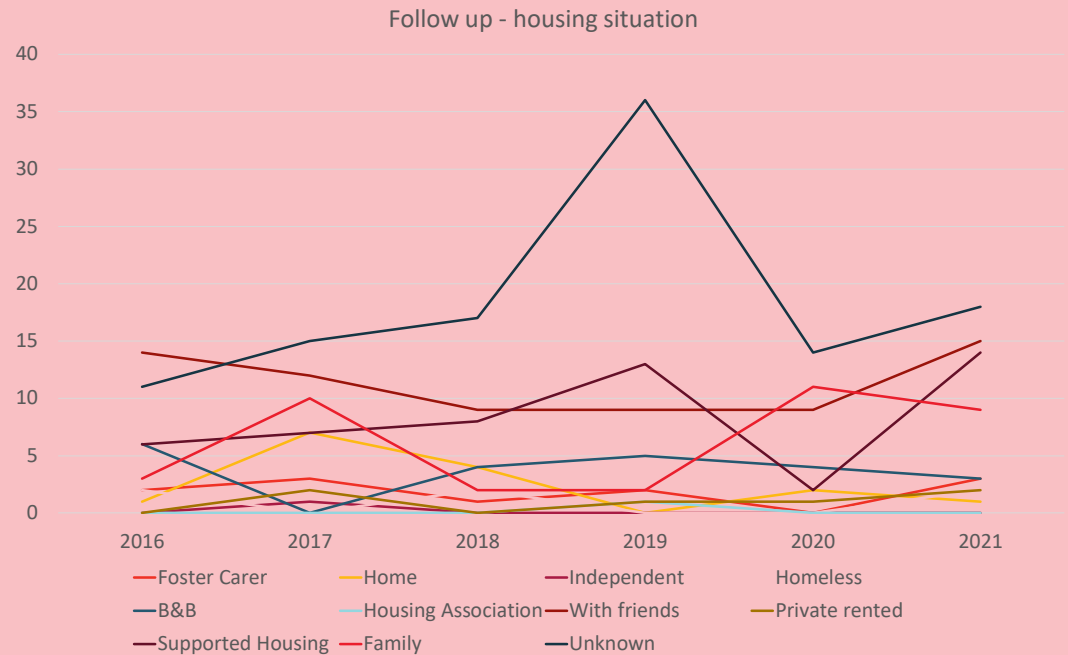
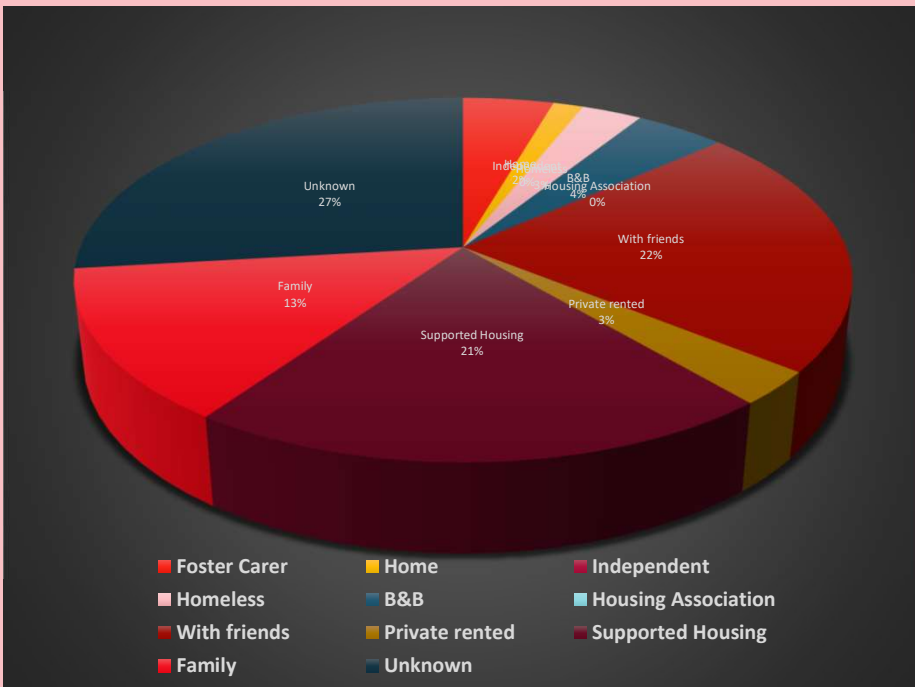
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Length of stay 2021



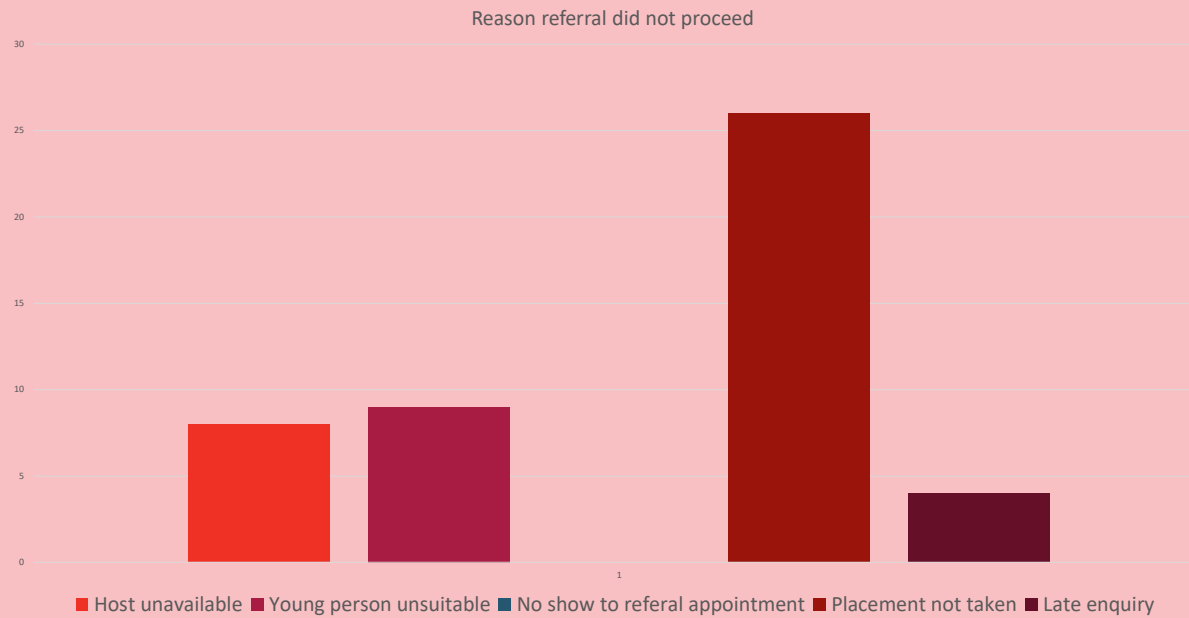
Additional data from data base 2021

Follow up housing situation



Additional data from data base 2021

Reasons for referral not proceeding



Dorset Nightstop Volunteers

Current host families and drivers and 2021 recruits

- We have run two volunteer recruitment and training programmes this year:
 - an online training in March 2021 with 7 participants – 1 driver, 3 host families and 2 further host families on hold due to personal changes
 - a second training in November 2021 (mix of face to face and online) with 13 participants – 2 families withdrew, 2 host families recruitment complete, 1 partner of existing host, 3 host families still in recruitment process
- One longstanding host family has withdrawn due to relocation.
- We have a total of 9 available host families. A further 4 families remain involved with Dorset Nightstop but are currently not hosting for personal reasons.
- We have 3 volunteer drivers.

Feedback from young people

I felt safe with B and S.

When I was worried, they comforted me.

Nothing could be better.

I felt very welcomed. They were very friendly and didn't make me feel uncomfortable.

They made me feel safe and welcome.

I had my own room, J and L were very friendly.

K sat in the hospital with me and H comforted me when I had the phone call that I may be transferred back to BCP Council, that really upset me.

I don't know where I could have gone if Nightstop hadn't taken me in.

Sat with L talking for a lot of the night.

Without them, I would have been on the streets.

You and the ppl that you work for are generally some of the most amazing people I've ever met. Thank you. (via text).

Feedback from referrers

Thank you so much for all your help. Your service is amazing. You've made her feel like part of the family and so cared for. It was just what she needed. – From a Social Worker.