

# Teenage Parents Supported Housing Pilot: Working With Children's Centres

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# This Presentation

- The current context – child poverty, teenage parents and Children's Centres
- Teenage housing transitions
- The Teenage Parent Supported Housing Pilot
- Findings from the Pilot
- Where to find more information

# Background & Policy Context

key partners will have a role to play in tackling child poverty and improving life chances. These include:

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- Sure Start Children's Centres targeting services at the most vulnerable families, and on the particular needs of their communities whilst maintaining a network of centres accessible to all families;

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- local service providers for housing, adult social care, regeneration, transport, and leisure services engaging with partners in tackling the potential drivers, and consequences, of child poverty. ...

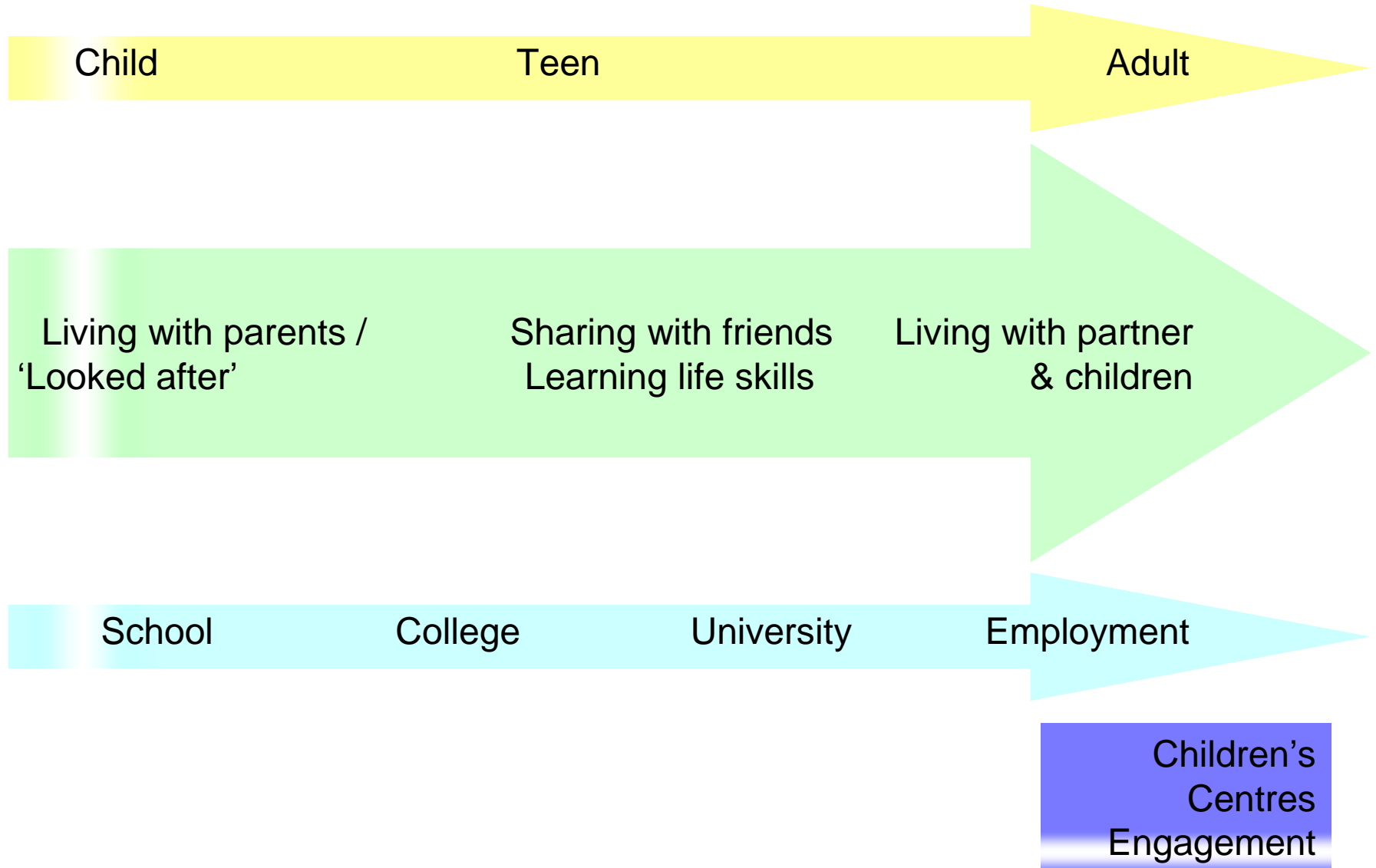
# Key Statistics

Children of teenage mothers are 63% more likely\* to be born into poverty

At age 30, teenage mothers are 22% more likely\* to be living in poverty

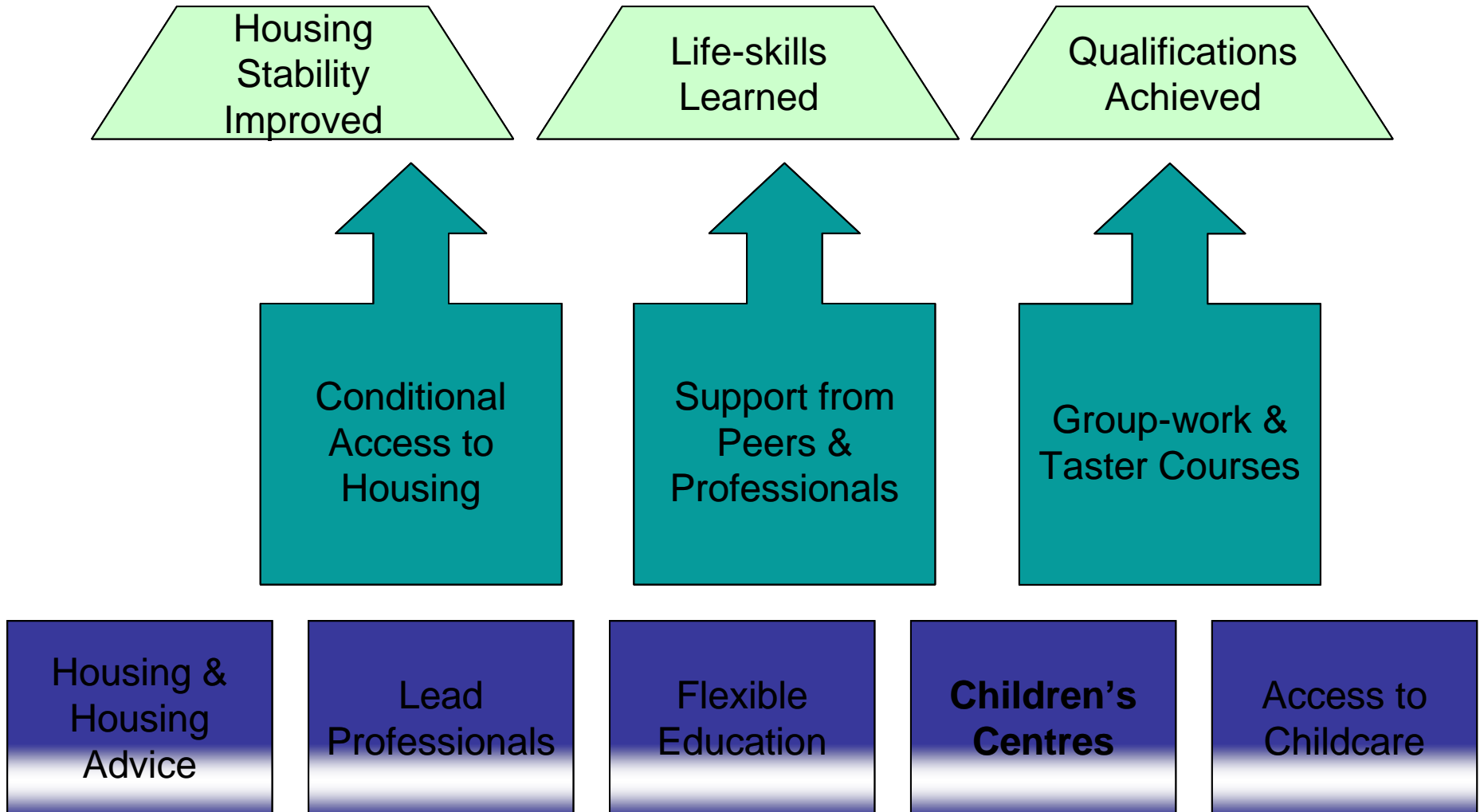
\*Than mothers giving birth aged 24 or over

# Planned Housing Transitions





# The Pilot Model



# Pilot Location

## **Blackburn with Darwen:**

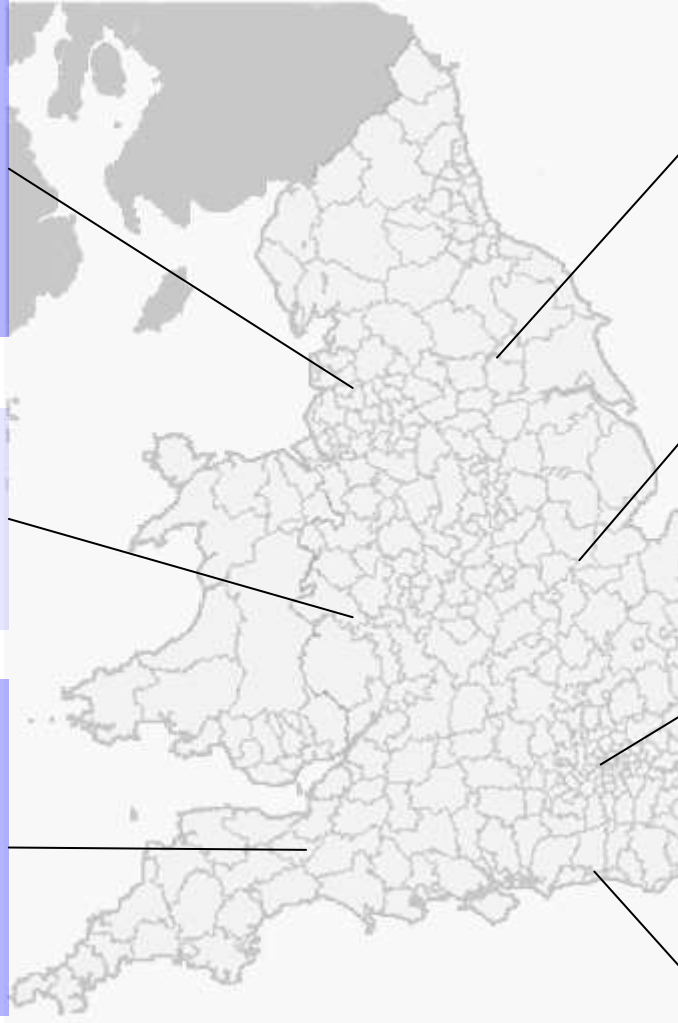
Pathways to Housing based in Housing Advice

## **Worcestershire:**

Lead Professionals in Children's Centres

## **Somerset:**

Floating Support, Volunteer 'Buddies' and Peer Education in schools



## **York:**

Youth Support in Temporary Accommodation

## **Nottingham:**

Peer Mentors in Children's Centres

## **Wandsworth:**

Training & Education in children's centres and colleges

## **Brighton & Hove:**

Training & Life Coaching in Supported Housing

# The Evaluation

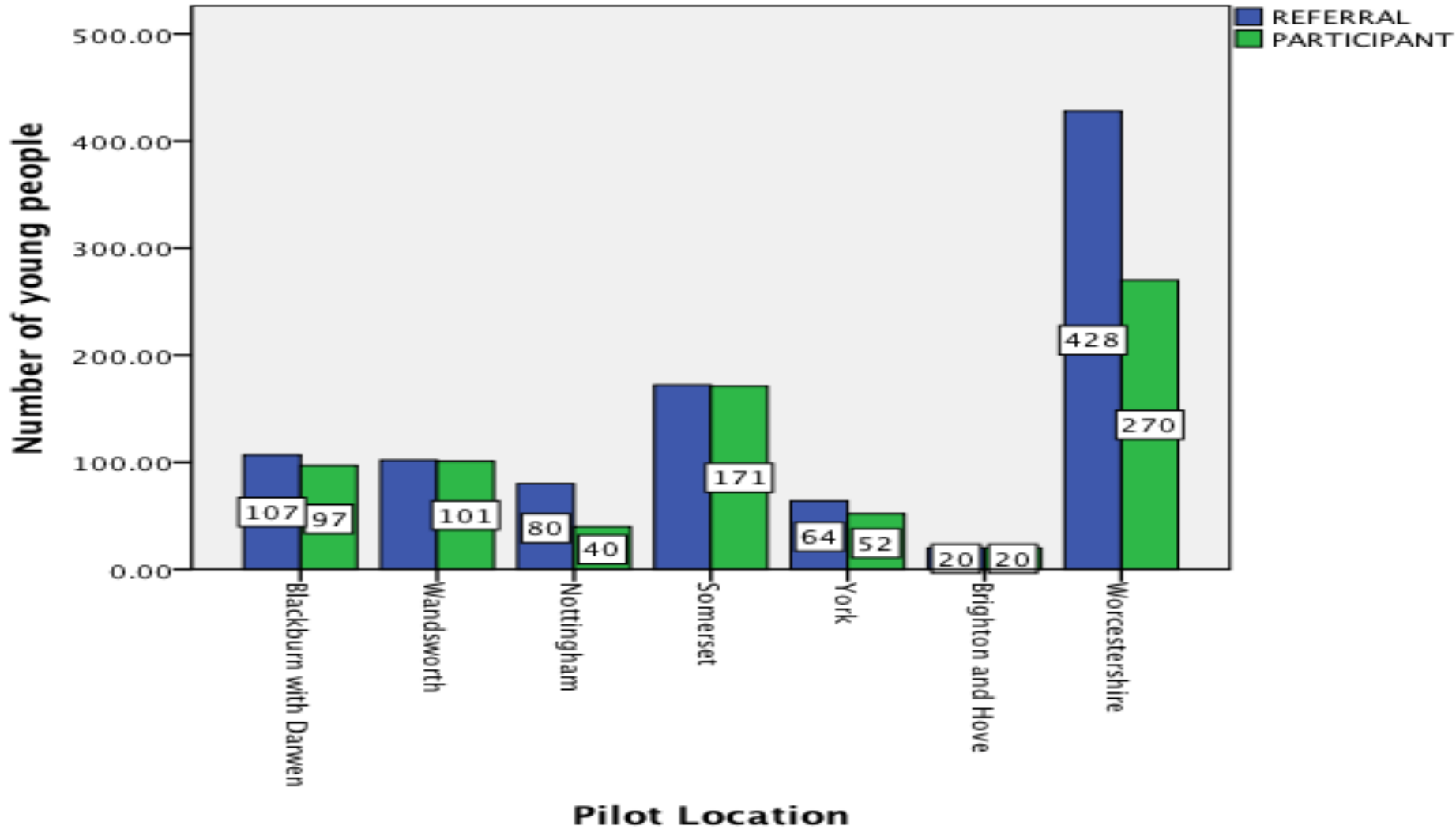
Aims to assess the effectiveness of enhanced support packages on outcomes for teenage parents & their children

University of York

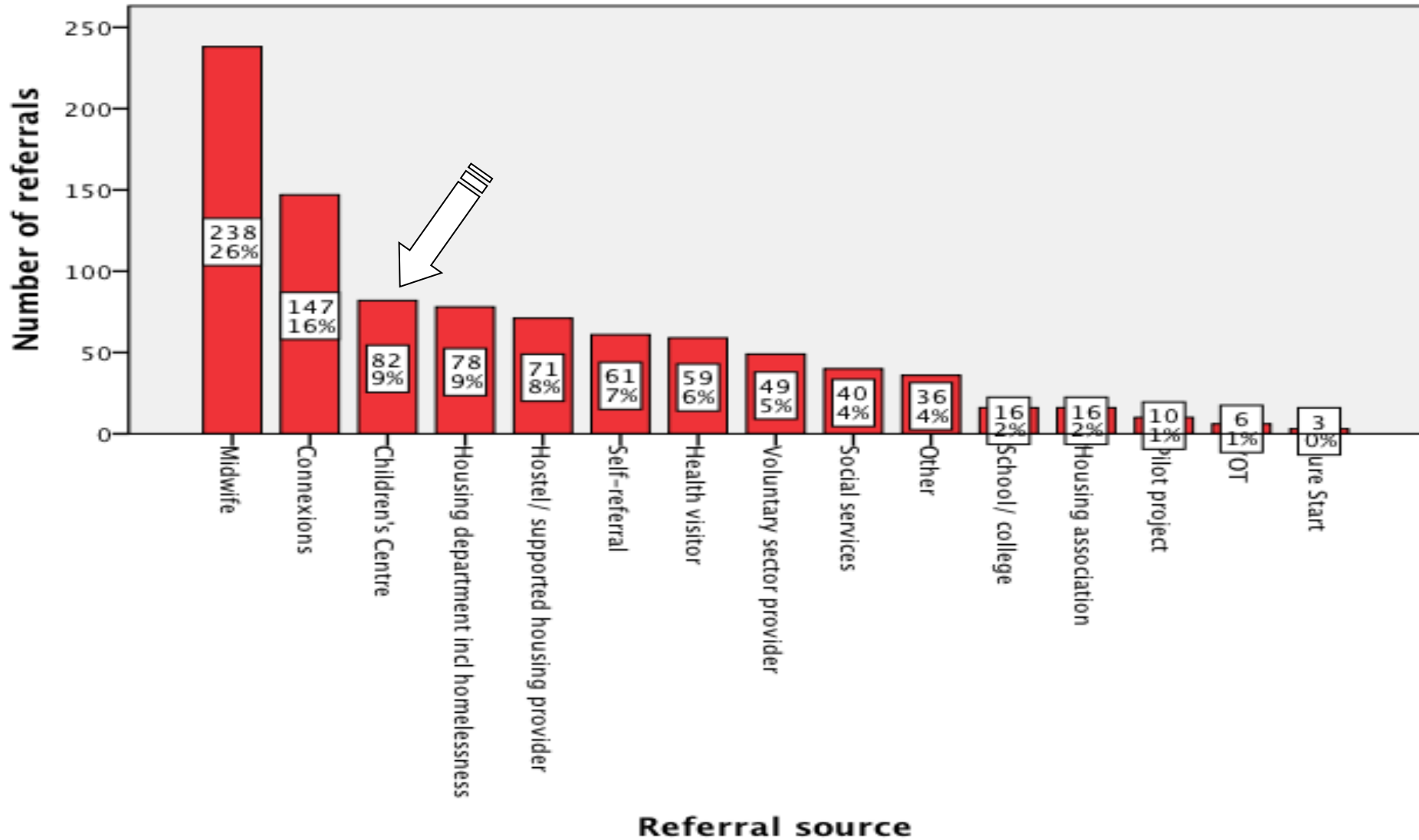
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London School of Economics

# Participants' Profile



# Referral Sources



# Children's Centres & Teen Parents

## Key Findings 1

### Barriers to Children's Centres:

- Housing instability – frequent moves
- Need for focus on the parents wider needs
- Fear of judgement

*I don't really like going to any of the things to do with these kiddie projects, because you get judged don't you?  
(Young mother)*

# Children's Centres & Teen Parents

## Key Findings 2

- Staff with dedicated responsibilities for teenagers
- Outreach to young parents prior to engagement
- Programmes that address parents wider needs
- Childcare: Young mothers gained confidence with child-care 'tasters'

*[an] important outcome is the role that these services play in tackling isolation, and enabling teenage parents to develop an informal support network through other*

*parents that they meet.* [Identification of Good Practice in Enhanced Housing Support for Teenage Parents, Foyer Federation]

# Children's Centres & Teen Parents

## Key Findings 3

- **Multi-agency working**  
Children's services  
Housing advice and providers  
Schools & FE colleges
- **Sound housing advice**
- **Reputation**

# For Further Information

- TPSH Pilot Evaluation

<http://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR050>

- Synthesis Evaluation

[http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/report\\_abstracts/rr\\_abstracts/rra\\_730.asp](http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/report_abstracts/rr_abstracts/rra_730.asp)

- Foyer Federation Report

[www.foyer.net/pdf/Teenage Parents Supported Housing.pdf](http://www.foyer.net/pdf/Teenage_Parents_Supported_Housing.pdf)

- National Child Poverty Strategy

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/child-poverty/>