

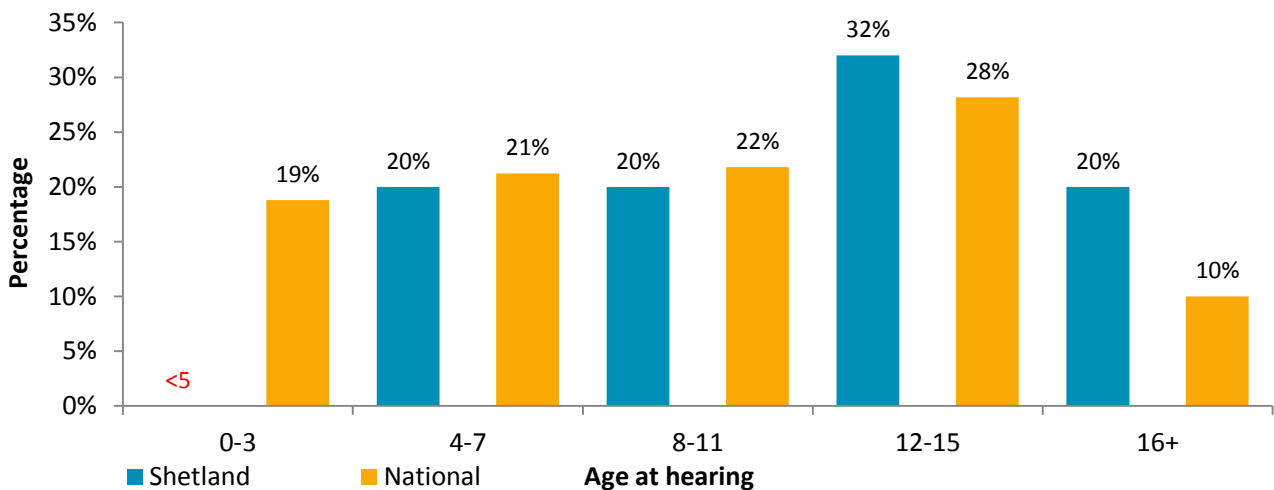


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Feedback Loop 2015/16 - Shetland Islands Council

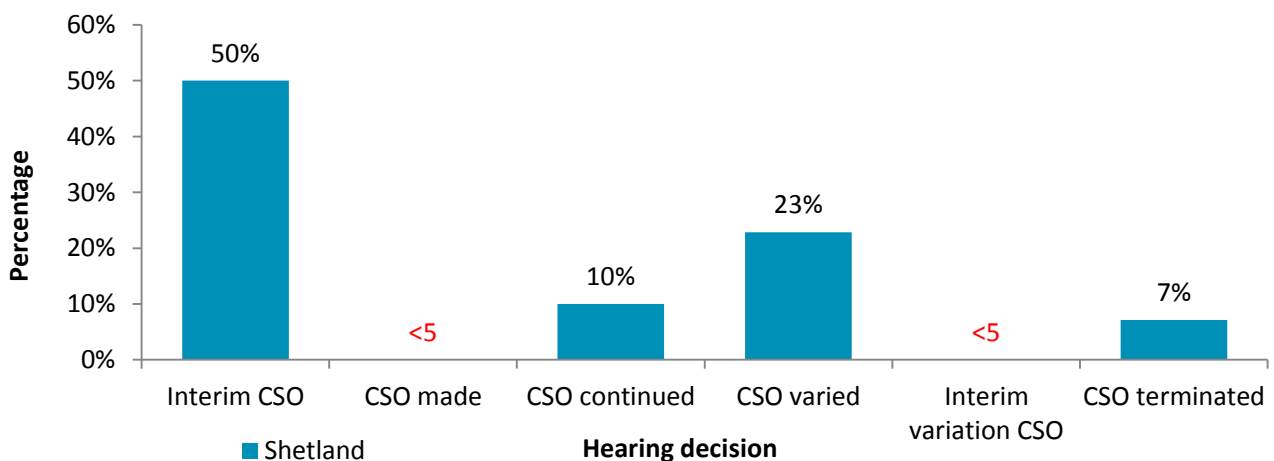
The feedback loop is the name given to section 181 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011. This requires local authorities to report on their implementation of Compulsory Supervision Orders (CSOs) for which they have responsibility. This report relates to the implementation of CSOs in Shetland Islands Council between 1 August 2015 to 31 July 2016. Please see the notes on counting for details of how the figures within this report have been produced.

There were 23 children and young people subject to CSOs during the reporting period. Of these, 43.5% were female and 56.5% were male. At the date of their hearings, their ages were as follows:



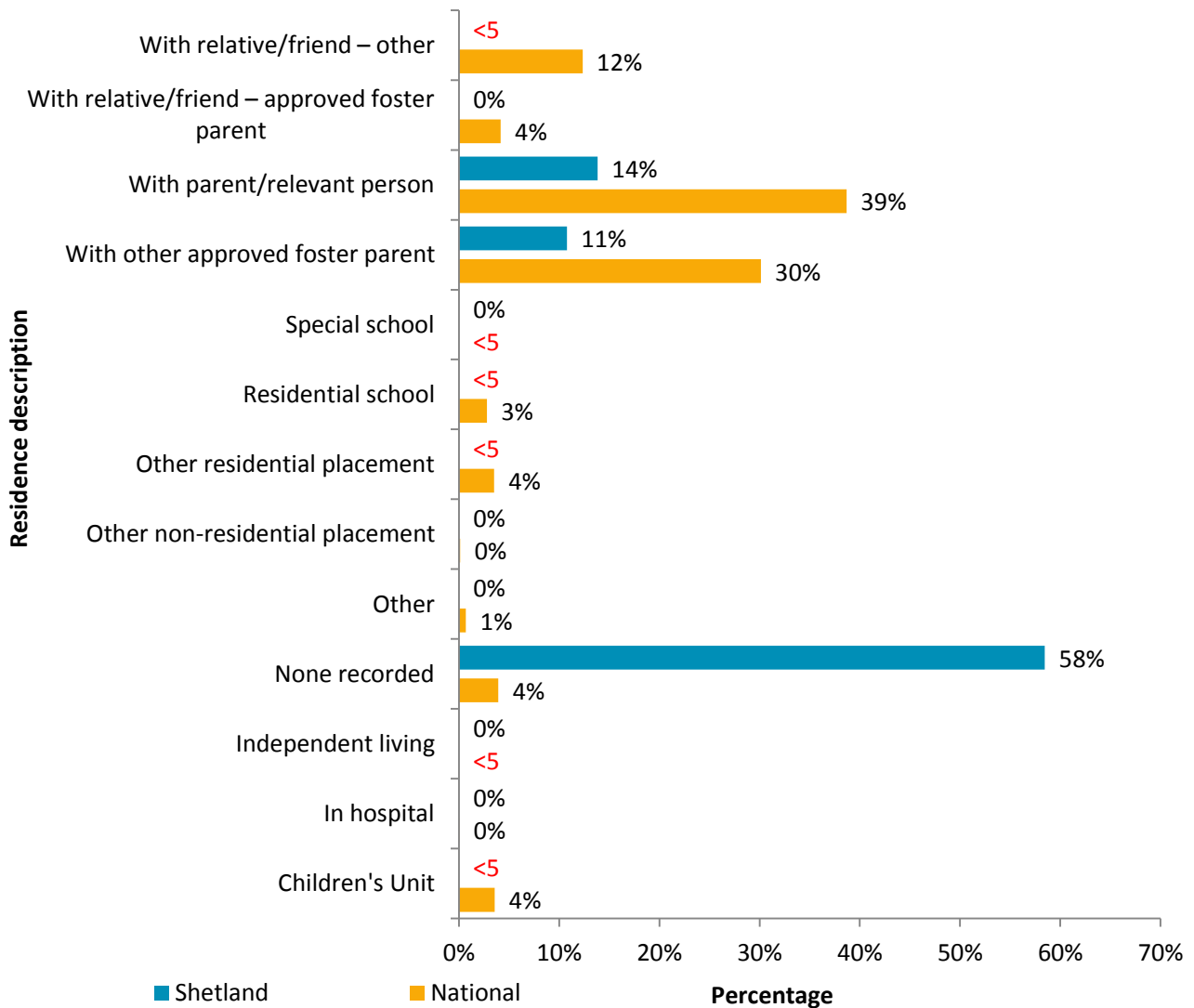
A CSO can be imposed by a Children's Hearing or Sheriff Court. Interim forms of CSO last for a maximum of three weeks and full CSOs last for a maximum of one year. Each CSO must be reviewed before it expires, but may be reviewed earlier if requested.

There were 70 hearings during the reporting period. The decisions made at these hearings were as follows:



The effect of each CSO is set out in the measures contained within the order. Such measures may place any requirement on the child/young person or local authority. The National Convener invited local authorities to provide details of the measures attached to all CSOs within their area where they were able to do so.

Some CSOs specify where a child or young person is required to live, while others do not. The Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration (SCRA) collected the residence codes of children and young people, and provided this information to local authorities for verification. Nationally, the most common residence was 'with parent/relevant person'. In Shetland Islands local authority, this information was returned for 65 cases. The results for these cases are shown in the graph below:



Where there would be a significant risk of harm if the child or young person’s whereabouts were to be known, SCRA withhold this information. This is called 'non-disclosure'. Non-disclosure can be applied by a measure attached to the CSO or through an administrative procedure applied by SCRA. SCRA collected the non-disclosure status of cases and provided this to local authorities for verification. In Shetland Islands local authority, this information was returned for 64 cases. Of these cases, <5 were non-disclosure. Nationally, 12.6% were non-disclosure.

The National Convener invited local authorities to confirm whether there was a Care Plan in place for children and young people subject to CSOs within their area. In Shetland Islands local authority, a Care Plan was in place for 65 cases, was absent in no cases, and 5 returns were blank. Nationally, a Care Plan was in place for 16,760 cases, was absent in 986 cases, and 9,338 returns were blank.

Secure accommodation authorisations

A child or young person can be placed in secure accommodation under a CSO or through an order imposed by a Criminal Court. The National Convener requires local authorities to provide detailed information for the small number of children and young people with secure accommodation authorisations attached to their CSO. The remainder of this report focusses on this group, which comprises some of Scotland's most vulnerable children and young people.

There were no secure accommodation authorisations recorded in the period. Nationally, there were 152 children and young people with secure accommodation authorisations attached to their CSOs during the reporting period. Please see the national report for further information about the trends identified in this area.

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