

Bury Data Pack

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Key Notes

The data represents children and young people aged 0-25 years who are in receipt of an Education, Health and Care Plan or going through the assessment process (this does not include those under school SEN support)

- Early January 2022 and 1st February 2022 baseline extracted from A List. Data is recorded in line with SEN2.
- January/February DfE data refresh:
 - Summary slide added highlighting key movements in the data
 - Slide added on Data and System Developments
 - January/February data cut added where appropriate
 - Projections of EHCP's up to June-22
 - Analysis against regional and national baselines and trends
- For the next data pack we will be looking at projections and a graduated response going forward

Summary Slide

•EHCP demographics

- Overall EHCP number compared to projections
- Any national comparisons to Bury e.g.
 - EHCP by gender breakdown – Key stand out data * **Consistently over time around 72% of EHCPs are for boys within Bury. This is consistent with national figures, with boys representing 73.1% nationally of all pupils with an EHC plan.**
 - EHCPs by education stage breakdown – Key stand out data * **There is a reduction in EHCP's in education post 16 in Feb-22 whereas all other education stages are showing an increase – This is due to post-16's being the majority of recent ceased plans**
 - EHCP by category of need – Key stand out data * **ASD, SEMH and SLCN show an positive increasing pattern yearly and also by the most recent months Jan 22 & Feb 22 . Most other primary need cohorts are relatively stable or declining**

•Process

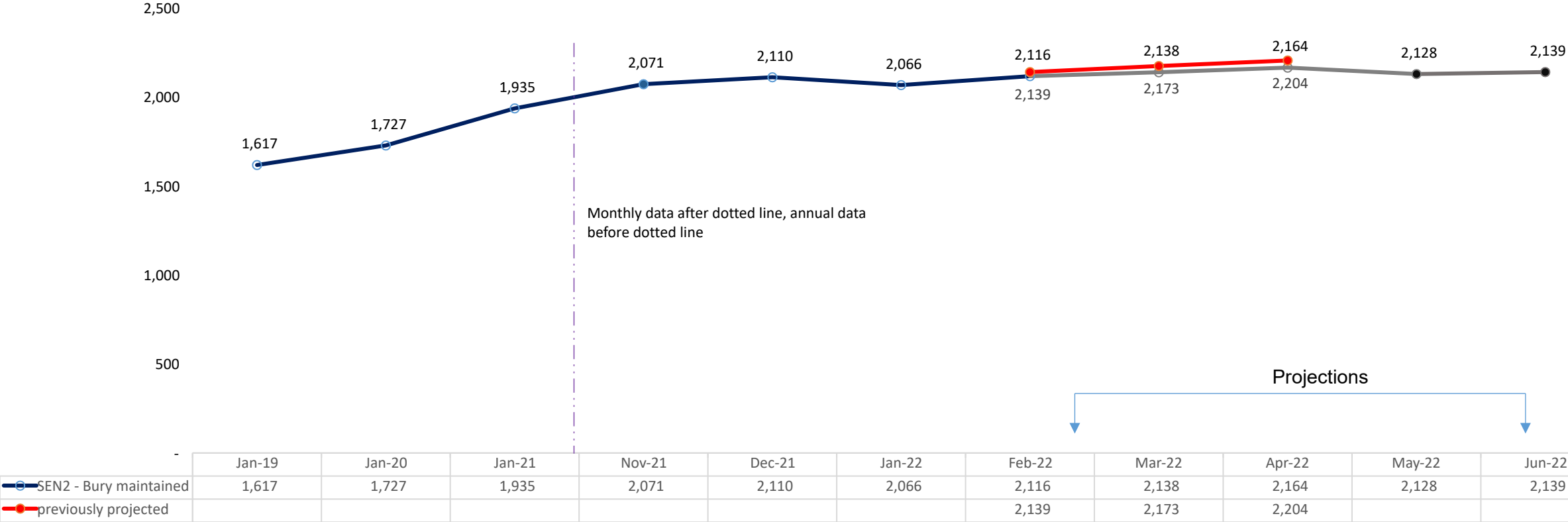
- SEN requests year on year – Key stand out data * **Burys increase is +10%, whereas National figures down -8% for initial requests in 2020**
- Drafts/Issued within timescales – Key stand out data * **Current EHCP drafts, we see an improvement from Nov-21 with 58 over timescales compared to Feb-22 where we now have 22 EHCP drafts over timescales, which represents a 62% reduction**
- 20 week timeliness – Key stand out data * **Increase in Jan-22, where we have 36% of EHCP'S issued in time. There have been points in the last 12 months where demand has been higher, but our timeliness has also been better.** In February 22, 60% have been issued in time
- Number of assessments snapshot – Key stand out data * **Since the last submission in Dec-21 there has been a reduction in the amount of assessments going through the 20 week process by - 44% (-111), this is due to the clearance of the backlog and blockages throughout the process.**

•Mediation and complaints

- Appeals and mediation – Key stand out data ***The number of appeals lodged peaked in 2017 and have since dropped to 13 in 2021**

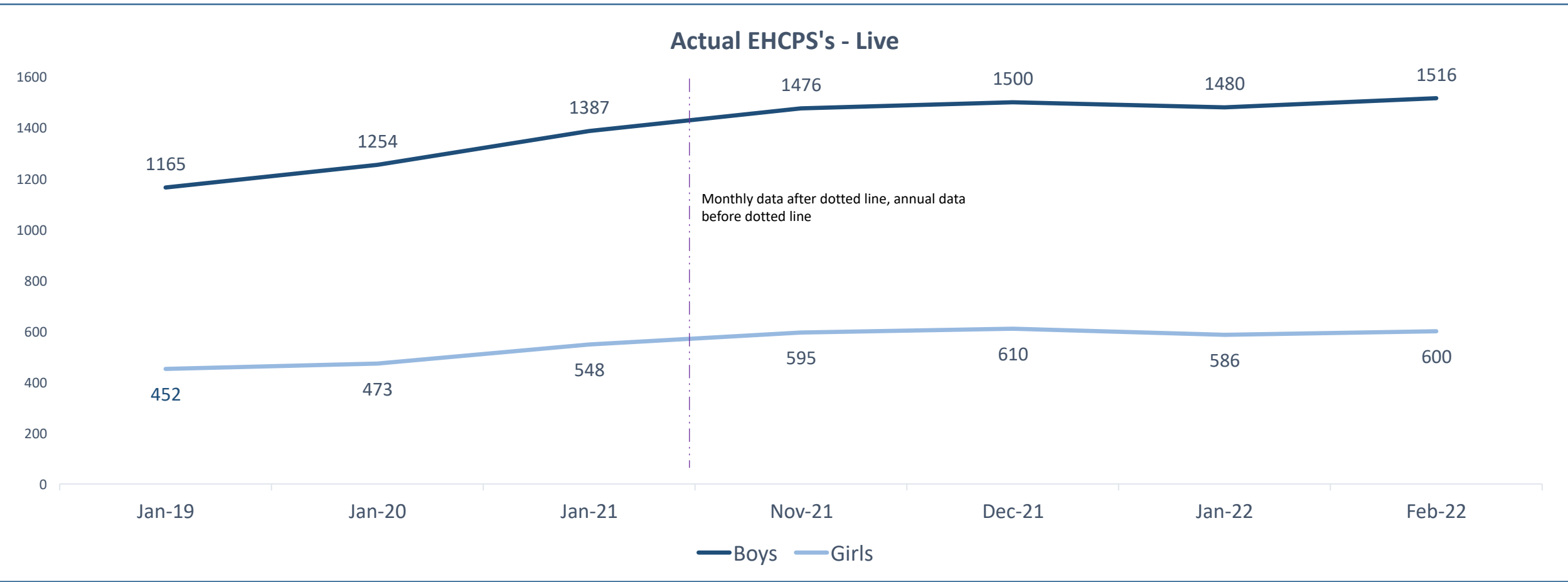
EHCP's & Demographic Breakdown

1. Total EHCPs & Projected EHCPs: Bury Maintained | This slide contains National Comparisons (Please see notes section)



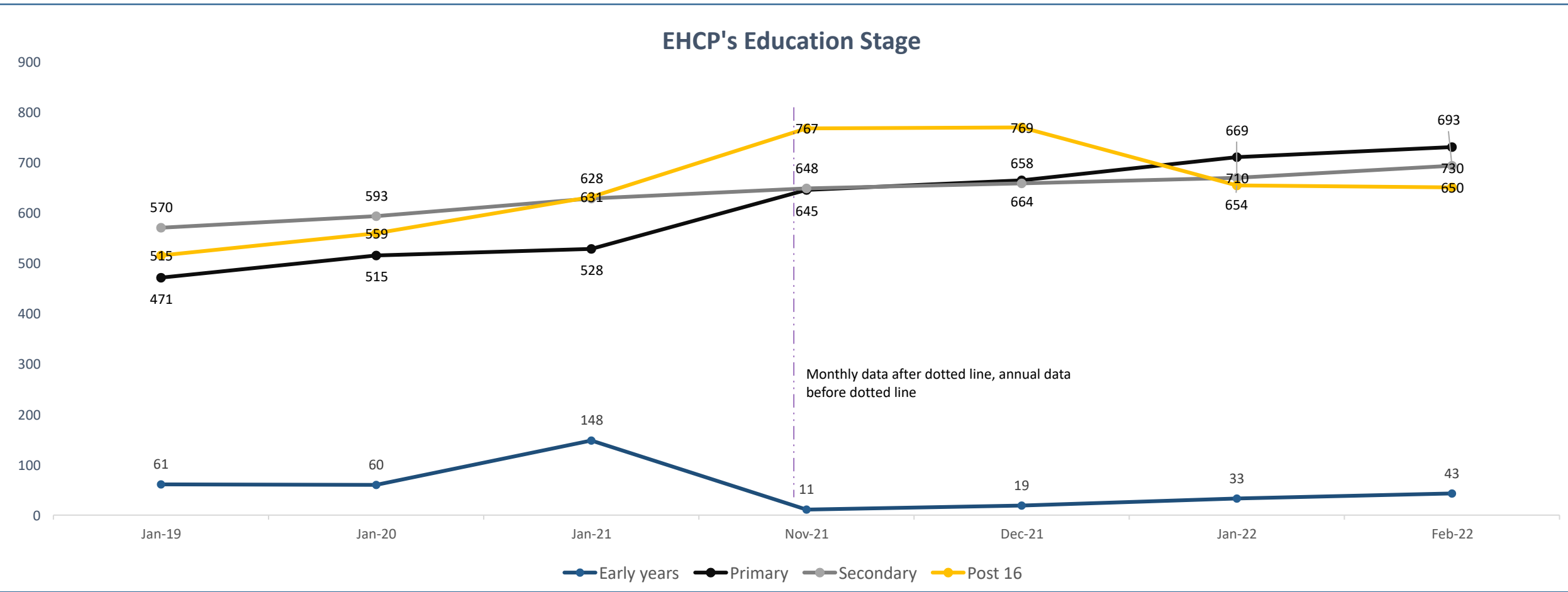
- March-22 to June-22 is a projection, based on EHCPs due in those months
- 70+ ceased letters are due to be sent in Feb-22, meaning they will be ceased in April, this will reflect in the dataset in May-22.
- The number of plans in Feb 22 was slightly below projected figures due to a number of plans being ceased in January, further expected ceases have been accounted for in new projections.
- We've had an increase of 6.7% in EHC plans compared to the national figure of 10%, thus Bury's rate of increase has been slower than national trends (*% calculated Bury: Jan-21 to Jan-22 and National figures updated October-21*). [Education, health and care plans, Reporting Year 2021 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)
- Figures for plans for which Bury are financially responsible, are available on request.
- There have been more school submissions than ever, following the COVID pandemic. Anecdotal intelligence also suggests more children have regressed over lockdown, which could have affected the increase. It is anticipated that the trend of increase will continue, however, more support is being added earlier in the pathway to support this.

2. Actual EHCPs: Demographic Breakdown | This slide contains National Comparisons (*Please see notes section*)



- Consistently over time around 72% of EHCPs are for boys within Bury. This is consistent with national figures, with boys representing 73.1% nationally of all pupils with an EHC plan. [Explore our statistics and data – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)
- The % change from Jan-21 to Jan-22 is **6.7%** for boys and **6.9%** for girls, indicating a slightly higher increase in the figure for girls
- Note: Graphs show annual data (Jan-19, Jan-20, Jan 21) leading on to more recent monthly figures i.e. Nov-21 – Feb 22.
- There was a process change to identify potential Early Years EHCPs to the LA earlier, which resulted in a peak in January 2021. This impacted the figures in the following year's data, as these children transitioned to Primary School over the Summer 2021.

3. Actual EHCPs: Bury Education Stage Breakdown | This slide contains National Comparisons (*Please see notes section*)

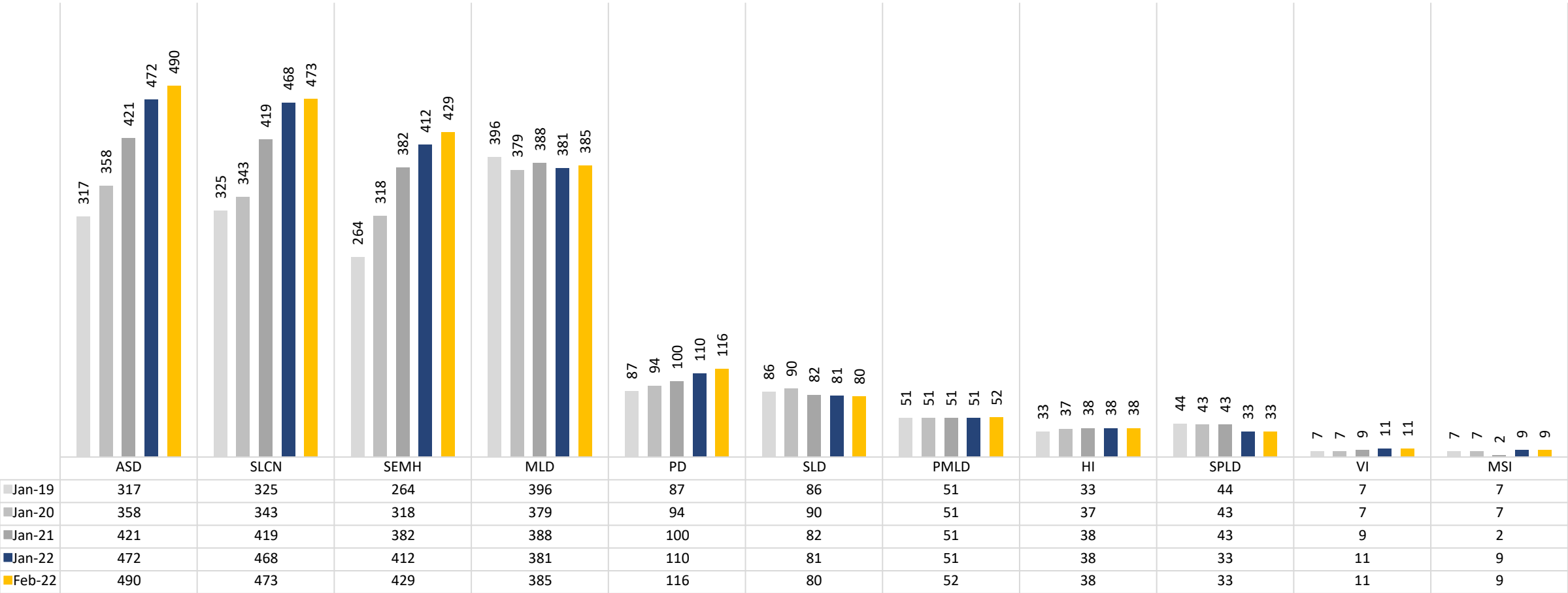


- Note: Graphs show annual data (Jan-19, Jan-20, Jan 21) leading on to more recent monthly figures i.e. Nov-21 – Feb 22.
- There is a reduction in EHCP's in education post 16 in Feb-22 whereas all other education stages are showing an increase – This is due to post-16's being the majority of recent ceased plans
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4. Actual EHCPs: Bury Compared to National Data (%) | This slide contains National Comparisons (*Please see notes section*)

- Bury had a higher percentage share of Post 16 ECHP's at 34% compared to the national average of 28%
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6. Actual EHCPs: Category of Need

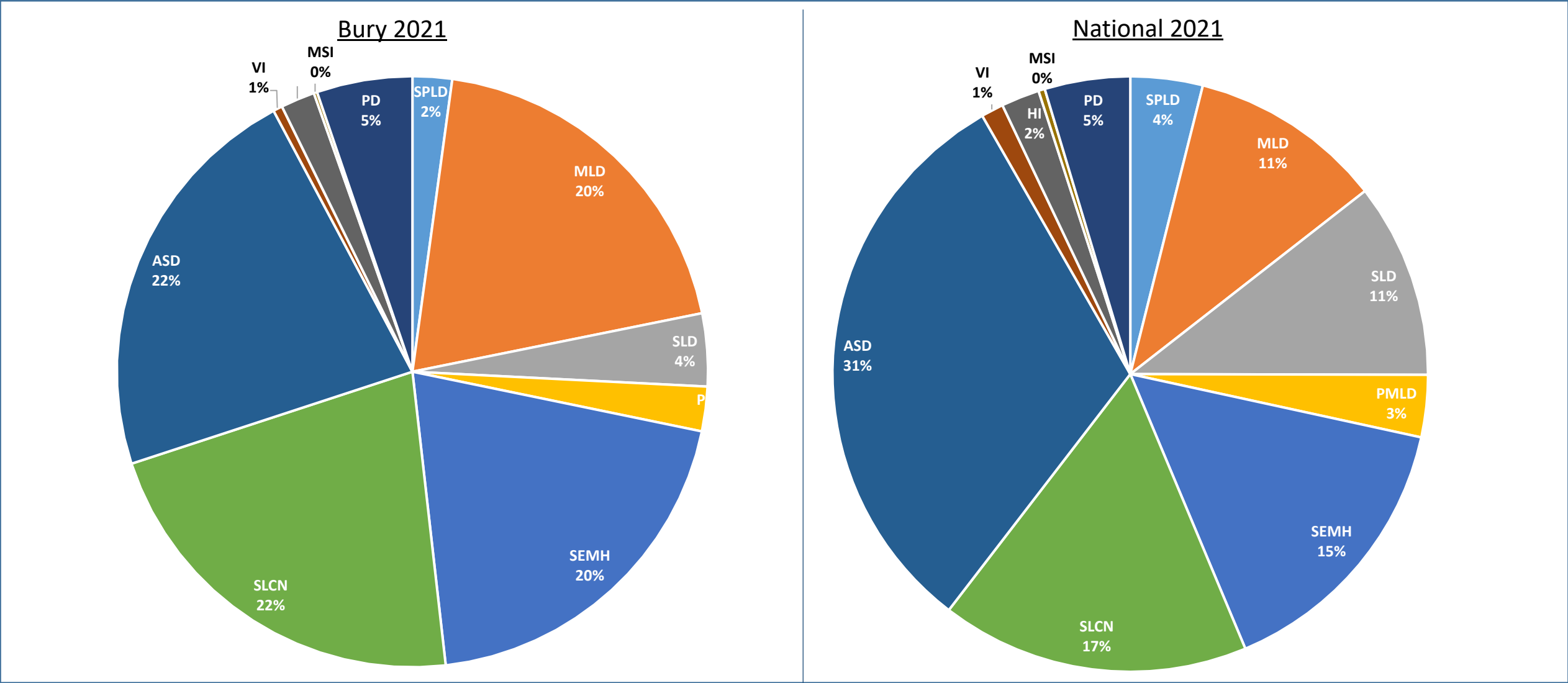


•ASD, SEMH and SLCN show an positive increasing pattern yearly and also by the most recent months Jan 22 & Feb 22 . Most other primary need cohorts are relatively stable or declining.

Previous commentary from Dec-21 submission which still holds true:

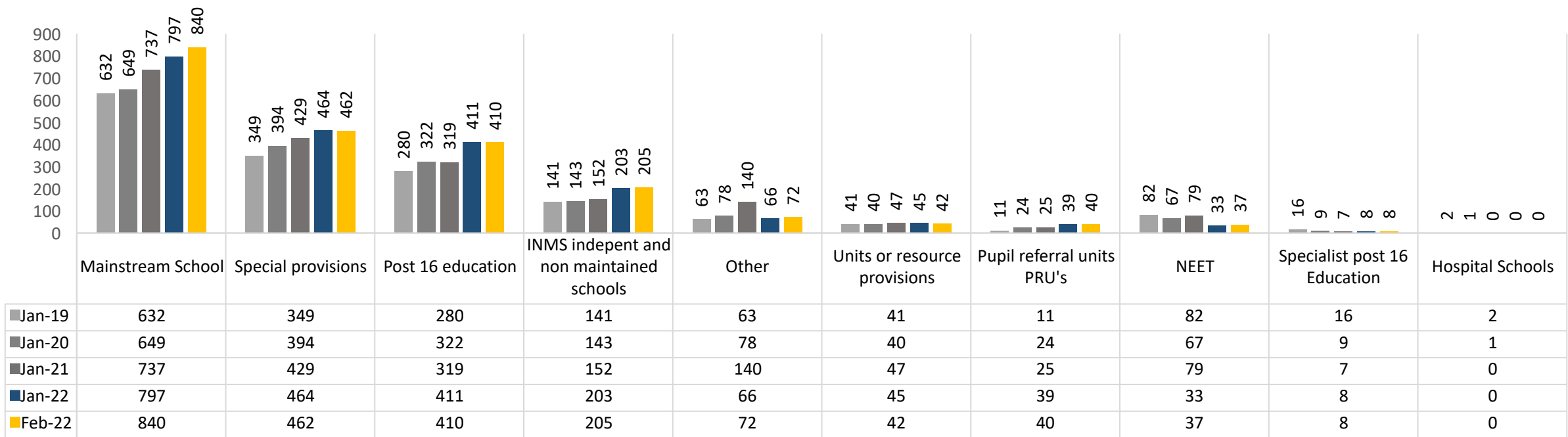
- SLCN increase – correlation with ASD increase. Pathway and diagnosis around ASD is improving and resulting in increases. Plans without formal diagnosis of ASD will be categorised as SLCN – as SLCN will be the primary need before ASD diagnosis.
- SEMH – relationship to ACE’s (adverse childhood experiences) through the pandemic. This pattern is similar to what is seen across the country. Demand for SEMH support – gap in provision generally.
- SEMH Pathways are improving so we have seen an increase in diagnosis in conditions such as ADHD, which impacts on the SEMH figures.
- Schools have national budget to support some primary needs such as hearing and visual impairments where needs will be supported without an EHCP through education provision – hence the numbers of HI and VI appearing low.

7. Actual EHCPs: Category of Need % Breakdown | | This slide contains National Comparisons (*Please see notes section*)



- ASD & SLCN accounts for the largest share of category of need for Bury in 2021 with both at 22%. In comparison with the National figures in 2021 ASD is correspondingly has the largest % share of need at 31%, with SLCN second at 17% and SEMH at 15%. The three largest categories of need are in line with Bury’s % breakdown as seen above.
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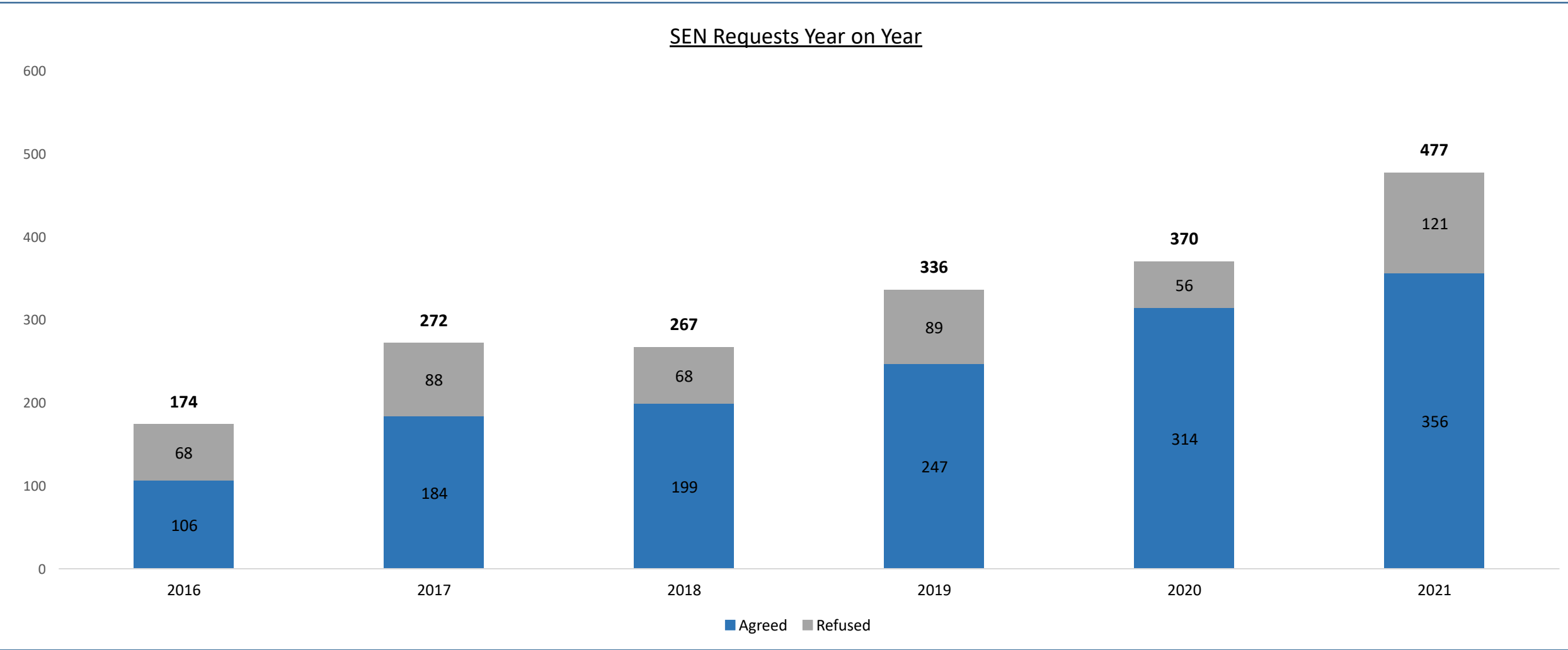
14. Actual EHCPs: Schools and OOA | This slide contains National Comparisons (Please see notes section)



- A consistent increase can be seen in mainstream schools Jan 19 to Dec-21 and in the months Jan-22 & Feb-22
- Nationally the proportion of children and young people with an EHC plan in mainstream schools has increased from 39% in 2020 to 40% in 2021, compared to Bury's figure which has remained consistent at 38% in both 2020 and 2021
- In this same year within Bury we had a minimal increase in the proportion of children and young people with an EHC Plan in mainstream schools from 37.5% to 38% and this stayed in line with the national figure.
- NEET for 2021 National figures is at 2.5% compared to Bury at 4%
- We are aiming to reduce our INMS figures, however we have seen a slight increase year on year
- [Education, health and care plans, Reporting Year 2021 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

Process: Request to EHCP's

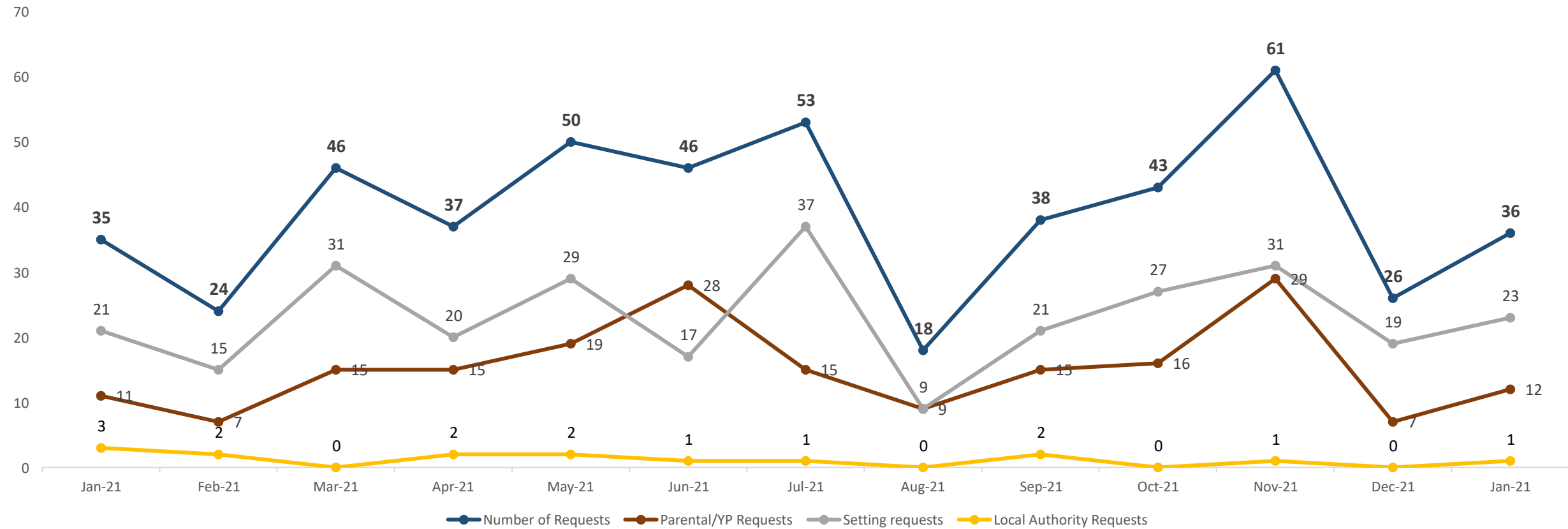
15. SEN Requests Year On Year | This slide contains National Comparisons (*Please see notes section*)



- Increase in SEN requests YOY, peak requests of 477 in 2021
- 29% increase in requests from 2020(370) to 2021 (477)
- Burys increase is +10%, whereas National figures down -8% for initial requests in 2020
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16. Number of Requests for Plans

EHCP Requests - Last 12 Months

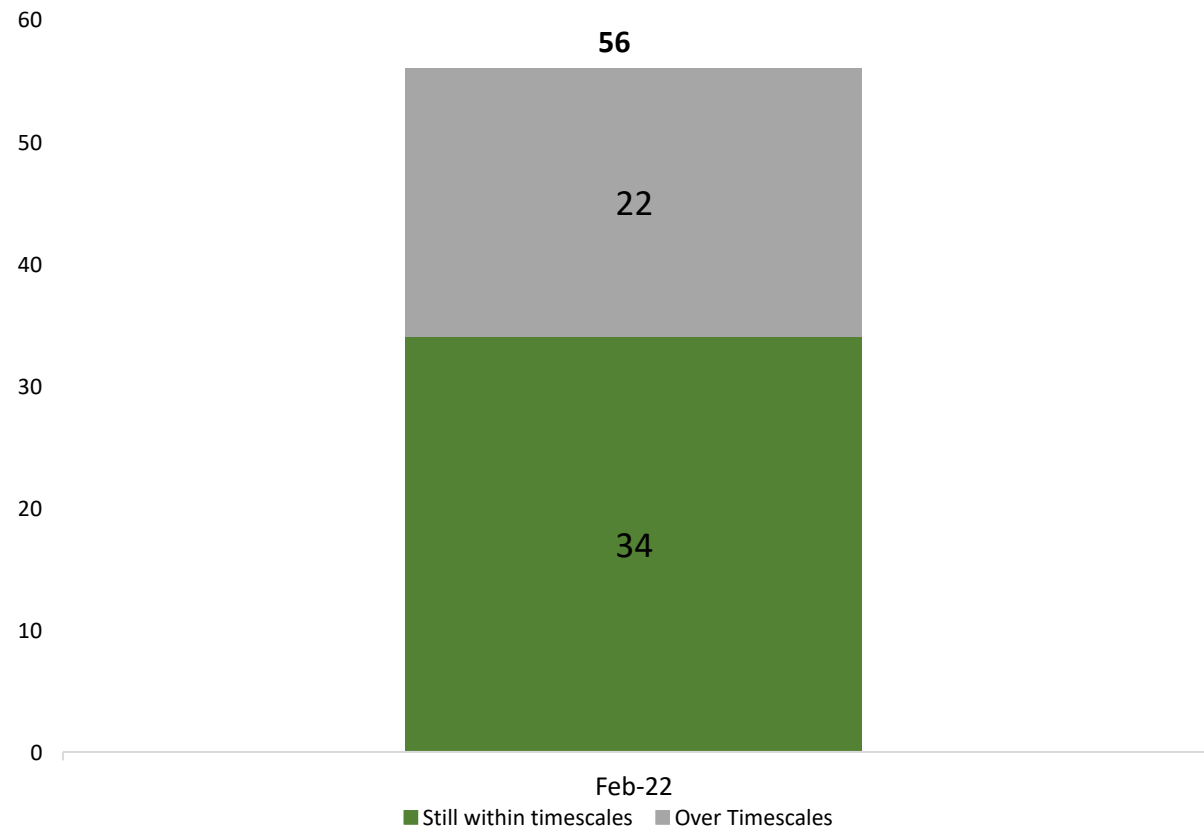


- Generally, there are more requests from settings than parents/young person, but there is still a significant number from parents/young person. There has been a steady increase through the pandemic of requests from parents/young people.
- Anecdotally this may be because some schools are encouraging parents to make their own requests.
- Bury has a higher than average level of parental requests.

Process

27. Actual EHCPs: Drafts

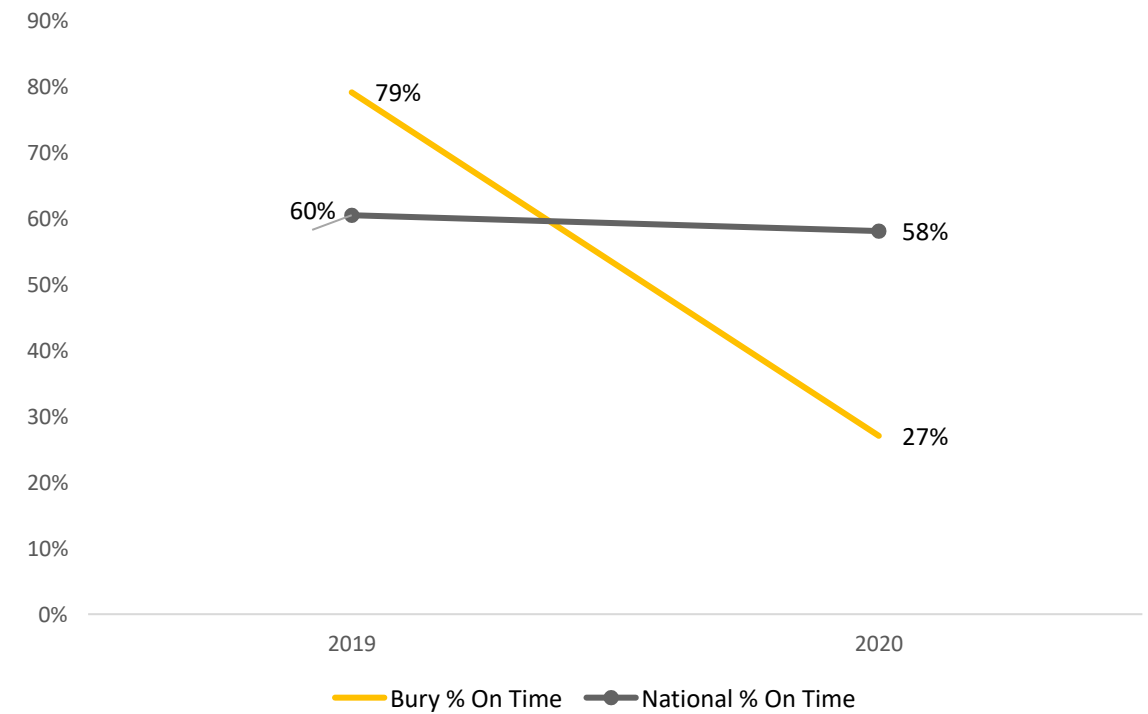
Current EHCP Drafts Feb-22



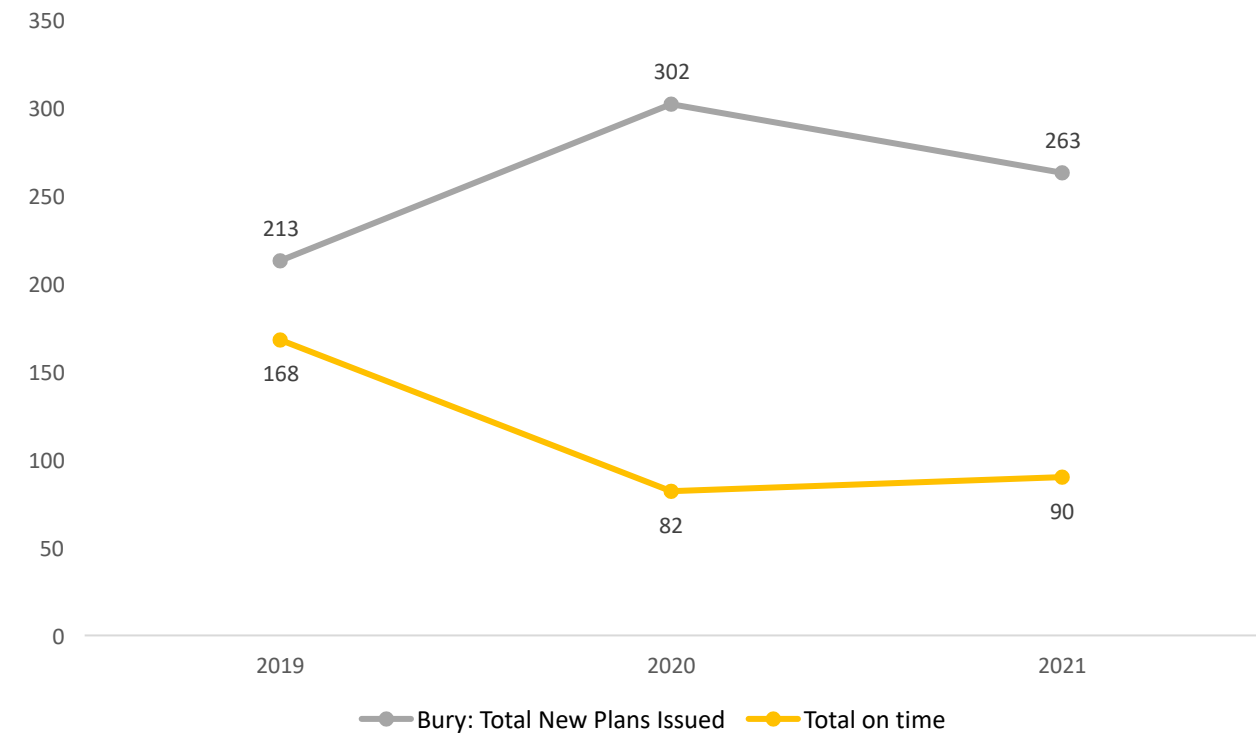
- Current EHCP drafts, we see an improvement where we now have 34 EHCP drafts within timescales, which 60% issued on time with a trajectory of continued improvement.

30. New EHCP's & Timeliness at 20 Weeks | This slide contains National Comparisons (*Please see notes section*)

New EHCP's Timeliness Bury compared to National %

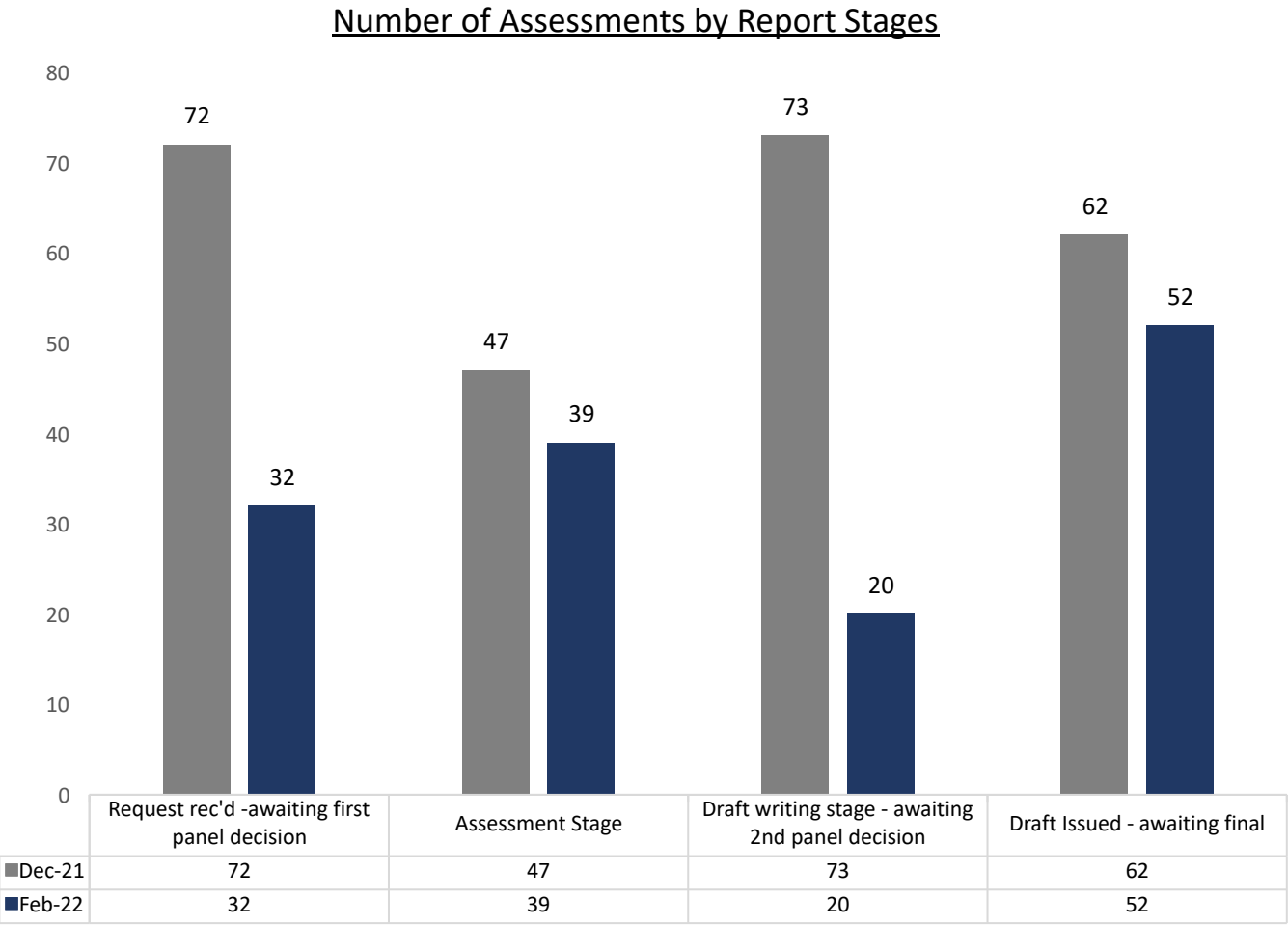


Bury's Timeliness



- Bury has had a steep drop in timeliness performance in 2020, the data suggests that as the number of EHCP's have increased performance has declined. Nationally there has been a slight drop, indicating that as the number of EHCP's have increased nationally performance has decreased too.
- Bury aims to match or be above the National % of timeliness for 20 weeks
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- National 2021 data has not yet been released; however Bury issued 33% of EHCPs on time which will be significantly below national. However over the last three months there has been a significant increase in plans being finalised (111) this reducing the backlog and therefore 60% were issued on time in February 2022 with a trajectory of continued improvement

35. Number of Assessments: Snapshot – February 22



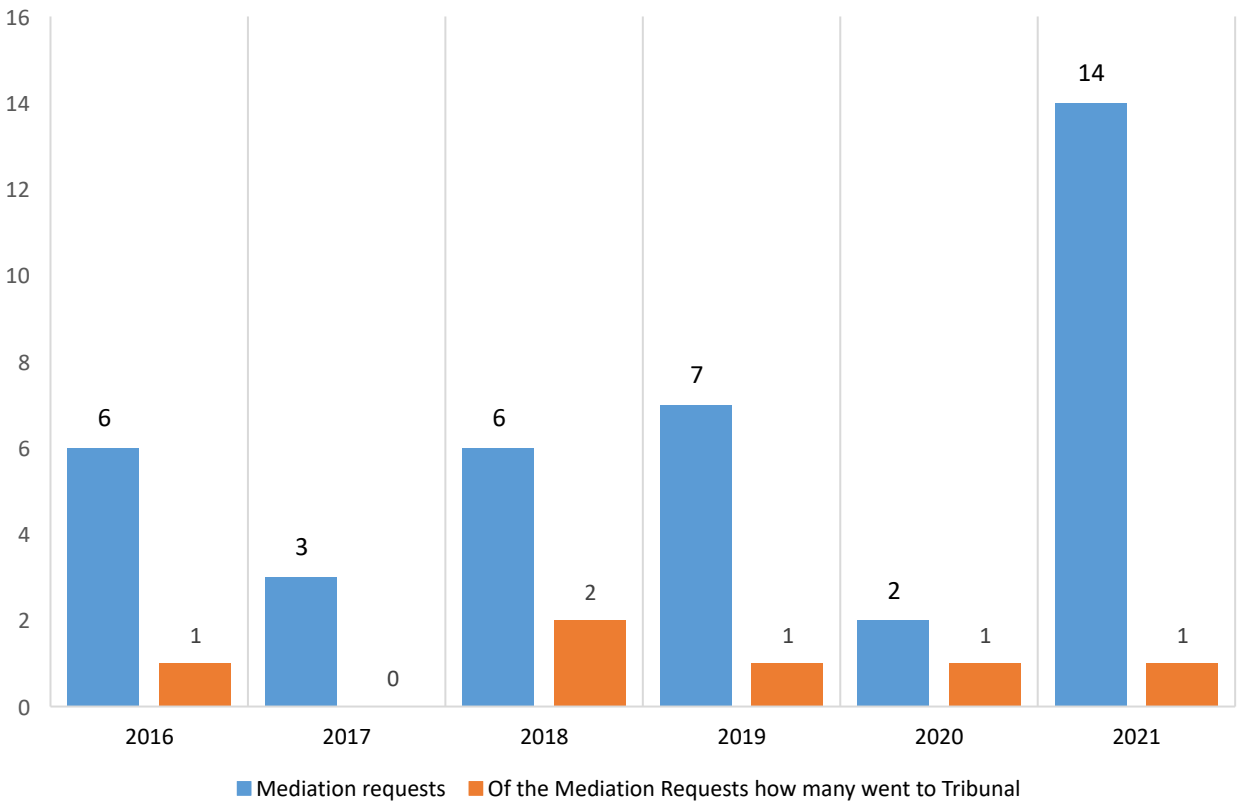
- Most pressure appears to be around writing and issuing draft reports stages.
- Since the last submission in Dec-21 there has been a reduction in the amount of assessments going through the 20 week process by -44% (-111), this is due to the clearance of the backlog and blockages throughout the process.

Complaints and Appeals

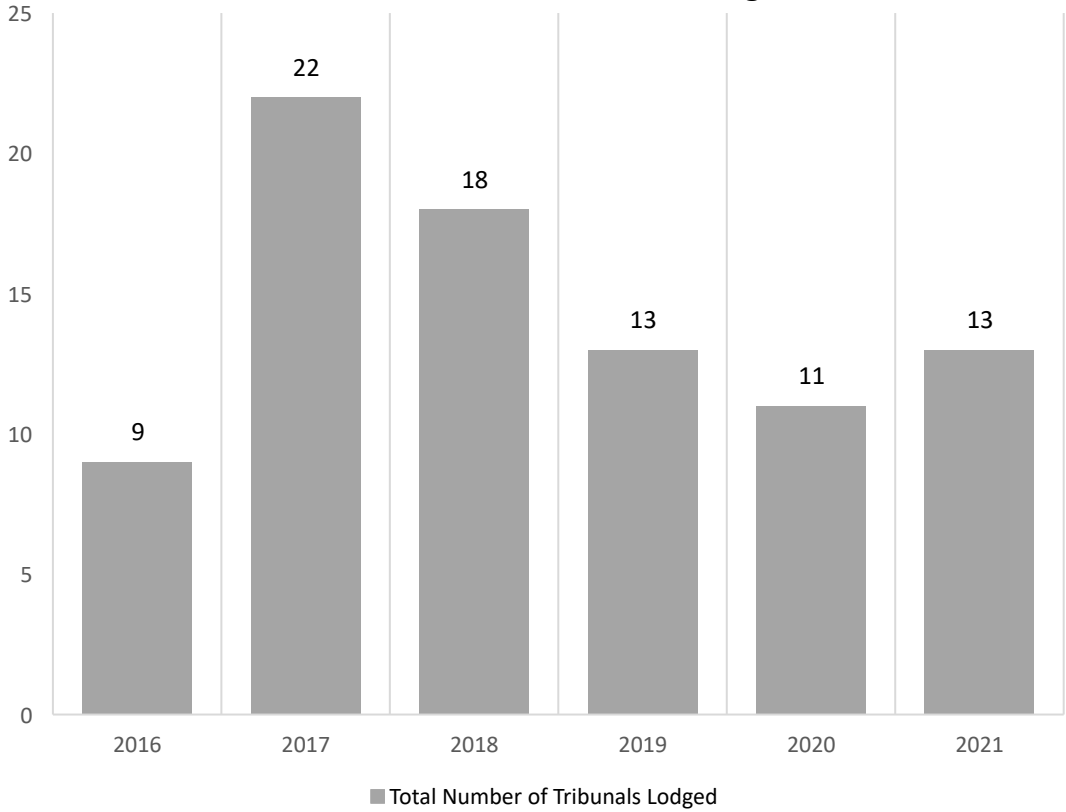


37. Effectiveness of mediation

Appeals since new appeal process started



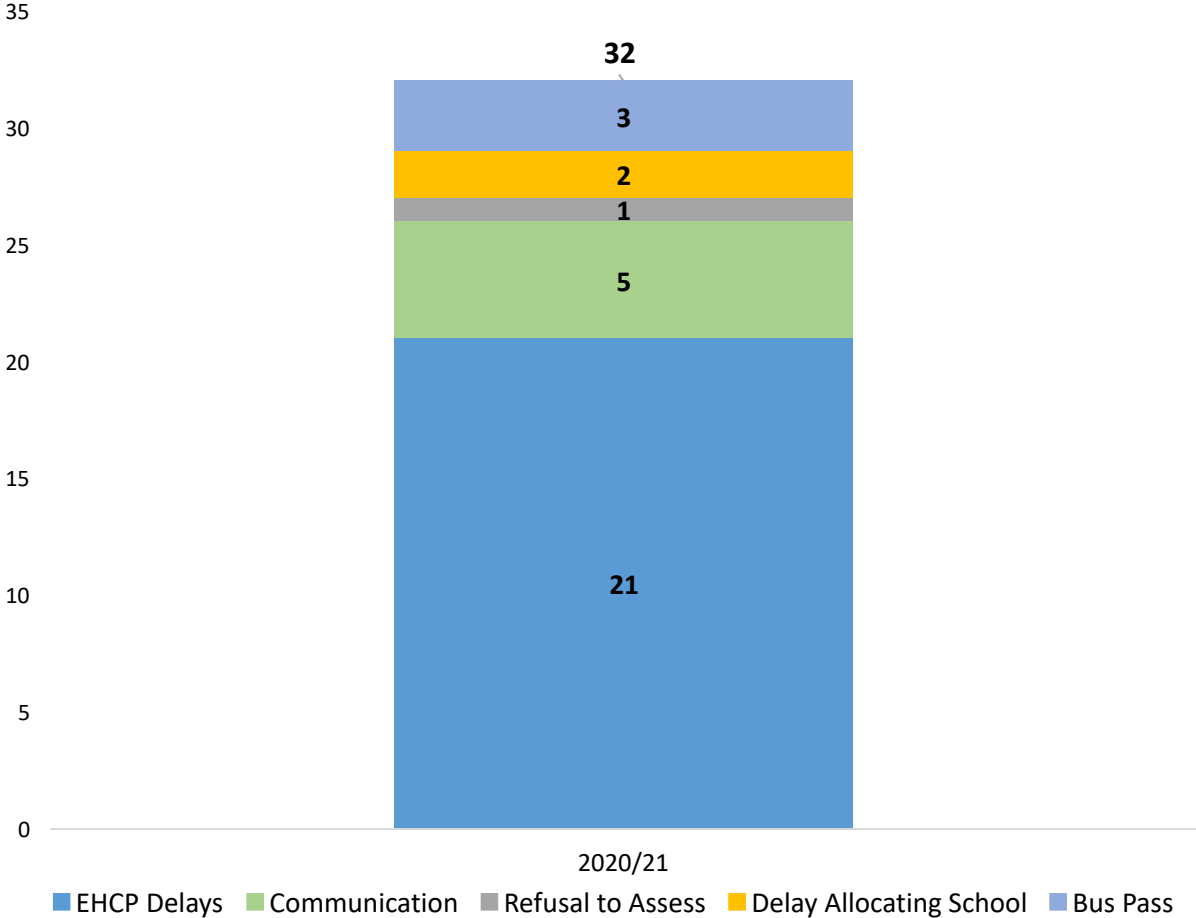
Total Number of Tribunals Lodged



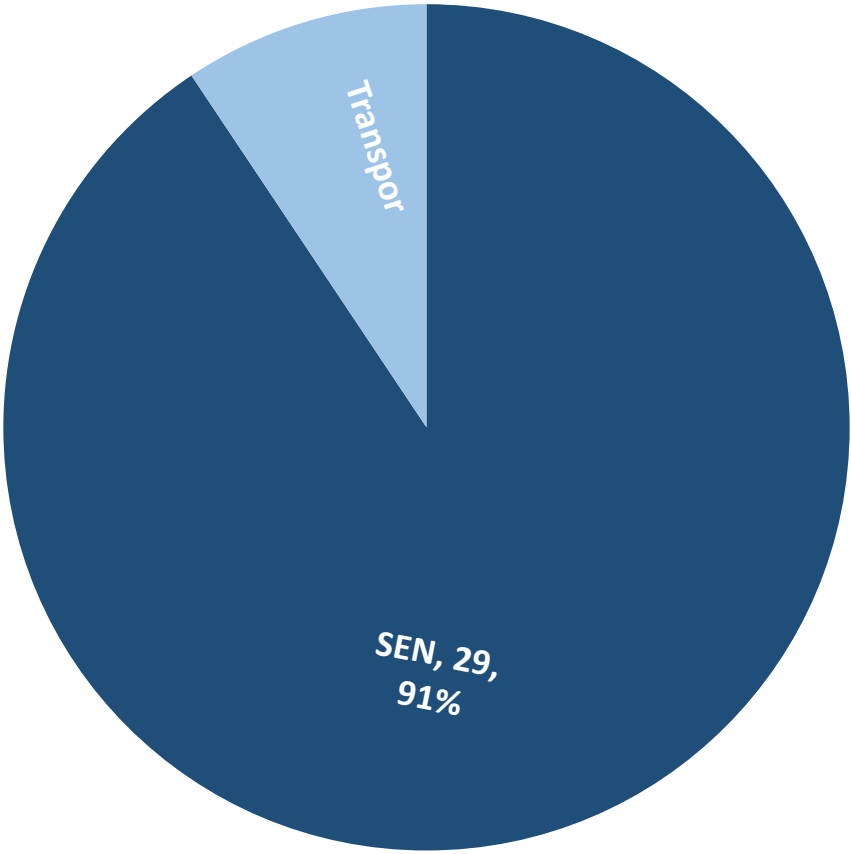
- The number of appeals lodged peaked in 2017 and have since dropped to 13 in 2021
- They have remained fairly consistent last 3 years
- Although there was a high number of mediation requests in 2021, the figures show that mediation has been successful as only 1 of the 14 requests made went on to a Tribunal appeal being lodged.

38. Number of Complaints & Reasons for Complaints

Reasons for Complaints



Number of complaints



- 29 (91%) of the complaints were SEN.
- The largest reason for complaints was due to EHCP delays of there were 21 (65%). As the 20-week process improves this should reduce the number of complaints around delays. This will be monitored.
- The next update will be in April to coincide with the FY