



Kent Appropriate Adult Report



January - March 2023



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133

Requests attended
during the quarter
across Kent Custody
Suites and other
locations in Kent

100%

The service performed attended 100% of requests received in January, February and March.



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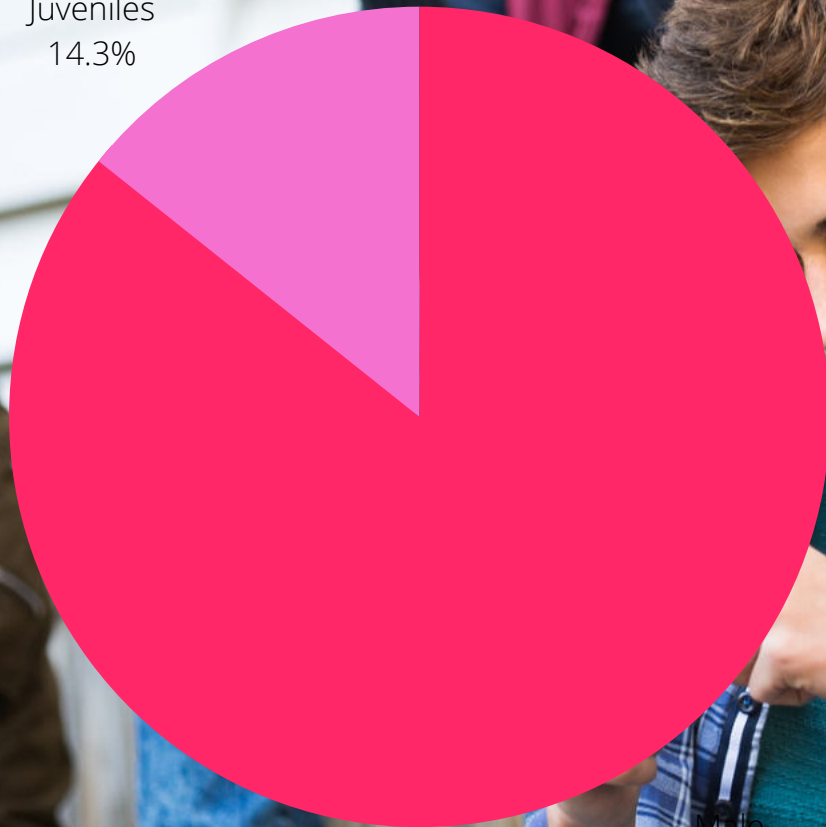
3 new Volunteers have been accredited and joined the AA team.



Gender Breakdown

Infographic displaying proportion of male and female Juveniles supported

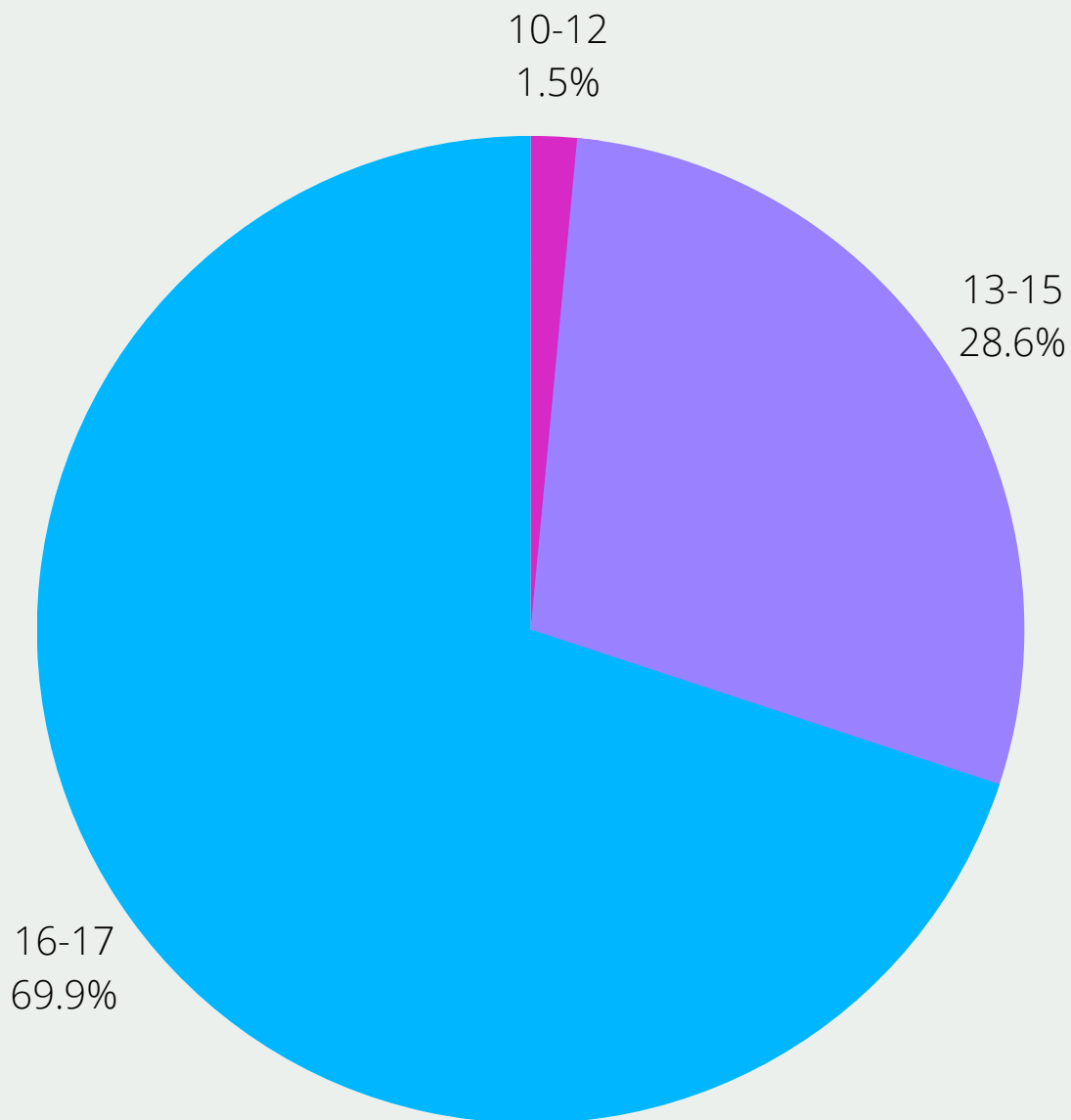
Female
Juveniles
14.3%



Male
Juveniles
85.7%

The service continues to receive a significantly higher number of requests for male juveniles requiring an AA in custody

Infographic displaying age ranges for Juveniles supported



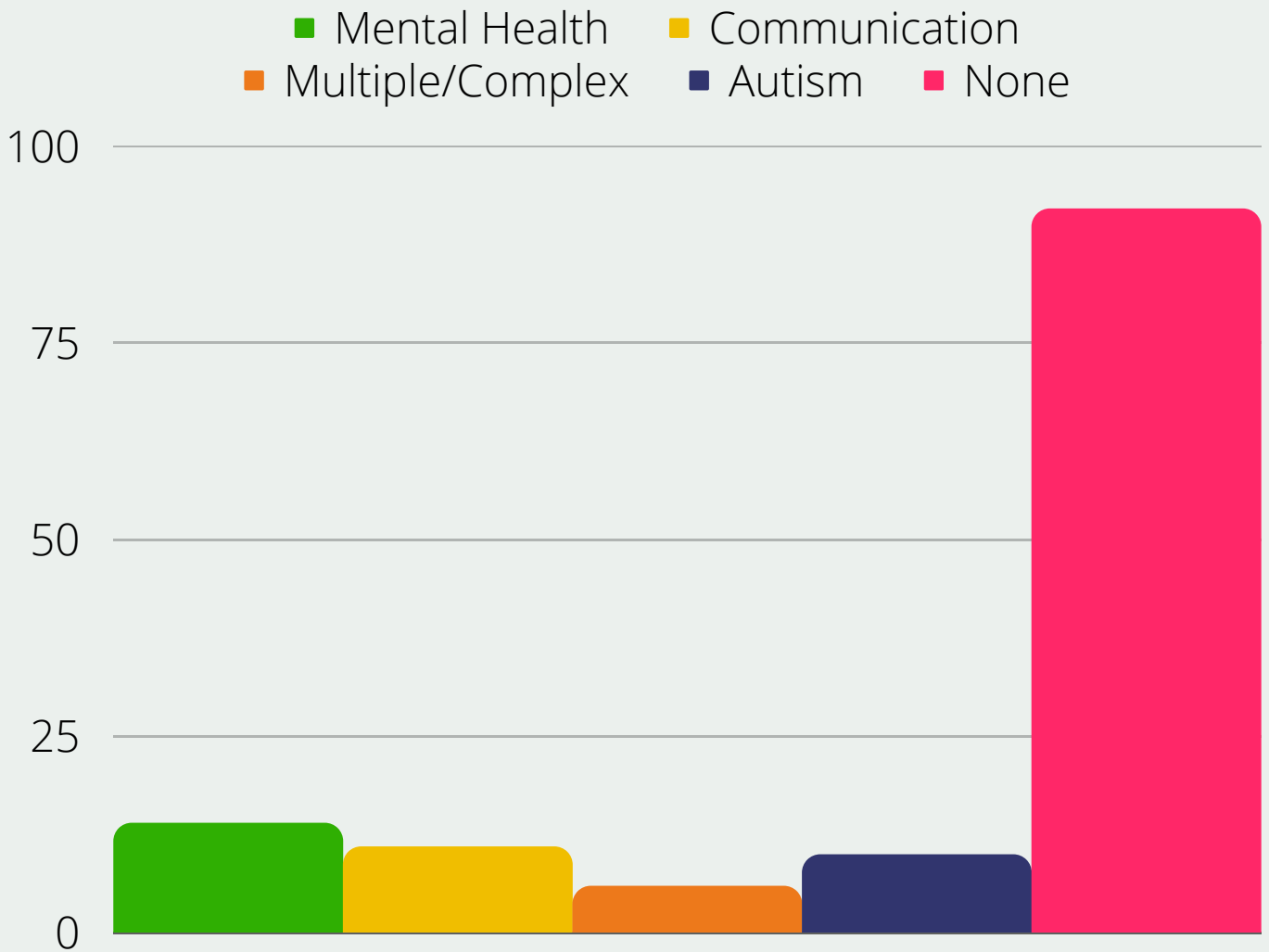
Commentary

Our youngest detainees supported were 11 years old. With the majority of arrests being in the 16 to 17 year old age group.



Vulnerability

**Infographic displaying proportion of vulnerabilities stated by
Juveniles supported in Quarter 4**



Of the 133 Juveniles supported by the service, 41 were recorded with disabilities including Communication, Mental Health, Autism, Multiple/complex needs. 92 Juveniles did not have any declared disabilities.



Call out breakdown

79

The YLF service attended 79 custodial interviews across the 6 custody suites.

18 voluntary interviews were attended.

18

36

The scheme was requested **36** times for other requests such as rights only strip searches, bail returns and youth cautions.



Service Updates, Issues and Reflections

Updates

This quarter we continue to explore ways the service can sensitively obtain the feedback and views of juvenile detainees. The service is in discussion with the Youth Offending Team and the Criminal Justice Liaison and Diversion Service for collaborative approach.



The service continues to experience ongoing problems with the Police contacting other AA providers during YLF contracted hours. We are committed to supporting the Police and call centre to resolve this challenge/risk to the service.

Recruitment

Due to the reduction in demand of the new AA contract, the YLF service has lost some long standing valued members of the volunteer team.



The service continues to operate a rolling recruitment for volunteers, 3 volunteers were recruited this quarter, with another 4 going through the safer recruitment process. We also continue to utilise the cohort of YLF student social workers to support attending requests should volunteers be unavailable.

Feedback from Volunteers

I love being an Appropriate Adult but there is less work to do now so I have now taken up more volunteering opportunities, which means that I am not as available as I was.

Service Updates

Custody suite updates



During this quarter North Kent custody was closed for 7 weeks, Juvenile detainees were therefore processed at Tonbridge or Medway

Our volunteers have adapted well with the changes to service delivery as a result of the closure, often travelling to custody suites they would not normally attend so that they can continue to volunteer their time and support young people. Overall the closure was handled smoothly by the Police the call centre and by our volunteers. We are confident that the detainees still received a professional timely service.



Kent Police's requests to attend Juveniles with Rights and Biometrics are being carried out prior to an officer being assigned, requires our AA's to attend custody multiple times, sometimes hours later. This has been a challenge to our service, however we are endeavouring to comply with this demand and have responded to all requests made to the service.