

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES

2021 - 2022 IMPACT REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

CashBack for Communities is a unique Scottish Government programme which uses the funds recovered from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and reinvests the criminal assets into community projects to support young people most at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending into positive destinations.

CashBack for Communities projects provide a range of activities for young people which:

- Support people, families and communities most affected by crime
- Support those most at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending into positive destinations
- Support young people most at risk of entering the justice system
- Provides intergenerational support for parents, families and children impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences

2021/22 AT A GLANCE :

£6.1 million INVESTED

30,106 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

32 LOCAL AUTHORITIES

75% OF PARTICIPANTS FROM THE MOST DEPRIVED AREAS (SIMD 1-3)

19,418 YOUNG PEOPLE IMPROVED THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

17,389 YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTED INTO POSITIVE DESTINATIONS

"I am pleased to welcome the CashBack for Communities Impact Report for 2021/2022.

The CashBack programme has been hugely successful in taking assets recovered from criminal activity to deliver diversionary activities and opportunities for young people since 2008. Up to March 2022, the programme has supported around 1.3 million young people across Scotland.

The findings of this interim annual report cover a year when young people continued to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The report recognises the significant challenges and successes for the 24 CashBack partner organisations in working hard to mitigate the negative impacts of the pandemic on young people.

Young people's own voices are appropriately very prominent in this report. Their near unanimous support for the CashBack programme highlights the strength of the programme in reaching the communities and young people most in need.

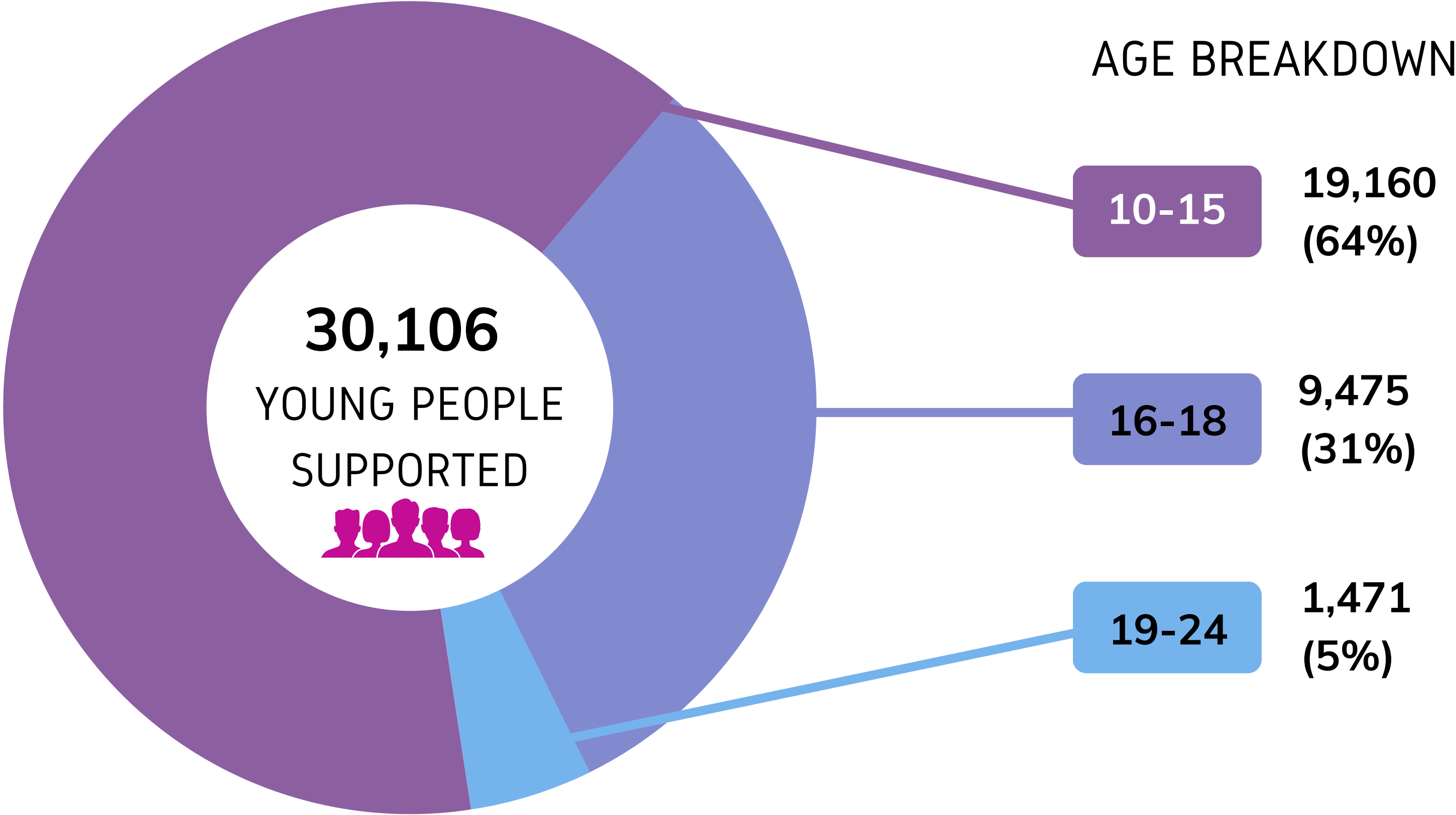
The CashBack programme supported over 30,000 young people across Scotland during the year and is now well on the way to achieving the outcomes established for Phase 5. This is a remarkable achievement and underlines the work of the delivery teams, volunteers and of course the young people who participate in and contribute to the success of the CashBack for Communities Programme.

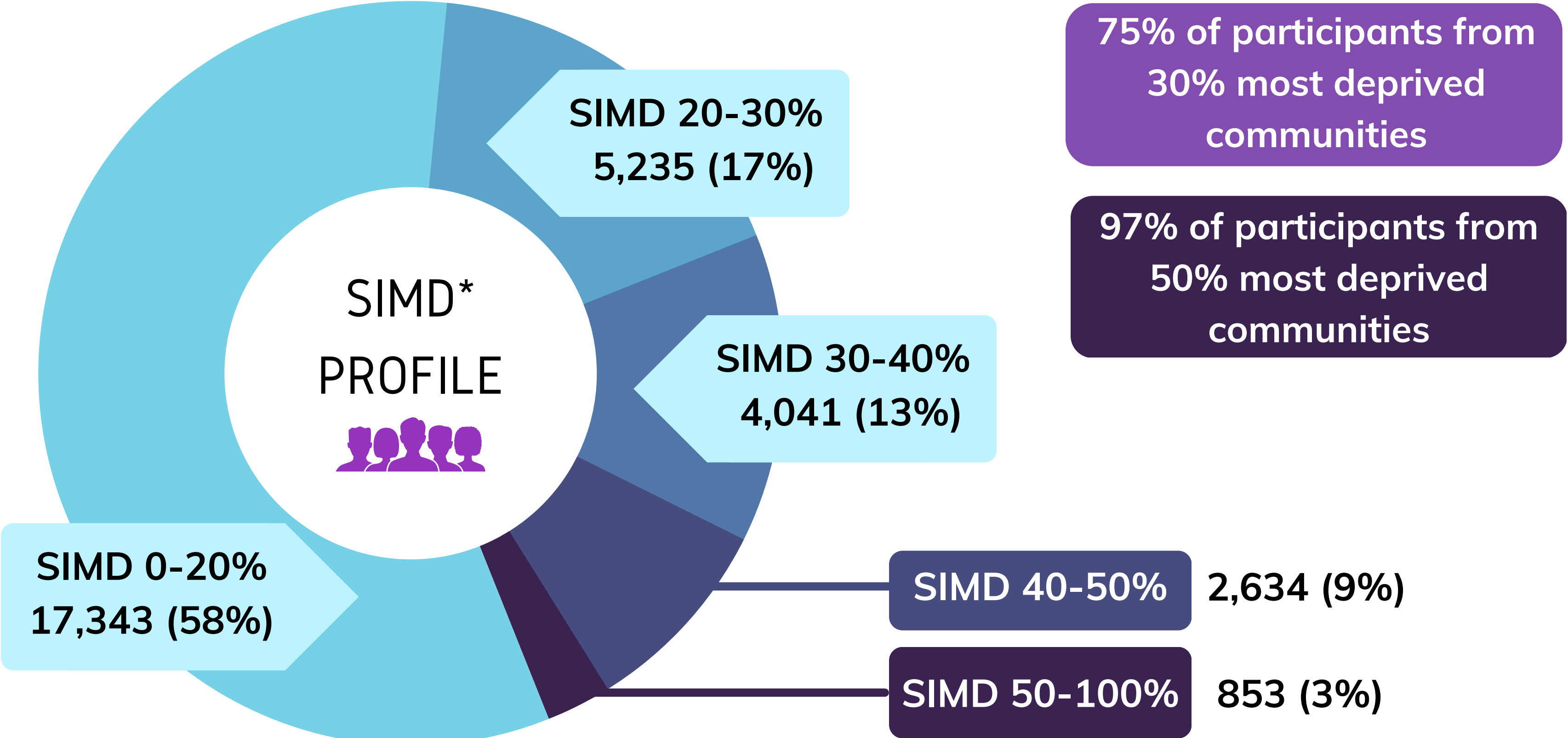
CashBack Partners are to be strongly commended for their proactive implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. In leading on the use of Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessments (CRWIAs), the Partners have been able to demonstrate the CashBack programme's support for UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework."



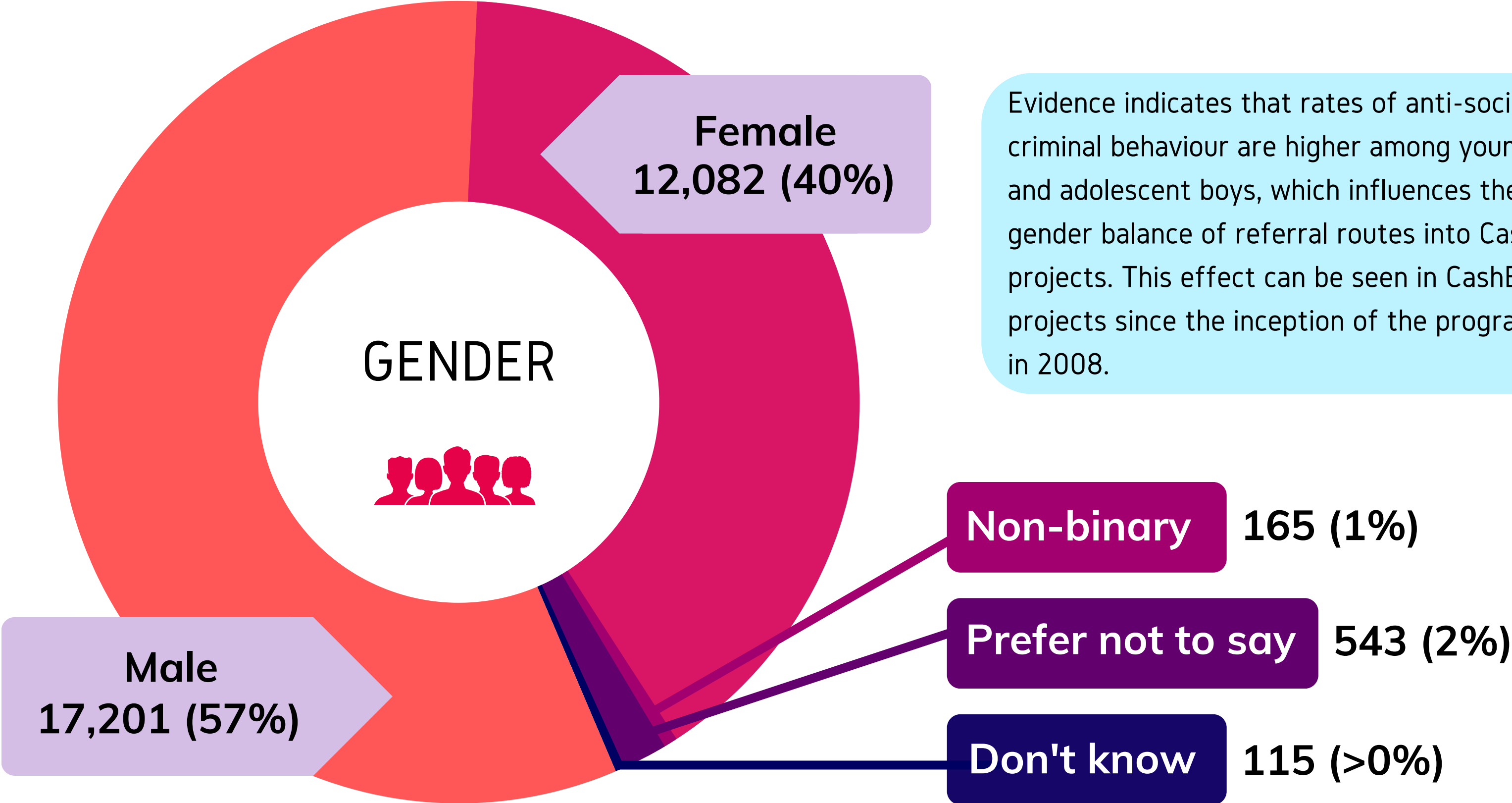
Keith Brown,
Cabinet Secretary for
Justice and Veterans
January 2023





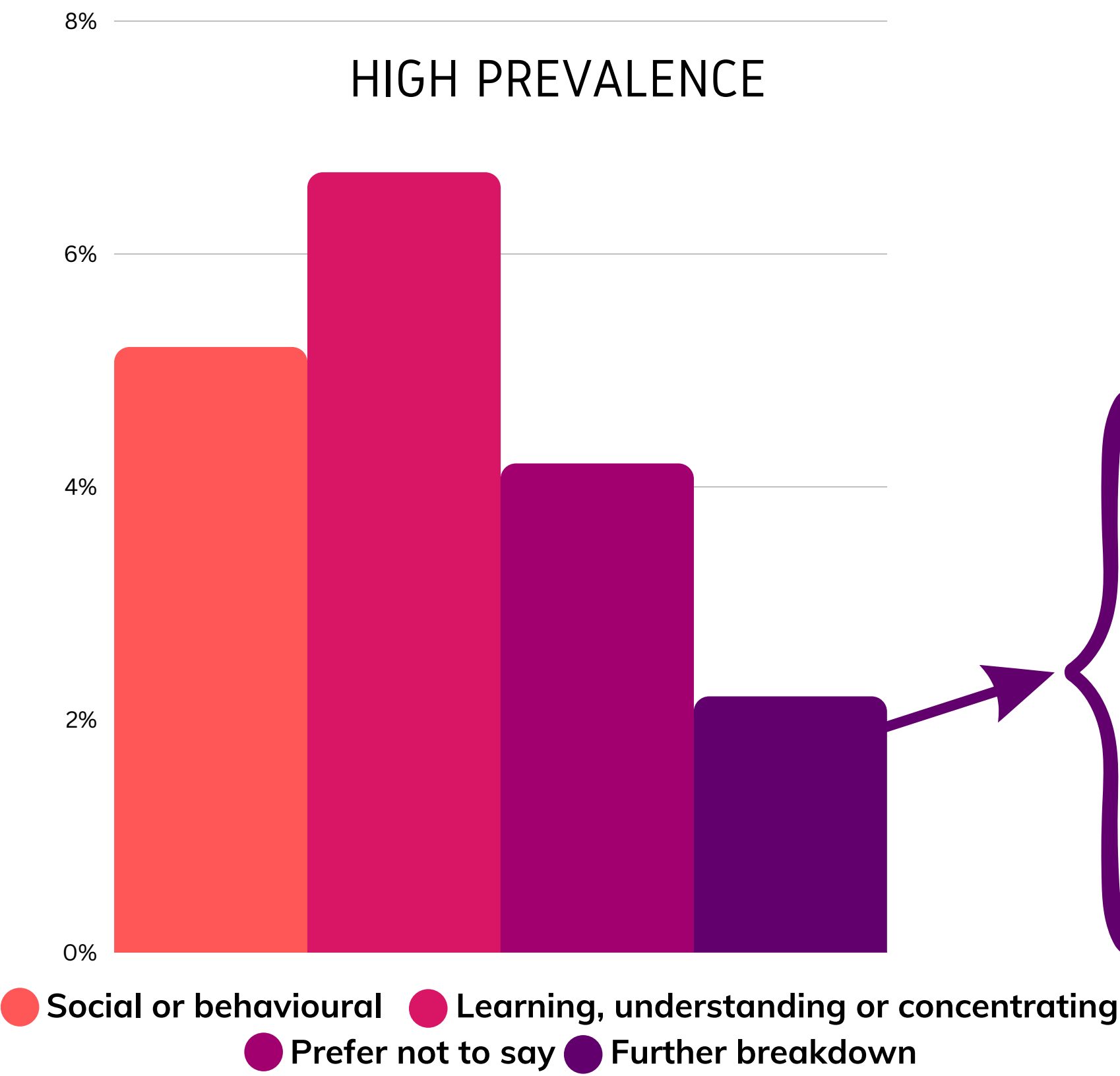


*Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

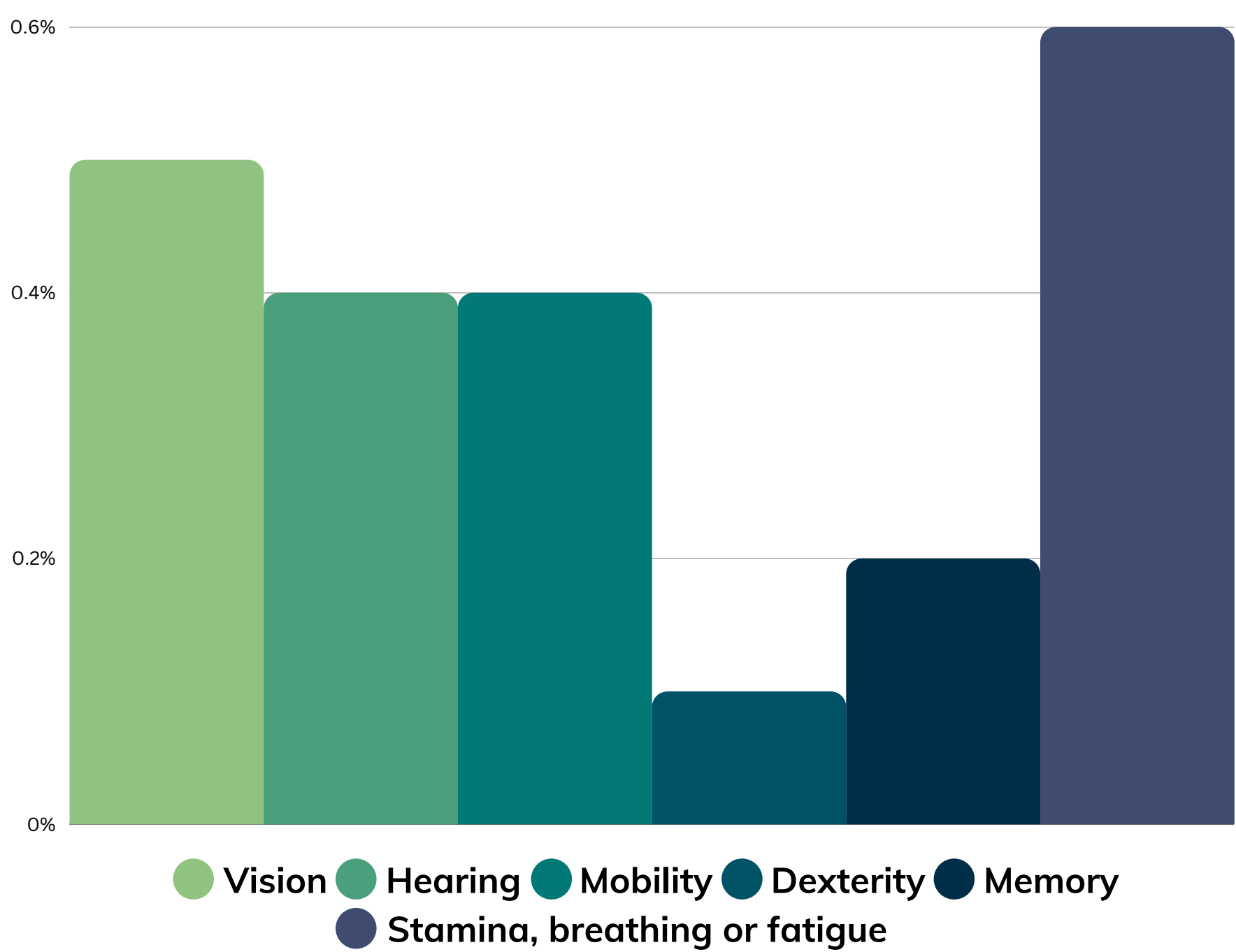


Evidence indicates that rates of anti-social and criminal behaviour are higher among young men and adolescent boys, which influences the gender balance of referral routes into CashBack projects. This effect can be seen in CashBack projects since the inception of the programme in 2008.

DISABILITIES



DISABILITIES REPORTED BY FEWER YOUNG PEOPLE



PHYSICAL AND PERSONAL SKILLS

17,734

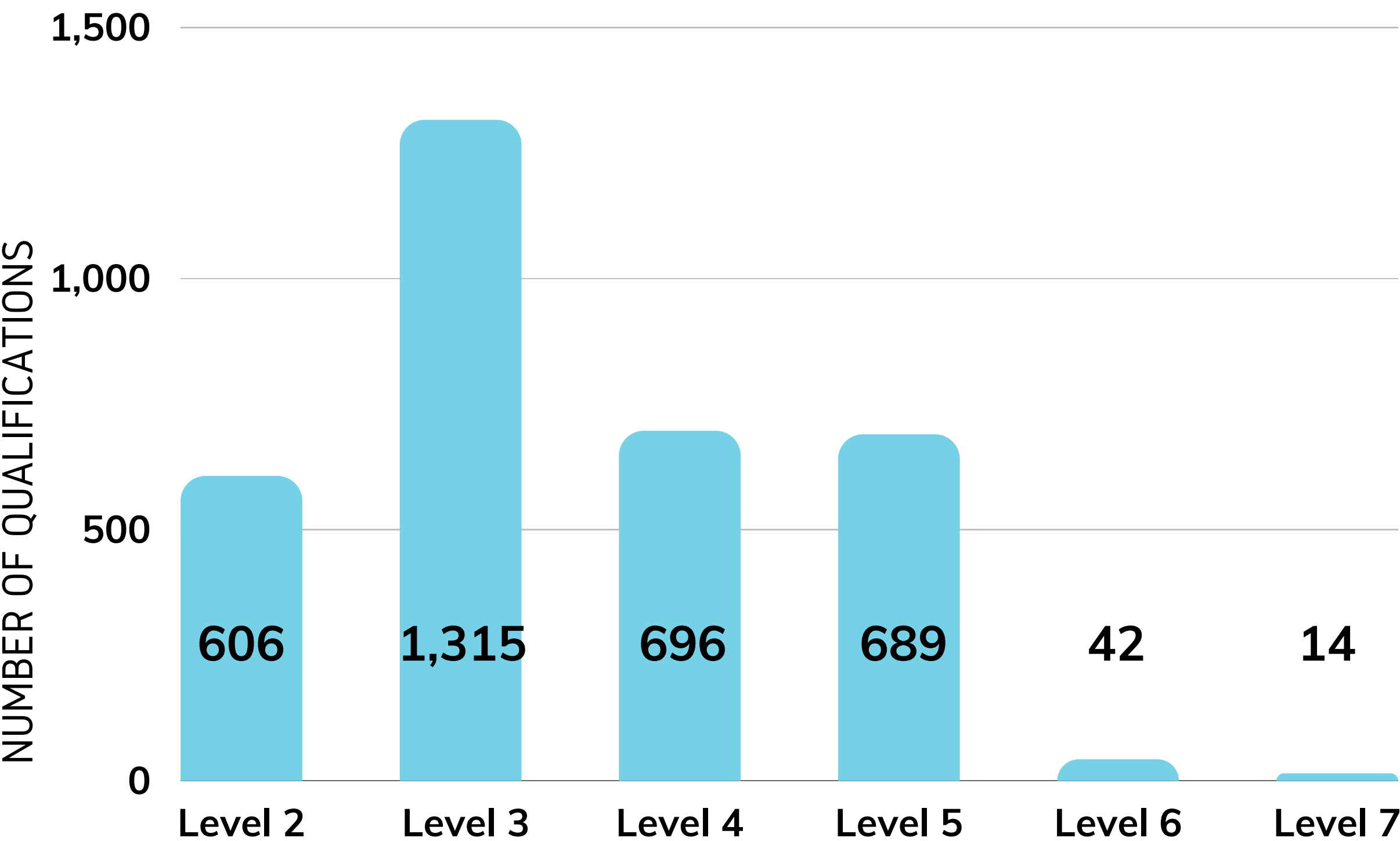
Report increase in their skills

5,355

Achieved personal skills
and accredited learning



PHYSICAL AND PERSONAL SKILLS



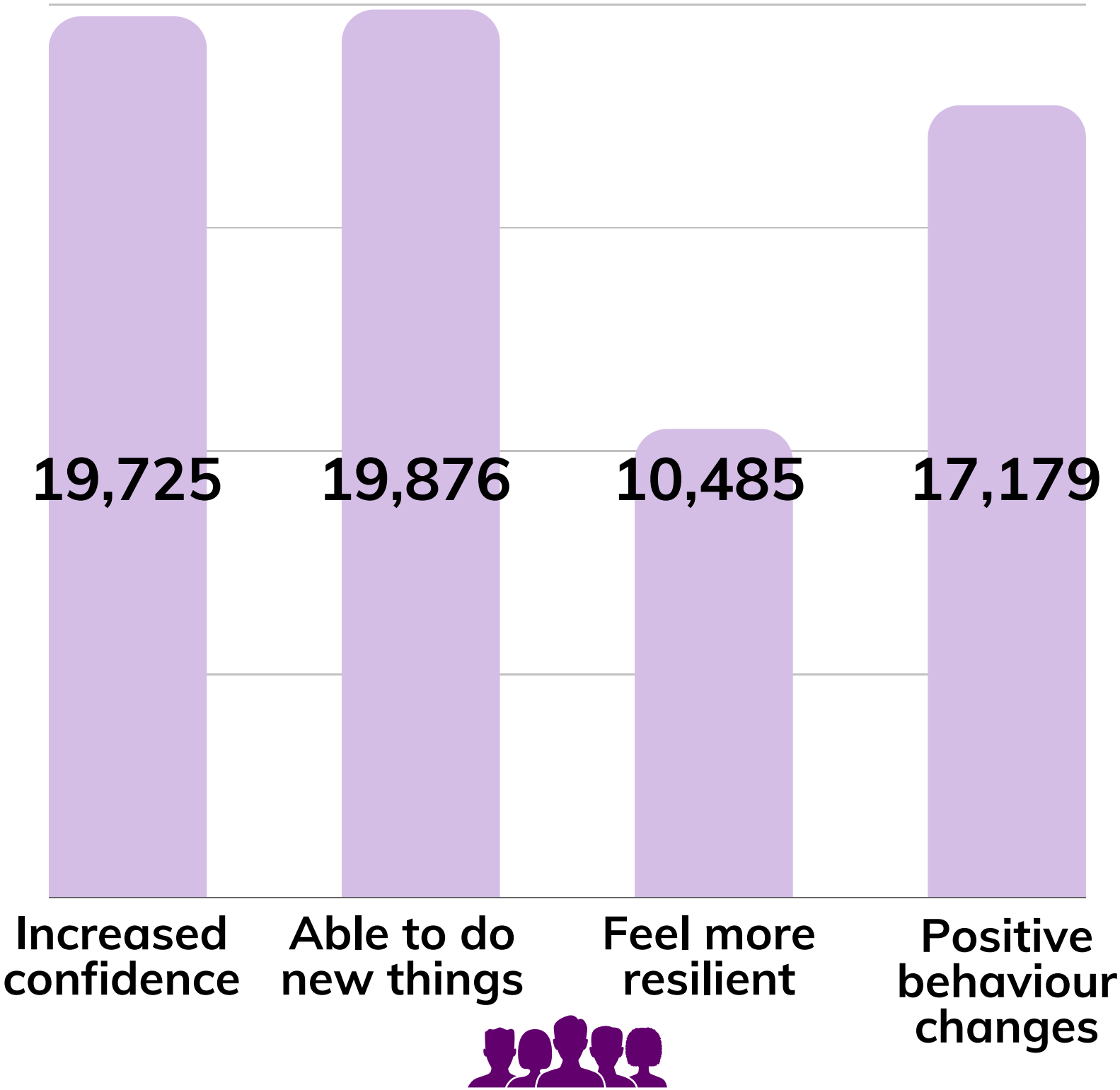
SCQF Qualifications

6,319

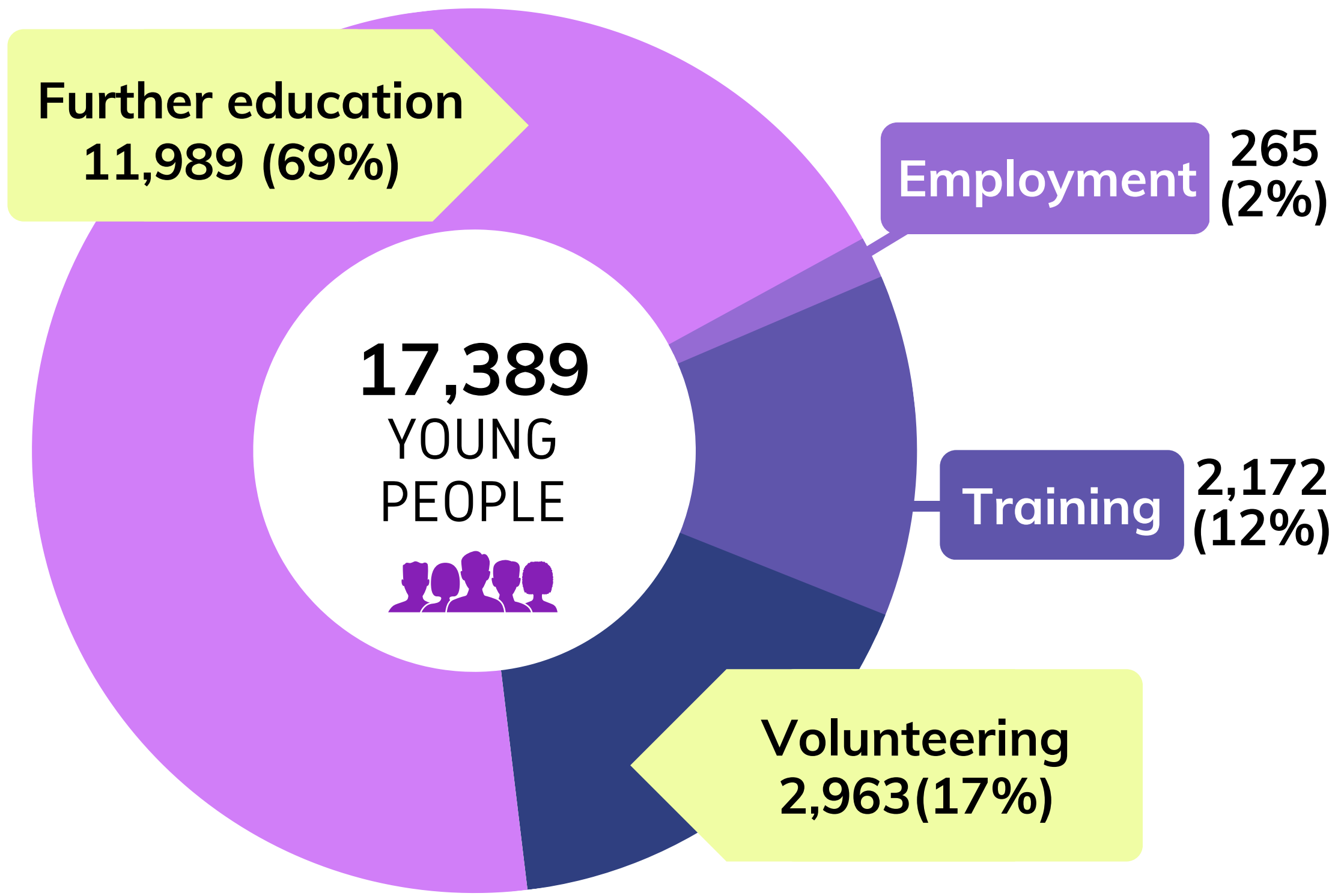
**other qualifications
and accreditations***

*e.g. industry-recognised Construction Skills Certificate Scheme, PASMA Working At Heights, and activity awards such as The Duke of Edinburgh or Saltire Awards.

CAPACITY AND CONFIDENCE



POSITIVE DESTINATIONS



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

"The young person I support always comes away from sessions with an apparent sense of well-being and achievement, which in turn helps them to behave in ways which make them and others around them happy and fulfilled." - Referral partner, Barnardo's Fit For Work

"This more positive attitude towards finding a job is reflected in the improvements to Jennifer's mental health as a result of the programme."
Evaluator, Rangers Charity Foundation

"[My CashBack case worker] helped me set up my benefits and helped with my mental health. She got me a doctor's appointment so I can get that sorted. I've got a mental health consultant meeting."

Andrew, Access to Industry participant

19,418

young people improved wellbeing against SHANARRI indicators

Stakeholders reporting increases in young person SHANARRI indicators

81%

POSITIVE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES

92,268

hours
volunteered

2,421

community-
focused awards

worth*

£1,051,855

*2021 Real Living Wage rate with
Volunteer Scotland methodology

3,333

young people
volunteered during
projects



DIVERTED FROM CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR

2,975 (10%)**Participated in
behavioural
change sessions****7,473 (25%)****Less inclined* to
participate in
criminal behaviour**

*Evaluators and partners frequently highlight that this question, to be answered positively, necessitates participants being prepared to admit to criminal behaviour (or inclinations towards). Participants are often very reluctant to disclose prior activities and / or criminal inclinations. The outcome percentage (25%) should therefore be read in that context. A useful contrast is other stakeholders reporting reductions in risk-taking behaviour at a substantially higher rate (see below).

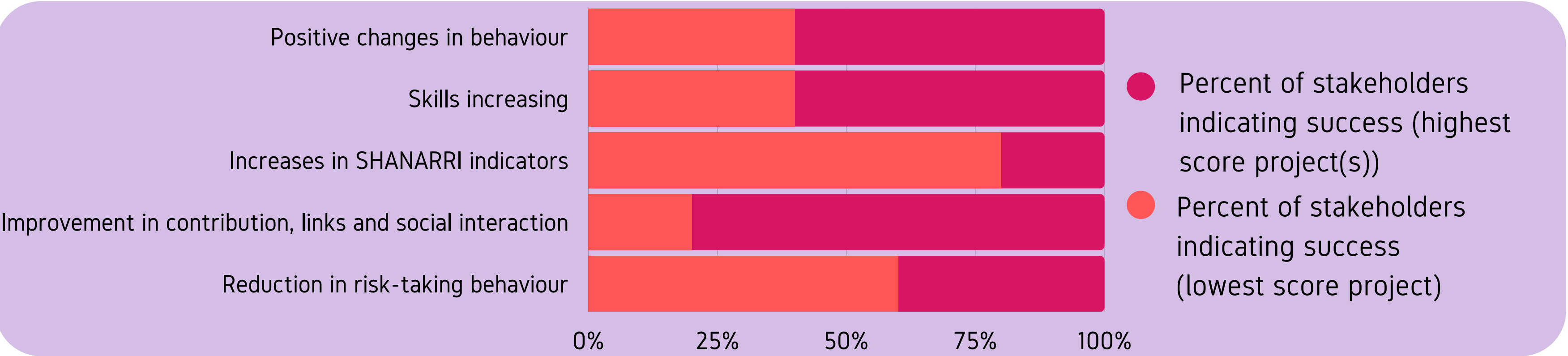


STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholder input towards CashBack projects is a fundamental element of the programme and its evaluation. Across all 24 projects, stakeholders - including family, as well as police officers, carers, educators, other professionals and employers where relevant - contribute to understanding the impact of the programme on transforming young lives.

The chart below shows the range, from lowest scoring project to highest, of stakeholders indicating successful achievement of project outcomes. In many projects, 100% of stakeholders report successful achievement of the 5 relevant CashBack outcomes during 2021/22. In some projects, stakeholders report success at a lower rate. It is important to note that very often these lower success rates meet or exceed the targets established for projects, based on the particular needs and circumstances of participants in those projects.

Percent of stakeholders reporting successful outcomes for:

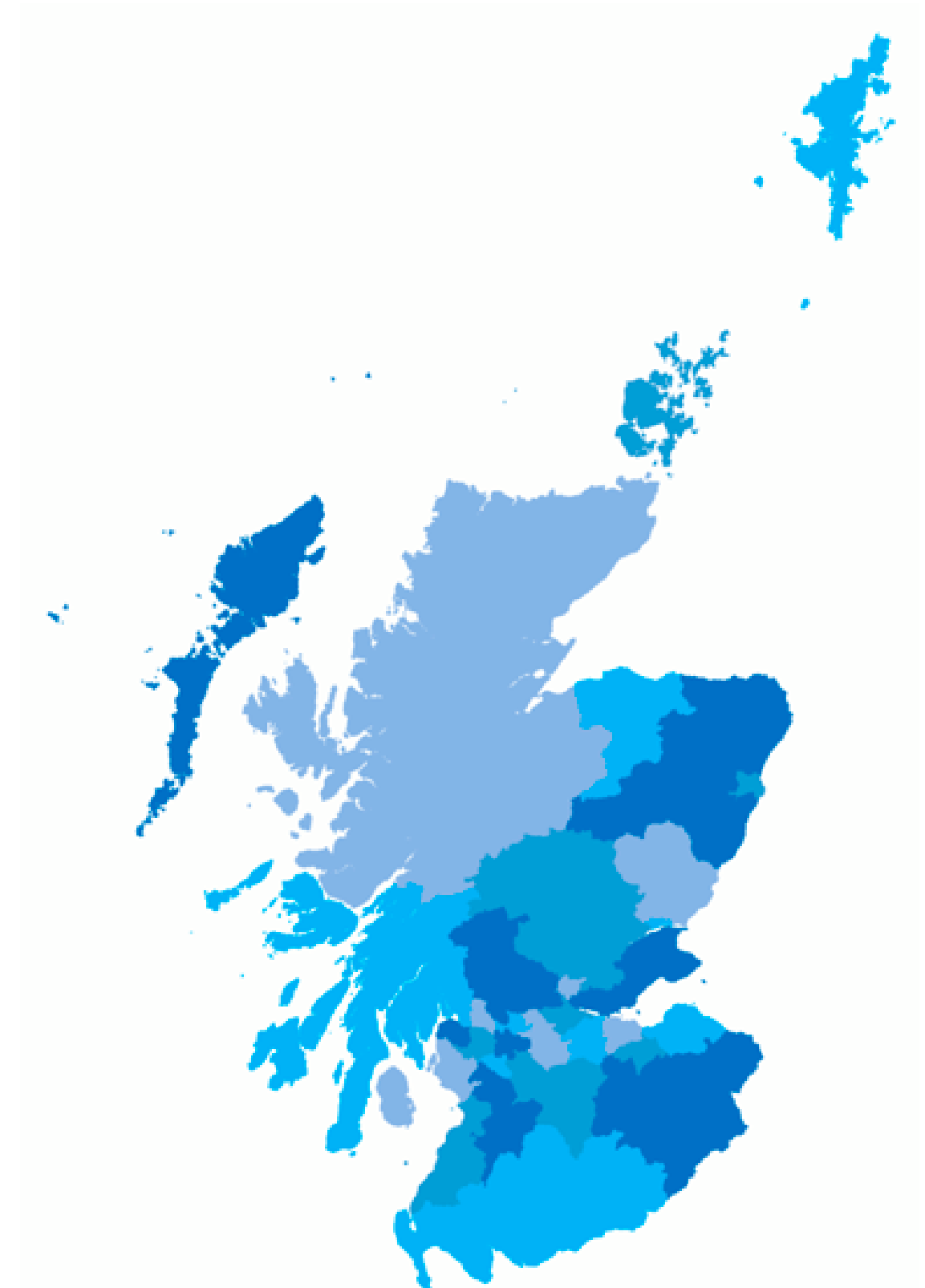


The support of Scottish local authorities, Scottish police forces and other local and regional public sector organisations has been instrumental in the achievements of CashBack for Communities participants in 2021 / 22.

CashBack for Communities has spent and further committed to projects which are active across all 32 of Scotland's local authorities.

Bespoke information packs are available to download which outline the range of activities underway in each local authority area, and include many examples of active projects in each area.


To see the spend, activity and examples of the community impact delivered by CashBack partner organisations in your area in 2021/22, please select a Local Authority link on the following pages.




FUND PERFORMANCE

LOCAL AUTHORITY –


Aberdeen
£233,048
1,170 YP



Clackmannanshire
£71,324
290 YP




East Dunbartonshire
£44,580
234 YP




Eilean Siar
£15,109
1,199 YP



Aberdeenshire
£61,661
308 YP




Dumfries and Galloway
£79,623
813 YP



East Lothian
£38,867
1,849 YP



Falkirk
£281,962
841 YP



Angus
£27,892
494 YP



Dundee
£241,628
594 YP



East Renfrewshire
£23,915
164 YP



Fife
£301,796
1,057 YP




Argyll and Bute
£9,412
53 YP



East Ayrshire
£125,910
499 YP



Edinburgh
£469,924
1,912 YP



















Glasgow
£1,546,445
5,056 YP



FUND PERFORMANCE

LOCAL AUTHORITY –

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CASHBACK PARTNERS WORK TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The CashBack for Communities programme aims to recognise, respect and promote children's rights. These include rights to be treated fairly, to be heard and to be as healthy as possible.

The Scottish Government's vision is a Scotland where children's human rights are embedded in all aspects of society. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) articulates the human rights for children and young people. The UNCRC was ratified by the UK Government in 1991.

With support from Inspiring Scotland, CashBack for Communities partners have worked to formally embed children's rights across their projects. Through portfolio day information sessions, information sharing, and direct support to each CashBack partner.

The Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) is the tool used and promoted by the Scottish Government. CashBack partners have used CRWIAs to ensure that policies and procedures advance the rights and wellbeing of children and young people, in line with the UNCRC.

“the Impact Assessment at service level really makes you think about your plan, and how will you achieve that... it gives you the opportunity to look at specific parts of your service-delivery and each of the [UNCRC] Articles that pertain to that and look at problem solving.”

Kerry Watson, Service Manager at Cyrenians

*United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

MAJORITY OF CASHBACK PARTNER PROJECTS SUPPORTING UNCRC ARTICLES:



To read how each CashBack partner has assessed their CashBack project in line with the UNCRC and how, for example, they listen to the views of young people in developing CashBack projects, you can read each of their Children's Rights and Wellbeing assessments on their respective [CashBack partner pages](#)

CashBack partners also make use of the [Scottish Government's children's rights training tool](#) to ensure all their relevant staff have a broad overview of children's rights and the many rights-based frameworks and legislation which support children in Scotland as well as internationally.

The Scottish Government tool helps organisations and individuals improve their rights-awareness and practice, and includes advice on how to complete a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment and how to include children and young people in decision-making. To learn more about children's rights in Scotland, please visit the [Scottish Government children's rights home page](#).

LINKING CHILDRENS RIGHTS TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The nature and type of project funded through CashBack for Communities present a substantial connection between the United Nations' frameworks of both the Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG). The two frameworks offer mutual advocacy and implementation.

A process to explore the mapping of the UNCRC and SDG has been started to reflect on the aspirations for impact of the CashBack fund. With particular reference to [UNICEF's interactive mapping document](#) profiling interconnectivity in frameworks, and that of Scottish Government's Performance Framework (which shares the same aims as UNSDG). The fund most substantially contributes to UNSDG societal goals:



The "Decade of Action" to accelerate progress on the SDGs between 2020 and 2030, seeks to increase the prominence and importance of both child rights and the successful achievement of the SDG. Scottish Government is committed to UNICEF recommendation of participating in a Voluntary National Review (VNR). The CashBack for Communities fund positively contributes to these recommendations, including those contributing to key asks (Scottish Government's implementation of UNCRC); monitoring; investment; and activation.

In the autumn of 2021, CashBack For Communities surveyed over 850 young people from 22 CashBack partner organisations. They spoke about:

- inclusion
- community
- disability & mental health
- their aspirations & their skills
- their difficulties with education and
- what CashBack has meant to them

99% of participants indicated that the proceeds of crime should be reinvested in those communities most impacted

88% feel the programmes offer enough opportunities

91% felt it was not hard to participate in the programmes

"Felt listened to and supported. Someone to go to for advice who knew what was in the area or would go find out. Definitely in the position I am today because of the support, it's helped all the family."

Young Carer, Includem

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The Scottish Government and Inspiring Scotland recognise the importance of listening to the voices of young people, especially after their experiences of the Coronavirus pandemic. We were particularly interested to hear from young participants in the current CashBack for Communities programme and the activities it funds ahead of any possible new CashBack phase.

The survey was carried out in November 2021 and took the form of 9 question areas. CashBack Partners have previously communicated the sensitivities, stigma or perceptions that participant surveys may bring to young people. Partners were encouraged to collect survey responses in the format that best suited their participants and projects. Not all questions were relevant to all partners; some partners asked amended questions to better suit their participants. Some partners collated participant group feedback while others sampled participants individually.

The range of techniques included facilitated group sessions, 1-2-1 interviews and online survey tools. The form of survey returns ranged from spreadsheets to long text to video recordings. The 22 participating Partners recorded between 131 and 245 separate responses across all questions, either from individuals or groups. In total, over 850 young people contributed.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Near unanimity amongst participants that the proceeds of crime should be reinvested in those communities most impacted.
- Overwhelming positive response in respect of the value to young people, wide range and easy accessibility of CashBack for Communities projects and programmes.
- Participants see CashBack programmes as highly inclusive but place a strong emphasis on young people being listened to, and supported, if CashBack partners are to reach the widest possible audience.
- Young people place most value on:
 - mental health, particularly in relation to confidence, anxiety and social interaction;
 - acquiring new skills and experiences;
 - improving support networks through 1 to 1 support and guidance, from trusted and experienced mentors and staff. In several instances young people reported this enabled their stopping or reducing offending behaviour, drug and alcohol abuse, self-harming, and re-building positive family relationships; and
 - volunteering and community connectivity
- Young people participated widely in online projects during lockdown but faced difficulties in doing so and expressed a strong preference for face-to-face activities. That said, for a minority, online activity is a vital stepping stone to greater participation in CashBack activities.
- **Overall there is strong endorsement and direct link to the intended outcomes and indicators of the current Phase 5 logic model.**

"Volunteering opportunities - that helped me change my life, helped me get out of bad patterns of behaviour & gives me something to do."

"In my particular case the theme was football...I get support from coaches, players and even people that didn't know much about football were trying to help me. Now I not only improve as a coach but also got a job within that area."

"Covid has been really hard but this [CashBack programme] has helped me a lot. It has helped my sister even more as she gets really nervous all the time and I think it helps her to burn up her energy."

'I would not normally attend something like this as I don't like being about people that I don't know with having trust issues. The staff and the environment were very welcoming and no one had bad energy. All the topics all tied in and worked well together. All is going well for me at the moment. I am working which gives me routine and something to look forward to - earning my own money'

"Coming to the drop in is important to me as not having any family, it is good to have people around me."

"A lot of people are struggling because of covid and need help. There is a lot of crime going on in some places that people don't know about and don't talk about and that's why I like coming to the [CashBack project] as the coaches and workers are great. They help me and try to keep us away from what is going on outside."

New local authority packs were developed during the year, to integrate with the CashBack for Communities website. This provides a dynamic summary for each local authority area, providing detail of: spend; young person participation levels; linking active CashBack partners, and respective links to their latest project annual report and external evaluation; sample funded project activity and local case studies; along with other portfolio level information.

These were designed to more efficiently produce insights into each local authority and to facilitate wider digital distribution to relevant stakeholders in each area. Including personnel across relevant council teams, police forces, sports trusts, third sector interfaces - raising awareness of current activities and potential referrals of young people where suitable.



Local Authorities

Select a local authority ▼

	Aberdeen Project Spend 2008-2022 £2,876,806 Local Authority Pack	Activities 2008-2022 61,542 +
	Aberdeenshire Project Spend 2008-2022 £1,713,651 Local Authority Pack	Activities 2008-2022 108,728 +
	Angus Project Spend 2008-2022 £1,756,090	Activities 2008-2022 48,177

The CashBack programme places strong emphasis on third party evaluation of Partner projects and activities.

Project evaluations are designed to support Partners in achieving outcomes and participation, as well as helping monitor progress, including towards the programme's overarching goal of diverting young people from criminal behaviour or involvement with the criminal justice system.

The collated data set, both quantitative and qualitative, along with evaluators' conclusions and recommendations, serves to inform the programme-wide evaluation process.

The 24 CashBack Partners' projects were externally evaluated at the end of year 2 and all 24 evaluation reports published in autumn 2022 on their respective CashBack Partner webpages.

In summary:

- All 24 projects showed highly successful and impactful responses to Covid-19
- All partners and many participants emphasised substantial and emerging mental health consequences of the pandemic.
- CashBack projects were able to adapt well to meet such emerging needs, and in many cases participants described their CashBack participation as a unique and valuable support mechanism.

"Participation in School of Football positively changes views on and sense of belonging to the community. In particular, young people's relationship with their school community appears to be enhanced through taking part in the programme." **Social Value Lab**

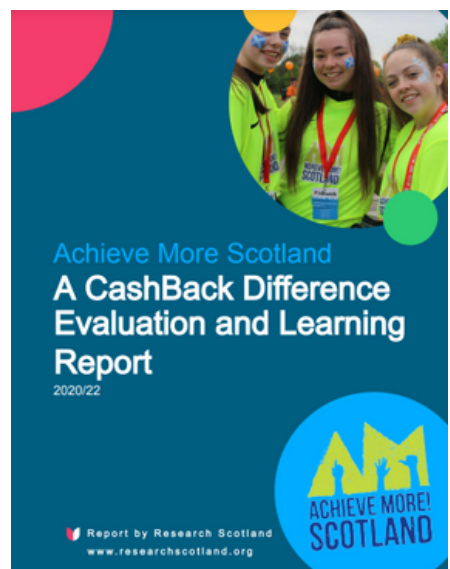
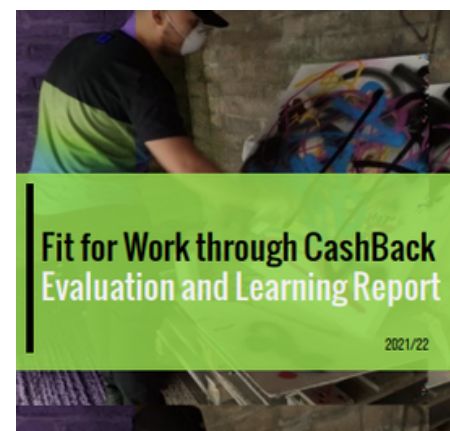
"Overall, there is clear evidence that CashBack - Move Forward is achieving its intended outcomes, and there is enough information to understand why the positive impacts for young people are being achieved."

The Lines Between

"Young people from across all targeted local authorities and SSF programmes reported high numbers of problems associated with mental health that affected their trajectories including anxiety, loneliness and isolation, depression, self-harm, and suicide. Our findings indicated SSF was a powerful impetus for change in young people's lives and acted as a barrier to these feelings."

University of the West of Scotland

PARTNER PAGE



Evaluation of CashBack Social Impact Programme and Wellbeing Ambassador Programme 2021-2022 (Year 2)
A Report for basketballscotland



"I can't emphasise enough about the communication skills. When I initially speak to them on the phone, they are giving you one-word answers, which is to be expected at 16, but when I speak to them at the end of their [CashBack] placements, their communication skills are phenomenal. The experience of them working in a real environment is helping with that."

Stakeholder, Research Scotland interview

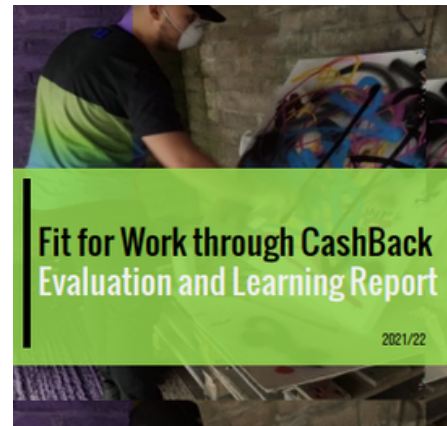
Attendance and attainment improved for almost all young people involved in the [Basketball Scot] programme who had had issues with these in the past. Young people felt more motivated to come to school now that they had something to enjoy, and for some, it had broadened their perspective of their future career and education options.

Social Value Lab

"I have observed a marked difference in the young people's commitment and engagement in the [CashBack] dance programme. I recognise the positive impact this is having on their overall confidence."

Stakeholder, Catch The Light interview

PARTNER PAGE



The interim Phase 5 Evaluation (Research Scotland) explores learning among CashBack for Communities delivery partners during the Covid 19 pandemic. It focuses on spring 2020 to spring 2022, the first two years of Phase 5 of the CashBack programme. All 24 delivery partners contributed (37 individuals).

"There is real anxiety amongst kids, the pandemic has been a form of trauma for a lot of them and this is likely to have a lasting impact." - Partner

"We made a real shift towards mental health support." - Partner

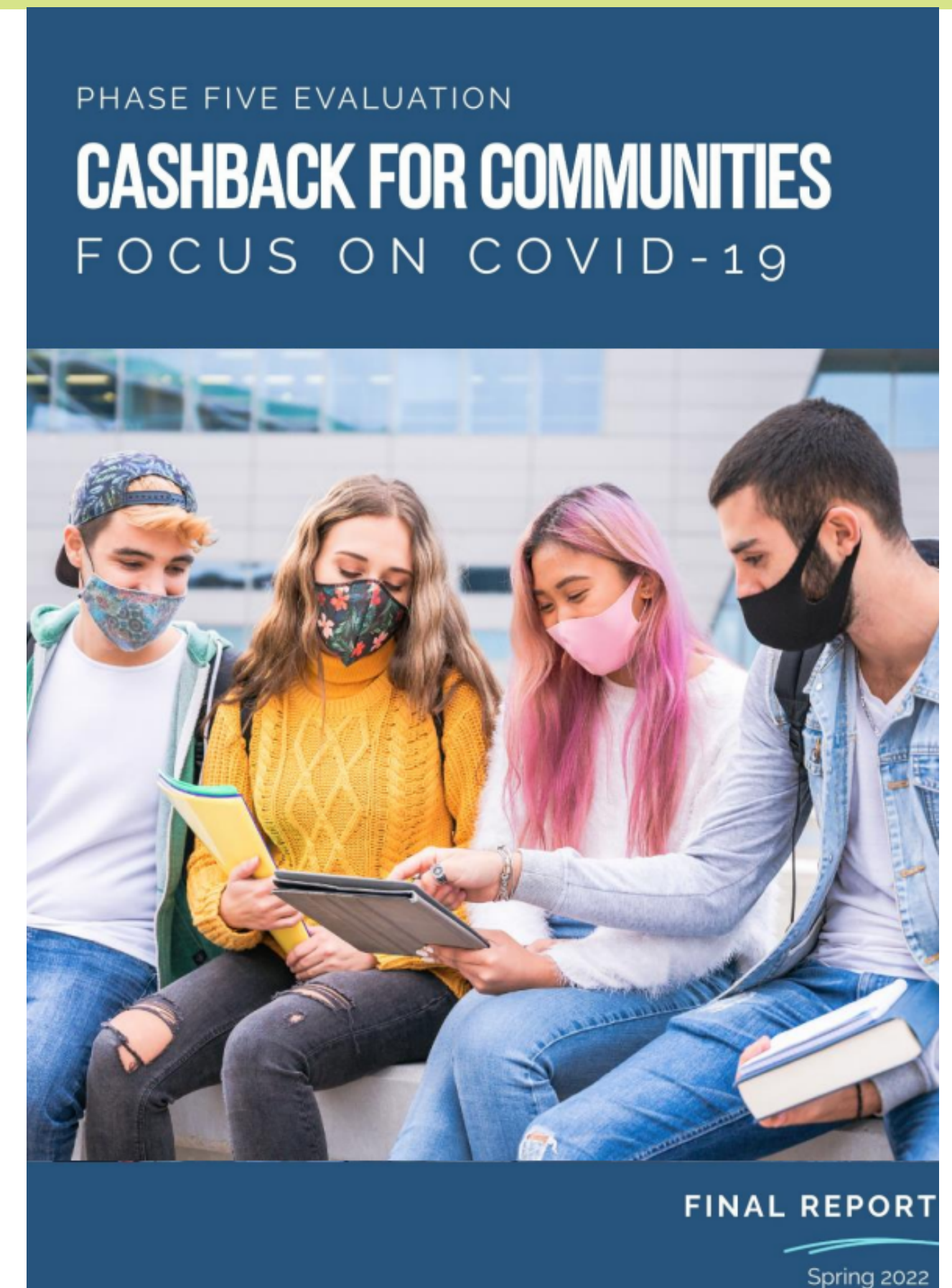
Delivering CashBack projects during the pandemic was challenging. But projects tried many new approaches, some of which worked very well.

"In an organisational sense we have learnt to be flexible and adaptable to respond to the challenges that the pandemic threw at us." - Partner

What worked:

- Wellbeing and in-depth support
- Learning to be flexible
- Being a trusted organisation
- Online delivery

"It was a real positive from Covid that we were able to reach people that we would not have reached before the pandemic." - Partner



“A completely different boy from the one who entered school a few short years ago”

“It has opened my eyes to what life and sport is all about”



The young person was suffering with low mood. He experienced childhood trauma as a child and is autistic. He chose to take substances to make himself feel better. This led to hospitalisations and he had to enter secure care to keep himself safe.

It was hoped that the referral would allow the young person and his Mum to focus on working on their relationship (and with his two younger siblings) as he entered a new period in his life.

The young person has a close relationship with his Mum but they do not always communicate in a calm way. Often Mum's anxieties about what might happen to her son and about some choices he has continued to make cause anxiety for the young person and arguments would escalate from this.

At a joint mediation with young person and Mum we reflected to Mum that she seems increasingly able to support her son while regulating her own emotions and anxieties about some of his behaviours and choices.

Mum offered, "I want you to know I'm trying hard not to judge but to be supportive and be there for you whatever you decide."

We also continue to work with the young person in terms of feeling able to reach out to his family when he would like to spend time with them, when he needs support, or simply letting them know he is 'doing okay'.

In terms of support, we have worked with Mum who has frequently expressed finding it difficult to cope with anxiety, managing her emotions and finding time for herself to relax.

“

Thank you so much – we really appreciate all the help and support for our family.

- Mum

”

“The course...has made a massive difference to my life.”

“I feel I am making a difference to people's lives in [my new NHS] role.”



KT is 20 years old with multiple diagnoses including Autism, Tourette's syndrome, anxiety disorder, hypermobility, and executive disfunction. School had been very challenging for KT but with support from his school and home, he managed to attain a decent level of education.

KT was in a place where he could not leave the house alone, could not travel on his own, and was very socially isolated. He was unable to work, struggling with anxiety and self-esteem. His family saw his huge potential but had no idea where to turn.

As Covid started easing YZ [CashBack employability support worker] has been regularly meeting with KT at least once a week to either go out somewhere together or to attend the shmu [Station House Media Unit] building.

"We have seen KT's communication improve, and he is now instigating conversations, ordering his own food when out for lunch, being in shops where he is comfortable and being able to ask store workers questions and to buy his own things. KT still has a lot of challenges to overcome, and it may take a bit more time to find his path in life, but we are now seeing progress."

“KT has got to know YZ and AK very well and I have to say that I have seen a huge difference in him in just over a year. If it wasn't for shmu, KT would just be hiding away in his room, rocking, listening to music and playing video games, unable to function in the outside world, with little hope for the future and no support from anywhere else. With continued support from shmu, hopefully we can continue to see KT progress and reach his full potential that he rightly deserves.

- KT's parent

”

CM (aged 14) was referred with the aim of building her self confidence and develop skills to allow her to work with others. CM had not been attending school for some time.

“I don't think I have a future, it's too late” - CM

CM found it difficult to manage her feelings and had been using alcohol and drugs. CM had been admitted to hospital following a deliberate overdose.



On the programme, CM began training in the café. The praise and compliments she received from others gave her a real boost in self confidence. CM also enjoyed the barista station and was able to master a range of coffees and hot drinks.

CM was anxious about seeing the school counsellor but with support from her CashBack Positive Changes keyworker, she went along and continued with counselling.

CM achieved Level 5 Community Achievement Award for her work in the café which was accredited by Glasgow Kelvin College. CM returned to school and engaged more positively with her classes and her peers.

“I have seen a real change in her, she is so much calmer, more motivated and her general mood is so much better. I honestly think that it is all because of what she does at the café and the support she gets from you.” - CM's teacher

CM decided that she would like to pursue a career in child care.

“ I couldn't believe I had the confidence to do that. I was scared but thought just do it, if I need help someone will be there to step in. - CM ”





David is 20 year old young man from Edinburgh. At the age of 18 years old, David became involved in minor offending and his drug use had become increasingly chaotic and problematic. This culminated in him leaving the family home and following the breakdown of the familial relationships.

David came to the attention of the VOW Project having been arrested and held in police custody to appear at Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

A police officer and peer mentor from the VOW Project assisted David that same day in securing emergency accommodation and they went on to provide him with a food parcel and basic toiletries from their partners at Fare Share / Cyrenians.

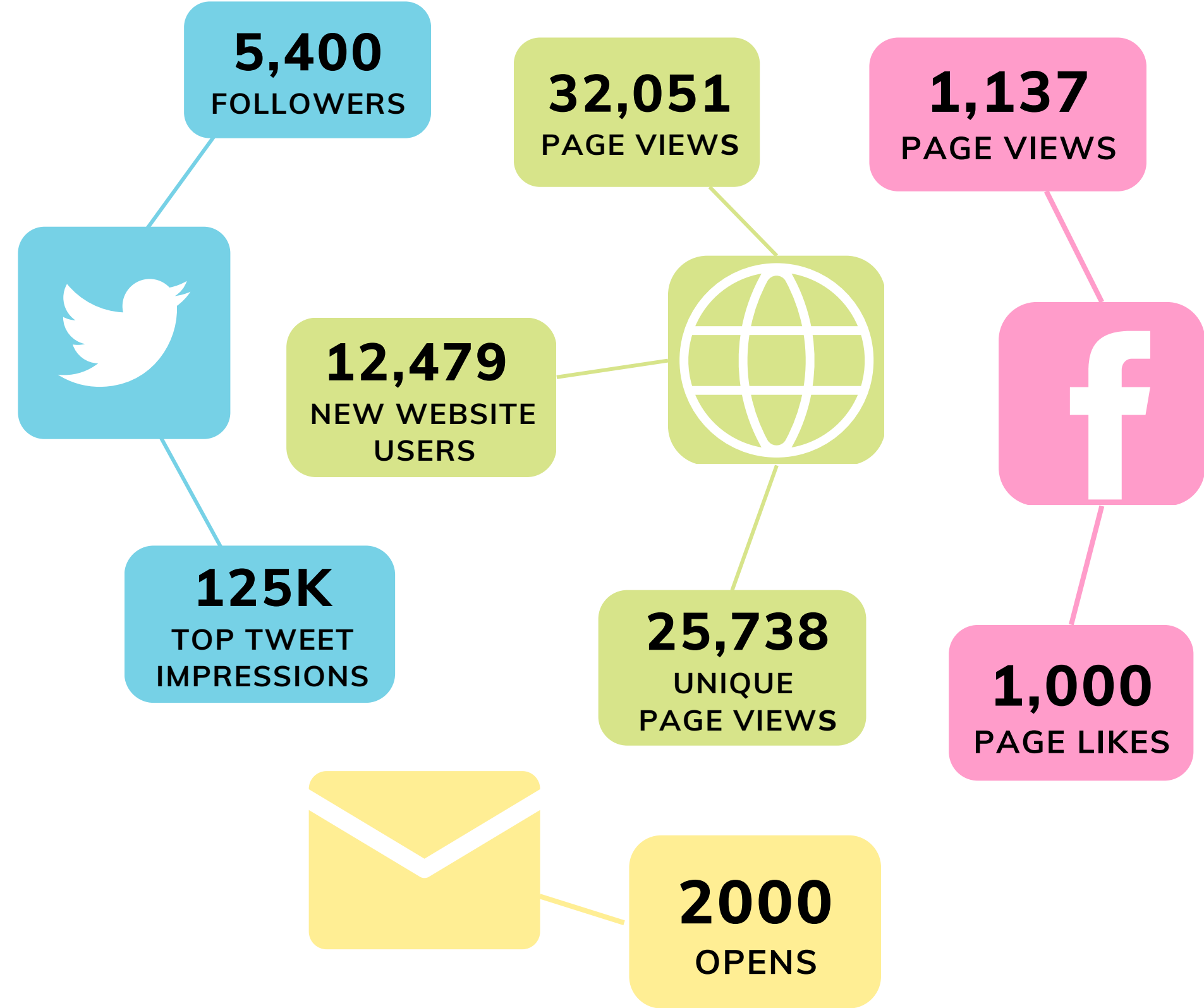
Despite many negative previous encounters with police officers and being arrested, David quickly established a good relationship the VOW Project and agreed to attend in person at the police station to meet the rest of the team.

David continued in a cycle of losing his accommodation due to breaking the rules, criminal offences, family fallouts and drug use. Despite these difficulties and at times frustrations, the VOW team never gave up on him.

Fast forward to the present and David is employed at a bike repair shop and has begun working part time at a local church on a voluntary basis. David was offered a room in a flat by a friend he made through the church. David has since been making better life choices, has surrounding himself with positive influences and has even made some new circle of friends.

With such positive outcomes and a renewed commitment to turning his life around, David has currently stopped his offending and is no longer using alcohol and drugs. He has made new friends, gained employment, carried out some voluntary work and even regained a place in his rugby team.

“ I am thankful to the VOW Project for their perseverance in my son and it gives me comfort that there is a glimmer of hope that he can turn a corner and hopefully return to the family in the months ahead. ”
- David's father



Inspiring Scotland has continued to develop the profile of CashBack for Communities Fund through the website, social media channels and email distributions, ensuring the impact and value of the fund to young people in Scotland can be shared, and stimulate collaboration and further its development.

A range of assets have been produced to share highlights at portfolio and partner level - annual reports, impact information and evaluations, case studies, news items, and fund developments.

The statistics for each of these channels, shown here, continues to increase each year. However, these figures very substantially understate the total programme reach, as they do not include promotion undertaken by the 24 CashBack Partner organisations.

CashBack for Communities and Partners supported Active Scotland's fifth (2021) anniversary of the annual Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week. The Week provides an opportunity to increase visibility and participation of women and girls in sport and physical activity, and the benefits it can have on physical, mental and social health.

The theme for 2021 was the role of sport and physical activity in supporting women's health and wellbeing – with a focus on how through new activity, reconnecting or continuing with physical activity and sport, girls and women are creating healthy habits for life.

CashBack for Communities, through various Partners, substantially supports women and girls' participation and development within a sporting context.

The year's theme focused on how sport and physical activity can support women's health and wellbeing, helping them to create healthy habits for life.

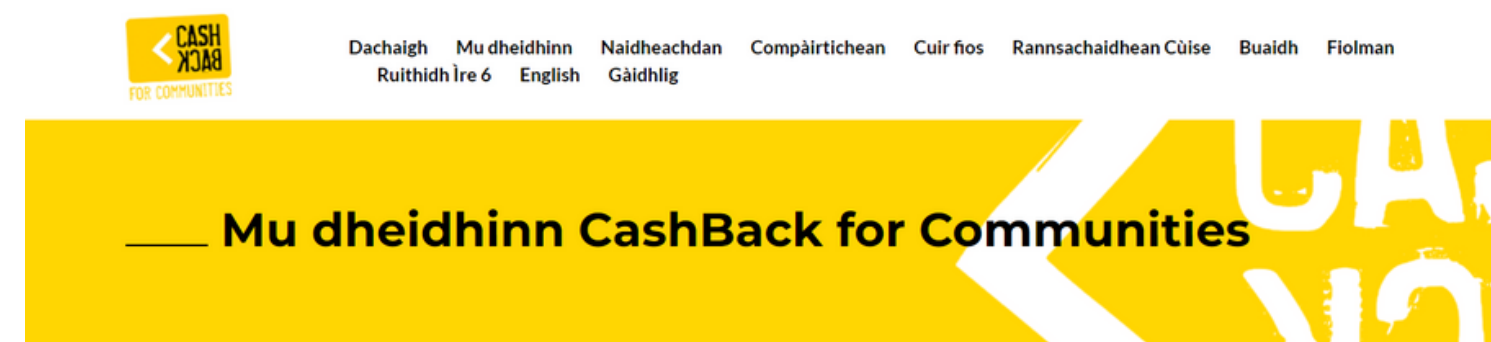
Our incredible partner charities do amazing work supporting girls to enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of sport

To mark 5 years of Scottish Women and Girls in Sports Week, we're celebrating our sports programmes and the brilliant women and girls who take part

#SheCanSheWill

Scottish Government recognises that Gaelic is an integral part of Scotland's heritage, national identity and current cultural, economic and social life. The Scottish Government's Gaelic language plan 2022 to 2027 further promotes and enables wider use of Gaelic language in Scotland. CashBack for Communities has sought to support the principles in respect of the plan and Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005.

Inspiring Scotland have implemented Gaelic language functionality to the CashBack for Communities website on certain areas of the site during the year. This has been done in conjunction with Scottish Government's Gaelic & Scots Division. Some materials and communications have been additionally developed since to incorporate Gaelic translations for access on both the website and social media channels.



'S e CashBack for Communities prògram sònraichte le Riaghaltas na h-Alba a bhios a' cleachdadh ann an dòigh aigheach mhaoinean a chaidh a thoirt bho eucoirich fo Achd nan Toradh Eucorach (POCA)– gus leudachadh fàirean dhaoine òga is fàs an cothroman an sgilean is ùidhean a leasachadh. Tha ceangal làidir aig a' phrògram ri Lèirsinn Cheartais Riaghaltas na h-Alba.

Bho 2008, chaidh £110 millean a ghealltainn do dh'iomairtean coimhearsnachd gus piseach a thoirt air beatha dhaoine òga air feadh Alba. Chaidh còrr air 2.5 millean cur-seachad is cothrom a libhrigeadh do dhaoine òga gu ruige seo.

Ruithidh Ìre 5 de CashBack for Communities eadar 1 Giblean 2020 gu 31 Màrt 2023 is e a' cur taic ri pròiseactan a bheir

Partner events are intended to increase awareness of, and support access to, the CashBack programme. Events can also offer the opportunity for young people to show family and friends how much they have developed during their participation.

At the Eden Court CashBack Under Canvas event, Barbara Brown, Young Carers Development Worker, reflected that: “Working with the Eden Court team this summer was superb. Our Young Carers were given the opportunity to meet up for fun and creative days, make new friends, learn new skills and get a break from their caring role. For some it was their first event since the pandemic began so really special for them.”

Impact Arts' CashBack Summer Showcase enabled participant to demonstrate imagination and creativity in abundance, and the CashBack team were delighted to be able to go along to the Edinburgh showcase in person and meet some of the young creators, who said:

“CashBack is fun and great at helping people get better at socialising.”

“My time with CashBack has been inspirational and memorable.”



A former pupil of the Scottish Football Association's School of Football has signed for Celtic FC Women.

16-year-old striker London Pollard took part in the CashBack-funded programme whilst attending St Machar Academy in Aberdeen.

After showing off her skills at Cove Rangers and excelling at Forfar Farmington, London has been snapped up by the Glasgow club, who are "delighted" to have the teenager on board.



Ocean Youth Trust Scotland (OYTS) had been hit by the Coronavirus restrictions perhaps harder than most CashBack partners. For 15 months, it had been impossible to take young people out on voyages, which is at the heart of OYTS youth work.

The voyages enable participants to attain SQA awards and RYA yachting qualifications, as well as developing their confidence and resilience. Getting the young people outdoors, learning life skills and trying new activities in a safe and structured environment also helped them emerge from the pandemic more resilient and on track for more positive life destinations.



Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, Keith Brown MSP, met with CashBack participants from the consortium of Boys' Brigade Scotland, Girlguiding Scotland, Scouts Scotland and Youth Scotland under the umbrella of the Generation CashBack programme.

The gathering, at Hawkhill Community Association, Alloa, celebrated youth-led Reach events, where young people can learn together and create new friendships.



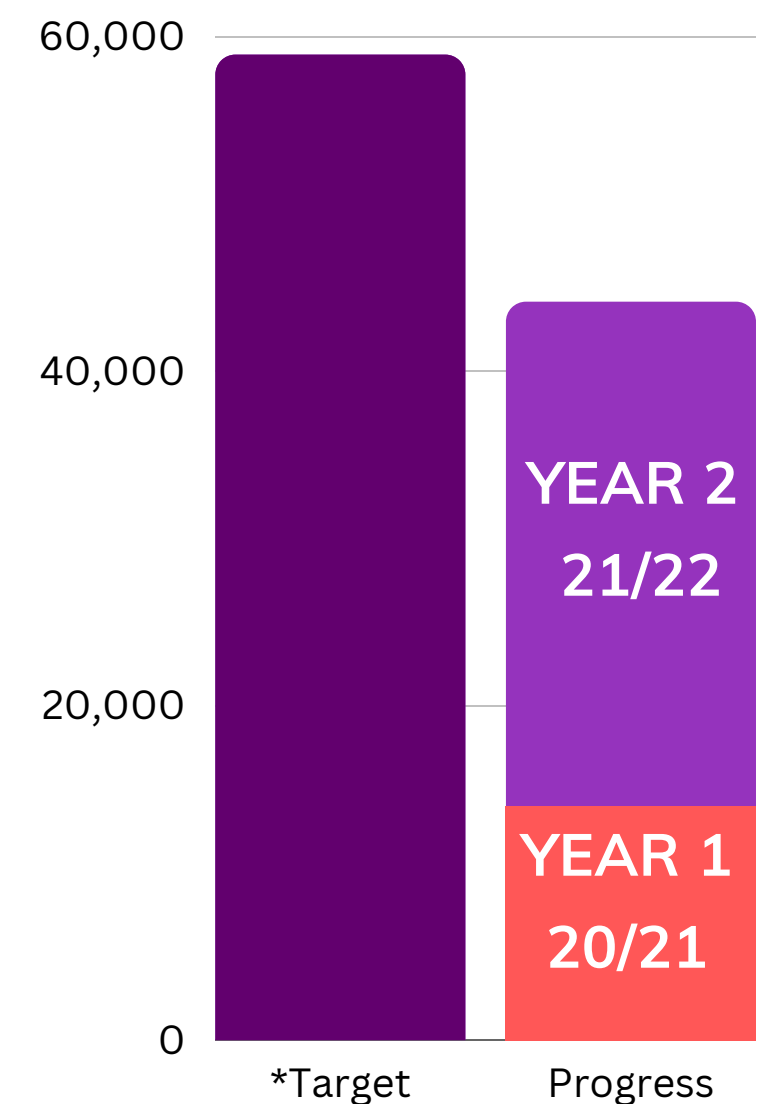
The Justice Secretary met with a team of police officers and peer mentors from the CashBack VOW Project at Edinburgh's West End Police Station to discuss how best to support young people towards positive destinations.



PHASE PROGRESS AND COMPLETION

2022/2023 is the 3rd and final year of Phase 5, and is progressing strongly against targets as set out in each respective partner Grant Offer Letters on an aggregate basis. Each partner and their external evaluator will complete a final phase evaluation, setting out the impact of each project in relation to targets. Research Scotland are undertaking the fund portfolio level evaluation, which will include reviewing all project materials and include interviews with all partners and stakeholder groups.

There have been substantial disruptions caused by Covid-19 to delivery operations among partners, prevention of in-person contact, lockdowns, closed venues and facilities, and limited activity provision as restriction alleviated. These challenges have contributed to increased demands for the need for support of CashBack for Communities projects to young people. After two years into the phase, the progress on targets - not just meeting, but exceeding in many cases - has been significant. This is a remarkable achievement, particularly due to the challenges. This is huge testament to the determination and efforts of CashBack partners, staff and young people.



***Grant Offer Letter - 3 year participation targets**

CASHBACK TEAM

INSPIRING SCOTLAND

Inspiring Scotland is the CashBack for Communities Delivery Partner. In this role Inspiring Scotland applies their performance management approach to partners funded through the programme and supports the programme to achieve its long term strategic outcomes. Inspiring Scotland is an innovative venture philanthropy organisation designed in response to the needs of Scotland's charities. Working in partnership with a range of supporters, it is an exciting way of using money and skills to improve the lives of Scotland's most disadvantaged people. Three Inspiring Scotland Fund Managers support the programme:

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