ANNUAL SURVEY 2026

Our Voices Heard

Enabling the voice of Children and Young People across Solihull to be heard

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- What Children and Young People told us
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- What needs to happen next

CORE MESSAGE

Make the voice of Children and Young People visible, evidence-led and actionable.

Executive summary

53 Children and young people

Three Main Points – Children and Young People

Improve access to consistent health and wellbeing support

Children and young people recognise that support is available, but it is not always consistent or easy to access, particularly for health, wellbeing and mental health. They want to know who they can talk to, where they can go and how to access help.

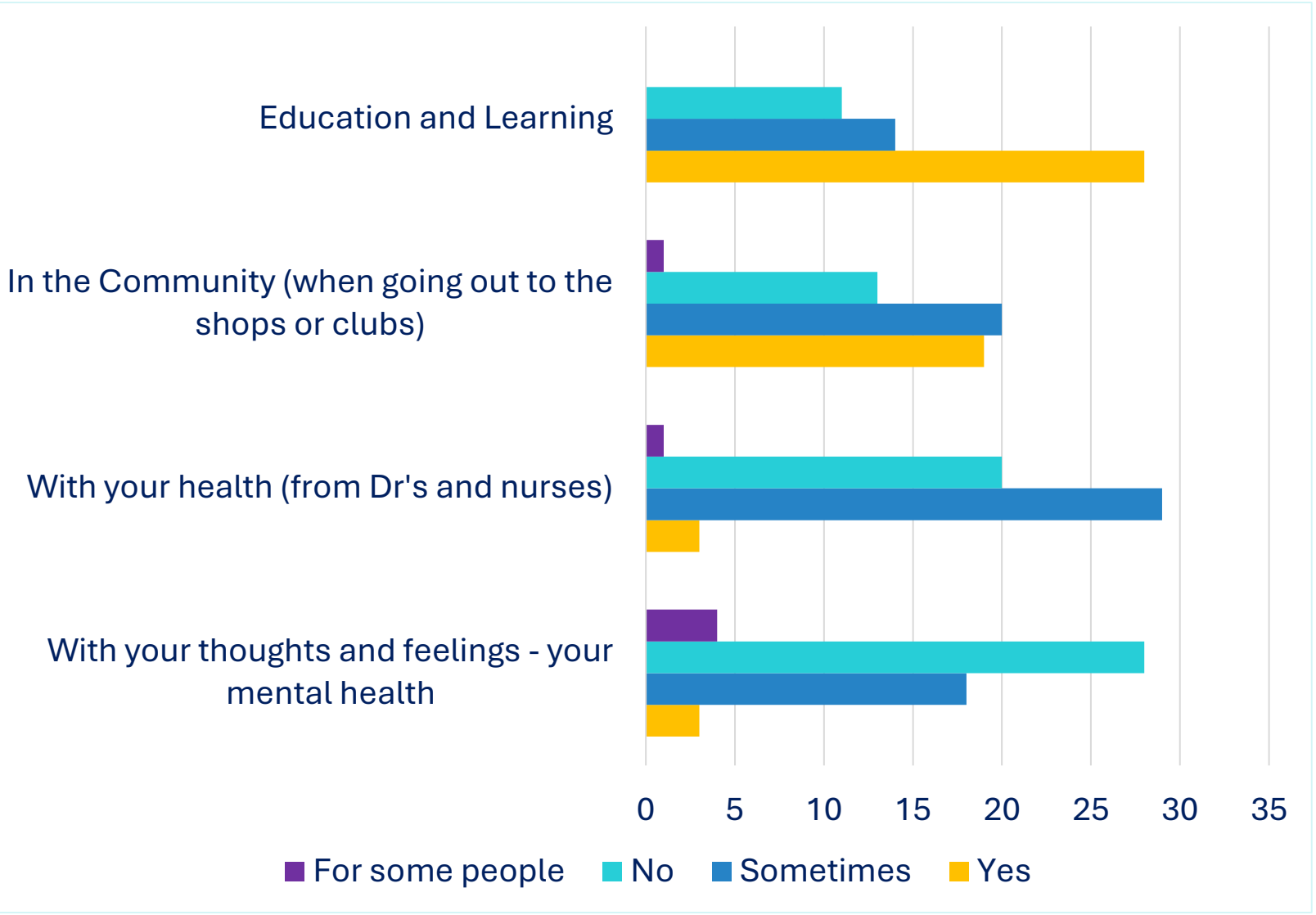
Strengthen joined-up support around children and young people

While just over half feel that services and organisations are working together to improve their lives, many are unsure or do not feel this is happening. There is an opportunity to make support feel more coordinated, connected and consistent from the young person's perspective.

Make children and young people's voices count

Children and young people want to be listened to, taken seriously and involved in decisions that affect them. They want more opportunities to share their views and, importantly, to see how their feedback has influenced decisions and led to change.

Do you feel like you are getting the right help and support with:

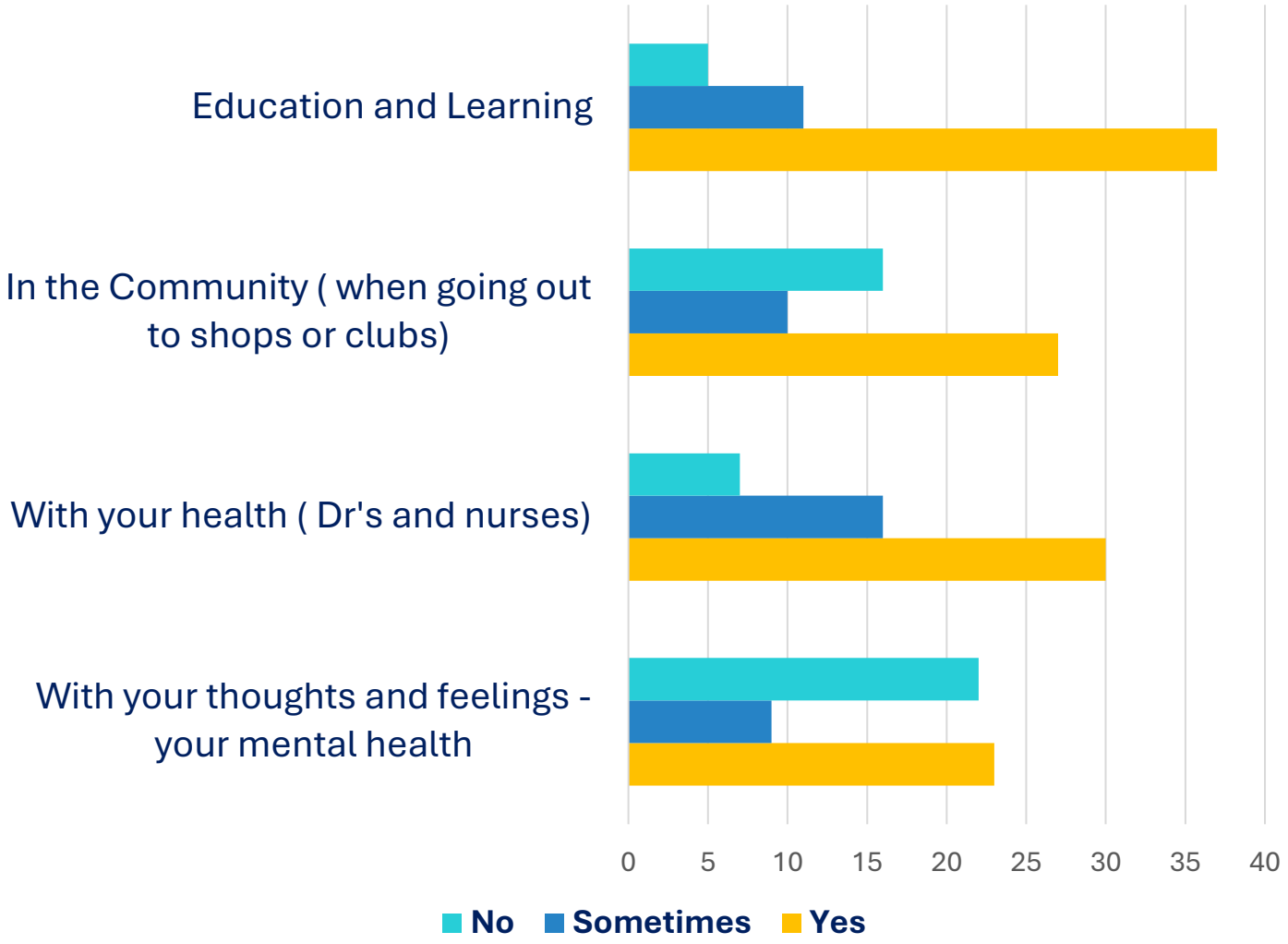


Key Takeaways

The survey shows that while children/young people are receiving good support in education and learning, there are clear areas for improvement. Health and mental-health support are the biggest concerns, with many young people saying they receive support only sometimes or not at all.

The findings suggest that more consistent, accessible support is needed, particularly around health, wellbeing and mental health.

Do you know who to go to if you need help or have a question:



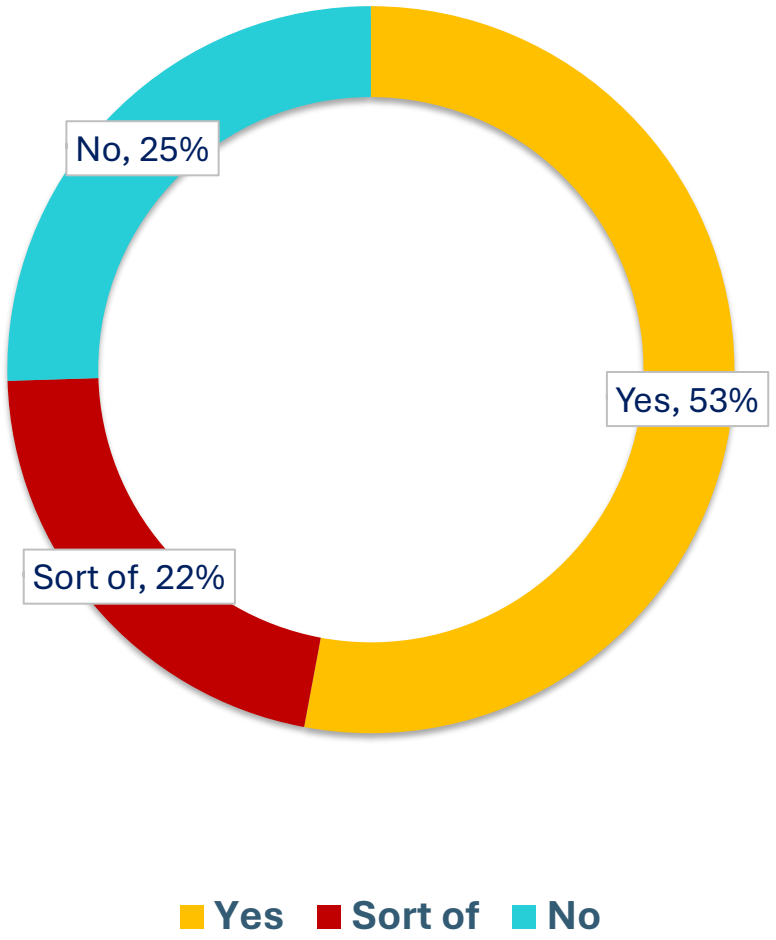
Key Takeaways

Most children and young people know where to get help, but there are still gaps in awareness and confidence.

The biggest opportunity is to make sure children and young people know:

Who they can talk to → Where they can go → How they can access support

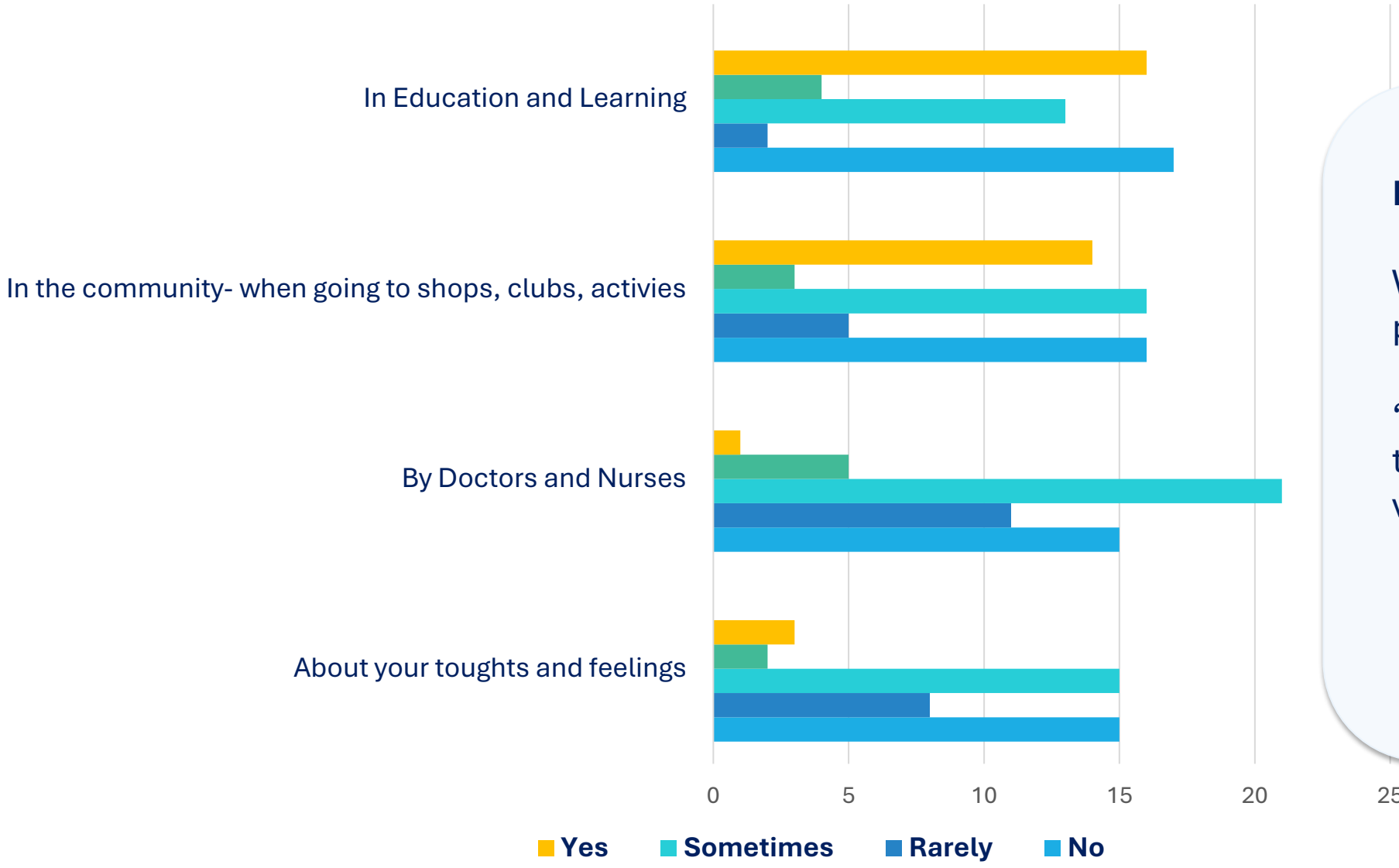
Do you think people are working together to make your life better?



Key Takeaway

Just over half of young people feel that people are working together to make their lives better, but almost half are either unsure of this or feel that it is not happening.
This suggests there is an opportunity to improve how joined-up support feels from the young person's perspective.

Do you think you are heard and listened to?

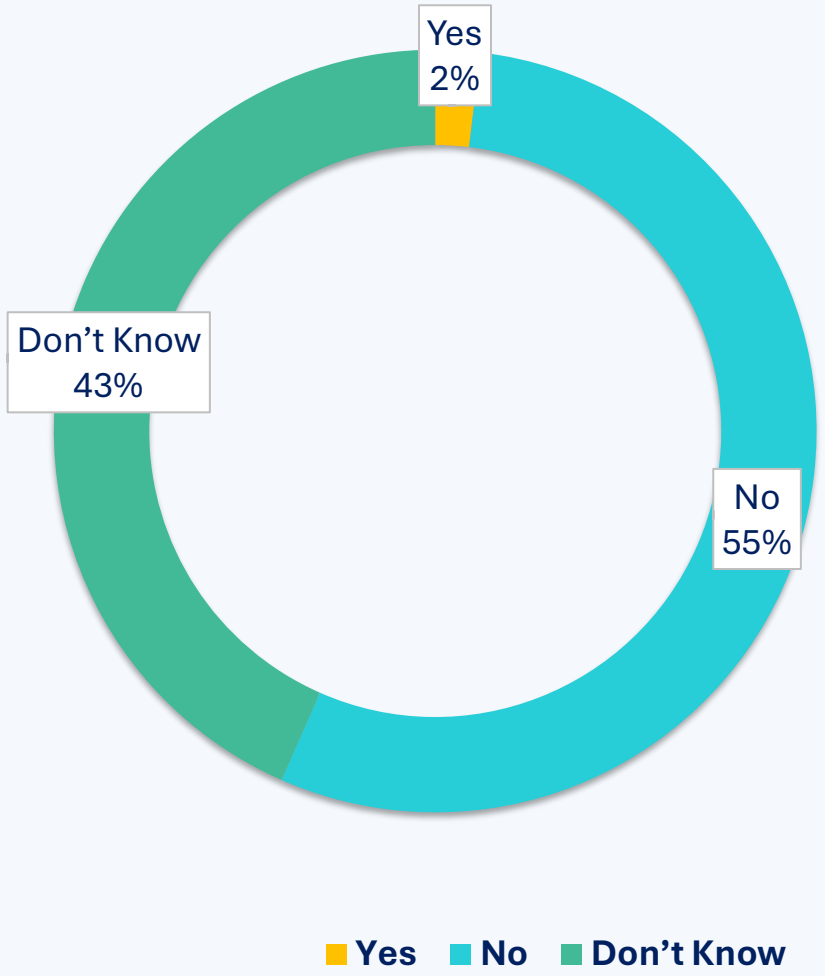


Key Takeaway

What are children and young people telling us?

“We want to be listened to, taken seriously and have our views make a difference"

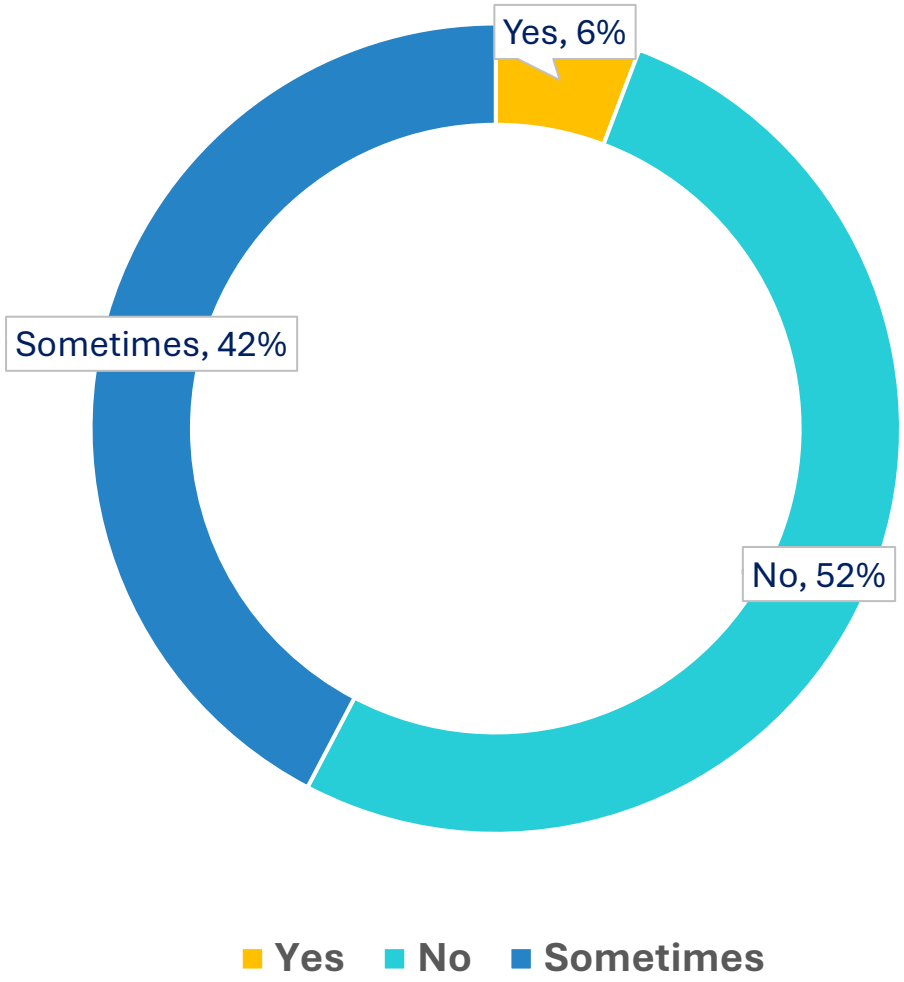
Do people change things when you ask them to?



Key Takeaway

Children and young people are telling us that we need to do more to show them that sharing their feedback leads to action and change.

Do people ask you before they make decisions for you?



Key Takeaways

The feedback shows that most children and young people do not feel they are consistently asked for their views before decisions are made about them.
There is a clear opportunity to:
Give children and young people more opportunities to have their say
Make sure their views are listened to and considered
Explain how their views have influenced decisions

Children and young people want to be involved in decisions that affect them and to know that their voice matters.

Priority Points raised by Children and Young People

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Improve access to health and wellbeing support
Make support more consistent and easier to access, with clear information about who young people can talk to and where they can get help.

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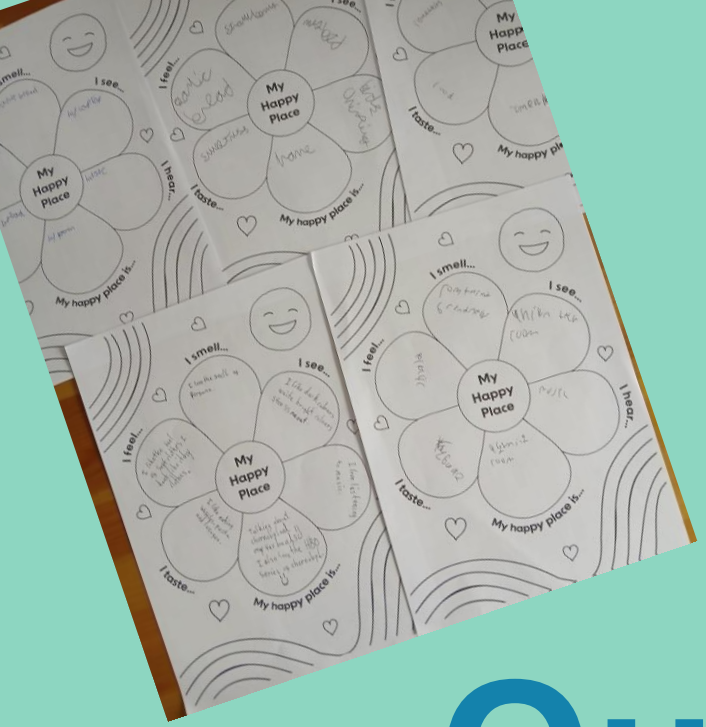
Strengthen joined-up support
Ensure services and organisations work together more effectively so support feels coordinated, connected and consistent.

03

Make young people's voices count
Listen to children and young people, involve them in decisions, and show how their feedback has led to meaningful change.

Closing message

The views of 53 children and young people highlight three clear priorities: they want accessible support, better-connected services, and to have their voices heard.
They want to know where to go for help, feel confident that services are working together around them, and see that their views are listened to and acted upon.
Moving forward, our focus should be on making support easier to access, more joined-up and more responsive, ensuring that children and young people are not only heard, but are able to see the difference their voices make.



Thank you

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